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RBI releases revised Priority Sector Lending Guidelines

- The **Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Guidelines** have been reviewed by the **Reserve Bank of India** to align the PSL Guidelines with evolving national priorities.
- The new guidelines will make better credit penetration into credit deficient areas and increase the lending to small as well as marginal farmers and weaker sections. It will also enhance credit to renewable energy, and health infrastructure.
- In the revised PSL Guidelines, the Reserve Bank of India has included some fresh categories eligible for finance under priority sector.
- These include loans to farmers for installation of solar power plants; loans for establishment of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plants; and bank finance to start-ups of up to Rs 50 crore.

Some key features of **revised PSL guidelines** are as follows:

- To address the issue of regional disparities in the flow of priority sector credit, RBI has assigned higher weightage to incremental priority sector credit in 'identified districts' where priority sector credit flow is relatively low.
- The targets stipulated for "small and marginal farmers" as well as "weaker sections" are being increased in a phased manner.
- Credit limit has been raised for the Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs)/Farmers Producers Companies (FPCs) undertaking farming with assured marketing of their produce at a pre-determined price.
- The loan limits for renewable energy have been doubled.
- The credit limit for health infrastructure (including those under 'Ayushman Bharat') has been doubled to improve the health infrastructure.

Union Cabinet approves "Mission Karmayogi" NPCSCB

Union Cabinet has approved the launch of a "**Mission Karmayogi**" National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (**NPCSCB**). A sum of **Rs. 510.86 crore** will be spent over a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 in order to cover around 46 lakh Central employees.

Mission Karmayogi has been launched to prepare the Indian Civil Servant for the future by making him more creative, constructive, imaginative, innovative, proactive, professional, progressive, energetic, enabling, transparent and technology-enabled. An Integrated Government Online Training "**iGOTKarmayogiPlatform**" would be set up to deliver the programme.

The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (**NPCSCB**) will be launched with the following institutional framework:

- Prime Minister's Public Human Resources (HR) Council
- Capacity Building Commission
- Special Purpose Vehicle for owning and operating the digital assets and the technological platform for online training
- Coordination Unit headed by the Cabinet Secretary

India ranks 48th in Global Innovation Index 2020

- **India** has joined the group of top **50 countries** in the global innovation index for the first time, moving up four places to the 48th rank and keeping the top position among the nations in central and southern Asia.
- India ranks in the top 15 in indicators such as **ICT (Information and Communication Technology)** services exports, government online services, graduates in science and engineering, and R&D-intensive global companies.
- The **13th edition** of the **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020** has jointly released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD Business School.

Top 5 countries in **Global Innovation Index 2020** rankings:

Rank	Country	Score
1st	Switzerland	66.08
2nd	Sweden	62.47
3rd	United States of America	60.56
4th	United Kingdom	59.78
5th	Netherlands	58.76
48th	India	35.59

GoI constitutes committee for assessment of relief to bank borrowers

Government of India has constituted an **Expert Committee** for making an overall assessment of relief to bank borrowers related to waiver of interest and waiver of interest on interest on the **COVID-19** related **moratorium**. State Bank of India will provide secretarial support to the committee. The Committee may consult banks or other stakeholders, as deemed necessary, for the purpose.

The **Expert Committee** shall be as under:

- **Rajiv Mehrishi**, former CAG of India – **Chairperson**
- **Ravindra H. Dholakia**, former Professor, IIM Ahmedabad & ex- Member, Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank of India
- **B. Sriram**, Former Managing Director, State Bank of India & IDBI Bank

The **terms of reference** of the committee shall be as under:

- Measuring the impact on the national economy and financial stability of waiving of interest and waiving of interest on interest on the COVID-19 related moratorium
- Suggestions to mitigate financial constraints of various sections of society in this respect and measures to be adopted in this regard
- Any other suggestions/observations that may be necessary given the current situation.

RBI issued a notice on Compliance functions in banks and role of CCO

Reserve Bank of India has released a notice on **Compliance Functions in Banks** and the **Role of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)**. According to the compliance system Banks required, to have an effective compliance culture, independent corporate compliance function, and a strong compliance risk management programme at the bank and group level. Such an independent compliance function is required to be headed by a designated Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). **Check here the details about Compliance Functions in Banks and the Role of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO):**

The duties and responsibilities of the compliance function

The compliance function is to help the bank in managing its compliance risk, which can be defined as the risk of legal or regulatory sanctions, financial loss, or loss to prominence a bank may suffer as a result of its failure to fulfil with **all applicable laws, regulations, codes of conduct and standards of good practice (together, “laws, rules and standards”)**. Compliance risk is sometimes also introduced to as integrity risk because a bank’s prominence is closely connected with its adherence to principles of integrity and fair dealing. Banking supervisors must be satisfied that effective compliance policies and procedures are followed and that management takes appropriate corrective action when breaches of laws, rules, and standards are identified.

These shall include at least the following activities:

- To appraise the Board and senior management on regulations, rules, and standards, and any further developments.
- To provide clarification on any compliance-related issues.
- To conduct an assessment of the compliance risk (at least once a year) and to develop a risk-oriented activity plan for compliance assessment. The activity plan should be submitted to the ACB for approval and be made available to the internal audit.
- To report promptly to the **Board / ACB / MD & CEO** about any major changes/observations relating to the compliance risk.
- To periodically report on compliance failures/breaches to the **Board/ACB** and circulating to the concerned functional heads.
- To monitor and periodically test compliance by performing sufficient and representative compliance testing. The results of the compliance testing should be placed on **Board/ACB/MD & CEO**.
- To examine the sustenance of compliance as an integral part of compliance testing and annual compliance assessment exercise.
- To ensure compliance of Supervisory observations made by RBI and/or any other directions in both letter and spirit in a time-bound and sustainable manner.

Role of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)

A **Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)** is a corporate official in charge of overseeing and managing compliance issues within the Bank, for example, that a bank is complying with regulatory requirements and that the company and its employees are complying with internal policies and procedures.

Role of the Chief Compliance Officer Includes following:

- Bank compliance officers are accountable for conducting audits and inspections to make sure a bank adheres to set internal and external laws.
- They are responsible for entails monitoring and analyzing risk areas in a bank’s operation to ensure observance of state or federal laws.
- Bank compliance officers assess policies/procedures and ensure they are in line with all regulations on mortgage and customer deposits.
- The research established banking laws to ensure the non-violation of federal laws.
- They also implement and adjust to new regulations passed by state or federal government bodies.
- As part of their work description, CCO officers give compliance advice to the risk management unit of an organization.
- They cooperate with the bank chief operating officer to ensure proper implementation of compliance policies.
- They also carry out research to stay abreast of public interest and consumer protection laws.
- The role of compliance officers in banks also involves taking care of the training of newly recruited personnel and bank staff.
- They conduct audits to spot areas of non-compliance and initiate solutions to address identified risks.
- They also plan and execute compliance programs to educate bank staff on new regulations.

THE World University Ranking 2021 Announced

The **Times Higher Education** announced the results of **World University Rankings, 2021**. The ranking assessed the performance of **1527 higher education institutes** from **93 countries**. The institutes were assessed on several parameters such as research, knowledge, international outlook, transfer and teaching.

THE World University Ranking 2021: India

In the 2021 ranking, India has recorded its highest ever number of universities to qualify Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2021. The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, is the top-ranked University from India and is ranked in the **301-350 band**. However, none of Indian Universities could make it to top 300. This year 14 more universities have qualified as compared to that of the 2020 ranking. It is the highest jump by any country in south Asian region.

Here is the list of Top 10 Universities in THE World University Ranking 2021

S. No.	Award
1	University of Oxford
2	Stanford University
3	Harvard University
4	California Institute of Technology
5	Massachusetts Institute of Technology United States
6	University of Cambridge United Kingdom
7	University of California United States
8	Yale University United States
9	Princeton University United States
10	University of Chicago United States

Venkaiah Naidu released ‘The State of Young Child in India’ report

Vice President of India, **Venkaiah Naidu** has released **“The State of Young Child in India”** report. The report was prepared by a policy advocacy organization, **Mobile Creches**. The report measured Health and Nutrition in the country.

According to the report, there **159 million children** aged below **6 years** in India out of the 21 per cent are undernourished, 36 per cent are underweight and 38 per cent do not receive full immunization. According to the analysis on expense towards child nutrition, healthcare, education and other protection services, India has spent **Rs 1,723 per child** in 2018-2019, which is insufficient to reach the entire eligible population. The report has also released the list of Best-performing states & worst-performing states based on the **Young Child Outcomes Index**.

Best-performing states

- Kerala
- Goa
- Tripura
- Tamil Nadu
- Mizoram

Worst-performing states

- Bihar
- Uttar Pradesh
- Jharkhand
- Madhya Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh

The Young Child Outcomes Index (YCOI) measures health, nutrition and cognitive growth with help of indicators such as infant mortality rate, stunting and net attendance at the primary school level. Based on the index, eight states have scored below the country's average. They are **Assam, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**. The index was constructed for two time periods 2005-2006 & 2015-2016 to provide inter-state comparisons and also provides an idea of change over time.

India becomes member of UN's ECOSOC body

India has been elected as a member of the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women, a body of the **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**. India will be a member of United Nation's Commission on Status of Women for four years, **2021 to '25**.

India, Afghanistan and China had contested the elections to the Commission on Status of Women. Even as India and Afghanistan won the ballot among the **54 members**, China could not cross the half-way mark.

About ECOSOC:

The Economic and Social Council is at the heart of the United Nations system to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental. It is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. It is also responsible for the follow-up to major UN conferences and summits.

India Happiness Report 2020 announced

The first all **India Happiness Report 2020** covering all States and Union Territories measuring happiness across the country, what contributes to people's happiness, the impact of **COVID-19** on happiness, and insights from thought leaders. The study is based on a nationwide survey covering 16,950 people between March and July 2020 by **Professor Rajesh K Pillania**.

In overall happiness ranking of states and union territories:

1. Mizoram
2. Punjab
3. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Among the big states:

1. Punjab
2. Gujarat
3. Telangana

Among smaller states:

1. Mizoram
2. Sikkim
3. Arunachal Pradesh

Among union territories:

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2. Puducherry
3. Lakshadweep

The worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness:

Maharashtra, Delhi, and Haryana have shown the worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness, whereas **Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir** are neutral and **Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep** have shown the best possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness.

IMD's Global Smart City Index 2020

The **Institute for Management Development**, in collaboration with **Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD)**, has released the Smart City Index 2020. In 2020 Smart City Index, 109 cities were surveyed.

The index ranks cities based on economic and technological data, as well as by their citizens' perceptions of how "smart" their cities are. The index has been topped by **Singapore**, followed by **Helsinki** and **Zurich** as top three smart cities. In the 2020 Smart City Index, **Hyderabad** was the top Indian city, placed at the **85th position**. The Indian cities have witnessed a significant drop in their rankings in the **Smart City Index 2020**.

List of Indian cities in the index:

- Hyderabad: 85 (67th in 2019)
- New Delhi: 86 (68th in 2019)
- Mumbai: 93 (78th in 2019)
- Bengaluru: 95 (79th in 2019)

8 Indian beaches recommended for 'Blue Flag' eco-label

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, **eight beaches of India** have been recommended for the **Blue flag certification**. The selection of the beaches was made by an independent national jury composed of eminent environmentalists and scientists. This announcement was made by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar on 18 September during a virtual event.

What is Blue Flag certification?

- The Blue Flag certificate is an internationally recognized eco-label given by '**Foundation for Environment Education, Denmark**'.
- Blue Flag beaches are considered the benchmark for clean and hygienic beaches in the world.

The eight beaches selected for Blue flag certification are

1. Shivrajpur in Gujarat
2. Ghoghla in Daman & Diu
3. Kasarkod in Karnataka
4. Padubidri beach in Karnataka
5. Kappad in Kerala
6. Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh
7. The golden beach of Odisha
8. Radhanagar beach in Andaman and Nicobar

During the event, Union Minister Javadekar also announced the launch of India's own eco-label '**Beach Environment and Aesthetics Management Services (BEAMS)**'.

About BEAMS:

This initiative has been launched under its **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)** project. The project will be implemented by the Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM), under MoEFCC BEAMS program aims to mitigate pollution in coastal waters, promote sustainable development of beach facilities, maintain high standards of cleanliness, hygiene & safety for beachgoers in accordance with coastal environment & regulations.

RBI publishes "Technology Vision for Cyber Security" for UCBs

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will implement the "**Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for Urban Co-operative Banks (2020-2023)** to enhance the IT security system of Urban Co-operative banking to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber-attacks.

The Technology Vision Document aims at enhancing the cybersecurity posture of the Urban Co-operative banking sector against evolving IT and cyber threat environment. RBI will achieve this objective using its five-pillared strategic approach '**GUARD**'. GUARD denotes:

- G** – Governance Oversight,
- U** – Utile Technology Investment,
- A** – Appropriate Regulation and Supervision,
- R** – Robust Collaboration
- D** – Developing necessary IT, cybersecurity skills set.

To accomplish the five pillared approach, RBI has established 12 specific action points spires to:

- Involve more Board Oversight over Cybersecurity.
- Enable UCBs to better manage and secure their IT Assets.
- Implement an offsite supervisory mechanism framework for UCBs on cybersecurity-related controls.
- Develop a forum for UCBs so that they can share best practices and discuss practical issues and challenges.
- Implement a framework for providing awareness/training for all UCBs.

The cybersecurity landscape will continue to evolve with the wider adoption of digital banking channels, thus necessitating the UCBs to manage the associated risks effectively. Active collaboration within UCBs and their stakeholders would be necessary for sharing and coordinating various measures taken on cybersecurity aspects. The implementation of this Technology Vision document will strengthen the cyber resilience of the Urban Co-operative Banks.

72nd Emmy award 2020 announced

The 72nd Emmy Awards 2020 marks the beginning of Hollywood's first major show in the times of COVID-19. The ceremony was hosted by **Jimmy Kimmel** at an empty theatre in Los Angeles with cutouts of the nominees placed in the audience. An Emmy Award, or simply Emmy, is an American award that recognizes excellence in the television industry.

Here's the winners' list of the Emmy Awards 2020:

- Drama Series: Succession
- Supporting Actress in a Drama Series: Julia Garner, Ozark
- Supporting Actor in a Drama Series: Billy Crudup, The Morning Show
- Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Lead Actress in a Drama Series: Zendaya, Euphoria
- Lead Actor in a Drama Series: Jeremy Strong, Succession
- Limited Series: Watchmen

- Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Uzo Aduba, Mrs America
- Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Watchmen
- Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special: Unorthodox
- Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series: Watchmen
- Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Mark Ruffalo, I Know This Much Is True
- Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Regina King, Watchmen
- Comedy Series: Schitt's Creek
- Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series: Annie Murphy, Schitt's Creek
- Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series: Daniel Levy, Schitt's Creek
- Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series: Schitt's Creek
- Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series: Schitt's Creek
- Lead Actor in a Comedy Series: Eugene Levy, Schitt's Creek
- Lead Actress in a Comedy Series: Catherine O'Hara, Schitt's Creek
- Competition Program: RuPaul's Drag Race
- Variety Talk Series: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
- Outstanding Television Movie: Bad Education

India ranked 116th in the World Bank's Human Capital Index

World Bank released the report titled "The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: Human Capital in the Time of COVID-19". The Human Capital Index (HCI) 2020 is a collaboration between the Human Development Practice Group and the Development Economics Group of the World Bank. India has been ranked at the **116th position** among 174 countries in the Human Capital Index 2020. The 2020 Human Capital Index update includes health and education data for 174 countries covering 98% of the world's population up to March 2020. It provided a pre-pandemic baseline on the health and education of children.

Top 3 Human Capital Index 2020:

Rank	Country	Score
116	India	0.49
1	Singapore 0.88	0.88
2	Hongkong and China	0.81
3	Japan	0.80

PM Modi in Time Magazine's '100 most influential people of 2020' list

Time Magazine has released the **TIME 100 Most Influential People List 2020**. Prime Minister of India, Shri **Narendra Modi** is the only politician on the list. He has been named in this for the fourth time since coming in power in 2014. The List has named people in five categories: **Pioneers, Artists, Leaders, Titans, Icons**.

The following Indians have also been named in this list:

- Professor Ravindra Gupta (Pioneer), is a Professor of Clinical Microbiology and has worked for the cure of HIV.
- Ayushmann Khurrana (Artists).
- Bilkis (Icons), the 'Dadi from Shaheen Bagh'.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2020 announced

The **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2020** was announced by the Union science and technology minister Dr **Harsh Vardhan** at the Foundation Day celebration of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) on 26th September.

Here is the list of 14 Fourteen scientists awardees:

Biological Sciences:

- Dr Subhadeep Chatterjee,
- Dr Vatsala Thirumalai

Chemical Sciences

- Dr Jyotirmayee Dash,
- Dr Subi Jacob George

Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences

- Dr Abhijit Mukherjee
- Dr Suryendu Dutta

Engineering Sciences

- Dr Amol Arvindrao Kulkarni
- Dr Kinshuk Dasgupta

Mathematics Sciences

- Dr UK Anandavardhanan,
- Dr Rajat Subhra Hazra

Medicine Sciences

- Dr Bushra Ateeq,
- Dr Ritesh Agarwal

Physics Sciences

- Dr Rajesh Ganapathy
- Dr Surajit Dhara

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- **ICICI Bank** has launched a virtual property exhibition under the name '**Home Utsav**' which will digitally showcase real estate projects by renowned developers, across India.
- On the occasion of **Bank of India (BoI)**'s **115th Foundation Day**, BoI has launched an international contactless debit card, "**Signature Visa Debit Card**" for high net worth individuals who are maintaining an average quarterly balance of **Rs 10 lakhs** and above.
- As per the EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0, **Bank of Baroda** has been placed at the first spot. **State Bank of India** and **Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC)** got the **2nd** and **3rd** place respectively. The **Indian Banking Association (IBA)** makes EASE (**Enhanced Access and Service Excellence**) reform index. The aim of this index is to bring fruitful change in the PSBs by bringing in healthy competition among these PSBs and by encouraging them to learn from each other.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched a new product named "**iStartup 2.0**", to cater to the banking needs of startups and entrepreneurs. The programme for startups that takes care of their banking as well as beyond-banking needs such as **regulatory assistance, analytics, staffing, accounting, customer acquisition and digital outreach to customers, among others.**
- The **ICICI Home Finance** launched "**ApnaGharDreamz**", its new home loan scheme for skilled laborers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of Delhi.
- **Bandhan Bank** has set up a new vertical called "**Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)**" to support the emerging needs of the **unbanked and underbanked segment** of customers.
- **Canara Bank** has launched **lead management system (LMS) - i-Lead 2.0** (Inspiring Leads System version 2.0) to provide its services to customers irrespective of where they reside.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched video **KYC (Know Your Customer) facility** for its **customers**. The consent-based Video KYC facility is an alternate method of establishing the prospective customer's identity, during the account opening process in a safe and secure environment.
- **IDFC First Bank** will launch "**SafePay**" a contactless debit card-based payment facility. This payment facility will allow contactless debit card payments by simply waving one's smartphone against a **Near Field Communication (NFC)-enabled POS terminal.**
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has predicted that the GDP of India will contract by **5.9%** in the year 2020. For the year 2021, UNCTAD projects the Indian economy to grow by **3.9%**. The projection was made in its **Trade and Development Report 2020.**
- **IDFC Mutual Fund** has started a new campaign called **SIFI** or '**SIP in Fixed Income**'. The new campaign called SIFI has been launched to make **investors more aware** about the **benefits of investing** in fixed income products via Systematic Investment Plans.
- **HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Life** and **Yes Bank** entered into a Corporate Agency Arrangement (CA). As part of the arrangement, HDFC Life will provide a diverse range of insurance products to customers of Yes Bank.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) has identified Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**), General Insurance Corporation of India (**GIC**) and **New India Assurance** as domestic systemically important insurers (**D-SIIs**). IRDAI has also subsequently decided to subject the three insurers to enhanced regulatory supervision.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has announced that it will launch "**Positive Pay System**" for **Cheque Truncation System** from **01st January, 2021**. The "Positive Pay System" will be **developed** by the National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) and make it available to participant banks. Banks will be required to enable the system for all account holders issuing cheques for amounts of **Rs 50,000 and above**. While availing of this facility is at the discretion of the account holder, banks may consider making it mandatory in case of cheques for amounts of **Rs 5,00,000 and above.**
- **SBI Card** has launched its new brand campaign titled '**Contactless Connections**', which aims to spread the message that love and care can be shared even during this difficult period where social distancing is the norm.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has granted in-principle approval to **Vakrangee Ltd** to set up **Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU)** to handle payment services related to bills.
- **Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)** become the first to implement the new feature of document embedding facility with Letter of Credit (LC) / Bank Guarantee (BG) messages over **SFMS (Structured Financial Messaging System)** platform of **Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).**

Economy Current Affairs

- Estimates of **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** for the first quarter (April-June) Q1 of **2020-21** has been released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. According to the latest release, the GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q1 of 2020-21 is estimated at **Rs 26.90 lakh crore** and the Indian economy has experienced a contraction of **23.9%** as compared to 5.2% growth in Q1 2019-20.
- The Indian arm of Fitch Ratings, **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has projected India's **FY21** GDP growth forecast at **-11.8%** as against its earlier prediction of **-5.3%**. The rating agency also expects India's GDP to rebound and grow at **9.9%** year-on-year in **FY22** primarily due to the weak base of FY21.
- **CRISIL** has projected **India's GDP rate** at **-9%** for the financial year 2020-21 (FY21). For **FY22**, Crisil has projected India's GDP to grow at **10%**. For the next three years, between fiscals **2023 and 2025**, CRISIL projects the Indian GDP to average a growth of **6.2%** annually.
- The rating agency, **Moody's** has projected the **GDP growth rate for India** to contract **11.5 per cent** in fiscal 2020-21 (FY21) due to the coronavirus pandemic. For 2021-22 (**FY22**), Moody's projected the economy of India to grow at **10.6 per cent**.
- The Indian rating agency, **CARE Ratings** has projected the GDP of India to contract in the range **8 to 8.2%** for 2020-21 (FY21). This is more than its earlier projection of **-6.4%**. The decline in GDP growth by around 8 per cent would also be associated with a decline in the gross fixed capital formation.
- **S&P Global Ratings** has projected the **GDP of India** to contract by **9%** in the fiscal year **2020-21 (FY21)**, as against its previous estimate of a **5%** contraction, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the **FY22 (2021-22)**, S&P expects GDP growth of **6%** and for the **FY23 (2022-23)**, GDP growth is projected at **6.2%**.

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has estimated that the GDP of India is expected to contract by **9%** in fiscal **2020-21 (FY21)**. This estimate is worse than ADB's previous estimate of **-4%**.
- The **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** expects the Indian economy to contract by **10.2%** in FY21 (2020-21) as compared to its previous estimate of **16.7%** in June. For FY22 (2021-22), the Paris-based OECD projects India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at **10.7%**.
- **UBS Securities** has projected **India's GDP** for 2020-21 (FY21) to contract by **8.6%**. (Earlier it was **-5.8%**). For FY22, **UBS Securities projects India's GDP** to grow by **10%**. UBS Securities is a Chinese investment bank and brokerage firm headquartered in Beijing, China.
- **Fitch Solutions** has revised downward its forecast for Indian economic growth and now estimates that India's GDP will contract by **8.6%** in **2020-21 (FY21)**. Earlier this was estimated at **-4.5%**. It has also forecasted a **5%** year-on-year growth in **2021 and 2022**.
- The **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** has projected the GDP growth for the Indian economy at **-12.6%** For 2020-21 (FY21) with the remaining three quarters expected to witness a fall. For 2021-22, NCAER projects the GDP of India to grow by **7%**.
- Rating agency **ICRA** has revised its forecast for the contraction in India's FY21 GDP to **11 per cent** from its earlier assessment of **9.5 per cent**.

Business Current Affairs

- **Vodafone Idea** has announced its new unified brand identity by renaming all its products under a new name and logo "**Vi**". The Beleaguered telecom operator, announced the rebranding of the company through a virtual platform. The integration into one brand is believed to be the company's efforts to reduce the cost of maintaining two brands.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has ceased the **Banking operations** by the **Aditya Birla Idea Payments (ABIP) Bank** under **Banking Regulations Act 1949 with effect from July 28, 2020**.
- **State Bank of India** is planning to launch a loan product named "**SAFAL**" for organic cotton growers. The product **Safe and Fast Agriculture Loan (SAFAL)** is primarily focussed on organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history. SBI will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for this purpose.

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the acquisition of **100% equity shares** of Medlife International Private Limited ("**Medlife**") by API Holdings Private Limited ("**API Holdings**"). It also approved the acquisition of up to 19.59% equity share capital of API Holdings by Medlife's shareholders under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- **Titan Company** has partnered with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to launch India's first contactless payment watches named "**Titan Pay**". Using these watches, the account holders of SBI can tap their Titan Pay watch on the contactless payment POS machines for making payments. It is powered by **YONO SBI**.
- **Mastercard** has launched "**Central Bank Digital Currencies**" (CBDCs), a Virtual Testing Environment for **Central Banks to Assess and Explore National Digital Currencies**. Mastercard has invited Central Banks, Commercial Banks and tech and advisory firms to evaluate the suitability of CBDCs in a country or region.
- **SBI General Insurance** and **YES Bank** have signed a **corporate agency agreement**. Under the corporate agency agreement, the YES Bank will **distribute the general insurer's retail products** to its customers. The products of SBI General Insurance Company will be offered to YES BANK's customers across 28 states and 8 Union Territories.
- E-commerce marketplace, **Flipkart** and **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** have launched a cyber insurance cover for online financial frauds. The product, '**Digital Suraksha Group Insurance**', will help customers who want to cover themselves against financial losses caused as a result of cyber attacks, cyber frauds, or other such malicious activities across various online platforms.
- Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary, **Yoshihide Suga** has been elected as the new Chief of country's ruling, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and **Prime Minister-designate of Japan**.
- **TikTok** has chosen **Oracle** to be its **technology partner** for its **American operations**. Microsoft was also in a bid to acquire TikTok in the United States but the Chinese owner of the video-sharing platform "TikTok" chose Oracle over Microsoft to be its technology partner for its American operations.
- **Mexico** has become the first country in the world to issue a **sovereign bond** linked to the **sustainable development goals** set by the **United Nations**. It has raised **EUR 750 million (\$890 million)** by such bonds. The SDG bond will mature in **September 2027** and offers a yield to maturity rate of **1.603%** and a coupon rate of **1.350%**. This new bond was issued under Mexico's new "**SDG Sovereign Bond Framework**," which was released in February in partnership with **French investment bank Natixis**.
- Mali's former defence minister, **Bah Ndaw** has been named as Interim **President of the country's** new transition government. On 19th August 2020, Mali President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita announced his resignation with immediate effect following a military mutiny in the Republic of Mali.
- Former rebel military commander, **Ishmael Toroama** has been elected as president of **Bougainville**, an autonomous region of **Papua New Guinea**. This was the first general election since Bougainville voted overwhelmingly to separate from Papua New Guinea in November 2019.
- President of Somalia, **Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed** has appointed **Mohamed Hussein Roble** as the new Prime Minister of **Somalia**. He will replace former Prime Minister **Hassan Ali Khaire**, who was voted out of office by parliament in July for failing to pave the way for fully democratic elections due before February 2021.
- The Prime Minister-designate of **Lebanon, Mustapha Adib** has announced his resignation following his failure to form a new cabinet. Mustapha Adib, Lebanon's former ambassador to Germany, was selected for the post on **31 August 2020**.
- The interim President of Mali, Bah Ndaw, has named former Malian Foreign Minister **Moctar Ouane** as the new prime minister of Mali.

International Current Affairs

- **World Bank** has stopped the publication of its "**Doing Business**" report to probe data collection irregularities in the annual ranking of countries' business and investment climates.
- **Mustapha Adib** has been appointed as the Prime minister of **Lebanon**.
- President of the USA, **Donald Trump** has announced **Wilmington, North Carolina** as the first **World War II Heritage City**. The announcement was made at a ceremony held to mark the **75th anniversary** of the end of World War II on September 2, 2020.
- Government of **Australia** has appointed former cricketer, **Matthew Hayden** and Indian-origin politician **Lisa Singh** as trade envoys for advancing business ties with India.

National Current Affairs

- India will receive an **Official Development Assistance (ODA)** loan of an amount of JPY50 billion (approx. **Rs. 3,500 crore**) from the government of Japan as the COVID-19 Crisis Emergency Response Support in order to fight the COVID-19 crisis.

- **Japanese** government has committed **Grant Assistance** of an amount of JPY 1 billion (approx. **Rs. 70 crore**) for offering medical equipment to bolster the public health and medical system in India.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced to celebrate September 2020 as "**Poshan Maah**" or "**Nutrition Month**". He also stated that the schools must introduce Nutrition Monitor and Nutrition Cards to increase the awareness of nutrition among the children.
- Union Department of **Fertilizers** is observing **Swachhta Pakhwada** from 1st to 15th September 2020.
- Union Territories **Ladakh & Lakshadweep** have been included in the 'One Nation-One Ration Card' scheme on '**Integrated Management of Public Distribution System**' (IM-PDS). With this a total of 26 States /UTs Connected with the Scheme and will benefit about 65 crore people.
- Minister of State (MoS) (I/C) for **Power and New & Renewable Energy**, Raj Kumar Singh launched the Pan-India "Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM)" in New Delhi virtually, for electricity. **GTAM** is the World's First Exclusive Product Market for the renewable energy sector.
- **National Nutrition Week** is observed every year from **1st September to 7th September** since 1982.
- **Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry** have launched a toll-free mental health rehabilitation helpline "**KIRAN**". The helpline was launched in view of the growing incidence of Mental Illness, particularly in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Atal Innovation Mission** (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges**. The programme will spur applied research and innovation in Indian MSMEs and startups. The initiative will help identify and promote innovations necessary for boosting the MSME sector.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will digitally launch the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**. Along with the scheme, the PM will also launch **e-Gopala application**. It aims to double the income of fish farmers. The PMMSY is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country with an estimated investment of **Rs. 20,050 crore**.
- Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** has launched a dispute redressal mechanism named "**SAROD-Ports**" (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes-Ports) to facilitate affordable and timely resolution of disputes for the maritime sector.
- **India** and the **United States** held a bilateral **2+2 Inter-sessional meeting** in virtual mode. During the meeting, both sides **reviewed the progress and developments** in bilateral ties in defence, security, and foreign policy areas.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the '**GrihPravesham**' event in **Madhya Pradesh** through video conferencing. Under this, **1.75 Lakh Families** in Madhya Pradesh were delivered **pucca houses** under the **PradhanMantriAwasYojana- Grameen (PMAY-G)**.
- **Central Government** has constituted an **Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM)** to oversee the process of the **corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)**. Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** is the chairman of this EGoM.
- The **Lok Sabha** has passed the **Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020** on 15 September 2020. The bill seeks to cut salaries of all Members of Parliaments (MPs) by **30 per cent** for a period of **one year commencing April 1, 2020**, to meet the urgent financial need arising out **COVID-19 pandemic**.
- **Indian Railways** is observing "**Swachhta Pakhwara**" from **16th to 30th September 2020**. During the inaugural day of Pakhwara, Swachhta pledge was administered to Railway employees at all Zonal Railway HQs, Divisional Offices and other establishments. **Railway Board** through Northern Railway, in partnership with United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**), organised a webinar on "**Swachhata and Environment**".
- **Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare** chaired '**Aarogya Manthan**' 2.0 celebrating the **2nd Anniversary** of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (**AB-PMJAY**).
- The **Department of Biotechnology** has launched the programme for "**Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighbouring Countries**". The programme will help **neighbouring countries**, and **LMICs** (Low and Middle Income Countries) to build capacities for Covid-19 vaccine trials.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the '**Fit India Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols**' at **Fit India Dialogue**. These fitness protocols have been prepared with the help of fitness enthusiasts for fitness and good health.
- A National **webinar** on "**Curriculum Reforms & National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and Pedagogy**" was organized under **Shikshak Parv** initiative. The webinar was organized to highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (**NEP 2020**).
- A **webinar** was held between with **India and Israel**, under the aegis of **Department of Defence Production**, Ministry of Defence through SIDM. The **Theme** of webinar was "**Indian Defence Industry Global Outreach for Collaborative Partnership: Webinar and Expo**".

- The **51st Edition** of the **International Film Festival of India, IFFI** will be held from 16th to 24th January, next year in **Goa**. Earlier it was scheduled to be held from 20th November to 28th November, this year.
- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, Government of India has decided to block **118 mobile apps** in view of the emergent nature of threats. **118 mobile apps** have been blocked by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by invoking its power under section **69A of the Information Technology Act** read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules **2009**.
- **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah** has inaugurated the "**Destination North East-2020**" festival. The festival will be held with the theme of "**The Emerging Delightful Destinations**" which speaks of the tourism destinations emerging stronger and more attractive when the Sector picks up momentum.
- Health and Family Welfare Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has launched the **ICMR's vaccine web portal** and **National Clinical Registry for Covid-19**. This vaccine web portal will provide information related to the COVID-19 vaccine development in India and abroad.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** will begin a Sanitation Literacy Campaign (**SLC**) in Karnataka to promote literacy on '**WASH**' (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) in **2,000 villages** covering one lakh rural population.
- Chief Minister of **Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched two nutrition schemes '**YSR Sampoorna Poshana**' and '**YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus**' to provide nutritious food to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children in the state.
- The state government of **Meghalaya** has launched India's Biggest "**Piggery Mission**" with an outlay of **Rs 209 Crores**. It is being launched under the aegis of **Meghalaya Livestock Enterprises Advancement Society (MLEADS)** and funded by the **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**.
- The Chief Minister of Odisha, **Naveen Patnaik** has launched a new scheme named '**GARIMA**' which aims to ensure the economic safety and social dignity of core sanitation workers in the state.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by the Prime Minister, **Narendra Modi** has approved establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (**AIIMS**) at **Darbhanga, Bihar**. This will be established under the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)**.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs**, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its **approval** to the **Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project** from **Palwal to Sonipat** via Sohna-Manesar-Kharkhauda.
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, **Uddhav Thackeray** has launched a state-wide campaign titled, '**My Family, My Responsibility**', to curb the spread of coronavirus pandemic. The door-to-door survey will be conducted by the **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)**, to check the citizens for fever, low oxygen levels and other Covid-19 symptoms.
- **Karnataka** Chief Minister, **B.S. Yediyurappa** has launched the "**ArthikaSpandana**" programme of disbursing loans to the tune of **Rs 39,300 crores** through various cooperative institutions. Under this scheme, **Rs 15,300 crores** would be disbursed to the agriculture sector while a sum of **Rs 24,000 crores** would be earmarked for the non-agricultural sector.
- **Gujarat** government has launched the **Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY)** to provide interest-free loans to women's groups in the state.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched nine highway projects and Optical Fibre Internet Services in Bihar. The optical fibre services are being provided under the scheme "**Ghar Tak Fibre**". The project is to be implemented **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** under the scheme "Ghar Tak Fibre

States Current Affairs

- The first-ever "**seaplane services in Gujarat**" will be commenced from **31 October 2020**. It will offer seamless and affordable air connectivity from Sabarmati Riverfront in **Ahmedabad** to Statue of Unity in **Kevadia** in **Gujarat**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched a 15-day campaign named '**Gandagi Bharat Chhodo**'.
- Punjab government has rolled out "**I Rakhwali**" App to ensure greenery and to protect the environment in Punjab.
- Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar has launched Educational WhatsApp Chatbot "Apka Mitra" & Online Admission Platform for Undergraduate (UG) courses in government-aided and self-financed colleges for the new academic session 2020-21.
- Karnataka Chief Minister, **B.S. Yediyurappa** inaugurated the '**Veer Savarkar**' flyover in Bengaluru. The inauguration of the 400-metre long flyover built on **Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road** in the city.

- The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Ashok Gehlot** has approved the **Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation's scheme** called '**Moksha Kalash Yojana - 2020**'. This Moksha Kalash Yojana aims to allow free bus travel to two members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the **Ganga in Haridwar**.
- The Chief Minister of Assam, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has launched the "**Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana**" of the state transport department. Under the scheme, **Light Motor Vehicle Service** would be launched in all the villages of the state to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages. One vehicle would be provided to one beneficiary per village.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister, **Yogi Adityanath** has launched a unified portal called '**U-Rise**'. Uttar Pradesh is the first state to launch such a unified portal along with the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP)-2020**.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has **approved a 300 million dollar loan** to finance **inclusive water supply and sanitation infrastructure** and services in secondary towns of Rajasthan.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed an **agreement** for **\$15 million of debt financing** through the subscription of nonconvertible debentures for **Suguna Foods Private Limited (Suguna)**. The deal will help in sustaining poultry farming operations, as well as rural livelihoods and food security in India during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the **Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Women and Child Development** to control Malnutrition as a part of **POSHAN Abhiyaan**. The MoU will see some time-tested and scientifically proven Ayush-based solutions being adopted for controlling malnutrition in the country.
- **Volvo Car India** has **partnered** with **HDFC Bank** to launch **Volvo Car Financial Services** to enable buyers get easy finance for its vehicles.
- **HCL Technologies** and **Google Cloud** has announced the expansion of their strategic partnership to bring **HCL's Actian portfolio**, starting with **Actian Avalanche**, to Google Cloud.
- **Google Pay** has partnered with **VISA** for the rollout of **tokenization** across its platform that will enable users to safely transact with their debit or credit cards. Through tokenization, Google Pay users can make payment by using the debit or credit card without physically sharing their credit or debit card details through a secure digital token attached to their phone.
- The **Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB)** and **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote adventure sports activities at **Tehri Lake** in the state.
- **India** and **Japan** signed an **agreement** concerning **Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of India and The Self-Defense Forces of Japan**. The agreement will also **improve the interoperability between the Armed Force of India and Japan** thereby further increasing the bilateral defence engagements under the Special Strategic & Global Partnership between the two countries.
- The **Government of Rajasthan** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** to develop its **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) ecosystem**. This MoU will support the state government to have a better understanding and provide better solutions for the problems of MSMEs.

Schemes/Committees

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved the setting up of **3-member committee** headed by **Lt. Gen. Shekatkar** (retired) to review the effective utilisation of the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Services (AFHQ CS) cadre. Two other members of the committee are **R. Chandrashekhar**, a retired AFHQ cadre officer, and **AN Das** from the MoD finance wing.

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Infosys** has announced that it would acquire product design and development firm, **Kaleidoscope Innovation** for up to **\$42 million**. Kaleidoscope is a US-based firm and would bring to Infosys a diverse talent pool with extensive knowledge of design and engineering.
- Facebook-owned **WhatsApp** has partnered with **Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF)** to create awareness on cyber safety among students.
- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** and **LinkedIn** have announced a partnership to provide access to **free learning resources for digital skills**. A total of 10 learning paths consisting of **140 courses** will be made available for free on **e-Skill India** digital platform until **March 31, 2021**.

- **India** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Denmark** in the field of **Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation**. The MoU aims to increase IP cooperation between the two countries by way of exchange of best practices, experiences and knowledge on IP awareness among authorities.
- **Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)** has signed a **performance-based** Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Ministry of Power**, Government of India detailing various targets to be achieved by PFC during **Fiscal Year 2020-21**. **Government of India** has set an ambitious revenue target of **Rs. 36,000 Crores**.
- **NITI Aayog** and Embassy of the **Netherlands**, New Delhi, has signed a Statement of Intent (**SoI**) to support the **decarbonization** and **energy transition agenda** for accommodating **cleaner** and **more energy**. The focus of the partnership is on co-creating innovative technological solutions by leveraging the expertise of the two entities.
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of the current chairman of the Railway Board **VK Yadav** as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **S Krishnan** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Punjab & Sind Bank**. He will replace S Harishankar.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Murali Ramakrishnan** as Managing Director and CEO of the **South Indian Bank**.
- **Raj Kumar Srivastava** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of **Croatia**.
- **Maruti Suzuki MD and CEO, Kenichi Ayukawa** has been elected as the new President of the **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)** for a term of **two years**. He will replace **Rajan Wadhera**.
- The **Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA)** has announced the appointment of **Vinkesh Gulati** as its **35th President** for the year **2020-22**. He succeeds **Ashish Harsharaj Kale** as the new FADA President.
- The **All India Tennis Association (AITA)** has elected **Anil Jain** as its new president, while **Anil Dhupar** was chosen as its secretary-general. India's Davis Cup captain **Rohit Rajpal** was elected as the treasurer for a four-year term till 2024.
- Former Lok Sabha MP and Bollywood actor, **Paresh Rawal** have been appointed as the new chief of National School of Drama by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- The **World Health Organisation's** independent panel for pandemic preparedness and response appointed former health secretary, **Preeti Sudan** as one of its **11 panellists** from across the world.
- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** has appointed Bollywood Actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign, "**For Every Child**".
- **Subhash Kamath** has been elected as the **chairman** of the board of governors of the **Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)**. Kamath, who was serving as ASCI vice-chairman, will replace **Rohit Gupta**, president, Sony Pictures Networks.
- **Citigroup** has named **Jane Fraser** as its next **chief executive officer**. She will be the first female CEO of this major global bank. She will succeed **Michael Corbat**, who is retiring in February 2021.
- A 1988 batch IAS officer, **Rajesh Khullar** has been appointed as **Executive Director** at **World Bank** in Washington DC.
- Janata Dal (United) parliamentarian **Harivansh Narayan Singh** has been re-elected as the **Deputy Chairman** of **Rajya Sabha**.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- **Rajiv Kumar** has taken the charge as the new **Election Commissioner (EC)** of **India**.
- **Aveek Sarkar** has been elected as the **chairman** of **Press Trust of India (PTI)**. He will succeed Vijay Kumar Chopra.
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in the re-appointment of **Pramod Chandra Mody** as Chairman of **Central Board of Direct Taxes**.
- **Hemant Khatri** has assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of state-owned defence shipbuilder, **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL)** at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Joint secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, **Usha Padhee** has been given additional charge as Director-General of the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**.

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has appointed **Takeo Konishi** as its new Country Director for India. Konishi will replace **Kenichi Yokoyama** who has taken over as Director-General of ADB's South Asia Department.
- Former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, **Anil Dhasmana** has been appointed as the chief of the **National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**. Dhasmana succeeds former Intelligence Bureau officer **Satish Jha**, who demitted office.
- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the proposal to appoint **Simanchala Dash** as an **advisor to Executive Director**, International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) in **Washington**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **AK Dixit** (ex-general manager at Union Bank of India), as the new administrator of the **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank**. He has replaced **JB Bhoria** who has stepped down from his role as the administrator of the bank due to health reasons.
- A Joint Venture (JV) of Public Sector Undertakings, under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, **Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)** has appointed **Rajat Sud** as its new **Managing Director** from immediate effect. He takes charge from **S Gopal**, director (commercial), who was given the additional charge as interim MD.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has appointed **Neetu David**, one of finest woman cricketers of India in the late '90s and early 2000, as the **Chairman** of the 5 member **women's national selection panel**.
- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** has appointed **Sunil Sethi** as its **Advisor**. Sunil Sethi is the **Chairman** of the **Fashion Design Council of India**. He has been appointed for a period of one year. He will **succeed** fashion designer **Ritu Beri**.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed **P.D. Vaghela** as the chairman of the **Telecom Regulatory of India (TRAI)**. He will succeed **RS Sharma**, who was at the helm of the sector regulator for five years.
- **ITBP** Director General, **S S Deswal** has been given the additional charge of counter-terrorism force **National Security Guard (NSG)** as its incumbent chief **A K Singh** is going to retire on September 30.
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced **Shekhar Kapur** as the new President of **Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)** Society and Chairman of FTII Governing Council. His tenure will be till March 3, 2023.

Ranks and Reports

- **India** has been ranked **105th** position "**Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 Annual Report**" by **Canada's Fraser Institute**, which has been released in India in conjunction with **Center for Civil Society**, New Delhi-based think tank. This is the **24th** edition of Economic Freedom of the World. **Hong Kong** topped the Index with a score of 8.94, followed by Singapore (8.65) and New Zealand (8.53).
- According to the **World Risk Index (WRI) 2020**, **India** has been ranked at the **89th spot** among 181 Countries. WRI has been developed in cooperation with the **United Nations University's Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNUEHS)** and calculated by the **International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)**

Sports Current Affairs

- Indian Grandmaster **P Inian** has won the **48th Annual World Open** online chess tournament.
- Mercedes driver, **Lewis Hamilton** has won the **Formula One Belgian Grand Prix 2020** at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium.
- **Pierre Gasly** (Scuderia AlphaTauri, France) has won the Formula One **Italian Grand Prix 2020** held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy. This is his first Grand Prix win. **Lewis Hamilton** ended at 7th place after he earned a 10-second stop and go penalty.
- **England** cricketer, **Ian Bell** has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket at the end of the 2020 domestic season.
- Indian Police Officer, **Poonam Khatri** has claimed **World Championship** status after her silver medal at the **Wushu World Championship** last year has been upgraded to a **Gold medal**.
- Japan's **Naomi Osaka** defeated **Victoria Azarenka** of Belarus to clinch the Women's Singles title in the **2020 US Open Tennis tournament**.
- Austria's **Dominic Thiem** defeated **Alexander Zverev** to win the men's singles title at the **2020 US Open tournament**.
- **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** has won the Formula One **Tuscan Grand Prix 2020** held at Mugello Circuit, Italy. This was his **6th** win of the season and **90th** F1 win of his career.
- The **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** has announced that the **Thomas Cup** and the **Uber Cup**, which were scheduled to be held from 3 to 11 October 2020 in **Denmark**, has been **postponed** for 2021.
- **Novak Djokovic** has defeated Argentine **Diego Schwartzman**, 7-6, 5-3, to win **2020 Men's Single Italian Open** title and his fifth overall Rome title. In Women's single, **Simona Halep** defeated champion **Karolina Pliskova**, 6-0, 2-1, to win her first Italian Open title.

- The top-ranked Women's Tennis Association (WTA) player in the world and a former professional cricket player, **Ashleigh Barty** has now added another feat in her sporting list by winning **Brookwater Golf Club women's championship**.
- Retired Colonel **Dr Girija Shanker Mungali** has been appointed as one of the seven **members** of the **Asian Football Confederation's task force**. The taskforce will regulate the football clubs in Asia and Australia. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Club Licensing Committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- **Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland)** has won the Formula One **Russian Grand Prix 2020** held at **Sochi Autodrom, Russia**.

Summits And Conferences

- **Cycling Federation of India (CFI)** is all set to host the first-ever Cycling Summit in 2021 to promote the culture of cycling in the country. The Cycling Summit 2021 will be hosted in **Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore**.
- Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)** organised 2-days long **"National Tribal Research Conclave"**.
- **Saudi Arabia** chaired the **G20 Foreign Ministers' Extraordinary Meeting**. During the meeting, India proposed the setting up of voluntary 'G20 Principles on Coordinated Cross-Border Movement of People'.
- The **5th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting** was held under the **chairpersonship** of **Russian Federation**.
- The 35th Session of the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC 35)** was held virtual format due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference was held under the Chair of the Host Country, **Bhutan**. The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Parshottam Rupala** represented India in the conference. The conference focused on regional priorities and issues such as COVID 19, the state of agriculture, natural resources management, food security and nutrition. **Bangladesh** will host the **36th** Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific of the in **2022**.
- The **Education Ministers Meeting** will take place as part of the **Sherpa Track** for the G20 Leaders Summit 2020, which is to be hosted by **Saudi Arabia** at the end of 2020. The meet was chaired by Saudi Arabia's Education Minister Dr Hamad Al-Asheikh where India was represented by Union Minister of Education, **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**.

- The first **India-France-Australia Trilateral Dialogue** was held virtually. The meeting was held with the objective of building on the strong bilateral relations that the three countries share with each other and synergising their respective strengths to ensure a peaceful, secure, prosperous and rules-based **Indo-Pacific Region**.
- Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** participated in the **27th ASEAN regional forum**. During the 27th ASEAN regional forum, the minister shared India's views on maritime security, counter terrorism as well as the COVID-19 pandemic. He also stated that **India will co-chair ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) workshops** on port security and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- The **Environment Ministerial Meeting (EMM)** of the **G20 countries** was held through video conferencing under the **Presidency** of Kingdom of **Saudi Arabia**. Union Environment, Climate Change and Forest Minister Prakash Javadekar represented India in the meeting.
- **External Affairs Minister** of the Republic of **India**, **Shri S. Jaishankar**, **chaired** the customary meeting of **IBSA Foreign Ministers** through video conferencing. During the meet, India, Brazil and South Africa emphasized the need for the international community to redouble efforts to achieve tangible progress for accelerated and comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council. The ministers adopted the IBSA Joint Ministerial Statement on the Reform of the UN Security Council, as a common endeavour of the Global South.
- **10th Meeting** of the **BRICS High Representatives on National Security** was held virtually by the **current chair** of BRICS i.e. **Russia**. National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** represented **India** in a virtual meet of top security officials from Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping.
- Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit** on 2nd October'2020 through video conferencing. The month-long Summit will provide a platform to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers for solving emerging challenges and create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) and **NITI Aayog** will organize a summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), **RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020'** from October 5-9, 2020. RAISE 2020 will be a global meeting of minds to exchange ideas and chart a course for using AI for social transformation, inclusion and empowerment in areas like Healthcare, Agriculture, Education and Smart Mobility, among other sectors.

- The **United Kingdom** and the **United Nations** are going to co-organise a **global climate summit** on December 12, 2020, to mark the fifth anniversary of the signing of the **Paris Climate Agreement in 2015**. **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson will co-host the event.**
- The **1st World Solar Technology Summit** was held virtually. The summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. The main objective of the summit is to pay attention to state-of-the-art technologies and next-generation technologies. Such technologies will play an important role in making solar energy more efficiently, more than 26,000 participants from **149 nations** joined the summit virtually.
- A two-day conclave on **'School Education in 21st Century'** commenced virtually. The conclave has been organised by **Ministry of Education** as part of Shikshak Parv 2020. **Shikshak Parv** is being celebrated from **8th-25th September, 2020** to felicitate the teachers and to take **New Education Policy 2020** forward. The conclave was addressed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under the National Education Policy- 2020 (NEP-2020).
- The 4th edition of **Global Ayurveda Summit** was virtually inaugurated by Vice-President **MuppavarapuVenkaiah Naidu** on the theme **"Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic"**. The objective of the summit is to showcase the Ayurveda immunity model to the global level as a solution named **'Health as One'** and **'Immunity through Ayurveda'**.
- The **President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind** virtually inaugurated the Visitor's conference on Implementation of **National Education Policy 2020 in Higher Education**. During the session, President stated that the National Education Policy aims to reorient the education system towards meeting the needs of the 21st century by achieving the twin objectives of inclusion and excellence.
- Team of **NTPC Limited, Vallur, Tamil Nadu** has won the All India Management Association (AIMA) Chanakya (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games (NMG) 2020.
- **Sir David Attenborough** was conferred with the prestigious **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** for the year 2019. He is an English broadcaster and a historian. He is popular for writing and presenting the **BBC Natural History Unit**. He worked to make aware to preserve and protect the biodiversity of the planet.
- Managing Director of HDFC Bank, **AdityaPuri** has been conferred the **Lifetime Achievement Award by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020**. He has been awarded for his skills in building a world-class bank in India at a time where there were no similar institutions in existence.
- The **Fiumicino International Airport (FCO)** in **Rome, Italy**, has become the first airport in the world to be certified with **"COVID-19 5-star airport rating"** from **Skytrax**, a U.K.-based airport and airline review firm. FCO, also known as the **Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport**, is the busiest airport in Italy.
- Chef **VikasKhanna** has been chosen to be honoured with the prestigious **Asia Game Changer Award 2020**. This award is given to him for feeding millions of people across India in the **COVID-19 pandemic** through a massive food distribution drive **'FeedIndia'**.
- **Margaret Atwood** has won the **2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize's lifetime achievement award**. The award celebrates literature's power to foster peace, social justice and global understanding.
- **Kerala** has won the **United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force** on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases Awards 2020 for its **"outstanding contribution"** towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals. Kerala has been awarded for the tireless service of the state in the health sector.
- Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has been awarded the **Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education**. He has been awarded the prestigious award for "using the **COVID-19** pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can".
- **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** awards 2019-20 has announced. Indian men's team Goalkeeper **Gurpreet Singh Sandhu** has won the 2019-'20 AIFF Player of the year awards in men's category. The women's squad's midfielder **Sanju Yadav** from Haryana has won the 2019-'20 AIFF Player of the year awards in women's category.

Awards & Recognition

- Hyderabad International Airport or GMR led **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport** has won the **'National Energy Leader'** and **'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit'** awards at the 21st National Awards for **'Excellence in Energy Management'**.
- **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited-Vizag Steel Plant (RINL-VSP)** has also been awarded **'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit'** award by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Godrej Green Business Centre (GBC) in national award competition for excellence in energy management.

- The **Maharashtra government** has announced the **Gan Samragini Lata Mangeshkar award** for the year 2020-21 to veteran female playback singer **Usha Mangeshkar**.
- Bollywood actor, **Sonu Sood** has been conferred the prestigious **SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award** by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** on 28 September 2020 during a virtual ceremony.
- **Kerala Tourism's** 'Human by Nature Print Campaign' bagged the Prestigious **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** Grand Title Winner 2020 for **Marketing**.

Important Days

- United Nations celebrates the **International Day of Charity** globally on **05th September** every year.
- **India** celebrates **Teachers Day** every year on **05th September** to honour teachers for their significant contributions in shaping the life of students.
- The **International Day of Clean Air for blue skies** is observed globally on **September 7th, 2020**. The day aims to raise public awareness at all levels individual, community, corporate and government that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- **International Literacy Day** is observed globally on **8th September** every year. The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies. International Literacy Day 2020 focuses on "**Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond,**" especially on the role of educators and changing pedagogies.
- **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** is observed globally on **9th September**. In proclaiming the International Day to Protect Education from Attack to be celebrated for the first time in 2020.
- The **International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP)** observes **World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)** on **10 September** every year. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. The theme for the 2020 World Suicide Prevention Day is '**Working Together to Prevent Suicide**'.
- **International Day for South-South Cooperation** is observed globally on **12th September** every year. The day celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south.
- The **World First Aid Day** is observed on the **second Saturday of September** every year to create awareness about the importance of first aid in preventing injuries and saving lives. The World First Aid Day 2020 is being observed on **12 September**.
- **International Day of Democracy** is observed globally on **15th September** every year. The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.
- In India, the Engineer's Day is celebrated on **September 15** every year, since 1968, to recognise the contribution of engineers' in the development of the nation. The day marks the birth anniversary of the engineering pioneer of India, **Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshvaraya**, (popularly known as Sir MV).
- The United Nations observes **16th September** every year as **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**. The theme of the day for 2020: "**Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection**". It marks 35 years of the Vienna Convention.
- The **World Patient Safety Day** is observed globally on **17th September** to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer. The theme for World Patient Safety Day 2020: **Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety**.
- **World Bamboo Day** is observed globally on **18 September** every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness of the benefits of bamboo and to promote its use in everyday products. The theme for 11th edition of WBD 2020 is '**BAMBOO NOW**'.
- **International Equal Pay Day** is observed globally for the first time on **18th September 2020**. The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) will host a virtual global Call to Action to encourage all labour market actors to take the necessary steps to ensure that equal pay is at the heart of recovery efforts worldwide.
- **International Day of Peace** is observed globally on **21st September** every year. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "**Shaping Peace Together**." Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic.
- The **International Coastal Cleanup Day** is traditionally held on the third Saturday in September. In 2020, the day is being held on **19 September**. This year theme for International Coastal Cleanup Day 2020: "**Achieving a trash-free Coastline**".

- The **World Alzheimer's Day** is observed globally on September 21 every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. The theme for World Alzheimer Day 2020 is '**Let's talk about dementia**'.
- The **International Red Panda Day (IRPD)** is celebrated on **third Saturday of September** every year to raise public awareness and support for red panda conservation issues. In 2020, the IRPD is being observed on **19 September 2020**.
- The **International Day of Sign Languages** is observed globally on **23 September** every year. The theme for the 2020 International Day of Sign Languages is "**Sign Languages are for Everyone!**".
- **World Rhino Day** is observed globally on **22 September** every year. This special day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways.
- **World Maritime Day 2020** is observed globally on **24th September** in the form of an online event. The exact date of celebrating World Maritime Day is left to the individual governments but is usually celebrated during the **last week in September**. The theme of **World Maritime Day 2020** is "**Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet**".
- **World Pharmacist Day** is observed globally on **25th September** every year. This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health. This year's theme is "**Transforming global health**".
- **World Environmental Health Day** is observed globally on **26th September** every year. This day is celebrated to shed the light on important work of environmental health around the world. The Theme for the 2020 World Environmental Health Day: **Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention**.
- The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**. The day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority.
- India observes Antyodaya Diwas on **25th September** every year. This day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. The day was declared by the **Modi Government** on **September 25, 2014**. Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor.
- **Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day** is observed every year on **14 September** to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India. The language was adopted under Article **343** of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on **14th September 1953**.
- The **International Day for the Universal Access to Information** (commonly known as Access to Information Day) is observed globally on **28th September** every year. The theme for International Day for the Universal Access to Information 2020: **Access to Information - Saving lives, Building Trust, Bringing Hope!**
- **World Rabies Day** is observed globally on **28th September** every year. The theme for the 14th WRD in 2020 is '**End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate**'.
- **World Tourism Day** is observed globally on **27th September** every year. The 2020 edition of World Tourism Day, with the theme of "**Tourism and Rural Development**".
- **World Heart Day** is observed on **29th September** annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues. The theme for World Heart Day 2020: "**Use Heart To Beat Cardiovascular Disease**".
- **International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction** is observed globally on **29th September**. The theme for International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction 2020 is "**Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.**"
- **International Translation Day** is observed on **30th September** every year. International Translation Day 2020 theme: "**Finding the words for a world in crisis**".

Defence Current Affairs

- **India** has **withdrawn** its participation from the multilateral Military Exercise “**Kavkaz 2020**” to be held in **Russia**.
- **Acquisition Wing of Ministry of Defence** has signed a contract worth **Rs 2580 Cr** with M/s. Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., M/s. Tata Power Company Ltd. and M/s. Larsen & Toubro for the supply of six Pinaka Regiments to the Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army and hence will enhance the operation preparedness of our Armed Forces.
- **Indian Navy and Russian Navy** has commenced the **11th edition of a biennial bilateral** maritime exercise “**INDRA NAVY**” in the Bay of Bengal.
- The first batch of **five Rafale fighter jets** was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 10 September 2020 at the **Air Force Station in Ambala**. They have been inducted in the Indian Air Force’s **17 Squadron ‘Golden Arrows’** based in Ambala. The first five Rafale aircraft had arrived from France on **27 July 2020**.
- The **13th edition of Aero India-21** is scheduled to be held at **Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka** from 3 to 07 February 2021.
- The **10th Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting** was held virtually by the **Indian and U.S. Defense Delegations**. The meeting was **co-chaired** by Mr. **Raj Kumar**, Secretary, **Defence Production**, from the **Indian** Ministry of Defence and Ms. **Ellen M. Lord**, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, from the **U.S.** Department of Defence.
- The **Indian Navy (IN)** has commenced a Passage Exercise (**PASSEX**) with **Royal Australian Navy (RAN)** in the East **Indian Ocean Region**. The exercise would involve participation of HMAS Hobart from the Australian side and Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Karmuk.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has conducted a successful flight test of **ABHYAS**, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from the Interim Test Range, **Balasore in Odisha**. ABHYAS can be used as a target for evaluation of various missile systems. ABHYAS has been designed and developed by the **Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE)** of the DRDO.
- Flight Lieutenant, **Shivangi Singh** to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the **Rafale combat aircraft** that was formally inducted into the **Indian Air Force(IAF)** September 10, 2020. She is one of the 10 Indian women fighter pilots in IAF. Five Rafale Aircraft were formally inducted into the IAF’s 17 Squadron ‘**Golden Arrows**’ on September 10, 2020, at a function held at **Air Force Station, Ambala (Haryana)**.

- The fourth edition of biennial **Japan-India Maritime bilateral Exercise (JIMEX)** kicked off in the northern Arabia Sea. It is being conducted in a ‘**non-contact at-sea-only format**’, in view of COVID-19 restrictions. From India, the warships Chennai, **Teg, Tarkash and fleet tanker Deepak** will represent the Indian Navy, while Japanese warships **Kaga and Ikazuchi** will represent Japan in the drill.
- **BrahMos** surface-to-surface supersonic **cruise missile** featuring **indigenous Booster and Airframe Section** along with many other ‘Made in India’ sub-systems was **successfully flight tested** from ITR, Balasore in **Odisha**.

Science and Technology

- **World’s largest Solar Tree** has been developed by the **CSIR-CMERI** and has been installed at the Residential Colony of CSIR-CMERI in Durgapur, **West Bengal**.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Bombay**, students have launched a free-of-cost mobile scanner application “**AIR Scanner**”. The app is developed by **Rohit Kumar Chaudhary and Kavin Agrawal**.
- The **IIT Delhi** incubated startup Chakr Innovation has launched a special decontamination device called ‘**Chakr DeCoV**’, to decontaminate **N95 masks**. The Chakr DeCoV device is designed in the shape of a cabinet.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully flight-tested a **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)**, which is an unmanned scramjet vehicle with the ability to travel at **six times** the speed of sound. The test was conducted from **Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Launch Complex** at Wheeler Island, off the coast of Odisha. Now, India has joined the elite club of the **United States, Russia and China** to develop and successfully test Hypersonic Technology.
- A 17-year-old girl, **Khushi Chindaliya** has been appointed as **Regional Ambassador for India** by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-Tunza Eco-Generation**. In her new role, Khushi will raise awareness about climate change and the importance of environmental conservation and the need to safeguard environmental treasures.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has successfully developed ‘**MOUSHIK**’, an indigenously-made **microprocessor** for the **Internet of things (IoT)** devices.
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Books & Authors

- Bollywood Filmmaker, **Karan Johar** authored a children's picture book titled "**The Big Thoughts of Little Luv**".
- **Pope Francis** is set to release the book "**Let Us Dream**" in December 2020.
- A new publication "**The Little Book of Green Nudges**" has been launched by the **United Nations Environment Programme** to encourage around 200 million students around the world to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.
- Interior designer, **Gauri Khan** has authored her first book titled "**My Life In Design**", which will be published by **Penguin Random House India** in 2021. It is a coffee-table book, in which Gauri has written about her journey as a designer.
- **Arundhati Roy's** new book titled "**Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction**" is published by **Penguin Books Limited**. The nonfiction book is a collection of essays that shows the meaning of Freedom in the world of increasing authoritarianism.
- Former US President, **Barack Obama** has announced his first presidential memoir titled "**A Promised Land.**" A Promised Land is the first of two volumes of the book. This volume tells about his early political life, his **presidential campaign in 2008**, and ending with the death of **Osama bin Laden in 2011**.
- Star chef **Vikas Khanna** has authored a book titled "**Kitchens of Gratitude**" in which he has written about his Feed India initiative. Feed India initiative is one of the largest food drives in the world, serving meals to the underprivileged. The book will be released in 2021. He will also be honoured with the **2020 Asia Game Changer Award** in October.
- A new book titled "**Voices of Dissent**" authored by Historian **Romila Thapar** will be jointly published by Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books. The book is set to publish in October 2020.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched a book titled '**A bouquet of flowers**' written by Dr **Krishna Saksena**. Dr Krishna Saksena is the first lady to get a PhD, in 1955 from Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **Indian Railways** has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named '**MEDBOT**' to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients.
- Union Cabinet has approved **J&K official languages Bill 2020**. According to the J&K official languages Bill 2020, Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi along with Urdu and English, will be the official languages in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

- **Jal Shakti ministry** has launched a "**Water Heroes – Share Your Stories**" contest with an aim to reach out to people with the important message of water conservation and management.
- **Tamil Nadu** has appointed India's first-ever woman ambulance driver, **M Veeralakshmi** under a new initiative by **CM Palaniswami**.
- Isle of Man betting group **Celton Manx** has appointed West Indies cricket icon **Dwayne Bravo** as the first cricket ambassador for its "**SBOTOP**" sportsbook brand.
- **Bajaj Allianz Life** Insurance Company Limited has appointed bollywood actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its brand ambassador.
- Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha** launched the online portal, **Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW)** for Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service Officers (JKAS).
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Patrika Gate in Jaipur, Rajasthan** through video conference. The Patrika Gate was built by the Patrika group of Newspapers on the Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in Jaipur.
- **National Jal Jeevan Mission**, Ministry of Jal Shakti conducted a webinar on the planning, implementation, and monitoring of outputs & outcomes of the flagship **programme, Jal Jeevan Mission**.
- The country's second and South India's first "**Kisan Train**" was flagged off from **Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh to Adarsh Nagar Railway Station in Delhi**. This train, loaded with 14 parcel vans, will cover a distance of 2,150 km in 40 hours.
- The fantasy sports gaming platforms, **Playerzpot** has announced the signing of cricketers **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** and **Smriti Mandhana** as its brand ambassadors.
- **Hubballi Railway Station** in Karnataka will now be known as '**Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Railway Station**'. Union government has approved long-pending demand of Hubballians of renaming the Hubballi railway station.
- Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (**WIHG**), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, virtually celebrated the '**Himalaya Diwas**'.
- **Amazon.com Inc** has signed up Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan** for its **Alexa voice assistant**. Amitabh Bachchan is the first Indian celebrity to lend his voice to Alexa. Alexa users will be able to access Amitabh Bachchan's voice on Alexa by purchasing the Amitabh Bachchan voice experience.

- **Paytm First Games (PFG)**, a subsidiary of digital financial service platform Paytm, has roped in Cricket legend **Sachin Tendulkar** as its brand ambassador.
- The **Ministry of Education** organized a **webinar on Faculty Development for Quality Education** under **ShikshakParv** Initiative.
- Online poker platform **9stacks** has signed **Suresh Raina** as its brand ambassador. The partnership will see the cricketer in the brand's upcoming campaigns and promote 9stacks through various engagement activities.
- Indian teenager **Udit Singhal** has been named in the **2020 Class of 17 Young Leaders** for the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- **Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL)**, a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been granted **Bureau of Indian Standards – BIS certification for all its products**.
- Former Prime Minister of India, **H D Deve Gowda** took oath as a member of the **Rajya Sabha** from **Karnataka**. This is the first time that the JD(S) leader has become a member of the Upper House since **1996**. Mr Deve Gowda was the **11th** Prime Minister of India from **1 June 1996 to 21 April 1997**.
- The Union Minister, **Dr Jitendra Singh** has unveiled the **Logo and song** for festival **"Destination North East-2020"** (The Emerging Delightful Destinations) through a video conference. The festival helps to familiarize people of other parts of the country with the rich unexplored potential of North East.
- **India and the Maldives** have launched the first-ever direct **Cargo Ferry Service** on 21 September 2020 to boost trade between the two countries. The cargo ferry service will connect the Indian ports of **Tuticorin and Cochin ports** with **Kulhudhufushi and Male ports in the Maldives**.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, **Manoj Sinha** launched the **National Generic Document Registration System** for the union territory. The system was developed by the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** to address the diversity and variations that prevails across the states on account of formats, languages, processes and formulae.
- A hackathon named **"KRITAGYA"** has been planned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) under **National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)**. This hackathon has been planned to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with **special emphasis on women friendly equipments**.
- The **Central Pollution Control Board** celebrated its **46th Foundation Day**. The CBCB was **established on September 23, 1974** under **The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as a technical arm of Central Government for environmental research, monitoring, regulation and enforcement in the country.
- A leading Personal Computer(PC) brand, **Acer India** has appointed actor **Sonu Sood** as its brand ambassador. As the brand ambassador of Acer India, Sonu Sood will support the range of innovative products of Acer over the social media and campaign on the commitment of Acers in improving the lives of the people through technology.
- A tyre company of RPG Enterprises (Rama Prasad Goenka Group), **CEAT Limited** has signed Indian Actor **Aamir Khan** as its **brand ambassador** for 2 years.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has roped in Bollywood megastar **Amitabh Bachchan** for the **customer awareness campaign**. The campaign aims to **prevent gullible account holders** from being duped by **fraudsters**.

Obituaries

- The former President of India, **Pranab Mukherjee** passed away.
- The co-creator of the cartoon series Scooby-Doo, **Joe Ruby** passed away.
- Congress Member of Parliament, **Harikrishnan VasanthaKumar** passed away. He was elected as the Member of Parliament to the 17th Lok Sabha from Kanyakumari constituency, Tamil Nadu in 2019.
- Noted cardiologist, Dr **S Padmavati** passed away. She was the first female cardiologist of India and was popularly known as "God Mother of Cardiology".
- Former England all-rounder and legendary cricketer, **David Capel** passed away.
- Oscar-winning Czech film director, **Jiri Menzel** passed away. He was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia on 23 February 1938. His 1st feature film, **'Closely Watched Trains'** won an Academy Award (Oscars) for Best Foreign Language film in **1968**.
- The head seer of Edneer Mutt, **Kesavananda Bharti** passed away. He was famous for initiating the historic judgement of the Supreme Court that **"Basic Structure of Constitution"** cannot be amended by the Parliament.
- Veteran Bollywood producer-director, **Johnny Bakshi** passed away.
- Father of India's Radio Astronomy, **Prof Govind Swarup** passed away. He was born on March 23rd, 1929 in Thakurdwara, United Provinces, British India(Now in Uttar Pradesh). He was the founding director of **National Centre for Radio Astrophysics** of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.
- Telugu actor **Jaya Prakash Reddy** passed away. He was working as a sub-inspector of police when he got an opportunity to act in **Venkatesh's 1988** film Brahma Puthrudu.

- **British Actress** who was popularly known for her recent role as Olenna Tyrell in the Game of Thrones series, **Dame Diana Rigg** passed away.
- Former Union minister and veteran leader of RashtriyaJanata Dal (RJD), **Raghuvansh Prasad Singh** passed away. He was a member of the **15th Lok Sabha of India** and represented the **Vaishali constituency of Bihar**.
- Veteran Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh minister, **Chanesh Ram Rathiya** passed away due to COVID-19. He was elected as an MLA for the first time in **1977** from **Dharamjaigarh** constituency in the then undivided **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Former Maharashtra cricketer, **SadashivPatil** passed away.
- Social activist and AryaSamaj leader, **Swami Agnivesh**, who is widely known for his work against slavery and bonded labour, has passed away.
- Veteran scholar of Indian classical dance, art, architecture and art history, **Kapila Vatsyayan** passed away. She was the founding Director of the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts**. She was the former Member of Parliament and had served as **Education Secretary**.
- Former President of **Republic of Mali**, who was in power from 1968 to 1991, General **MoussaTraore** passed away.
- The shortest-serving Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, **AmitabhaGhosh** passed away. He had served as the 16th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for **21 days** between January 15, 1985, to February 4, 1985.
- RajyaSabha MP from Karnataka, **Ashok Gasti** passed away due to COVID-19. He was born in 1965 and belonged to **Raichur district, Karnataka**.
- Tamil Nadu based prominent Indian Ayurveda physician, **PR Krishnakumar** passed away. He was the Founder and Managing Director of the iconic **Coimbatore AryaVaidya Pharmacy (AVP)** as well as the Chancellor of the renowned **Avinashilingam University in Coimbatore**.
- Tamil director **Babu Sivan** passed away. He began his career by assisting director Dharani, who helmed films like Ghilli and Kurvi with Vijay.
- Nepal-based **Ang Rita Sherpa**, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times, passed away. He made all the ascents to the world's tallest mountain between **1983 and 1996** and that too without bottled oxygen. He was therefore also known as the "**snow leopard**" for his climbing skills.
- The former Prime Minister of Canada, **John Turner** passed away. He served as the Prime Minister for just **79 days in 1984**, the 2nd shortest term in the office recorded in the history of Canada.
- Renowned Assam music composer, **Bibhuranjan Choudhury** passed away. His first film as music director was "Sutrapat" in 1987 and the last one was "Aei Maatite" in 2017.
- Renowned Marathi, Hindi films and stage actress **Ashalata Wabgaonkar** passed away. She acted in several Marathi films and plays.
- Theatre personality and Bollywood actor **Bhupesh Pandya**, who is best known for his role in Ayushmann Khurrana's debut film '**Vicky Donor**' has passed away. He was an alumnus of **National School of Drama (NSD)**.
- Union Minister of State for Railways, **Suresh Angadi** has passed away after he contracted coronavirus disease. He was a four-time **Lok Sabha MP from Karnataka's Belagavi** constituency. He was elected in **2004, 2014 and 2019**.
- Former Australian cricketer and renowned commentator, **Dean Jones** passed away. He made his debut for **Australia** in a Test match in the **West Indies** in 1984.
- Legendary singer **S.P. Balasubramaniam** has passed away. He made his singing debut in **1966** with Telugu movie **Sri Sri Sri Maryada Ramanna**. **S.P. Balasubramaniam** bagged his first national award for **Sankarabharanam**. The second time he won the National award for his first Hindi song, Tere Mere Beech Mein in the film Ek Duuje Ke Liye.
- Veteran Atomic Scientist and Former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission(AEC), **Sekhar Basu** passed away due to **COVID-19**. He served as the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and as director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). He was born on September 20, 1952, in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- The former Union Minister, **Jaswant Singh** passed away. He was born in Jasol village of Barmer district in Rajasthan in 1938. He had served as the **external affairs minister, defence minister and finance minister of India**, during the then Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Cabinet**.

- Renowned economist, Dr. **Isher Judge Ahluwalia** passed away. She was awarded the third-highest civilian award **Padma Bhushan** in 2009 for her services in the field of education and literature.
- Assam's first and only woman chief minister, **Syeda Anwara Taimur** passed away.
- Veteran songwriter, **Abhilash** passed away. He was best known for the song '**Itni Shakti Hame Dena Daata**' from the 1986 film **Ankush**.
- Veteran writer and critic Dr **G S Amur** passed away. He was proficient in Kannada and English languages.

Static Takeaways

- President of UAE: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- Capital of Lebanon: Beirut.
- Currency of Lebanon: Lebanese pound.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington D.C., United States.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944.
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Capital of Croatia: Zagreb; Currency: Croatian kuna.
- President of Croatia: Zoran Milanovic.
- BRICS member countries are: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme: Inger Andersen.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Secretary-General of United Nations: António Guterres.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.
- Capital of USA: Washington, D.C.
- The currency of USA: United States dollar.
- Prime Minister of Australia: Scott Morrison.
- The currency of Australia: Australian dollar.
- Capital of Australia: Canberra.
- Infosys Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Cyber Peace Foundation Established: 2003.
- Cyber Peace Foundation Headquarters: New Delhi.
- National Skill Development Corporation Headquarters: New Delhi.
- LinkedIn Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bank of India Tagline: Relationship Beyond Banking.
- Bank of India Founded: 7 September 1906.
- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Founded: 2016.
- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Parent organization: Aditya Birla Nuvo.

- Indian Banking Association CEO: Sunil Mehta.
- Indian Banking Association Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Indian Banking Association Founded: 26 September 1946.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States.
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.
- India Ratings and Research Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers Founded: July 2012.
- Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations founded: 1964
- Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations Headquarters: New Delhi.
- All India Tennis Association Founded: March 1920.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945.
- Capital of Saudi Arabia: Riyadh; Currency: Saudi riyal.
- International Solar Alliance Headquarters location: Gurugram.
- International Solar Alliance Founded: 30 November 2015.
- Indian Airforce founded: 8 October 1932.
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi.
- International Wushu Federation Headquarters: Beijing, China.
- International Wushu Federation Founded: 3 October 1990.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.
- UNICEF Executive Director: Henrietta H. Fore.
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Fraser Institute Headquarters: Vancouver, Canada.
- Centre for Civil Society Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Economic and Social Council Founded: 1945.
- Economic and Social Council Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur.
- Mexico Capital: Mexico City.
- Mexico Currency: Mexican peso.

- President of Mexico: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.
- Capital of Japan: Tokyo.
- The currency of Japan: Yen.
- Titan Company Founded: 1984.
- Titan Company Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CARE Ratings Founded: 1993.
- CARE Ratings: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- S&P Global Ratings Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Headquarters: Paris, France.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Founded: 1961.
- Advertising Standards Council of India Founded: 1985.
- Advertising Standards Council of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The headquarters of Citigroup is located in New York, United States.
- Citigroup Established: 8 October 1998.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington D.C., United States.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944.
- Chairman of Rajya Sabha: M Venkaiah Naidu.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines.
- Asian Development Bank Founded: 19 December 1966.
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We Understand Your World.
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Badminton World Federation Founded: 5 July 1934.
- Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- World Bamboo Organization Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium.
- World Bamboo Organization Founded: 2005.
- International Water Association President: Diane D'Arras.
- International Water Association Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.
- International Water Association Founded: 1998.
- Water Environment Federation Founded: 1928.
- Water Environment Federation Headquarters: Virginia, United States.
- Paytm Founded: August 2010.
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Amazon Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Amazon Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur.
- Republic of Mali Capital: Bamako; Currency: West African CFA franc.
- Bougainville Capital: Buka Island.
- Bougainville Currency: PNG kina.
- Somalia Capital: Mogadishu.
- Somalia Currency: Somali Shilling.
- Google Headquarters: California, United States.
- Headquarters of IDFC First Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- UNCTAD Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNCTAD Head: Mukhisa Kituyi.
- UNCTAD Founded: 30 December 1964.
- HDFC Life MD & CEO: Vibha Padalkar.
- HDFC Life Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- YES Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Headquarters of IMF: Washington, D.C., United States.
- PMC Bank Founded: 1984.
- PMC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. It was founded on 24 October 1945.
- Prime minister of United Kingdom: Boris Johnson.
- Capital of the United Kingdom: London.
- Asian Football Confederation is the nodal governing body of football in Asia and Australia.
- Headquarters of Asian Football Confederation: Malaysia.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. It was founded on 24 October 1945.
- World Federation of the Deaf Founded: 23 September 1951, Rome, Italy.
- World Federation of the Deaf Headquarters location: Helsinki, Finland.
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom.
- International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1948.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters location: The Hague, Netherlands.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912.
- Energy Efficiency Services Ltd Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Shipping Corporation of India Founded: 1950.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972.
- The International Federation of Environmental Health was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.

- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata..
- Headquarters of United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security: Germany.
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Founded: 2007.
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Headquarters: Manhattan, Kansas, United States.
- Capital of Lebanon: Beirut.
- Currency of Lebanon: Lebanese pound.
- Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India: Subhash C. Khuntia.
- Capital of Denmark: Copenhagen; Currency: Danish krone.
- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- BCCI Founded: December 1928.
- United Nations World Tourism Organization Headquarters location: Madrid, Spain..
- United Nations World Tourism Organization Founded: 1 November 1974.
- National Council of Applied Economic Research Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- National Council of Applied Economic Research Founded: 1956.
- All India Football Federation founded: 23 June 1937.
- FIFA affiliation of All India Football Federation: 1948.
- Headquarters of All India Football Federation: Dwarka, Delhi.
- SBI Card Founded: October 1998.
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
- World Heart Federation Founded: 2000.
- World Heart Federation Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Telecom Regulatory of India Founded: 20 February 1997
- Telecom Regulatory of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- IFTAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- IFTAS CEO: Dr N. Rajendran.
- IFTAS Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- IDBI Bank MD & CEO: Rakesh Sharma.
- IDBI Bank Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- IDBI Bank Tagline: Banking for All, Aao sochein Bada.
- Prime Minister of Netherland: Mark Rutte.
- Capital of Netherland: Amsterdam; Currency of Netherland: Euro.
- Pacific Asia Travel Association Headquarters: Bangkok, Thailand.
- Flipkart headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra.

States and their Chief Ministers & Governors:

Sr. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
1	Andhra Pradesh	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	B. D. Mishra
3	Assam	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi
4	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
5	Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Anusuiya Uikey
6	Goa	Pramod Sawant	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
7	Gujarat	Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Acharya Dev Vrat
8	Haryana	Manohar Lal	Satyadeo Narain Arya
9	Himachal Pradesh	Jairam Thakur	Bandaru Dattatraya
10	Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Droupadi Murmu
11	Karnataka	B. S. Yediyurappa	Vajubhai Vala
12	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
13	Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Anandiben Patel
14	Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
15	Manipur	N. Biren Singh	Najma Heptulla
16	Meghalaya	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
17	Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
18	Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	R. N. Ravi

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Sr. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
19	Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal
20	Punjab	Capt. Amarinder Singh	V.P. Singh Badnore
21	Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
22	Sikkim	PS Goyal	Ganga Prasad
23	Tamil Nadu	Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit
24	Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	Tamilisai Soundararajan
25	Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Ramesh Bais
26	Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Aditya Nath	Anandiben Patel
27	Uttarakhand	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Baby Rani Maurya
28	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

Union Ministers in News in month of September 2020:

Sr. No.	Ministry	Union Minister
1	Union Minister of Home Affairs	Amit Shah.
2	Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers	DV Sadananda Gowda
3	Minister of Women and Child Development	Smriti Zubin Irani
4	Union Minister of Railways	Piyush Goyal
5	Union Minister of Defence	Raj Nath Singh
6	Ministers of State (I/C) for Statistics and Programme Implementation	Rao Inderjit Singh
7	Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation	Hardeep Singh Puri
8	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti	Rattan Lal Kataria
9	Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment	Thaawarchand Gehlot
10	Union Minister of Education	Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
11	Union Minister for External Affairs	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
12	Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH	ShripadYesso Naik
13	Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao
14	Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology	Ravi Shankar Prasad
15	Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Prakash Javadekar
16	Minister of State (I/C) for Power	Raj Kumar Singh

Heads of various organizations in News in month of September 2020 :

Sr. No.	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	Governor of RBI	Shaktikanta Das
2	CEO of Dubai Multi Commodities Centre	Ahmed Bin Sulayem
3	President of World Bank	David Malpass
4	ICICI Bank MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi
5	President of Cycling Federation of India	Parminder Singh Dhindsa
6	Chief of Naval Staff	Admiral Karambir Singh
7	MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited	Tarun Chugh
8	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog	Amitabh Kant
9	Director General of Central Industrial Security Force	Rajesh Rajan
10	Infosys CEO	Salil Parekh
11	Founder and President, Cyber Peace Foundation	Vineet Kumar
12	National Skill Development Corporation CEO & MD	Manish Kumar
13	LinkedIn Chief Executive Officer CEO	Ryan Roslansky
14	Bank of India MD & CEO	Atanu Kumar Das
15	Chairman of SBI	Rajnish Kumar
16	Mastercard Chief Executive Officer	Ajay Banga
17	MD & CEO of India Ratings and Research	Rohit Karan Sawhney
18	All India Tennis Association Headquarters	R.K. Khanna
19	Director-general of WHO	Tedros Adhanom
20	Food and Agriculture Organization Head	Qu Dongyu
21	International Solar Alliance Leader	Upendra Tripathy
22	International Solar Alliance Leader	Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
23	International Wushu Federation President	Zhongwen Gou
25	UNESCO Head	Audrey Azoulay
26	Chairman and CEO of Railways	VK Yadav
27	DRDO Chairman	Dr G. Satheesh Reddy
28	IIT Delhi Director	V Ramgopal Rao
29	Fraser Institute Chairman	Peter Brown
30	Centre for Civil Society President	Partha J Shah
31	Economic and Social Council President	MunirAkram
32	President of Asian Development Bank	Masatsugu Asakawa
33	MD & CEO of Yes Bank	Prashant Kumar
34	MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance	Prakash Chandra Kandpal
35	Chairman of Titan Company	N Muruganandam
36	CARE Ratings Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer	Ajay Mahajan
37	President of S&P Global Ratings	John Berisford
38	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Secretary-General	Jose Angel Gurria
39	Badminton World Federation President	Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen
40	United Nations Environment Programme Head	Inger Andersen
41	World Bamboo Organization Executive director	Susanne Lucas

Sr. No.	Head of Organization	Name of Person
42	Water Environment Federation President	Jacqueline A. Jarrell
43	9stacks was founded	SudhirKamath, Pratik Kumar and RishabMathur
44	President of Paytm	AmitNayyar
45	Paytm founder	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
46	Amazon CEO	Jeff Bezos
47	CEO of National Health Authority (NHA)	Indu Bhushan
48	CEO of Google	Sundar Pichai
49	India & South Asia Group Country Manager of Visa	TR Ramachandran
50	Director-General of ITBP	Surjeet Singh Deswal
51	MD & CEO of IDFC First Bank	V. Vaidyanathan
52	Chief Executive Officer of IDFC AMC	Vishal Kapoor
53	Chairperson of Competition Commission of India	Ashok Kumar Gupta
54	YES Bank MD & CEO	Prashant Kumar
55	Managing Director of IMF	Kristalina Georgieva
56	Chief of Naval Staff	Admiral Karambir Singh
57	Red Panda Network Founder	Brian Williams
58	World Federation of the Deaf President	Joseph J. Murray
59	International Maritime Organization Secretary- General	Kitack Lim
60	International Pharmaceutical Federation President	Dominique Jordan
61	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd Chairman	Rajeev Sharma
62	Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) MD & Chairman	Mrs H.K.Joshi
63	United Nations Environment Programme Head	Inger Andersen
64	UN University Institute for Environment and Human Security Director	Shen Xiaomeng
65	Global Alliance for Rabies Executive Director	Louis Nel
66	BCCI interim CEO	Hemang Amin
67	BCCI President	Sourav Ganguly
68	United Nations World Tourism Organization Head	Zurab Pololikashvili
69	President of All India Football Federation	Praful Patel
70	CEO of SBI Card	Ashwini Kumar Tewari
71	Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission	Vinai Kumar Saxena
72	World Heart Federation Chairman	Rajeev Gupta
73	Chairman of Power Finance Corporation Ltd	Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon
74	International Federation of Translators President	Kevin Quirk
75	International Federation of Translators Secretary-General	Real Paquette
76	Chairman of NABARD	Govinda Rajulu Chintala
77	Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services Chairman	Tavarna Rabi Sankar
78	IDBI Bank Chairman	MR Kumar
79	Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Chairman	Chris Bottrill
80	Flipkart CEO	Kalyan Krishnamurthy
81	Bajaj Allianz General Insurance CEO	Tapan Singhel