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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

### 501. Obituaries

Major General Lachhman Singh Lehl, one of India's finest military brains passed away in New Delhi. He was 97. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Major Gen. Lachhman Singh Lehl – passed away – Army Personnel

### 502. Science & Technology

ISRO has received a patent for its Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment (LCHG) made of biocompatible fabrics and components to provide a comfortable temperature and removal of sweat for astronauts, for use in space for protection from hot and cold environments. ISRO has initiated the Rs 10,000 Cr project "Gaganyaan" with a target to send a human to space by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ISRO – received a patent for – "LCHG" - Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment
- ISRO's Target to send human to space by – 2022
- ISRO: HQs – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan

### 503. Appointments & Resignations

German luxury car maker BMW appointed Vikram Pawah as the president of BMW Group India effective August 1, 2020, in addition to his current role as chief executive officer of BMW Group Australia and New Zealand. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Vikram Pawah – has been appointed as the president of BMW Group India
- HQs of BMW – Munich, Germany

### 504. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

NITI Aayog and International Transport Forum (ITF) will collaborate to launch a new project called "Decarbonising Transport in India" on 24 June to chart out a path for a low-carbon transport system in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + ITF = will collaborate to launch "Decarbonising Transport in India"
- HQs of ITF – Paris, France
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



### 505. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Nobel-laureate Indian economist Amartya Sen has won the prestigious "Peace Prize of the German Book Trade" for his decades-long work on "Questions Of Global Justice". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Amartya Sen (Economist) – won "Peace Prize of the German Book Trade"
- For his work – "Questions Of Global Justice"

### 506. Obituaries

Joel Schumacher the eclectic and brazen Filmmaker passed away recently. He was 80. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Joel Schumacher (USA) – passed away – Filmmaker

### 507. Appointments & Resignations

The Professional Risk Managers' International Association (PRMIA) has appointed Dr Nirakar Pradhan, as the Chief Executive Officer of its new India office. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Dr Nirakar Pradhan – appointed as the CEO of – PRMIA
- HQs of PRMIA – Delaware, USA

### 508. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

UCO Bank tied up with 4 insurers to offer various insurance products to its customers through its network of branches across the country. The lender teamed up with SBI Life Insurance Company, the Oriental Insurance Company and Religare Health Insurance Company, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- UCO Bank – tied up with – 4 insurers
- SBI Life Insurance + Oriental Insurance + Religare Health Insurance + Star Health and Allied Insurance
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel
- HQs of SBI Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Sanjeev Nautiyal
- HQs of Oriental Insurance – New Delhi | CMD – A V Girija Kumar
- HQs of Religare Health Insurance – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Anuj Gulati
- HQs of Star Health Insurance – Chennai, TN | CEO – V. Jagannathan



### 509. Defence Affairs

German ministers have criticised Donald Trump's plans to withdraw about 9,500 US troops from German soil. The move is likely to weaken America's own security architecture as well as European security. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- USA – to withdraw about 9,500 US troops – from Germany
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | Germany – Berlin – Euro

### 510. Sports & Games

Napoli wins its sixth Italian Cup title, beats Juventus in penalty shootout. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Napoli Football Club – won “Sixth Italian Cup title” (beats Juventus)
- Both football club located in – Italy (Italy – Rome – Euro)

### 511. Current GK

The annual “Jagannath Rath Yatra” in Odisha's Puri was held on June 23, 2020. This year, the Supreme Court had ruled that Rath, i.e, Chariot, would be pulled by not more than 500 persons. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Jagannath Rath Yatra” – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 512. Important Days & Dates

“World Vitiligo Day” was observed on June 25. Vitiligo is a long-term condition in which pale patches develop on the skin. People with vitiligo can benefit by avoiding alcohol and caffeine. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 25 – “World Vitiligo Day”

### 513. Amount & Agreements

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited will invest Rs 60,000 Cr in Odisha by 2025-26. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- MCL – will invest Rs 60,000 Cr – in Odisha – by 2025-26
- HQs of MCL – Sambalpur, Odisha

## 514. Appointments & Resignations

The US Senate has confirmed eminent Indian-American scientist Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan as the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan – appointed as the Director of the – NSF
- HQs of NSF – Virginia, USA | Director – Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan

## 515. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Tamil Nadu has approved 10% horizontal reservation for government school students who qualify National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test, NEET. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – approved 10% horizontal reservation for government school students who qualify NEET
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 516. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank has approved \$1.05 billion for three projects in Bangladesh to create quality jobs and accelerate economic recovery in the wake of the Corona pandemic. The first project worth \$500 million is called Private Investment and Digital Entrepreneurship (PRIDE). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- World Bank – \$1.05 billion – to Bangladesh – for 3 Projects
- 1st Project – PRIDE – Private Investment and Digital Entrepreneurship
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

## 517. National & States Affairs

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched an initiative “YUKTI 2.0” to help systematically assimilate technologies having commercial potential and information related to incubated startups in our higher education institutions. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of HRD – launched – “YUKTI 2.0” platform
- HRD Minister – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

## 518. National & States Affairs

Patanjali Ayurved Ltd launched "Coronil" and "Swasari" claiming that it has successfully cured scores of under-trial Covid-19 patients with 100% results except for those on life support systems. But the ministry of AYUSH has ordered Patanjali to stop advertising the products until the results are verified. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Patanjali Ayurved – launched "Coronil" and "Swasari" ayurvedic medicines
- HQs of Patanjali – Haridwar, Uttarakhand | CEO – Acharya Balkrishna

## 519. Obituaries

Former Karnataka basketball star K Raghunath passed away due to age-related complications. He was 74. Fondly referred to as "Pappachi", Raghunath was one of the founding members of the still-popular "Beagles Basketball Club". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- K Raghunath (Pappachi) – passed away – Basketball

## 520. Amount & Agreements

The government announced allocating Rs 3,000 Cr from the PM CARES Fund for supply of ventilators to combat Covid-19 and for the welfare of migrant labourers. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government – allocated Rs 3,000 Cr from the PM CARES Fund – for the supply of ventilators & for migrants

## 521. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will join his Chinese and Russian counterparts at a virtual conference of the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral against the backdrop of New Delhi's frayed ties with Beijing over the Galwan Valley clashes. Russia has hosted this RIC Foreign Minister-level virtual conference. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- S Jaishankar – joined virtual conference of the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral
- The conference hosted by – Russia
- MEA Minister – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Constituency – Gujarat)



## 522. National & States Affairs

The Telangana government launched a mobile application - "TS Weather" that enables people to access information about weather conditions. It will be useful for both farmers and the general public in planning their activities. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Telangana – launched "TS Weather" app to access information about weather conditions
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

## 523. Defence Affairs

The government has granted the three services emergency financial powers of up to Rs 500 Cr per procurement project to buy ammunition and weapons in view of the escalating border standoff with China. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government – granted the 3 services Emergency Financial Powers of up to – Rs 500 Cr

## 524. National & States Affairs

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport got Aviation Weather Monitoring System (AWMS) for the first time in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport (Karnataka) – 1st to get AWMS in India
- AWMS – Aviation Weather Monitoring System

## 525. Persons in News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national President JP Nadda paid tributes to the founder of Jana Sangh Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his death anniversary on June 23. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi + Amit Shah + JP Nadda = paid tributes to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee
- He was – the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh

## 526. National & States Affairs

The government of India has developed an indigenous vehicle-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayer for locust control, and approvals for its commercial launch are underway. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India – developed an indigenous vehicle-mounted Ultra-Low Volume (ULV) sprayer – for locust control



### 527. Persons in News

Rahul Dravid is the greatest Indian Test batsman, according to a poll conducted on social media by Wisden India. Dravid got 52% of the votes, with as many as 11,400 fans taking part in the final round of voting. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rahul Dravid – the greatest Indian Test batsman – according to a poll on social media – by Wisden India

### 528. Sports & Games

Undertaker, real name Mark Calaway, announced retirement from WWE recently. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mark Calaway / Undertaker (USA) – retirement – Wrestling

### 529. Schemes & Initiatives

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced that meals (twice a day) will soon be made available to the poor at a concessional rate under the state government's "Indira Rasoi Yojana". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajasthan – to launch "Indira Rasoi Yojana" – to provide meals to the poor at a concessional rate
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

### 530. Current GK

Indonesia's Mount Merapi, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted twice, sending clouds of grey ash 6,000 metres (6 km) into the sky. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mount Merapi (Indonesia) – erupted – sending clouds of grey ash 6,000 metres (6 km) high
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

### 531. Current GK

In view of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the famous Kamakhya temple management authorities have decided not to allow any devotees, pilgrims to attend this year's "Ambubachi Mela" in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ambubachi Mela + Kamakhya Temple – Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

### 532. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

IBMC Financial Professionals Group has joined hands with US Gold Currency Inc and Blockfills to bring the world's first monetary gold-backed digital gold currency to India. The currency is also being simultaneously introduced in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Middle East and Africa. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IBMC + US Gold Currency Inc + Blockfills = to bring world's first monetary gold-backed Digital Gold Currency
- HQs of US Gold Currency Inc – Jackson, Wyoming, USA
- HQs of Blockfills – Chicago, USA

### 533. Acquisitions & Mergers

ICICI Bank sold its 3.96% stake in its general insurance arm ICICI Lombard for nearly Rs 2,250 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – sold its 3.96% stake – in ICICI Lombard
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#)

### 534. Important Days & Dates

Every year the “United Nations Public Service Day” is observed on June 23 as a mark of respect and gratitude to people in public service. The UN General Assembly, on 20 December 2002, designated June 23 as Public Service Day by adopting resolution 57/277. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 23 – “United Nations Public Service Day”
- Designated by UNGA – in 2002 | by adopting resolution – 57/277

### 535. Science & Technology

IIT-Bombay has developed a homegrown receiver chip “Dhruva” that can be used in smartphones and navigation devices to find locations and routes within the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – developed – a receiver chip “Dhruva” to find locations

### 536. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to official data from the US Treasury Department, India became the 12th largest holder of US government securities at the end of April, with holding worth \$157.4 billion. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – 12th largest holder of US government securities – worth \$157.4 billion
- 1st – Japan (\$1.266 trillion) | 2nd – China (\$1.073 trillion) | 3rd – UK (\$368.5 billion)

### 537. Schemes & Initiatives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan", a Rs 50,000 Cr dedicated programme to create jobs for millions of migrant workers who returned home during the coronavirus-induced lockdown across the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- PM Modi launched – Rs 50,000 Cr programme – "Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan"
- This programme comes under – Ministry of Rural Development (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- The programme will run in – "mission mode"
- 12 different ministries or departments – to participate in the programme
- Recently the campaign will be launched in – 6 states (Bihar, UP, MP, Rajasthan, Jharkhand & Odisha)

### 538. Science & Technology

After receiving the approval from the drug regulator DCGI in the country, Glenmark pharmaceuticals has announced an antiviral drug – "Favipiravir" for mild to moderate COVID-19 positive patients. The drug will be available under the brand name "FabiFlu" and it will cost patients Rs 103 per tablet. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Favipiravir" drug for mild to moderate COVID-19 positive patients | Brand name – "FabiFlu"
- Developed by – Glenmark pharmaceuticals
- Approved by – The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani
- HQs of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals – Mumbai | CMD – Gleen Saldanha

### 539. Sports & Games

The Sports Ministry has decided to establish 1000 Khelo India Centres (KIC) at the district level across the country in a move to tap into the expertise of past sporting champions for grassroots-level training of athletes and also to ensure a sustained source of income for them in the sports ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sports Ministry – to establish 1000 Khelo India Centres (KIC)
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports – Kiren Rijiju (Constituency – Arunachal West)



## 540. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Rajasthan government has collaborated with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) and Educational Consultants India Limited (EdCIL) to start 'Smart Classrooms' in the state. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rajasthan + PGCIL + EdCIL = to start 'Smart Classrooms' in the state
- HQs of PGCIL – Gurgaon, Haryana | CMD – Kandikuppa Sreekant
- HQs of EdCIL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CMD – Manoj Kumar
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

## 541. Appointments & Resignations

Burundi's newly elected president, Evariste Ndayishimiye, has been sworn in two months earlier than planned. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Evariste Ndayishimiye – sworn in as the new President of Burundi
- Burundi – Gitega – Franc

## 542. Important Days & Dates

"World Olympic Day" or "International Olympic Day" is celebrated all around the world on June 23. World Olympic Day was introduced in 1948. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 23 – "International Olympic Day" – Since 1948

## 543. International Affairs

The Ishigaki Municipal Assembly, in southern Japan, changed the name of the area containing the Senkaku Islands from "Tonoshiro" to "Tonoshiro Senkaku." The islands are disputed with China and Taiwan. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ishigaki Municipal Assembly (Japan) – renamed "Tonoshiro" to "Tonoshiro Senkaku"
- Senkaku Islands disputed with – China and Taiwan

#### 544. Persons in News

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar virtually inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Cannes Film Market. It is one of the biggest gatherings of filmmakers and cinema lovers, could not take place this year in May due to the coronavirus pandemic. FICCI has been managing the Indian Pavilion on behalf of the Ministry since 2014 at Cannes. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – inaugurated – India Pavilion at the “Cannes Film Market”
- FICCI has been managing the Indian Pavilion – since 2014
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy

#### 545. Sports & Games

The World Karate Federation (WKF) has provisionally de-recognised the Karate Association of India with immediate effect for infighting and violating the world body's statutes during its elections last year. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- World Karate Federation – provisionally de-recognised – Karate Association of India
- HQs of WKF – Madrid, Spain | President – Antonio Espinos

#### 546. Current GK

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed an interim penalty of Rs 10 lakh on the Karnataka government over pollution in the Kithiganahalli Lake, near Bommasandra suburb in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- NGT – imposed an interim penalty of Rs 10 lakh – on “Karnataka”
- Kithiganahalli Lake – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

#### 547. National & States Affairs

IIT Kanpur started the production of N95 and N99 masks on its campus along with its Startup Innovation and Incubation Centre (SIIC) in wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The institute has set a manufacturing target of 25,000 masks per day. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – started the production of “N95 and N99 masks”
- Target – 25,000 masks/day

#### 548. National & States Affairs

A meteorite-like object weighing around 2.78 kg fell from the sky in Sanchore town in Jalore district of Rajasthan. The object has metallic properties of Germanium, Platinum, Nickel and Iron with the major share. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- “A meteorite-like object – 2.78 kg weight – fell from sky in Sanchore, Jalore, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

#### 549. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The Information and Broadcasting minister, Prakash Javadekar, has unveiled the poster and the booklet for the 51st edition of "The international Film Festival of India 2020" (IFFI 2020) that will take place in between November 20-28 in Goa. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- 51st Edition of IFFI 2020 – in Goa
- Poster and the Booklet unveiled by – Prakash Javadekar (I & B Minister – Maharashtra)

#### 550. Amount & Agreements

Ministry of DoNER has decided to sanction Rs 190 Cr for augmentation of healthcare facility in the eight North Eastern States, particularly for developing infrastructure for management of infectious diseases. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Ministry of DoNER – to sanction “Rs 190 Cr” for augmentation of healthcare facility in 8 North Eastern States
- Union DoNER Minister of State (I/C) – Dr Jitendra Singh

#### 551. Important Days & Dates

“The World Music Day” celebrated on June 21 is also known as “Fete de la Musique” was a music festival, which began in France in 1982. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- June 21 – “The World Music Day” or “Fete de la Musique”
- began in – France – In 1982

## 552. Amount & Agreements

Karnataka Bank has launched a new product “KBL Micro Mitra”, wherein financial assistance up to Rs. 10 lakhs can be provided to the Micro manufacturing and service enterprises either for working capital or for investment purposes. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank – launched – a new product “KBL Micro Mitra”
- Financial Assistance up to – Rs.10 lakhs – to the Micro manufacturing and service enterprises
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S

## 553. Amount & Agreements

The PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated Rs 2,000 Cr for supply of 50,000 ‘Made-in-India’ ventilators to government-run Covid hospitals in all states/union territories. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PM CARES Fund Trust – allocated Rs 2,000 Cr – for supply of 50,000 ‘Made-in-India’ ventilators

## 554. National & States Affairs

Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh sanctioned 300 ad hoc posts for 3 state-run medical colleges at Patiala, Faridkot and Amritsar to handle critical coronavirus patients. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Punjab – sanctioned – 300 ad hoc posts – for 3 state-run medical colleges
- Colleges: at Patiala, Faridkot & Amritsar
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

## 555. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) India and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi have collaborated to develop innovative solutions for the government’s food safety nets through operations research. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UNWFP + IIT Delhi = to develop innovative solutions for the government’s Food Safety Nets
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36



### 556. Amount & Agreements

Based on the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, the finance ministry released Rs 15,187 Cr to 28 states as grants to Rural Local Bodies (RLB) to help them restart economic activity. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Finance Ministry – released Rs 15,187 Cr to 28 states – as grants to RLBs
- Based on the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission (Chairman – N. K. Singh)
- FM Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)

### 557. Appointments & Resignations

IFTAS, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India announced the appointments of Shri. T Rabi Sankar as the Chairman and Dr N Rajendran as the CEO of the organization effective May 15, 2020, and May 27, 2020, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- T Rabi Sankar – appointed as the Chairman – of IFTAS
- Dr N Rajendran – appointed as the CEO – of IFTAS
- HQs of IFTAS – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – T Rabi Sankar | CEO – Dr N Rajendran

### 558. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the World Bank Data under the International Comparison Program (ICP), which was revealed by NSO of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), India has retained its position as the third-largest economy for 2017 in the world in terms of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), behind the US and China. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- MoSPI report– India – 3rd largest Economy in terms of PPP (1st – US | 2nd – China) – for 2017
- PPP – Purchasing Power Parity
- NSO comes under – Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoS I/C - Rao Inderjit Singh)

### 559. Current GK

The state forest department declared 29.53 sqkm area of Dodamarg forest range in Sindhudurg district as "Tillari Conservation Reserve". Tillari will be the seventh corridor in the state to be declared as a 'conservation reserve'. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Tillari Conservation Reserve" – 7th corridor – in Dodamarg forest range, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 560. Science & Technology

The Uttar Pradesh Government is very soon going to start an antigen test for identification of COVID patients. It is a test on swab-based nasal samples which gives early results and is very different from the Rapid Antibody Test. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to start an “Antigen test” – on swab-based nasal samples
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 561. Schemes & Initiatives

Jharkhand is set to launch a 100-day employment scheme known as “Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri For Kamgar) Yojna”, which is aimed at enhancing livelihood security for urban poor. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jharkhand – to launch a “100-day” employment scheme “Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri For Kamgar) Yojna”
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

## 562. International Affairs

Pakistan has suffered a setback after the United States reportedly blocked its efforts to proscribe an Indian national as a global terrorist by the UN Security Council (UNSC) 1267 sanctions committee. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USA – blocked Pakistan’s efforts to proscribe an Indian national as a global terrorist
- By – UNSC 1267 sanctions committee
- UNSC HQs – New York, United States | Presidency – France (in June), Germany (in July)
- No. of Permanent Countries in UNSC – 5

## 563. Current GK

“Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary” is located in one of the oldest mountain ranges of India, the Aravalli range. It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1980.

### Key Points:

- “Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary” – Aravalli Range, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

## 564. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Coal India Limited (CIL) has agreed to partner with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CIL + AIM = to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, WB | Director – Anil Kumar Jha
- Atal Innovation Mission – under “NITI Aayog” (HQs – New Delhi)
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

## 565. Important Days & Dates

“International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice” was globally observed on 21st June to create awareness about the solstices and equinoxes and their cultural and religious significance. June 21 also marked the longest day of the year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 21 – “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice” – since 2019
- June 21 – marked as the longest day of 2020

## 566. Persons in News

KK Shailaja, the Health Minister of Kerala, was invited and honored by the United Nations to participate in a panel discussion on World Public Service Day 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- KK Shailaja – Health Minister of “Kerala” – invited and honored by UN – on World Public Service Day-2020
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

## 567. Science & Technology

China successfully launched the last satellite of its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), touted to be a competitor to the Global Positioning System (GPS) of the US, taking another step to becoming a major space power. India too is building its navigational system called the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), with an operational name of NAVIC. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- China – launched – the last satellite of its BDS (BeiDou Navigation Satellite System)
- India – building – Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) or NAVIC
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

## 568. Persons in News

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare launched the “eBloodServices” mobile App developed by The Indian Red Cross Society (ICRS) through a video conferencing. The Union Health Minister is also the Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – launched the “eBloodServices” mobile App
- The app developed by – ICRS
- HQs of ICRS – New Delhi | President – Ram Nath Kovind | Chairman – Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tech., Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

## 569. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Maharashtra government announced the "Vithabai Narayangaokar lifetime achievement Award" to folk artist Gulabbai Sangamnerkar. And "Sangeetacharya Annasaheb Kirloskar musical theatre lifetime achievement Award" will be conferred upon veteran theatre Actress-Singer Madhuvanti Dandekar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Gulabbai Sangamnerkar (Folk Artist) – “Vithabai Narayangaokar lifetime achievement Award”
- Madhuvanti Dandekar (Actress-Singer) – "Sangeetacharya Annasaheb Kirloskar musical theatre lifetime achievement Award"
- Awards given by – Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 570. Science & Technology

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has claimed to have discovered fossil of a "Stegodon" a now-extinct elephant species known as “Proboscideans” - believed to be 5 to 8 million years old from Badshahi Bagh area of Shivalik range in Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- WWF – discovered fossil of a "Stegodon" – extinct “Elephant species” – known as “Proboscideans”
- In – Badshahi Bagh, Shivalik range, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh

### 571. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Yes Bank has partnered with fintech startup "Affordplan" to launch a co-branded health card called "Swasth Card" to address healthcare needs. The co-branded healthcare card will enable families plan and manage their finances for their healthcare needs. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Affordplan = to launch a co-branded health card called "Swasth Card"
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar
- Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"
- HQs of Affordplan – New Delhi

### 572. Persons in News

Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal launched the Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum by Invest India, the National Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency of the Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- FPI Minister – launched – Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum – by Invest India
- FPI Minister – Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Constituency – Bathinda, Punjab)

### 573. Appointments & Resignations

The Central government has re-nominated Natarajan Chandrasekaran as a part-time non-official director on the Reserve Bank of India's central board, for a further period of two years beyond March 3, 2020, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Natarajan Chandrasekaran – re-nominated – as a part-time Non-Official Director – for 2 years
- No. of Members in RBI's central board – 21
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 574. Science & Technology

Hyderabad-based Hetero Labs has received regulatory approval to manufacture and market antiviral drug "Remdesivir" for treating coronavirus patients. Hetero's generic version of Remdesivir will be marketed under the brand name "Covifor" in India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Hetero Labs (Hyderabad) – received approval to manufacture and market antiviral drug "Remdesivir"
- Generic Version of Remdesivir will be marketed under brand name – "Covifor"

### 575. Appointments & Resignations

Vijay Khanduja, presently Director in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Zimbabwe. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Vijay Khanduja – appointed as India's next Ambassador to – Zimbabwe
- Zimbabwe – Harare – Dollar

### 576. International Affairs

Some Nepalese FM radio stations close to India-Nepal border in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh have started giving weather bulletins of Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Nepalese FM radio stations – started giving weather bulletins of – “Lipulekh, Kalapani & Limpiyadhura”
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### 577. Amount & Agreements

The Centre Government has allocated Rs. 412.19 Cr for Telangana under Jal Jeevan Mission in 2020-21. Telangana is yet to finalize Annual Action Plan for JJM. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Centre – allocated Rs. 412.19 Cr – for “Telangana” under Jal Jeevan Mission
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

### 578. Obituaries

Former international rifle shooter and coach from Maharashtra, “Pournima Zanane”, passed away recently. She was 42. She had represented India at World Cups, Asian Championships and was a national record holder in 10m air rifle event. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Pournima Zanane (Maharashtra) – passed away – Rifle Shooter

### 579. Appointments & Resignations

Former India Test opener and domestic stalwart Wasim Jaffer was appointed as the head Coach of the Uttarakhand Ranji Trophy Team for the forthcoming season. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Wasim Jaffer – appointed as the head Coach of the – Uttarakhand Ranji Trophy Team

## 580. Obituaries

One of India's finest left-arm spinners, Rajinder Goel passed away in Kolkata after battling long-term illness. He was 77. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rajinder Goel (Kolkata) – passed away – Cricket

## 581. National & States Affairs

The Telangana High Court has issued notices to social networking site Twitter, the Centre and the state government seeking explanation as to why some of the posts allegedly linking COVID-19 to the Muslim community and their religious event. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Telangana High Court – issued notices – to “Twitter” for communal tweets
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan

## 582. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Supreme Court refused to entertain a plea seeking a direction to the Centre, states and UTs to set up expert committees to improve India's "pathetic" 69th global ranking on the Rule of Law Index (RLI) - 2020, compiled by World Justice Project. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Rule of Law Index (RLI)-2020” – compiled by World Justice Project
- India – 69th | Topped by – Denmark

## 583. Important Days & Dates

The 6th edition of the “International Yoga Day” was observed on June 21. This year, the theme is "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family". And the theme set by the United Nations for this year is “Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 21 – 6th Edition of the “International Yoga Day”
- Ministry of AYUSH’s theme– "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family"
- Theme set by UN – “Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home”

## 584. Banking & Economic Affairs

India's economy is likely to shrink by 5.3% this fiscal, the lowest GDP growth in the Indian history and the sixth instance of economic contraction, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- According to “Ind-Ra” – India’s GDP projection – (-5.3%) – lowest in the Indian History
- HQs of Ind-Ra – Mumbai, Maharashtra

## 585. Obituaries

Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, a former member of Parliament and a Journalist, known as the Balloon Man, passed away recently. He was 93. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Vishwa Bandhu Gupta (Balloon Man) – passed away – Politician + Journalist

## 586. Amount & Agreements

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has agreed to extend the Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) of Rs. 50,000 Cr to Yes Bank for another 3 months. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI to extend the SLF – of Rs. 50,000 Cr – to Yes Bank – for another 3 months
- SLF – Special Liquidity Facility
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

## 587. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the latest data from the World Federation of Exchanges, BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) is at the tenth place in the top-10 list, with a market capitalisation of \$1.7 trillion in terms of cumulative market capitalisation of all companies listed on its platform. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) tops the chart. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BSE – 10th place – in market capitalization – with \$1.7 trillion
- NYSE – topped – with \$19.3 trillion



## 588. Schemes & Initiatives

With uncertainty prevailing over reopening of schools due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Tripura government has decided to start a scheme called "Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho" that means "Play little, Study little". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tripura – decided to start a scheme "Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho" (Play little, Study little) for students
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

## 589. Banking & Economic Affairs

Moody's Investors Service projected the Indian economy to shrink 3.1% in 2020. Moody's has also forecast that China would be the only G-20 country to post growth this year by 1%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- As per Moody's projection – Indian Economy to shrink – by 3.1% - In 2020 {Flexible News}
- China – the only G-20 country – to post growth this year (by 1%)
- HQs of Moody's – New York, USA | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel

## 590. Important Days & Dates

The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and its members celebrate "World Hydrography Day" every year on June 21. This year's theme is "Hydrography - enabling autonomous technologies". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 21 – "World Hydrography Day"
- Theme – "Hydrography - enabling autonomous technologies"

## 591. Important Days & Dates

"International Widows' Day" was observed on June 23. The United Nations General Assembly formally adopted June 23 as International Widows' Day on December 21, 2010, and it began to observe it from 2011. There are an estimated 258 million widows around the world, and nearly one in ten live in extreme poverty. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 23 – "International Widows' Day" – Since 2011 by UNGA
- Report – "258 million widows" around the world at present

## 592. Schemes & Initiatives

The Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company has started the "Nishtha Vidyut Mitra" Scheme for women empowerment in one of its kind of initiatives. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company – started "Nishtha Vidyut Mitra" Scheme – for women
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

## 593. Amount & Agreements

India will contribute \$10 million over the next two years to United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) working for Palestinian refugees as part of efforts to ensure sustainable and predictable funding for the body. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India – will contribute – \$10 million – to UNRWA working for – Palestinian refugees
- HQs of UNRWA – Amman, Jordan + Gaza, Israel | Commissioner-General – Pierre Krahenbuhl
- Palestine – Ramallah & East Jerusalem – Israeli new shekel & Jordanian dinar

## 594. National & States Affairs

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami inaugurated a Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant at Namakkal through video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu CM – inaugurated a Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant – at Namakkal
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 595. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Haryana government has signed an agreement with Reliance Jio TV to facilitate a "Distance Education Programme" for school students amid the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana + Reliance Jio TV = "Distance Education Programme" for school students
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

## 596. Obituaries

American movie Producer Steve Bing, who backed films like 'The Polar Express' and 'Beowulf' has passed away at age 55. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Steve Bing (USA) – passed away – Movies Producer

## 597. Schemes & Initiatives

Minister of MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari launched the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt (CGSSD) which is also called "Distressed Assets Fund–Sub-ordinate Debt for MSMEs". The Scheme will provide Rs. 20,000 Cr of guarantee cover to two lakh MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Shri Nitin Gadkari – launched – "Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt" (CGSSD)
- The scheme is also called – "Distressed Assets Fund–Sub-ordinate Debt for MSMEs"
- Rs. 20,000 Cr of guarantee cover – to two lakh MSMEs
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

## 598. Important Days & Dates

The 10th anniversary of "International Day of the Seafarer" was celebrated on June 25. The International Maritime Organization decided in 2010 to designate June 25 as International Day of the Seafarer. This year the theme is "Seafarers are Key Workers". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 25 – 10th anniversary of "International Day of the Seafarer"
- Theme – "Seafarers are Key Workers"

## 599. Amount & Agreements

Adani Power Limited (APL) signed an agreement to buy 49% stake in Odisha Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) from US-based AES Corporation (AES). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Adani Power Limited (APL) – to buy 49% stake – in OPGC
- From – AES Corporation (HQs – Virginia, USA)
- HQs of APL – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Vneet Jaain
- HQs of OPGC – Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Chairman – Nikunja Bihari Dhal

## 600. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

An estimated 120 million children living in South Asian countries, including India, could slip into poverty within the next 6 months due to the COVID-19 crisis, taking the total number of such kids in the region to 360 million, according to a new UNICEF report. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A new UNICEF report – Children to fall into poverty and food insecurity in South Asian countries
- New – estimated 120 million | Total – 360 million | in next – 6 months
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore





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