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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF जून 2021 माह में Testzone पर MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

1. The variant first identified in India, technically known as “B.1.617.2”, can now be described as ‘Delta’ and the so called ‘UK variant’ as ‘Alpha’, according to the recommendations by the World Health Organisation (WHO). So far, four Variants of Concern (VOC) have been identified by the WHO: B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P2 & B.1.617.2. Their public labels will be Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta respectively. A sublineage of the B.1.617 family is “B.1.617.1” that was identified in India and now bears the popular label ‘Kappa’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “B.1.617.2” - the variant first identified in India – described as ‘Delta’ by the WHO
- Another Indian variant “B.1.617.1” – described as ‘Kappa’
- “B.1.1.7” (UK variant) – described as ‘Alpha’ | Besides, B.1.351 as ‘Beta’ & P2 as ‘Gamma’
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#)

2. Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) is setting up the Digital Publishers Content Grievances Council (DPCGC), which will help address unresolved consumer grievances and ensure compliance with the latest guidelines for OTT players. Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) had formed, 7-member self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) chaired by the SC Judge Vikramjit Sen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAMAI is setting up the Digital Publishers Content Grievances Council (DPCGC)
- IBF – formed 7-member Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) – chaired by Vikramjit Sen
- OTT – **Over The Top**
- [HQs of IAMAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [President – Subho Ray](#) | [Chairperson – Amit Agarwal](#)

3. On June 1, Dharmendra Pradhan has presided over a virtual ceremony in which a number of initiatives were launched to provide major fillip to the SATAT initiative. During the landmark event, Union Petroleum Minister also inaugurated the first injection of Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) into the CGD (City Gas Distribution) pipeline network at Govardhannathji Energies in Gujarat. A website to provide a digital boost to the SATAT programme was also unveiled during the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – launched a number of initiatives to enhance the “SATAT” scheme
- SATAT – **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation** | Launched in – October, 2018
- He also inaugurated the 1st injection of CBG into the CGD pipeline network – at Govardhannathji Energies, Gujarat
- [Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel \(Madhya Pradesh\)](#)

4. On June 2, Indian Railways' Research Design & Standards Organization (RDSO) has recently become India's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO) under the mission called "One Nation One Standard" on Bureau of Indian Standards. 'Recognition of SDO' is valid for a period of 3-years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Research Design & Standards Organization – became India's first institution to be declared as "SDO"
- 'Recognition of SDO' is valid for a period of 3-years
- HQs of RDSO – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | Director-General – Virendra Kumar

5. On June 1, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the "Horticulture Cluster Development Programme" (CDP). The programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters out of the total 53 clusters selected for the programme. It is a central sector programme implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the "Horticulture Cluster Development Programme" (CDP)
- The programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters – out of total 53 selected clusters
- Implementing body for the programme – National Horticulture Board (NHB)
- HQs of NHB – Gurugram, Haryana | MD – Rajbir Singh

6. On June 1, The Goa government has constituted "Goa Institution for Future Transformation" (GIFT). It will function on the lines of NITI Aayog to assist, advise and guide the government in policy making and formulation, implementation, monitoring of SDGs and evaluation of various development programmes. Chief Minister of Goa, currently Pramod Sawant, will be the Chairman of GIFT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – constituted "Goa Institution for Future Transformation" (GIFT) | Chairman – CM of Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

7. On June 4, The Indian government has retargeted the date for achieving 20% ethanol-blending with petrol by 2 years to 2023 to help reduce India's dependence on costly oil imports. Earlier, it was 2025. And last year, the government had set a target of reaching 10% ethanol-blending in petrol by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government retargeted the date for achieving 20% Ethanol-blending with Petrol – by 2023 (from 2025 earlier)
- 20% Ethanol-blending with Petrol: means "20% of Ethanol mixed with 80% of Diesel"

8. On June 3, The Maharashtra government has launched "Corona-Free Village" competitions to curb the spread of Covid-19, where three villages in each revenue district will be awarded prizes up to ₹50 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched "Corona-Free Village" competitions to curb the spread of Covid-19
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

9. On June 4, The Ministry of Labour & Employment has constituted the Expert Group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of Minimum Wages and National Floor Minimum Wages. The expert group is chaired by Prof Ajit Mishra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth. The group has been constituted for a period of 3 years. National floor refers to the minimum level of wage that is applicable to all categories of workers across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Labour & Employment Ministry – constituted Expert Group to fix Minimum Wages & National Floor Minimum Wages
- The Expert Group is chaired by – Ajit Mishra | The group is constituted for – 3 years
- [MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Kumar Gangwar | Constituency – Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh](#)

10. On June 4, The Punjab Cabinet has given the approval for the creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the operation and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply schemes across the State in a bid to ensure sustainably long-term supply of potable water in rural areas. This first such SPV in India will be a utility company, the “Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company”. ₹25 Cr was allocated for SPV from World Bank’s funds (64%) and the State budget (36%). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – approved creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the maintenance of water supply schemes
- First such SPV in India – “Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company”
- ₹25 Cr was allocated for SPV – from World Bank (64%) & State budget (36%)
- [Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore](#)

11. In order to provide relief to workers amid Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced additional benefits for families of insured persons covered under the ESIC and EPFO’s EDLI schemes. The Government has decided to provide pension to dependents of insured persons, covered under the ESIC scheme, who died due to COVID-19. A hike in maximum sum assured under the Employees’ Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI) under EPFO to Rs 7 lakh from Rs 6 lakh has also been announced. The changes made to EDLI scheme are applicable till 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour & Employment announced additional benefits for families of insured persons covered under the “ESIC” scheme & EPFO’s “EDLI” scheme
- Under the ESIC scheme: To provide pension to dependents of insured persons who died due to COVID-19
- Under the EDLI scheme: Hike in maximum sum assured to Rs 7 lakh (from Rs 6 lakh)

12. On June 2, Punjab has successfully completed “Rabta Muhim” organised from May 24 to 31. The campaign was aimed to facilitate the contact between parents and teachers via phone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – organised “Rabta Muhim” from May 24 to 31
- [Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore](#)

13. On June 3, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a “Seed Minikit” programme by distributing high yielding varieties of seeds of Pulses and Oilseeds to farmers. The mini-kits are being provided by the National Seeds Corporation (NCS), NAFED and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation. Oilseeds production has increased from 27.51 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 36.57 million tonnes in 2020-21. Pulses output has increased from 17.15 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 25.56 million tonnes in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched a “Seed Minikit” programme by distributing seeds of Pulses & Oilseeds
- Oilseeds production – increased to 36.57 million tonnes in 2020-21
- Pulses output – increased to 25.56 million tonnes in 2020-21

14. On June 3, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated the “Indus Best Mega Food Park” in Chhattisgarh along with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the Core Processing Centres (CPC) and Primary Processing Centers (PPC) catchment areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the “Indus Best Mega Food Park” – in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

15. On June 4, Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched “Jagananna Palavelluva - AP Amul project” in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. Farmers were earning ₹5 to ₹15 more per litre under the Amul project. The project started to be implemented on December 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Jagananna Palavelluva - AP Amul project” – launched in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

16. On June 4, Swedish home furnishings retailer IKEA has announced the launch of its mobile shopping app and e-commerce offer in 3 cities of Gujarat - Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara. IKEA India opened its first retail store in Hyderabad in 2018 and second store at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IKEA – announced the launch of its mobile shopping app and e-commerce offer in Ahmedabad, Surat & Vadodara
- HQs of IKEA – Delft, Netherlands | CEO – Jesper Brodin

17. On June 4, Dr. K. P. Krishnan headed Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company has submitted its report on the feasibility of Variable Capital Companies (VCC) in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) to the Chairperson of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), Injeti Srinivas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company (VCC) – headed by K. P. Krishnan
- The Committee submitted its report on the feasibility of VCC in the IFSC
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

18. On June 5, UN Environment Programme has partnered with WWF India, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change to work towards wildlife trafficking in the air transport sector in India. “Not Your Medicine” and “Sad Emojis” are launched as communication campaigns on the illegal wildlife trade in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNEP + WWF India + WCCB + MoEFCC = launched “Not Your Medicine” & “Sad Emojis” campaigns
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej
- HQs of WCCB – New Delhi | Additional Director – Tilotama Varma

19. On June 5, Discovery India has partnered with UN India and WWF India to launch “#StopTheMelt” campaign on World Environment Day. The multi-channel campaign aims to drive awareness on how every individual holds equal responsibility to be a change agent by taking small yet important steps for a greener and a healthier earth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Discovery India + UN India + WWF India = partnership to launch “#StopTheMelt” campaign
- HQs of Discovery India – Mumbai, MH
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej

20. On June 4, The government would make an advance payment of Rs 1,500 Cr to Hyderabad-based manufacturer Biological E to reserve 30 Cr doses of its under-development Covid-19 vaccine “Corbevax”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government would make an advance payment of Rs 1,500 Cr to ‘Biological E’ to reserve 30 Cr doses of “Corbevax”
- HQs of Biological E – Hyderabad, Telangana | MD & CEO – Mahima Datla

21. On June 5-6, The Films Division of India has held a two-day online film festival, “Oasis of Hope” to mark World Environment Day. There are 6 films a person can see during the screenings - Plastic World, The Jungle Man Loiya, Living The Natural Way, Saalumara Thimakka-The Green Crusader, Climate Change and My Son Neo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Films Division of India – held a 2-day online film festival, “Oasis of Hope” – to mark World Environment Day

22. On June 5, The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has given its permission to Gujarat for “Vishwamitri River Project”. The Vishwamitri River Action Plan should include demarcating, protecting, and restoring the river, and maintaining minimum environment flow in a time-bound manner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NGT – gave its permission to Gujarat for “Vishwamitri River Project”
- Chairperson of NGT – Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel | The National Green Tribunal Act – 2010
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

23. On June 3, The Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has come up with 6 modules of short films to highlight the importance of budget, saving, importance of Insurance schemes, various social security schemes of the government. The six modules of short films titled “Hisaab Ki Kitaab” were launched by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs. Hisaab ki kitab is a series of six short films, developed by CSC eGov as a part of their training tool. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Singh Thakur – launched 6 modules of short films of IEPFA – titled “Hisaab Ki Kitaab”
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Karnataka) | MoS for Ministry of Finance – Anurag Thakur
- HQs of IEPFA – New Delhi | CEO – Manoj Pandey

24. On June 3, The Bihar government has proposed to reserve 33% seats to girls in medical and engineering colleges. The government has been planning to bring two new Bills - the Bihar Engineering Universities Bill and Bihar Medical Education Bill, in the next Assembly session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar – proposed to reserve 33% seats to girls in Medical & Engineering colleges
- Bihar – planning to bring two new Bills - “Engineering Universities Bill” & “Medical Education Bill”
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

25. On June 3, The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received a patent for black pepper micronutrient foliar formulation. ICAR-IISR has developed crop specific designer micronutrient foliar formulations for major spices (black pepper, ginger, turmeric, and cardamom) to overcome micronutrient deficiencies. With the new patent, ICAR-IISR has received patents for 6 of its technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR-IISR – received a patent for black pepper micronutrient foliar formulation
- ICAR-IISR has received patents for total 6 of its technologies
- HQs of ICAR-IISR – Kozhikode, Kerala

26. On June 11, Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal has presented the “Revised Budget for the FY 2021-22” that includes the 2nd COVID-19 revival package worth Rs 20,000 Cr & also allocated Rs 1,000 Cr for free distribution of vaccines. The Kerala government has launched the “Knowledge Economy Mission” to bring the ongoing efforts to provide employment to the educated and support ‘knowledge workers’ under a single programme. The allocation for the ‘Knowledge Economy Fund’ had been hiked from ₹200 Cr to ₹300 Cr. Besides, a Venture Capital Fund would be set up with ₹100 Cr for the growth of SMEs and start-ups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – presented the “Revised Budget for the FY 2021-22”
- Rs 20,000 Cr – for the 2nd COVID-19 revival package | Rs 1,000 Cr – for free distribution of Vaccines
- Kerala – launched the “Knowledge Economy Mission” to boost job prospects
- Allocation for the ‘Knowledge Economy Fund’ enhanced to – ₹300 Cr (from ₹200 Cr)
- Venture Capital Fund would be set up with ₹100 Cr for the growth of SMEs & start-ups – in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

27. On June 5, PM Narendra Modi has launched three E100 Ethanol Dispensing Stations in Pune under a pilot project on the occasion of World Environment Day. The government will also release the E-20 notification that will allow oil companies to sell 20% ethanol blended petrol from April 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched three E100 Ethanol Dispensing Stations in Pune, Maharashtra
- E-20 notification will allow oil companies to sell 20% ethanol blended petrol – from April 2023

28. On June 7, The Kempegowda International Airport here has achieved ‘Net Energy Neutral Status’ in the Financial Year 2020-21 as part of its sustainability goals. Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) operates this airport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport ([Bangalore](#)) – achieved ‘Net Energy Neutral Status’ in the FY 2020-21

29. On June 3, Mizoram is struggling with its livestock sector due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The African Swine Fever has claimed more than 4,751 pigs in over 2 months in Mizoram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mizoram – is struggling with its livestock sector due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF)
- African Swine Fever – claimed more than 4,751 pigs in over 2 months in Mizoram
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

30. On June 4, Himachal Pradesh has inaugurated a “Makeshift COVID-19 Hospital” in Una district. The 140-bedded makeshift hospital has been built in a record time of 1 month and able to provide uninterrupted oxygen supply to the COVID patients nearer to their homes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – inaugurated a “Makeshift COVID-19 Hospital” in Una district
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

31. On June 7, BharatPe has inked a 3-year long deal to become an official partner with International Cricket Council (ICC). As per the agreement, BharatPe will promote the association across broadcast and digital platforms at all the ICC events until 2023. The key tournaments include the upcoming ICC World Test Championship (Southampton, UK 2021), Men’s T20 World Cup (India, 2021), Men’s T20 World Cup (Australia, 2022), Women’s World Cup (New Zealand, 2022), U19 Cricket World Cup (West Indies, 2022), Women’s T20 World Cup (South Africa, 2022), Men’s Cricket World Cup (India, 2023) and World Test Championship (2023). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BharatPe – became ICC’s Global Tournament Sponsor – till 2023
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

32. On June 7, Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) will set up India’s first international maritime services cluster at GIFT City. The Maritime Cluster will be developed as a dedicated ecosystem comprising ports, shipping, logistics services providers and pertinent government regulators. GMB’s initiative aims to provide a one-stop solution for the entire maritime fraternity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat Maritime Board – will set up India’s first International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

33. On June 7, New Delhi has launched a new Covid-19 vaccination campaign - “Jahan vote, wahan vaccination” - for those who are 45 years and above. Delhi has 180 vaccination centres where Covishield is being administered to people above 45 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Delhi – launched a new Covid-19 vaccination campaign - “Jahan vote, wahan vaccination”
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

34. On June 6, Punjab Government has also initiated the usage of Electronic Identity Cards (eIDs) equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology for their officers/employees through one of its prominent entity viz. Punjab Mandi Board. Punjab has become the first State to launch ‘Digi-Locker Facility’ for Farmers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Punjab – initiated the usage of “eIDs” equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology
- Punjab – the first State to launch ‘Digi-Locker Facility’ for Farmers
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

35. On June 9, The Gujarat government has launched ‘e-Nirman’ web portal and a mobile application to facilitate online registration of workers from the unorganized sector to enroll them for various government welfare schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched ‘e-Nirman’ web portal and a mobile application – for ‘Unorganized sector’
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

36. On June 8, The new e-filing website of the Income Tax Department was launched with a host of new features for taxpayers. This portal is an initiative by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Income Tax Department – launched a new “e-filing portal” with new tax filing features (an initiative by CBDT)
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Interim Chairman – Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra | Formed in – 1944

37. On June 8, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has launched a 2-month “Awareness Campaign on Single-Use Plastic” & “India Plastic Challenge - Hackathon 2021”. The campaign was organised by GIZ, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and FICCI along with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – launched “Awareness Campaign on Single-Use Plastic” & “India Plastic Challenge - Hackathon 2021”
- The campaign was organised by = GIZ, UNEP + FICCI + MoEFCC
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy | Founded in – 1927
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

38. On June 8, The Piramal Foundation in partnership with NITI Aayog has launched “Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan” in 112 districts to provide COVID home care to 20 lakh citizens staying in rural areas. Most of these districts are in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piramal Foundation (Mumbai) + NITI Aayog = launched “Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan” in 112 districts
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



39. On June 3, The Goa government has released a short film on Chhatrapati Shivaji on the occasion of the anniversary of Maratha king's coronation day. A Konkani and Hindi version of the film, titled "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shivrajyabhishek Divas", was released on social media. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – released a short film titled "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shivrajyabhishek Divas"
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

40. On June 8, Weyan village in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first village in India to achieve 100% vaccination of all its adult population against COVID-19. The vaccination in the village was covered under 'J&K model'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Weyan village (J & K) – first village in India to achieve 100% vaccination of all its adult population against COVID-19
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

41. On June 9, The Rengma Nagas in Assam have written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding an autonomous district council amid a decision by the Central and the State governments to upgrade the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) into a territorial council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rengma Nagas (Assam) – wrote to Amit Shah demanding an autonomous district council
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

42. On June 9, The Rajasthan government has approved the "Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana", under which agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – approved the "Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana" (Rs 1,000 every month)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

43. On June 8, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has commissioned Monopole-I of the ± 320 kV, 2000 MW Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System between Kerala & Tamil Nadu. The Pugalur-Thrissur HVDC system costs Rs 5070 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- POWERGRID commissioned 2000 MW VSC based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System – between Kerala & TN
- HQs of POWERGRID – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Kandikuppa Sreekant



44. On June 9, The government has approved allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band to Indian Railways for public safety and security services at stations and in trains. With this spectrum, Indian Railways has decided to provide LTE (Long Term Evolution) based “Mobile Train Radio Communication” on its route. The estimated investment in the project is more than Rs 25,000 Cr. The project will be completed in the next 5 years. In addition to this, Indian Railways has approved TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System), an indigenously developed ATP (Automatic Train Protection) System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band – to Indian Railways
- Indian Railways – to provide LTE (Long Term Evolution) based “Mobile Train Radio Communication” on its route
- Cost of the Project – Rs 25,000 Cr | Time duration – 5 years
- Indian Railways – approved TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System) - an indigenously developed ATP System

45. On June 9, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for extension of applicability of “New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012” read with its amendment dated 7th Oct 2014 for the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL). RFCL is a Joint Venture Company consisting of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Fertilizers Corporation of India Limited (FCIL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Fertilizers – extended the applicability of “NIP-2012” to Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd
- Location of Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd – Ramagundam, Telangana

46. On June 10, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has launched a “DBT mobile application” that will help transfer funds directly to Aadhaar linked bank accounts of beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched a “DBT mobile application” for fund transfer to beneficiaries
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

47. On June 10, a Commemorative Postage Stamp was released by Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla to mark its 70th anniversary of Indo-German diplomatic relations. Brandenburg Gate is mentioned on the stamp along with India Gate. The two countries are commemorating the anniversary with a number of events that are planned to be held in India and Germany through 2021-2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsh Vardhan Shringla – released Indian stamp to mark its 70th anniversary of “Indo-German diplomatic relations”
- India Gate & Brandenburg Gate (Germany) – are mentioned on the stamp
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

48. On June 4, Narendra Singh Tomar has released a Model Panchayat Citizens Charter/Framework for delivery of the services across the 29 sectors. The framework was prepared by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) in collaboration with National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – released Model Panchayat Citizens Charter/Framework for delivery of services in 29 sectors
- The framework was prepared by = MoPR + NIRDPR

49. On June 10, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has constituted a high-level committee headed by retired judge A. K. Rajan to study the impact of NEET on admission to medical courses in Tamil Nadu. The eight-member committee has been asked to submit its recommendations to protect the welfare of socially backward students within a month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – constituted a high-level committee to study the impact of NEET on admission to medical courses
- The committee is headed by – A. K. Rajan
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

50. On June 5, The “SPAG9” antigen developed by the National Institute of Immunology (NII) has received the ASPAGNIITM trademark. India’s first indigenous tumour antigen “SPAG9” was discovered in 1998 by Dr Anil Suri to treat Cancer patients. Cancer kills 8.51 lakh people in India every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Institute of Immunology – received the “ASPAGNIITM trademark” – for “SPAG9” antigen
- “SPAG9” - India’s first indigenous tumour antigen – discovered in 1998 by Dr Anil Suri – to treat Cancer patients
- [HQs of NII – New Delhi | Director – Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale](#)

51. On June 11, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary company namely “BASL” (BSE Administration & Supervision Ltd) for carrying out administration and supervision activities of all SEBI-registered investment advisors (RIA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE – set up a wholly-owned subsidiary company namely “BASL” (BSE Administration & Supervision Ltd)
- RIA – Registered Investment Advisors
- [HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan](#)
- [BSE is Asia’s 1st Stock Exchange Company](#)



52. On June 11, The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved the preparation of a detailed project report (DPR) for the development of a 2.74 km long two-lane tunnel in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand. Project Management Consultancy has been awarded for 2.74 km long Mussoorie Tunnel project, which is being built on NH 707A with a budget of Rs 700 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRTH – approved the appointment of Project Management Consultancy for 2.74 km long Mussoorie Tunnel project
- Mussoorie Tunnel project is being built on ‘NH 707A’ – with a budget of Rs 700 Cr

53. On June 11, Three Indian S&T-led small-to-medium enterprises (Start-ups) have been selected to undertake joint R&D and technology transfer projects under the India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialisation Programme. These start-ups are Start-ups Prantae Solutions, Jayon Implants & Ananya Technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3 Indian Start-ups – selected to undertake joint R&D & tech transfer projects under ‘India-Russia tech cooperation’
- 3 Start-ups: Prantae Solutions, Jayon Implants & Ananya Technologies
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin](#)

54. On June 11, “Namaste Yoga” mobile application was launched in the curtain raiser event for the 7th International Day of Yoga. The event was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in association with the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Namaste Yoga” mobile app – launched in curtain raiser event for 7th International Day of Yoga
- The event was organised by = Ministry of Ayush + Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

55. On June 11, Policybazaar has received an insurance broking licence approval from regulator IRDAI to undertake insurance broking. Policybazaar has a market share of 25% in the life insurance segment while 10% in health insurance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Policybazaar – received an insurance broking licence approval from IRDAI
- [HQs of Policybazaar – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Yashish Dahiya](#)

56. On June 12, Flipkart has partnered with Telangana government to lead a consortium tasked with the development and execution of the drone deliveries of medical supplies to remote areas under the “Medicines from the Sky” project. A combination of these technologies will then be used to conduct “Beyond Visual Line of Sight” (BVLOS) deliveries in remote areas of Telangana. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Flipkart + Telangana = drone delivery for vaccine & medical supplies under “Medicines from the Sky” project
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

57. Hallmarking on Gold Jewellery and related items is set to become mandatory from June 15, 2021. As per the new guidelines, jewellers across India will now be allowed to sell gold items of only 14, 18 and 22 carats. Hallmarking centres have grown by 25% in the last 5 years. A committee, headed by Pramod Tewari, has been formed to ensure proper coordination and resolve the implementation issues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hallmarking on Gold Jewellery and related items is set to become mandatory – from June 15, 2021
- Jewellers across India will now be allowed to sell Gold items of only 14, 18 & 22 carats – from June 15, 2021

58. On June 14, As part of the renovation works, 21 Copper plate inscriptions dating back to the 14th or 16th century were found near Ghanta Matham of Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy temple in Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh. The inscriptions are in Sanskrit and Telugu. A total of 35 inscriptions have been found during the renovation works till now. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 21 Copper plate inscriptions dating back to the 14th or 16th century – found in Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh
- The inscriptions are in – Sanskrit & Telugu
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

59. On June 14, Malaria No More in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is creating an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC) to explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India. India has made steady progress towards achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s goal of malaria elimination by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Malaria No More + IMD + ICMR = is creating an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria & Climate (IEC)
- HQs of Malaria No More – New York, US | CEO – Martin Edlund | Founded in – 2006
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

60. On June 8, The Assam government has instituted a series of annual awards similar to the Bharat Ratna and Padma awards entailing a slew of benefits for the awardees. Asom Ratna would be presented to one person, the Asom Bibhushan would be presented to three, the Asom Bhushan to two and the Asom Shree to 10 persons every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – to present a series of annual awards similar to the Bharat Ratna & Padma awards
- Awards: Asom Ratna, Asom Bibhushan, Asom Bhushan & Asom Shree
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

61. On June 14, “Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan” (Free from Corona with the help of a Youth power) campaign has been launched in Madhya Pradesh to make people aware about the COVID pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched “Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan”
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

62. On June 15, As part of the Year of AI 2020 initiative, the Telangana government launched the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Mission (T-AIM) accelerator programme “Revv Up”, which is exclusively designed for growth-stage artificial intelligence (AI) startups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – launched “Revv Up” for AI startups to solve tough business problems
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

63. On June 14, The Central government has launched “Project O₂ for India” to step up production of medical oxygen to meet the potential increase in demand due to further waves of the pandemic. The government has established a ‘National Consortium of Oxygen’ and hospital beds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government launched “Project O₂ for India” to step up production of medical oxygen
- The government also established a ‘National Consortium of Oxygen’

64. On June 11, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated two Centres of Excellence (CoE) established by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi. The two CoEs are Centre of Excellence for Road Safety and Awareness (CoERSA) and Centre of Excellence for Roads, Bridges, Air Fields and Tunnels (CoERBAT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated two Centres of Excellence (CoE) established by the BRO – in New Delhi
- 2 CoEs are:
 - Centre of Excellence for Road Safety and Awareness (CoERSA)
 - Centre of Excellence for Roads, Bridges, Air Fields and Tunnels (CoERBAT)
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded in – 1960



65. On June 16, Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated three Centres of Excellence: one for mango in Kolar, pomegranate in Bagalkot and for vegetables in Dharwad. The three centres were established under the Indo-Israel action plan with advanced technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated 3 Centres of Excellence – in Karnataka (under Indo-Israel action plan)
- 3 CoEs: Mango (in Kolar), Pomegranate (in Bagalkot) & Vegetables (in Dharwad)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

66. On June 15, Various organisations initiated a Twitter campaign demanding official language status to Tulu in Karnataka and Kerala and the Tulu speakers are also demanding to include it in the eighth schedule to the Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Twitter campaigns demanding official language status to ‘Tulu’ – in Karnataka & Kerala
- Tulu speakers are also demanding to include ‘Tulu’ language – in the 8th schedule to the Constitution
- Currently, there are 22 languages in the 8th schedule to the Constitution

67. On June 16, The Rajasthan government will soon set up a “Vedic Education and Sanskar Board” in next 4 to 5 months to revive the knowledge of Sanskrit scriptures and vedas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – to set up a “Vedic Education and Sanskar Board” in next 4 to 5 months
- Minister of State (MoS) for Sanskrit Education – Subhash Garg
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

68. The Central Government has launched the “Trusted Telecom Portal” under the National Security Directive on Telecommunication Sector (NSDTS). The portal has been developed and implemented by Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government launched the “Trusted Telecom Portal” – under the NSDTS
- The portal is developed by – Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)
- HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay
- C-DoT functions under – Ministry of Communications

69. On June 15, The Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced that the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) would extend benefits of its Health Insurance Cover under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 (ESI Act) to all casual and contractual workers at municipal bodies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESIC – would extend benefits of its Health Insurance Cover to all casual & contractual workers
- HQs of ESIC – New Delhi | Director General – Mukhmeet S. Bhatia

70. Every year, the Indian Coast Guard’s “Operation Olivia” helps protect Olive Ridley turtles as they congregate along the Odisha coast for breeding and nesting from November to December. The Olive Ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) is listed as Vulnerable under the IUCN’s Red list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Coast Guard – conducted “Operation Olivia” to rescue Olive Ridley turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)
- Olive Ridley turtles are listed as “Vulnerable” – under the IUCN’s Red list
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

71. On June 10, Gujarat has inaugurated hi-tech “Command & Control Centre 2.0” (CCC 2.0) for the effective implementation of various educational projects as well as child-tracking and real-time monitoring of educational activities. The state-of-the-art ‘CCC 2.0’ will be useful for systematic monitoring of activities in 54,000 schools covering over 3 lakh teachers and 1 Cr students across the state. Students of Std. 1 to 12 who have smartphone-tablet will get education under Home Learning Management System “G-SHALA” (Gujarat Students Holistic Adaptive Learning App) application and e-content. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – inaugurated hi-tech “Command & Control Centre 2.0” (CCC 2.0)
- Students of Std 1-12 in Gujarat – will get education under “G-SHALA” app
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

72. On June 14, Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has cleared a proposal for the construction of a Bus Station on par with International Standards in Ayodhya at a cost of Rs 400 Cr. The cabinet also gave its nod to a proposal for the construction of a four-lane flyover on the Ayodhya-Sultanpur road. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – cleared a proposal for the construction of a world-class Bus Station in Ayodhya (Cost - Rs 400 Cr)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

73. On June 16, The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has launched a “TV Channel Selector web portal” for consumers who could not access its mobile phone app of the same name due to lack of a smartphone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TRAI – launched a “TV Channel Selector web portal” for consumers who could not access its mobile phone app
- HQs of TRAI – New Delhi | Chairman – P D Vaghela



74. On June 16, Minister of Tribal Affairs in partnership with UNDP has launched “Adi Prashikshan” portal and inaugurated a 3-day training programme on “Capacity Building Training of Master Trainers for ST PRI Members” as part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Minister of Tribal Affairs + UNDP = launched “Adi Prashikshan” portal
- Minister of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

75. On June 18, Maharashtra government has appointed Mukund Gosavi as Brand Ambassador of ‘Corona Vaccination Program’ for speedy implementation of Corona vaccination in Jalgaon due to his selfless service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukund Gosavi – appointed as Brand Ambassador of ‘Corona Vaccination Program’ of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

76. On June 17, Power and Renewable Energy Minister R. K. Singh has announced to set up a committee for implementation of the Roadmap on Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Technologies. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency has developed two programmes namely “ROSHANEE” and “UNNATEE” laying down the Sector wise action plan for the period 2021-2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R K Singh announced to set up a committee to implement roadmap on Energy Efficiency & Low Carbon Technologies
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency – developed two programmes namely “ROSHANEE” and “UNNATEE” – for 2021-30

77. On June 12, The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released an amendment to “Interconnection Regulations of 2017” which provides for a framework for technical compliance of Conditional Access System (CAS) and Subscriber Management System (SMS) for the broadcasting and cable sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TRAI – released an amendment to “Interconnection Regulations of 2017” for broadcasting & cable services
- HQs of TRAI – New Delhi | Chairman – P D Vaghela

78. On June 16, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) & Department of Fertilizers on “Deep Ocean Mission”, with a view to explore the deep ocean for resources and develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources. Deep Ocean Mission will have 6 Major Components. The estimated cost of the Mission will be Rs 4077 Cr for a period of 5 years. The Union Cabinet has also approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) Fertilisers for 2021-22. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the proposal of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) & Dept. of Fertilizers on “Deep Ocean Mission”
- Major Components – 6 | Estimated Cost – Rs 4,077 Cr | Time period – 5 years
- Cabinet approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for ‘Phosphatic’ & ‘Potassic’ fertilisers

79. On June 16, In a landmark decision, the Union cabinet has approved the plan to corporatize the 41 Ordnance Factories into 7 fully government-owned corporate entities, based on their production type. It means, the Ordnance Factory Board, establishment by British India in 1775, will cease to exist. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union cabinet approved the plan to corporatize the 41 Ordnance Factories into 7 new Corporate Entities
- HQs of OFB – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Hari Mohan

80. On June 18, The Kerala cabinet has given Green light to begin acquiring land for “SilverLine”, its flagship semi high-speed railway project aimed at reducing travel time between the state’s northern and southern ends. The project, estimated to cost Rs 63,940 Cr, is billed as one of the biggest infrastructure enterprises being pushed by the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – gave Green light to begin acquiring land for its flagship semi high-speed railway project “SilverLine”
- Estimated cost of this project – Rs 63,940 Cr
- **Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan**

81. The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to launch special “Pink booths” to encourage the women of the state to take a shot of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccine. These booths will start operating in all 75 districts of the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to launch special “Pink booths” to encourage the women of the state to take Covid-19 vaccine
- **UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel**

82. On June 17, A COVID-19 recovered patient was airlifted from Madhya Pradesh’s Indore to Mumbai after being diagnosed with ‘Green fungus’ or ‘Aspergillosis’, the first such reported case in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st case of ‘Green fungus’ or ‘Aspergillosis’ found in recovering COVID-19 patient – in Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- **Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel**



83. On June 15, Karnataka has announced Rs 1 lakh relief to each family under Below Poverty Line (BPL) which has lost an earning or adult member due to COVID-19. The decision will benefit about 25,000 to 30,000 such families incurring an expenditure of Rs 250 Cr to Rs 300 Cr to the state exchequer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – announced Rs 1 lakh relief to each family under BPL which has lost an earning or adult member
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

84. On June 18, The Odisha government has launched “e-Pathshala” and “e-Mulyankan” facilities keeping in mind disruption of classes during the ongoing pandemic. The state also plans to activate the “Odisha Shiksha Sanjog”, a WhatsApp-based programme that allows the teachers to share e-content and materials with students. The e-contents will also launch “Radio Pathshala” and telecast video lessons under ‘Shiksha Darpan’ for Class I to XII on Doordarshan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched “e-Pathshala” and “e-Mulyankan” facilities
- Odisha – plans to activate the “Odisha Shiksha Sanjog” - a WhatsApp-based programme to share e-content
- The e-contents will also launch “Radio Pathshala” under ‘Shiksha Darpan’ for Class I to XII on Doordarshan
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

85. On June 17, According to Nasscom, the Indian IT industry is on track to achieve its vision of \$300-350 billion revenues by 2025. The industry continued to be a net hirer of skilled talent, adding 1,38,000 people in FY2021, and robust hiring plans for FY22 with top players, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL and Tech Mahindra, alone planning to add over 96,000 employees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian IT industry – is on track to achieve its vision of \$300-350 billion revenues by 2025
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh

86. On June 17, The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has operationalised the national Helpline 155260 and reporting platform for preventing financial loss due to cyber fraud. The reporting platform has been made operational by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Home Affairs operationalised the national Helpline 155260 to prevent financial loss due to cyber fraud
- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) – functions under Ministry of Home Affairs

87. On June 17, The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has extended the validity of Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM) Part-II and Udyog Aadhaar Memorandums (UAMs) from March 31 to December 31, 2021. It was launched on July 1, 2020. Now, only PAN and Aadhaar will be required for registration of MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ministry of MSME extended the validity of “EM Part-II” and “Udyog Aadhaar Memorandums (UAMs)” – till Dec, 2021
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

88. On June 17, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Babul Supriyo has released the updated version of “Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India”. It has been published by Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. The event also observed release of Coffee Table Book “India Hosting UNCCD-COP 14” and a short film on UNCCD-COP 14. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC – released the updated version of “Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India”
- It has been published by – ISRO’s Space Application Centre (Ahmedabad, Gujarat)

89. On June 14, The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued a notification to make the PUC (Pollution Under Control) certificate for all vehicles uniform across the country and also to link the PUC database with the National Register. After the changes in the ‘Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989’ by the road ministry, the QR code shall be printed on the PUC form and will have details of the vehicle, owner and the status of the emission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways – made PUC certificate for all vehicles uniform across country
- The changes were made under the ‘Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989’
- MoRTH’s target to reduce road accident deaths by 50% – by 2024

90. On June 18, PM Narendra Modi has launched a “Customised Crash Course programme” for Covid 19 frontline workers. The aim of this programme is to train about 1 lakh frontline workers in a span of 2-3 months. The training programme would be conducted in 111 training centres spread over 26 states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched a “Customised Crash Course programme” for Covid 19 Frontline Workers
- The training programme would be conducted in 111 training centres

91. On June 18, Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has given an interview in the ‘Kokborok’ dialect to a local television channel. This dialect is spoken by most of the State’s 33% indigenous population. Kokborok was declared as the second official language of Tripura in 1979. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Kokborok’ dialect – Second official language of Tripura – recently used by Tripura’s CM Biplab Kumar Deb
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

92. On June 16, The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has made usage of drone mandatory for recording development, construction, operation and maintenance of all national highways. Contractors and Concessionaires shall carry out the drone video recording in presence of Team Leader of the Supervision Consultant and upload comparative project videos of the current and last month on NHAI's portal 'Data Lake'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHAI – made Drone usage mandatory for recording status of new highway projects
- Drone video recordings will be uploaded on NHAI's portal 'Data Lake'
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu | Founded in – 1988

93. On June 16, Wipro has joined the World Economic Forum's Partnership for New Work Standards initiative to establish a healthy, resilient and equitable future of work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro – joined the WEF's Partnership for New Work Standards initiative
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab | Founded in – 1971

94. On June 14, The SEBI has imposed a Rs 15 Cr fine on 9 entities, including Franklin Templeton Trustee Services, some senior officials and fund managers. SEBI has fined Rs 3 Cr on Franklin Templeton Trustee Services Pvt Ltd and Rs 2 Cr on Franklin Asset Management (India) Pvt Ltd President Sanjay Sapre and CEO Santosh Kamat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – imposed Rs 15 Cr fine on Franklin Templeton & 8 other entities including some senior officials
- Rs 3 Cr – on Franklin Templeton Trustee Services Pvt Ltd | Rs 2 Cr – on Franklin AMC's President & CEO
- HQs of Franklin Templeton AMC – California, US | President & CEO – Jennifer M. Johnson
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

95. On June 20, The SEBI has issued fresh guidelines for participation of Mutual Fund Schemes in Interest Rate Swap (IRS). Mutual funds can enter into plain Vanilla Interest Rate Swaps (IRS) for hedging purposes. If mutual funds are transacting in IRS through an electronic trading platform, the single transaction should not exceed 10% of the net assets of the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – issued fresh guidelines for participation of Mutual Fund Schemes in Interest Rate Swap (IRS)
- MFs can enter into plain Vanilla IRS for hedging purposes
- Single transaction should not exceed 10% of the net assets, if MFs are transacting in IRS
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

96. On June 17, The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has launched 14 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres across India to provide support to infants and young children at risk of or with disabilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SJE Ministry launched 14 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres across India
- [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot \(Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh\)](#)

97. On June 19, The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment’s portal for application of certificates of identity for transgender persons was made available in 10 languages apart from English. The portal was launched on November 25, 2020 which was available in English only. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSJE’s portal for facilitating ID cards to trans persons – made available in 10 languages apart from English

98. On June 18, A couple in Madhya Pradesh has deployed nearly a dozen guards and dogs to protect their orchard, which has a total of two mango trees. The two trees are unique ‘Japanese Miyazaki’, a variety of mango that is sold at around Rs 2.70 lakh per kilogram in the international market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Japanese Miyazaki’ – a variety of mango (sold at around Rs 2.70 lakh/kg)
- A couple in Madhya Pradesh has two mango trees of ‘Japanese Miyazaki’ in their orchard

99. On June 21, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has launched an awareness campaign for coronavirus vaccination “Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai” from Uttar Pradesh’s Rampur district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Minority Affairs – launched “Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai” - an awareness campaign for Covid vaccination
- [Ministry of Minority Affairs – Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi \(Constituency – Jharkhand\) | Set up in – 2006](#)

100. On June 17, Yoga Certification Board of India has appointed Indian Council for Cultural Relations as the personnel certification body. ICCR, along with the Ministry of Ayush, will now start Yoga Certification courses for the professionals across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yoga Certification Board of India – appointed ICCR as the personnel certification body
- [Location of Yoga Certification Board of India – New Delhi](#)
- [HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950](#)



101. On June 20, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) has decided to establish 5 “Divyangta Khel Kendra” in different parts of India, out of which Ahmedabad City is identified to open one of such facilities. Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot also addressed the ‘Samajik Adhikarita Shivar’ for distribution of aids and assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ under the Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – to establish 5 “Divyangta Khel Kendra” across India
- Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme – belongs to Ministry of SJE

102. On June 20, Tamil Nadu chief minister M. K. Stalin has inaugurated a 24x7 customer care cell, “Minnagam” at Tangedco headquarters to address consumer grievances. Public can register their grievances by calling the 24 x 7 helpline number – 9498794987. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – inaugurated a 24x7 customer care cell “Minnagam” to address consumer grievances
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

103. The government has announced that the last day to link the Permanent Account Number (PAN) card with the Aadhaar number is June 30, 2021. Failing to link the two would result in the PAN card becoming “inoperative” and a penalty of ₹1,000 would also be levied. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Failing to link the PAN with Aadhaar by June 30 would result in PAN becoming ‘inoperative’ & a penalty of ₹1,000

104. On June 20, National Ayush Mission organized a 12-hour virtual Yoga Session “Yogathon” in Kerala. Quiz competitions and essay competition on the theme Yoga was also be organized for school students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Ayush Mission – organized a 12-hour virtual Yoga Session “Yogathon” in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

105. On June 15, Navi General Insurance has introduced a subscription-based Health Insurance in Kerala through monthly EMIs instead of paying an upfront annual premium. The company offers health insurance cover ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹1 Cr for individuals and families. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Navi General Insurance – introduced a subscription-based Health Insurance through EMI – in Kerala
- HQs of Navi General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Ramchandra Pandit
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



106. On June 15, The government is planning to increase the number of “Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras” (PMBJKs) in India to 10,000 by March, 2024. As on June 11, 2021, there were 7,836 PMBJK outlets across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government aims to increase “PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras” to 10,000 – by March, 2024
- Currently, there were 7,836 PMBJK outlets across India

107. On June 23, CII-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) along with National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has launched the “IGBC Green High-Speed Rail Rating System” during an exclusive session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CII-IGBC + NHSRCL = launched the “IGBC Green High-Speed Rail Rating System”
- HQs of Indian Green Building Council – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Vasudevan Suresh
- HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | MD – Achal Khare

108. On June 21, The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has constituted a committee to inquire into the complaints of post-poll violence in West Bengal following a Calcutta High Court order in the matter. The committee will be headed by NHRC Member Rajeev Jain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHRC constituted a committee to inquire into the complaints of post-poll violence in West Bengal
- The committee is headed by – Rajeev Jain
- HQs of NHRC – New Delhi | Chairperson – Arun Kumar Mishra

109. On June 21, German agrochemicals major Bayer has launched the first-ever yellow watermelon variety called “Yellow Gold 48” under Seminis brand in India. Bayer offers five varieties of watermelons in India under the Seminis brand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bayer – launched a yellow watermelon variety called “Yellow Gold 48” under ‘Seminis brand’ in India
- HQs of Bayer – Leverkusen, Germany | CEO – Werner Baumann

110. On the occasion of International Day of Yoga on June 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the “mYoga” app in collaboration with World Health Organisation (WHO). The mYoga app has been developed by WHO in collaboration with the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga and the Ministry of Ayush. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched the “mYoga” app on the occasion of ‘International Day of Yoga’
- “mYoga” app is developed by WHO + Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga + Ministry of Ayush

- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194
- Location of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga – New Delhi
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

111. On June 21, Tamil Nadu government has constituted an “Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister” with Noble Laureate Esther Duflo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), as a member. The other members of the advisory committee are Raghuram Rajan (Former RBI Governor), Aravind Subramanian (Former Chief Economic Advisor), Jean Dreze (Development Economist) and S. Narayan (Former Union Finance Secretary). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – constituted an “Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister”
- Members of the council:
 - Esther Duflo (Noble Laureate & a member of Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
 - Raghuram Rajan (Former RBI Governor)
 - Aravind Subramanian (Former Chief Economic Advisor)
 - Jean Dreze (Development Economist)
 - S. Narayan (Former Union Finance Secretary)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

112. The Maharashtra government will make amendments to the “Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act of 1975”, to introduce provisions for the protection of ‘heritage trees’. A tree with an estimated age of 50 years or more shall be defined as a heritage tree. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – to introduce provisions for the protection of ‘Heritage trees’
- A tree with an estimated age of 50 years or more shall be defined as a ‘Heritage tree’
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

113. On June 21, Companies that have a market capitalisation of more than Rs 1 lakh Cr at the time of listing can now sell just 5% of their shares, after SEBI’s approval over the amendment of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules. Such entities will be required to increase their public shareholding to 10% in 2 years and raise the same to at least 25% within 5 years. The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the Finance Ministry has amended the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Economic Affairs – amended the “Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules” – approved by SEBI
- Companies having m-cap of more than Rs 1 lakh Cr can now sell only 5% of their shares
- Requirement for such entities: Public shareholding to 10% in 2 years & at least 25% within 5 years
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

114. On June 18, Tata Motors and Tata Power have jointly inaugurated India's largest Grid-synchronized, behind-the-meter Solar Carport at the Tata Motors' car plant in Chikhali, Pune. As a part of its Net Zero Carbon goal for 2039, Tata Motors had entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Tata Power on August 31, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Motors + Tata Power = jointly inaugurated India's largest Grid-synchronized Solar Carport – in Pune, MH
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Guenter Butschek
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | CEO – Praveer Sinha

115. On June 19, The Department of Biotechnology has issued a special call for Northeast region as a part of its "Biotech-KISAN programme" to understand local issues of farmers and provide scientific solutions to those problems. 70% of the workforce is engaged in agriculture and allied sectors for livelihood in the region. Under this scheme, so far 146 Biotech-KISAN Hubs have been established in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Biotechnology – issued a Special Call for Northeast region under its "Biotech-KISAN programme"
- 146 Biotech-KISAN Hubs have been established so far in India

116. On June 18, A high-level committee consisting of representatives from the services and the Ministries concerned has been formed for wider consultations on the creation of Integrated Triservice Theatre Commands. "Shekatkar committee" has also recommended the creation of 3 integrated theatre commands - Northern for the China border, Western for the Pakistan border and Southern for the maritime role. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A high-level committee is formed for consultations on the creation of Integrated Triservice Theatre Commands
- "Shekatkar committee" recommended the creation of 3 integrated theatre commands:
- Northern for the China border
- Western for the Pakistan border
- Southern for the Maritime Role
- First Tri-Service Theatre Command of Indian Armed Force – Andaman & Nicobar
- Paramilitary Forces – currently functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs

117. On June 21, ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) has identified "Cassava" (Tapioca) as an alternate raw material for bioethanol production to meet India's Ethanol Blending Petrol (EBP) programme target of 2025. Tapioca production is estimated at 4.98 million tonnes with major production from Tamil Nadu, followed by Kerala. India has to produce 1,016 Cr litres of Ethanol for blending programmes as part of the EBP target by 2025. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ICAR-CTCRI – identified “Cassava” (Tapioca) as an alternate raw material for Bioethanol production
- India has to produce 1,016 Cr litres of Ethanol for blending programmes as part of the EBP target by 2025
- Location of ICAR-CTCRI – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

118. On June 20, Hayagriva Madhava Temple Committee of Assam has signed an MoU with two green NGOs, the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden and the Kamrup district administration for long-term conservation of the rare freshwater black Softshell Turtle (*Nilssonina nigricans*). A “Vision Document 2030” was also launched after Turtle Survival Alliance India and Help Earth signed the pact involving the Hayagriva Madhava Temple Committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hayagriva Madhava Temple Committee (Assam) – proposed a plan for long-term conservation of the rare freshwater black Softshell Turtle
- Turtle Survival Alliance India + Help Earth + HM Temple Committee = “Vision Document 2030”
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

119. On June 20, The Lakshadweep administration has mooted a proposal to shift its legal jurisdiction from the Kerala High Court to the Karnataka High Court as it has been facing widespread protests from the islands’ people over some of its policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lakshadweep administration mooted a proposal to shift its legal jurisdiction – from Kerala HC to Karnataka HC
- Administrator of Lakshadweep – Praful Khoda Patel

120. On June 21, The Ministry of Power has issued an order for extension of the waiver of Inter-State Transmission system (ISTS) charges on transmission of electricity generated from solar and wind sources for projects to be commissioned up to 30th June, 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power extended the waiver of ISTS charges on transmission of electricity – by 2 years (till 2025)
- Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy – R. K. Singh (Raj Kumar Singh)

121. On June 23, Karnataka has launched the state “Learning Management System” to promote digital learning in higher education. As part of the programme organised by the department of collegiate education in Bengaluru, the Chief Minister has also launched 2500 smart classrooms and virtually distribute Table PC to 1.55 lakh students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched the state “Learning Management System” to promote digital learning in Higher Education
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



122. On June 25, The Maharashtra cabinet has approved a proposal transferring the ownership of the Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) which was constructing the Navi Mumbai international airport to the Adani Airport Holdings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra cabinet – approved transferring Mumbai International Airport’s ownership to Adani Airport Holdings
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of Adani Power Ltd – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Vneet Jaain

123. On June 24, The Odisha government and United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have joined hands to improve household food and nutritional security by strengthening livelihood initiatives and reaching out to thousands of state-supported Women’s Self-Help Groups (WSHGs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha + UN WFP = partnership to improve household food and nutritional security
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

124. On June 23, IFFCO will set up a Nano Urea Liquid Manufacturing Plant in Argentina in partnership with two agencies - Instituto Nacional de Asociativismo y Economía Social (INAES) and Cooperative Confederation of Argentina (Cooperar). IFFCO’s nano urea liquid is a sustainable solution for plant nutrition with higher nutrition use efficiency and reduces soil, water and air pollution. Earlier, IFFCO had signed a MoU for the same with the Organization of Brazilian Cooperatives (OCB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFFCO will set up a Nano Urea Liquid Manufacturing Plant – in Argentina & Brazil
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Balvinder Singh Nakai
- Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez

125. On June 19, The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued a gazette notification constituting the “Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority” under provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The 15-member body is meant to protect and improve the quality of the coastal environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change – “Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

126. On June 23, The world’s first genetically modified (GM) rubber plant was planted on the outskirts of Guwahati, Assam. It was developed at the Kerala-based Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII). The plant, which has additional copies of gene MnSOD (manganese containing superoxide dismutase) in it, is expected to revolutionise natural rubber production in India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- World's first genetically modified (GM) rubber plant – planted in Guwahati, Assam
- HQs of RRII – Kottayam, Kerala

127. On June 24, Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs, Nitin Gadkari has laid Foundation stone and inaugurated various National Highway Projects in Himachal Pradesh. The total outlay of the 222-km long 9 road corridors is Rs 6,155 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – laid Foundation stone and inaugurated various National Highway Projects in Himachal Pradesh
- 222-km long 9 road corridors | Total outlay - Rs 6,155 Cr

128. On June 25, The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) has constituted a committee to examine global best practices in financing and leasing of ships, identify opportunities and devise a roadmap to enable such activities from GIFT IFSC. This committee is chaired by Vandana Aggarwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – constituted a committee to examine global best practices in financing and leasing of ship
- The committee is chaired by – Vandana Aggarwal
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

129. On June 25, Clovia, a Women's personal care brand in partnership with Alliance Insurance has launched a tailor-made insurance policy, "Women's Cancer Shield" for breast cancer female patients. Breast cancer accounts for 14% of cancers in Indian women. The company will provide insurance policy cover of Rs 25,000 to female customers in the age group of 18-65 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Clovia + Alliance Insurance = launched "Women's Cancer Shield" for breast cancer female patients
- Insurance policy cover – Rs 25,000 | Age group – 18-65 years
- HQs of Clovia – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Founder & CEO – Pankaj Vermani
- HQs of Alliance Insurance – Mumbai, MH | Co-Founder and Director – Aatur Thakkar

130. On June 23, PM Narendra Modi has virtually interacted with the participants of "Toycathon-2021", which aims to make India a hub for ideation and production of toys. "Toycathon 2021" was jointly launched by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women and Child Development, MSME Ministry, DPIIT, Textile Ministry, I & B Ministry and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – interacted with the participants of "Toycathon-2021"
- "Toycathon 2021" jointly launched by = MoEd + MoWCD + MoMSME + DPIIT + Textile Mini + I & B Ministry + AICTE

131. On June 23, Goa has not reported a single rabies case in the last 3 years, making Goa the first rabies-free state in India. The task of rabies control has been carried out by 'Mission Rabies project'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – became the first rabies-free state in India
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

132. On June 25, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched the e-filing portal called "ITAT e-dwar" of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). The portal will enhance accessibility, accountability and transparency in day to day working of the ITAT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Shankar Prasad – launched the e-filing portal called "ITAT e-dwar" of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)

133. On June 24, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new centralized web-based work-flow-based IT platform, "e-PGS", for its group business operations. The new technology platform is designed to provide for centralized collection and payment accounting with high level of bank integration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – launched a new centralized web-based work-flow-based IT platform, "e-PGS"
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

134. On June 25, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar in a virtual event has released the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) based survey of forest areas in 10 states namely Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – released the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of 'LiDAR' based survey of forest areas in 10 states
- LiDAR – Light Detection and Ranging

135. On June 23, Maharashtra government has decided to increase fixed honorarium of over 70,000 Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers by ₹1,000 and additional ₹500 for Covid duty per month from July 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – decided to increase fixed honorarium of ASHA workers by ₹1,000 & additional ₹500 for Covid duty
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

136. On June 22, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has released “Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy 2021” with an aim to witness 2 lakh electric vehicles on the roads of Gujarat in next 4 years. Under this policy, subsidy up to Rs 20,000 for 2 wheelers, Rs 50,000 for 3 wheelers and up to Rs 1.5 lakh for 4 wheelers will be directly credited to bank accounts through DBT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vijay Rupani – released “Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy 2021”
- Aim: To witness 2 lakh electric vehicles on the roads of Gujarat in next 4 years
- Subsidies: Rs 20,000 for 2 wheelers | Rs 50,000 for 3 wheelers | Rs 1.5 lakh for 4 wheelers
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

137. On June 26, A proposal has been sent to the Tamil Nadu government to declare the Kadavur Reserve Forest in Karur district as a sanctuary for Slender Loris. According to a census taken in 2016-17 by the Forest Department, the Kadavur Reserve Forest has a population of 3,500 Slender Loris. The current population is estimated to be around 5,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kadavur Reserve Forest is set to become a Sanctuary for Slender Loris (in Tamil Nadu)
- Population of Slender Loris in Kadavur Reserve Forest in 2016-17 – 3,500 | Current estimated population – 5,000
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

138. On June 25, A giant barking deer “Giant Muntjac” has been spotted in Virachey National Park of Cambodia for the first time. It is scientifically known as Muntiacus vuquangensis and it is on the red list of the IUCN as ‘Critically Endangered’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Giant Muntjac” - a giant barking deer – spotted in Virachey National Park (Cambodia)
- Its status on IUCN’s red list – ‘Critically Endangered’
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen

139. On June 26, Uttarakhand’s Forest and Environment Minister Harak Singh Rawat recently announced that Corbett and Rajaji Tiger Reserves will now remain open for visitors throughout the year. Wildlife experts in Uttarakhand have strongly opposed the State government’s decision. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – announced to open Corbett Tiger Reserve & Rajaji Tiger Reserve
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Tirath Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



140. On June 25, NITI Aayog in partnership with United Nations has convened the “National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity” in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Paul. NITI Aayog has described obesity as a “silent epidemic”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – convened the “National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity”
- Chairmanship of the Convention – Dr. V. K. Paul
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

141. On June 23, The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has rescued 9 Crew from sinking vessel “Ganga-I” off Cinque Island located in Andaman & Nicobar. ICG ship C-146 and ICG ship C-412 on routine deployment were immediately diverted for assistance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG – rescued 9 Crew from sinking vessel “Ganga-I” – off ‘Cinque Island’ located in Andaman & Nicobar
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan | Founded in – 1977

142. On June 25, Kerala Fisheries Department has constituted a 7-member committee headed by P. Sahadevan to study and submit a report on methods to resolve issues pertaining to safety at sea, coastal security and vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Fisheries Department – constituted a 7-member committee for safety of fishers – headed by P. Sahadevan
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

143. On June 25, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has virtually inaugurated India’s first Fenton Catalytic Reactor, an advanced industrial wastewater treatment plant, at Vatva industrial area of the city. It has been set at a cost of Rs 70 Cr. At present, Gujarat has 35 common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) having a combined capacity to treat 750 million litres of industrial wastewater per day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – inaugurated India’s first Fenton Catalytic Reactor – at Vatva, Gujarat | Cost – Rs 70 Cr
- Currently, Gujarat has 35 common effluent treatment plants (CETPs)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

144. On June 26, The Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thawarchand Gehlot has launched website for “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan” on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The ministry also organized a 6-day “Nasha Mukh Bharat Summit”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment – launched website for “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan”
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment – organized a 6-day “Nasha Mukh Bharat Summit”
- [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot \(Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh\)](#)

145. On June 24, The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has expanded the definition of Small and Medium Companies (SMC), raising their turnover and borrowing limits. Under the “Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021”, the turnover limit has been increased from Rs 50 Cr to not exceeding Rs 250 Cr. While, borrowing limit has been increased from Rs 10 Cr to not exceeding Rs 50 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCA expanded the definition of SMCs, raising their turnover and borrowing limits
- Turnover limit: increased from Rs 50 Cr to not exceeding Rs 250 Cr
- Borrowing limit: increased from Rs 10 Cr to not exceeding Rs 50 Cr

146. On June 27, NTPC Ltd has set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032. NTPC has become India’s first energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE). NTPC is also aiming 10% reduction in net energy intensity by 2032. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032
- NTPC – became India’s 1st energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the ‘UN HLDE’
- NTPC – also aims 10% reduction in Net Energy Intensity by 2032
- [HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975](#)

147. On June 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy in Gujarat’s Ahmedabad. It has been supported by Japan’s Hyogo International Association (HIA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated a Zen Garden & Kaizen Academy – in Ahmedabad, Gujarat (supported by Japan)
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat](#)

148. On June 29, Ministry of Law and Justice has launched a web portal which seeks to be a source of comprehensive information on legislative and policy reforms being undertaken on the “Enforcing Contracts” regime for Ease of Doing Business in India. Secretary (Justice) Barun Mitra has launched the exclusive “Enforcing Contracts Portal”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Law & Justice – launched “Enforcing Contracts Portal” to improve Ease of Doing Business in India

149. On June 28, Commercial Bank of Kuwait has selected Tata Consultancy Services Ltd's "BaNCS for Treasury" solution to manage risk better, enhance asset class coverage, and drive future growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Commercial Bank of Kuwait – selected TCS's "BaNCS for Treasury" solution to manage risk better
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan

150. On June 28, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has dedicated 63 bridges to the nation, built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO), in 6 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs). With the inauguration of 63 bridges in one go, BRO has surpassed its own record of 44 bridges launched in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated 63 bridges in 6 States & 2 UTs – built by the BRO
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded in – 1960

151. The forest department of Odisha busted an organised trafficking racket recently and seized 7 'Bengal monitor' lizards, 5 dead and 2 alive. The team seized all the Bengal monitors from them and arrested two persons under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (WPA). The 'Bengal monitor' or 'Common Indian monitor' (*Varanus bengalensis*) is a large lizard. The species is listed under the 'Least Concern' category on the IUCN red list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Bengal monitor' or 'Common Indian monitor' (*Varanus bengalensis*) – a species of large lizard
- Odisha forest department – organised trafficking racket & seized 7 'Bengal monitor' lizards
- The species is listed under 'Least Concern' category on the IUCN red list
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

152. In another attempt to tap India's agriculture export potential, especially from the North-East, a consignment of Burmese grapes, known as "Leteku" in Assamese language, has been shipped to Dubai from Guwahati by air. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Leteku" Burmese grapes – exported to Dubai (UAE) from Guwahati, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

153. On June 29, President Ram Nath Kovind has laid the foundation stone for a Memorial and Cultural Centre dedicated to B. R. Ambedkar in Lucknow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – laid the foundation stone of "Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Cultural Centre" – in Lucknow, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

154. On June 29, Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri has presented English, Russian and Chinese translations of 10 classic works of modern literature written by prominent Indian authors in different languages to the headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – presented English, Russian & Chinese translations of 10 Modern Indian Literatures to the SCO
- [Indian Ambassador to China – Vikram Misri](#)
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | 8 Countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pak](#)

155. On June 29, The SEBI has approved some amendments and frameworks. The SEBI has decided to reduce the minimum subscription amount and trading lot size for such publicly issued emerging investment vehicles. The minimum application value will be in the range of Rs 10,000-15,000 and trading lot will be of one unit for REITs and InvITs. The minimum number of unit holders, other than sponsor, its related parties and its associates shall be 5 together holding not less than 25% of the total unit capital of the InvIT. While making an initial public offer and follow-on offer, minimum subscription should not be less than Rs 1 lakh for InvITs and Rs 50,000 for REITs under the current rules. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI decided to reduce the minimum subscription amount in the range of – Rs 10,000-15,000
- The minimum number of unit holders shall be 5 together holding not less than 25% of the total unit capital of InvIT
- While making an IPO: Minimum Subscription should not be less than Rs 1 lakh for InvITs & Rs 50,000 for REITs
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)

156. On June 29, The Ministry of Jal Shakti has released an updated “Glacial Lake Atlas of Ganga River Basin”. About 4,707 glacial lakes have been mapped in the Ganga basin. The Atlas is available on ‘Bhuvan portal’ of National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Jal Shakti – released an updated “Glacial Lake Atlas of Ganga River Basin”
- About 4,707 glacial lakes – mapped in the Ganga basin
- Atlas is available on ‘Bhuvan portal’ of NRSC, ISRO ([Hyderabad](#))

157. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has virtually inaugurated Asia’s longest High-Speed Track “National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX)” for automotive testing in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It is also the 5th largest in the world. The new facility at NATRAX measures 11.3 km in length and will facilitate automotive and component testing for automobile companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Asia’s longest High-Speed Track “NATRAX” for automotive testing – inaugurated in Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- It is the 5th largest in the world | NATRAX measures 11.3 km in length
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

158. On June 30, Jammu & Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the “HAUSLA - inspiring her growth”, a comprehensive programme for Catalysing Women Entrepreneurship in the UT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched the “HAUSLA - inspiring her growth” programme for Catalysing Women Entrepreneurship
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

159. Ministry of Defence (MoD) has initiated a project to create an “Interactive Virtual Museum” of India’s Gallantry award winners to honour the heroic deeds of the bravehearts of India. MoD will implement the project in partnership with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD + SIDM + CII = initiated a project to create an “Interactive Virtual Museum” of India’s Gallantry award winners
- HQs of SIDM – New Delhi | President – Jayant D. Patil
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee



International Affairs

1. As births decline, China has allowed all married couples to have three children, ending a “Two-Child Policy” to boost birth rates. Births in China have fallen for 4 consecutive years, including in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – allowed all married couples to have three children, ending a “Two-Child Policy”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

2. The Philippines has protested China’s continuing illegal presence and activities near its “Thitu Island” also known as “Pag-asa Island” in the South China Sea. This was at least the 84th diplomatic protest the Philippines has filed against China since President Rodrigo Duterte took office in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Philippines – protested China’s continuing illegal presence and activities near its “Thitu Island” (Pag-asa Island)
- Thitu Island is located in – Philippines (in South China Sea)
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

3. According to China’s National Health Commission (NHC), a 41-year-old man in China’s eastern province of Jiangsu has been confirmed as the first human case of infection with the “H10N3” strain of Bird Flu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jiangsu (China) – confirmed as the first human case of infection with the “H10N3” strain of Bird Flu
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

4. The United Kingdom has collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop an advanced international pathogen surveillance network called “Global Pandemic Radar” to identify COVID-19 variants and emerging diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK + WHO = to develop “Global Pandemic Radar” to identify COVID-19 variants
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

5. On June 1, Pakistan has launched its homemade Covid-19 vaccine named “PakVac” which it developed with the help of its ally China to bring under control the spread of coronavirus cases in the nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan + China = launched Pak’s homemade Covid-19 vaccine named “PakVac”
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

6. On June 4, Denmark's Parliament has approved a plan of building 20-billion-kroner (\$3.3 billion) Artificial Island named "Lynetteholm" in Copenhagen that will house at least 35,000 people who will be connected to downtown by a harbour tunnel and a subway line. The artificial island will be about 3 sq. kilometres (1.2 square miles) in size. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Denmark – approved a plan of building an Artificial Island named "Lynetteholm" – to house at least 35,000 people
- Cost – 20-billion-kroner (\$3.3 billion) | Size – 3 sq. Kms
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

7. On June 5, NTPC has joined UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, an initiative that mobilises business leaders on water conservation and sanitation as part of sustainable development goals. NTPC will further imbibe the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) for water conservation and management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – joined "UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate" initiative
- NTPC will further imbibe the 3 R's (**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**) for water conservation & management
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

8. On June 3, "MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship" of Singapore has sunk near the port of Colombo off the coast of Sri Lanka. X-Press Pearl had carried 1486 containers with 25 tonnes of Nitric Acid, several other chemicals, and cosmetics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Singapore's "MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship" – sunk near the port of Colombo off the coast of Sri Lanka
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

9. On June 5, The Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering, a regional affiliate of Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), has retained Pakistan on 'enhanced follow-up' status for sufficient outstanding requirements. Pakistan was put on the Grey List by the FATF in June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APG (FATF) – retained Pakistan on 'enhanced follow-up' status for sufficient outstanding requirements
- Pakistan was put on the Grey List by the FATF – in June 2018
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi



10. On June 5, The Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization) has launched a new global database named “I-Familia” to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interpol – launched a new global database named “I-Familia” to identify missing persons through family DNA
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang

11. On June 3, HeidelbergCement, the world’s second-largest cement maker, has planned to turn its Swedish factory in Slite into the world's first carbon-neutral cement plant by 2030. It will cost at least 100 million euros (\$122 million). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HeidelbergCement – plans world’s first CO₂ neutral cement plant in Sweden
- HQs of HeidelbergCement – Heidelberg, Germany | Chairman & CEO – Dominik von Achten
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Kjell Stefan Lofven

12. On June 8, India along with 17 other countries has been elected to the 54-member United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2022-24 term to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. India was elected in the Asia-Pacific States category along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India (+ 17 other countries) – elected to the UN Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) for 2022-24 term
- HQs of ECOSOC – New York, US | President – Munir Akram | Established in – 1945 | members – 54 countries

13. On June 8, More than 1.10 lakh web links, including websites and online marketplaces, have been removed under “Operation Pangea XIV” involving the police, customs and health regulatory authorities of 92 countries against the sale of fake and illicit medicines and medical products. The operation was coordinated by Interpol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- More than 1.10 lakh web links – removed under “Operation Pangea XIV” against illegal medical trade
- “Operation Pangea XIV” – coordinated by Interpol
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang

14. On June 9, El Salvador has become the first nation in the entire world to officially grant legal tender status to cryptocurrency Bitcoin. A majority of the South American country's lawmakers gave their nod to a bill presented by President Nayib Bukele. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- El Salvador – the 1st nation in the entire world to officially grant legal tender status to cryptocurrency ‘Bitcoin’
- El Salvador – San Salvador – US Dollar | President – Nayib Bukele



15. China is developing “Baihetan Hydropower Project” which is a 16GW hydroelectric facility under construction on Jinsha River, a tributary of the Yangtze River in China. It will be the world’s second biggest power station after the Three Gorges Dam, upon completion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China is developing “Baihetan Hydropower Project” - a 16GW hydroelectric facility on ‘Jinsha River’
- Jinsha River – a tributary of Yangtze River ([China](#))
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

16. On June 11, A week-long Indian mango promotion programme began in Bahrain where 16 varieties of the fruit including three GI certified Khirsapati & Lakshmanbhog (West Bengal), Zardalu (Bihar) are being displayed. The mangoes were sourced from farmers in Bengal and Bihar by APEDA registered exporter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian mango promotion programme (displaying 16 varieties of the fruit) – began in Bahrain
- 16 varieties include 3 GI certified mangoes: Khirsapati & Lakshmanbhog ([West Bengal](#)), Zardalu ([Bihar](#))
- [Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa](#)

17. On June 11, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has inaugurated the “China-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital” in Polonnaruwa. The hospital was built with a Chinese grant of \$60 million and it specialises in kidney ailments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- President Gotabaya Rajapaksa inaugurated the “China-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital” – in Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka
- Chinese grant – \$60 million | The hospital specialises in – Kidney ailments
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)
- [Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee](#)
- [PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa](#)

18. On June 11, Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the UAE were elected unopposed to the UN Security Council (UNSC) as Non-permanent members for the 2022-23 term. Every year, five countries are elected to the 15-member Council as non-permanent members for a 2-year term. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana & UAE – elected to the UNSC as Non-permanent members for 2022-23 term
- India’s Permanent Representative to the UN – T. S. Tirumurti
- [HQs of UNSC – New York, USA | Presidency in June 2021 – Estonia \(July - France | Aug - India\)](#)
- [Permanent members in the UNSC = 5 – China, France, Russia, U.K. & U.S.](#)

19. On June 15, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a three-day visit to Kenya where he inaugurated the renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library at University of Nairobi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – inaugurated the renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library – at University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta

20. On June 12, G7 leaders have adopted a “Build Back Better World (B3W)” project to oppose China’s Belt and Road Initiative by helping build infrastructure in poorer nations in a ‘Values-driven, high-standard and transparent’ partnership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G7 leaders – adopted a “Build Back Better World (B3W)” project to oppose China’s Belt and Road Initiative
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975

21. On June 16, World’s ‘Third largest’ diamond of 1,098-carat has recently been found in Botswana. The biggest diamond ever discovered in the world was the 3,106-carat Cullinan, found in South Africa in 1905. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s ‘Third largest’ diamond of 1,098-carat – found in Botswana
- World’s biggest diamond was discovered – in South Africa in 1905 (3,106-carat)
- Botswana – Gaborone – Pula | President – Mokgweetsi Masisi

22. On June 19, The United States Department of Energy (DOE), India’s Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) have jointly launched a US-India Hydrogen Task Force. This is under the US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = launched a ‘Hydrogen Task Force’ in clean energy push
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

23. On June 17, Japan has decided to allow municipalities to begin issuing “Vaccine Passports” from mid-July. The certificates, to be issued by local municipalities in Japan, will be free of charge and based on the government's vaccination records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – to allow municipalities to begin issuing “Vaccine Passports” from mid-July
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga



24. On June 21, Hungary has banned all content about homosexuality and gender change from Hungarian school curriculum and television shows for children under the age of 18. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hungary – banned all LGBT content for children under the age of 18
- Hungary – Budapest – Forint | President – Janos Ader

25. On June 18, The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that “Lambda”, a new variant of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), has been found in Peru. Later, the Lambda variant was also reported in neighbouring countries in South America, such as Argentina and Ecuador. Meanwhile, the ‘Delta’ Covid-19 variant, first identified in India, was classified as a “variant of concern” by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Lambda” a new variant of Covid-19 – first found in Peru
- ‘Delta’ Covid-19 variant (first identified in India) – classified as a ‘variant of concern’ by the CDC
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Martin Vizcarra

26. On June 18, The US has announced to spend \$3.2 billion for the “Antiviral Program” on developing antiviral treatments for COVID-19 and prepare for other ‘pandemic threats’ - viruses that have the potential to cause pandemics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – to spend \$3.2 billion for the “Antiviral Program” on developing antiviral treatments for COVID-19
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

27. On June 21, The Civil Contract Party of Armenia’s acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has won the Parliamentary Election with nearly 54%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Civil Contract Party’ of Nikol Pashinyan (Armenia’s acting PM) – won the Parliamentary Election
- Armenia – Yerevan – Dram

28. On June 23, The World Heritage Committee under UNESCO has proposed to downgrade the status of Australia’s “Great Barrier Reef”, recommending it to be added to the list of World Heritage sites ‘in danger’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNESCO recommended to add Australia’s “Great Barrier Reef” to the list of World Heritage sites ‘in danger’
- World’s largest Coral Reef system – Great Barrier Reef (Australia)
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

29. On June 23, Electric-vehicle maker Tesla Inc has opened its first Charging Station in China with its own solar and energy storage facilities. Tesla moved into the solar business in 2016 with its \$2.6 billion purchase of California-based SolarCity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tesla – opened its 1st Charging Station – in Lhasa, China
- HQs of Tesla – California, USA | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2003

30. On June 23, The Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB), a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), was launched in Bhutan. India was chosen as the partner jurisdiction and has provided tax expert to Bhutan for this programme. This programme is expected to be of about 24 months' duration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNDP + OECD + India = launched “Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB)” initiative in Bhutan
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37

31. On June 24, India, along with 183 countries voted in favour of a General Assembly resolution that demanded ending the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba. The U.S. and Israel were the only nations voting against the resolution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + 183 countries = voted in favour of a General Assembly resolution that demanded ending the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba
- U.S. & Israel – the only nations voting against the resolution
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel

32. On June 28, According to a research paper titled “Bearing the cost of Global politics - the impact of FATF Grey-listing on Pakistan’s Economy”, Pakistan has been hit with massive losses to its GDP worth \$38 billion because of the FATF’s decision to retain the country on its grey list since 2008. Pakistan was retained on the grey list, or list of countries under ‘increased monitoring’ by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). While Ghana was removed from the FATF Grey List. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bearing the cost of Global politics - the impact of FATF Grey-listing on Pakistan’s Economy” – by Tadadlab (Pak)
- Pakistan was retained on the ‘Grey List’ or list of countries under ‘increased monitoring’ by FATF
- Pakistan has been hit with massive losses to its GDP worth \$38 billion because of the FATF’s decision
- Ghana was removed from the FATF ‘Grey List’
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Marcus Pleyer | Member Countries – 39



33. In a bid to boost the start-up ecosystem and promoting the transition to a Low Carbon Lifestyle in the Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with Massive Earth Foundation (MEF) has launched 4-month long program “LowCarbon.Earth”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNEP + Massive Earth Foundation = launched 4-month long program “LowCarbon.Earth” – for Asia Pacific region
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- Location of Massive Earth Foundation – New Delhi

34. On June 28, China has launched two units of World’s largest Hydropower Station “Baihetan Hydropower Station” in the country’s southwest. It is under construction and costs about \$34 billion. The hydropower station is located on the Jinsha River. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched two units of World’s largest Hydropower Station “Baihetan Hydropower Station”
- The Hydropower Station is located on – ‘Jinsha River’ | Cost – \$34 billion
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

35. The leaders of the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) have launched a joint platform for accessing Covid-19 vaccines, treatments and technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO + WIPO + WTO = launched a joint platform for accessing Covid-19 vaccines, treatments & technologies
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194
- HQs of WIPO – Geneva, Switzerland | Director General – Daren Tang
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Countries – 164

36. On June 30, China has been certified as malaria-free by the World Health Organisation. China is the first country in the WHO’s Western Pacific region to be awarded a malaria-free certification in more than three decades. China reported 30 million cases of the infectious disease annually in the 1940s but has now gone 4 consecutive years without an indigenous case. China becomes the 40th territory certified as malaria-free by the WHO. There is a separate list of 61 countries where malaria never existed, or disappeared without specific measures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – certified as ‘malaria-free’ by the WHO (40th country)
- China – 1st country in the WHO’s Western Pacific region to be awarded a ‘malaria-free’ certification
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



37. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has paid an official visit to two nations Greece and Italy. It will be the first visit to Greece at the level of the external affairs minister since 2003. He unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Athens, Greece. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – paid an official visit to two Nations “Greece & Italy”
- S. Jaishankar unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi – in Athens, Greece
- Greece – Athens – Euro | Turkey – Ankara – Lira
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi



Banking & Economic Affairs

1. On June 1, The RBI has cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank, Pune as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of ₹5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank (Pune, Maharashtra)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

2. On June 2, State Bank of India (SBI) economists sharply slashed their FY22 GDP growth estimates to 7.9% from the earlier projection of 10.4%. It is the lowest among all analysts. According to the SBI, the real GDP for FY22 will be 'slightly higher' than those in FY20, and called it a "W-shaped". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI estimated India's GDP for FY22 – 7.9% (from the earlier projection of 10.4%)
- SBI predicts India to have – "W-shaped recovery"
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

3. India's fiscal deficit for financial year 2020-21 stood at 9.3% of GDP as against Finance Ministry's revised estimate of 9.5% of GDP, as per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). In absolute terms, fiscal deficit stood at Rs 18.21 lakh Cr. Revenue deficit during FY21 stood at Rs 14.54 lakh Cr, or 7.42% of GDP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's Fiscal Deficit for FY21 – 9.3% of GDP or Rs 18.21 lakh Cr (against revised estimate of 9.5% of Finance Ministry)
- India's Revenue Deficit for FY21 – 7.42% of GDP or Rs 14.54 lakh Cr
- Present CGA – Soma Roy Burman

4. On June 1, India's largest cryptocurrency exchange WazirX has launched India's first Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) marketplace. The platform will run on its parent company Binance's blockchain technology. Binance is one of the biggest crypto exchanges in the world, which acquired WazirX in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WazirX – launched India's first Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) marketplace
- HQs of WazirX – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Nischal Shetty | Parent company – Binance



5. On June 2, Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd (ERFL) has announced strengthening of its co-lending partnership with Central Bank of India for priority sector lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). MSMEs can now avail of collateral free business loans up to Rs 50 lakh as against Rs 10 lakh earlier. Additionally, they can also avail of loan against property up to Rs 10 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBoI + Edelweiss Retail Finance = co-lending partnership for MSMEs
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao
- HQs of Edelweiss Retail Finance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mehernosh Tata

6. On June 2, Bharti AXA Life Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance + Shivalik SFB = a Bancassurance Partnership
- HQs of Bharti AXA Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Parag Raja
- HQs of SSFB – Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Suveer Kumar Gupta

7. On June 2, By associating with Satin Creditcare Network, HSBC India has become the only international bank as part of the NPCI's "UPI AutoPay" platform. SCNL is the first player in the micro finance segment to go live on this unique functionality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India + Satin Creditcare + NPCI = partnership to integrate with NPCI's "UPI AutoPay" platform
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Surendra Rosha | Founded in – 1853
- HQs of Satin Creditcare Network Ltd – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – H. P. Singh
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

8. On June 2, ICICI Bank has tied up with SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) to offer a facility that helps overseas partner banks to send instant remittances on behalf of their customers to the beneficiary in India. This makes ICICI Bank the first bank in Asia-Pacific and the second globally to offer the facility, called "SWIFT gpi Instant", for cross border inward payments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + SWIFT = a tie up to offer instant facility for cross-border inward remittances
- ICICI Bank – became the 1st bank in Asia-Pacific & the 2nd globally to offer the facility - "SWIFT gpi Instant"
- GPI – Global Payments Innovation | SWIFT – Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – "Hum Hain Na!"
- HQs of SWIFT – La Hulpe, Belgium | CEO – Javier Perez-Tasso | Founded in – 1973



9. On June 3, The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) has constituted the first of its kind Inter-regulator Panel to address the regulatory challenges posed by the fintech industry. The committee includes officials from the RBI, Finance Ministry, SEBI and the Insurance and Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI). The FSDC was first mooted by the Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSDC – constituted the first of its kind “Inter-regulator Panel” to address the regulatory challenges
- The committee includes officials from = RBI + SEBI + IRDAI + Finance Ministry
- Chairman of FSDC – Nirmala Sitharaman | FSDC was mooted by – Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008

10. On June 3, Federal Bank has launched an exclusive NR (Non Resident) Savings Account scheme for the Seafarer segment. The scheme is available in both Non-Resident External (NRE) SB and Non-Resident Ordinary Rupee (NRO) SB variants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Federal Bank – launched an exclusive NR (Non Resident) Savings Account scheme for the Seafarer segment
- HQs Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”

11. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) has announced to start issuing Physical Debit Cards by Visa after witnessing the popularity of Visa virtual debit cards among its customers. PPBL is targeting to issue over 1 million physical debit cards by end of FY '21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Payments Bank – to start issuing Physical Visa Debit Cards
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma

12. Central Bank of India has allotted over 280 Cr shares to the government on preferential basis for Rs 4,800 Cr capital infusion in the bank. With this allotment, shareholding of President of India (Government of India) has increased from 89.78% to 93.08%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBoI – allotted over 280 Cr shares to the Government on preferential basis for Rs 4,800 Cr capital infusion
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao

13. HSBC Holdings Plc has exited its US domestic mass market retail banking business, agreeing to sell 90 branches. The move is part of a larger plan by HSBC to invest more on wealthy clients in Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC Bank – exited its retail & small business banking market – in the US (agreeing to sell 90 branches)
- HQs of HSBC Inc – London, UK | CEO – Noel Quinn
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



14. On June 3, HDFC Bank has announced its plans to become Carbon-Neutral by 2031-32. As part of this initiative, the bank is looking at reducing its emissions, energy, and water consumption. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – announced its plans to become Carbon-Neutral by 2032
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

15. On June 5, RBI has released its 2nd bi-monthly monetary policy statement for FY22. The bulk payment system under the National Automated Clearing House (NACH) will be available on all days of the week (24X7) from August 1. Besides, CDs (Certificate of Deposits) shall be issued in a minimum denomination of Rs 5 lakh. India’s real GDP growth for FY22 was at 9.5%, while Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation for FY22 was projected at 5.1%. RBI opened a separate liquidity window of Rs 15,000 Cr with tenure of up to 3 years till March 31, 2022. RBI will also provide additional special liquidity facility (SLF) of Rs 16,000 Cr to the SIDBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- **National Automated Clearing House (NACH)** will be available 24X7 – from August 1
- CDs shall be issued in a minimum denomination of – Rs 5 lakh
- India’s real GDP growth for FY22 – 9.5% | CPI inflation for FY22 – 5.1% [{Flexible news}](#)
- RBI opened a separate liquidity window of Rs 15,000 Cr (tenure of 3 years up-to March 31, 2022)
- RBI – to provide additional SLF of Rs 16,000 Cr to – SIDBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

16. On June 5, The SEBI has enhanced the Overseas Investment Limit for a mutual fund house to \$1 billion from the existing \$600 million. The overall mutual fund industry limit is capped at \$7 billion. The SEBI also increased Domestic Mutual Funds’ Foreign Investment Limit in overseas ETFs to \$200 million from \$50 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI enhanced the Overseas Investment Limit for a mutual fund house to – \$1 billion (from \$600 million)
- Overall mutual fund industry limit is capped at – \$7 billion
- SEBI increased Domestic Mutual Funds’ Foreign Investment Limit in overseas ETFs to – \$200 million
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

17. On June 3, Public Sector Banks have sanctioned 23,16,207 loans which is 95% of the total loans under “PM SVANidhi” scheme which aims at providing street vendors loans of up to Rs 10,000 with a tenure of 1 year to restart their business post the COVID-induced lockdown. The Centre launched the PM Street Vendors’ Aatmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme on June 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PSBs sanctioned 23,16,207 loans which is 95% of the total loans under “PM SVANidhi” scheme
- Loan amount – Rs 10,000 | Tenure – 1 year

18. On June 8, The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$500 million "Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance (RAMP)" program to support the Government of India's nationwide initiative to revitalise MSME sector which has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The program targets improvements in the performance of 5,55,000 MSMEs and is expected to mobilise financing of \$15.5 billion, as part of the government's \$3.4 billion "MSME Competitiveness - A Post-COVID Resilience and Recovery Programme (MCRRP)". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved a \$500 million "RAMP" program to support India's MSME sector
- The program is expected to mobilise financing of \$15.5 billion – as part of the government's \$3.4 billion "MCRRP"
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

19. On June 7, The Group of seven (G-7) advanced economies have secured a landmark deal on taxing multinational companies as per which the minimum global tax rate would be at least 15%. Under the new agreement, countries where big firms operate would get the right to tax at least 20% of profits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Minimum Global Corporate Tax rate for multinational companies fixed by the G7 countries – 15%
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975

20. On June 7, NITI Aayog has recommended divesting government stake in Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as part of the privatisation initiative announced in the Union Budget. Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech, also announced privatising one general insurance company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – recommended privatisation of Central Bank of India & Indian Overseas Bank
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – "Central to You Since 1911"
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – "Good people to grow with"

21. Rupee Co-operative Bank has been granted an extension for its Banking License by the RBI for another 3 months up to August 31, 2021. Till March 2021, the bank made total recovery of Rs 263.93 Cr and aggregate operating profit of Rs 70.70 Cr during the last 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rupee Co-operative Bank – granted an extension for its Banking License by RBI for another 3 months (till 31 Aug)
- HQs of Rupee Co-operative Bank – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sudhir Pandit



22. On June 8, HDFC Bank recently signed an MoU with Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers. The bank will offer credit facilities up to 75% of the project cost to eligible companies/investors of KIADB. This MoU shall be valid for 3 years from the date of execution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + KIADB – an MoU to offer credit facilities up to 75% of the project cost to eligible companies / investors
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

23. On June 8, Central Bank of India (CBoI) has announced co-lending partnerships with Indiabulls Housing Finance and IIFL Home Finance. In November 2020, the RBI had announced a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme under which banks can provide loans along with NBFCs to priority sector borrowers based on a prior agreement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBoI + Indiabulls Housing Finance + IIFL Home Finance = Co-Lending Partnerships
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – “Central to You Since 1911”

24. On June 7, The RBI has imposed penalty of Rs 4 Cr has been imposed on Bank of India and Rs 2 Cr on Punjab National Bank for breaching stipulated transaction limits and delaying transfer of unclaimed balances. The bank had also conducted a review and submitted a Fraud Monitoring Report (FMR) dated January 1, 2019 pertaining to detection of fraud in an account. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed penalty of – Rs 4 Cr has been imposed on Bank of India & Rs 2 Cr on PNB
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”

25. On June 9, Indian Bank has partnered wealth-tech company Fisdom to offer a comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services to the bank’s 10 Cr customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + Fisdom = to offer a comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chundururu
- HQs of Fisdom – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Subramanya SV

26. On June 12, Federal Bank has expanded strategic collaboration with Oracle and Infosys to provide an enhanced customer experience through “Oracle CX” (Customer Experience) platform. The bank’s mantra is ‘Digital at the fore, human at the core’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Federal Bank+Oracle+Infosys = collaboration to provide an enhanced customer experience through “Oracle CX”
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”
- HQs of Oracle – California, USA | Chairman – Larry Ellison
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh

27. On June 11, HDFC Asset Management Company has launched the New Fund Offer (NFO) of HDFC Banking and Financial Services Fund, which aims to invest in the banking and financial services sector across segments and market capitalisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Mutual Fund – launched the New Fund Offer (NFO) of HDFC Banking & Financial Services Fund
- HQs of HDFC Mutual Fund – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Navneet Munot

28. On June 7, The SEBI has barred Franklin Templeton Asset Management Company (AMC) from launching any new debt scheme for 2 years, while imposing a penalty of Rs 5 Cr for violation of regulations norms and also asked it to pay Rs 517 Cr to wind up 6 debt schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – barred Franklin Templeton AMC from launching any new debt scheme for 2 years
- SEBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 5 Cr on Franklin Templeton AMC for violation of regulations norms
- SEBI – also asked Franklin Templeton AMC to pay Rs 517 Cr to wind up 6 debt schemes
- HQs of Franklin Templeton AMC – California, US | President & CEO – Jennifer M. Johnson
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

29. On June 11, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth during financial year 2020-21. The lender recorded 13.45% increase in gross advances at ₹1.07 lakh Cr in 2020-21. It was followed by Punjab & Sind Bank which registered 8.39% growth. Current Account Savings Account (CASA) for BoM saw 24.47% rise, the highest among the public sector lenders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Maharashtra – topped among PSU banks in terms of loan & deposit growth during FY 2020-21
- BoM recorded 13.45% increase in gross advances at ₹1.07 lakh Cr in 2020-21 | 2nd – Punjab & Sind Bank (8.39%)
- HQs of BoM – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – A S Rajeev | Tagline – “One Family One Bank”



30. On June 11, The RBI has extended the Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA) system to select Housing Finance Companies to enhance the quality and effectiveness of their Internal Audit System. The RBI has extended the provisions issued for NBFCs to housing finance companies (HFCs) also. All HFCs with asset size of Rs 5,000 Cr and above, have been asked to put in place an RBIA framework by June 30, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the **Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA)** system – to select HFCs
- All HFCs with asset size of Rs 5,000 Cr & above are asked to put in place an RBIA framework – by June 30, 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

31. On June 11, The State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a collateral-free loan called “Kavach Personal Loan” for its customers facing financial stress due to COVID treatment-related expenditures. Under the scheme, SBI is providing collateral-free personal loans of up to Rs 5 lakh at an 8.5% annual interest rate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – introduced a collateral-free loan called “Kavach Personal Loan” for its customers facing financial stress
- Collateral-free Personal Loans – upto Rs 5 lakh | Annual Interest Rate – 8.5%
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

32. On June 10, As per the recommendations of the Committee on ATM Pricing under the chairmanship of VG Kannan, the RBI has increased the interchange fee on ATM transactions from ₹15 to ₹17 and on non-financial transactions from ₹5 to ₹6. This revised rate will come into effect from August 1, 2021. RBI enabled the customers eligible to make 5 free transactions every month from the ATMs of Bank of Origin. If customers exceed their monthly limit of free transactions from January 1, 2022, they will have to pay ₹21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Committee on ATM Pricing” headed by VG Kannan – recommended the RBI to modify the ATM interchange fee
- The interchange fee on ATM transactions = ₹17 (from ₹15) | Non-financial transactions = ₹6 (from ₹5)
- This revised rate will come into effect – from August 1, 2021
- 5 free transactions every month from the ATMs of Bank of Origin – from Jan, 2022 (₹21 for more than 5 transactions)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

33. On June 11, India’s foreign exchange reserves crossed the \$600 billion mark for the first time after increasing by \$6.842 billion in the week ended June 4, as per weekly data by the RBI. In the reporting week, foreign currency assets (FCA) jumped by \$7.362 billion to \$560.890 billion and Gold reserves declined by \$502 million to \$37.604 billion. India presently ranks 5th in terms of foreign exchange reserves. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's foreign exchange reserves crossed the \$600 billion mark for the first time (increased by \$6.842 billion)
- FCA increased by \$7.362 billion – to \$560.890 billion | Gold reserves declined by \$502 million – to \$37.604 billion
- Currently, India's rank in term of foreign exchange reserves – 5th

34. On June 15, The Sikkim legislative assembly has passed Rs 9852.85 Cr budget for the financial year 2021-22. The state government has announced a loss of Rs 900 Cr due to pandemic hit - Tourism sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim – passed Rs 9852.85 Cr budget for the FY 2021-22 (loss of Rs 900 Cr due to pandemic hit on Tourism)
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

35. On June 9, Indian Bank and Practo have partnered to provide existing and former employees of the bank and their family members with Practo's signature corporate health and wellness plans during the covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + Practo = to provide Practo's Corporate Health & Wellness plans to bank's employees
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | ED – Imran Amin Siddiqui
- HQs of Practo – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Shashank ND

36. On June 15, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has collaborated with customer engagement platform MoEngage to drive digital banking experiences in the unserved and underserved regions of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ujjivan SFB + MoEngage = to drive digital banking experiences in the unserved & underserved regions
- HQs of Ujjivan SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Nitin Chugh
- HQs of MoEngage – San Francisco, California, US | Founder & CEO – Raviteja Dodda

37. On June 15, The RBI has issued restrictions/regulations with respect to investments in payments system operators (PSOs) by new entities from FATF non-compliant jurisdictions that have weak measures to deal with money laundering and terrorist financing activities. Fresh investments (directly or indirectly) from such jurisdictions, in aggregate, should account for less than 20% of the voting power of the PSO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI issued restrictions with respect to investments in PSOs by new entities from FATF non-compliant jurisdictions
- Fresh investments from such jurisdictions should account for less than 20% of the voting power of the PSO
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

38. On June 10, Karix Mobile, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tanla Platforms, has announced the deployment of a conversational banking solution for Axis Bank through WhatsApp. Using the solution, Axis Bank customers can now start a WhatsApp chat with the bank to conduct frequent banking activities on-the-go. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karix Mobile + Axis Bank = partnership to deploy 'Conversational Banking Solution' through WhatsApp
- HQs of Karix Mobile – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Jay Sheth
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

39. On June 15, The RBI has revoked the deposit-taking status of Dewan Housing Finance (DHFL) and has reclassified it as a non-deposit taking housing finance company, before approving the Piramal group's bid to take over it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI revoked the deposit-taking status of DHFL & reclassified it as a Non-deposit taking Housing Finance Company
- HQs of DHFL – Mumbai | CEO – Kapil Wadhawan
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

40. On June 16, LIC Cards Services Ltd (LIC-CSL) has partnered with IDBI Bank to launch contactless prepaid gift card “Shagun” on RuPay platform. The Shagun Gift Card offers flexible loading amounts, ranging from ₹500 to ₹10,000 and validity of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC Cards Services Ltd + IDBI Bank = to launch contactless prepaid gift card “Shagun” on RuPay platform
- Shagun Gift Card's loading amounts – from ₹500 to ₹10,000 | Validity – 3 years
- HQs of LIC Cards Services Ltd – Mumbai, MH
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Rakesh Sharma | Established in – 1964 | Tagline – “Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa”

41. On June 16, ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive set of digital banking solutions called “ICICI STACK” for Corporates. It provides customised digital banking services to companies in over 15 sectors such as financial services, IT/ITES, pharmaceuticals, steel and their entire ecosystem. It has also opened 8 ecosystem branches, 5 in Mumbai and 3 New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched a comprehensive set of digital banking solutions called “ICICI STACK” for Corporates
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

42. On June 14, The RBI has expanded scope and coverage of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS). Currently, Direct to Home (DTH), Electricity, Gas, Telecom and Water are payable through BBPS. The RBI decided to permit 'Mobile Prepaid Recharges' as a biller category in BBPS. This will be implemented on or before August 31, 2021. BBPS is as an interoperable platform for repetitive bill payments. It was launched by the NPCI in 2016 on Pilot basis and became operational in 2017. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – expanded scope & coverage of **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)**
- RBI – to permit ‘Mobile Prepaid Recharges’ as a biller category in BBPS
- BBPS was launched on Pilot basis – by NPCI in 2016 (became operational in 2017)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

43. On June 17, IndusInd Bank has launched “IndusEasy Credit”, a comprehensive digital lending platform that enables customers to meet their financial requirements from the comfort of their homes. With this, both existing as well as non-IndusInd Bank customer can instantly avail personal loans or credit cards on a single platform in a completely paperless and digital manner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank – launched “IndusEasy Credit” - a comprehensive digital lending platform
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

44. On June 15, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released Consultative Document on Regulation of Microfinance. The key proposals of the Consultative Document include a common definition of microfinance loans for all regulated entities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released Consultative Document on Regulation of Microfinance
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

45. On June 16, Google Pay has expanded Tokenisation of Credit & Debit cards with SBI, IndusInd, HSBC and Federal Bank. The platform had earlier rolled out tokenisation with Kotak Mahindra Bank, SBI Cards and Axis Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google Pay – expanded Tokenisation of Credit & Debit cards with SBI, IndusInd, HSBC & Federal Bank
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

46. On June 13, IDFC First Bank has launched the “Ghar Ghar Ration” Program, an Employee-funded program for its low-income customers whose livelihoods are affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The program involves the supply of ration kits to 50,000 low-income customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IDFC First Bank – launched the “Ghar Ghar Ration” Program
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan



47. On June 18, The RBI has given approval for the takeover of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank) by Centrum Financial Services Ltd and BharatPe. RBI also decided to grant in-principle approval to Centrum to set up a small finance bank under on-tap licensing norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – gave approval for the takeover of PMC Bank by Centrum Financial Services & BharatPe
- RBI also decided to grant approval to Centrum to set up a Small Finance Bank
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Administrator – A. K. Dixit
- HQs of Centrum Financial Services Ltd – Mumbai, MH | MD – Ranjan Ghosh

48. On June 17, As per the RBI's "State of Economy" report, the RBI was second only behind Turkey in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of GDP for the fiscal year 2020-21. The RBI transferred 0.44% of the GDP while Turkey transferred 0.50% of the GDP. In FY20, the RBI stood 4th. In May, the RBI transferred a Rs 99,122 Cr surplus to the government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – stood at 2nd in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of GDP | 1st – Turkey
- RBI transferred 0.44% of the GDP in FY2020-21 | Turkey transferred 0.50% of the GDP in FY2020-21
- RBI transferred a Rs 99,122 Cr surplus to the government in May 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

49. On June 17, IndusInd Bank has launched "IndusEasy Credit", a comprehensive digital lending platform that enables customers to meet their financial requirements from the comfort of their homes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank – launched a comprehensive digital lending platform "IndusEasy Credit"
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – "We Make You Feel Richer"

50. On June 15, India's retail inflation raced to 6.3% in May, breaching the upper limit of the RBI's inflation target for the first time in 6 months. The jump in retail inflation was primarily on account of rising food and fuel prices. The RBI targets the 2-6% range only for retail inflation and may overlook the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation. Wholesale price inflation also increased to 12.94% in May which is an 11-year-high. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's retail inflation reached to 6.3% in May, 2021
- RBI targets the 2-6% range for retail inflation
- Wholesale Price Inflation also increased to 12.94% in May, 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



51. On June 19, Union Bank of India (UBI) has entered into an MoU with The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC) under “NSIC Bank Credit Facilitation Scheme” to support MSMEs with credit requirements. Under the arrangement the MSME Unit can approach directly to any of NSIC branch offices which are also operating as Finance Facilitation Centre (FFC) and submit their request for loan requirement from Union Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UBI + NSIC = an MoU to support MSMEs with credit requirements – under “NSIC Bank Credit Facilitation Scheme”
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G. | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”
- HQs of NSIC – New Delhi | CMD – Vijayendra

52. On June 21, ICICI Bank has extended the instant “Cardless EMI” facility to online purchases made on e-commerce platforms. Customers can convert the transactions up to ₹5 lakh into EMI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – extended the instant “Cardless EMI” facility to online purchases made on e-commerce platforms
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

53. On June 23, SBI General Insurance has inked a bancassurance Partnership with IDFC (Infrastructure Development Finance Company) FIRST Bank for selling its non-life insurance products. IDFC First Bank was established in 2018, by merging erstwhile IDFC Bank and former Capital First. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI General Insurance + IDFC FIRST Bank = a bancassurance Partnership
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal | Tagline – ‘Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono’
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- IDFC Bank + Capital First = IDFC First Bank (merged in 2018)

54. On June 19, The RBI has imposed penalties of Rs 23 lakh on 3 cooperative banks for contravention of various norms. A penalty of Rs 12 lakh has been imposed on Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Limited, Rs 10 lakh on Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, and Rs 1 lakh on The Baramati Sahakari Bank Limited, Baramati. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed penalties of Rs 23 lakh on 3 cooperative banks
- Rs 12 lakh – on Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Ltd (Mumbai, MH)
- Rs 10 lakh – on Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank (Indapur, MH)
- Rs 1 lakh – on Baramati Sahakari Bank Ltd (Baramati, MH)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

55. On June 18, PhonePe has launched India's first Auto Top-up feature for its payment wallet, using UPI e-mandate. This feature will allow customers of PhonePe to set up a UPI e-mandate once, post which the company will automatically top up their wallet balance when it falls below the minimum below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe – launched India's first Auto Top-up feature for its payment wallet, using UPI e-mandate
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

56. On June 22, As a part of Neo-lending strategy, India's largest lending marketplace, Paisabazaar.com, has partnered with SBM Bank of India to launch "Step-Up Credit Card". It is a secured card provided against a fixed deposit (with SBM Bank of India). With an end-to-end digital process, it is instantly issued and activated. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paisabazaar.com + SBM Bank of India = launched "Step-Up Credit Card"
- HQs of Paisabazaar.com – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Naveen Kukreja
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI

57. Afthonia Lab has announced a strategic partnership with YES Bank to support fintech companies in India in their efforts to innovate and inject new ideas that would transform the Indian financial sector. Afthonia Lab's portfolio startups will be able to develop APIs in a sandbox environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Afthonia Lab + YES Bank = partnership to support fintech companies in India
- HQs of Afthonia Lab – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Tanul Mishra
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"

58. On June 24, SBI Card and Fabindia have joined hands to launch an exclusive co-branded Contactless Credit Card - Fabindia SBI Card. The card comes in two variants - Fabindia SBI Card SELECT and Fabindia SBI Card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Card + Fabindia = partnership to launch an exclusive co-branded Contactless Credit Card
- The card comes in two variants - "Fabindia SBI Card SELECT" & "Fabindia SBI Card"
- HQs of SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & CEO – Rama Mohan Rao Amara
- HQs of Fabindia – New Delhi | CEO – Viney Singh



59. On June 24, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new “Aarogyam Healthcare Business Loan” for the healthcare sector to extend loan support in view of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Under this new scheme, the entire healthcare ecosystem can avail of loans up to ₹100 Cr, repayable in 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – launched a new “Aarogyam Healthcare Business Loan” for the healthcare sector
- Entire Healthcare Ecosystem can avail of loans up to ₹100 Cr, repayable in 10 years
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

60. On June 24, According to the latest data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the bank credit-to-GDP ratio rose to a 5-year high of 56.075% in 2020. Total outstanding bank credit stood at \$1.52 trillion in India in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank credit-to-GDP ratio rose to a 5-year high of a little over 56% in 2020
- HQs of BIS – Basel, Switzerland | General Manager – Agustin Carstens | Established in – 1930

61. On June 24, The RBI has issued guidelines for distribution of dividends by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) from the profits of financial year (FY) ending March 31, 2022 and onwards. The deposit-taking NBFCs should have a CRAR of at least 15% for the last 3 years. Net NPA ratio should be less than 6% in each of the last 3 FYs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI issued guidelines for distribution of dividends by NBFCs from the profits of FY ending March 31, 2022
- Deposit-taking NBFCs should have a CRAR of at least 15% for the last 3 years
- Net NPA ratio should be less than 6% in each of the last 3 FYs
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

62. On June 23, Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a new feature called “Pay Your Contact” that enables its customers to send money or make payments to any of their contacts across all payment apps simply by the beneficiary’s mobile number. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – launched a new feature called “Pay Your Contact”
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let's make money simple”

63. On June 24, The RBI has imposed a total penalty of Rs 8 lakh on 3 Maharashtra-based co-operative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs 4 lakh has been imposed on Excellent Co-operative Bank, Mumbai, and Rs 2 lakh each on Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune and The Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank, Ajara (Kolhapur). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – imposed a total penalty of Rs 8 lakh on 3 Maharashtra-based co-operative banks
 - Excellent Co-operative Bank, Mumbai – Rs 4 lakh
 - Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune – Rs 2 lakh
 - Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank, Kolhapur – Rs 2 lakh
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

64. On June 26, The RBI has extended the regulatory restrictions on Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank by another 6 months till December 2021 to enable the completion of its takeover by Centrum Financial Services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the regulatory restrictions on PMC Bank – by 6 months (till December 2021)
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Administrator – A. K. Dixit
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

65. On June 28, Nitin Gadkari has launched Indian Bank's flagship Business Mentoring Program "MSME Prerana" in the state of Maharashtra. 'MSME Prerana' is a novel, unique and innovative business mentoring program, first of its kind to empower MSME Entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – launched Indian Bank's "MSME Prerana" program – in Maharashtra
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | Tagline – "Your Own Bank"
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

66. On June 29, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has partnered with digital lender LoanTap to provide personal loans up-to Rs 10 lakhs to salaried professionals. This is part of Ujjivan SFB's API banking initiative, through which over 150 APIs are available offering fast and secure tie-ups for digital lending and digital liabilities, payments to fintechs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ujjivan SFB + LoanTap = partnership to provide personal loans up-to Rs 10 lakhs to Salaried Professionals
- HQs of Ujjivan SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Nitin Chugh
- HQs of LoanTap – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Satyam

67. On June 29, Axis Bank has selected Amazon Web Services (AWS) by signing a multi-year agreement to accelerate its digital transformation program and meet the growing demand for its digital banking services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank – selected Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate its digital transformation program
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky

68. Thane-based banking technology provider Network People Services Technology (NPST) has received a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) registration from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for its TimePay solution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPST (Thane, MH) – received a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) registration from NPCI
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

69. On June 30, The RBI has released the “Sources of Variation in Foreign Exchange Reserves” in India during 2020-21. India’s Foreign Exchange Reserves in nominal terms, including the valuation effects, increased by \$99.2 billion during the financial year 2020-21. Foreign investment in India stood at \$80.1 billion in FY 2020-21. India’s balance of payments (BoP) in Q4 of FY21 has reported a Current account surplus of 0.9% of GDP in FY21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released the “Sources of Variation in Foreign Exchange Reserves” in India during 2020-21
- India’s Foreign Exchange Reserves – increased by \$99.2 billion during FY21
- Foreign investment in India – \$80.1 billion in FY21
- Current account surplus of GDP in FY21 – 0.9%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

Defence Affairs

1. On June 4, After serving the nation for 40 years, INS Sandhayak, the oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel of Indian Navy, was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. The ship also took part in important operations like operation 'Pawan' in Sri Lanka, 1987, operation 'Rainbow' for Humanitarian Assistance in the aftermath of Tsunami in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Sandhayak – decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh – after serving for 40yrs
- INS Sandhayak – the oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel of Indian Navy
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

2. On June 4, The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved issue of RFP (Request for Proposal) for construction of 6 Conventional Submarines equipped with the Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system under Project P 75 (I) under the Strategic Partnership (SP) Model at an estimated cost of ₹43,000 Cr. AIP technology are being developed by DRDO under Project 75 (I). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC approved issue of RFP (Request for Proposal) for construction of 6 Conventional Submarines
- It's done under the Project P 75(I) under the Strategic Partnership (SP) Model – at an estimated cost of ₹43,000Cr
- AIP technology are being developed by DRDO under Project 75 (I)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

3. On June 1, The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹323.47-Cr contract with Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems Ltd, Mumbai, for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar for the Navy and Coast Guard. The contract is under the 'Buy & Make' category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD + Mahindra Telephonics = ₹323.47 Cr contract for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Jayantaraj Chatterjee

4. On June 5, Indian Navy's only nuclear-powered attack submarine, the INS Chakra, which was taken on lease from Russia, is on its way back to Russia. INS Chakra, an Akula class vessel, was taken on lease from Russia in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "INS Chakra" - Indian Navy's only nuclear-powered attack submarine – is on its way back to Russia
- "INS Chakra" - an Akula class vessel – was taken on lease from Russia in 2012
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



5. On June 6, India will receive three “MH-60 Romeo” helicopters from the US. India and the US had signed over-Rs 16,000 Cr deal in 2020 to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters being built by Lockheed Martin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to receive three “MH-60 Romeo” helicopters from the US (built by - Lockheed Martin)
- India + US = Rs 16,000 Cr deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

6. On June 7, The Indian Navy has inducted 3 indigenously-built advanced light helicopters “ALH MK III” that would be used for maritime reconnaissance and coastal security. The three helicopters are built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and were inducted at the Indian Naval Station (INS) Dega, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), in Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – inducted 3 indigenously-built advanced light helicopters “ALH MK III” (built by - HAL)
- They were inducted at – INS Dega, ENC, in Visakhapatnam
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

7. The 6th batch of 3 Rafale fighter aircrafts landed in India after taking off from Bordeaux, France. These 3 planes will be deployed in the 101 “Falcons of Chamb” squadron at Hasimara in West Bengal. Thus, it took the total number of delivered fighter jets to 23. The IAF is expecting deliveries of all 36 fighter jets by April 2022. The planes are equipped with the ‘Hammer missiles’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France delivered the 6th batch of 3 Rafale fighter aircrafts to IAF – to be deployed in Hasimara, West Bengal
- Now, total number of Rafale jets in the IAF inventory = 23 [{Flexible figure}](#)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

8. On June 3, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has conducted “Operation Sagar Aaraksha II” to assist Sri Lankan Navy. ICG has been tirelessly engaged in fighting a major fire onboard the Chemical laden container vessel MV X-Press Pearl. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG – conducted “Operation Sagar Aaraksha II” to Sri Lankan Navy
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan | Founded in – 1977
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

9. On June 8, Russia is building its first Naval Ship that will be fully equipped with 'Stealth Technology' to make it hard to detect. The Mercury vessel will have a radar-absorbing coating and a special shape to minimise protrusions and crevices on its surface. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – is building its first Naval Ship that will be fully equipped with 'Stealth Technology'
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

10. On June 9, The Indian and Thai navies have kicked off a 3-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea in the backdrop of growing concern over China's increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region. The Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel INS Saryu participated in the 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Thailand = kicked off 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT) – in Andaman Sea
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha

11. On June 11, Rajnath Singh has invited Swedish defence majors to set up manufacturing bases in India. An MoU was also signed between the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association (SOFF) to promote and strengthen the bilateral defence industrial relations through setting up of a dedicated joint working group to take forward mutual objectives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – invited Swedish Defence Majors to set up manufacturing bases in India
- SIDM + SOFF (Sweden) = an MoU to promote & strengthen the bilateral defence industrial relations
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Kjell Stefan Lofven

12. On June 13, Three of sixteen Advanced Light Helicopters ALH Mk-III, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), were inducted into the Indian Coast Guard. These helicopters, which are part of "ALH Mk-III" programme, will be positioned in Bhubaneswar, Porbandar, Chennai and Kochi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3 (out of 16) "ALH Mk-III" – inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (manufactured by - HAL)
- These helicopters will be positioned in – Bhubaneswar, Porbandar, Chennai & Kochi
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt

13. On June 13, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the budgetary support of ₹498.8 Cr to Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) challenge under the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) for the next 5 years. The scheme is aimed at providing financial support to nearly 300 start-ups, MSME, individual innovators and 20 partner incubators under the DIO framework. Besides, the ministry also approved the declassification of War records within 25-years of the completion of war. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh approved the budgetary support of ₹498.8 Cr to “iDEX challenge” – under the DIO for next 5 years
- Defence ministry also approved the declassification of War records within 25-years of the completion of war
- “iDEX” initiative was launched in – April, 2018
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

14. On June 14, Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) participated in a joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean to realize “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy & Japanese Navy participated in a joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

15. On June 18 & 19, For the first time the warships of the Indian Navy and the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) have got together to conduct a complex naval operations at sea in the Gulf of Aden. Indian Naval ships have continued to be deployed for Anti-Piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia since 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy & European Union Naval Force Somalia (EUNAVFOR) – conducted a Joint Exercise in Gulf of Aden
- Somalia – Mogadishu – Dollar/Shilling | New PM – Mohamed Hussein Roble | President – Md Abdullahi
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

16. On June 22, The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the construction of two Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Coast Guard at a cost of about ₹583 Cr. The ships are scheduled for delivery by November 2024 and May 2025 respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD + Goa Shipyard = a contract for the construction of two Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Coast Guard
- Cost of construction – ₹583 Cr
- MD & Chairman of Goa Shipyard – Bharat Bhushan Nagpal

17. The National Security Guard (NSG) and the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) have signed an MoU for cooperation and collaboration aimed at strengthening the core competencies of the NSG, which are counter-terrorism, counter-IEDs (Improvised Explosive Device), and anti-hijacking. RRU has also established the Security and Scientific Technical Research Association (SASTRA) to serve the innovation requirements of the forces. The RRU is an institute set up under the Ministry of Home Affairs and is located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NSG + Rashtriya Raksha University = an MoU for cooperation to strengthen the core competencies of the NSG
- RRU – also established the Security and Scientific Technical Research Association (SASTRA)
- RRU – set up under Ministry of Home Affairs in 2009 | Location – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

18. On June 22, Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy participated in a “Passage Exercise” or “PASSEX” with the US through Indian Ocean Region. Indian Naval Ships Kochi and Teg along with P8I (maritime patrol aircraft) and (Indian ship based) MiG 29K aircraft participated in the Passex. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF + Indian Navy = participated in a “Passage Exercise” or “PASSEX” with the US – in Indian Ocean Region
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Founded in – 1932
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

19. On June 26, India’s first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), INS Vikrant, is likely to be commissioned in 2022. The IAC has been under construction at the Cochin Shipyard for over a decade. At present, India has only one aircraft carrier, the Russian-origin INS Vikramaditya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Vikrant – likely to be commissioned in 2022 | It is under construction at – Cochin Shipyard
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Shri Madhu S Nair

20. On June 25, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has reviewed the ongoing works at the “Project Seabird” Phase II-A site at the Karwar Naval Base. It is India’s largest naval infrastructure project which aims at providing fleet support and maintenance of warships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Project Seabird” Phase II-A site – at Karwar Naval Base (It is India’s largest naval infrastructure project)

21. On June 28, INS Tabar has been deployed to participate in Russian Navy Day celebrations from July 22 to 27 and joint exercises with friendly navies in Africa and Europe. INS Tabar is a Talwar-class stealth Frigate built for the Indian Navy in Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Tabar – deployed to participate in ‘Russian Navy Day’ celebrations from July 22 to 27
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



22. On June 29, Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kiltan has carried out a Joint-Naval exercise with South Korea in the East China Sea amid China's growing assertiveness in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Kiltan – conducted a Joint-Naval exercise with South Korea in the East China Sea
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

23. On June 30, The Indian Navy has inked a pact with Defence Public Sector Undertakings Bharat Electronics Limited to develop emerging technologies related to artificial intelligence, quantum computing and robotics. The MoU provides for the setting up of a Technology Incubation Forum (ITF) to jointly work on developing new technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy + BEL = an MoU to set up a Technology Incubation Forum (ITF) & develop emerging technologies
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava

24. On June 30, Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems has unveiled "Sea Breaker", a 5th generation long-range, autonomous, precision-guided missile system with a 300 km range. It can neutralize a frigate-sized ship with a single hit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rafael Advanced Defense Systems (Israel) – unveiled "Sea Breaker" - a 5th generation missile (Range - 300 km)
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

Schemes & Initiatives

1. In a unique move, the Rajasthan government will offer saplings of 4 selected medicinal herbs to all the state's families as part of "Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana". A fund of Rs 210 Cr has been sanctioned by the state government for this 5 year scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched "Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana" – to offer saplings of 4 selected medicinal herbs
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

2. On June 4, The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot has virtually launched the SAGE (Senior care Aging Growth Engine) initiative and SAGE portal for elderly persons. The SAGE portal will be a "one-stop access" of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of SJE – launched "SAGE" (Senior care **A**ging **G**rowth **E**ngine) initiative & portal – for Elderly persons
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

3. On June 1, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has launched the revamped Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and the Umbrella schemes of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG) on National Health Authority (NHA)'s IT platform. Under RAN, financial assistance up-to Rs 15 lakhs is provided to poor patients suffering from major life-threatening. Similarly, under HMDG a maximum amount of Rs 1,25,000 is provided to patients whose annual income does not exceed Rs 1,25,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsh Vardhan – launched digitized versions of Flagship Health Schemes - CGHS, RAN & HMDG on NHA's IT Platform
- Under RAN – financial assistance up-to Rs 15 lakhs
- Under HMDG – financial assistance up-to Rs 1,25,000
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sewak Sharma

4. On June 5, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur has launched the "YounTab" scheme for students and distributed 12,300 tablets among them virtually in Leh. 12,300 tablets with pre-loaded online and offline content would be distributed to government school students from Class 6th to 12th. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh – launched the "YounTab" scheme for students (Class 6th to 12th) & distributed 12,300 tablets
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

5. On June 2, India has launched the “Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange”, a global initiative that will create a network of incubators across member countries to accelerate clean energy innovation. The network, launched virtually at the “Innovating to Net Zero Summit” is hosted by Chile. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – launched a global initiative “Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange” – to create a network of incubators
- The network created at the “Innovating to Net Zero Summit” is hosted by – Chile
- [Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera](#)

6. On June 11, Assam has announced a slew of welfare schemes for children who lost their parents to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) and women who lost their husbands to the virus. Under the chief minister’s “Sishu Seva” scheme, children will receive a fixed deposit of ₹781,000 with a monthly interest of ₹3,500 till they attain the age of 24. Girls of marriageable age will receive ₹50,000 and 1 tola gold under the Arundhati scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched “Sishu Seva” scheme for orphans & widows
- Children will receive a fixed deposit of ₹781,000 with a monthly interest of ₹3,500 till the age of 24 years
- Girls of marriageable age will receive ₹50,000 | 1 tola Gold under the ‘Arundhati scheme’
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

7. On June 7, Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel has virtually launched “Chief Minister’s Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme” which aims to protect the environment and increase income of farmers, panchayats and forest management committees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – launched “Chief Minister’s Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme”
- [Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey](#)

8. On June 7, The Haryana government has launched a unique and first of its kind initiative “Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme” to honour all those trees which are of the age of 75 years and above. 3 Cr saplings will be planted in a year in Haryana and the plantation will be done on 10% of the 8 lakh acres of panchayat land which will be named as “Oxy Forest”. Besides, the state has decided to establish “Oxy Van” (Oxy Forest) at Panchkula and Karnal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched a unique and first of its kind initiative “Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme”
- Haryana – decided to plant 3 Cr saplings in a year
- Haryana – decided to “Oxy Van” (Oxy Forest) at Panchkula & Karnal
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya](#)

9. On June 6, Rajasthan has launched “Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme” to help underprivileged students prepare for entrance examinations to civil services and professional courses. This scheme for underprivileged students will aim to include at least 50% girls. Underprivileged students preparing for entrance examinations in coaching institutes located outside their home cities will be given ₹40,000 annually for accommodation and food. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched “Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme” for underprivileged students of CSE-UPSC
- ₹40,000 will be given annually to underprivileged students for accommodation & food
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

10. On June 7, The Central Government has extended the scheme to distribute wheat & rice free of cost under “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana” (PMGKAY) to around 80 Cr people till November, 2021. Under the PMGKAY, the Centre is distributing 5 kg foodgrains per person per month free of cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the scheme to distribute wheat & rice free of cost under “PMGKAY” – till Nov, 2021
- Under the PMGKAY – 5 kg foodgrains per person per month | PMGKAY – launched in March, 2020

11. On June 8, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched “Jagananna Thodu” scheme with an aim to provide a helping hand to small and petty vendors across the State. Under the scheme, an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000 will be provided to 3.7 lakh small and petty vendors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched “Jagananna Thodu” scheme for Small Vendors (an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

12. On June 14, The administration of Ladakh will give financial assistance to meritorious students for availing coaching facility for specific examinations under a scheme named “Rewa - Lt Governor’s Student Support Initiative”. Meritorious students who plan to appear in NEET, JEE, UG CLAT and NDA examinations will be provided up to ₹1 lakh as financial assistance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh administration – to give financial assistance up to ₹1 lakh to meritorious students to avail coaching facility
- It’s done under a scheme named “Rewa - Lt Governor’s Student Support Initiative”
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

13. On June 11, In a partial modification of the FAME-II scheme (Faster Adoption and manufacturing of electric vehicles in India) under the National Mission for Clean mobility, the government has decided to go for aggregation of electric buses and three-wheelers. All components of electric three-wheelers will be manufactured by the Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to bring down the cost of electric three-Wheelers. According to sources, the FAME-II scheme is also likely to be extended by 2 years to 2024 as only 5% or Rs 500 Cr of the allocated Rs 10,000 Cr has been spent so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central govt modified “FAME-II scheme” (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric vehicles in India)
- EESL – to manufacture electric buses & 3 wheelers to bring down the cost
- “FAME-II scheme” was launched in 2019 – with Rs 10,000 Cr (only 5% or Rs 500 Cr has been spent so far)

14. On June 15, A new Facebook initiative called “Report it, don’t share it” has been kicked off to prevent online child abuse in partnership with Aarambh India Initiative, Cyber Peace Foundation and Arpan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fb + Aarambh India Initiative + Cyber Peace Foundation + Arpan = launched “Report it, don’t share it” initiative
- [HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004](#)

15. On June 15, Shri Arjun Munda, Minister for Tribal Affairs has launched the tribal livelihoods initiative “Sankalp Se Siddhi - Mission Van Dhan”. Seven new Tribes India Outlets were inaugurated virtually at Jagdalpur, Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Sarnath. With these outlets, the total number of Tribes India outlets has gone up to 141. The Sarnath outlet is the first successful collaboration with the Ministry of Culture at an ASI heritage site. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – launched the tribal livelihoods initiative “Sankalp Se Siddhi - Mission Van Dhan”
- 7 new Tribes India Outlets were inaugurated at – Jagdalpur, Ranchi, Jamshedpur & Sarnath
- Now, the total number of Tribes India outlets = 141
- ‘Sarnath outlet’ was established in collaboration with – Ministry of Culture

16. On June 14, Odisha has launched “Pitha on Wheels” initiative ahead of the 3-day ‘Raja festival’, one of the most popular ones celebrated at the onset of monsoon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched “Pitha on Wheels” initiative
- ‘Raja festival’ – Odisha
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

17. On June 17, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has announced a Rs 61.09 Cr “Kuruwai Paddy Cultivation Package” for more than 2 lakh delta farmers aiming to bring additional area under this short-term crop. The scheme will enhance the acreage beyond the targeted 3.5 lakh acres this season. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – announced Kuruwai Paddy Cultivation Package worth Rs 61.09 Cr
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

18. On June 19, Bihar has launched two ambitious schemes christened as the “Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna” and the “Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojna” to promote entrepreneurship among youth and women of all sections under the state’s “Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojna” scheme which was started in 2018. Youth and women, wishing to start entrepreneurship, will get a loan of Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar – launched “Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna” & “Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojna”
- Youth & Women of all sections, wishing to start entrepreneurship, will get a loan of – Rs 10 lakh
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

19. On June 18, The Telangana government has sought the support of the Andhra Pradesh government for use of the software developed for the “Nadu-Nedu” scheme - the flagship school revamp programme of the Jaganmohan Reddy government. The “Nadu-Nedu” scheme of AP was launched in 2019 to transform the existing infrastructure of the 44,512 schools in a phased manner over a period of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – will implement the “Nadu-Nedu” Scheme of Andhra Pradesh
- The “Nadu-Nedu” scheme of AP was launched – in 2019
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

20. On June 20, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has launched a new scheme “Ashirbad” for education, health and maintenance of Covid orphans .. Rs 2500 per month will be deposited in the bank accounts of family members who have taken responsibility of the children after death of their parents. The assistance will continue till 18 years of the child. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched a new scheme “Ashirbad” for education, health & maintenance of Covid orphans
- Rs 2500 per month will be deposited in the bank accounts of family members
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

21. On June 22, West Bengal has revised the “Krishak Bandhu” scheme and decided to double the benefits for farmers under scheme. Under the new plan, farmers with landholding of 1 acre or more would be entitled to receive Rs 10,000 per annum instead of the previous assistance of Rs 5,000 annually. Even the assistance for those holding land below 1 acre or less and for marginal farmers has been doubled from Rs 2,000 to Rs 4,000 per year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – revised the “Krishak Bandhu” scheme
- Rs 10,000 per annum – for farmers with landholding of 1 acre or more (from Rs 5,000)
- Rs 4,000 per annum – for farmers with landholding below 1 acre or less (from Rs 2,000)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

22. On June 22, The Assam government has signed an MoU with the Survey of India (Sol) for implementing the “Svमितva” scheme in the state. The scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural areas. The Svमितva scheme was launched on a pilot basis on April 24, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + Survey of India = an MoU for implementing the centrally sponsored “Svमितva” scheme in the state
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of Survey of India – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Surveyor General – Naveen Tomar

23. On June 19, A new scheme called “Indian Certification of Medical Devices 13485 PLUS” for verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices has been launched by the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) to help Indian products gain a bigger share of the global market. The initial ICMED Scheme was launched for Certification of Medical Devices in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- QCI + AiMeD = launched “Indian Certification of Medical Devices 13485 PLUS” scheme
- The initial ICMED Scheme was launched – in 2016
- HQs of QCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Adil Zainulbhai | Secretary General – Dr Ravi P Singh

24. In Gujarat, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has e-launched “Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021” benefiting vanbandhu- farmers in tribal areas. Under this scheme tribal farmers will get fertilizer-seed assistance of Rs 31 Cr. He also inaugurated the “Command and Control Centre (CCC) 2.0” for monitoring school activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched “Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021” for farmers in tribal areas
- Gujarat – also launched “Command and Control Centre (CCC) 2.0” for monitoring school activities
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

25. On June 22, The Delhi government’s Social Welfare Department has notified the “Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana” under which Rs 50,000 ex-gratia will be given to every family that has lost a member due to COVID-19 and an additional Rs 2,500 per month if the deceased was the sole breadwinner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Delhi – launched the “Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana”
- Rs 50,000 ex-gratia to every family | additional Rs 2,500 per month if the deceased was the sole breadwinner
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev



26. On June 25, The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has organised an online event to commemorate 6th Anniversary of the launch of 3 transformative Urban Missions viz. Smart Cities Mission (SCM), AMRUT and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), which were launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on 25th June, 2015. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced awards to states for the overall performance of the smart cities for the first time. It was won by Uttar Pradesh. In Cities, Indore and Surat won the Smart City award. While, Ahmedabad topped the Smart Cities Leadership Award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – organised an online event to commemorate 6th Anniversary of 3 transformative Urban Missions
- 3 Missions: Smart Cities Mission (SCM), AMRUT & Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) – launched in 2015
- Smart City award: In States: Uttar Pradesh | In cities: Indore & Surat
- Ahmedabad – topped the Smart Cities Leadership Award

27. On June 25, The government has extended the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME-II) scheme for 2 years up-to March 31, 2024 to allow the electric vehicle (EV) industry more time to extend the benefits to customers. The phase-II scheme was implemented for 3 years from April 1, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the “FAME India Phase II” scheme for 2 years up-to March 31, 2024
- “FAME India Phase II” was launched in 2019 – with an outlay of Rs 10,000 Cr

28. On June 29, The centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, marked the completion of its one year. The scheme was launched on 29th June 2020 with an outlay of Rs 10,000 Cr over a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The PMFME Scheme is currently being implemented in 35 States & UTs. 54 Common Incubation Centres have been approved to improve the capacity of the PMFME Scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “PMFME” Scheme celebrated its 1st anniversary on June 29
- The scheme was launched on 29th June 2020 with an outlay of Rs 10,000 Cr – for 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25)
- PMFME Scheme is currently being implemented in 35 States & UTs
- 54 Common Incubation Centres – approved to improve the capacity of the PMFME Scheme

29. On June 29, The Supreme Court has directed States and Union Territories to extend the implementation of “One Nation, One Ration Card” scheme by July 31, 2021. The state governments and the UT administrations shall bring a scheme to provide dry ration to migrant workers by July 31 and such a scheme will remain till COVID situation continues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The SC directed States & UTs to extend the implementation of “One Nation, One Ration Card” scheme – by July 31



- “ONORC” scheme was started – in June 2019
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)

30. The Maharashtra Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (MAPS) aims to provide employment and training to 5 lakh educated unemployed youths in the next 5 years. Under this scheme, the trainees will be entitled to get 75% of the scholarship payable to them or a maximum of Rs 5,000 whichever is less. The apprenticeship scheme will be implemented in 715 businesses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – to provide employment to 5 lakh educated unemployed youths in next 5 years under “Maharashtra Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme”
- Trainees will get 75% of the scholarship payable or a maximum of Rs 5,000 (whichever is less)
- The apprenticeship scheme will be implemented in 715 businesses
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

31. On June 28, Telangana government has decided to provide Rs 10 lakh financial assistance directly to the bank accounts of Dalit beneficiaries under the Chief Minister Dalit Empowerment Programme to the eligible beneficiaries to make them financially self-sufficient and enable independent decision making. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – launched the “Chief Minister Dalit Empowerment Programme” (Rs 10 lakh financial assistance)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

32. On June 30, The Ministry of Finance has kept interest rates on Small Savings Schemes, including NSC and PPF, unchanged for the Q2 of 2021-22 amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The small savings schemes consist of 12 schemes. Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will continue to carry an annual interest rate of 7.1% and 6.8%, respectively, in Q2 of 2021-22. The interest rate on the 5-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme would be retained at 7.4%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finance Ministry kept interest rates on Small Savings Schemes unchanged for the Q2 of 2021-22
- Public Provident Fund (PPF) – 7.1% | National Savings Certificate (NSC) – 6.8%
- 5-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme – 7.4%
- The Small Savings Schemes consist of 12 schemes

33. On June 30, The Union Cabinet has approved a reforms-based & results-linked “Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme”. The Scheme will have an outlay of Rs 3,03,758 Cr with an estimated GBS from Central Government of Rs.97,631 Cr. The cabinet also approved signing of an MoU between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Myanmar in the Healthcare Sector. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) & Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have been nominated as Nodal Agencies for the scheme. Besides, the cabinet also approved the Revised Implementation Strategy of BharatNet through Public Private Partnership mode (PPP) in 16 states. An MoU between India & Gambia was approved in the field of Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms. Moreover, the last date for registration of beneficiaries to avail the benefit under Atma Nirbhar Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been extended to March 31, 2022 from June 30, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved a reforms-based & results-linked “Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme” | Outlay – Rs 3.03 Cr
- Nodal Agencies for the scheme – REC & PFC
- RDS Scheme’s Objectives:
 - Reduction of AT&C losses to pan-India levels of 12-15% by 2024-25
 - Reduction of ACS-ARR gap to zero by 2024-25
 - Developing Institutional Capabilities for Modern DISCOMs
- ICMR + Myanmar = an MoU in the Healthcare Sector
- India + Gambia = an MoU in the field of Personnel Administration & Governance Reforms
- Revised Implementation Strategy of BharatNet – approved through PPP mode in 16 states
- Last date to avail the benefit under Atma Nirbhar Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) – extended to March 31, 2022



Sports & Games

1. There are 31 matches remaining in VIVO sponsored Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 and these will now be played in the UAE. This will be the first time that the UAE is hosting the IPL for two years in a row. In 2020, the entire tournament was played in the Emirates due to the COVID-19 outbreak in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 31 matches are remaining in IPL 2021 & will now be played in the UAE (sponsored by VIVO)
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

2. On June 1, Indian lifter Achinta Sheuli has given his best in all three events to clinch an overall silver medal in the 73kg category at the Junior Weightlifting World Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The 19-year-old lifted 313kg - 141kg in snatch, followed by 172kg in clean and jerk. Indonesia's Juniansyah Rizki 349kg (155kg 194kg) has won the Gold medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Junior Weightlifting World Championship 2021 – held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Gold: Juniansyah Rizki (Indonesia) - 349kg | Silver: Achinta Sheuli (West Bengal) - 313kg [in 73kg category]

3. Brazil will host “Copa America” for the second consecutive time after Colombia and Argentina were stripped of hosting rights for the tournament between June 13 and July 10. Brazil is the defending champion, winning the competition in 2019 as hosts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brazil – to host “Copa America” Football championship for the second consecutive time
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

4. The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has picked Oman to host the inaugural Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women) to be played in January 2024. Continental Hockey5s qualifiers for the World Cup will be organized in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women) 2024” – to be held in Oman
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

5. On June 3, International Cricket Council (ICC) and the BCCI are in talks with Oman over hosting of some of the T20 World Cup matches. Oman is one of 16 participating nations at this year's T20 World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC & BCCI – in talks with Oman over hosting of some of the T20 World Cup matches
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said



6. On June 2, The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled its global schedule of events from 2024-2031. The men's ODI World Cup will once again become from 10 to 14 team tournament in 2027 and 2031. The ICC also increased the number of teams to 20 from 2024-2030 Men's T20 World Cup. Shafali Verma from India has become the World No. 1 Batter in ICC Women's T20 format. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC – unveiled its global schedule of events from 2024-2031
- ICC announced expansion of participating teams to the “Men's ODI World Cup” – to 14 Teams (from 2027)
- ICC announced expansion of participating teams to the “T20 World Cup” – to 20 Teams (from 2024)
- Shafali Verma ([Cricket - India](#)) – became the World No. 1 Batter in ICC Women's T20 format
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

7. On June 2, Sergio Perez from Mexico has won the “Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021” after Max Verstappen crashed from lead. While, Miguel Oliveira from Portugal has won the “Catalunya MotoGP 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sergio Perez ([Mexico - Red Bull Racing](#)) – won the “Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021”
- Miguel Oliveira ([Portugal - KTM](#)) – won the “Catalunya MotoGP 2021”

8. On June 3, The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has picked Oman to host the inaugural “Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women)” to be played in January 2024 as India and Pakistan failed to get the nod. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Oman – to host the “FIH Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women)” – to be played in January 2024
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

9. On June 10, India's Sunil Chhetri overtook Argentina's Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goalscorer with 74 goals. He helped India register a first win in the FIFA 2022 World Cup qualifiers. He is only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (103) in the active international goalscorer list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Chhetri – overtook Lionel Messi to become 2nd highest active International Goalscorer (with 74 goals)
- 1st - Cristiano Ronaldo - 103 goals ([Portugal](#)) | 2nd - Sunil Chhetri ([Telangana](#)) | 3rd - Lionel Messi ([Argentina](#))

10. On June 9, India's star cricketer Virender Sehwag has launched an experiential learning website called “Cricuru” for cricket coaching. It is an AI-based cricket coaching platform offering a personalised learning experience for its users. The curriculum for each player has been developed personally by Sehwag along with Sanjay Bangar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virender Sehwag – launched an experiential learning website called “Cricuru” for cricket coaching
- The curriculum has been developed by = Virender Sehwag + Sanjay Bangar

11. On June 9, Aruna Tanwar has become India’s first-ever Taekwondo entry in the Paralympics Games. She has been awarded a wild card entry for the Tokyo Paralympics to be held from August 24 to September 5. Aruna is the current World No. 4 in the women’s U-49 category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aruna Tanwar ([India - Taekwondo](#)) – became India’s first-ever Taekwondo entry in the Paralympics Games

12. On June 12, Barbora Krejcikova has won her maiden Grand Slam singles title at the French Open, beating Russia’s Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. While, Novak Djokovic has claimed his second French Open title, defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas at Roland Garros. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Barbora Krejcikova ([Czech Republic - Tennis](#)) – won women’s single title at French Open 2021
- Novak Djokovic ([Serbia - Tennis](#)) – won men’s single title at French Open 2021
- The French Open – also known as “Roland Garros”

13. On June 11, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju has launched a first-of-its-kind initiative - Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS). It will start with support for athletes who are a part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) development group expected to participate in 2024 and beyond. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – launched a first-of-its-kind initiative “Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS)”
- Coverage: The Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) development group expected to participate in 2024 & beyond

14. On June 14, D. Gukesh has won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title. Gukesh, 15, won all four rounds, including the key battle against R. Praggnanandhaa who secured the second place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- D. Gukesh ([Chess](#)) – won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title | 2nd – R. Praggnanandhaa ([Chess](#))

15. On June 11, Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won the women’s 53kg category gold medal at the Poland Open ranking Series in Warsaw after beating Ukraine’s Khrystyna Bereza in the final. This was India’s second medal at the event after Ravi Kumar Dahiya’s silver in the men’s 61kg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinesh Phogat ([Wrestler](#)) – won the Gold medal in women’s 53kg category – at Poland Open in Warsaw, Russia
- Ravi Kumar Dahiya ([Wrestler](#)) – won the Silver medal in men’s 61kg category – at Poland Open in Warsaw, Russia

16. On June 10, Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has clinched a Gold medal in the City of Lisbon athletics meet at the Lisbon University Stadium in Portugal. He has also set a national record with an 88.07m throw in the Indian Grand Prix in Patiala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra ([Javelin thrower](#)) – clinched a Gold medal in the City of Lisbon athletics – in Portugal

17. Brisbane will be offered hosting rights to host the 2032 Olympics which will be confirmed by the International Olympic Committee members in Tokyo Olympics opening in July, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brisbane ([Australia](#)) – to be offered hosting rights to host the “2032 Olympics”
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach

18. Yuka Saso has won the 76th U.S. Women’s Open Golf Championship at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. The 19-year-old Saso became the first Filipino player to win a Golf major. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yuka Saso ([Philippines](#)) – won the 76th U.S. Women’s Open Golf Championship – in San Francisco, California, US
- [Philippines – Manila – Peso](#) | President – Rodrigo Duterte

19. On June 18, Indian sprinter and Padma Shri awardee Milkha Singh, popularly known as ‘Flying Sikh’ passed away. He was 91-year-old. The 1958 Commonwealth Games champion and 1960 Rome Olympian had tested positive for the Covid19 on May 20. He has won 4 Asian Games Gold medals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Milkha Singh (‘Flying Sikh’) – Indian Athlete/Sprinter – passed away (Padma Shri)
- He has won 4 Asian Games Gold medals | Commonwealth Games (1958) | Rome Olympian (1960)

20. On June 18, Punjab Sports and Youth Services Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi has launched a special Mobile App “Khedo Punjab” for putting the Sports Department and all the Sports persons of State of Punjab on Digital platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – launched a special Mobile App “Khedo Punjab”
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore



21. On June 20, The 21-year-old Lalremsiami has created history when she became the first female player from Mizoram to get selected for the Tokyo Olympics 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lalremsiami ([Mizoram - Hockey](#)) – the 1st female player of Mizoram to get selected for the Tokyo Olympics 2020
- [Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai](#)

22. On June 18, Ireland all-rounder Kevin O'Brien has announced his retirement from One-Day Internationals. The 37-year-old's 3619 runs are the third highest from his country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kevin O'Brien ([Ireland](#)) – retirement from One-Day Internationals Cricket
- [Ireland – Dublin – Euro | PM – Micheal Martin](#)

23. On June 19, In Women's Cricket Test at Bristol, India's 17-year-old Shafali Verma has become the youngest woman and the fourth overall, to score twin half-centuries in her debut Test. Besides, Shafali Verma has become the first women's cricketer in history to hit 3 sixes in a Test match. Also, Shafali now ranks 4th on the list of most aggregate runs on Test debut by an Indian. Shikhar Dhawan tops the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shafali Verma – became the youngest woman and the 4th overall to score twin half-centuries in her debut Test
- Shafali Verma – became the first women's cricketer in history to hit 3 sixes in a Test match
- Shafali Verma – ranks 4th on the list of most aggregate runs on Test debut by an Indian | 1st – Shikhar Dhawan

24. According to International Weightlifting Federation, Romania has become the 4th country barred from the Tokyo Olympics weightlifting competition after Egypt, Malaysia and Thailand, which were also excluded over doping-related issues. The Romanian Weightlifting Federation was issued a 1-year ban from competition over five doping cases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Romania – became the 4th country barred from the Tokyo Olympics weightlifting competition
- Other three countries: Egypt, Malaysia & Thailand
- [Romania – Bucharest – Ieu | PM – Florin Citu](#)
- [HQs of IWF – Budapest, Hungary | Interim President – Dr. Michael Sheriar Irani \(Interim\) | Founded in – 1905](#)

25. On June 20, Formula One (F1) championship leader Max Verstappen overtook Lewis Hamilton to win the "French Grand Prix 2021" held in France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the "French Grand Prix 2021" held in France
- Max Verstappen ([Netherlands](#)) – Red Bull team

26. On June 17, Former World No. 4 Kiki Bertens has announced her retirement from professional Tennis at the end of the 2021 season. The 10-time winner from the Netherlands underwent Achilles surgery last October. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiki Bertens ([Netherlands](#)) – retirement from professional Tennis
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte](#)

27. Swimmer Kaylee McKeown has broken the 100-meter backstroke world record at the Australian Olympic trials. The 19-year-old McKeown had a time of 57.45 seconds at the South Australian Aquatic Centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaylee McKeown ([Australian Swimmer](#)) – broke the 100-meter backstroke world record at Australian Olympic trials
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison](#)

28. On June 17, The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed mobile gaming platform MPL Sports Foundation as the Principal Sponsor of the country's contingent for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics, 2022 Asian Games & Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Amul has agreed to be a sponsor for the Tokyo Games to be held from July 23 to August 8. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOA appointed “MPL Sports” Foundation as the Principal Sponsor for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics
- Amul & JSW Group also agreed to be Sponsor for Tokyo Olympics
- [HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – Narinder Dhruv Batra | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta](#)

29. On June 17, Madhya Pradesh shooter Rubina Francis has set a world record and won herself the Gold in the 10-metre Air Pistol Para Women Event at World shooting Para Sport Cup in Peru. Rubina scored 238.1 points and beat the world record of Aysegul Pehlivanlar of Turkey. She also secured the Paralympic quota for India at the Tokyo games this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rubina Francis ([Shooter from Madhya Pradesh](#)) – won the Gold in the 10-metre Air Pistol Para Women Event
- She set a world record of 238.1 points – at World shooting Para Sport Cup in Peru

30. On June 21, Weightlifter Laurel Hubbard has become the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics after being selected by New Zealand for the women's event at the Tokyo Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Laurel Hubbard – became the 1st transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics after being selected by New Zealand
- Laurel Hubbard ([New Zealand](#)) – Weightlifter



31. On June 23, India's Official Olympic Theme Song was launched by Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju for the Tokyo Olympics or Summer Games in July-August. The song is titled "Lakshya Tera Samne Hai" and it was composed & sung by a singer Mohit Chauhan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – launched India's Official Olympic Theme Song for the Tokyo Olympics or Summer Games
- The song is titled "Lakshya Tera Samne Hai" | Composed & sung by – Mohit Chauhan

32. On June 23, New Zealand has defeated India in the 2019-2021 ICC World Test Championship to win inaugural edition of the World Test Championship 2021. Marnus Labuschagne was the Top run scorer and Ravichandran Ashwin was the Top Wicket taker in the match. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Zealand – defeated India to win inaugural edition of the "ICC World Test Championship 2021"
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

33. On June 25, Cristiano Ronaldo has become joint all-time international top-scorer with 109 goals and Portugal advanced to the round of 16 at the European Championship after a 2-2 draw with France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cristiano Ronaldo ([Portugal](#)) – became joint all-time international top-scorer with 109 goals

34. On June 27, Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen has won the "Styrian Grand Prix" held in Austria. In MotoGP, Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo has won the "Dutch MotoGP 2021" held in Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen ([Belgium - Red Bull](#)) – won the "Styrian Grand Prix 2021" held in Austria
- Fabio Quartararo ([France - Yamaha](#)) – won the "Dutch MotoGP 2021" held in Netherlands

35. On June 27, Sajan Prakash has become the first swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games by clearing 'A' standard of international swimming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sajan Prakash ([Kerala](#)) – became the 1st swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games
- He cleared 'A' standard of international swimming

36. On June 28, The T20 World Cup scheduled to be held in India is shifted to the UAE owing to the health safety concerns posed by COVID-19. The mega-event is to be held in October-November, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T20 World Cup (scheduled to be held in India) – shifted to the UAE
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



37. On June 30, Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) has decided to construct an International Cricket Stadium on the outskirts of the city of Bokaro. Bokaro Steel Plant (an arm of SAIL) will transfer 20 acres of land for this purpose. The stadium will be constructed with a 25,000-seat facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand State Cricket Association – to construct an International Cricket Stadium – in Bokaro city
- Capacity of the stadium – 25,000 seats
- [Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu](#)

38. On June 28, Olympic-bound archer Deepika Kumari has won 3 Gold medals in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 held in Paris, France. India took the top honour in women's team, mixed team and women's individual events. While Abhishek Verma has won Gold medal in individual compound Archery at Archery World Cup Stage-3. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepika Kumari ([Indian Archer](#)) – won 3 Gold medals in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 – in Paris, France
- Abhishek Verma ([Indian Archer](#)) – won Gold medal in individual compound Archery at Archery World Cup Stage-3

39. On June 27, Shafali Verma has become the youngest Indian Cricketer to make debut across all 3-cricket formats. The Haryana girl took 17 years and 150 days to make her debut across format, making her the 5th youngest Cricketer overall in the list, headed by Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman. Rahman had made his all format debut at 17 years and 78 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shafali Verma ([Haryana](#)) – became the youngest Indian Cricketer to make debut across all 3-cricket formats
- She is the 5th youngest Cricketer overall in the list | Topped by – Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan)

40. On June 28, India's shooter Rahi Sarnobat has won Gold medal in "Women's 25 metres Pistol Event" at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Croatia. Rahi shot 39 out of 50 in the 25m pistol final to win the first gold for India in the ongoing World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahi Sarnobat ([Maharashtra](#)) – won Gold medal in "Women's 25 metres Pistol Event" – at 'ISSF World Cup' in Croatia
- [HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin](#)

41. On June 30, Discus thrower Seema Punia has been qualified for the "Tokyo Olympics 2020" with a Gold medal-winning throw of a 63.72m meters on the concluding day of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Seema Punia ([Discus thrower](#)) – qualified for the "Tokyo Olympics 2020"

Important Days & Dates

1. June 1 is marked as World Milk Day every year to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. World Milk Day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). This year, the theme is “Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition, and socio-economics”. Verghese Kurien is known as the “Father of the White Revolution” in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 1 – 21st edition of [World Milk Day](#) (since 2001)
- Theme – “Sustainability in the Dairy Sector with messages around the Environment, Nutrition and Socio-Economics”
- Verghese Kurien – known as the “Father of the White Revolution” in India

2. Designated by the General Assembly in 2012, it was proclaimed that June 1 will be observed annually as the “Global Day of Parents” in honour of parents throughout the world. This year, the theme is “Appreciate All Parents throughout the World”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 1 – Global Day of Parents (since 2012)
- Theme – “Appreciate All Parents throughout the World”

3. On June 2, “International Sex Workers Day” was observed across the globe. The day is observed to honor the sex workers of the world since 1975. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 2 – “International Sex Workers Day” (since 1975)

4. Telangana Formation Day is celebrated every year on June 2 in the state. This day is being observed from 2014 when the state was formed. The bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh is remembered on this day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 2 – Telangana Formation Day (since 2014 - the year of the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh)
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad](#) | [CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao](#) | [Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

5. On June 1, World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on June 3 by the United Nations. The day aims at developing a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 3 – UN’s World Bicycle Day
- [HQs of UN – New York, United States](#) | [Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres](#)



6. On June 4, United Nations-designated “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression” is marked every year. It aims to acknowledge the suffering of children who are the victims of physical, emotional and mental torture in conflict-ridden zones worldwide. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 4 – UN’s “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression”

7. World Environment Day was recently observed across the globe on June 5 to enhance people’s livelihoods, counteract climate change and stop the collapse of biodiversity. This year, the theme is “Ecosystem Restoration”. 2021-2030 has been declared as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – World Environment Day
- Theme – “Ecosystem Restoration”
- 2021-2030 – declared as the ‘UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration’

8. “World Day Against Speciesism” was recently observed across the globe on June 5. ‘Speciesism’ is the thought process that humans have a bigger moral right and the right over other species, just because humans are humans. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – “World Day Against Speciesism”

9. The 4th edition of “International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing” was observed on June 5. The day is observed to draw attention towards the issue of illegal fishing. The day was first observed in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – 4th “International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing” (since 2018)

10. On June 6, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings on the occasion of 24th BIMSTEC Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – 24th BIMSTEC Day
- BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell | Established in – 1997
- Current Chair of BIMSTEC – Sri Lanka



11. Each year, June 7 is marked globally as the “World Food Safety Day” to raise awareness about foodborne risks and help prevent, detect, and manage untoward diseases. This year, the theme is “Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 7 – “World Food Safety Day”
- Theme – “Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow”

12. “World Pest Day”, also called “World Pest Awareness Day”, is celebrated on June 6 every year. The day is dedicated to spread awareness of pest management and its benefits to preserve quality of life for people and plants around us. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – “World Pest Day” or “World Pest Awareness Day”

13. “UN Russian Language Day” was recently observed on June 6. The day coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin - a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature. UNESCO established this day in 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – “UN Russian Language Day” (since 2010)
- Aleksandr Pushkin – a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature
- UN language days:
 - Arabic (18 December)
 - Chinese (20 April)
 - English (23 April)
 - French (20 March)
 - Russian (6 June)
 - Spanish (23 April)

14. Every year, June 8 is observed as “World Brain Tumour Day”. German Brain Tumour Association announced June 8 as World Brain Tumour Day in 2000. Grey Ribbon is used to promote Brain Cancer Awareness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – “World Brain Tumour Day” (since 2000)
- ‘Grey Ribbon’ is used to promote Brain Cancer Awareness

15. “World Oceans Day” was recently observed on June 8. On this occasion, the United Nations (UN) has called for sustainable efforts and stopping plastic pollution in order to save the oceans . This year, the theme is “The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 8 – World Oceans Day
- Theme – “The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods”

16. Quality Council of India (QCI) celebrates the World Accreditation Day (WAD) on 9th June every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy. It is a global initiative established by International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to promote the value of accreditation. This year, the theme is “Accreditation: Improving Food Safety”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – World Accreditation Day – celebrated by Quality Council of India
- Theme – “Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

17. On June 10, “International Level Crossing Awareness Day” was observed for road users to practice safety measures at the level crossings. This year, the theme was is “Distraction”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 10 – “International Level Crossing Awareness Day”
- Theme – “Distraction”

18. On June 12, World Day Against Child Labour was observed by people across the globe. It aims to spread awareness about the illegal employment practice and also talks about the ways to eradicate it completely. This year’s theme is “Act now: End Child Labour”. The day was launched by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 – World Day Against Child Labour – by ILO (since 2002)
- Theme – “Act now: End Child Labour”
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

19. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations on June 13 every year. This year, the theme is “Strength Beyond All Odds”. Albinism is a rare and genetically inherited condition present at birth. It is also non-contagious. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 13 – International Albinism Awareness Day
- Theme – “Strength Beyond All Odds”

20. World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on June 14, every year to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products as a lifesaving gift. The birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner is celebrated as World Blood Donor Day on June 14. The host for this year’s World Blood Donor Day 2021 is Italy. The slogan for this year will be “Give blood and keep the world-beating”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 14 – World Blood Donor Day (birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner) | Host for 2021 – Italy
- Slogan – “Give blood and keep the world-beating”
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi

21. Every year, June 15 is marked as ‘World Elder Abuse Awareness Day’. The day is said to have come into existence in June 2006. This year’s theme is “Access to Justice”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 15 – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (since 2006)
- Theme – “Access to Justice”

22. June 15 is celebrated as “Global Wind Day”, also known as “World Wind Day”. The day was first inaugurated back in 2007 as “Wind Day”. The current name was given only two years later in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 15 – “Global Wind Day” or “World Wind Day” (since 2007)
- HQs of Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) – Brussels, Belgium | CEO – Ben Backwell

23. On June 16, the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) was observed. The theme of IDFR this year is “Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion”. The day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 16 – International Day of Family Remittances
- Theme – “Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion”

24. June 15 is observed as the “ASEAN Dengue Day” to create awareness on dengue prevention and control. While, “National Dengue Day” is observed on May 16 in India. The 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in 2010 declared 15 June as the “ASEAN Dengue Day”. Bite of the Aedes aegypti mosquito is responsible for the transmission of dengue infection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 15 – “ASEAN Dengue Day” (declared by the 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in 2010)
- May 16 – “National Dengue Day” in India
- It is spread by a mosquito called ‘Aedes Aegypti’ & caused by dengue virus (DENV, 1–4 serotypes)

25. The 96th death anniversary of Chittaranjan Das, popularly known as Deshbandhu or CR Das was observed on June 16, 2021. He was an Indian freedom fighter, political activist and lawyer during the Indian independence movement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 16 – 96th death anniversary of Chittaranjan Das (Deshbandhu)
- He was an Indian Freedom fighter, Political activist & Lawyer

26. The “Desertification and Drought Day” or “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought” is observed on June 17 every year. The day’s focus is to turn the degraded land that has lost its natural productivity due to human activity into healthy land. This year’s theme is “Restoration.Land.Recovery. We build back better with healthy land”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 17 – “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought”
- Theme – “Restoration.Land.Recovery. We build back better with healthy land”

27. On June 12, Google has celebrated the 99th birth anniversary of Margherita Hack with a doodle. She was a famous Italian Professor, Activist, Author and Astrophysicist. Margherita Hack was known as ‘The Lady of the Stars’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 – 99th birth anniversary of Margherita Hack – by Google Doodle
- She was an Italian Professor, Activist, Author & Astrophysicist | also known as ‘The Lady of the Stars’

28. On June 21, The 7th International Yoga Day was observed this year. The main theme of IDY 2021 is “Yoga for Wellness” which is aligned to the current pre-occupations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – 7th International Yoga Day (since 2015) | Theme – “Yoga for Wellness”

29. On June 18, International Picnic Day is celebrated every year to encourage everyone to go out and spend an amazingly easy and stress-free day with their loved ones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – “International Picnic Day”

30. World Crocodile Day was recently observed across the globe on June 17. India is home to three crocodilian species: The mugger or marsh crocodile, The estuarine or saltwater crocodile & The gharial. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 17 – “World Crocodile Day”



31. “Autism Pride Day” or “Autistic Pride Day” is celebrated on June 18 every year to raise awareness among people about Autism Spectrum Disorder so that they do not see autistic people as disadvantaged but simply as unique individuals. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one in 160 children has Autism Spectrum Disorder. This day was first celebrated by Aspies for Freedom in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – “Autism Pride Day” (since 2005)

32. “Sustainable Gastronomy Day” is observed on June 18 across the globe. It aims to draw the world’s attention towards the role that sustainable gastronomy can play in terms of sustainable development. The day was commemorated after the UNGA in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – “Sustainable Gastronomy Day” (since 2016)

33. “World Sickle Cells Awareness Day” is observed every year on June 19 to increase awareness and understanding of the disease and the challenges faced by its patients and their families. Sickle cell disease (SCD) causes patients to have sickle-shaped Red Blood Cells. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – “World Sickle Cells Awareness Day”
- SCD causes patients to have ‘Red Blood Cells’

34. On June 19, The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed by the United Nations to raise awareness on the urgent need to prevent and combat the heinous incidents of sexual violence in conflict zones. In 2015, the UN conceived of this initiative in a bid to condemn the gender-based violent acts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – “International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict” (since 2015)

35. India celebrated the 25th edition of the National Reading Day on June 19. The day is celebrated in honour of “Father of India’s Library Movement” - Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker, a teacher from Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – 25th edition of “National Reading Day”
- The day marks the death anniversary of P. N. Panicker also known as “Father of India’s Library Movement”

36. International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year on June 21 since 2015. This year, the theme is “Yoga for wellness”. The idea for an UN-mandated International Day of Yoga was first proposed by PM Narendra Modi during his speech at the UNGA in 2014. PM Modi in collaboration with the WHO, had launched the “M-Yoga” app. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 21 – International Day of Yoga (since 2015)
- Theme – “Yoga for wellness”

37. June 21 is celebrated as “World Music Day” all over the world. It is also known as “Fete de la Musique” in French and Make Music Day as well. The day was first celebrated in France in 1982. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – “World Music Day” also known as “Fete de la Musique” (since 1982 | First celebrated in France)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

38. On June 19, World Hydrography Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the work of hydrographers. The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) came up with the idea of World Hydrography Day in 2005. This year, the theme is “One Hundred Years of International Cooperation in Hydrography”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – “World Hydrography Day” (since 2005)
- Theme – “One Hundred Years of International Cooperation in Hydrography”

39. On June 21, 2021, the Northern hemisphere will experience its longest day of the year, known as “Summer Solstice”, or the first day of summer or “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice”. The summer solstice occurs between June 20 and 22 every year. Summer Solstice is also referred to as Midsummer, First Day of Summer, June solstice (in the Northern Hemisphere) and the longest day of the year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – “Summer Solstice” or “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice” (longest day of the year)

40. “World Refugee Day” is observed every year by the United Nations on June 20 to respect and honour the courage and resilience of refugees across the world. The day was celebrated for the first time in 2001. This year, the theme is “Together we heal, learn and shine”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 20 – UN’s “World Refugee Day” (since 2001)
- Theme – “Together we heal, learn and shine”
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

41. The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on June 23 every year to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community. This year, the theme is “Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 23 – UN Public Service Day
- Theme – “Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs”

42. “World Olympic Day” or “International Olympic Day” is celebrated on June 23 all around the world. Olympic Day is based on three pillars - Move, Learn & Detect. World Olympic Day was introduced in 1948. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “World Olympic Day” or “International Olympic Day” (since 1948)
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach

43. June 23 has been observed as “International Widows Day” since 2011 to draw attention to the voices of widows, highlight the problems they face and galvanize the support that they need. The first International Widows Day was launched by Loomba Foundation. This year, the theme is “Invisible Women, Invisible Problems”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “International Widows Day” (since 2011)
- Theme – “Invisible Women, Invisible Problems”

44. “Vitiligo Awareness Day” also known as “World Vitiligo Day” was recently observed across the globe on June 25. This year, the theme is “Embracing Life with Vitiligo”. The day also marks the death anniversary of American singer Michael Jackson, “King of Pop”. Skin is affected by Vitiligo disease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 25 – “Vitiligo Awareness Day” also known as “World Vitiligo Day”
- Theme – “Embracing Life with Vitiligo”

45. June 21 is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere and the day is also celebrated as “World Humanist Day” since the 1980s. The word ‘humanist’ derives from the Latin word ‘Humanitas’, which means human nature, civilisation and kindness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – “World Humanist Day” (since 1980s)
- June 21 – longest day in the Northern Hemisphere

46. “International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” is observed every year on June 26 with an aim to spread awareness about the global drug problem and eliminate drug misuse. “Share Drug Facts to Save Lives” is the theme this year. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 26 – International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- Theme – “Share Drug Facts to Save Lives”

47. The “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture” is observed on 26 June every year by the United Nations (UN). The day is marked to urge all stakeholders to unite for those who have faced or are facing abuse and torture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 26 – “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture”

48. On June 26, The deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar has been extended by 3 months to September 30, 2021 from the current deadline of June 30, 2021. If your PAN is not linked with Aadhaar by the new deadline, then not only will your PAN become inoperative, but you will also be liable to pay a penalty of up to Rs 1,000 if the linking is done after the expiry of the deadline. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar has been extended by 3 months – to September 30, 2021 (from earlier - June 30)

49. Each year, June 25 is observed as the “Day of the Seafarer”. On this day, people pay respect to Seafarers and recognize the invaluable contribution they make to international trade and the world economy. The Day of the Seafarer was first celebrated in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 25 – “Day of the Seafarer” (since 2011)

50. On June 28, National Insurance Awareness Day was observed with a motive to make people more and more aware about the insurance benefits and different plans. In the time of the pandemic, the IRDAI has introduced several policies and rule changes in Life, Health and Motor cover for the benefit of policyholders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 28 – “National Insurance Awareness Day”

51. The World Allergy Organization has announced that “World Allergy Week 2021” was observed between 13-19 June 2021 and will focus on the topic of “Anaphylaxis”. This year, the theme is “Anaphylaxis: Be Aware. Be prepared. Save lives”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 13-19 – “World Allergy Week 2021” | Topic of focus – “Anaphylaxis”
- Theme – “Anaphylaxis: Be Aware. Be prepared. Save lives”
- HQs of World Allergy Organization – Wisconsin, US | President – Motohiro Ebisawa

52. “Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day” is celebrated every year on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The contribution of MSME to GDP worldwide is 50%. In 2021, the theme is “MSME 2021: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 27 – “MSMEs Day”
- Theme – “MSME 2021: Key to an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery”

53. National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 on the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis referred to as the ‘Father of Indian Statistics’. This year, the theme is “End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – National Statistics Day
- June 29 – Birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (‘Father of Indian Statistics’)
- Theme – “End Hunger, Achieve Food Security & Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2)”

54. The “International Day of the Tropics” is observed every year on June 29 to celebrate the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities nations of the Tropics face. The Tropics host nearly 95% of the world’s mangrove forests by area and 99% of mangrove species. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “International Day of the Tropics”

55. On 30 June, the “International Day of Parliamentarism” is celebrated every year. The Day was established in 2018 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 30 – “International Day of Parliamentarism” (since 2018)

56. On June 30, 2021, International Asteroid Day marked the 113th anniversary of the largest recorded asteroid impact that took place near the Tunguska River in Russia’s Siberia. In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution declaring June 30 as the International Asteroid Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 30 – “International Asteroid Day” (since 2016)
- 113th anniversary of the largest recorded asteroid impact – took place in Siberia, Russia



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

1. The “Climate Breakthroughs Summit” took place virtually on May 27, 2021. The summit is a collaboration between the World Economic Forum, Mission Possible Partnership, the United Nations Climate Champions, and the United Kingdom Climate Change Conference (COP26) Presidency. The United Nations made a call for coordinated action to secure Global Net-Zero Emissions and fulfill its goal of limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Climate Breakthroughs Summit” = WEF + Mission Possible Partnership + UN Climate Champions + COP26
- Goal of limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels – by 2050

2. On June 1, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has chaired a meeting of “BRICS Foreign Ministers” hosted by India through video conferencing. The ministers are expected to exchange views on the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the need for strengthening and reforming the multilateral system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – chaired a meeting of “BRICS Foreign Ministers” – hosted by India
- BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | BRICS Chairmanship in 2021 – India

3. South Korea has hosted a two-day virtual event called the “2021 Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Seoul Summit”. Established in 2018, the P4G summit in Seoul was only the second of its kind due to COVID-related delays. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea hosted the 2nd “Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Seoul Summit - 2021”
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in
- The 1st P4G Summit was held in – 2018 | Member Countries – 12

4. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has virtually participated in a meeting with “Ministers of Health of the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) Countries”. The meeting was organised by Azerbaijan. The motto is to protect the health of those without wealth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – participated in “Ministers of Health of the NAM Countries” meeting – organised by Azerbaijan
- NAM member countries – 120

5. On June 5, The United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the main focus of the 8th triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) being held virtually from May 31-June 3 and hosted by Germany. Nandula Raghuram is the Chairperson of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Germany – hosted the 8th triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)
- Chairperson of the INI – Nandula Raghuram
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

6. On June 3, the 12th Clean Energy Ministerial was hosted by Chile where CEM members agreed to work together to increase the ambition of the Clean Energy Ministerial in its third phase, CEM3.0. The theme of the summit was “Ambition into Action - Turning a Year of Ambition into a Decade of Delivery”. The 6th Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI-6) was also held in June. In 2023, India will host the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chile – hosted the 12th Clean Energy Ministerial
- Theme – “Ambition into Action - Turning a Year of Ambition into a Decade of Delivery”
- India will host the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial – in 2023
- [Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera](#)

7. The second United Nations (UN) Global Sustainable Transport Conference will take place from October 14 to 16 in Beijing, China. Themed “Sustainable transport, Sustainable development”, the conference will be held both online and offline. The first such conference was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 2nd UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference – to take place in Beijing, China (from Oct 14 to 16)
- Theme – “Sustainable transport, Sustainable development”
- First such conference – in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (in 2016)

8. The first edition of the Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held in a virtual format on 8-9 June 2021 under the co-chairship of India and the Kingdom of Morocco. The inaugural session of the Forum was addressed by R. K. Singh (Minister of State for Power, New & Renewable Energy of India). They agreed to convene the 2nd edition of the AIEF in India during the year 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- First edition of “Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF)” – co-chaired by India + Morocco (addressed by R. K. Singh)
- 2nd edition of the AIEF – to be held in India (in 2023)
- [Morocco – Rabat – Dirham | PM – Saad-Eddine El Othmani](#)

9. The first meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cyber Security Cooperation between India and Australia was held virtually on 10 June 2021. Ms. Paulomi Tripathi, Director (Oceania), Ministry of External Affairs of India led Indian delegation in the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cyber Security Cooperation – held between India & Australia
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

10. On June 11, Member States at the UNGA High-Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS have adopted a Political Declaration to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Member States agreed to ensure that 90% of people living with HIV receive preventive treatment for TB and reduce AIDS-related TB deaths by 80% by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Member States at UNGA High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS – adopted a Political Declaration to end AIDS by 2030
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

11. On June 12, PM Shri Narendra Modi has participated in the first “Outreach Session of the G7 Summit” (47th G7 Leaders’ Summit 2021). PM Modi called G7 summit members for ‘One Earth One Health’. The session was titled/themed “Building Back Stronger - Health” and focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. It was hosted by the UK. The UK has also decided to set up an Animal Vaccine Manufacturing and Innovation Centre at Pirbright Institute in Surrey, England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – participated in the first “Outreach Session of the G7 Summit” (47th G7 Leaders’ Summit 2021)
- Theme – “Building Back Stronger - Health” | The summit was hosted by – UK
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975

12. On June 14, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) held its 31st summit in Brussels, Belgium. NATO leaders largely backed US President Joe Biden’s decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan. NATO leaders have also declared China as a global security challenge. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 31st summit of NATO – held in Brussels, Belgium
- NATO leaders – declared China as a global security challenge
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member Countries – 30

13. On June 14, PM Narendra Modi has delivered a keynote address at the UN “High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought”. He spoke there as the President of the 14th Session of the Conference of Parties of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). PM Modi also highlighted India’s target to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed the UN “High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought”
- PM Narendra Modi – is the President of the 14th Session of the UNCCD
- India’s target to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land – by 2030
- [HQs of UNCCD – Bonn, Germany | Executive Secretary – Ibrahim Thiaw](#)

14. On June 12, The 44th GST Council virtually met under the Chairmanship of Smt Nirmala Sitharaman. The Council has decided to reduce the GST rates on the specified items being used in Covid-19 relief and management till 30th September, 2021. Besides, Eight-member committee headed by Himanta Biswa Sarma was appointed to examine GST concession on Covid-19 essentials. The council also exempted ‘Tocilizumab’ and ‘Amphotericin B’ drugs that are used in treating Black Fungus (mucormycosis). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman chaired – the 44th Meeting of GST Council
- Council decided to reduce the GST rates on the specified items being used in Covid-19 relief – till Sep, 2021
- ‘Tocilizumab’ & ‘Amphotericin B’ drugs (used in treating Black Fungus) – exempted from GST
- 8-member committee is appointed to examine GST concession on Covid essentials – headed by Himanta Biswa Sarma
- [Assam – the 1st Indian state to implement GST](#)

15. On June 16, PM Narendra Modi has delivered a keynote address at the 5th edition of VivaTech. VivaTech is one of the largest digital and startup events in Europe, held in Paris every year since 2016. Narendra Modi was a Guest of Honour to the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed the 5th edition of “VivaTech” – held in Paris, France
- Guest of Honour to the event – Narendra Modi | Paris organizes “VivaTech” every year since 2016
- [France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex](#)

16. On June 14, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has represented India at the “UN Trade Forum 2021”. He stated that the world should decouple trade policy and its green goals. The forum was themed “Towards a green and inclusive recovery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – represented India at the “UN Trade Forum 2021”
- Theme – “Towards a green and inclusive recovery”



17. On June 16, A 3-day virtual Conference of BRICS Network Universities on the theme of 'Electric Mobility' was hosted by IIT Bombay as part of 13th BRICS Summit. Shri Nitin Gadkari was the Chief Guest of the conference. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – hosted a 3-day virtual Conference of BRICS Network Universities – as part of 13th BRICS Summit
- Theme – 'Electric Mobility' | Chief Guest – Nitin Gadkari

18. On June 16, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has represented India at the 8th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus 2021. Brunei is the Chair of the ADMM Plus forum this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh represented India at the 8th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus 2021 – chaired by Brunei
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2021 – Brunei | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10
- Brunei – Bandar Seri Begawan – Brunei dollar (BND) | Prime minister – Hassanal Bolkiah

19. On June 16, The historic 'Great Power' Summit between the US President Joe Biden and Russia President Vladimir Putin took place in Geneva, Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The historic 'Great Power' Summit between Joe Biden & Vladimir Putin took place – in Geneva, Switzerland
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

20. On June 15, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has addressed the 42nd session of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Conference. To commemorate the long standing relationship between India and the FAO, the PM of India Shri Narendra Modi ji had released a special Rs 75 commemorative coin. Hans Hoogeveen is elected as the new Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) for the next 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – addressed the 42nd session of FAO Conference
- Hans Hoogeveen – elected as the new Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) for next 2 years
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

21. On June 21, India is set to host a two-day summit on "Green Hydrogen Initiatives" starting on June 22 involving the BRICS nations. The event will be anchored by the NTPC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – will host a two-day summit on "Green Hydrogen Initiatives" involving the BRICS nations
- The event will be anchored by – NTPC
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

22. On June 22, MoS for Education and Electronics & IT, Sanjay Dhotre has represented India in the “G20 Education Ministers meet 2021”. He also attended the “G20 Ministers for Labour & Employment meet 2021” on the same day. The two meetings were held under the Chairmanship of Italy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre – represented India in the “G20 Education Ministers meet 2021” – chaired by Italy
- Sanjay Dhotre – also represented India in the “G20 Ministers for Labour & Employment meet 2021”
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil](#)

23. As on June 22, India has agreed to host the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) of the International Energy Forum (IEF) in 2022. Such previous meeting was held in Abu Dhabi during 2018 and it was co-hosted by India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) of the IEF in 2022
- [HQs of IEF – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | Established in – 1991](#)

24. On June 22, BRICS Nations have unanimously agreed on an innovation co-operation at the 11th BRICS Science & Technology Steering Committee Meeting. The meeting was hosted by India. The concept note and Action Plan for BRICS Innovation Cooperation 2021-2024 was discussed during the meeting. The meeting was led from the Indian side by Sanjeev Kumar Varshney. India will host 6th edition of “BRICS Young Scientist Conclave” during 13-16 September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjeev Kumar Varshney – led Indian delegation in the 11th BRICS S&T Steering Committee Meeting – hosted by India
- India will host 6th edition of “BRICS Young Scientist Conclave” in September 2021
- [BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | BRICS Chairmanship in 2021 – India](#)

25. On June 24, The 44th Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 of Reliance Industries Ltd was conducted virtually. Reliance Jio will partner with Google Cloud to launch 5G services in India. Saudi Aramco Chairman and Governor of the Kingdom’s wealth fund Public Investment Fund, Yasir Al-Rumayyan, has been inducted into the board of Reliance Industries Ltd as an Independent Director. RIL will set up “Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex” in Jamnagar, Gujarat at a cost of Rs 60,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 44th Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 of Reliance Industries Ltd was conducted virtually
- Yasir Al-Rumayyan – has been inducted into the board of Reliance Industries Ltd as an Independent Director
- Reliance Jio – will partner with Google Cloud to launch 5G services in India (Rs 60,000 Cr)
- RIL – will set up “Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex” in Jamnagar, Gujarat
- [HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973](#)
- [HQs of Saudi Aramco – Dhahran, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Amin H. Nasser | Chairman – Yasir Al-Rumayyan](#)



26. On June 24, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval has attended the 16th meeting of Security Council Secretaries of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held at Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The Beijing-based SCO has emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisations. India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Doval (NSA) – attended the 16th meeting of Security Council Secretaries of SCO – held at Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | Member Countries – 8

27. On June 24, Food Processing Industries (FPI) Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has called the industry players to take benefit of the government initiatives, including the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, during the 3rd edition of the “Northern Region Food Processing Summit 2021” organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry. The government has launched the PLI scheme for the food processing industry, under which Rs 11,000 Cr will be spent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of the “Northern Region Food Processing Summit 2021” – organised by the CII
- Food Processing Industry – included into the Production Linked Incentives (PLI) – at a cost of Rs 11,000 Cr
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee

28. On June 24, Union Minister Santosh Gangwar has represented India in the “Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities” at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting held in Italy. India is making collective efforts to reduce gender gaps in labour force participation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Santosh Gangwar – represented India in the “Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities” at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting – held in Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi

29. On June 23, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar has represented India in the 9th Moscow Conference on International Security on the topic ‘Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19’, in Moscow, Russia. The conference, held annually since 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Kumar – represented India in the 9th Moscow Conference on International Security on the topic ‘Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19’ – in Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

30. On June 24, R. K. Singh has addressed the event on “Accelerating Citizen Centric Energy Transition”, organized by The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the United Nations and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). The virtual event was organized on the side-lines of the Ministerial Thematic Forums week (21-25 June 2021) for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy to be convened on 20th September 2021. India has been designated as a Global Champion for “Energy Transition”, one of the five themes at the Dialogue. R K Singh has released “The India Story”, a booklet on Energy Transition. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- R. K. Singh – addressed the event on “Accelerating Citizen Centric Energy Transition”
- June 21-25 – “Ministerial Thematic Forum” for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy
- India – designated as a Global Champion for “Energy Transition”
- R. K. Singh – released “The India Story” - a booklet on Energy Transition

31. On June 28, The 3rd “India - Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks” were held in a virtual mode. The Indian Delegation was led by Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs. India has committed Rs 4500 Cr for the implementation of development projects and Rs 400 Cr for the transitional Trade Support Facility during Bhutan’s 12th Five Year Plan (2018 - 2023). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Chhabra – represented India in the 3rd “India - Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks”
- India committed Rs 4500 Cr to implement development projects & Rs 400 Cr for the transitional Trade Support
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- Ambassador of India to Bhutan – Mrs. Ruchira Kamboj



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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. On June 1, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh has launched the “Gopal Ratna Awards”, the National Awards for the Cattle and Dairy sector. The award has 3 categories - i) Best Dairy farmer, ii) Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and Best Dairy Cooperative/Milk producer Company/FPO. He also announced integration of “e-GOPALA” app (Generation of wealth through Productive Livestock) with UMANG platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh – launched the “Gopal Ratna Awards”, the National Awards for the Cattle & Dairy sector
- He also announced integration of “e-GOPALA” app with “UMANG” platform
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)

2. On June 2, SpiceHealth has won the Gold Award at the “2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards” for ‘Most Valuable Medical Innovation’ under coronavirus disease (Covid-19) response category. The winners will be awarded during a virtual awards ceremony on July 14, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SpiceHealth – won the Gold Award for ‘Most Valuable Medical Innovation’ – at “2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards”
- SpiceHealth received award under – ‘Covid-19 response category’

3. On June 4, French novelist David Diop has won the prestigious “International Booker Prize” for books translated into English with his World War I-set novel, “At Night All Blood is Black”. It is a sister prize to the Booker Prize, awarded to a novel written in English. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- David Diop ([French Poet](#)) – won the prestigious “International Booker Prize” – for “At Night All Blood is Black”
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

4. On June 6, Water Burial has won the ‘Best Film’ award on Environment Conservation at the 67th National Films Awards 2021. This film is inspired by the popular Assamese novel “Saba Kota Manuh”, which is written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi. Water Burial is in Monpa dialect. The film is directed by a filmmaker Shantanu Sen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Water Burial – won the ‘Best Film’ award at the 67th National Films Awards 2021 (on ‘Environment Conservation’)
- The film is directed by – Shantanu Sen (in Monpa dialect)
- Monpa tribe – Arunachal Pradesh | “Saba Kota Manuh” an assamese novel – written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi



5. On June 4, Thomas Vijayan has won the title of “Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021” for his photo of an orangutan clinging to a tree. The photograph is titled “The World is Going Upside Down”. Earlier, Thomas Vijayan’s photograph of a group of playful langurs was also honoured in the ‘Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards 2021’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thomas Vijayan (Kerala) – won the title of “Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021”
- His photograph is titled “The World is Going Upside Down”

6. On June 3, Delhi and Hyderabad airports have been felicitated “Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021” by the Airports Council International (ACI) for their environment sustainable initiatives. Delhi International Airport has been awarded the Platinum Recognition in over 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category while, Hyderabad International Airport received the Gold Recognition in below 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi & Hyderabad airports – felicitated “Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021” – by the ACI
- Delhi International Airport – Platinum Recognition in over 25 MPPA category
- Hyderabad International Airport – Gold Recognition in below 25 MPPA category
- HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira

7. On June 9, Tsitsi Dangarembga, the Booker-shortlisted Zimbabwean writer, has won the “PEN Pinter Prize in 2021”. He was also shortlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize for her work, This Mournable Body. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tsitsi Dangarembga (Zimbabwe) – won the “PEN Pinter Prize in 2021”
- Zimbabwe – Harare – Dollar | President – Emmerson Mnangagwa

8. On June 10, R. S. Sodhi (MD of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation) has received “Asia Pacific Productivity Champion 2020” award in recognition of enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain. In the past 20 years, this is for the first time an Indian has received a prestigious award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. S. Sodhi – received “Asia Pacific Productivity Champion 2020” award

9. Actor Tillotama Shome has won the Best Actor award at the latest edition of the “UK Asian Film Festival” for her film “Raahgir: The Wayfarers”, which is directed by Goutam Ghose. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tillotama Shome – won the Best Actor award at the “UK Asian Film Festival”
- She won this award for her film - “Raahgir: The Wayfarers” (directed by - Goutam Ghose)

10. On June 12, Pune-based musician-developer Sandeep Ranade has developed Artificial Intelligence music app “NaadSadhana” that helps Indian Classical musicians tune, synthesise and create music. The app won in the Innovation category at the Apple Design Awards during “Worldwide Developer Conference 2021 (WWDC21)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “NaadSadhana” AI music app – won in the Innovation category at the Apple Design Awards during WWDC21
- “NaadSadhana” app – developed by Sandeep Ranade (Pune, MH)

11. On June 12, The Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) has released a list of 400 colleges from across India which have actively participated to keep their campuses clean and sanitized. These colleges won the “One District One Green Champion” Award by MGNCRE, Union Ministry of Education, under “Swachhta Action Plan 2020-21”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MGNCRE released a list of 400 colleges from across India – for “One District One Green Champion” Swachhata Award

12. On June 12, Louise Erdrich has won the “Pulitzer Prize 2021” under the fiction category for “The Night Watchman”. Other winners for books include the late Les Payne and daughter Tamara Payne under the Biography category for their Malcolm X biography “The Dead Are Arising”. The New York Times won the Public Service Pulitzer. While, Pulitzer Prizes awarded special citation to Darnella Frazier, the teenager who recorded the killing of George Floyd. From India, Megha Rajagopalan has won the Pulitzer Prize for exposing China’s vast infrastructure for detaining Muslims. Besides, others winners are also mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pulitzer Prize 2021”: (First Pulitzer Prize was given in - 1917)

Winner	Category	Prize given for
Louise Erdrich	Fiction	“The Night Watchman”
David Zucchino	Non-fiction	“Wilmington’s Lie”
Late Les Payne & Tamara Payne	Biography	“The Dead Are Arising”
Marcia Chatelain	History	“Franchise”
Natalie Diaz	Poetry	“Postcolonial Love Poem”
Tania Leon	Music	“Stride”
Katori Hall	Drama	“The Hot Wing King”
Darnella Frazier	Special Citation	for recording the killing of George Floyd
Megha Rajagopalan (India)	International reporting	for exposing China’s vast infrastructure for detaining Muslims
New York Times	Public Service Pulitzer	for its detailed, data-filled reporting on the pandemic



13. On June 13, The ICC inducted 10 legends of the game into “ICC Hall of Fame 2021”. Vinoo Mankad (India), Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka), Desmond Haynes (Barbados), Andy Flower (Zimbabwe) were among the 10 legends. Flower became the first player from Zimbabwe to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. Vinoo Mankad was born in Jamnagar, Gujarat in 1917. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC inducted 10 legends of the game into “ICC Hall of Fame 2021”
- The list includes – Vinoo Mankad (India) & Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

14. On June 12, Prof. Shailesh Ganpule from IIT Roorkee has received the “NSG Counter-IED & Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021” instituted by National Security Guard for his design of a blast-resistant helmet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shailesh Ganpule (IIT Roorkee) – received the “NSG Counter-IED & Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021”
- HQs of NSG – New Delhi | DG – M. A. Ganapathy | Founded in – 1950

15. On June 14, Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim and Scotland all-rounder Kathryn Bryce have been named the ICC Players of the Month for May 2021. All-rounder Kathryn Bryce is the first player from Scotland - male or female - to make it to the top 10 of the batting or bowling lists in the ICC Player Rankings released recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh - Cricket) – named the ICC Men’s Player of the Month for May 2021
- Kathryn Bryce (Scotland - Cricket) – named the ICC Women’s Player of the Month for May 2021
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

16. On June 17, United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) has recognised Sumant Sinha (Chairman & MD of ReNew Power) as one of the ten “SDG Pioneers 2021”, for his work to advance access to clean and affordable energy. ReNew Power has been a participant in the UN Global Compact since 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sumant Sinha – recognised as one of the ten “SDG Pioneers 2021”
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha

17. On June 17, Rajasthan-based climate activist Shyam Sundar Jyani's environment conservation concept, Familial Forestry has won the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification’s (UNCCD) “Land for Life Award for 2021”. This year’s theme was “Healthy Land, Healthy Lives”. This award was launched at the UNCCD COP (Conference of Parties) 10 in 2011. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Familial Forestry – won the UNCCD’s “Land for Life Award” for 2021
- ‘Familial Forestry’ - an environment conservation concept of Shyam Sundar Jyani (Rajasthan)
- Theme – “Healthy Land, Healthy Lives”
- HQs of UNCCD – Bonn, Germany | Executive Secretary – Ibrahim Thiaw

18. On June 18, Indian-American chemist Sumita Mitra has won the “European Inventor Award 2021” under ‘Non-EPO (European Patent Office) countries’ category for her application of nanotechnology in dentistry. The European Inventor Award was launched by the EPO in 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sumita Mitra (Indian-American) – won the “European Inventor Award 2021” under ‘Non-EPO countries’ category
- The European Inventor Award was launched by the EPO in 2006

19. On June 17, Larsen & Toubro Infotech has been recognized as the “Global Innovation Partner of the Year” by Snowflake, the Data Cloud Company. LTI received this prestigious recognition during Snowflake Virtual Partner Summit held on 16 June 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T Infotech – recognized as the “Global Innovation Partner of the Year” by Snowflake
- HQs of LTI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Sanjay Jalona
- HQs of Snowflake – Bozeman, Montana, US | CEO – Frank Sloatman

20. On June 19, Former Health Minister & a Teacher, K. K. Shailaja has been chosen for the prestigious Central European University’s (CEU) “Open Society Prize 2021” in recognition of her commitment to public health services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Shailaja – honoured with the “Open Society Prize 2021” – by the Central European University (Hungary)

21. On June 20, INS Sahyadri has been adjudged the ‘Best Ship’ of the Eastern Fleet at the “Fleet Awards Function” and INS Kamorta has received the title of the ‘Most Spirited Ship’. INS Kiltan and INS Khukri won the ‘Best Corvette’ trophy amongst corvettes and similar classes of ships. The function was held to mark the culmination of the Operational Cycle of the Eastern Fleet and to recognise accomplishments of the ‘Sword Arm’ of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Sahyadri – adjudged the ‘Best Ship’ of the Eastern Fleet
- INS Kamorta – received the title of the ‘Most Spirited Ship’
- INS Kiltan & INS Khukri – won the ‘Best Corvette’ trophy

22. On June 20, A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi produced by internationally-renowned South African filmmaker Anant Singh has won the Best Documentary Feature Award at the 21st New York Indian Film Festival. The film, titled “Ahimsa - Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless”, was written and directed by Ramesh Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ahimsa - Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless” – won Best Documentary Feature Award
- The film was written & directed by – Ramesh Sharma | Produced by – Anant Singh

23. On June 24, The Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has won the Airport Council International’s (ACI) Director General’s Roll of Excellence honour for Quality of Airport Service. The CIAL consistently delivered excellence in customer service by winning multiple ASQ awards over five years during the past 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin International Airport Ltd – won the ACI’s DG’s Roll of Excellence honour for Quality of Airport Service
- HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira

24. On June 27, Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) has awarded the Delhi Metro’s Phase I, II, and III projects with the prestigious “Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award” for the year 2020. The Delhi Metro project was dubbed a ‘High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project’ by the JSCE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro’s project – awarded with the “Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award” – by JSCE
- Delhi Metro’s project name – ‘High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project’
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

25. French author Emmanuel Carrere has been granted this year’s Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award. The award is one of the 8 prestigious prizes by the foundation named after the heir to the Spanish throne, Princess Leonor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Emmanuel Carrere ([French Author](#)) – granted “Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award 2021”

26. On June 28, Noted journalist P. Sainath has been selected as one of the three recipients of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”. Mr. Sainath will receive the ‘Grand Prize’ of the Fukuoka Prize while the ‘Academic Prize’ will go to Prof. Kishimoto Mio of Japan and the ‘Prize for Arts and Culture’ will go to filmmaker Prabda Yoon of Thailand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Sainath ([India](#)) – received ‘Grand Prize’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”
- Kishimoto Mio ([Japan](#)) – received ‘Academic Prize’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”
- Prabda Yoon ([Thailand](#)) – received ‘Prize for Arts & Culture’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”

27. Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga has conferred the most prestigious and highly distinguished Mongolian State Award - “The Order of the Polar Star” to Prof. Shashibala and to R. K. Sabharwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shashibala & R. K. Sabharwal – conferred with the Mongolian State Award - “The Order of the Polar Star”
- Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar – Mongolian Togrog | President – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

28. On June 30, Three students from Delhi - Kaif Ali, Sana Mittar and Devanshi Ranjan have won the prestigious “Diana Award 2021” for their contribution to society during the Covid pandemic. The Diana Award is established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales. Besides, Two students from Gems Modern Academy, Kochi, Kerala - Nirvaan John Rao (12) and Sethulakshmi Chandra (15), have also received the prestigious “Diana Award 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaif Ali + Sana Mittar + Devanshi Ranjan (**Delhi**) = won the prestigious “Diana Award 2021”
- Nirvaan John Rao + Sethulakshmi Chandra (**Kerala**) = also won the prestigious “Diana Award 2021”
- Diana Award established in memory of “Diana” - a Princess of Wales | Founded in – 1999



Appointments & Resignations

1. West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay opted to retire and was appointed as Chief Adviser to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alapan Bandyopadhyay – appointed as Chief Adviser to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

2. B. Shyam, presently Consul General in Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iceland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. Shyam – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iceland
- Iceland – Reykjavik – Krona | President – Guoni Th. Johannesson

3. Magma Fincorp Ltd has appointed Adar Poonawalla as the Chairman of the company. The NBFC's board also appointed Abhay Bhutada as its Managing Director. Poonawalla is also the CEO of Pune-based Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adar Poonawalla – appointed as the Chairman of Magma Fincorp Ltd
- Abhay Bhutada – appointed as the Managing Director of Magma Fincorp Ltd
- HQs of Magma Fincorp Ltd – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Adar Poonawalla | MD – Abhay Bhutada

4. On June 1, Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair has taken over as the Director General of Assam Rifles (DGAR), India's oldest Paramilitary Force. Lt. Gen. Nair is the 21st DG of the Assam Rifles, popularly known as "Sentinels of the Northeast". He took over as Assam Rifles DG in a ceremony at the DGAR headquarters at Shillong in Meghalaya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Gen. Pradeep Chandran Nair – took over as the 21st Director General of Assam Rifles
- Assam Rifles – popularly known as "Sentinels of the Northeast" (India's oldest Paramilitary Force)
- HQs of Assam Rifles – Shillong, Meghalaya | Founded in – 1835 | Motto: "Sentinels of the North East"

5. On June 2, Isaac Herzog, a veteran politician and the scion of a prominent Israeli family, was elected as the 11th President of Israel. He has succeeded Reuven Rivlin who is set to leave office in July after 7 years in office. Herzog, 60, is a former head of Israel's Labor Party. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isaac Herzog – elected as the 11th President of Israel
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu



6. On June 1, Dr. Vinay K. Nandicoori has been appointed as the new Director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. He is a well-known molecular biologist and has been a scientist at the DBT-National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinay K. Nandicoori – appointed as the new Director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
- [HQs of CSIR-CCMB – Hyderabad, Telangana | Director – Vinay K. Nandicoori](#)

7. On June 1, WhatsApp has appointed Paresh B. Lal as its Grievance Officer for India on its website. As per WhatsApp's website, users can contact Paresh B. Lal ('Grievance Officer') through a post box in Banjara Hills in Hyderabad, Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paresh B. Lal – appointed as Grievance Officer of WhatsApp for India
- [HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009](#)

8. On June 3, Sanjiv Kohli, presently High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjiv Kohli – appointed as next Ambassador of India to – Serbia
- [Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar | President – Aleksandar Vucic](#)

9. On June 1, Former journalist Swapan Dasgupta has been renominated to the Upper House of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) by the government. Noted lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani was also nominated to Rajya Sabha by the central government. The nominated members are drawn from fields such as literature, science, sports, art and social service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swapan Dasgupta ([Journalist](#)) – renominated to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)
- Mahesh Jethmalani ([Lawyer](#)) – nominated to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)
- [Rajya Sabha Chairperson – Venkaiah Naidu | Deputy Chairperson – Harivansh Narayan Singh](#)

10. On June 2, During the 149th session of the WHO Executive board, Dr. Patrick Amoth, Acting Director General for Health in the Ministry of Health of Kenya, has been appointed as the Chair of WHO Executive Board for 1 year. He succeeds Dr. Harsh Vardhan who completed his tenure on June 2 this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Patrick Amoth([Kenya](#))–appointed as Chairman of WHO Executive Board for 1 year(replacing -Dr. Harsh Vardhan)
- [Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta](#)
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194](#)



11. On June 3, An agritech venture capital firm, Omnivore has roped in former NABARD Chief Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as Senior Advisor. Bhanwala was NABARD chairman from 2013 to 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsh Kumar Bhanwala – appointed as Senior Advisor of Omnivore
- HQs of Omnivore – Mumbai, Maharashtra

12. The International Dairy Federation (IDF) has unanimously elected R. S. Sodhi to its board during the general assembly held on 1 June. He is a managing director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) that sells Amul branded products in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. S. Sodhi – elected to the board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)
- HQs of IDF – Brussels, Belgium | DG – Ms. Caroline Emond

13. The Reserve Bank of India has approved re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director and CEO of RBL Bank for 1-year period with effect from June 30, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vishwavir Ahuja – re-appointed as MD & CEO of RBL Bank – for 1 year
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwavir Ahuja

14. On June 7, S. Inbasekar, presently Director in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Inbasekar – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to “Papua New Guinea”
- Papua New Guinea – Port Moresby – Kina | PM – James Marape

15. On June 5, Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as the World Bank Education advisor, for the period from June 2021 to June 2024. Disale is the first Indian to have been awarded the ‘Global Teacher Award in 2020’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranjitsinh Disale (Maharashtra) – appointed as the World Bank Education advisor (from June 2021 to June 2024)

16. On June 5, Senior IAS officer Alok Kumar has taken charge as the new Chief Secretary of Tripura. He replaced Manoj Kumar. Alok Kumar of 1990 batch IAS was earlier posted as additional secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat at New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alok Kumar – took charge as the new Chief Secretary of Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

17. On June 6, Husain Al-Musallam of Kuwait has been elected as President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress 2021 in Doha. While, China's first Olympic champion diver Zhou Jihong was voted in as Vice President. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Husain Al-Musallam ([Kuwait](#)) – elected as President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)
- Zhou Jihong ([China](#)) – elected as Vice-President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)
- [HQs of FINA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Husain Al-Musallam | V. President – Zhou Jihong](#)

18. On June 5, Vice-president of Indian Olympic Association and Executive Director of Swimming Federation of India (SFI), Virendra Nanavati is the first Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the world body's General Congress held in Doha in Qatar. He was elected for the term of 2021-2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virendra Nanavati – the 1st Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the FINA – for 2021-2025
- [HQs of FINA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Husain Al-Musallam | V. President – Zhou Jihong](#)

19. On June 7, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) has announced the appointment of Hitendra Dave as Interim Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval. Mr. Dave succeeds Surendra Rosha. India is the third largest contributor to HSBC's Group profits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hitendra Dave – appointed as Interim Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India
- [HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Hitendra Dave | Founded in – 1853](#)

20. On June 10, The Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new President of the 76th session of UN General Assembly (UNGA), winning a three-fourth majority against contender Afghanistan's former foreign minister Zalmay Rassoul. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abdulla Shahid ([Maldives](#)) – elected as the new President of the 76th session of the UNGA
- [Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih](#)
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193](#)

21. On June 3, Following the cancellation of the Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank's licence by the RBI, the state cooperative department has appointed deputy registrar R. S. Dhondkar, as Liquidator. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. S. Dhondkar – appointed as Liquidator of "Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank" ([Pune, Maharashtra](#))
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\) | Established in – 1st April 1935](#)

22. On June 7, Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) has appointed K. K. Maheshwari, as new President. He takes over the office from Anup Khandelwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Maheshwari – appointed as President of Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI)
- HQs of ANMI – New Delhi | President – K. K. Maheshwari

23. On June 7, Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar has assumed charge as Director General Naval Operations. The Flag Officer is a specialist in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and has served on frontline warships of the Navy as ASW Officer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajesh Pendharkar – assumed charge as Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)

24. On June 8, Social media giant Facebook has named Spoorthi Priya as its Grievance Officer for India on its website. Facebook-owned WhatsApp had recently named Paresh B. Lal as its grievance officer for India on its website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Spoorthi Priya – appointed as its Grievance Officer for Facebook India on its website
- Paresh B. Lal – appointed as its Grievance Officer for WhatsApp India on its website (earlier)

25. On June 8, Arun Raste has taken charge as MD and CEO of agri-commodity bourse National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Raste – took charge as MD & CEO of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
- HQs of NCDEX – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Arun Raste

26. On June 8, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Anup Chandra Pandey, a retired Uttar Pradesh cadre IAS officer, to the post of Election Commissioner. Following the elevation of Sushil Chandra as the Chief Election Commissioner in April, the position of an Election Commissioner was vacant since April 13. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anup Chandra Pandey – appointed to the post of Election Commissioner of India
- Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra | Other Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (total 3 members)

27. On June 7, Mali Political Veteran Choguel Maiga has been appointed as Transitional Prime Minister of the country. While, Colonel Assimi Goita was sworn in as the new transitional President. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Choguel Maiga – appointed as Transitional Prime Minister of Mali
- Assimi Goita – appointed as Transitional President of Mali (earlier)
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc | Transitional President – Col. Assimi Goita | Transitional PM – Choguel Maiga



28. On June 7, The RBI has granted approval for re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the MD & CEO of Bandhan bank for a period of 3 years, with effect from 10 July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandra Shekhar Ghosh – re-appointed as the MD & CEO of “Bandhan bank” for 3 years
- HQs of Bandhan Bank – Kolkata, WB | MD & CEO – Chandra Shekhar Ghosh | Tagline – “Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai”

29. The Central Government has re-appointed Mahesh Kumar Jain as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of 2 years with effect from June 22, 2021. He was appointed as deputy governor for 3 years in June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahesh Kumar Jain – tenure extended as Deputy Governor of the RBI for a period of 2 years
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

30. On June 6, UN General Assembly has appointed Antonio Guterres as the UN Secretary-General for a second term beginning on January 1, 2022. A few days ago, the UN Security Council had unanimously recommended his name to the 193-member body for re-election. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Antonio Guterres – appointed as the Secretary General of the UN – for the 2nd term beginning on January 1, 2022
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

31. On June 10, Former Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has become the country's 6th democratically elected President. He is associated with Mongolian People's Party (MPP). He will replace incumbent Khaltmaa Battulga. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ukhnaa Khurelsukh – became 6th democratically elected President of – Mongolia
- Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar – Mongolian Togrog | President – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

32. On June 10, The government has given a 9-month extension to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Chairman Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar till March, 2021. The government owns 100% stake in LIC. The initial public offer (IPO) of LIC would be floated in 2021-22 as part of the ambitious Rs 1.75 lakh Cr disinvestment target. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. R. Kumar – extension of 9 months as Chairman of the LIC (till March, 2021)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956



33. On June 9, Ferrari has appointed Benedetto Vigna as its new CEO. Vigna is currently a senior executive at STMicroelectronics. He replaced former CEO Louis Camilleri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Benedetto Vigna – appointed as the CEO of Ferrari
- HQs of Ferrari – Maranello, Italy | CEO – Benedetto Vigna

34. On June 10, The Law Ministry has notified the appointment of Justice Sanjay Yadav by President Ram Nath Govind as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Sanjay Yadav – appointed as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court
- The President of India appoints a Chief Justice of State High Court – under ‘Article 223’ of Indian Constitution

35. On June 8, The RBI has approved the re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank for a period of 3 years starting July 1, 2021. This reappointment was earlier approved by shareholders on August 14, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Girish Chandra Chaturvedi – re-appointed as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank – for 3 years
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

36. On June 9, R. Kishore Kumar will re-join the group to head Sterlite Copper as the President as the current CEO Pankaj Kumar quitted the company citing personal reasons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Kishore Kumar – appointed as the New President of Sterlite Copper
- HQs of Sterlite Copper – Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | President – R. Kishore Kumar

37. On June 10, President-elect of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly and Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid has appointed Kakanur Nagaraj Naidu (India’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador) as his Chef de Cabinet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abdulla Shahid (UNGA President - from Maldives) – appointed India’s K. Nagaraj Naidu as his Chef de Cabinet
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

38. On June 12, Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the new Brand Ambassador of biotechnology company Mylab Discovery Solutions. This announcement comes after Mylab launched India’s first COVID-19 self-test kit - CoviSelf. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akshay Kumar – appointed as the new Brand Ambassador of Mylab Discovery Solutions
- HQs of Mylab Discovery Solutions – Lonavla, Maharashtra | MD – Hasmukh Rawal | CEO – Rahul Patil

39. On June 12, Central African Republic has appointed former finance minister Henri Marie Dondra as Prime Minister. CAR's Prime Minister Firmin Ngrebada announced his resignation. President Faustin-Archange Touadera was sworn in for a second five-year term in March. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Henri Marie Dondra – appointed as the Prime Minister of Central African Republic
- Central African Republic – Bangui – CFA Franc | President – Faustin-Archange Touadera | PM – Henri Marie Dondra

40. On June 11, The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has appointed former Supreme Court Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri to chair the Grievance Redressal Board of the recently formed Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMAI appointed “Arjan Kumar Sikri” – to chair the Grievance Redressal Board - a part of the DPCGC
- HQs of IMAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Subho Ray | Chairperson – Amit Agarwal

41. On June 12, The UN General Assembly has approved the nomination of Costa Rican economist Rebecca Grynspan as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). She was nominated by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. She is the first woman and Central American to lead the Geneva-based organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rebecca Grynspan (Costa Rica) – nominated by Antonio Guterres as Secretary-General of the UNCTAD
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebecca Grynspan
- Costa Rica – San Jose – Costa Rican colon | President – Carlos Alvarado Quesada

42. On June 14, Shri Ngulkham Jathom Gangte, presently High Commissioner of India to Zambia, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tunisia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ngulkham Jathom Gangte – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Tunisia
- Tunisia – Tunis – Dinar | President – Kais Saied | PM – Hichem Mechichi

43. On June 14, S. Janakiraman, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Janakiraman – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Cuba
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel

44. On June 14, Naftali Bennett was sworn in as Israel's 13th Prime Minister, replacing Benjamin Netanyahu from power after an uninterrupted 12 years at the helm of affairs. Bennett is 49-year-old leader of the right-wing Yamina party. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naftali Bennett (Yamina party) – sworn in as 13th PM of Israel (replacing Benjamin Netanyahu)
- [Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett](#)

45. On June 13, German luxury carmaker Audi has extended its association with Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli as brand ambassador. Kohli has been associated with Audi India since 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Audi – extended its association with Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador
- [HQs of Audi – Ingolstadt, Germany | CEO – Markus Duesmann](#)

46. On June 14, Mukesh Sharma, a faculty at IIT Kanpur, has been appointed as an honorary member of World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health - Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukesh Sharma (IIT Kanpur) – appointed as an honorary member of WHO's Global Air Pollution & Health - Technical Advisory Group
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194](#)

47. On June 13, The Centre has appointed Anand Mohan Bajaj as Member of the Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He has replaced Tarun Bajaj, who is now the Revenue Secretary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anand Mohan Bajaj – appointed as Member of the Board of SEBI
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)

48. On June 17, Global sports brand PUMA has extended its decade long partnership with former Indian Cricketer Yuvraj Singh by signing him as brand ambassador of PUMA Motorsport in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yuvraj Singh – extended as Brand Ambassador of PUMA Motorsport in India
- [HQs of Puma – Herzogenaurach, Germany | CEO – Bjorn Gulden](#)

49. On June 17, Microsoft Corporation has named Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella as its new Chairman, in place of John Thompson. Nadella took over as CEO in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satya Nadella – appointed as Chairman of Microsoft
- [HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975](#)



50. On June 16, Embalam R. Selvam was elected unopposed as Speaker of the 15th Legislative Assembly of Puducherry. Chief Minister N. Rangasamy and Opposition leader R. Siva accompanied Mr. Selvam to the Speaker's chair. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Embalam R. Selvam – elected unopposed as Speaker of the 15th Legislative Assembly
- Puducherry: CM – N. Rangasamy | Governor – Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge)

51. On June 17, For the first time, the government has appointed a private person Aashish Chandorkar as 'Counsellor' in Permanent Mission of India (PMI) in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aashish Chandorkar – appointed as 'Counsellor' in Permanent Mission of India (PMI) in the WTO for 3 years
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Countries – 164

52. On June 16, British lawyer Karim Khan was sworn in as the new Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court for a tenure of 9 years. He takes over from Fatou Bensouda of Gambia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karim Khan (Britain) – sworn in as the new Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court – for 9 years
- HQs of International Criminal Court – Hague, Netherlands | President – Judge Piotr Hofmanski

53. On June 16, Chinese smartphone and wearables maker OnePlus has roped in Indian cricket Jasprit Bumrah as the Brand Ambassador for its wearable category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jasprit Bumrah – as the Brand Ambassador for the wearable category of OnePlus
- HQs of OnePlus – Shenzhen, China | CEO – Pete Lau

54. On June 19, Ebrahim Raisi has been elected as the new President of Iran. When 90% of the ballots were counted, Mr. Raisi won 62% of the vote. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ebrahim Raisi – elected as the new President of Iran
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi

55. On June 20, The SEBI has reconstituted its Takeover Panel chaired by N. K. Sodhi. The regulator has appointed N. Venkatram (MD & CEO of Deloitte India) as the new member of the Takeover Panel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI reconstituted its Takeover Panel – chaired by N. K. Sodhi
- N. Venkatram – appointed as the new member of the Takeover Panel
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992



56. On June 21, Shri Ashok Kumar, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Kumar – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Zambia
- Zambia – Lusaka – Zambian Kwacha | President – Edgar Lungu

57. Ajai Puri (CEO of Bharti Airtel) has been re-elected as Chairman of the Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) for 2021-22. Pramod Kumar Mittal (President of Reliance Jio Infocomm) will continue as Vice Chairman of the association. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajai Puri – re-elected as Chairman of the COAI for 2021-22
- Pramod Kumar Mittal – re-elected as Vice Chairman of the COAI for 2021-22
- HQs of COAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ajai Puri | VC – Pramod Kumar Mittal | Founded in – 1995

58. On June 21, WWF India has inducted Upasana Kamineni (Director of Apollo Hospitals) as “Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes” with the aim to appreciate the efforts of frontline workers in hospitals and in the wildlife protection space. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Upasana Kamineni – appointed as ‘Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes’ by WWF India
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej

59. On June 22, Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari was appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court replacing Justice Sanjay Yadav. Chief justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court L. Narayana Swamy has retired. Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts retire at the age of 62. The retirement age of the Chief Justice of India and judges of the Supreme Court is 65 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Munishwar Nath Bhandari – appointed as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court
- Retirement age of Chief Justices & Judges of HC – 62 years | Chief Justice of India & judges of the SC – 65 years

60. On June 19, Pratima Murthy, Professor and HoD (Psychiatry), has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) till she attains the age of 65 years. Y. C. Janardhan Reddy has been appointed Head of Department of Psychiatry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pratima Murthy – appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences
- HQs of NIMHANS – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Pratima Murthy



61. On June 20, Dr Tadang Minu from Arunachal Pradesh has become the first woman in India and the second Indian to be appointed as a member of the Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association (AIBA). Dr Minu is an assistant professor at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) and also the president of the Arunachal Amateur Boxing Association (AABA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tadang Minu (Arunachal Pradesh) – became the first woman in India & 2nd Indian to be appointed as a member of the Coaches Committee of the “AIBA”
- HQs of AIBA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Umar Kremlev (from Russia)

62. The Centre has extended the tenure of appointment of Ananta Barua & SK Mohanty as Whole-time Members (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a period of two years till July 31, 2023. Barua was appointed as SEBI WTM in June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ananta Barua & SK Mohanty – tenure extended as Whole-time Members (WTM) of SEBI – for 2 years (till 2023)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- Total WTMs in the SEBI: 4 – G. Mahalingam, Madhabi Puri Buch, Ananta Barua, SK Mohanty

63. On June 21, Vijay Deshwal has joined Magma Fincorp Ltd as its group Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Poonawalla Group acquired 60% stake in Magma Fincorp in May, 2021. Vijay Deshwal has post-graduated from IIM Ahmedabad (IIM-A). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vijay Deshwal – appointed as the CEO of Magma Fincorp Ltd
- HQs of Magma Fincorp Ltd – Kolkata, West Bengal

64. On June 23, The Delhi government has appointed India’s first woman Olympic medal winner Karnam Malleswari as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi Sports University (DSU). The Delhi Assembly had in 2019 passed a Bill to set up the DSU which would offer graduation, postgraduation and doctorate degrees in cricket, football, and hockey among other sports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnam Malleswari – appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi Sports University

65. On June 23, Barrister Pardeep Singh Tiwana has become the first Indian to be appointed as a judge of the County Court of Victoria (Australia). Earlier, Jalandhar’s Palbinder Kaur Shergill had become the first Sikh turbaned baptised woman to be appointed as a Supreme Court Judge of Canada in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pardeep Singh Tiwana – became the 1st Indian to be appointed as a judge of the County Court of Victoria (Australia)
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

66. On June 25, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)'s executive director, Meenesh Shah has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of the dairy body for six months. Shah has taken over after Varsha Joshi's tenure ended on May 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenesh Shah – assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of NDDB – for 6 months
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Meenesh Shah | Established in – 1965

67. On June 23, Former Infosys CEO S. D. Shibu Lal was appointed as Chairperson of a 3-member task force formed to help the government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its ambitious “Mission Karmayogi”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. D. Shibu Lal – appointed as Chairperson of a 3-member task force created for “Mission Karmayogi”

68. On June 26, Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) in the Central Vigilance Commission. He is replacing Sanjay Kothari. The commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two vigilance commissioners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suresh N. Patel – appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) (replacing - Sanjay Kothari)
- CVC is appointed by – The President of India

69. On June 28, The Centre has extended the tenure of Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das by 3 months. A 1987 batch IAS officer, Das took charge as the Chief Secretary from Nilam Sawhney on December 31, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Nath – tenure extended as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh – by 3 months
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

70. On June 28, The government has extended the tenure of Attorney General K. K. Venugopal by 1 year till June 30, 2022. The 89-year-old took over as the 15th Attorney General in July 2017. Attorney General is the chief legal adviser of Government of India and it is appointed by the President of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Venugopal – tenure extended as Attorney General – by 1 year (till June 30, 2022)
- He took over as the 15th Attorney General in July 2017 | AG is appointed by the President of India

71. On June 28, Usha Natesan has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR). She will hold the post for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Usha Natesan – appointed as the Director of the NITTTR – for a period of 5 years

72. On June 28, Justice Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. He replaced Chief Justice Narayana Swamy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath – appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court
- [Retirement age of Chief Justices & Judges of HC – 62 years](#) | [Chief Justice of India & judges of the SC – 65 years](#)

73. On June 29, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension for Umesh Sinha as Deputy Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India on contract basis for another year up-to July, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Umesh Sinha – tenure extended as Deputy Election Commissioner in the ECI – for 1 year (July, 2022)
- [HQs of ECI – New Delhi](#) | [Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra \(24th\)](#) | [Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950](#)

74. On June 28, Swedish Prime Minister Kjell Stefan Lofven has resigned from his post after the Social Democrat leader lost a vote of no-confidence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stefan Lofven – resigned from the post of Prime Minister of Sweden
- [Sweden – Stockholm – Krona](#)

75. On June 28, Twitter has appointed its global legal policy director Jeremy Kessel as new Grievance Officer for users in India. Recently, Twitter also lost its intermediary status in India making the company liable for any unlawful user-generated content. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeremy Kessel – appointed as new Grievance Officer for Twitter's users in India
- [HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA](#) | [CEO – Jack Dorsey](#) | [Founded in – 2006](#)

76. On June 30, The Central Government has extended for another 1 year the tenure of Amitabh Kant, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) till June 2022. It is the third extension since he took charge of NITI Aayog in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government extended the tenure of Amitabh Kant as CEO of NITI Aayog – for 1 year (till June, 2022)
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Amitabh Kant](#)
- [Chairperson – Narendra Modi](#) | [Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar](#)

77. Shambhu Nath Srivastava, a former judge of Allahabad High Court and former chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA), a non-profit organisation to promote objectives of the United Nations and its specialised agencies. He succeeds Mukul Sangma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shambhu Nath Srivastava – appointed as the Chairman of the IFUNA (succeeding - Mukul Sangma)
- HQs of IFUNA – New Delhi | Chairman – Shambhu Nath Srivastava



Amount & Agreements

1. On June 3, NABARD has sanctioned Rs 254 Cr to Odisha under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for setting up of two Mega Piped Drinking Water Supply Projects. The two mega projects will come up in Jajpur district and Puri district. These projects will contribute in achieving the goal of provision of drinking water to the rural population by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 254 Cr to Odisha under “Rural Infrastructure Development Fund” (RIDF)
- It is for setting up of 2 Mega Piped Drinking Water Supply Projects – in Jajpur & Puri
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

2. On June 3, The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India have signed a \$2.5 million project readiness financing (PRF) loan to support project preparation and design activities to upgrade major district roads in Sikkim. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + ADB = \$2.5 million Project Readiness Financing (PRF) loan – to support road upgradation project in Sikkim
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

3. On June 3, The European Union and an Energy Investment Programme (EIP) founded by Bill Gates plan to raise up to \$1 billion from 2022 to 2026 to roll out the Low-Carbon Technologies to meet its climate change goals. The EU has committed to eliminate its net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Union + EIP of Bill Gates = to raise up to \$1 billion from 2022 to 2026 – to launch Low-Carbon Technologies
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries – 27

4. On June 5, The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd (YIAPL) has received the final credit sanction for Rs 3725 Cr with a tenure of 20 years from the State Bank of India (SBI) for the development of Noida International Airport (NIA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yamuna Int. Airport – received a loan of Rs 3725 Cr from “SBI” – for the development of Noida International Airport
- Noida International Airport (Jewar Airport) – located in Uttar Pradesh
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

5. On June 7, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has signed up an investment pact Gujarat Government for adding petrochemical and lube plants to expand crude oil processing capacity at its Koyali refinery at Vadodara in Gujarat. IOC will invest total Rs 24,000 Cr in six petrochemical projects of Gujarat. The other infrastructure projects envisaged are a new flare system at the Gujarat refinery and a Hydrogen Dispensing Facility for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC + Gujarat = an investment pact to invest Rs 24,000 Cr in six petrochemical projects of Gujarat
- IOC – also set up “Hydrogen Dispensing Facility” for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV) – in Gujarat
- IOC’s Koyali refinery – Vadodara, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

6. On June 8, The Ministry of Jal Shakti under ‘Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen’ (SBM-G) Phase 2 is poised to support over 2 lakh villages achieve Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) arrangements through an investment of over Rs 40,700 Cr in FY 2021-22. The National Scheme Sanctioning Committee (NSSC) of SBM-G under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti approved the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) of States and UTs. 4,100 Cr out of total investment will be spent through convergence with MGNREGS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 40,700 Cr allocated – by Ministry of Jal Shakti under ‘SBM-G’ Phase 2
- 4,100 Cr – to be spent through convergence with MGNREGS
- Ministry of Jal Shakti will support over 2 lakh villages achieve ‘SLWM’ arrangements

7. On June 22, India will help financially for the construction of a new parliament building in Eswatini in southern Africa with the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) extending a line of credit (LoC) of \$108.28 million. A total of 211 LoCs totalling \$12.85 billion have been extended to African countries to support infrastructure projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank (India) – extended a line of credit (LoC) of \$108.28 million – to Eswatini
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | MD&CEO – David Rasquinha | Founded in – 1982
- Eswatini (Swaziland) – Mbabane/Lobamba – Swazi lilangeni | King – Mswati III

8. On June 17, India has extended a \$100 million Line of Credit to Sri Lanka to help the island nation finance various projects in the solar energy sector. An agreement was signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Export-Import Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EXIM Bank (India) – extended a \$100 million Line of Credit to Sri Lanka
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | MD&CEO – David Rasquinha | Founded in – 1982
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



9. On June 16, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$484 million loan to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in Tamil Nadu. Highways under Chennai-Kanniyakumari Industrial Corridor will be upgraded. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$484 million loan to improve transport connectivity in Tamil Nadu
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

10. On June 18, PayPoint India has signed ‘Lead Generation Agreements’ with 12 financial institutions including Punjab National Bank, ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank and other NBFCs, to add lending vertical to its portfolio of services. PayPoint India would also be introducing 2 more products - an investment related Systematic Investment Plan and inter-operable wallets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayPoint India + 12 financial institutions = signed ‘Lead Generation Agreements’
- HQs of PayPoint India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Ketan Doshi

11. On June 25, The Government of India, Mizoram and the World Bank have signed a \$32 million Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram. The project will invest in a comprehensive Quality Assurance program which would enable quality certification of health facilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + World Bank = \$32 million project to improve Health Services in Mizoram
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

12. On June 25, The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a \$125 million “Resilient Kerala Program” to support Kerala’s preparedness against natural disasters, climate change impacts, disease outbreaks and pandemics. The program laid the foundations for a 5 year State Partnership Framework. The program will be in the Pamba River Basin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved \$125 mn “Resilient Kerala Program” to support Kerala’s preparedness against natural disasters
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



13. On June 25, Japan will provide India a \$9.3 million assistance to build cold chain facilities for safe storage of vaccines. This assistance will provide India with cold chain equipment including medical equipment such as cold-storage facilities, as 'Last One Mile Support' through UNICEF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – to provide India a \$9.3 million assistance to build cold chain facilities for safe storage of vaccines
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

14. On June 24, The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has sanctioned ₹1,860 Cr for implementation of Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) programme. It aims at improving learning outcomes, quality of teaching practices and school management in basic education by transforming government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBRD sanctioned ₹1,860 Cr for implementation of "Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) programme"
- "SALT programme" will benefit – Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of IBRD – Washington, D.C., U.S. (a lending arm of World Bank)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

15. On June 29, The US has announced an additional \$41 million assistance to help India respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen the country's preparedness for the future health emergencies, taking the total aid to more than \$200 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – announced an additional \$41 million assistance to strengthen India's health Infrastructure
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden (46th) | VP – Kamala Harris (49th)

16. On June 29, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced an 'Economic Relief from Pandemic' stimulus package worth Rs 6,28,993 Cr post second Covid wave to support the Indian Economy. She also unveiled a fresh loan guarantee facility of ₹1.1 lakh Cr for healthcare investments in non-metropolitan areas and sectors such as tourism. An additional fund over Rs 19000 Cr has been allocated to BharatNet program to extend Broadband connectivity in rural villages. Rs 7,500 Cr have been allocated for the New Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro Finance Institutions (MFI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – announced an 'Economic Relief from Pandemic' stimulus package worth Rs 6,28,993 Cr
- A fresh loan guarantee facility of ₹1.1 lakh Cr for healthcare investments
- Rs 19000 Cr – allocated to BharatNet program
- Rs 7,500 Cr – allocated for the New Credit Guarantee Scheme for MFIs
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka



17. World Bank has approved a USD 500 million (about Rs 3,717.28 Cr) loan programme to support India's informal working class to overcome the current pandemic distress. Of the USD 500 million commitment, USD 112.50 million will be financed by its concessionary lending arm International Development Association (IDA) and USD 387.50 million will be a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The loan has a maturity period of 18.5 years including a grace period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank (IDA + IBRD) – approved a \$500 million (about Rs 3,717.28 Cr) loan programme
- Maturity period of loan – 18.5 years | Grace period – 5 years
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. On June 1, Manama, the Capital city of Bahrain has topped the globally-recognised “AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index Financial Attractiveness Ranking” for the third straight year. The rankings evaluate the salary levels, cost of living, and taxes in a particular market in order to create an overall score for financial attractiveness. Only two Indian cities were listed in the Index where New Delhi stood at 113th & Mumbai at 125th. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manama ([Bahrain](#)) – topped the “AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index Financial Attractiveness Ranking” (for 3rd time)
- Only two Indian cities were listed in the list: New Delhi (113th) & Mumbai (125th)

2. On June 3, The 3rd edition of the SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21 titled, “SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action” was released by NITI Aayog. The 3rd edition covers 16 Goals on 115 quantitative indicators, out of total 17 SDGs. Kerala has retained the top rank with a score of 75, while Mizoram, Haryana, and Uttarakhand are the top gainers in terms of improvement in their rankings from 2019. Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing states in this year’s index. The SDG3 (Good health & Well Being) was topped by Gujarat among states. While, among UTs, Delhi topped the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of “SDG India Index & Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action” – released by NITI Aayog
- 3rd edition of SDG India Index covers – 16 out of 17 SDGs | The first edition was released – in 2018
- Top – Kerala (75) | Worst – Bihar, Jharkhand & Assam
- Top gainers in terms of improvement in their rankings: Mizoram, Haryana & Uttarakhand
- SDG3 (Good health & Well Being): Gujarat – topped among States | Delhi – topped among UTs
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

3. On June 1, The report titled “State of Finance for Nature” is jointly produced by the UNEP, WEF and Economics of Land Degradation. The report estimates that annual investments in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) must be tripled by 2030 and increased four-fold by 2050. The report also found that approximately \$133 billion (Rs. 9.7 lakh Cr) currently flows into NbS annually. It comprises about 0.10% of global GDP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “State of Finance for Nature” – produced by the UNEP, WEF & ELD
- Annual investments in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) must be tripled by 2030 & increased four-fold by 2050
- Current investments in NbS in 2020 = \$133 billion (Rs. 9.7 lakh Cr) [0.10% of global GDP]

4. On June 2, The ILO's "World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021" (WESO Trends) projects the global crisis-induced 'Jobs Gap' will reach 75 million in 2021, before falling to 23 million in 2022. The report states that Global Unemployment rate will be 6.3% in 2021 & 5.7% in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021" report – released by the ILO
- Global crisis-induced 'Jobs Gap' will reach 75 million in 2021 & 23 million in 2022
- Global Unemployment rate will be – 6.3% in 2021 & 5.7% in 2022
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

5. On June 4, The Blue-Finned Mahseer, which was on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of 'Endangered Species', has now moved to the 'Least Concern' status. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Blue-Finned Mahseer" – moved to the 'Least Concern' status – from 'Endangered Species' in the IUCN's red list
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

6. According to a report titled "Glaciers of the Himalayas, Climate Change, Black Carbon and Regional Resilience", black carbon (BC) deposits produced by human activity can be sharply reduced through new, currently feasible policies by an additional 50% from current levels. Enacting new policies can achieve benefits over the projected 23% reduction in Black Carbon as a result of ongoing efforts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Glaciers of the Himalayas, Climate Change, Black Carbon and Regional Resilience" – released by World Bank
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

7. On June 3, Cognizant has ranked at 185th position on the "2021 Fortune 500 List". Companies in the Fortune 500 are ranked by total revenues for their respective fiscal years. Cognizant's 2020 revenue was \$16.7 billion. The list was topped by Walmart, Amazon & Apple respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "2021 Fortune 500 List": 1st – Walmart | 2nd – Amazon | 3rd – Apple
- Cognizant – at 185th position
- HQs of Cognizant – New Jersey, US | CEO – Brian Humphries

8. On June 2, A record 63 Indian universities have made it to the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021, released by the UK-based publication. India is 3rd overall in terms of representation, behind Japan (116 universities) and Mainland China (91). IISc Bangalore (37th) remains the country's highest ranked university for the seventh year in a row. Chinese universities - Tsinghua University (1st) and Peking University (2nd) have claimed the top two positions for the second year in a row. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 63 Indian universities are in the “Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021”
- Countries overall in terms of representation: 1st - Japan | 2nd - China | 3rd - India
- Universities (in India): 1st - IISc Bangalore | 2nd - IIT Ropar | 3rd - IIT Indore
- Globally: 1st - Tsinghua University (China) | 2nd - Peking University (China) | 3rd – National University of Singapore

9. On June 3, According to a report titled “Generation Restoration: Ecosystem restoration for People, Nature and Climate” by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Humanity needs to urgently restore at least one billion hectares of degraded land by 2030. The report states that the world was using 1.6 times the amount of services that nature could provide. The report outlined that every \$1 invested in restoration creates up to \$30 in economic benefits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Generation Restoration: Ecosystem restoration for People, Nature and Climate” – released by UNEP + FAO
- Humanity needs to urgently restore at least 1 billion hectares of degraded land – by 2030
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

10. On June 3, The 11 authors led by Prof Maria Lodovica at University of Turin in Italy, have prepared a UN-backed study, “Scientific review of the impact of Climate Change on Plant Pests”, a global challenge to prevent and mitigate plant pest risks in agriculture, forestry and ecosystems. The study, prepared under International Plant Protection Convention (IPCC) and released by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. As per the report, every year around 40% of agricultural produce is globally damaged due to invasive pests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Scientific review of the impact of Climate Change on Plant Pests” – by FAO + IPCC
- Every year around 40% of agricultural produce is globally damaged due to invasive pests
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945
- HQs of IPCC – Rome, Italy

11. On June 6, Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has approved the release of “Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20” for States and UTs of India. The Government has introduced the PGI with a set of 70 parameters to catalyse transformational change in the field of school education. The PGI for States and UTs was first published in 2019 with reference year 2017-18. The PGI : States/UTs for 2019-20 is the 3rd publication. Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala occupy the highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20. While, Ladakh occupies the lowest grade. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' – approved the release of “Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20” (3rd publication)
- Government introduced the PGI with a set of 70 parameters | PGI was first published in – 2019
- Highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20: Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala
- Lowest grade: Ladakh

12. On June 2, India's exports grew by 67.39% to \$32.21 billion in May driven by healthy growth in sectors such as engineering, pharmaceuticals, petroleum products and chemicals. Imports in May rose by 68.54% to \$38.53 billion. India is thus a net importer in May 2021 with a trade deficit of \$6.32 billion, an increase of 74.69% over May 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's exports grew by 67.39% – to \$32.21 billion (in May 2021)
- India's import grew by 68.54% – to \$38.53 billion (in May 2021)
- India's trade deficit – \$6.32 billion (in May 2021) [an increase of 74.69%]

13. On June 6, As per the “State of India's Environment Report 2021”, India's rank has slipped by two places from last year to 117 on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015. Overall Sustainable Development Goal score of India is 61.9 out of 100. India ranks below four South Asian countries - Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. India's rank in other categories are also mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “State of India's Environment Report 2021”
- India ranked – 117th in attaining the 17 SDGs (India's overall score – 61.9 out of 100)
- India ranked – 168th In terms of Environmental Performance Index (EPI)
- India ranked – 172nd in the Environmental Health Category

14. On June 3, In Hockey, Indian men's team maintained their 4th position while women's team held to 9th position in the latest “International Hockey Federation World Rankings”. Belgium topped the rankings followed by Australia and Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “International Hockey Federation World Rankings”: 1st – Belgium | 2nd – Australia | 3rd – Netherlands
- Indian men's team - 4th position | Indian women's team - 9th position
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

15. A new report titled “Global Wind Workforce Outlook 2021-2025” finds that the global wind industry will need to train upwards of 4,80,000 more people to GWO standards over the next 5 years to meet global wind power market demand in line with health and safety standards. The report is released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and Global Wind Organisation (GWO) in partnership with the Renewables Consulting Group (RCG). According to the report, India will install 20 GW capacity of wind energy by 2021-25. India currently has a pipeline of 10.3 GW in Central and State markets, which is expected to drive installations until 2023 in the market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Wind Workforce Outlook 2021-2025” report – released by GWEC + GWO + RCG
- India will install 20 GW capacity of wind energy by 2021-25
- India currently has a pipeline of 10.3 GW in Central and State markets
- HQs of GWEC – Brussels, Belgium | CEO – Ben Backwell

16. Three Indian universities have ranked in the top-200 in the 18th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2022, with IIT-Bombay securing 177th position, IIT-Delhi at 185th, and IISc-Bengaluru placed on 186th position. IISc-Bengaluru has been ranked number 1 in the world for Research. The US-based Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has been ranked number 1 university in the world, with an overall score of 100. MIT is followed by University of Oxford & Stanford University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “18th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2022”
- 1st - Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2nd - University of Oxford | 3rd - Stanford University
- IIT Bombay - 177th | IIT Delhi - 185th | IISc Bengaluru - 186th (No. 1 in the world for ‘Research’ category)

17. New Zealand’s Auckland has been ranked the Best due to their strong response to Covid-19 pandemic, as per the “Global Liveability Index 2021” published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). According to the EIU survey, 6 of the top 10 cities are in New Zealand and Australia. Japanese cities of Osaka and Tokyo grabbed second and fourth place, while Australia’s Adelaide stood at the third. Syria’s Damascus is the least liveable city in the world, followed by Lagos & Port Moresby. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Liveability Index 2021” – published by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- Most liveable cities: 1st - Auckland (New Zealand) | 2nd - Osaka (Japan) | 3rd - Adelaide (Australia)
- Least liveable cities: 1st - Damascus (Syria) | 2nd - Lagos (Nigeria) | 3rd - Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

18. On June 6, Himachal Pradesh has climbed to the third spot in the “Anemia Mukt Bharat Index 2020-21” national ranking with a score of 57.1. Madhya Pradesh is at the first position with a score of 64.1 followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3. Government of India launched the Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) strategy under the Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyaan with the target to reduce anaemia by 3% per year. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2020-21” national ranking:
- 1st – Madhya Pradesh (64.1) | 2nd – Odisha (59.3) | 3rd – Himachal Pradesh (57.1)
- POSHAN – Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment

19. On June 9, For the second consecutive year, DBS Bank has been ranked No. 1 out of 30 domestic and international banks in India, as per the 3rd edition of the “World’s Best Banks 2021” list by Forbes, conducted in partnership Statista. DBS was also named “Safest Bank in Asia” for the 12th consecutive year by New York-based trade publication Global Finance in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank – ranked No. 1 as per the 3rd edition of the “World’s Best Banks 2021” list by Forbes + Statista
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- Amalgamation with DBS Bank – Lakshmi Vilas Bank (in 2020)

20. On June 11, According to the “Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, trends and roads forward” released by UNICEF & International Labour Organization (ILO), Child Labour has risen to 160 million worldwide for the first time in 20 years. It shows an increase of 8.4 million children in the last 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, trends and roads forward” – released by UNICEF & ILO
- Child Labour rose to 160 million worldwide for the first time in 20 years
- An increase of 8.4 million children in the last 4 years
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

21. On June 9, NITI Aayog RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute) and RMI India’s new report, “Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport”, presents key opportunities for India to reduce its logistics costs. As per the report, India can save Logistics Fuel worth ₹311 Lakh Cr between 2020 and 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport” – by NITI Aayog & RMI
- According to the report, India has the potential to:
 - Reduce its logistics cost by 4% of GDP
 - Achieve 10 gigatonnes of cumulative CO₂ emissions savings between 2020 and 2050
 - Reduce nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and particulate matter (PM) emissions by 35% and 28%, respectively, until 2050
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst



22. On June 9, The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases and locate data gaps to help strengthen health infrastructure. More than 600 million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year, as per the WHO's report of 2015 "Estimates of the global burden of foodborne diseases". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Estimates of the global burden of Foodborne Diseases" a 2015 report – released by the WHO
- 600 million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year
- WHO released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

23. The Food and Agriculture Organization's World Food Price Index (WFPI) has reached 127.1 points in May 2021. It is the highest level since September 2011. The April figure was previously given as 120.9. On a year-on-year basis, prices were up 39.7% in May. FAO released the first ever forecast of World Cereal Production this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FAO's World Food Price Index (WFPI) – reached 127.1 points in May 2021 (highest level since Sep 2011)
- On a year-on-year basis, prices were up 39.7% in May 2021
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

24. Coursera's "Global Skills Report 2021" found Indian women opting to upskill in STEM-related fields, bringing the share of enrollments increase to 2nd highest globally. Overall, India ranked 67th globally, with 38% proficiency, with mid-rankings globally in each domain, #55 in business and at #66 in both technology and data science. Switzerland topped the rankings followed by Luxembourg & Austria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Skills Report 2021" – released by Coursera
- India – 67th | 1st - Switzerland, 2nd - Luxembourg, 3rd - Austria
- HQs of Coursera – California, USA | CEO – Jeff Maggioncalda

25. The 2021 edition of UNCTAD's "Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures" report was released on June 10, 2021. As per the report, the GDP of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is expected to decline 9% in 2020. SIDS were also 35% more vulnerable to external economic and financial shocks than other developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures 2021" report – released by the UNCTAD
- GDP of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is expected to decline by 9% in 2020
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi



26. On June 9, India may lose around 3 to 10% of its GDP annually by 2100 and its poverty rate may rise by 3.5% in 2040 due to climate change, according to a report titled “The Costs of Climate Change in India” released by the London-based Overseas Development Institute. India is already experiencing the consequences of 1°C of global warming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Costs of Climate Change in India” – released by Overseas Development Institute (London, UK)
- India may lose 3 to 10% of its GDP annually by 2100 | Poverty rate may rise by 3.5% in 2040

27. On June 9, Dr. Anup Wadhawan (Secretary of Department of Commerce) has released an overview of India’s Export Growth of Agriculture, Organic & Tea during FY 2020-21. India’s export of Agriculture increased by 17.34% to \$41.25 billion during FY 2020-21. Spices witnessed the highest export of \$4 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Anup Wadhawan – released an overview of India’s Export Growth of Agriculture, Organic & Tea during 2020-21
- India’s export of Agriculture increased by 17.34% to \$41.25 billion during FY 2020-21
- Spices witnessed the highest export of \$4 billion during FY 2020-21

28. On June 10, The Ministry of Education has released the “All Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20”. The report revealed that the number of Institutes of National Importance (INIs) have increased from 75 in 2015 to 135 in 2020. The number of PhDs has also increased by 60% in the last 5 years. There has been a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “All Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20” – released by Ministry of Education
- Number of Institutes of National Importance increased – to 135 in 2020 (from 75 in 2015)
- There has been a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment

29. On June 10, India has moved down 12 spots in the Global Home Price Index to the 55th position in Q1 2021 against 43rd rank in Q1 2020, with a decline of 1.6% year-on-year (YoY) in home prices, according to property consultant Knight Frank’s research report - “Global House Price Index - Q1 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Home Price Index - Q1 2021” – released by Knight Frank (London, UK)
- Top – Turkey | India – 55th position in Q1 2021 (with decline of 1.6% year-on-year (YoY) in home prices)

30. On June 11, In an independent appraisal report titled “Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal” released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India has appreciated India’s Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) as ‘a very successful model of local area development’. Total 117 Aspirational districts with poor socio-economic indicators are identified by NITI Aayog. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal” report – released by UNDP
- UNDP India – appreciated India’s Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)
- NITI Aayog – identified total 117 Aspirational districts with poor socio-economic indicators
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

31. On June 7, As per the report entitled “Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Spending” released by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Nuclear-armed countries increased their spending on atomic weapon arsenals by \$1.4 billion to \$72.6 billion. India was the 6th largest spender among them. The US spent more than half of the total amount, at \$37.4 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Spending” report – released by ICAN | India – 6th largest spender
- 1st – US (\$37.4 billion) | 2nd – China (\$10 billion) | 3rd – Russia (\$8 billion)
- Spending on atomic weapon arsenals by Nuclear-armed countries – \$72.6 billion (increased by \$1.4 billion)
- HQs of ICAN – Geneva, Switzerland | Executive Director – Beatrice Fihn

32. On June 15, According to the Charities Aid Foundation’s (CAF) World Giving Index (WGI) 2021, India ranked 14th despite the state-level restrictions. This year, Indonesia has topped the index, followed by Kenya and Nigeria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Giving Index (WGI) 2021” – by Charities Aid Foundation | India’s rank – 14th
- 1st – Indonesia | 2nd – Kenya | 3rd – Nigeria

33. On June 10, A report titled “Financing Clean Energy Transitions in Emerging and Developing Economies” is released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in collaboration with the World Bank and the World Economic Forum. According to the report, annual clean energy investment into emerging and developing economies must increase by more than \$1 trillion by 2030 to put the world on track to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Financing Clean Energy Transitions in Emerging & Developing Economies” report – by IEA + WEF + World Bank
- Annual clean energy investment must increase by over \$1 trillion by 2030 – to achieve Net-zero emissions by 2050

34. On June 11, Although spending on science has risen worldwide, greater investment is needed in the face of growing crises, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recommended in the latest edition of its Science Report titled “The race against time for smarter development” which is published every five years. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “The race against time for smarter development” report – published by the UNESCO (in every 5 years)
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

35. On June 13, According to the “UNESCO Science Report 2021”, the Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research (GERD) has been stagnant at 0.7% of the GDP for years. India’s research intensity has been declining since 2014. India has one of the lowest GERD/GDP ratios among the BRICS nations, according to the report which is published every five years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “UNESCO Science Report 2021” – Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research is stagnant at 0.7% of the GDP
- India’s research intensity has been declining – since 2014
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

36. On June 15, China, Pakistan and India have 350, 165 and 156 nuclear warheads respectively as of January this year and the three countries appear to be expanding their nuclear arsenals, as per the “SIPRI Yearbook 2021” released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). It is the 52nd edition of Yearbook. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 52nd edition of “SIPRI Yearbook 2021” – released by SIPRI
- China (350), Pakistan (165) & India (156) – appear to be expanding their Nuclear Arsenals
- HQs of SIPRI – Stockholm, Sweden | Director – Dan Smith

37. On June 16, India is likely to have 330 million 5G subscribers by 2026 and the monthly data consumption per smartphone is expected to grow to 40 gigabyte per smartphone, according to the “Ericsson Mobility Report 2021”. Average data consumption per smartphone at 14.6 GB per month in India continues to be the second-highest in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ericsson Mobility Report 2021”: India is likely to have 330 million 5G subscribers – by 2026
- Monthly data consumption per smartphone is expected to grow to 40 gigabyte per smartphone
- India ranks 2nd in terms of Average data consumption per smartphone in India (at 14.6 GB per month)

38. On June 16, According to a Bank of America report, domestic IT companies are set to slash 3 million jobs by 2022 due to automation. It will help them save a whopping \$100 billion mostly in salaries annually. The domestic IT sector employs around 16 million, of them around 9 million are employed in low-skilled services and BPO roles, according to Nasscom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of America report: Domestic IT companies are set to slash 3 million jobs by 2022 due to automation



39. On June 16, More than 18 million children and adolescents working at e-waste dumpsites in low and middle-income countries are potentially at the risk of severe health hazards caused by e-Waste processing, according to a new report, titled “Children and Digital Dumpsites” released by the WHO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Children and Digital Dumpsites” report – released by the WHO
- Over 18 million children & adolescents working at e-waste dumpsites are potentially at the risk of health hazards
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#)

40. On June 17, India maintained 43rd rank on an annual “World Competitiveness Index-2021” compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD) that examined the impact of COVID-19 on economies around the world this year. The 64-nation list was led by Switzerland, followed by Sweden and Denmark. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Competitiveness Index-2021” – released by Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- India – 43rd | 1st – Switzerland, 2nd – Sweden, 3rd – Denmark
- [HQs of IMD – Lausanne, Switzerland](#) | [President – Jean-Francois Manzoni](#)

41. On June 16, According to the “Renewable Energy Market Update - Outlook for 2021 and 2022” released by the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is near to achieve its goal of installing 175 GW renewable capacity by 2022. The country installed 643.66 MW of renewable energy capacity during May, taking the cumulative installed renewable capacity to 95.66 GW. IEA has forecast that India will add 17 GW renewable capacity in 2021 and 19.3 GW in 2022, with the total still under 140 GW by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Renewable Energy Market Update - Outlook for 2021 and 2022” – released by the IEA
- India installed 643.66 MW of renewable energy capacity during May, 2021
- IEA’s forecast: India will add 17 GW RE in 2021 & 19.3 GW in 2022
- [HQs of IEA – Paris, France](#) | [Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol](#) | [Member countries – 30](#)

42. On June 19, The Sydney-based Institute of Economics and Peace has published the “Global Peace Index-2021”. The criteria of the Global Peace Index are economic parity, gender equality, security of citizens regardless of religious and racial diversity. Bangladesh is the third most peaceful country in South Asia. India is at the 135th place out of 163 countries in the index with a score of 2.553. The list was topped by Iceland, followed by New Zealand & Denmark. Afghanistan (163) was ranked as the least peaceful country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Peace Index-2021” – published by the Institute of Economics and Peace ([Sydney](#))
- India - 135th out of 163 countries (Score - 2.553) | Top - Iceland | Least – Afghanistan
- Top 3 most peaceful countries in South Asia – Nepal, Bhutan & Bangladesh



43. On June 19, The “Sustainable Development Report 2021” (SDR 2021) was written by lead author Prof Jeffrey Sachs and his team at the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). India has dropped three spots from 117 to rank at 120 out of 165 countries with a score of 60.1. Finland, Sweden and Denmark occupy the top three ranks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sustainable Development Report 2021”: India – 120th (Score – 60.1)
- 1st – Finland, 2nd – Sweden, 3rd – Denmark

44. On June 17, Funds held by Indians in Swiss banks rose to Swiss Francs (CHF) 2.55 billion (Rs 20,706 Cr) in 2020, as per the “Annual Bank Statistics of 2020” of Swiss National Bank. India has been placed at 51st place in the list of foreign clients’ money in Swiss Banks in 2020. The UK topped the list with CHF 377 billion, followed by US with CHF 152 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Annual Bank Statistics of 2020” of Swiss National Bank
- India – 51st (CHF 2.55 billion or Rs 20,706 Cr) | 1st – UK (CHF 377 billion) | 2nd – US (CHF 152 billion)

45. On June 18, The “Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2020 Report” was recently released by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The number of displaced people increased to 82.4 million people in 2020. Above 1% of the world’s population or 1 in 95 people is now forcibly displaced. According to the report, Turkey currently hosts 3.6 million refugees, followed by Columbia that shelters 1.8 million people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2020 Report” – released UNHCR
- The number of displaced people increased to – 82.4 million people in 2020
- Turkey – hosts 3.6 million refugees (most) | 2nd – Columbia (1.8 million refugees)
- Above 1% of the world’s population or 1 in 95 people is now forcibly displaced
- HQs of UNHCR – Geneva, Switzerland | Head – Filippo Grandi

46. On June 20, Comprising all statistical figures and data of the last Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission of India has released “General Elections 2019: An Atlas”. It consists of statistical analysis of 17th General Election that was held in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ECI – released “General Elections 2019: An Atlas”
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra (24th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950



47. On June 21, India has received \$64 billion in Foreign Direct Investment in 2020, the fifth largest recipient of inflows in the world, according to “World Investment Report 2021” by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The FDI increased 27% to \$64 billion in 2020 from \$51 billion in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Investment Report 2021” – by UNCTAD
- India – received \$64 billion in Foreign Direct Investment in 2020 (27% increase)
- India – 5th largest recipient of inflows in the world
- [HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebecca Grynspan](#)

48. On June 20, Tata Memorial Centre published the first of its kind study on the “Cost of illness and Treatment of Oral Cancer” in India. India has spent approximately Rs 2,386 Cr in 2020 on oral cancer treatment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A study titled “Cost of illness and Treatment of Oral Cancer” – by Tata Memorial Centre
- India spent approx Rs 2,386 Cr in 2020 on Oral Cancer treatment

49. On June 19, NTPC Ltd has been ranked 38 in the ‘Great Place to Work’ ranking by the Great Place to Work Institute. NTPC has been recognised as a ‘Great Place to Work’ for the 15th year in a row. NTPC is the only PSU to consistently feature in India’s Top 50 Best Workplaces. It also won its first-ever recognition of India’s Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021. NTPC plans to invest ₹1 trillion between 2019 and 2024 to become a 130GW power producer by 2032. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC Ltd – ranked 38 in the ‘Great Place to Work’ ranking of 2021 (15th year in a row in India’s Top 50 Best Workplaces)
- NTPC Ltd – also won the first-ever recognition of India’s Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021
- NTPC plans to invest ₹1 trillion between 2019 & 2024 to become a 130GW power producer by 2032
- [HQs of Great Place to Work Institute – Oakland, California, US](#)
- [HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975](#)

50. On June 21, The report titled “Suicide Worldwide in 2019” released by World Health Organization (WHO) shows that some 7,03,000 people or one in a 100, died by suicide in 2019. Suicide is the 4th leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds. 77% of global suicides occur in low- and middle-income countries. The WHO had published new LIVE LIFE guidelines to help countries reduce the global suicide mortality rate by a third by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Suicide Worldwide in 2019” – released by the WHO
- 7,03,000 people or one in a 100 – died by suicide in 2019
- Suicide – 4th leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds
- WHO: World is not on track to reduce suicide mortality rate by 2030
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194](#)



51. On June 19, Under the IBPS Scheme (India Business Process Outsourcing Promotion Scheme), Andhra Pradesh is the highest in employment generation by creating 12,234 new jobs followed by Tamil Nadu at 9,401. IBPS scheme was launched in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – the highest in employment generation under the ‘IBPS Scheme’ (2nd - Tamil Nadu)
- ‘IBPS Scheme’ – launched in 2014
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

52. On June 21, According to the “Global Wealth Report 2020” released by Credit Suisse, overall wealth of India’s super-rich dipped 4.4% to reach \$12.83 trillion. While Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani and the Poonawallas saw a significant jump in their net worth. India is home to 1% of the global rich. The report expects the number of millionaires in India to increase 81.8% to 1.3 million by 2025. Every adult Indian was worth an average \$14,252 in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Wealth Report 2020” – released by Credit Suisse (Zurich, Switzerland)
- Overall wealth of India’s super-rich decreased by 4.4% to reach \$12.83 trillion in 2020
- The number of millionaires in India is expected to increase 81.8% to 1.3 million by 2025

53. On June 22, India invested in 99 projects and created 4,830 jobs in the UK to retain India's position as the second-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) after the US in the past year, according to the “Inward Investment Statistics for 2020-21” released by the UK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Inward Investment Statistics for 2020-21” – released by the UK
- Largest source of FDI for the UK in 2020: 1st – US | 2nd – India
- India invested in 99 projects & created 4,830 jobs in the UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

54. On June 23, According to the 10th edition of “Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2021”, India has ranked 31 out of 46 countries on levels of overall trust in news. Finland had the highest levels of overall trust in news (65%) while the U.S. had the lowest levels of trust (29%). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 10th edition of “Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2021”
- India – 31 out of 46 countries on overall trust in news | Highest levels of overall trust – Finland | Lowest – US

55. On June 22, This year, only four business schools globally made it to the top as a pioneering B-school in the 2nd edition of the “Positive Impact Rating 2021”, of which three are from India. Among the three are: Goa Institute of Management (GIM), SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR) and XLRI - Xavier School of Management. The fourth one is University of Business and Technology Kosovo. The Goa Institute of Management emerged as a leader. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of the “Positive Impact Rating 2021” – topped by Goa Institute of Management
- This year, only 4 business schools globally made it to the top as a pioneering B-school
- Goa Institute of Management (GIM)
- SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR)
- XLRI - Xavier School of Management
- University of Business and Technology Kosovo

56. On June 19, Bengaluru has ranked as most liveable city in India as per the report titled “State of India’s Environment in Figures 2021” released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). Bengaluru received an ease of living index score of 66.7, followed by Chennai 62.61. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “State of India’s Environment in Figures 2021” – released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
- Bengaluru (66.7) – ranked as most liveable city in India | 2nd – Chennai | 3rd – Shimla
- HQs of CSE – New Delhi | Director General – Sunita Narain

57. On June 25, Bengaluru has emerged as the top five technology centres in Asia Pacific region, according to a report by Colliers. Hyderabad ranked in the top 10 list in the report titled “Growth Engines of Innovation: How Asia Pacific Technology Hubs are Reshaping Regional Real Estate”. Beijing bagged the top spot in the list followed by Shanghai, Bengaluru, Shenzhen, and Singapore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Colliers: “Growth Engines of Innovation: How Asia Pacific Technology Hubs are Reshaping Regional Real Estate”
- Bengaluru – emerged as the top five technology centres in Asia Pacific region | Hyderabad – in the top 10 list
- The top spot in the list – Beijing

58. On June 23, Colombia is home to the world’s largest variety of butterflies, approximately 20% of all known species, according to a study published by the Natural History Museum in London. Between 2000 and 2019 Colombia lost nearly 2.8 million hectares of forest, equivalent to the area of Belgium. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Colombia is home to the world’s largest variety of butterflies – published by Natural History Museum (London)
- Colombia – Bogota – Peso | President – Ivan Duque Marquez



59. On June 23, Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, founder of the Tata Group, has topped the EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century. Tata is the only Indian in the top 10 list. The other Indian among the top 50 is Azim Premji, former chairman of Wipro, who is ranked 12th. The total philanthropic value of Tata is made up of 66% of Tata Sons, estimated at \$102.4 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata – topped the “EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century” (\$102.4 billion)
- Azim Premji (12th) – among the top 50

60. On June 24, India’s share in the global engineering and research and development (ER&D) market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12-13% to reach \$63 billion by 2025, according to industry body Nasscom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s share in the global ER&D market – expected to grow at a CAGR of 12-13% to reach \$63 billion by 2025
- CAGR – **Compound Annual Growth Rate**
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh

61. On June 23, India has attracted a total foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow of \$6.24 billion in April 2021, which is 38% higher compared to the total inflow of \$4.53 billion in April, 2020. Mauritius is the top investing country with 24% of the FDI Equity inflows, followed by Singapore (21%) and Japan (11%). Karnataka is the top recipient in case of states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India attracted a total FDI inflow of \$6.24 billion in April 2021 (38% higher compared April 2020)
- Top investing countries: 1st - Mauritius (24%) | 2nd - Singapore (21%) | 3rd - Japan (11%)
- Top recipient in states – Karnataka

62. On June 25, The Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) of IIM Bangalore has been ranked the Best in India with a score of 61.8 in the latest edition of “QS Executive MBA Rankings 2021” of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). IIM Bangalore has bagged the 39th spot globally, making it the only Indian institute to feature in the list of the top 100. IIM Bangalore holds the 10th spot in the Asia-Pacific category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIM Bangalore – ranked the Best in India in the “QS Executive MBA Rankings 2021”
- IIM Bangalore: Globally - 39th | In Asia-Pacific category - 10th

63. On June 25, Around 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020, while over 36.3 million people (13%) suffered from drug use disorders, according to the “World Drug Report 2021” released by the U. N. Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “World Drug Report 2021” – released by the UNODC
- 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020 | 36.3 million people (13%) suffered from drug use disorders
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly

64. On June 22, Over 19,300 children, including boys and girls, suffered from one or more incidents of grave violations against them in 2020, according to the “Annual Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict” (CAAC) released by the United Nations (UN). While, crimes of abduction grew by 90% in 2020, incidents of rape and other forms of sexual violence increased by 70%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Annual Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict” – released by the UN
- Over 19,300 children – suffered from one or more incidents of grave violations in 2020
- Crimes of abduction increased by – 90% in 2020 | Incidents of rape & sexual violence increased by – 70% in 2020

65. On June 25, China replaced the UAE as the second largest Export destination for India in fiscal 2021, with outbound shipments to China rising 27.53% to \$21.18 billion in the pandemic year. The US remained the India's top export partner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – became the second largest Export destination for India in fiscal 2021 (replacing the UAE)
- US – India's top Export partner | 3rd – UAE
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden (46th) | VP – Kamala Harris (49th)

66. On June 24, The RBI has launched the 2020-21 round of its annual survey on “Computer Software and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Exports”. The RBI has been conducting this annual survey since 2002-03. The RBI has also launched the 2020-21 round of the annual survey on “Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched FY21 round of its annual survey on “Computer Software & ITES Exports”
- RBI – also launched FY21 round of its annual survey on “Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



67. Turkmenistan's capital city Ashgabat has become the world's most expensive city for foreign workers, according to this year's "Mercer Cost of Living Survey". Ashgabat was followed by Hong Kong & Beirut (Lebanon) respectively. Mumbai remains India's most expensive city at 78th rank. Other Indian cities on the list are New Delhi (117), Chennai (158), Bengaluru (170), and Kolkata (181). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Mercer Cost of Living Survey 2021" (HQs of Mercer – New York, US)
- World's most expensive cities: 1st - Ashgabat | 2nd - Hong Kong | 3rd - Beirut
- India's most expensive cities: 1st - Mumbai (78th) | 2nd - New Delhi (117th) | 3rd - Chennai (158th)

68. On June 29, The RBI has released its web publication entitled "Quarterly Basic Statistical Returns (BSR)-1: Outstanding Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), March 2021" on its Database on Indian Economy (DBIE) portal. Personal loans continued to grow at robust pace and recorded 13.5% growth (Y-o-Y) in March 2021; industrial loan growth remained negative during all quarters of 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI released the "Quarterly Basic Statistical Returns (BSR)-1: Outstanding Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), March 2021"
- Personal loans continued to grow at 13.5% growth in FY21 | Industrial loan reported Negative growth in FY21
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

69. The report, titled "Growth engines of innovation: How Asia Pacific's technology hubs are reshaping Regional Real Estate", is an in-depth analysis of how the growth of the APAC technology sector is transforming the region's property markets. Beijing, Shanghai, Bengaluru, Shenzhen and Singapore currently rank as the top five technology centres in APAC. Hyderabad is also witnessed in Top 10 in the list. Outer Ring road (ORR) of Bengaluru has been ranked 6th in the top 10 established technology submarkets in APAC. While, the list is topped by Beijing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Growth engines of innovation: How Asia Pacific's technology hubs are reshaping Regional Real Estate" – by Colliers
- Beijing, Shanghai, Bengaluru, Shenzhen and Singapore – top 5 Technology Centres in APAC
- Bengaluru – ranked 6th in the top 10 established technology submarkets in APAC | 1st – Beijing (China)

70. On June 30, India stands at the 20th spot among the top 100 countries that have been ranked in the "Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021" by Startup Blink. India currently has 43 of its cities listed in the top 1000, globally, with Bengaluru, New Delhi and Mumbai in the top 20. India's Bengaluru stands in the 10th spot among cities, globally. Bengaluru also ranks first in India and among its South-Asian counterparts. New Delhi ranks 2nd in India and South Asia, and 14th globally. Mumbai ranked 3rd in India & 16th globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021" – by Startup Blink
- Countries: India – 20th | 1st – US, 2nd – UK, 3rd – Israel
- Cities in India: 1st – Bengaluru (10th), 2nd – New Delhi (14th), 3rd – Mumbai (16th) | Globally 1st – San Francisco (US)



71. On June 29, According to a report titled “Road to a UK-India FTA: Enhancing the partnership and achieving Self-reliance” released by UK India Business Council (UKIBC), both countries have agreed to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement. About 77% of UK companies believe that ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ is an opportunity for them to do more business with India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Road to a UK-India FTA: Enhancing the partnership and achieving self-reliance” – by UKIBC
- 77% of UK companies believe that ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ is an opportunity to do more business with India
- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | CEO – Jayant Krishna

72. On June 29, The NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive study on the “Not-for-Profit Hospital Model” in India. As per the Niti Aayog's report, the Not-for-Profit hospitals account for only 1.1% of treated ailments as of June 2018. The report further revealed that for-profit hospitals account for 55.3% of in-patients, while Not-for-Profit hospitals account for only 2.7% of in-patients in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – released a comprehensive study on the “Not-for-Profit Hospital Model” in India
- Not-for-Profit hospitals account for only 1.1% of treated ailments (as of June 2018)
- Not-for-Profit hospitals account for only 2.7% of in-patients in India
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

73. On June 30, The collapse of international tourism due to COVID-19 is estimated at \$4 trillion in terms of global GDP for 2020 and 2021 according to a report titled “COVID-19 and Tourism: An Update” released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN World Tourist Organisation (UNWTO). India experienced a 54% drop in tourist arrivals in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “COVID-19 and Tourism: An Update” report – released by the UNCTAD + UNWTO
- Collapse of International Tourism due to COVID-19 – \$4 trillion (54% drop in tourist arrivals in 2020 in India)
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebecca Grynspan
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili

74. The Khasi Food System has earned recognition in an international publication called “Indigenous Peoples’ food systems: Insights on Sustainability and Resilience from the frontline of Climate Change” released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in collaboration with Alliance of Bioversity International (ABI) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). The Khasi are a group of Indigenous People that predominate in the eastern part of Meghalaya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indigenous Peoples’ food systems: Insights on Sustainability and Resilience from the frontline of Climate Change” report – released by FAO + ABI + CIAT

- Khasi Food System – earned recognition in the above report | ‘Khasi’ a group of People – in Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

75. On June 30, India has scored a total of 97.5 points from a possible maximum of 100 points, to make it to the 10th position worldwide in the “Global Cybersecurity Index 2020” launched by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). India has also secured the 4th position in the Asia Pacific region. The US topped the chart, followed by the UK and Saudi Arabia tied on the second position, while Estonia was ranked third in the index. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Cybersecurity Index 2020” – released by ITU
- India – 10th (97.5 points) | 1st – US, 2nd – UK & Saudi Arabia, 3rd – Estonia (worldwide)
- In Asia Pacific region: India – 4th | Topped by – South Korea & Singapore
- HQs of ITU – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary General – Houlin Zhao



Acquisitions & Mergers

1. On June 3, Manipal Hospitals has acquired 100% stake in Bengaluru based multi-speciality hospital, Vikram Hospital for ₹350 Cr, making this its 10th hospital in the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipal Hospitals – acquired 100% stake (₹350 Cr) – in Vikram Hospital (Bengaluru)
- HQs of Manipal Education and Medical Group – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Chairman – Dr. Ranjan Pai

2. On June 3, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Avana Logistek Ltd (Avana), Transworld Feeders Private Ltd (TFPL) and Transworld Feeders FZCO by Unifeeder ISC FZCO (Unifeeder). However, under the proposed combination TFPL would acquire EXIM feeder shipping business of Shreyas Shipping & Logistics Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of Avana, Transworld Feeders & Transworld Feeders – by Unifeeder
- TFPL – to acquire EXIM feeder shipping business of Shreyas Shipping & Logistics
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

3. On June 8, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed acquisitions. Tata Power Company's proposed purchase of 51% stake each in 3 power utilities in Odisha - WESCO, SOUTHCO & CESCO has been approved. The CCI also approved an acquisition 75% shareholding in Mphasis Ltd by BCP Topco. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power – to acquire 51% stake each in 3 power utilities in Odisha - WESCO, SOUTHCO & CESCO
- BCP Topco – to acquire 75% stake in Mphasis Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | CEO – Praveer Sinha
- HQs of Mphasis Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Nitin Rakesh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

4. On June 11, Tata Digital Ltd has entered into an agreement to acquire majority stake in 1MG Technologies Pvt Ltd, a digital health company, for an unspecified amount. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Digital – to acquire majority stake in 1MG Technologies Pvt Ltd
- HQ of Tata Digital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Pratik Pal



5. On June 10, Merchant payment and lending service provider BharatPe has acquired Payback India from American Express and ICICI Investments Strategic Fund. Payback India - launched in 2010 - is a multi-brand loyalty programme with over 100 million members in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BharatPe – acquired Payback India from American Express & ICICI Investments Strategic Fund
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover
- HQs of Payback India – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Rijish Raghavan

6. On June 8, Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd has received a bankruptcy court's approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to acquire Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL) for ₹37,250 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piramal CHFL – received a bankruptcy court's approval from NCLT to acquire DHFL – for ₹37,250 Cr
- HQs of Piramal Group – Mumbai, MH | Executive Director – Rajesh Laddha | Chairman – Ajay Piramal
- HQs of PCHFL – Mumbai, MH | MD – Khushru Jijina | CEO – Jairam Sridharan
- HQs of DHFL – Mumbai | CEO – Kapil Wadhawan

7. On June 15, Canara Bank will be the lead sponsor and will acquire 12% stake in National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL). While, Union Bank of India will pick up a 9% stake in NARCL or bad bank. Bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Canara Bank – to acquire 12% stake in National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)
- UBI – to acquire up a 9% stake in NARCL or 'bad bank'
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar | Tagline – “Together We Can”
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G. | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

8. On June 17, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of a stake in Magma HDI General Insurance Company by two entities. Under the transaction, India Advantage Fund S4 I & Dynamic India Fund S4 US I, and NHPEA Trisul Holding (NTH) would acquire a stake in the general insurance company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the proposed acquisition of a stake in Magma HDI = by IAF S4 I + DIF S4 US I + NTH
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

9. On June 19, Ca Rover Holdings, a subsidiary of Carlyle group has sold its 5.1% stake or 48 million shares in SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd worth about Rs 4,811 Cr through open market transactions on BSE and NSE. Ca Rover Holdings is a public shareholder of SBI Cards and held an 11.61% stake in the firm, in March 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ca Rover Holdings – sold its 5.1% stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services worth about Rs 4,811 Cr
- HQs of Carlyle Group – Washington, D.C., USA | Co-Chief Executive Officers – Kewsong Lee, Glenn Youngkin

10. On June 21, Adani Power Ltd (APL) will acquire 1,200 MW Essar Power’s “Mahan Project” located at Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh. Adani Power will shell out close to Rs 3,000 Cr for the Mahan Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Power will acquire 1,200 MW Essar Power’s “Mahan Project” – located at Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh
- HQs of Adani Power Ltd – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Vneet Jaain

11. On June 22, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 16.4% equity shareholding of United Breweries Limited (UBL) by Heineken International BV (HIBV). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved acquisition of 16.4% of United Breweries Ltd – by Heineken International BV (HIBV)
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of United Breweries Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | President – A. K. Ravi Nedungadi
- HQs of Heineken International BV – Amsterdam, Netherlands | CEO – Dolf van den Brink

12. On June 21, Muthoot Fincorp has picked up 54% stake in Hyderabad-based fintech startup Paymatrix by buying out existing investors as part of its added focus on digital payments segment. Paymatrix was set up in 2016 and was incubated at IIIT-Hyderabad along with Paypal accelerator programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Muthoot Fincorp – picked up 54% stake in Paymatrix
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – George Alexander Muthoot
- HQs of Paymatrix – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Mukesh Chandra Anchuri | Established in – 2016

13. On June 19, HDFC Bank has received approval to buy more than 3.55 Cr shares in HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company for over Rs 1,906 Cr from the parent company Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – to buy more than 3.55 Cr shares in HDFC ERGO General Insurance for over Rs 1,906 Cr
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Kumar



14. On June 26, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), SBI Life Insurance and Canara Bank were among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under the Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), according to a regulatory filing. LIC picked up 17.80% of the shares while SBI Life Insurance picked 11.87% and Canara Bank picked 5.93%. Indian Bank raised a total of ₹1,650 Cr in its QIP of shares. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC + SBI Life Insurance + Canara Bank = among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under 'QIP'
- Indian Bank raised total ₹1,650 Cr in its QIP of shares | QIP – Qualified Institutional Placement
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956
- HQs of SBI Life Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mahesh Kumar Sharma
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar | Tagline – “Together We Can”
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

15. On June 25, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of the Zuarinagar plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd (ZACL) by Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL). This Goa unit is engaged in the manufacture, distribution, imports and sale of urea, DAP and various grades of NPK fertilisers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of Zuarinagar plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd – by Paradeep Phosphates Ltd
- HQs of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd – Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Chairman – S. K. Poddar
- HQs of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd – Zuarinagar, Goa | Chairman – Saroj Kumar Poddar
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

16. On June 28, India's largest private sector HDFC bank and its subsidiary HDFC Securities Limited have acquired a 7.4% stake in Virtuoso Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Virtuoso Infotech specializes in product engineering and offers customized software solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – acquired a 7.4% stake in Virtuoso Infotech
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of Virtuoso Infotech – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Preeti Nahar

17. On June 29, HDFC Life Insurance Company's promoter Standard life Mauritius Holdings has sold shares of HDFC Life Insurance worth over Rs 6,783 Cr through open market transactions. Standard life Mauritius Holdings held 8.88% stake in the firm as per March 2021 shareholding data. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Standard life Mauritius Holdings – sold 8.88% stake (Rs 6,783 Cr) in HDFC Life Insurance
- HQs of HDFC Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Vibha Padalkar

18. The UAE's sovereign wealth fund Abu Dhabi Investment Authority has picked up a minority stake in the IPO-bound digital payments player Mobikwik for nearly \$20 million (about Rs 150 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority picked up a minority stake in Mobikwik – for \$20 million (about Rs 150 Cr)
- HQs of ADIA – Abu Dhabi, UAE | CEO – Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- HQs of MobiKwik – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder, CEO & Director – Bipin Preet Singh

19. Amazon has acquired an encrypted messaging app Wickr which was founded in 2012. The terms of the deal were not disclosed. Wickr has been popular with journalists and whistleblowers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – acquired an encrypted messaging app 'Wickr'
- HQs of Wickr – San Francisco, CA, US | CEO – Joel Wallenstrom | Founded in – 2012

20. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved 100% acquisition of SB Energy Holding Limited (Target) by Adani Green Energy Limited (Acquirer) for about \$3.5 billion. Meanwhile, the CCI has also approved the merger of Tech Data Corporation with SYNEX Corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved 100% acquisition of SB Energy Holding by Adani Green Energy for about \$3.5 billion
- CCI approved the merger of = Tech Data Corporation + SYNEX Corporation
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Adani Green Energy – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | MD & CEO – Vneet S. Jaain
- HQs of Tech Data Corporation – Florida, US | CEO – Richard T. Hume



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. On June 1, Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Department has signed an MoU with Go Air (Go First) for the transportation of Perishable Horticulture and Agricultural Produce to various destinations across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K + Go Air (Go First) = an MoU for the transportation of Perishable Horticulture & Agricultural Produce in India
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of Go First – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nusli Wadia | CEO – Kaushik Khona

2. On June 1, ICICI Lombard has tied up with Microsoft to strengthen and automate the quality control processes. The insurer will make use of Microsoft's Azure Speech Services and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to screen its daily service calls made by customer service reps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Lombard + Microsoft = to strengthen customer support using Microsoft's Azure Speech Services
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

3. On June 1, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed an MoU with Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) to create awareness about the benefits of listing among small businesses and startups. BSE launched its SME platform in March 2012 and so far 337 companies listed on its SME Platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + ESC (New Delhi) = an MoU to create awareness about the benefits of listing among SMEs & Startups
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia's 1st Stock Exchange Company

4. On June 3, The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Japan in the field of sustainable urban development which is expected to create employment opportunities. The cooperation under this MoC will continue for a period of 5 years. The Union Cabinet was also apprised of an MoU signed between India & Maldives on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development. This MoU was signed in February this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – approved an MoC between India & Japan in the field of Sustainable Urban Development
- Union Cabinet – also approved an MoU between India & Maldives in the field of Sustainable Urban Development
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga



5. On June 2, HDFC ERGO General Insurance announced its partnership with Visa to provide curated insurance covers for Visa's business cardholders. To start with, the partnership will offer two insurance products - "Business Suraksha Classik policy" and "my:Credit Personal Accident Insurance group policy" which provides a total sum insured of up to Rs 1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance + Visa = to provide two Specialized Insurance Policies for business cardholders
- "my:Credit Personal Accident Insurance group policy" provides a total sum insured of – Rs 1 Cr
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Kumar
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

6. On June 2, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has signed MoUs with 4 Organisations for pilot project of using 'Kisan Database' as Aadhaar within a period of one year. These institutions are - Patanjali Organic Research Institute, Amazon Web Services (AWS), ESRI India Pvt Ltd, and Agribazar India Pvt. Ltd. The agreement with ESRI is for setting up and launching of "National Agriculture Geo Hub". The MoU with Amazon Web Services is for creation of Digital Services and Innovation Ecosystem linked with digital agriculture in the agricultural value chain. An MoU has been signed with Patanjali for agricultural management and farmer service. The agreement with Agribazar is for collaborating with Department of Agriculture for pilot project to promote Digital Agriculture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Agriculture Ministry – signed MoUs with 4 Organisations for pilot project of using 'Kisan Database' as Aadhaar
- 4 Organisations: Patanjali Organic Research Institute, AWS, ESRI & Agribazar India
- MoU with ESRI India: For setting up "National Agriculture Geo Hub"
- MoU with AWS: For creation of Digital Services and Innovation Ecosystem
- MoU with Patanjali: For Agricultural Management & Farmer Service
- MoU with Agribazar India: For collaborating with Department of Agriculture to promote Digital Agriculture

7. On June 2, The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing and ratification of an agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved signing & ratification of an agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between SCO member countries
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | Member Countries – 8

8. On June 3, The IT major Wipro has announced a partnership with Finastra to help Corporate Banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation. The companies will create a unique offering that combines Wipro's comprehensive services catalogue with Finastra's front-to-back trade finance and cash-management solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro + Finastra = partnership to help Corporate Banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte
- HQs of Finastra – London, UK | CEO – Simon Paris

9. On June 3, The SEBI has signed an initial pact with Luxembourg supervisory authority for the financial sector, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), for bilateral cooperation in Securities Regulation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI + CSSF (Luxembourg) = an MoU for bilateral cooperation in Securities Regulation
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- Luxembourg – Luxembourg – Euro | PM – Xavier Bettel

10. On June 4, The International Chess Federation (FIDE) announced a new partnership with the City-based Tech Mahindra Ltd to promote the Global Chess League. The competition will be established as a first-of-its-kind “Phygital” (physical and digital) league, engaging players from all levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIDE + Tech Mahindra = partnership to promote the “Global Chess League”
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | CEO – Geoffrey D. Borg
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani

11. On June 3, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has signed an MoU with Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) for a strategic partnership in implementing energy efficient and clean energy solutions in the heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EESL + ISHRAE = a strategic partnership in implementing Energy Efficient & Clean Energy Solutions
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma
- HQs of ISHRAE – New Delhi

12. On June 4, BSE StAR Mutual fund has signed an MoU with Godavari Urban Multi State Credit Co-Op Society Ltd (GUMCCSL), Nanded to deepen its network of over 70,000 registered distributors. Through this pact, BSE StAR MF aims to promote investment behaviour by spreading awareness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE StAR MF + GUMCCSL = an MoU to deepen its network of over 70,000 registered distributors
- Location of GUMCCSL – Nanded, Maharashtra | Established in – 2013



13. On June 3, The National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPS) and the National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) have signed an MoU for extending joint collaborative efforts to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in India. The MoU will facilitate development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants and herbs identified by NMPB. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-NBRI + NMPS = an MoU for promotion of cultivation and production of medicinal plants & herbs
- HQs of CSIR-NBRI – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

14. On June 4, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced the Coding and Data Science curriculum for class 6 to 8 in collaboration with Microsoft. The Data Science curriculum introduced for classes 6 to 12 is a new skilling subject in the 2021-2022 academic session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE + Microsoft = introduced the Coding curriculum for class 6 to 8 & Data Science curriculum for class 6 to 12
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Shri Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

15. On June 7, NHPC Ltd has partnered with Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDC) to form a joint venture company, “Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited” for the implementation of 850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHPC Ltd + J&K = partnership to form “Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd” – to implement 850 MW project
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

16. On June 5, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) has forged key partnerships for the deployment of Electric Vehicles in India. Agreements and MoUs have been signed with state governments of Goa and Kerala to procure over 30,000 two-wheelers and three-wheelers. CESL will also implement sustainable development projects up-to 60MW to boost Agriculture in Meghalaya. While, Bajaj Auto has become the first 2-wheeler manufacturer to partner with CESL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CESL – forged key partnerships for the deployment of Electric Vehicles in India
- CESL – signed MoUs & agreements with Goa & Kerala to procure over 30,000 2-wheelers & 3-wheelers
- CESL – to implement sustainable development projects up-to 60MW to boost Agriculture in Meghalaya
- Bajaj Auto – first 2-wheeler manufacturer to partner with CESL
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya

17. On June 6, The CII-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) signed an MoU to give a fillip to the Green Building Movement & Sustainable Development in the field of Architectural Design and planning. India is one of the top 3 countries in the world in terms of registered green building footprint with 6,548 Green Building projects registered. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CII-IGBC + IIA = an MoU to strengthen Green Building Movement in the field of Architectural Design & planning
- HQs of CII-IGBC – Hyderabad, Telangana
- HQs of IIA – Mumbai, MH | President – C. R. Raju

18. On June 9, PayNearby has launched an insurance solution “Poorna Suraksha” for its retail community. This cost-effective, 3-in-1 solution was created in collaboration with IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayNearby+IndiaFirst Life Insurance=launched an insurance solution “Poorna Suraksha” for its retail community
- HQs of PayNearby – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Anand Kumar Bajaj
- HQs of IndiaFirst Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – R. M. Vishakha

19. On June 10, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has signed a MoU with the Digital India Corporation (DIC) to provide location specific “Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories”. The objective of the MoU is to integrate the existing Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS) platform of DIC with the proposed Kisan Sarathi programme of ICAR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR + DIC = an MoU to provide location specific “Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories”
- “IIDS” – belongs to DIC | “Kisan Sarathi” programme – belongs to ICAR
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | President – Narendra Singh Tomar

20. On June 9, NHPC Ltd has signed E-Mobility Agreements with Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL). NHPC will receive 25 Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 3 EV fast chargers from CESL on lease under this agreement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHPC Ltd + CESL = signed E-Mobility Agreements
- NHPC will receive 25 EVs & 3 EV fast chargers from CESL on lease
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya

21. On June 10, The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM), the national web portal for sharing R&D facilities, and Sweden based COMSOL Group have collaborated for Indian academic users to access the COMSOL Multiphysics software suite at no cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- I-STEM + COMSOL Group = collaboration for Indian academic users to access the COMSOL Multiphysics software
- HQs of COMSOL Group – Stockholm, Sweden

22. On June 11, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has signed an MoU with MECON to support energy efficiency and resources conservation measures in the steel sector and associated mining industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EESL + MECON = an MoU to support energy efficiency in the steel sector & mining industry
- EESL – a joint venture of NTPC + PFC + POWERGRID + Rural Electrification Corp (REC)
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma
- HQs of MECON – Ranchi, Jharkhand | MD & Chairman – Atul Bhatt

23. On June 11, India and Kuwait have signed an MoU that brings Indian domestic workers in the Gulf nation within the ambit of a legal framework that streamlines their recruitment and provides them with the protection of the law. The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a political and economic alliance of six countries - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Kuwait – an MoU for cooperation on recruitment of domestic workers
- Kuwait – Kuwait City – Dinar | PM – Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah | Emir – Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

24. On June 15, Ambuja Cement Foundation has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementation of its employability through Phase II of “Employability through Skill Initiative Project (ESIP)”. The foundation received grant assistance from NABARD under the Gramya Vikas Nidhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ambuja Cement Foundation + NABARD = for implementation of its employability through Phase II of “ESIP”
- HQs of Ambuja Cements – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Neeraj Akhoury
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982

25. On June 14, SJVN Ltd has signed an MoU with the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) for ‘Technical Consultancy Services’ for development of solar, wind, hybrid (wind and solar) and hybrid (wind, solar and battery storage) energy projects of SJVN. India is targeting to achieve installation of 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by the year 2022 and 450 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SJVN Ltd + NIWE = for 'Technical Consultancy Services' for developing Solar, Wind, Hybrid Energy Projects
- HQs of SJVN Ltd – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | CMD – Nand Lal Sharma
- HQs of NIWE – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

26. On June 15, NHPC Ltd has signed a pact with Bihar State Hydroelectric Power Corporation (BSHPC) to implement a 130.1 MW Dagmara hydroelectricity project in Bihar. The project is on river Kosi in Supaul district of Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHPC + Bihar = an MoU to implement 130.1 MW Dagmara Hydroelectricity Project – in Supaul, Bihar (on Kosi river)
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

27. On June 14, Emirates Group Security (EGS) and GMR Aviation Academy (GMRAA) have signed an MoU to promote cooperation for the development and exchange of information, technical expertise and experiences in aviation security. GMR Group is the fourth largest private airport company in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Emirates Group Security + GMR Aviation Academy = an MoU for cooperation
- GMR Group – 4th largest private airport company in the world
- HQs of GMR Group – New Delhi | Chairman – G. M. Rao
- Location of GMR Aviation Academy – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chief – Parul Kulshreshtha Singh

28. On June 15, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has signed an MoU with Ministry of Civil Aviation to start seaplane services across India. Under this agreement, seaplane services will be developed as a part of the "RCN-UDAN" initiative of the Civil Aviation Ministry. A total of 28 seaplane routes and 14 water aerodromes are in various stages of development at a cost of ₹450 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways + Ministry of Civil Aviation = an MoU to start seaplane services across India
- Seaplane services will be developed – under "RCN-UDAN" initiative of Civil Aviation Ministry
- 28 seaplane routes & 14 water aerodromes are in various stages of development at a cost of ₹450 Cr

29. On June 16, The Ministry of Culture (MoC) and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) signed an MoU for cooperation in development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. NMHC will be developed as world class historical site and an international tourist destination showcasing India's rich maritime heritage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoC + MoPSW = an MoU for cooperation in development of National Maritime Heritage Complex – at Lothal, Guj.
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

30. On June 16, H-Energy has signed an MoU with Bangladesh's Petrobangla to supply re-gasified liquefied natural gas (R-LNG) from India to Bangladesh. H-Energy has received a nod to build, own and operate Kanai Chhata-Shrirampur natural gas pipeline. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- H-Energy + Petrobangla (Bangladesh) = an MoU to supply 'R-LNG' from India to Bangladesh
- HQs of H-Energy – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Darshan Hiranandani
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

31. On June 18, Gurgaon based ACME Solar Holdings Ltd signed a shareholders' agreement with UNOPS S3i and Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU) for developing a 250 MW solar power plant located in the Rajasthan. The total value of the project is estimated to \$200 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ACME Solar Holdings Ltd + UNOPS S3i + IFU = an agreement for developing 250 MW solar power plant – in Rajasthan
- Project is estimated to cost – \$200 million
- HQs of ACME Solar Holdings Ltd – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Nikhil Dhingra
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

32. On June 19, Pune based Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT) and IIM Nagpur have signed an MoU to build competencies and generate industry-oriented knowledge in transport management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIRT + IIM Nagpur = an MoU to build competencies in Road Transport Management
- Location of CIRT – Pune, Maharashtra | Director – Dr. Rajendra B Saner-Patil

33. On June 17, The Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Santosh Gangwar has signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for empowering the youths to gain relevant skills and guidance. National Career Service (NCS), launched in 2015, caters to the employment and career needs of the youth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICEF + Ministry of Labour and Employment = an Sol for empowering the youths to gain relevant skills
- National Career Service (NCS) was launched in 2015
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

34. On June 18, India and Bhutan have inked an MoU for developing cooperation between two countries in the area of Environment. The MoU is a platform to further enhance Indian and Bhutanese partnership and support, exchange best practices in areas like prevention of Air Pollution, Waste Management, Chemical Management, Climate Change, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Bhutan – inked an MoU for developing cooperation in the area of Environment
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering

35. On June 22, Bharti Airtel and Tata Group have announced a strategic partnership for implementing 5G network solutions for India, which will be available for commercial development from January 2022. Tata Group has developed an “O-RAN” (Open-Radio Access Network)-based radio and Non-standalone Architecture/Stand-alone Architecture (NSA/SA) core. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel & Tata Group – partnership for implementing 5G network solutions for India
- Tata Group – developed an “O-RAN” based radio
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- HQ of Tata Group – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran

36. On June 21, Fintech platform FlexiLoans.com has partnered with Retailio to provide working capital loans to its more than 1,00,000 retailers and distributors across India. This partnership aims to fund over 15,000 pharma retailers in the next 18 months. The Indian pharmacy market is a \$40-billion market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FlexiLoans.com + Retailio = partnership to provide working capital loans to retailers & distributors
- Partnership aims to fund over 15,000 pharma retailers in the next 18 months
- Indian pharmacy market – \$40-billion
- HQs of FlexiLoans – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Co-Founder – Manish Lunia
- HQs of Retailio – Pune, Maharashtra

37. On June 22, Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Fiji’s Minister Dr. Mahendra Reddy signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors between India and Fiji. The MoU will remain valid for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Fiji = an MoU for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors
- Fiji – Suva – Fijian Dollar | President – Jioji Konrote

38. On June 18, India along with Italy and Japan has launched their Trilateral Partnership to create stability and a rules-based international order based on consent of all in the Indo-Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Italy + Japan = launched their Trilateral Partnership for Indo-Pacific stability
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

39. On June 21, The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), have recently collaborated on a joint mission for the “NISHTHA” capacity-building programme for Eklavya school teachers and principals. Under the programme, teachers and principals from 120 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) from 3 States (Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh) participated in the first batch of the programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs + NCERT = collaboration for the “NISHTHA” capacity-building programme
- NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement
- Teachers & principals from 120 Eklavya Model Residential Schools – participated in the 1st batch of the programme
- HQs of NCERT – New Delhi | Director – Hrushikesh Senapaty

40. On June 24, The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and WhatsApp have partnered to launch the “Digital Skill Champions Program” that aims to train India’s youth on digital skills to make them employment ready. The programme will be imparted through WhatsApp’s project implementation partner - ‘InfiSpark’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDC + WhatsApp = partnership to launch the “Digital Skill Champions Program”
- The programme will be imparted through WhatsApp’s project implementation partner - ‘InfiSpark’
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009

41. On June 23, Denmark has signed the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and Instrument of Ratification with India. Meanwhile, Denmark becomes first country to ratify International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Denmark + India = International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and Instrument of Ratification
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Ajay Mathur | Member Countries – 124



42. On June 23, The Cabinet has approved an agreement between India and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the exchange of tax information and assistance in the collection. The agreement will promote tax cooperation between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved an agreement between “India + Saint Vincent & Grenadines” for the exchange of Tax Information
- [Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – Kingstown | PM – Ralph Gonsalves](#)

43. On June 24, Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd has signed an MoU with the Telangana government for setting up ₹2,100 Cr manufacturing unit for electric buses in Zaheerabad. The project expects to employ more than 25,000 persons and produce 50,000 vehicles over the first 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Triton Electric Vehicle + Telangana = an MoU to set up ₹2,100 Cr manufacturing unit for electric buses in Zaheerabad
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

44. On June 25, Maharashtra has signed an MoU with the British government under their “ACT4Green” programme, which aims to enable the Indian and UK start-ups to expand internationally through market entry support in their respective cross-border markets of interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra + UK = an MoU under their “ACT4Green” programme
- [Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson](#)

45. On June 25, MOIL Ltd has signed a pact with the Madhya Pradesh government and the Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd (MPSMCL) to explore the options of Manganese ore mining in four districts of the state - Balaghat, Jabalpur, Jhabua, and Chhindwara. MOIL has carried out detailed remote sensing studies with the help of the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) ISRO, Hyderabad, in order to identify the manganese-bearing areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MOIL Ltd + Madhya Pradesh + MPSMCL = to explore the options of Manganese ore mining in 4 districts
- [HQs of MOIL Ltd – Nagpur, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Mukund Chaudhari](#)
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

46. On June 28, The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) have entered into an MoU to help the MSMEs address their challenges that were accentuated during the pandemic. The two organisations committed that at least 25% of beneficiaries from the partnership would be women entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI + GAME = an MoU to help the MSMEs address their challenges
- At least 25% of beneficiaries from the partnership would be women entrepreneurs
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990
- HQs of GAME – Bangalore, Karnataka

47. On June 28, Mastercard has announced a strategic, undisclosed investment in Instamojo, a digital solutions provider for MSMEs. Instamojo was founded in 2012 by Sampad Swain, Akash Gehani and Aditya Sengupta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard – made a strategic equity investment in “Instamojo” to help small businesses go digital
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of Instamojo – Bangalore, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Sampad Swain

48. On June 27, Gujarat-based ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) India has executed India’s very first “Paperless bill discounting transaction” in partnership with ICICI Bank. AMNS India is a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Japan's largest steel producer Nippon Steel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel + ICICI Bank = executed India’s very first “Paperless bill discounting transaction”
- HQs of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel – Hazira, Gujarat | CEO – Dilip Oommen
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

49. On June 29, Dvara e-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd in partnership with IFFCO Tokio General Insurance has launched an artificial intelligence (AI) powered digital cattle identity solution named “Surabhi e-Tag” for cattle insurance. It is an AI-powered digital tag that identifies cattle based on muzzle identity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dvara e-Dairy Solutions + IFFCO Tokio Gen Ins. = launched “Surabhi e-Tag” for cattle insurance
- HQs of Dvara e-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of IFFCO Tokio Gen Ins. – Gurugram, Haryana

50. On June 30, Reliance Industries (RIL) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) have signed an agreement to set up a new petrochemical complex in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, to produce chlor-alkali, ethylene dichloride, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC). It would cost above Rs 30,000 Cr to set up the petrochemical facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Industries + Abu Dhabi National Oil Company = to set up petrochemical project in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



51. Innoviti Payment Solutions and PhonePe have partnered to provide the pioneering facility of “Dual-Display-UPI”. This novel feature makes it safer and faster for customers to pay through UPI while shopping at Shoppers Stop's outlets pan India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + Innoviti Payment Solutions = partnership to provide the pioneering facility of “Dual-Display-UPI”
- HQs of Innoviti Payment Solutions – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Rajeev Agrawal
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

52. On June 30, The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), India and Nepal in the field of Health Research. The objectives of this MOU are collaboration on joint research activities of mutual interest such as cross-border health issues, Ayurveda/traditional medicine and medicinal plants, climate change and health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved an MoU between ICMR (India) & Nepal – in the field of Health Research
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

53. On June 30, Rosatom, Russia’s Nuclear Energy Corporation has partnered with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) for the construction of the 5th and 6th reactors of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in Tamil Nadu. The light water reactors (VVER) will be built on an outlay of ₹49,621 Cr. The 5th reactor will be commissioned in December 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rosatom (Russia) + NPCIL (Mumbai) = to construct 5th & 6th reactors of “Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project” (in TN)
- The reactors will be built on an outlay of – ₹49,621 Cr | 5th reactor will be commissioned in – 2026
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Books & Authors

1. Amish Raj Mulmi's scholarly and deeply engaging book, "All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China", fills a vacuum on scholarship on Nepal-China relations which is a must-read to understand India-Nepal ties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China" – authored by Amish Raj Mulmi

2. On June 6, Rahul Pandita has authored a book titled "The Lover Boy of Bahawalpur". It states how the Pulwama Case was cracked. In this book we enter the terrifying world of secret militants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Lover Boy of Bahawalpur" – authored by Rahul Pandita

3. On June 3, A book titled "Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest" is authored by former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China, Vijay Gokhale and published by HarperCollins India. The author revisits for the first time his first-hand experience of the June 4, 1989, Tiananmen Square incident, which he witnessed as a young diplomat, and explains why its legacy remains significant for both China and the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest" – authored by Vijay Gokhale
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

4. On June 5, In "1232 km: The Long Journey Home", journalist-cum-film maker Vinod Kapri, documents one such nightmarish experience of seven labourers who bicycled from Loni in Ghaziabad near Delhi to Madhepur in Bihar, covering a distance of 1200-plus kilometres in seven days and nights. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "1232 km: The Long Journey Home" – authored by Vinod Kapri

5. Film producer Ronnie Screwvala will share stories, failures and personal learnings from his career in his new book titled "Skill It, Kill It". The book is published by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Skill It, Kill It" book – authored by Ronnie Screwvala
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

6. On June 7, Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh has released an E-booklet titled "20 Reforms in 2020", highlighting the major reforms undertaken by Ministry of Defence (MoD) in 2020, in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – released an E-booklet titled "20 Reforms in 2020" – in New Delhi
- The book highlights the major reforms undertaken by – Ministry of Defence (MoD) in 2020

7. On June 8, Minister of State for Ayush (IC) Kiren Rijiju, has released the e-book on “20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care”. The book has been prepared by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) to highlight important medicinal plants and their therapeutic properties. These medicinal plants are useful in the prevention & management of Covid-19 along with standard of care. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – released the e-book on “20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care”
- The book is prepared by – National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- MoS of AYUSH – Kiren Rijiju (temporarily additional charge)

8. On June 10, One of the world’s leading public intellectuals of our time, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir “Home in the World”. The book will be published in July by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Home in the World” – authored by Amartya Sen
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

9. On June 12, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has released a collection of 61 poems titled “Beyond Here and Other Poems”. The book was written by senior bureaucrat Bishnupada Sethi. It’s published by Har Anand Publications, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naveen Patnaik – released a collection of 61 poems titled “Beyond Here and Other Poems”
- Author – Bishnupada Sethi | Publisher – Har Anand Publications
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

10. Jnanpith awardee and bestselling author Amitav Ghosh’s new book “The Nutmeg’s Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis” is all set to release in October, 2021. It will be published by John Murray. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Nutmeg’s Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis” book – authored by Amitav Ghosh

11. On June 14, Renowned Neurologist Ashok Panagariya’s publisher has released his memoir, “Monk in a Merc”. Ashok Panagariya is the younger brother of Arvind Panagariya who has just published his own book titled “My Father: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary Man”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Monk in a Merc” memoir – authored by Ashok Panagariya
- “My Father: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary Man” book – authored by Arvind Panagariya



12. On June 21, Filmmaker-writer Tahira Kashyap Khurrana has announced her upcoming book about motherhood, titled “The 7 Sins of Being A Mother”. This is her 5th book. Last year, she had released “12 Commandments of Being A Woman”. The writer has also penned books like “Cracking The Code: My Journey in Bollywood” and “Souled Out”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The 7 Sins of Being A Mother” book – authored by Tahira Kashyap Khurrana
- Other books: “12 Commandments of Being A Woman”, “Cracking The Code: My Journey in Bollywood” & “Souled Out”

13. On June 21, Will Smith has announced that his first memoir, titled “Will”, is set to be published on November 9. Smith has co-written the book with Mark Manson and will be published by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Will” memoir of – Will Smith (co-written with Mark Manson)
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

14. On June 21, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has unveiled Krishna Saksena’s book “My Joys and Sorrows - as a Mother of a Special Child”. Saksena was the first woman to get a PhD degree from Lucknow University in 1955. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan unveiled “My Joys and Sorrows - as a Mother of a Special Child” – authored by Krishna Saksena

15. Ruskin Bond has recently authored a book titled “It’s a Wonderful Life”. The book is part-nostalgia and part-current-affairs as Bond tries to make sense of life’s diverse currents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “It’s a Wonderful Life” – authored by Ruskin Bond

16. On June 22, Dr. Vipin Gupta has recently authored two new books around his project “VIPIN” (Vastly Integrated Processes Inside Nature). He has already published 4 books in this project. The books are titled “What is Consciousness” & “What is Para Consciousness”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Vipin Gupta – authored 2 new books for his project “VIPIN” (Vastly Integrated Processes Inside Nature)
- Books: “What is Consciousness” & “What is Para Consciousness”



17. On June 23, Tahmima Anam's novel, titled "The Startup Wife" has been published by Penguin Random House India. It revolves around a coder Asha Ray, and her high school crush-turned-husband Cyrus Jones who develop a hit social media networking app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Startup Wife" novel – authored by Tahmima Anam
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India

18. On June 22, A book titled "Habba Khatoon" was released by Sanjana Prakashan, New Delhi at Mandi House. The book has been penned down by daughter of the soil Kajal Suri. Habba Khatoon was a renowned poetess of Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Habba Khatoon" book – authored by Kajal Suri | Released by – Sanjana Prakashan
- Habba Khatoon – a Poetess of Kashmir

19. On June 25, U. S. President Joe Biden's sister, confidante and longtime political strategist, Valerie Biden Owens has authored a book titled "Growing Up Biden". The book will come out April 12, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Growing Up Biden" book – authored by Valerie Biden Owens

20. On June 26, Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana has released a book titled "Anomalies in Law and Justice" written by former Supreme Court Judge Justice (retd) R. V. Raveendran, explaining in simple terms various deficiencies in the law which needs to be overcome. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CJI N. V. Ramana released "Anomalies in Law and Justice" book – authored by R. V. Raveendran

21. Journalist Sundeep Mishra's book titled "Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story" chronicles Dutee Chand's journey with a detailed narrative of the gender-identity controversy that made her an iconic figure in Indian sport. The book is published by Westland Books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story" book – authored by Sundeep Mishra
- Publisher – Westland Books
- Sundeep Mishra's other books:
 - "The Best of Indian Sports Writing"
 - "Forgive Me Amma: The Life and Times of Dhanraj Pillay"
 - "The Mohammed of Benares and Other Stories"



Obituaries

1. On June 2, Cartoonist and former Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Cartoon Academy Ibrahim Badusha passed away recently due to post-COVID-19 complications. He was 37. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ibrahim Badusha (Kerala) – a Cartoonist – passed away
- He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Cartoon Academy

2. On June 3, Anerood Jugnauth, former Mauritius Prime Minister, passed away. He was given India's second highest civilian honour Padma Vibhushan in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anerood Jugnauth – Former Prime Minister of Mauritius – passed away (Padma Vibhushan in 2020)
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

3. On June 4, Former India hockey player Usman Khan has passed away after a prolonged battle with Cancer. He was 76. In Kolkata, Khan played for the Calcutta Customs and also represented Bengal in the national hockey championships for several years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Usman Khan – Former India Hockey Player – passed away

4. On June 4, Noted writer and Katha Nilayam founder Kalipatnam Ramarao, popularly known as 'Kara Mastaru' passed away due to age related ailments. He was 97. His first short story, 'Platform', was published in 1943. Kara Mastaru had received many awards, including Sahitya Akademi Award in 1995, for his invaluable contribution to Telugu literature and especially for his literary work "Yagnam To Tommidi". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kalipatnam Ramarao ('Kara Mastaru') – a Telugu Writer – passed away
- Sahitya Akademi Award (1995) – for his literary work "Yagnam To Tommidi"

5. A Padma Shri recipient & Renowned Educationist Munirathna Anandkrishnan passed away after battling against COVID-19. He was 93. He served as Vice-Chancellor of Anna University and was chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Anandkrishnan (Tamil Nadu) – a Renowned Educationist – passed away (Padma Shri)
- Vice-Chancellor of - Anna University | Chairman of the Board of Governors of - IIT Kanpur



6. On June 3, Noted Assamese litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Lakshmi Nandan Bora passed away after he tested positive for COVID-19. He was 91. His novel “Patal Bhairavi” fetched him the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1988. Another of his novels, “Kayakalpa”, won him the Saraswati Samman in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lakshmi Nandan Bora – a Noted Assamese litterateur – passed away (Padma Shri)
- Sahitya Akademi Award (1988) – for “Patal Bhairavi” | Saraswati Samman (2008) – for “Kayakalpa”

7. On June 9, Buddhadeb Dasgupta passed away in Kolkata. He was 77 years old. A poet at heart and film-maker won 5 National Awards for Best Film and two for Best Director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Buddhadeb Dasgupta (West Bengal) – a Poet & Filmmaker – passed away (5 National Awards)

8. On June 10, Asian Games Gold medallist boxer Ngangom Dingko Singh passed away in Manipur after prolonged illness. He was 42. Legend boxer won gold medal at 1998 Asian Games Bangkok. He has been conferred country’s prestigious award- Padma Shri in 2013. He holds Arjuna Award also. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ngangom Dingko Singh (Manipur) – a Boxer – passed away (Gold medal at 1998 Asian Games Bangkok)
- Awards: Padma Shri (2013) | Arjuna Award

9. On June 11, Padma Shri awardee Environmentalist and Odisha’s former information commissioner Professor Radha Mohan passed away. He was 78. The Odisha government had also awarded him with “Utkal Seva Samman” for his outstanding social service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Radha Mohan – a Former Information Commissioner & Environmentalist – passed away
- Awards: Padma Shri in ‘Agriculture’ (2020) | “Utkal Seva Samman” – by Odisha

10. On June 11, One of India’s top Neurologist and Padma Shri awardee Dr. Ashok Panagariya passed away in Jaipur. He was 71. In 2014 he was awarded the “Padma Shri” for his contribution in Medicine. The Medical Council of India gave him the prestigious “Dr. BC Roy award” in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Ashok Panagariya – India’s top Neurologist – passed away
- Awards: “Padma Shri” in ‘Medicine’ (2014) | “Dr. BC Roy Award” (2002)

11. On June 13, India’s 1951 Asian Games marathon bronze medal winner and 1952 Olympian Surat Singh Mathur has died of COVID-19 in Delhi. He was 90. He was the first athlete from India to complete an Olympic marathon race in 1951. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Surat Singh Mathur – an Athlete – passed away (first athlete from India to complete an Olympic marathon)
- 1951 Asian Games marathon Bronze medal winner | 1952 Olympian

12. On June 11, Noted Dalit poet Dr. Siddalingaiah passed away due to COVID-19. He emerged as the fiery voice of the Dalit world in Kannada with his debut poetry collection “Hole Madigara Hadu” in 1975. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Siddalingaiah – a Kannada Poet – passed away

13. On June 15, National award-winning Kannada actor Vijay Kumar Basavarajaiah popularly known as ‘Sanchari Vijay’ passed away recently in a road accident. He was 38 years old. Vijay had won the national award for his performance in the film ‘Naanu Avanalla Avalu’ (I’m not him, her) in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

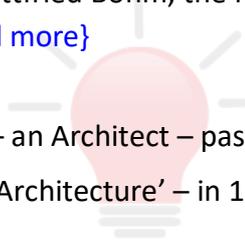
Key Points:

- Sanchari Vijay (Vijay Kumar Basavarajaiah) – a Kannada Actor – passed away (National award in 2015)

14. On June 11, Gottfried Bohm, the first German architect to be awarded the Pritzker Prize in 1986, has passed away at 101. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gottfried Bohm – an Architect – passed away
- Pritzker Prize in ‘Architecture’ – in 1986



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15. On June 13, Mahavir Chakra recipient legendary veteran Brigadier Raghubir Singh or ‘Dadosa’ passed away at the age of 99. He participated in the Burma war in 1944 and went to Japan to fight. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brigadier Raghubir Singh or ‘Dadosa’ – an Army Officer – passed away (Mahavir Chakra recipient)

16. On June 17, Kenneth David Buchizya Kaunda, the first President of Zambia, passed away due to pneumonia. He was 97. He served as Zambia’s first president from 1964 to 1991. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kenneth David Kaunda – 1st President of Zambia – passed away
- [Zambia – Lusaka – Zambian Kwacha | President – Edgar Lungu](#)

17. On June 14, The 2008 Olympic doubles Gold medallist from Indonesia Markis Kido has died after suffering a heart attack. He was 36. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Markis Kido ([Indonesia](#)) – a Badminton Player – passed away (2008 Olympic doubles Gold medallist)
- [Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo](#)



18. Mufti Faiz-ul-Waheed, a renowned Islamic Scholar passed away recently. He was the first to translate the Quran into the Gojri language and helped hundreds of tribal students pursue medical and engineering education across Jammu and Kashmir. He was 56. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mufti Faiz-ul-Waheed (J & K) – a renowned Islamic Scholar – passed away
- The first person to translate the Quran into the 'Gojri language'

19. On June 19, Gujarat cadre IAS officer and Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Guruprasad Mohapatra passed away due to Covid-19 related complications. He was 59. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Guruprasad Mohapatra – IAS officer (Gujarat) & Secretary in DPIIT – passed away
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi

20. On June 21, Former Indian women Volleyball Team Captain Nirmal Kaur died at a Mohali hospital due to complications related to Covid-19 infection. She is wife of legendary Olympian Milkha Singh. She was 85. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmal Kaur – Former Indian women Volleyball Team Captain – passed away

21. Gottfried Bohm passed away at the age of 101. The venerable architect leaves a legacy of more than 60 churches across Germany. Bohm was awarded the Pritzker Prize in 1986. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gottfried Bohm (Germany) – an Architect – passed away (Pritzker Prize in 1986)
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

22. On June 24, Former Philippines President Benigno Aquino passed away. He was 61. He was president of the Philippines from 2010 to 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Benigno Aquino – Former President of Philippines – passed away
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte

23. On June 22, Doyenne of Carnatic music and Padma Shri award-winner Parassala B. Ponnammal passed away. She was 96. She was a recipient of the State government's Swathi award and the Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2009 and the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parassala B. Ponnammal – Indian Carnatic musician – passed away (Padma Shri - for Carnatic music)
- Awards: Swathi award | Sangeet Natak Akademi award (2009) | Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi award



24. On June 24, John David McAfee passed away in a prison in Spain. He was 75. He was the founder of the antivirus software maker “McAfee”. He had been indicted in Tennessee on tax evasion charges. He also was charged in a cryptocurrency fraud case in New York. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John David McAfee – Founder of the antivirus software maker “McAfee” – passed away
- HQs of McAfee – San Jose, California, US | CEO – Peter A. Leav | Founded in – 1987

25. Pakistan’s former Prime Minister Mir Hazar Khan Khoso passed away due to a cardiac arrest in Quetta, capital of Balochistan. He was 95. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mir Hazar Khan Khoso – Pakistan’s former Prime Minister – passed away
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

26. Veteran Malayalam Cinematographer & Filmmaker Sivasankaran Nair passed away. He was 89. Known as Kerala’s first professional press photographer, he established the well-known “Sivan’s Studio” at Statue in Thiruvananthapuram in 1959. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sivasankaran Nair (Kerala) – Malayalam Cinematographer & Filmmaker – passed away
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

27. On June 30, K. V. Sampath Kumar passed away in Mysuru following cardiac arrest. He was the Editor of “Sudharma” - India’s and the world’s only Sanskrit daily newspaper. He, along with his wife Vidushi K. S. Jayalakshmi, was awarded the ‘Padma Shri’ in 2020. His father Pandit K. N. Varadaraja Iyengar had launched Sudharma in 1970. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. V. Sampath Kumar – the Editor of “Sudharma” Sanskrit daily newspaper – passed away
- “Sudharma” – India’s & the world’s only Sanskrit daily newspaper
- K. V. Sampath Kumar + Vidushi K. S. Jayalakshmi = awarded the ‘Padma Shri’ (2020)

Person in News

1. From May 24-28, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar was on a 5-day visit to the United States. In New York, he met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in New York, US – during his 5-day visit to the US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

2. On June 15, A statue of Colonel Santosh Babu, who died in the Chinese army attack at Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh in June, 2020, was unveiled at Suryapet in Telangana. Colonel Babu was awarded the Mahavir Chakra posthumously. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A statue of Colonel Santosh Babu unveiled – at Suryapet, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

3. On June 17, Montek Singh Ahluwalia was named as a member of a “High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) on Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery and Growth” formed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the face of the dual crisis posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) on Sustainable & Inclusive Recovery and Growth” formed by = World Bank + IMF
- Montek Singh Ahluwalia – named as a member of HLAG
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

4. On June 16, The Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher has recovered from coma after 6 years. The Formula 1 legend suffered life changing injuries in a skiing accident in 2013. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Michael Schumacher (Germany) – a retired racing driver & F1 Champion – recovered from coma after 6 years
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

5. On June 22, 24-year-old Mawya Sudan is the first woman from Jammu and Kashmir to become a fighter pilot and to be inducted in the Indian Air Force. She is the 12th woman fighter pilot in the IAF. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Mawya Sudan – the first woman from Jammu & Kashmir to become a fighter pilot
- Now, total number of woman fighter pilots in the IAF – 12
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Founded in – 1932

6. On June 25, Apurva Chandra (Labour & Employment Secretary) has completed his tenure as Chairperson of Governing Body of International Labour Organization after holding the position for the period October 2020-June 2021. He has handed over the responsibility of the Chair to Ambassador Anna Jardfelt, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations Office in Geneva. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Apurva Chandra ([L&E Secretary](#)) – completed his tenure as Chairperson of Governing Body of the ILO
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919



Science & Technology

1. The NASA is now all set to send glow-in-the-dark Baby Squids and about 5,000 Tardigrades, also called 'Water Bears', to the International Space Station. The new arrivals are part of the 22nd SpaceX cargo resupply mission that will liftoff on June 3. Apart from water bears, NASA is also sending Bobtail Squid namely "Euprymna scolopes", an animal model that is used to study symbiotic relationships between two species. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA is sending Baby Squids & 5,000 Tardigrades (Water Bears) – to the International Space Station
- NASA is also sending Bobtail Squid namely "Euprymna scolopes"
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

2. On June 1, IIT Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind Internet of Things (IoT) device - "AmbiTag" to record real-time ambient temperature during the transportation of perishable products, body organs, and blood, vaccines, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar – developed a first-of-its-kind IoT device - "AmbiTag" to record real-time ambient temperature
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

3. On June 1, A new cocoa-coloured species of frog "Litoria mira" has been discovered in New Guinea by scientists from Australia's Queensland Museum. It is dubbed as 'Chocolate Frog'. The discovery was published in a new paper in the "Australian Journal of Zoology". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Litoria mira" a cocoa-coloured species of frog (dubbed as 'Chocolate Frog') – discovered in New Guinea
- The discovery is published in – "Australian Journal of Zoology"

4. On June 1, With the aim of building a strong communications channel for addressing cyber threats and sharing best practices across the participating countries, Microsoft has launched the first Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – launched the first Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

5. On June 2, The CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) at Pune has come up with a new technique called "SWASTIHK" for disinfecting water by using natural oils. The novel hybrid technology involves boiling as a result of pressure reduction and use of natural oils having antimicrobial properties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-NCL (Pune) – developed a hybrid technology called “SWASTIIK” for disinfecting water by using natural oils
- SWASTIIK – Safe Water and Sustainable Technology Initiative from Indian Knowledgebase
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

6. On June 3, NASA has planned to launch two missions to Venus between 2028 and 2030 to study the atmosphere and geologic features of Earth’s so-called sister planet. The two missions are dubbed “DAVINCI+” (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble Gases, Chemistry and Imaging) and “VERITAS” (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography and Spectroscopy). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – planned to launch two missions “DAVINCI+” & “VERITAS” between 2028 & 2030 – to Venus
- DAVINCI – Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble Gases, Chemistry and Imaging
- VERITAS – Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography and Spectroscopy
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

7. On June 3, The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the second home-based Rapid Antigen Test kit called “PanBio”, developed by Chicago-based Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division. The PanBio Covid19 Antigen Test Device, the self-use kit has been given provisional approval till July 5. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR approved 2nd home-based Rapid Antigen Test kit “PanBio” – developed by Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division
- HQs of Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division – Chicago, US
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

8. On June 1, ARTPARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park), a Bengaluru-based startup has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven platform called “XraySetu” to identify Covid positive patients even from low-resolution chest X-ray images sent over WhatsApp. ARTPARK is established by the IISc, Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ARTPARK (Bengaluru) – developed an AI-driven platform called “XraySetu” to identify Covid positive patients
- ARTPARK is established by – IISc, Bengaluru

9. On June 2, “Cyrtodactylus Bengkhuaiai”, named in honour of Chieftain Bengkhuaia, is one of four new species of bent-toed Geckos. It was discovered from Meghalaya and Mizoram. It was published in the latest edition of Zootaxa journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Cyrtodactylus Bengkhuaiai” a new species of Gecko – discovered in Meghalaya & Mizoram
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai



10. On June 2, China has launched a weather satellite called “Fengyun 4B” from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province. The 5.4-metric ton satellite is developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology and was carried by a ‘Long March 3B’ carrier rocket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China launched a weather satellite called “Fengyun 4B” | It was carried by a ‘Long March 3B’ carrier rocket
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

11. On June 4, IIT Hyderabad has developed Nano-fibre based oral tablets of Amphotericin B, called “AmB”, to treat fungal infections post COVID treatment. Currently the AmB is available in injectable form. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad – developed Nano-fibre based oral tablets of ‘Amphotericin B’ called “AmB” to treat fungal infections

12. On June 3, The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found 3 more caves in the Trirashmi Buddhist cave complex, also known as “Pandav Leni”, near Nashik, Maharashtra. Trirashmi caves are a group of 24 caves dated between 1BC and the 6-7AD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASI found 3 more caves in the Trirashmi Buddhist cave complex, also known as “Pandav Leni” – in Nashik, MH
- [HQs of ASI – New Delhi | Director General – V. Vidyavathi](#)

13. On June 4, The DCGI has granted permission to the Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture the “Sputnik V” Covid-19 vaccine in India. The Pune-based firm has collaborated with Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, Moscow in Russia for developing Sputnik V at its licensed Hadapsar facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DCGI granted permission to the “SII” to manufacture – “Sputnik V” vaccine in India
- [HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla](#)
- [The Drug Controller General of India \(DCGI\) – V G Somani](#)

14. IIT Madras has recently hosted Asia’s first workshop on International Memory Studies virtually. IIT Madras is in the process of building an ‘XR Lab’ using virtual tools such as Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality to curate, comprehend & critique various facets of literature, history and culture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – hosted Asia’s first workshop on “International Memory Studies”
- IIT Madras is in the process of building an ‘XR Lab’ using virtual tools such as A.R. / V. R.

15. On June 3, Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Hyderabad, has developed an indigenous chip-off technique to retrieve Encrypted data for helping the investigative agencies to produce credible evidences against criminals in the trial courts. The technique, developed by scientists Akhlesh Kumar, Bhushan Ghode and Khevna Maniar was published in the International Journal of Engineering Science and Research Technology (IJESRT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CFSL (Hyderabad) – developed a Chip-off technique to retrieve Encrypted data for helping investigative agencies
- The technique is developed by – Akhlesh Kumar, Bhushan Ghode & Khevna Maniar

16. On June 3, Facebook India has announced a new initiative called “Facebook India Tech Scholars (FITS) programme”, for law students in India. The first edition, the FITS programme 2021-2022, will offer 8 law students an opportunity to work on a research project with leading Indian thinktanks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook India – launched a new initiative “Facebook India Tech Scholars (FITS) programme” for law students
- HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004

17. On June 4, The Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), a CSIR lab in Mysuru, is working in the direction of developing food that can boost immunity and prevent diseases. It will protect children prone to the third wave of Covid infection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CFTRI-CSIR (Mysuru) – is working in the direction of developing food that can boost immunity & prevent diseases
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

18. On June 10, China’s Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) project has set a new record after it ran at 216 million degrees Fahrenheit (120 million degrees Celsius) for 101 seconds. For another 20 seconds, the “Artificial Sun” also achieved a peak temperature of 288 million degrees Fahrenheit (160 million degrees Celsius), which is over 10 times hotter than the sun. Apart from the EAST project, China is currently operating the “HL-2A” reactor as well as “J-TEXT”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China’s “EAST” project set a new record after it ran at “216° mn F” (120° mn C) for 101 seconds
- “EAST” project or the “Artificial Sun” also achieved a peak temperature of 288 ° mn F (160° mn C) for 20 seconds
- EAST – Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak
- China is also operating the “HL-2A” reactor as well as “J-TEXT”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



19. On June 3, Local wildlife enthusiasts have sighted two species of monal, a colour pheasant, together in Upper Siang district of central Arunachal Pradesh. These two species are Himalayan Monal (*Lophophorus impejanus*) and Sclater's Monal (*Lophophorus sclateri*). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Himalayan Monal' & 'Sclater's Monal' = sighted in Siang, Arunachal Pradesh
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra](#)

20. On June 10, A new plant species belonging to the coffee family spotted in the Wagamon hills in Kerala has been named "Argostemma quarantena" to commemorate the millions who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Argostemma quarantena" a new species of Coffee plant – spotted in Wagamon hills, in Kerala
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

21. On June 10, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed 3 types of ventilators namely PRANA, VaU and SVASTA and has come forward to transfer the technology to industry for clinical usage during COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – developed 3 types of ventilators namely 'PRANA', 'VaU' & 'SVASTA'
- PRANA – Programmable Respiratory Assistance for the Needy Aid
- VaU – Ventilation assist Unit
- SVASTA – Space Ventilator Aided System for Trauma Assistance
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969](#)

22. On June 10, The Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy has emerged as a breakthrough in Cancer treatment. Department of Biotechnology supported First "CAR-T" cell therapy conducted at Tata Memorial Center in Mumbai. This work is partly supported by BIRAC-PACE scheme & IIT Bombay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st "Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T)" therapy conducted at Tata Memorial Center – for Cancer treatment
- This work is partly supported by = BIRAC-PACE scheme & IIT Bombay
- [Location of Tata Memorial Center – Mumbai, MH](#)

23. On June 9, Researchers at IIT Kharagpur have developed a technique that could be useful in the early detection of development or strengthening of tropical cyclones in the atmospheric column prior to satellites over ocean surface in the North Indian Ocean region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur – developed a technique for early detection of tropical cyclones – in the North Indian Ocean region



24. On June 10, Google is building an open subsea cable named “Firmina Cable” that will connect the East Coast of the US and Las Toninas, Argentina with additional landings in Brazil and Uruguay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google is building an open subsea cable named “Firmina Cable”
- It connects the East Coast of the US & Las Toninas, Argentina
- [HQs of Google – California, US](#) | [CEO – Sundar Pichai](#) | [Founded in – 1998](#)

25. On June 10, A new data transmission protocol called “QUIC” could replace Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), the most commonly used method to send and receive Internet traffic. The new protocol reduces the latency of Google Search responses by 8% on desktops and around 4% on mobiles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “QUIC” a new protocol – could replace Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
- New protocol reduces the latency of Google Search responses by – 8% on desktops & 4% on mobiles

26. On June 9, An international group of Astronomers has discovered a new temperate sub-Neptune sized exoplanet titled “TOI-1231 b” with a 24-day orbital period orbiting a nearby M dwarf star. The discovery was published in The Astronomical Journal. It was detected using photometric data from the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new exoplanet called “TOI-1231 b” – discovered using Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)
- Discovery was published in – The Astronomical Journal

27. On June 12, IIT Bombay has set up the first of its kind Digital Health & Wellness Center called “Koita Centre for Digital Health” (KCDH) under the aegis of the Koita Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – set up the 1st of its kind digital health & wellness center called “Koita Centre for Digital Health” (KCDH)
- [HQs of Koita Foundation – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#)

28. On June 10, Meril Diagnostics from Gujarat has announced that its self-use Rapid Antigen Test kit for COVID-19, “CoviFind”, has received approval from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The CoviFind test for at-home self-testing is highly effective in individuals with mid to high viral load. The test also delivers results swiftly in 15 minutes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR approved “CoviFind” - a self-use Rapid Antigen test kit for COVID-19 (results in 15 minutes)
- “CoviFind” is developed by – Meril Diagnostics ([Gujarat](#))s

29. On June 11, China has successfully launched 4 satellites into planned orbits that will be used for ecological environment monitoring, asteroid resource exploration, disaster prevention and mitigation among others. The satellites were launched by a Long March-2D rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre. Among them was the “Beijing-3” (BJ-3) satellite, a commercial remote sensing satellite developed by China Spacesat Co Ltd. The other three were HS-2, YW-1 & TJ. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched 4 satellites into planned orbits (by using - Long March-2D rocket)
- 4 satellites: BJ-3, HS-2, YW-1 & TJ
- “BJ-3” - a commercial remote sensing satellite – developed by China
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

30. On June 12, The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch “EnVision” as its next orbiter that will visit Venus in the 2030s. EnVision is an ESA led mission with contributions from NASA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESA – to launch “EnVision” mission to explore Venus – in the 2030s
- [HQs of ESA – Paris, France | CEO – Johann-Dietrich Wörner](#)

31. On June 13, A 15-meter-tall tree that belongs to the genus of the coffee family has recently been discovered from the Andaman Islands by a team of researchers from India and the Philippines. The new species, “Pyrostroma laljii”, is also the first record of the genus Pyrostroma in India. Pyrostroma laljii has been assessed as ‘Critically Endangered’ based on the IUCN Red List criteria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pyrostroma laljii” a 15-meter-tall tree (coffee family) – discovered in Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- “Pyrostroma laljii” is assessed as ‘Critically Endangered’
- [Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lieu. Governor– Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi](#)

32. On June 9, The ISRO will assist development projects in the Northeast states through space technology and will contribute by offering optimum utilisation of satellite imaging and other space technology applications for better accomplishment of infrastructural projects in all eight states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – will assist development projects in India’s Northeast states to offer optimum utilisation of satellite imaging
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969](#)

33. On June 17, China has launched crewed spacecraft “Shenzhou-12” or “Divine Vessel” using Long March rocket from the Gobi Desert. The spacecraft carries 3 astronauts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched crewed spacecraft “Shenzhou-12” or “Divine Vessel” – from Gobi Desert (using Long March rocket)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

34. On June 15, The European Space Agency (ESA) has planned to put the world’s first wooden satellite, “WISA Woodsat”, on Earth’s orbit by the end of this year. This wooden satellite is designed and built in Finland. The mission of the satellite is to test the applicability of wooden materials like plywood in spacecraft structures and expose it to extreme space conditions. It will be launched with a Rocket Lab Electron rocket from New Zealand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESA – to put the world’s first wooden satellite, “WISA Woodsat” on Earth’s orbit
- Designed & built in – Finland | To be launched from – New Zealand
- HQs of ESA – Paris, France | CEO – Johann-Dietrich Worner

35. On June 14, IIT Ropar has developed a device “Jivan Vayu” which can be used as a substitute of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine. It is India’s first CPAP device that can function without electricity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar – developed India’s first power-free CPAP device called “Jivan Vayu”
- CPAP – Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

36. On June 13, Blue Origin has concluded the online auction for the very first seat on ‘New Shepard’ rocket system with a winning bid of \$28 million. A bidder paid \$28 million at auction for a seat alongside Jeff Bezos. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A bidder paid \$28 million to get the first seat on ‘New Shepard’ rocket system alongside Jeff Bezos
- ‘New Shepard’ is a reusable suborbital rocket system of – Blue Origin
- HQs of Blue Origin – Washington, US | CEO – Bob Smith | Founder – Jeff Bezos | Founded in – 2000

37. On June 15, Rocket Lab has received a contract to design 2 Photon Spacecrafts for NASA’s ESCAPE (Escape and Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorers) mission to Mars in 2024. Rocket Lab had previously been awarded another NASA mission for Photon called Capstone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rocket Lab – received a contract to design 2 Photon Spacecrafts for NASA’s “ESCAPE” mission to Mars in 2024
- HQs of Rocket Lab – California, US | CEO – Peter Beck

38. According to scientists, the Delta variant (B.1.617.2) has further mutated to form the “Delta Plus” or “AY.1” variant. Delta Plus has the mutation called “K417N”, first found in the Beta variant (South Africa). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delta variant (B.1.617.2) has further mutated to form the “Delta Plus” or “AY.1” variant
- Delta Plus has the mutation called “K417N” (first found in South Africa)

39. On June 14, Pune-based startup ThinCr Technologies has developed 3D-printed face masks impregnated with anti-viral agents called ‘Viricides’ that kill viruses. The material used for coating on the mask is a solution based on sodium olefin sulphonate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ThinCr Technologies ([Pune](#)) – developed 3D-printed face masks coated with anti-viral agents called ‘Viricides’

40. On June 15, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO) has developed and transferred the technology of Precision Iodine Value Analyzer (PIVA), an instrument for the measurement of the degree of unsaturation (iodine value) in vegetable oils. This indigenous food testing equipment was recognized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CSIO – developed & transferred the technology of **Precision Iodine Value Analyzer (PIVA)**
- “PIVA” was recognized by FSSAI
- HQs of CSIO – Chandigarh | Director – S. Anantha Ramakrishna
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal

41. The Polar-Areas Stellar-Imaging in Polarisation High-Accuracy Experiment or “PASIPHAE”, named after the Minoan queen, is a polarisation survey of stars at high Galactic latitudes, aimed to provide a statistical and systematic accuracy of 0.1%. It is being led by an Indian astronomer. The Institute of Astrophysics, Greece is the leader of the experiment. The project is funded by the European Research Council and the National Research Foundation in South Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “PASIPHAE” – a polarisation survey of stars at high Galactic latitudes
- PASIPHAE – **Polar-Areas Stellar-Imaging in Polarisation High-Accuracy Experiment**
- Leader of “PASIPHAE” experiment – Institute of Astrophysics ([Greece](#)) | Leader of the group is an Indian astronomer

42. On June 16, A team of Indo-French researchers from multiple Indian institutions, including Raman Research Institute (RRI) in Bengaluru and ISRO’s Space Application Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad and the Université Paris-Saclay, CNRS, France has developed a new imaging technique that can potentially help reveal obstacles in the path that would otherwise be hidden by fog in rail, sea, and road transportation and would also help spotting lighthouse beacons. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indo-French researchers – developed a new imaging technique to view clear images hidden by fog
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex
- ISRO's Space Application Centre (SAC) – located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Raman Research Institute (RRI) – located in Bengaluru, Karnataka

43. On June 18, Russia has joined hands with China to develop a Joint International Lunar Research Station (ILRS). Preliminary exploratory missions are likely to begin by the end of 2021 and construction for the lunar base will begin as early as 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia + China = collaboration to develop a Joint International Lunar Research Station (ILRS)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

44. On June 17, A new Tardigrade species “Stygarctus keralensis” was discovered from Vadakara in north Kerala by a research team. Their findings have been published in Zootaxa. “Stygarctus keralensis” is the 8th species named under the genus ‘Stygarctus’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Stygarctus keralensis” a new Tardigrade species – discovered from Vadakara, in Kerala
- It was published in – ‘Zootaxa’ journal
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

45. On June 19, A new grass species named “Lophopogon Prasannae” has been discovered in the Nigidi forest of Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh. The species has been named after reputed botanist Dr PV Prasanna, scientist G, Botanical Survey of India (BSI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Lophopogon Prasannae” a grass species – discovered in Nigidi forest, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

46. On June 23, Two labs of the DRDO - Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Material Research Laboratory (HEMRL) developed a modern Canopy Severance System (CSS) for indigenous aircraft including LCA Tejas, HJT-36 and HTT-40. A ceremony marking the transfer of technology was held in Pune. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ARDE + HEMRL (DRDO's labs in Pune) = developed a modern Canopy Severance System (CSS) for indigenous aircraft
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958



47. On June 21, The Israeli military used a plane armed with a High-Power Laser Weapon System to intercept and shoot down several unmanned aircraft in flight in a first-of-its-kind test for the Israeli armed forces. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel – tested a plane armed with a High-Power Laser Weapon System that can destroy unmanned aircrafts / drones
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

48. On June 23, IBM and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have launched the “IBM-IISc Hybrid Cloud lab” to advance research in Hybrid Cloud Technologies and drive breakthrough innovations in this area. The lab will be co-chaired by Prof. Yogesh Simmhan and Dr. Amith Singhee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBM + IISc = launched the “IBM-IISc Hybrid Cloud lab” to advance research in Hybrid Cloud Technologies
- The lab will be co-chaired by = Prof. Yogesh Simmhan + Dr. Amith Singhee
- HQs of IBM India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Sandip Patel

49. On June 24, A multinational project called “Committee on Earth Observation Satellites-Coastal Observations, Applications, Services, and Tools (CEOS COAST)”, co-led by ISRO and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the US has been recently endorsed by UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for its use of innovative technology, and for fostering trust and collaboration among scientists. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CEOS COAST (ISRO) & NOAA (US) = endorsed by the UNESCO IOC for its use of Innovative Technology
- HQs of UNESCO IOC – Paris, France | Executive Secretary – Vladimir Ryabinin
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

50. On June 25, China aims to send its first crewed mission to Mars in 2033 under a long-term plan to build a permanently inhabited base on the Red Planet and extract its resources. Crewed launches to Mars are planned for 2033, 2035, 2037, 2041 and beyond. China is also planning to set up a base in the south pole of the Moon and is deploying robotic expeditions to asteroids and Jupiter around 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – aims to send its first crewed mission to Mars in 2033
- China is also planning to set up a base in the south pole of the Moon around 2030
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

51. On June 23, A team of researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar, has discovered a new species of skittering frog species named “Euphlyctis Kerala” from the surroundings of the Thattekkad bird sanctuary in Kerala. The discovery was published in the International Journal Zootaxa published from New Zealand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Euphlyctis Kerala” a new species of frog – discovered in Thattekkad bird sanctuary (Kerala)
- Publisher – “International Journal Zootaxa”
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

52. On June 24, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has test-fired “Nirbhay” subsonic cruise missile, having a range of around 1,000 km, from an integrated test range in Balasore in Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – test-fired “Nirbhay” subsonic cruise missile – from Balasore, Odisha | Range – 1,000 km
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

53. On June 22, The DRDO has successfully test fired the enhanced range versions of the indigenously developed 122 mm calibre rocket as well as the extended range version of indigenously developed Pinaka rocket from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) at integrated test range, Chandipur in Odisha. Both the Pinaka and the 122 mm rockets were developed by Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – test fired the enhanced range versions of ‘122 mm calibre rocket’ & ‘Pinaka rocket’ – from Chandipur, Odisha
- Both rockets were developed by = ARDE + HEMRL (DRDO’s labs in Pune)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

54. On June 25, Bones belonging to a ‘new type of early human’ previously unknown to science have been found in Israel. Researchers from Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem named the extraordinary discovery the “Nesher Ramla Homo type” and the study was published in the journal Science. The fossils dated between 1,40,000 and 1,20,000 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nesher Ramla Homo type” - a ‘new type of early human’ – found in Israel
- The study was published – in the Journal Science
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

55. On June 25, Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre has launched a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test kit developed by a team of researchers from IIT Delhi. The ICMR-certified kit can be used for in vitro qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre – launched a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kit – developed by IIT Delhi

56. On June 27, A team of researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) identified and described a new plant species called “Sida keralensis” in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Their findings have been published in journal Phytotaxa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from JNTBGRI identified & described a new plant species called “Sida keralensis” – in Kerala
- The discovery is published in – ‘Phytotaxa’ Journal
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

57. On June 28, India has successfully test-fired its new generation Nuclear-capable Agni Prime (Agni-P) missile from a defence base off Odisha coast. The nuclear-capable missile has been designed and developed by the DRDO. The surface-to-surface ballistic missile has a range of 1,000 to 2,000 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – test-fired its new generation Nuclear-capable Agni Prime (Agni-P) missile – from Odisha coast
- It is Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile | Range – 1,000 to 2,000 km
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

58. On June 29, A group of scientists has discovered two new species of jumping spider from the Thane-Kalyan region. They named one of them “Icius Tukarami” after the brave police constable Tukaram Omble who lost his life in the 26/11 terror attacks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Icius Tukarami” a species of jumping spider – discovered in Thane-Kalyan region, Maharashtra
- It is named after a brave police constable “Tukaram Omble” who lost his life in the 26/11 terror attacks

59. Microsoft has announced “Windows 11” Operating System, its first big version of Windows in over 5 years. It will support Android apps via Amazon’s app store. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – announced “Windows 11” Operating System
- Windows 11 will support Android apps via – Amazon’s app store

60. On June 29, Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan (Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India) has launched “Atmanirbhar Krishi App” under the KisanMitr initiative. Tech Mahindra Makers Lab team has designed and built the App. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Vijay Raghavan – launched “Atmanirbhar Krishi App” | Designed & developed by – Tech Mahindra
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani

61. On June 29, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of Department of Science and Technology (DST), has partnered with Intel India to launch the first-of-its-kind research initiative called “Fund for Industrial Research Engagement (FIRE)” to advance deep tech-based research in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SERB + Intel India = launched first-of-its-kind research initiative “Fund for Industrial Research Engagement (FIRE)”
- HQs of SERB – New Delhi | Secretary – Prof Sandeep Verma

62. The European Space Agency (ESA) has decided to hire and launch the world’s first physically disabled astronaut. The 22-member space programme has just closed its latest decennial recruitment call for astronauts and received 22,000 applicants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Space Agency (ESA) – to hire the world’s first physically disabled astronaut
- HQs of ESA – Paris, France | CEO – Johann-Dietrich Wörner | Administrator – Josef Aschbacher



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

1. On June 2, The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the “Model Tenancy Act” to be sent to the States and UTs to enact legislation or amend laws on rental properties. The draft Act had been published by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry in July 2019. Among the provisions in the model Act is a cap of 2 months’ rent on the security deposit to be paid by tenants for residential properties and 6 months’ rent for non-residential properties. Besides, the Cabinet also approved an MoU between India and Argentina in the field of Mineral Resources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – approved the “Model Tenancy Act” to enact legislation or amend laws on rental properties
- The draft Act was published by – Union Housing & Urban Affairs Ministry (in July, 2019)
- Provisions in the “Model Tenancy Act”:
 - 2 months’ rent on the Security Deposit to be paid by tenants for Residential Properties
 - 6 months’ rent on the Security Deposit to be paid by tenants for Non-Residential Properties
- India + Argentina = an MoU in the field of Mineral Resources
- [Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez](#)

2. On June 4, The US has introduced the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act, 2021. The legislation was introduced by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman John Curtis. A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – introduced the “EAGLE Act, 2021” (Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

3. On June 17, The Central Government has issued a notification amending the “Cable Television Network Rules, 1994” by replacing it with the “Cable Television Networks, 2021” for providing a statutory mechanism for redressal of grievances/complaints of citizens relating to content broadcast by television channels. At present, there are over 900 television channels which are required to comply with the ‘Programme and Advertising Code’ laid down under the ‘Cable Television Network Rules’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government – issued a notification amending the “Cable Television Network Rules, 1994”
- Currently, Over 900 television channels are required to comply with the ‘Programme and Advertising Code’

4. On June 16, The Union Cabinet has given the nod to the “Inland Vessels Bill, 2021”, which will replace the “Inland Vessels Act, 1917”. Total 4,000 km inland waterways have been operationalised. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – gave the nod to the “Inland Vessels Bill, 2021” – replacing the “Inland Vessels Act, 1917”
- Total 4,000 km inland waterways have been operationalized





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