

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER-2020

List of Important Days

- September 1-7 - National Nutrition Week.
- September 05 - India celebrates Teachers Day.
- September 05 - International Day of Charity.
- September 07 - International Day of Clean Air for blue skies.
- September 08 - International Literacy Day.
- September 09 - International Day to Protect Education from Attack. (Theme - "Protect Education, Save a Generation")
- September 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day. (Theme - "Working Together to Prevent Suicide")
- September 12 (second Saturday of September) - World First Aid Day 2020.
- September 12 - International Day for South-South Cooperation.
- September 14 - Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day.
- September 15 - National Engineer's Day.
- September 15 - International Day of Democracy.
- September 16 - International Day for Ozone day. (Theme - "Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection")
- September 16 - 30 - Indian Railways observes "Swachhta Pakhwara".
- September 17 - World Patient Safety Day. (Theme - "Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety")
- September 18 - World Water Monitoring Day. (Theme - "Solve Water")
- September 18 - International Equal Pay Day.
- September 18 - World Bamboo Day. (Theme - "BAMBOO NOW")
- September 19 (third Saturday in September) - International Coastal Clean-Up Day. (Theme - "Achieving a trash-free Coastline")
- September 19 (third Saturday of September) - International Red Panda Day.
- September 21 - World Alzheimer's Day. (Theme - "Let's talk about dementia")
- September 21 - World Peace Day. (Theme - "Shaping Peace Together")
- September 22 - World Rhino Day. (Theme - "Five Rhino Species Forever")
- September 23 - International Day of Sign Languages. (Theme - "Sign Languages are for Everyone")
- September 24 - World Maritime Day 2020. (Theme - "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet")
- September 26 - International Day of Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- September 26 - World Environmental Health Day. (Theme - "Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention")
- September 27 - World Tourism Day. (Theme - "Tourism and Rural Development")
- September 28 - World Rabies Day. (Theme - "Vaccination and Collaboration")

- September 28 - International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- September 29 - International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction. (Theme - "Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.")
- September 29 - World Heart Day. (Theme - "Use your heart to beat CVD")
- September 30 - International Translation Day.

Reserve Bank of India

- The **Reserve Bank of India** specified **five** financial ratios and sector-specific thresholds for resolution of COVID-19-related stressed assets in **26 sectors**.
 - The 26 sectors specified by the RBI include automobiles, power, tourism, cement, chemicals, gems and jewellery, logistics, mining, manufacturing, real estate, and shipping among others.
- 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.
- The Reserve Bank have proposed to allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to undertake the **rupee interest rate derivatives** which is subject to a ceiling of **Rs.5,000 crore**.

State Bank of India

- State Bank of India is planning to launch a loan product named "**SAFAL**" for organic **cotton growers**.

Other Banks

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited** has introduced an Artificial intelligence (AI)-powered **voice chatbot, "LiGo"**, on Google Assistant.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched a virtual property exhibition under the name '**Home Utsav**'.
 - The exhibition will digitally showcase real estate projects by renowned developers, across India.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the **doorstep banking services** for public sector banks.
 - These services can be availed at nominal charges. They would benefit all customers, particularly the Senior Citizens and Divyangs.
- The **ICICI Home Finance** launched "**Apna Ghar Dreamz**", its new **home loan scheme** for skilled laborers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of **Delhi**.
- **Canara Bank** has launched lead management system (LMS) - **i-Lead 2.0** (Inspiring Leads System version 2.0) to boost customer service.

Supreme Court

- As per the Supreme Court directions, the **states** have been mandated to set up their three-member committees on the **Content Regulation of Government Advertisements**.

Central Government

- Union Cabinet approved **Mission Karmayogi** for Civil Services Capacity Building during its meeting on September 2, 2020.
- The Ministry of Information and Technology banned **PUBG and 118 other** widely popular **Chinese** mobile applications.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM 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). Total cost - Rs. 1264 crore.

States

- The **Jammu & Kashmir** government has set up a **10-member** council for conservation of **biological diversity** and sustainable use of its components in the Union territory.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched a 15-day campaign named '**Gandagi Bharat Chhodo**'.
 - Under the campaign awareness programmes were organized in seven thousand 178 settlements.
- **Punjab** government has rolled out "**I Rakhwali**" **App** to ensure greenery and to protect the environment in Punjab.
- **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)**.
- 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 Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Department, Odisha has signed a Ministry of Understanding (MoU) with not-for-profit organization Urban Management Centre for providing the technical support to implement the scheme.
- **Karnataka** Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa has launched the "**Arthika Spandana**" 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.

Defence and National Security

- **China**, home to the world's largest navy, is looking to set up new **PLA bases** in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- **Indian Navy** and **Russian Navy** has commenced the 11th edition of a biennial bilateral maritime exercise "**INDRA NAVY**".
 - The biennial bilateral maritime exercise was conducted in the Bay of Bengal from 04 to 05 September 2020.
- **India** and **Russia** finalized a deal to manufacture **AK-47 203 rifles** in India.
 - The deal was finalized during the visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Russia.
- **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)** has been successfully flight-tested by The Defence Research and Development Origination (**DRDO**).
 - The test was conducted from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Launch Complex at Wheeler Island, off the coast of **Odisha**.
 - India now has become the **fourth** country in the world after the US, China and Russia to do such testing that would help missiles to travel at six times the speed of sounds known as the hypersonic speed.
- The **Indian Air Force** is going to formally induct the **Rafale aircraft** at Air Force Station, **Ambala**.
 - The aircraft will be a part of 17 Squadron called as the **Golden Arrows**.
- 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.
 - Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh has launched the website for Aero India 2021.

- Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has set up **eight** advanced technology centres to carry out research on futuristic military applications.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization conducted a successful flight test of **ABHYAS**- High speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) vehicle at the **Balasore** test range in **Odisha**.
- The **Indian Navy** (IN) has commenced a **Passage Exercise** (PASSEX) with **Royal Australian Navy** (RAN) in the East Indian Ocean Region.

Committees/Commissions

- 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.

Schemes/Initiatives

- Union Minister of **Education** has launched a free mobile app named as "**EnglishPro**".
 - The mobile application has been developed by the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad under University Social Responsibility (USR).
- Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry have launched a toll-free mental health rehabilitation helpline "**KIRAN**".
- Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, inaugurated **Organic Food Processing Unit** in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar has launched Educational WhatsApp Chatbot "**Apka Mitra**" & Online Admission Platform for Under Graduate (**UG**) courses in government-aided and self-financed colleges for the new academic session 2020-21.
- 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.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi digitally launches the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**.
 - Along with the scheme, the PM will also launch **e-Gopala application**.
 - The scheme aims to enhance fish production to 70 lakh tonnes by 2024-25.
- 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.
- **Five Star Village Scheme** has been launched by The **Department of Posts**.
 - The scheme ensures the universal coverage (100 % coverage) of flagship postal schemes in rural areas of India.
 - Scheme will be first implemented in **Maharashtra**.
- 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.
- Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (I/C), Shri Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the **Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework** (CSCAF) 2.0.
 - Along with the CSCAF 2.0, the minister also launched the 'Streets for People Challenge'.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has addressed the '**Grih Pravesham**' event in **Madhya Pradesh** through video conferencing.
 - Under this, 1.75 Lakh Families in Madhya Pradesh were delivered pucca houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Grameen (PMAY-G).

- PM Modi inaugurated **seven projects** under **Namami Gange** and **AMRUT Schemes** in **Bihar**.
 - Four of these projects were related to water supply, one to river front development and two of the projects were related to sewerage treatment.
 - The projects are to be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs 541 crores.
- A customized My Stamp on **India's First Anti-Satellite Missile (A-SAT)** launch was released by the Department of Posts on the occasion of Engineers Day in the presence of National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval.
- The **Gujarat** government has launched the **Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY)**.
 - The scheme will provide interest-free loans to women's groups in the state.
- PM 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**".

Summit/Conference

- 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 Cycling Federation of India (CFI) is all set to host the first-ever **Cycling Summit** in 2021, with an aim to promote the culture of cycling in the country.
- **India** is to host a summit of council of heads of **SCO** (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) on November 30, 2020.
- The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)** organized 2-days long "**National Tribal Research Conclave**".
- The **First World Solar Technology Summit** was organized by the International Solar Alliance.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to inaugurate **VAIBHAV Summit** on October 2, 2020.
 - VAIBHAV is Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik Summit.
- PM Narendra Modi will hold his first virtual **Summit** with the **Sri Lankan** Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.
 - The meeting is expected to be held on the side lines of United Nations general assembly.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- The Ministry of **Defence** signed contracts worth **Rs 2,580 crores** to boost **Make in India**.
 - The contracts were signed for supply of **six Pinaka** Regiments to the Indian Army.
- The Union Cabinet Approved Memorandum of Understanding between **India** and **Finland** for the cooperation in the field of **geology and mineral resources**.
- **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**.
- Industries Minister Parsadi Lal Meena said that **Rajasthan's** Department of Industries and **SIDBI** partnered to provide financial, technical, marketing and export support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**) in the state.
- The **UK** has signed its first major **post-Brexit trade** pact by signing a deal with **Japan**.
 - The deal aims to boost trade between these two countries by about **£15bn**.
- "Framework for **U.S.** Department of Defense-**Maldives** Ministry of Defense and Security Relationship" was signed between Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia **Reed Werner** and Maldivian Minister of Defense Mariya Didi in **Philadelphia**.

- 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**).
- In a landmark moment, **Israel, UAE and Bahrain** signed Abraham Accords in a signing ceremony presided over by **United States** President Donald Trump at the White House.
 - The signing of Abraham Accords aims to establish foundation of peace agreements between Israel and the two Arab nations- the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.
- **Titan** Company has partnered with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to launch India's first **contactless payment watches** named "**Titan Pay**".
- **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.
 - Actian Avalanche is a high-performance hybrid cloud data warehouse designed to power an enterprise's most demanding operational analytics workloads.
- **India-UK Water Partnership Forum** was held on September 22, through a virtual mode to discuss ways to collaborate on the issues pertaining to infrastructure development and water conservation.

Meet/Visit

- **Australia-India-Japan** Economic Ministers' Joint Statement on Supply Chain Resilience was held on 1st September.
- **India** attended **BIMSTEC meet** and discussed ways to expand cooperation among its member countries.
- **Saudi Arabia** chaired the **G20 Foreign Ministers' Extraordinary Meeting** which was held in the virtual mode.
 - External Affairs Minister (EAM) **S Jaishankar** represented India in the virtual meeting that was convened in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- **India** and **Angola** held their first joint commission meeting on September 8, 2020.
- The first **India-France-Australia** Trilateral Dialogue was held virtually on September 9, 2020.
 - The virtual dialogue focuses on enhancing the cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region.
- **India** and the **United States** held a bilateral 2+2 Inter-session meeting in virtual mode.
 - During the meeting, both sides reviewed the progress and developments in bilateral ties in defence, security, and foreign policy areas.
- External Affairs Minister of the Republic of India, Shri S. Jaishankar, chaired the customary meeting of **IBSA Foreign Ministers** through video conferencing.
- 10th Meeting of the **BRICS High Representatives on National Security** was held on September 17, 2020.
 - The virtual meeting would be chaired by **Russia**.

Bills

- Union Cabinet has approved the **Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020** to be introduced in Parliament, to make Urdu, Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi and English as official languages for the Union Territory.
- The **Assam** Assembly passed bill to protect **Tangible Heritage** that is not currently covered by the state and national law.
 - According the Assam Government the passage of the Assam Heritage (Tangible) Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Maintenance Bill, 2020 is a historic step towards implementing Clause 6 of Assam Accord.

- The Union cabinet approved amendments to the **labour codes** on September 8, 2020.
 - The Three codes include social security, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health (OSH) out of four codes that was proposed in the **Industrial Relations Code, 2019 bill**.
- National Commission for **Homeopathy Bill, 2019** has been passed by the Lok Sabha.
 - The bill is aimed at ensuring availability of **high-quality medical** professionals for homeopathic treatment.
- The **Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020** was introduced by the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar in Lok Sabha.
 - The bill is aimed at transforming the agriculture in the country and raising farmers' income.
- Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar introduced – The **Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020**.
 - Minister of State Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve introduced The **Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020** in the Lok Sabha.
- The Parliament passed **Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020** after it was approved by the Rajya Sabha.
- The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was passed by the Lok Sabha.
 - The bill seeks to **cut salaries of MPs by 30%**.
- The **Lok Sabha** on September 16, 2020 passed an amendment bill to the **Banking Regulation Act** to bring **cooperative banks** under the **supervision of the RBI**.
 - The **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020** replaces an ordinance that was issued on June 26, 2020.
- Lok Sabha passed two farm bills amidst the protests from the opposition.
 - The bills were on **agriculture market reforms** and **contract farming** provisions.
 - The bill to amend the essential commodities Act, yet another farm bill was passed on September 15, 2020.
- Rajya Sabha, the Upper House, passed the **Epidemic Diseases Amendment Bill, 2020**
 - The Bill aims to punish the individuals who attack health workers or doctors who are fighting the covid-19 outbreak or during any situation similar to the current pandemic.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy code (second Amendment) Bill 2020**.
 - According to the new amendment, fresh insolvency proceedings will not be started for the next six months considering Covid-19 pandemic.
- A bill was recently introduced in Lok Sabha to amend the **FCRA act, 2010**.
 - FCRA act is Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. The bill proposed to include public corporations owned and controlled by the Government of India under the list of entities that are not eligible to receive foreign funding.
- Lok Sabha passed **Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill 2020**.
 - The bill amends the Epidemic Diseases act 1897.
- The **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020** which is an amendment to the Banking Regulations act 1949, was passed in Parliament.
 - The Bill replaces the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 that was promulgated on June 26, 2020.
- Parliament passed the **Taxation and other laws (Relaxation and Amendment of certain provisions) bill, 2020**.
 - It replaces an ordinance and will make few changes to direct and indirect tax laws.

Fund

- The **Japanese** Government announced that it will provide loan assistance of **Rs 3,500 crores** to **India** as a response to COVID-19 crisis.

Economy

- According to the **CARE** (Credit Analysis and Research Limited) Ratings Report, the **employment growth** rate has **declined** to **3.5%** in the Financial Year 2020 from 3.8% in the previous fiscal year.
 - However, the total number of jobs has increased to 50.02 lakh from 48.32 lakh.

Companies/Industry

- An integrated brand identity - **Vi** has been announced by **Vodafone** and **Idea** which is pronounced 'we'.
 - The new brand is having the tagline '**Together for Tomorrow**'.
- **Infosys** has announced that it would acquire product design and development firm, **Kaleidoscope Innovation** for up to \$42 million.
- **Mastercard** has launched "**Central Bank Digital Currencies**" (CBDCs), a Virtual Testing Environment for Central Banks to Assess and Explore National Digital Currencies.
- **TikTok** has chosen **Oracle** to be its technology partner for its American operations.
- The **TATA** Group of Companies has won the bid to construct a **new Parliament building**.
 - Total cost for the project is Rs 861.90 crores.
- **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.

Space

- Northop Grumman, an American global aerospace and defence technology company has announced that its next Cygnus capsule will be named "**S.S. Kalpana Chawla**", in memory of the mission specialist who died in 2003 with her six crewmates aboard the space shuttle Columbia.
- World's largest radio telescope is to have **control systems** designed and built by **Tata Consultancy Services**; an IT company based in India.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The government has added '**testing on demand**' in its new guidelines for **COVID-19 testing**.

Energy/Gas/Oil

- The **CSIR-CMERI** operating under the Ministry of Science and Technology has developed world **largest solar tree**.
 - The tree has an annual capacity of generating 12,000 to 14,000 units of Clean and Green power.
- **India's Oil and Natural Gas Corp** (ONGC) recently **exited** from **Sudan** oilfields.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- 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**.
- **India** opened its first exclusive **private jet terminal** at **New Delhi** Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- **India** and the **Maldives** have launched the first-ever direct **Cargo Ferry Service** 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.

Films and Film Festival

- Chaitanya Tamhane's **'The Disciple'** wins Best Screenplay award at **Venice Film Festival**.
 - Chloe Zhao's **Nomadland**, starring Frances McDormand - Golden Lion

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Commodore, **Hemant Khatri** (Retd) has assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of state-owned defence shipbuilder, **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd** (HSL) at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
 - He will replace Rear Admiral **L V Sarat Babu** (Retd).
- The Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the **Ananda Bazar** Group of Publications, **Aveek Sarkar** has been elected as the chairman of **Press Trust of India** (PTI).
 - He succeeds **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers.
- **Tamil Nadu** has appointed India's first-ever **woman ambulance driver**, **M Veeralakshmi** under a new initiative by CM Palaniswami.
- The 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).
- 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).
 - She is the first woman and third IAS officer to have been appointed to the post.
 - She succeeds **Rakesh Asthana** (IPS) who was appointed as the Director-General of Border Security Force (BSF).
- **Raj Kumar Srivastava** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of **Croatia**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of **Murali Ramakrishnan** as Managing Director and CEO of the **South Indian Bank** for a period of three years with effect from October 1, 2020.
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **S Krishnan** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Punjab & Sind Bank**.
 - He will replace **S Harishankar**.
- Private life insurer, **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** Company Limited has appointed bollywood actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its brand ambassador.
- West Indies cricket icon **Dwayne Bravo** has become the first cricket ambassador for **"SBOTOP"** sportsbook brand.
 - **Isle of Man** betting group **Celton Manx** has appointed the West Indies cricketer as the cricket ambassador for its flagship sportsbook.
- 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.
- 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**.
 - Ashok Leyland MD and CEO, **Vipin Sondhi** has been elected as the new **vice president** of SIAM.
- Government of **Australia** has appointed former cricketer, **Matthew Hayden** and Indian-origin politician **Lisa Singh** as trade envoys for advancing business ties with **India**.
- Former Lok Sabha MP and Bollywood actor, **Pareesh Rawal** have been appointed as the new chief of **National School of Drama** by President Ram Nath Kovind.

- The fantasy sports gaming platforms, **Playerzpot** has announced the signing of cricketers **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** and **Smriti Mandhana** as its brand ambassadors.
 - Playerzpot is a fantasy sports gaming app that allows its users to play fantasy cricket.
- The World Health Organization's independent panel for pandemic preparedness and response appointed former health secretary, **Preeti Sudan** as one of its 11 panelists 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**". He will work towards this initiative in India.
- **Yoshihide Suga** has been elected as the new leader by **Japan's governing party** to succeed Shinzo Abe.
- **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.
- **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.
- The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) announced that it has appointed **Takeo Konishi** as a Country Director of **India**.
 - Takeo Konishi has succeeded **Kenichi Yokoyama**.
 - As per the official release by ADB, Kenichi Yokoyama has taken over as Director-General of **ADB's South Asia Department** and will be based at ADB headquarters in Manila.
- **Harivansh Narayan Singh** has been re-elected as Deputy Chairman of **Rajya Sabha** (RS).
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Sameer Kumar Khare** as new Executive Director of **Asian Development Bank** (ADB), Manila.
- A 1988 batch IAS officer, **Rajesh Khullar** has been appointed as **Executive Director** at **World Bank** in Washington DC.
- **Great Learning**, one of India's leading educational tech companies for professional and higher education announced the appointment of **Virat Kohli**, as its brand ambassador.
- Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** given **additional** charge of **Food Processing Industries Ministry**, following resignation of Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- Retd. Colonel Dr. **Girija Shanker Mungali** has been appointed a member of the **Asian Football Confederation's task force**.
 - The force aims to regulate football clubs in Asia and Australia.
- Former Prime Minister of India, **H D Deve Gowda** took oath as a member of the **Rajya Sabha** from Karnataka.
- **Mali's** former defence minister, **Bah Ndaw** has been named as **Interim President** of the country's new transition government.
 - Mali President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** announced his resignation with immediate effect following a military mutiny in the Republic of Mali.
- 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.

Deaths

- 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 President of India (Veteran Congressman) **Pranab Mukherjee** passed away on August 31, 2020, after testing positive for COVID-19.
- Former England all-rounder and legendary cricketer, **David Capel** passed away.
- Oscar-winning Czech film director, **Jiri Menzel** passed away.
- 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 President of Republic of Mali General **Moussa Traore** passed away.
- Veteran scholar of Indian classical dance, art, architecture and art history, **Dr Kapila Vatsyayan** passed away.
- Tamil Nadu based prominent Indian Ayurveda physician, **PR Krishnakumar** passed away.
- The shortest-serving Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, **Amitabha Ghosh** passed away.
- Tamil director **Babu Sivan** passed away.
- The former Prime Minister of Canada, **John Turner** passed away.
- Nepal-based **Ang Rita Sherpa**, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times, passed away.
 - He was therefore also known as the “snow leopard” for his climbing skills.
- Renowned Marathi, Hindi films and stage actress **Ashalata Wabgaonkar** passed away.
- Legendary singer **S.P. Balasubramaniam** has passed away.

Awards/Honours

- The **Hyderabad International Airport** or GMR led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport 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 CII-GBC in national award competition for excellence in energy management.
- **David Attenborough**, a renowned author, and natural historian was conferred with **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019** by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
- The Union Home Ministry recently granted Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration to Gurdwara Harmandir Sahib, or the **Golden Temple**, in **Amritsar**.
 - It will now enable the Golden Temple to receive foreign donations.
- **Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG)**, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, virtually celebrated the ‘**Himalaya Diwas**’.
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presented the first ever **AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020** to **12 faculty** members of AICTE approved institutes on the occasion of Engineers Day.
- In a first-of-its kind recognition for an Indian corporate leader, **Aditya Puri**, MD, HDFC Bank was conferred the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020.
- 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 **Vikas Khanna** has been chosen to be honored 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'.
- **Udit Singhal**, an 18-year old Indian boy has been named by the United Nations in the list of **2020 Class of Young Leaders** for Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar announced that **8 Indian beaches** have been recommended for the **Blue Flag** International Eco label.
- **Margaret Atwood** has won the **2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize's** lifetime achievement award.

Sports/Game

- **Sunil Nagpal** on September 1, 2020, created history by becoming the first Indian to win a singles' main draw match at a **grand slam** in the last 7 years.
 - The 23 years old successfully stormed into the second round of the **US Open**.
- Team of **NTPC Limited**, the Central PSU under Ministry of Power, has won the All India Management Association (AIMA) **Chanakya** (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games (NMG) 2020.
 - The team from **NTPC Vallur, Tamil Nadu** won the championship which featured the participation of teams from 112 organizations from different parts of the country.
- Indian Grandmaster **P Iniyan** has won the prestigious 48th Annual World Open **online chess tournament**.
- **Australia** limited-overs captain **Aaron Finch** became the **second-fastest** to score **2,000** runs in the shortest format of the game during their first **T20I** against England.
 - Finch achieved the feat in his 62nd innings and is only behind Virat Kohli who crossed the 2000-run mark in his 56th innings.
- **Pierre Gasly** (Scuderia AlphaTauri, France) has won the Formula One **Italian Grand Prix 2020** held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy.
 - Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren, Spain) came second followed by Lance Stroll (Racing Point, Canada) in third place.
- 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.
 - Anil Jain will replace **Praveen Mahajan** as AITA president. Dhupar will replace **Hironmoy Chatterjee**.
- 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.
- In **US Open** Tennis, Japan's **Naomi Osaka** defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in the **Women's Singles** final to clinch her third Grand Slam title. Event held in Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows in New York.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One **Tuscan Grand Prix 2020** held at Mugello Circuit, Italy.
 - Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) came second followed by Alexander Albon (Red Bull - Thailand) at third place.
- Austria's **Dominic Thiem** defeated Alexander Zverev to win the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament.

- Sports Ministry has identified sports facilities in **8 states** to be upgraded to Khelo India State Centre of Excellence.
 - The identified facilities, to be upgraded with an effort to identify and groom Olympic level talent, will be upgraded at a cost of **Rs 95.19 crores**.
- Portugal's Cristiano **Ronaldo** has become the **second** male footballer to score 100 international goals after scoring against Sweden in Tuesday's UEFA Nations League match.
- **Novak Djokovic** has defeated Argentine Diego Schwartzman 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 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.

Report

- Indian renewable energy company, **Adani Green** has been ranked as the **world's number 1 solar energy company** in terms of capacity.
- The **Global Innovation Index 2020** has shown **India** jumped four places to rank at the **48th** position.
 - In the latest released GII ranking, **Switzerland** has bagged the **first** spot, followed by Sweden, the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.
- The Times Higher Education announced the results of **World University Rankings, 2021**.
 - The **University of Oxford** was at the **top** position followed by **Stanford University**, Harvard University, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
 - China's **Tsinghua University** was the first Asian university to make it to top 20.
 - No Indian University in top 300.
- Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmla Sitharaman has announced the 4th edition of **Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)** ranking of states.
 - **Andhra Pradesh** has topped in Ease of Doing Business ranking.
- 'Levels and Trends in **Child Mortality**' report was published by United Nations (UN).
 - As per the new estimate on mortality released by UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the World Bank Group, the under-five mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births) in **India** has **declined** to 34 in 2019 from 126 in 1990.
- 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.
- **Kerala** topped the list of the **most literate state** in India in the National Statistical Office (NSO) survey. The literacy rate of Kerala is 96.2%.
 - **Andhra Pradesh** stood last with 66.4% literacy rate.
- Recently, an annual report on The Economic Freedom of the World, 2020 has been released in India.
 - **Hongkong** and **Singapore** have topped the index, which have attained first and second position respectively.
 - Though, **India** has ranked higher than China, standing at **105th** position.
 - Top 5: Hongkong, Singapore, New Zealand, Switzerland, and US.

- **India** has ranked **116th** position in the latest edition of the World Bank's annual **Human Capital Index 2020**.
- The Institute for Management Development along with Singapore University released the **Smart City index** for the year 2020.
 - The index has been **topped** by **Singapore**, followed by Helsinki and Zurich as top three smart cities.
 - Indian cities in the index: Hyderabad (85), New Delhi (86), Mumbai (93), and Bengaluru (95)
- 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.
 - In **overall** happiness ranking of states and union territories: **Mizoram**, Punjab, & Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 - **Big** states: **Punjab**, Gujarat, Telangana
 - **Smaller** states: **Mizoram**, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh
 - **Union territories**: **Andaman and Nicobar** Islands, Puducherry, & Lakshadweep

General - National

- The **IIT Delhi** incubated startup **Chakr Innovation** has launched a special decontamination device called '**Chakr DeCoV**', to decontaminate N95 masks.
- Union Department of Fertilizers is observing **Swachhta Pakhwada** from **1st to 15th September 2020**.
 - All Public Sector Units as well as other Organizations under the Department are also participating in the Swachhta Abhiyan.
- Water Heroes Contest: Jal Shakti Ministry has launched '**Water Heroes - Share Your Stories**' Contest to reach out to people on the important subject of water conservation and management.
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** announced, during the inaugural speech at the first **World Solar Technology Summit** held on September 8, 2020, that **five Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)** will join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action by contributing to the corpus fund of ISA.
- Prime Minister interacts with street vendors in '**SVANidhi Samvaad**' program in Madhya Pradesh.
 - PM SVANidhi Samvaad was launched in June to help covid affected street vendors to resume livelihood activities.
- A two-day conclave on '**School Education in 21st Century**' commenced virtually.
 - The conclave has been organized by Ministry of Education as part of **Shikshak Parv 2020**.
 - The conclave was addressed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under the National Education Policy- 2020 (NEP-2020).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation **three key projects** related to the **Petroleum sector** in **Bihar** through video conferencing.
 - The projects include the Durgapur-Banka section of the Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline Augmentation Project and two LPG Bottling Plants in East Champaran and Banka.
- **India** has been elected as the member of the **Commission on Status of Women (CSW)**, a body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
 - India will be a member of the prestigious body for four years from 2021 to 2025.
- **India** joined **Djibouti Code of Conduct** on September, 16 2020 as an **Observer State**.
 - The observers include- Norway, Japan, UK, US.

- **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**).
 - During the event, he also presented awards to the winners of the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY Start-up Grand Challenge to support the implementation of PM-JAY.

General - International

- **China** has reportedly built a **missile launch site** in **Kailash-Mansarovar**.
- 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.
- **Liberian** President George Weah has declared rape a national **emergency** and ordered new measures to tackle the problem after a recent spike of cases in the West African state.
- First-ever **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** was laid to foundation stone by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb at **Sabroom** which is the southernmost town of the state bordering **Bangladesh**.
- **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.

Books and Authors

- 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.
- 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.
- Arundhati Roy's new book titled "**Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction**" is published by Penguin Books Limited.
- Former US President, **Barack Obama** has announced his first presidential memoir titled "**A Promised Land**."
- A new book titled "**Voices of Dissent**" authored by Historian Romila Thapar will be jointly published by Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books.
- Star chef **Vikas Khanna** has authored a book titled "**Kitchens of Gratitude**" in which he has written about his Feed India initiative.
 - He will also be honoured with the 2020 Asia Game Changer Award in October.

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TO THE POINTS: SEPTEMBER-2020

- National Nutrition Week was observed since 1982, to educate the importance and role of nutrition in the human body from **September 1 to 7**.
- **Karan Johar** has written his first children's book titled 'The Big Thoughts of Little Luv'.
- CSIR-CMERI has developed the World's Largest Solar Tree which has been installed in **West Bengal**.
- World Coconut Day was celebrated on **September 2** every year to create awareness about the benefits of coconut.
- **Odisha** has launched the 'AMA SAHAR' app to provide citizen centric service.
- Adani Group has bought **74** per cent stake in the Mumbai international airport making the group the second largest private operator in India after GMR group.
- The Chairman of Central Board Of Direct Taxes, Shri Pramod Chandra Mody has received **6** months extension.
- **Aveek Sarkar** has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Press Trust of India.
- **Tamil Nadu** has appointed India's First-ever Woman Ambulance Driver under the New Initiative of '108' ambulances.
- **Rajiv Kumar** has taken over as the new Election Commissioner.
- National Nutrition Month was observed in **September** to promote the PM's overreaching scheme for holistic nourishment.
- China is set to unveil the statue of **Dwarkanath Kotnis** (doctor), who was among one of five Indian physicians dispatched to China for medical assistance during the second Sino-Japanese war in 1938.
- RBI has announced special open market operations for **20,000** crores involving the simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities.
- As per the data released by the NSO, India's GDP has slipped a sharp **23.9** per cent, which is the worst contraction in the history of the Indian economy since Independence.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched a special cleanliness campaign titled 'Gandagi Bharat Chhodo'.
- **European Investment Bank** will invest 650 million euros into the construction of Kanpur's first city metro line.
- **BEML** has bagged an order worth Rs.842 crore from Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the supply of 330 high mobility vehicles for Pinaka Project.
- **RK Singh** has launched the pan-India Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) in electricity.
- Researchers from **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune** have discovered one of the farthest Star galaxies in the universe located 9.3 billion light years away from Earth.
- **Department of Fertilizers** was observing the Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st to 15th September.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has decided to set up exclusive anti-electricity theft police stations in every district.
- **Sumit Nagal** has become the first Indian to win the grand slam single main draw match in 7 years.
- **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the Technology Centre at Bhiwadi in Rajasthan through video conferencing.

- **Air Force Sports Control Board** has been conferred with the 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2020'.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government has received a nod from IRDA to set up a crop insurance firm.
- A tech startup incubated at **IIT Madras** is all set to launch a nano textile coating to inactivate the novel Coronavirus within five minutes of contact.
- Coal India will invest over Rs 1.22 lakh crore on 500 projects by **2023-24**.
- **SR Sarma** has assumed charge as the Chief of Materiel of the Indian Navy.
- US President Donald Trump has announced **Wilmington** as the first World War II Heritage City to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government has signed an MoU with CSIR for a bulk drug pharma park in the state.
- David Capel who passed away at the age of 57 was a former cricketer of **England**.
- Pang Lhabsol is a unique festival of **Sikkim** and is commemorated for the consecration of Mount Khangchendzonga as the Guardian Deity of the State.
- In a first-ever digital initiative, **Bihar** police has set up a voice recording system to transcribe case diaries.
- **IISc Bengaluru** has retained its lead as the country's top institution in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2021.
- Supreme Court judge **Arun Kumar Mishra** retired recently and delivered key judgments including granting 10-year time to telecom firms like Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel and Tata Teleservices for paying the adjusted gross revenue (AGR).
- **IIT Delhi** has incubated the startup "Chakr DeCoV" to decontaminate N95 masks.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Murali Ramakrishnan** as the MD & CEO of South Indian Bank.
- The Central government has approved the restructuring of the Railway board and has appointed **Vinod Kumar Yadav** as the Chairman and the CEO of the Railway board.
- **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology** has developed an Herbal Based Immunity Boosting Room Freshener named 'Healthy Air'.
- **Akash and Isha Ambani** has been entered in Fortune's '40 Under 40' Global List.
- **P Iniyen** has won the World Open Online Chess Tournament.
- **RBL** bank has launched a cardless cash withdrawal facility through ATMs, leveraging the Instant Money Transfer (IMT) system.
- **S Krishnan** has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank.
- Researchers from **IISc, Bengaluru** have developed a low cost on demand printing technique which will replace the nozzles of an inkjet printer with a mesh covered chemically treated nano wires that repel water.
- The factory of **ABB** awarded the Green Factory Building Certification By IGBC.
- **Saudi Arabia** convened the G20 Foreign Ministers' Extraordinary Meeting (Virtual) on strengthening the International Cooperation Across Borders.
- **Kshatrapati Shivaji** has been appointed as a secretary in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) from September 1.
- **Tripura** has received its first ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh.

- **L&T** has bagged its first significant contract from the Defence Ministry for supplying four regiments of Pinaka Weapon Systems.
- As per the RBI's revised PSL guidelines, banks are required to finance startups up to **50 crore**.
- ShriVallabh Pittie (SVP) International Group has inked an MoU with **Rajasthan** to invest Rs 4,000 cr in aviation and textile sectors.
- **Dr Neena Malhotra** has been named as India's next envoy to Italy.
- **Let Us Dream** book will be launched by Pope Francis and is a product of numerous exchanges between Pope Francis and his biographer Austen Ivereigh.
- **Arjun Munda** has inaugurated the '2 Days' National Tribal Research Conclave' being held virtually.
- **NTPC** has won the National Management Games 2020 organized by the All India Management Association.
- The Data security council of India along with **PayPal** has released a study report on Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the college, administration buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University in Jhansi.
- **Hyderabad International Airport** has won the CII-Godrej Green Business Centre (GBC) 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' award.
- Sivaramakrishna Iyer Padmavati who passed away due to Covid-19 at 103 was an eminent **Cardiologist**.
- The chartered Airliner of **Israel** has completed its symbolic First Direct Flight to the United Arab Emirates.
- Vedanta has tied up with **SBI** for a long-term syndicated loan of Rs 10,000 crores.
- Insurance provider **ICICI Prudential** has introduced a customer service chatbot 'LiGo' on Google Assistant.
- Reliance Industries has acquired **Future's** retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing business for Rs 24,713 crore.
- **Kiara Advani** has been signed as the next brand ambassador for Flipkart-owned fashion ecommerce brand Myntra.
- **Mustapha Adib** has been named as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon.
- K Shankar Bajpai who passed away recently was a former **Diplomat**.
- **Roohi Sultana** has been selected for the National teachers Award 2020 for her play way method to teach the students.
- **MEDBOT** developed by Indian Railways to remotely control medical trolley to deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients.
- Researchers from **IIT Bombay** have launched an AI-based alternative to CamScanner, named AIR Scanner.
- **Amul** has become the first Indian dairy company to be ranked in the Rabobank's Global Top 20 list.
- **India and Russia** have been jointly declared winners at the 2020 Chess Olympiad after internet disconnection and server malfunction.
- **Arsenal** team defeated Liverpool on penalties in a thrilling final to win the FA Community Shield at Wembley, England.

- Bharat Ratna Pranab Mukherjee who passed away recently, was sworn in as the President in **2012**.
- **UAE** launched a new e-market platform to bridge the gap between Indian farmers and the country's food industry.
- India will receive a development assistance loan worth Rs 3,500 crores from **Japan** to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government is all set to launch two schemes for pregnant women on September 1.
- The National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) organized the "World Urdu Conference" in **New Delhi**.
- As per SBI's Economic Research Department, the decline in GDP in FY21 is touted to be **10.9** per cent.
- An amount of Rs 601.12 crore annual action plan has been approved for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the year 2020-21 in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **Utpal Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the Secretary in Lok Sabha with effect from September 1.
- First newspaper specially designed for kids, **The Young Minds**, has been launched in Assam.
- The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, Government of India in collaboration with the **UNDP** launched the Sustainable Finance Collaborative.
- **Piyush Goyal** co-chaired the 17TH ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' Consultations held virtually.
- The Chief Minister of Karnataka has flagged off the Roll-On/Roll-Off (RO-RO) train between Nelamangala, Bengaluru to **Solapur, Maharashtra**.
- 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in **Goa**.
- **Togo** has become the first country to eliminate human African Trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness.
- **ICICI** Bank has launched a virtual property exhibition that digitally showcases real estate projects from key cities across the country.
- **Hemant Khatri** has taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Shipyard.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has invited stakeholders in the country and the public at large to participate in formulating an evidence-driven, inclusive Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP 2020).
- **Csaba Laszlo** has been appointed as the Head Coach for Chennaiyin FC for the 2020-21 Season.
- The Ministry of Defence has set up a **3-member** committee to enhance the military's combat potential and rebalance the defence expenditure.
- **SpiceJet** has launched a portable ventilator SpiceOxy for patients with breathing issues.
- Viktoria Rebensburg who retired at the age of 30 was a former **Ski** Champion.
- Recently, the Qutub Minar was illuminated in red and white to mark the Solidarity movement in **Poland**.
- India has signed a pact with **Australia** alongside Japan to launch resilient supply chains for Indo-Pacific.
- **Dinesh Pant** will head the panel set up by IRDAI to study index-linked products for life insurance companies.
- **K Padmakar** will hold an additional charge as CMD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation.

- **Ramachandra Guha** will soon release *The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind*.
- A **1-year** extension has been given to L C Goyal as the Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).
- Actor **Channing Tatum** releases his First Children's Book 'The One And Only Sparkella'.
- In a recent movement, India has banned **118** apps for 'stealing, transmitting users' data' to servers outside India'.
- **Mission Karmayogi** approved by the Union Cabinet which is aimed at bringing post recruitment reforms in the Civil Services.
- **Ladakh** has joined the Central government's ration card portability scheme.
- India gets **48th** rank in the recently released Global Innovation Index compiled by WIPO.
- The union Cabinet has approved signing of MoU between India and **Japan** for improving quality of Indian textiles.
- **Google** has partnered with Bangladesh to bring flood forecasting services to the county.
- **Charu Sinha** has become the first woman IPS officer to lead CRPF in Kashmir.
- **MV Raja Shekhar** has taken charge as the Director (R&D) of BEL.
- Under the PM Kisan Sampada yojana, the Government has given nod to **27** integrated cold chain development projects.
- As per the recently released NCRB data, deaths due to forces of nature were **2** percent of all accidental deaths.
- **Uttar Pradesh** creates the Udyog Bandhu-like body for farmers to assist Farmer Producer organizations.
- **IndiGrid** has completed the Rs 1,080 crore acquisition of GPTL Transmission project.
- **Elon Musk** has now become the third richest person in the world.
- As per the IMD, India received the highest rainfall in **August** 2020.
- SIDBI has inked a pact with the government of **Maharashtra** to develop the MSME ecosystem.
- The CFI is all set to host the first-ever Cycling Summit in **2021** to promote cycling in the country.
- **IIT Guwahati** has collaborated with a university in Czech Republic for the data protection project.
- International Day of Charity was observed on **September 5** to commemorate Mother Teresa's death.
- Insurance provider **Bajaj Allianz Life** has roped in Ayushmann Khurrana as its brand ambassador.
- Tom Seaver who passed away recently at the age of 75, was a famous **Baseball player**.
- **UNEP** has launched a new publication, "The Little Book of Green Nudges", which aims to inspire up to 200 million students around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.
- **iRakhwali** app launched by the Punjab government to further strengthen its drive to preserve the environment in the state.
- **English and Foreign Languages University** has developed the 'English Pro' mobile application which aims to help learners develop Indian English pronunciation in the unique 'Bharatiya' way.
- **Raj Kumar Srivastava** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Croatia.

- Cricketer **Dwayne Bravo** has been appointed by Sbotop as its brand ambassador.
- LazyPay has launched the buy-now-pay-later concept called LazyUPI. It will offer a credit limit of 1 lakh to users for UPI transactions at stores (online and offline).
- **Radha Nair** has written the book 'Breaking The Cocoon @ 40'.
- Two books on Sheela Birnstiel also known as Ma Anand Sheela will be published by **Harper Collins** this year.
- **Ja Morant** has won the 2019-20 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Award.
- National Teacher's day was celebrated every year on 5 September to mark the birth anniversary of **Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched the Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system aimed to provide transparency and timely completion of performance appraisals.
- **Rajnath Singh** will represent India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting to be held in Moscow.
- Tata Power has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Tata Motors to Commission India's Largest Carport in **Pune**.
- **Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi** have been approved by the Cabinet to be included in as the Official Languages in Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Kenichi Ayukawa** has been elected as the President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).
- **Centre for cellular and molecular platform** has inked a pact with India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre to nurture frugal innovations.
- Agnikul Cosmos incubated at **IIT Madras** has bagged the TiE50 Award to provide a launch vehicle for smaller satellites.
- **Manoj Kumar** has joined the International Finance Services Centres Authority as an Executive Director.
- **Infosys** has acquired the US-based Kaleidoscope Innovation for \$42 million.
- Payment bank **Aditya Birla Idea** has now ceased to become a banking company.
- **Matthew Hayden** has recently been appointed as Australia's trade envoy to India.
- **India** will host the summit of the SCO council of heads of government on November 30.
- The 11th edition of exercise INDRA NAVY, Bilateral maritime exercise has been held between India and **Russia**.
- **Assam** government has launched the SVAYEM scheme to provide self-employment to around 2 lakh youths.
- The 12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting recently reviewed the progress in all areas of cooperation. It is an initiative involving 6 countries.
- International Literacy Day was observed on **September 8** to celebrate the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.
- **Novak Djokovic** was kicked out of the US Open 2020 after accidentally hitting a line judge with a ball.
- Oscar-Winning Film Director Jiří Menzel who passed away recently belonged to **Czech Republic**.

- **Mahindra Finance** enters the business of online insurance broking with a soon to be launched portal called PayBima.
- **R. Masakui** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Jamaica.
- **David Attenborough** has recently conferred with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize.
- **GJEPC** has held the first ever Virtual Buyer Seller Meet for loose diamonds.
- Researchers from **IIT Kharagpur** have developed a Painless Drug Delivery and Vaccination Device to enable transdermal application of COVID-19 vaccine.
- **DRDO** recently test fired a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle which will lead to the development of hypersonic cruise missiles and vehicles in future.
- Reliance-backed e-commerce platform **Fynd** has launched a new hyper-casual game titled 'Social Door' to encourage social distancing amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Atal Innovation Mission has partnered with **Freshworks** to empower AIM Startup Innovators and foster innovation and entrepreneurship.
- **Dell** in association with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission has launched the SheCodes Innovation Challenge, Aimed at Championing Girl-Led Innovation.
- **Kerala** has been ranked as the most Literate State in the Country With 96.2% Literacy.
- **Raphael Domjan** has completed the world's first jump from a solar powered aircraft.
- Kesavananda Bharati, on whose petition the Supreme Court delivered the judgement of the basic structure of the constitution, challenged the land reforms of **Kerala**.
- **Germany** has launched its new Indo-Pacific strategy with India that is expected to play a key role in Berlin's outreach in the region.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has released a new policy for electronics & hardware manufacturing to increase the State's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025.
- **Assam** has decided to promote nutritious food through Kitchen Garden as part of the Poshan Maah initiative.
- The Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission has signed an MoU with **North East Small Finance Bank** in order to support the linkage of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Producer Groups.
- **NABARD** has organized awareness cum sensitization programme for newly proposed Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) in Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Manisha Kapoor** has been appointed as the new secretary general of The Advertising Standards Council of India.
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** has recently announced its first fintech conclave to provide fintech firms a platform to showcase their digital banking solutions.
- As per the Minister of State for the Department of Space Jitendra Singh, the launch of Chandrayaan-3 will take place in early **2021**.
- Rating agency Ind-Ra has further slashed India's GDP to **-11.8** percent from the earlier -5.3 per cent.
- Fruits & vegetables in **Jammu & Kashmir** has been covered under 'Operation Green's TOP to TOTAL' scheme for a period of six months on pilot basis.
- **Bank of India** has launched the 'Signature Visa Debit Card' for the affluent/high net worth individuals maintaining an average quarterly balance of Rs.10 lakhs and above.
- **Gujarat** has formed a task force to study & implement NEP2020 for school education.

- Govind Swarup who passed away recently was popularly known as **Father of India's Radio Astronomy**.
- International Day to Protect Education from Attack was celebrated for the first time on **September 9** in 2020.
- **Noor Mohammad** has been banned by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) for five years owing to corruption charges.
- R J Shahaney who passed away after a brief illness was the Chairman Emeritus of **Ashok Leyland**.
- The Chief Minister of **Karnataka** has launched the country's first integrated air ambulance service.
- **Razorpay** has introduced cash Advance to provide Instant SMB Loans, helping them to instantly access capital.
- **Silver Lake** is going to invest Rs. 7,500 crores in Reliance Retail Ventures, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries.
- **Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana** have been roped in as the brand ambassadors of Playerzpot.
- **Anil Jain** has been elected as the new president of The All India Tennis Association (AITA).
- The 1st World Solar Technology Summit has been organized by ISA along with **FICCI** to bring together key stakeholders to present and discuss the recent highlights of solar technologies.
- **Israel and US** have begun collaborating with India in areas related to the next generation of emerging technologies including reliable and secure 5G communication network.
- NISE, Gurugram has signed an MOU with **CSIR-CMERI Durgapur** as a Strategic Association to bolster the Solar Energy Sector across the nation.
- **Bank of Baroda** has topped in the 'Top Performing Banks' category according to the EASE 2.0 Index Results recently released by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- World Suicide Prevention Day was observed on **September 10** to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides.
- The Chief Minister of **Delhi** has launched an e-filing consumer complaint system to help people during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has digitally launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana & e-Gopala App. The Yojana aims to enhance the fish production by additional **70 lakh tonne** by 2024-25.
- India has signed a pact with **Japan** for reciprocal supplies and services between the armed forces.
- **Microsoft** in collaboration with Nasscom's FutureSkills is all set to launch the AI-skilling initiative in India.
- **8.50 per cent** interest rate recommended by the EPFO to the Central government in the view of exceptional circumstances arising out of Covid-19.
- Scientists from **Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology** have developed a machine learning based practical approach for automatic interpretation of 3D seismic data.
- **Mahindra Insurance Brokers** has launched the digital insurance portal called PayBima.
- As per a recent EY report, the Indian agri-tech sector has the potential to grow to **24.1 billion** dollars in the next five years.
- TPT South Africa has partnered with **TCS** for pioneering Logistics Supply Chain Transformation in the country.

- The International Solar Alliance has signed MoUs with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and **World Bank** to design a plan for the implementation of 'One Solar One World and One Grid' (OSOWOG)'.
- **DRDO** has developed the P-7 Heavy Drop System capable of para dropping military stores up to seven-tonne weight class from IL- 76 aircraft.
- **V. Muraleedharan** has virtually attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting.
- The Union Minister Jitendra Singh has announced the launch of first-ever cannabis medicine project. It will be set up in **Jammu**.
- **Prahlad Singh Patel** has virtually attended the 5th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting.
- Dr Mahesh Kumar Dwivedy who passed away recently was the former DIG of **BSF**.
- **Virudhunagar** district of Tamil Nadu has been selected by the Central Government as the state's first Fully Digital Economy district.
- **Pierre Gasly** has won the Italian Grand Prix taking over Lewis Hamilton.
- **Bengaluru** has topped in the list of destinations for a career in artificial intelligence (AI).
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has conferred awards to 47 teachers across India on the occasion of the Teacher's Day to honour the teachers who through their commitment have improved the lives of students.
- **Rajiv B Lall** has resigned as the Non-executive chairman of IDFC First Bank.
- The 35th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) is being held virtually in the light of the global covid-19 pandemic. The 36th conference will be held in **Bangladesh**.
- Researchers from **CMERI Durgapur** have developed solar-powered sprayers for small and marginal farmers to engage in site-specific irrigation to reduce water wastage.
- Robotic submarine **Matsya 6** developed by researchers at IIT Bombay which won the third position in presentation at the global RoboSub competition held in California.
- WhatsApp has partnered with **Cyber Peace Foundation** to create cyber safety awareness among students.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has topped the ease of doing business rankings as per the Business reforms action plan-2019 (BRAP-2019).
- Ian Bell who announced his retirement recently played cricket for **England**.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has constituted a 7-member panel to look into the National Education Policy-2020.
- **Vinkesh Gulati** has been appointed as the new President of The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) for 2020-22.
- **Kiran** helpline launched by Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot to provide relief and support to persons with Mental Illness.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with **Netherlands** to help benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State.
- **Prakash Javadekar** will chair the webinar on the first ever International Day of Clean Air For Blue Skies.
- Theme of the 3rd Annual Leadership Summit of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum - **US-India Navigating New Challenges**.
- **Srei Equipment Finance** has bagged a €10-m loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India.

- WE HUB has announced its partnership with **NutriHub** to aid women entrepreneurs in agribusiness.
- Lawrence Dale Agro Processing India (LEAF) has entered into an agreement with the Government of **Andhra Pradesh** to expand the scope of food processing in the State.
- SpaceX has launched 60 Starlink satellites aboard **Falcon 9** rocket to provide 'cheaper and faster' internet to inaccessible areas.
- **China** has launched a 'reusable experimental spacecraft' into orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi Desert.
- **IIT Roorkee** has signed an MoU with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for building accessible safe Indian cities.
- Karnataka has cleared a **600-crore** watershed project for the benefit of 20 taluks with low groundwater levels in the state.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has decided to allocate outlets under the Public Distribution System to women Self Help Groups in a major step towards self-reliance of the women in the state.
- The 3rd Rashtriya Poshan Maah was celebrated this month to address malnutrition among young children and women. The Poshan Abhiyaan was launched in **2018**.
- **Sanyukta Samaddar** will head the NITI Aayog constituted Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC).
- NSDC has partnered with **LinkedIN** to impart free digital skills training to youth in a bid to improve employability.
- Jaya Prakash Reddy who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan recently inaugurated the First World Solar Technology Summit organized by ISA. **5** PSUs Petroleum & Natural Gas Ministry will be joining International Solar Alliance (ISA)'s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as Corporate Partners.
- The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has launched **22** new bamboo clusters in 9 states along with the release of the logo for National Bamboo Mission.
- The Chief Minister of **Haryana** has launched an online admission platform for UG courses.
- The **Thykooram-Petta** stretch of Kochi metro has recently been inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- The Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu** has launched the website www.hmis.tn.gov.in/eyedonor designed by the National Health Mission.
- Vodafone Idea announced its recent unified brand identity 'Vi'. **Ravinder Takkar** is the current MD & CEO of the company.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the Patrika Gate in Jaipur through video conference.
- India has signed a 500 million US dollar loan with **ADB** for the development of Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System corridor.
- **SBI** is planning to launch loan product 'SAFAL' for organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history.
- **Mumbai International airport** has put in place a QR code-enabled check-in mechanism for passengers.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic affairs has approved the asset monetization of subsidiaries of **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited** through an Infrastructure Investment Trust.

- **Preeti Sudan** has recently been appointed as the one of the 11 panelists on the WHO's panel for pandemic preparedness.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold the Swanidhi Samvaad with street vendors from **Madhya Pradesh** and the program will be telecasted through webcast.
- **Rohinton Fali Nariman** has been appointed as chairperson of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC).
- India and Bangladesh have agreed to hold their **6th** meeting of the Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) later this September and will be attended by the External affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar.
- **Poonam Khatri** has recently claimed the World Championship status at the Wushu World Championship.
- India along with **Nigeria** accounts for a third of all under-five deaths according to a new UN report which warns that the covid-19 pandemic threatens to undo decades of progress in eliminating preventable child deaths globally.
- **UiPath** has partnered with the Andhra Pradesh skill development corporation to bridge the growing skill requirements and build Robotic Process Automation (RPA) resiliency in more than 50,000 students in the next one year.
- **26** sectors have been recommended by the KV Kamath committee for loan restructuring under the 'Resolution Framework for Covid19-related Stress'.
- The government of **Telangana** has renewed its MoU with the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) to strengthen industrial development in the state.
- World Rhino Day was observed on **September 22** to raise awareness about supporting and celebrating rhinos.
- Bibhuranjan Choudhury who passed away recently was an eminent musician from **Assam**.
- PM Modi has laid the foundation of **Ghar Tak Fibre** project in poll-bound Bihar via video conference.
- Nepal's Ang Rita Sherpa who passed away at the age of 72, climbed Mount Everest **10** times.
- **600 crore** is the outlay approved by the Central government for the PM Svanidhi Scheme.
- **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala** will head the committee constituted by SEBI on social stock exchange.
- **Moussa Mara** has been named as the interim President of Mali.
- The Government has given a one-year extension to the Company Law Committee till September 2021. **Rajesh Verma** is the current chair of the committee.
- **Colonel Girija Shankar Mungali** has been appointed as one of the seven members of the Asian Football Confederation's task force for regulating football clubs in Asia and Australia.
- **Narendra Modi** has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for medical education 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".
- **Romila Thapar** will soon release the book titled "Voices of Dissent", exploring dissent, including its articulation and public response to its particular forms.
- ITBP has joined hands with the Government of **Uttarakhand** to promote Adventure Tourism At Tehri Lake.
- World Car Free Day was celebrated on **September 22** to encourage motorists to give up their cars for a day.
- The Lok Sabha has passed the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020.

- **IIT Madras** has developed artificial intelligence models and datasets to process texts in 11 Indian regional languages.
- Global investment firm KKR will invest an amount of **5,500 crore** in Reliance Retail Ventures for 1.28% equity share.
- DRDO has successfully conducted the flight test of **ABHYAS** weapon systems from the Interim Test Range in Balasore, Odisha.
- SEBI has planned to set up a 'backstop entity' for **Buy illiquid investment grade corporate bonds**.
- **Microsoft** has acquired the private gaming company ZeniMax for \$7.5bn.
- According to the recently released Oxfam report, the carbon dioxide emissions have increased by **60** percent from 1990 to 2015.
- The administration of **Jammu & Kashmir** has signed an MoU with the army for development and operationalization of an airstrip in Kishtwar.
- US space agency Nasa has outlined a plan to send a man and a woman to the lunar surface by 2024 as a part of **Artemis** programme.
- **Bajaj Finserv** has entered the healthcare sector with the launch of its health tech solutions business.
- **Schitt's creek** won most of the trophies at the Emmy Awards 2020.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana' to provide additional financial assistance of Rs. 4,000 to the eligible beneficiaries of Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- World Maritime Day was observed on **September 24** to understand the importance of the marine environment.
- Dean Jones who passed recently in Mumbai played cricket for **Australia**.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the 'Fit India Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols' during the online Fit India Dialogue 2020.
- **Assam** has launched the Mukhyamantri Grammys Paribahan Achoni to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages.
- **IDFC First Bank** is the first to launch a contactless debit card transaction facility named 'SafePay' by simply waving one's smartphone against a Near Field Communication (NFC)-enabled POS terminal.
- Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus has recently been sworn in as the President of Belarus again. This will be his **6th** term at the office.
- **Shivangi Singh** has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly a Rafale.
- **Sonu Sood** has recently been signed as its brand ambassador by Acer.
- **Uday Kotak** has received a one-year extension on the IL&FS board.
- EESL has appointed **Rajat Sud** as its new Managing Director from immediate effect.
- **S Jaishankar** recently participated in the Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of CICA.
- Neena Gupta has recently announced her memoir 'Sach Kahun Toh'. The book will be published by **Penguin** publishing house.
- The Central Government has raised the limit for use of SDRF funds by states from 35 per cent to **50**per cent to tackle the COVID-19 situation.
- Theme of the World Pharmacist Day 2020 celebrated on September 25 - **Transforming global health**.
- SP Balasubrahmanyam who passed away recently was an eminent **Singer**.

- The Government has constituted **5** task forces to make India's micro, small and medium enterprises future-ready and take a step to make the country a leading exporter.
- The 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India, IFFI will be held from 16th to 24th January next year in **Goa**.
- RBI has suggested a five-pillar strategic approach 'Guard' to deal with cyber security threats related to **Urban Cooperative Banks**.
- **GAIL** has won the Leaders Award at the Frost & Sullivan and TERI's Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2020.
- **Bharti Airtel** has picked up a strategic stake in the cloud analytics startup Waybeo.
- **Tel Aviv** is working to create the first wireless electric roads to charge and power public transportation.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved PharmEasy's merger with **Medlife**.
- CRIF India credit bureau has joined hands with **SIDBI** to launch sector-based insight reports titled 'Industry Spotlight'.
- **Signzy** has been selected by BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda to digitize its customer verification through 'Video KYC'.
- The International Energy Agency has collaborated with **Niti Aayog** to launch the IEA Special Report on Sustainable Recovery.
- **G4** group of countries have highlighted the urgency of reforming the United Nations and updating its main decision-making bodies.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched a unified portal 'U-Rise' to guide students in learning, career counselling and employment.
- **Suresh Chandra Sharma** has been appointed as the chairman of the country's apex regulator of medical education 'National Medical Commission' which has come into existence from September 25th, 2020.
- **Tech Mahindra** has sold its stake in Altiostar to Rakuten for \$45 million.
- World Alzheimer's Day was observed on **September 21** to raise awareness about the disease.
- **HDFC Bank** has retained its position as the most valuable brand in India in 2020.
- Purba Dam who passed away at 85 was an eminent **Singer**.
- **Tamil Nadu** has become the first one to unveil ethical AI, blockchain, cybersecurity policies in the country.
- **Hyderabad International Airport** has received Airport Council International's (ACI) Airport Health Accreditation (AHA) for safe travel of passengers.
- Insurance provider **Bharti AXA** has announced the launch of a new unit linked individual insurance plan.
- State Bank of India (SBI) started a programme by the name "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in **Assam**.
- **Google Pay** has partnered with Visa to bring in the tap-to-pay functionality for Indian users.
- **HD Deve Gowda** has recently taken oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka.
- **Dasa Sutras** project has been nominated for the prestigious "SKOCH Award 2020".
- India's first Coast Guard academy is all set to come up at **Mangaluru**.
- John Turner who passed away at the age of 91 was the former prime minister **Canada**.

- **Madhya Pradesh** is celebrating the 4th day of 'Gharib Kalyan Week' as 'Vanadhikar Diwas'.
- The Chief minister of Kerala has launched a model project for SC, ST students that aims to improve and facilitate the education of students. **2 lac** financial assistance will be provided to the members of SC community to set up a study room adjacent to their house.
- Ashalata Wabgaonkar who passed away due to covid-19 was an eminent **Actress**.
- SBI Cards has collaborated with **Google Pay** to roll out Tap & Pay, Bharat QR, & Online payments.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has targeted the household tap connections in all rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission by 2023.
- **e-Peek Pahani** app introduced by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for helping to reduce the hardships of farmers and help them get the right price for produce.
- **108 crore** sanctioned by the Central government under the UDAN scheme for upgradation of three Airports in Chhattisgarh.
- Shipping Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced the launch of a direct cargo ferry service between Indian and **Maldives**.
- **NITI Aayog** has joined hands with ISPP to build a collaboration for faster intermediation of knowledge and use within the public system.
- **Simanchala Dash** has been appointed As Advisor to the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), in Washington.
- **Raghvendra Singh** has recently been appointed as the Cultural secretary.
- Finance ministry has estimated that India's nominal GDP will grow by **19** per cent in nominal terms in the Financial year 2021-22.
- **Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020** was passed by the Parliament to regulate the supply of certain food items only under extraordinary circumstances such as war and famine.
- **Novak Djokovic** has won the Men's Singles event in Italian Open.
- International Day of Sign Languages was observed on **September 23** to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity.
- Professional tennis player and former cricketer **Ashleigh Barty** has added another string in a sporting event by winning a golf tournament during the COVID-19 break.
- **Rajasthan** has approved the "Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020" to allow free bus travel to two members of a family to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the Ganga in Haridwar.
- Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy has recently launched the AP Police Seva app. The app will help enhance the **87** number of services provided by the AP Police department to the doorstep of the people by incorporating state of the art technology.
- **Ishmael Toroama** has been elected as the new President of Bougainville.
- A 17-Year-Old girl named Khushi Chindaliya has been appointed as Indian Green Ambassador to UNEP.
- **Jineth Bedoya Lima** has won the Golden Pen of Freedom, the annual press freedom award of the World Association of News Publishers.
- **Bharat Forge** has manufactured and flagged off India's first commercial Sonar Dome for Indian Navy.
- Student from NID **Ahmedabad** has won James Dyson India Award 2020 for his invention- 'Earth Tatva'.
- **Vikas Khanna** has announced the launch of his new book, Kitchens of Gratitude.

- DRDO has successfully test-fired the Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Missile from the Main Battle tank Arjun at KK Ranges present in **Maharashtra**.
- **Ayushmann Khurrana** is the only Indian actor to feature on Time's 100 most influential list.
- **Simran Jeet Singh** has been down the book 'Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon'.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has signed an MoU with **UNICEF** to establish YuWaah – a multi-stakeholder platform to make young people career ready.
- **AK Dicit** has been appointed as the new administrator of PMC Bank by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **Passex** exercise conducted by the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy in the Eastern Indian Ocean.
- The CII-IGBC has launched the IGBC Green Logistics Parks & Warehouses Rating System. The rating system is the **27** rating of the Indian Green Building council.
- The National Stock Exchange has inked a pact with **Singapore Exchange** to create a bigger liquidity pool for Nifty products.
- Suresh Angadi who passed away due to Covid-19 was the former Minister of State for **Railways**.
- As per a recent statement by the Railway Minister, the Railways have a target to complete 100% electrification of broad-gauge routes by **2023**.
- United Nations along with **UK** will co-host a global climate summit on December 12 to focus on greater climate action.
- **Piyush Goyal** participated in the virtual meeting of the G-20 Trade and Investment Ministers.
- The appointment of **Mohamed Hussein Roble** has been approved by the Somali parliament.
- **9** highway projects have been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bihar after launching the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- **Arctic sea** has recorded a drop-in sea ice for the second time since 2012.
- HDFC Life has joined hands with **Yes Bank** to sell life insurance solutions to the bank's customers across the country.
- President Ram Nath Kovind recently conferred the NSS Awards for 2018-19. This year **42** awardees have been presented the award in three different categories.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will hold a Virtual Bilateral Summit on **September 26** to review the broad framework of the bilateral relationship.
- India and Nepal have launched a dedicated website on post-earthquake reconstruction of education sector projects in Nepal. **1 billion** was committed by India for the reconstruction of Nepal in the form of grants and Line of Credit.
- According to a recent statement made by the Health Minister at the UN, India aims to end tuberculosis by **2025**.
- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was observed on **September 26** to provide an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament.
- India got **89th** rank in World Risk Report 2020 developed in cooperation with the United Nations University's Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and calculated by the International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV).
- Isher Judge Ahluwalia who passed away recently was the chairman of **ICRIER**.

- India's first Regional Rapid Transit System train with a design speed of 180 kmph has been unveiled on **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut** corridors.
- The Asian Development Bank has approved **2200 crore** loan in order to develop Rajasthan's secondary towns.
- **Neetu David** has been appointed as the head of India women's cricketer's selection committee.
- **Sunil Sethi** has been appointed as its advisor by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.
- The Merchant Navy union has collaborated with **UN** to assist the stranded Indian seafarers.
- **Nepal** chaired the Informal Meeting of SAARC Council of Ministers.
- The Navy of **Israel** recently tested a sea to sea missile for use in protecting Mediterranean Sea natural gas platforms.
- **Anand Neelakantan** has authored the book "The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids".
- **Amazon** will host the 'Handicrafts Mela' from 26 September to 10 October in a bid to support artisans from various parts of the country.
- **Amitabh Bachan** has been appointed by the RBI to promote customer awareness campaigns and prevent gullible account holders from being duped by fraudsters.
- **Alyssa Healy** has surpassed MS Dhoni's record to take top position in the list of wicket keepers with most dismissals in T20I.
- Jaswant Singh who passed away recently was the founding member of **BJP**.
- World Tourism Day was observed on **September 27** to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community.
- The government of **Assam** will provide loans to entrepreneurs between Rs.1 lakh and Rs.20 lakh to revive the tourism sector.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified amendments in the Central Motor Vehicle Rules. The rules will take effect from **October 1, 2020**.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has inaugurated the vaccine portal for covid-19 in a bid to create awareness among the masses.
- Theme of the G20 Leaders' Summit - **Realizing opportunities of the 21st century for all**.
- **Amit Shah** recently inaugurated the 'Destination North East-2020', a four-day event to highlight the Northeast region's various potentials.
- **KVIC** has roped in the Special Protection Group in order to promote 'Swadeshi' goods.
- India has extended a USD 15 Million Grant Assistance to **Sri Lanka** for Promoting Buddhist Ties.
- Defence PSU **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders** has recently unveiled its IPO for subscription to the public.
- India, US, Japan and Australia recently held a virtual meeting on Indo-Pacific under Quad framework. The grouping was formed in **2017**.
- India has inked a MoU with **Denmark** to increase cooperation in the area of intellectual property rights (IPRs).
- **12** scientists have been decided for awarding the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2020.
- **Odisha** launched a Radio Pathshala program for students upto class 8.
- **World Bank** has approved a 200-million-dollar loan for safe water & sanitation in Bangladesh.

- International Translation Day was observed on **September 30** every year to raise awareness about the translation profession.
- **UNDP** has honored actor Sonu Sood with a Special Humanitarian Action Award.
- Abhilash who passed away recently was an eminent **Songwriter**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated **6** new mega projects in Uttarakhand under the Namami Gange mission.
- **Rajnath Singh** recently unveiled the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020 in the national capital.
- **Andhra Pradesh** will launch the YSR Jala Kala scheme under which borewells will be dug free of cost to the needy farmers.
- **Dharani** portal launched by the Chief Minister of Telangana for integrated land record management.
- **Amir Khan** has become the new brand ambassador of Vedantu.
- Syeda Anwara Taimur who passed away recently was the only woman to have become the chief minister of **Assam**.
- Rajnath Singh recently launched a book titled 'A Bouquet of Flowers'. It has been written by **Dr Krishna Saksena**.
- Mukesh Ambani has topped Hurun India Rich List for the **9-consecutive** year with a total wealth of around Rs.6.5 lakh crore.
- Dr GS who Amur passed away aged 95 was a noted **Writer**.
- **Amnesty International** has suspended its operations in India after the "complete freezing" of its bank accounts by the Indian government.
- **iDEX4Fauji** initiative launched by Rajnath Singh to support innovations identified by members of the Indian Armed Forces and will bolster frugal innovation ideas from soldiers.
- **Yes Bank** has joined hands with the Bombay Stock Exchange to empower small business companies with awareness and knowledge-sharing programmes.
- **Odisha** has launched an initiative to become slum free in the next three years.
- **Shekhar Kapur** has been appointed as the president of FTII Society & chairman of FTII Governing Council.
- Scientists from **Agharkar Research Institute** have discovered two new species of wetland plants discovered in the Western Ghats.
- **Rinki Sethi** has been appointed as the new information security head by Twitter.
- The list of **24** key sectors has been shared by DPIIT asking them to work on an action plan with a view to boost domestic manufacturing.
- The Reserve Bank of India has appointed one more official from its Bengaluru Regional Office as Additional Director on the board of **Dhanlaxmi Bank**.
- **P-MIS** portal has been launched by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) to monitor the progress of projects and administering loans.
- **IDBI** has become the first bank to enable document embedding feature on the SFMS platform.
- **Anil Kumar Chaudhary** has been nominated to head the CII's public sector enterprises council.
- The Gujarat government has signed an MoU with **Denmark** in the water sector.

- RBI has extended the interim relaxation in Ways and Means advances limits and overdraft regulations for States/ Union Territories (UTs) for another **6 months**.
- **Power Finance Corporation** has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Power detailing targets to be achieved by the company for FY 2020-21.
- Antyodaya Diwas was observed on **September 25** since 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of erstwhile Bharatiya Jana Sangh and BJP icon Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- **Fino Payments Bank** has launched contactless payments for the mass transport system, especially state bus transport services in India.
- As per the latest QS Global MBA Rankings 2021, **IIM Ahmedabad** was the top ranked Indian B-School.
- **Saubhagya** scheme has recently completed its three years since inception.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched a portal for testing performance of farm machinery.
- **Aamir Khan** has become the new brand ambassador of Ceat Tyres.
- **Aakash Institute** has signed cricketer Yuvraj Singh as its brand ambassador.
- **Kerala** has won the UN award for 'outstanding contribution' towards prevention, control of non-communicable diseases.
- The Minister of Environment recently addressed the Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020 virtually. It was hosted by **China**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate an AI summit 'RAISE 2020' on **October 5**.
- **Prithvi II** missile was successfully test fired by DRDO from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.
- Researchers from **IIT Madras** have developed 'MOUSHIK' chips aimed at serving the IoT devices.
- Sekhar Basu who passed away due to Covid at 68 was a renowned **Nuclear scientist**.
- World Environmental Health Day was observed annually on **September 26**.
- First Medical Device Park, MedSpark will be set up in **Kerala**.
- India is conducting a Maritime bilateral exercise 'JIMEX' with **Japan** in the Arabian Sea.
- **Mizoram** has ranked on top in case of states and union territories on the First-ever annual 'India Happiness Report' released recently.
- **Axis Bank** has joined the Bayer's Better Life Farming initiative to provide affordable loans.
- SBI Cap has acquired 56.17 per cent stake in **Jindal Stainless**, where the company had pledged shares as collateral to secure a term loan.
- As per a recent UN report, India's Economy will contract by **5.9 percent** in 2020 amid covid-19.
- Railways has extended a pact with **IIT Kanpur** for modernization of railway infrastructure and efficient utilization of its scientific assets.
- The RBI stated that the proposed Positive Pay system for high value cheques will be implemented from **January 1, 2021** and will be developed by the NPCI.
- First library on tram unveiled, with free WiFi and book events as add-ons in **Kolkata**.
- **LIC, GIC and New India Assurance** have been identified as domestic systemically important insurers (D-SIIs) by IRDAI.
- **HDFC** bank has launched the warehouse commodity finance app to enable customers in drawing down and managing the loan against pledge of commodities online without physical intervention.

- A remote college from **Manipur** has received two National Service Scheme Awards for 2018-19, conferred by the President of India.
- World Deaf Day was celebrated every year on **Last Sunday** of September with the aim to draw attention towards achievements of the deaf people as well as deaf community.
- **Meeta Makhan** will head the 3-member committee formed by the RBI to run and manage the daily affairs of Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- The Chief minister of **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna' on the lines of Centre's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Scheme.
- **KRITAGYA** scheme announced by ICAR under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women-friendly equipment.
- **Assam** government has developed a mobile app through which air passengers can download forms, fill it up, and show it at airports to avoid delay in completing formalities for COVID-19 test.
- Theme of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste - **Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.**
- **Vakrangee** has received an in-principle approval from the RBI to set up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) to handle payment services related to bills.
- Mustapha Adib who has resigned amid a political impasse over the formation of the next Cabinet was the prime minister of **Lebanon**.
- **Moctar Ouane** has been as the transitional Prime Minister of Mali.
- **Robin Uthappa** has become the new brand ambassador of Kerala startup Entri.
- **Valtteri Bottas** has won his second Formula One race of 2020 with an easy victory at the Russian GP.
- **Sanju** has won the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year Award 2019-20.
- World Rabies Day was observed on **September 28** worldwide with the aim to raise awareness about the viral disease.
- World Rivers Day 2020 was observed on **Fourth Sunday** of September in order to raise public awareness about the rivers.
- Virgin Hyperloop has signed an MoU with **Bangalore International Airport** in order to conduct a feasibility study of high-speed corridor.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has set up the First Conservation Centre For Vulture on the lines of Haryana's Pinjore vulture conservation and breeding centre.
- World Contraception Day was observed on **September 26** to improve awareness of all contraceptive methods available.
- According to a recent statement by health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan Govt, the government is aiming to increase the health care spending from 1.15 to 2.5% of GDP by **2025**.
- **PD Vaghela** has been appointed as the new Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.
- **CRIS** has developed the User depot module of the India Railways.
- World Heart Day was observed on **September 29** to draw people's attention to heart ailments.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has bagged 8 awards for the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan launched by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- **Maharashtra** government has announced the Gan Samragini Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 to veteran female playback singer Usha Mangeshkar.

- **NABARD** has embarked on a Sanitation Literacy Campaign in Karnataka to create awareness on good hygiene and sanitation practices among rural masses.
- **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** has launched the ayurvedic 'chemo recovery kits' developed by a Pune-based cancer research institute in Maharashtra.
- First installment **19,444 crore** released by the Central government for Paddy procurement in three states under MSP Scheme.
- **Maharashtra** has become the first one to place a ban on sale of loose cigarettes and beedis.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology along **NITI Aayog** has decided to organize a mega virtual summit on AI- RAISE 2020.
- **Flipkart** along with Bajaj Allianz have launched a cyber insurance cover for online financial frauds.
- International daughters' day was observed on **Fourth Sunday** of September in order to celebrate the girl child.
- **SBI Card** has launched a brand-new campaign titled 'Contactless Connections' that spreads the message that love and care can be shared even during this difficult period where social distancing is the norm.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

- International Day of Peace is observed annually on which day?
 (1) September 25 (2) September 20 (3) September 19
 (4) September 22 (5) September 21
- What is the theme of the World Rabies Day 2020?
 (1) Share the message. Save a life (2) End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate
 (3) Vaccinate to Eliminate Rabies (4) Rabies: Zero by 30 (5) None of these
- RBI has notified new guidelines for appointment of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). What shall be the maximum age for being eligible for the post?
 (1) 55 (2) 65 (3) 50 (4) 60 (5) None of these
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced Positive Pay System for Cheque Truncation System (CTS) above _____ from January 1, 2021.
 (1) Rs 10,000 (2) Rs 50,000 (3) Rs 75,000 (4) Rs 25,000 (5) None of these
- Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" is a Women Self-Reliance programme launched by which bank for SHGs in Assam?
 (1) Indian Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) Canara Bank (4) State Bank of India (5) None of these
- Which fintech company's subsidiary LazyPay launched a first of its kind digital credit card named 'LazyUPI'?
 (1) Phone Pe (2) Mobikwik (3) Paytm (4) PayU (5) None of these
- Which Private bank has launched the iStartup 2.0, a startup bank account, to cater to the banking needs of startups and entrepreneurs?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) Federal Bank (5) None of these
- Which among the following banks has launched the new vertical 'Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)'?
 (1) Axis Bank (2) Federal Bank (3) IndusInd (4) Bandhan Bank (5) None of these

9. Which of the following bank launched service named i-Lead (Inspiring Leads) 2.0 recently?
(1) Indian Bank (2) Canara Bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) UCO Bank (5) None of these
10. Which of the following NBFC has selected RegTech firm Signzy to digitize its customer verification through 'Video KYC'?
(1) Shriram Transport Finance (2) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services
(3) BOB Financial Solutions Ltd@ (4) Bajaj Finance Company (5) None of these
11. Which of the following bank has launched contactless debit card-based payment facility 'SafePay'?
(1) Indian Bank (2) SBI (3) HDFC Bank (4) IDFC First Bank (5) None of these
12. Which of the following bank has joined Bayer's Better Life Farming initiative to provide holistic financial solutions to smallholder farmers and rural farming communities?
(1) HDFC Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) IDFC Bank (4) UCO Bank (5) Axis Bank
13. Which city of India is set to get the country's first regional voters' awareness centre by the Election Commission of India?
(1) Pune (2) Delhi (3) Mumbai (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
14. What is the total number of states and Union Territories in India that have been linked with the ration card portability scheme 'One Nation-One Ration Card' of the GoI (September 2020)?
(1) 29 (2) 21 (3) 26 (4) 23 (5) None of these
15. How many PSB banks have been covered by the Ministry of Finance under the newly launched Doorstep Banking Services by Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?
(1) 9 (2) 10 (3) 12 (4) 8 (5) None of these
16. Centre has increases State Disaster Response Fund limit that from 35 percent to ____ percent by the seven states where the coronavirus cases are highest.
(1) 55% (2) 65% (3) 45% (4) 50% (5) None of these
17. Which of the following state has appointed India's first-ever woman ambulance driver?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
(4) Gujarat (5) None of these
18. Which state has announced to set up an exclusive anti-electricity theft police station in every district?
(1) Maharashtra (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Andhra Pradesh
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
19. Name the state which had recently launched 15 days long Gandgi Bharat Chhodo campaign to make the state garbage free?
(1) MP (2) Haryana (3) Gujarat (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
20. Which state/UT government has re-launched 10-week anti dengue campaign named "10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 minute"?
(1) Punjab (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Delhi (4) Jammu and Kashmir (5) None of these
21. Which of the following state has announced a new electronics & hardware manufacturing policy to increase the State's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Karnataka
(4) Telangana (5) None of these

22. GARIMA scheme has been launched by which state for the core sanitation workers to ensure their economic and social security?
 (1) Meghalaya (2) Gujarat (3) Odisha (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
23. Which of the following state launched a Smart Ration Card Scheme for providing subsidized food grains to 1.41 crore beneficiaries in the state?
 (1) Haryana (2) Punjab (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
24. Which of the following state has launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Andhra (3) Punjab (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
25. Which state in India is the first to launch policies on Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Cybersecurity policies?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Maharashtra (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
26. Which state has approved the "Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020" to allow free bus travel to Ganga in Haridwar?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Maharashtra (3) Rajasthan (4) Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
27. Which state government develops new mobile app "Visitassam" For air passengers from Other state?
 (1) Assam (2) Bihar (3) Karnataka (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
28. Which state government is set to launch the web portal named "Dharani" for integrated land record management?
 (1) Nagaland (2) Bihar (3) Rajasthan (4) Telangana (5) None of these
29. Which state government has launched Jala Kala Scheme for small and marginal farmers?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Andhra (3) Karnataka (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
30. Where will the Uttar Pradesh's first vulture conservation and breeding centre be established?
 (1) Aligarh (2) Gorakhpur (3) Shamli (4) Meerut (5) None of these
31. Which organization has demonstrated the hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology with the flight test of the Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV)?
 (1) CSIR (2) DRDO (3) HAL (4) ISRO (5) None of these
32. DRDO successfully test fired the Indigenously developed Laser Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile from Main Battle Tank _____.
 (1) Dhanus (2) Akash (3) E-Ajeya (4) Arjun (5) None of these
33. Who will Chair the Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC) formed by NITI Aayog?
 (1) Rakesh Jain (2) Nikunj Sanghi (3) Kailash Gupta
 (4) Sanyukta Samaddar (5) None of these
34. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairperson of the SC Legal Services Committee?
 (1) Sharad Arvind Bobde (2) Arun Bhatia (3) Indu Malhotra
 (4) Rohinton Fali Nariman (5) None of these
35. How many sectors have been identified by the KV Kamath committee which requires restructuring?
 (1) 24 (2) 22 (3) 25 (4) 27 (5) 26

36. Who is the head the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to oversee the process of the corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)?
 (1) K V Kamanth (2) Nirmala Sitharaman (3) Amit Shah
 (4) Narendra Modi (5) Rajnath Singh
37. Centre has extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee by one year until September 2021. Who is the head of this committee?
 (1) Mohan Kumar (2) Anil Bajaj (3) Rajesh Verma
 (4) Balkrishna Rajan (5) Sanam Mukherjee
38. Who appointed as the head of the technical committee formed by SEBI on the social stock exchange (SSE)?
 (1) Mohammad Mustafa (2) Ajay Tyagi (3) Rajnish Kumar
 (4) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (5) None of these
39. The “Chhavni COVID: Yodha Sanrakshan Yojana” has been launched by government for?
 (1) Army Officers (2) Employees working in cantonment areas across India
 (3) Senior Citizens of India (4) Bank Employees (5) None of these
40. Who inaugurated 24×7 toll-free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline KIRAN?
 (1) Thaawarchand Gehlot (2) Narendra Singh Tomar (3) Rajnath Singh
 (4) Harsh Vardhan (5) None of these
41. The Patrika Gate has been inaugurated in which city by PM Narendra Modi recently?
 (1) Dehradun (2) Bhopal (3) Jaipur (4) Agra (5) None of these
42. The horticulture department of which state/UT has launched “Backyard Horticulture” Programme under CAPEX scheme to promote organic fruit production?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Jammu & Kashmir (3) Puducherry
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
43. Which of the following state recently launched ‘Poshan Sarkar’ program?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Gujarat
 (4) Meghalaya (5) None of these
44. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ghar Tak Fibre project and laid the foundation stone for 9 highway projects in which state?
 (1) Assam (2) Gujarat (3) Bihar (4) Manipur (5) None of these
45. Name the Union Home Minister who has virtually inaugurates ‘Destination North East-2020’.
 (1) Sadananda Gowda (2) Jitendra Singh (3) Ramesh Pokhriyal
 (4) Amit Shah (5) None of these
46. PM Modi has inaugurated the first-of-its-kind “Ganga Avalokan” museum on river Ganga at which city?
 (1) Jaipur (2) Haridware (3) Varanasi (4) Patna (5) None of these
47. Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission has signed MoU with which small finance bank recently?
 (1) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (2) Northeast Small Finance Bank
 (3) ESAF Small Finance Bank (4) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank (5) None of these
48. Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with which country to help benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State?
 (1) Denmark (2) Israel (3) Germany (4) Netherlands (5) None of these

49. Atal Innovation Mission has tied up with which company to provide robust support to innovators and start-ups in AIM portfolio?
 (1) Freshworks Inc (2) Infosys (3) Asset Panda, LLC
 (4) Salesforce (5) None of these
50. India has signed an agreement with which country for Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of the two countries?
 (1) Russia (2) Japan (3) Israel (4) Iraq (5) None of these
51. HDFC Life has signed corporate agency agreement with which of the following bank?
 (1) Federal Bank (2) Yes Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) DBS Bank (5) None of these
52. Government has partnered with which organization to launch YuWaah platform for helping youth in developing skills at par with 21st century?
 (1) UNESCO (2) IMF (3) UNICEF (4) World Bank (5) None of these
53. Which company partners with Matrix Partners India to scale Small And Medium Businesses (SMBs)
 (1) Microsoft (2) Infosys (3) TCS (4) Face book (5) None of these
54. India and which country sign MoU on Intellectual Property cooperation?
 (1) Japan (2) Denmark (3) Maldives (4) Croatia (5) None of these
55. Virgin Hyperloop has signed an MoU with which of the following airports in order to conduct a feasibility study of high-speed corridor?
 (1) Cochin International Airport
 (2) Indira Gandhi International Airport
 (3) Bangalore International Airport
 (4) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
 (5) None of these
56. India organized the 72nd session of the WHO South-East Asia Region in which city?
 (1) Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Hyderabad (4) Pune (5) None of these
57. India recently held the 10th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting with which country on virtual mode?
 (1) Russia (2) Afghanistan (3) US (4) Japan (5) None of these
58. Who represented India in annual meeting of board of governor of Asian Development Bank (ADB) held virtually?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Nirmala Sitharaman (3) Rajnath Singh
 (4) S Jaishanker (5) None of these
59. European investment bank plans to invest € 650 Million for the 1st metro line of which city?
 (1) Lucknow (2) Patna (3) Noida (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
60. Which state signed MoU with Shri Vallabh Pittie International Group to invest Rs. 4000 crores in various sector?
 (1) Chhattisgarh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Rajasthan (4) Haryana (5) None of these
61. Which of the following companies has bagged a €10-m loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India?
 (1) Bajaj Finance (2) SREI Equipment Finance
 (3) Muthoot Finance Ltd (4) Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd (5) None of these

62. Name the financial institution which has recently lend \$500 million loan for the 82-kilometre Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor
 (1) International Monetary Fund
 (2) Asian Development Bank
 (3) New Development Bank
 (4) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 (5) None of these
63. Which global institution has approved \$82 million for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project?
 (1) International Monetary Fund (2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 (3) Asian Development Bank (4) World Bank (5) None of these
64. Asian Development Bank signed loan agreement worth Rs 466-cr with ENGIE group for developing Raghnesda Solar Project in 'which' state?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Punjab (4) Haryana (5) None of these
65. Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 108cr. under UDAN scheme for 3 Airports in which of the following state/UT?
 (1) Punjab (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Rajasthan (4) Delhi (5) None of these
66. India has extended a 250 million dollars support to which of the following nation to mitigate the economic impact of Covid-19?
 (1) Philippines (2) Myanmar (3) Sri Lanka (4) Maldives (5) None of these
67. World Bank has approved a \$200mn loan for which country to improve access to safe water & sanitation services in rural areas?
 (1) Maldives (2) Nepal (3) Bangladesh (4) Bhutan (5) None of these
68. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office, India's GDP for the April-June quarter slipped by how much percent?
 (1) 18.5% (2) 11.6% (3) 25.7% (4) 23.9% (5) None of these
69. According to the latest growth forecast of the Fitch Ratings, what is the GDP growth rate estimated for India in the FY21?
 (1) -9.1% (2) -6.4% (3) -10.5% (4) -7.7% (5) None of these
70. Goldman Sachs has estimated the Indian economy to grow at _____ rate in FY21
 (1) -9.5% (2) -11.5% (3) -14.8% (4) -10.1% (5) None of these
71. According to rating agency CRISIL has estimated the GDP of India in FY22 at _____ percent.
 (1) 7% (2) 8% (3) 9% (4) 10% (5) None of these
72. As per Moody's, the GDP growth rate of India for 2020-21 is projected at _____.
 (1) -9.9% (2) -11.5% (3) -10.7% (4) -18.5% (5) None of these
73. As per CARE Ratings, what is the projected GDP growth for India in the fiscal 2020-21?
 (1) 7-7.5% (2) 9-9.6% (3) 10-10.7% (4) 8-8.2% (5) None of these
74. What is the estimated GDP growth rate for India in 2020-21 as per the S&P Global Ratings?
 (1) -10% (2) -11% (3) -9% (4) -8% (5) None of these
75. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India for 2020-21 as per the ADB?
 (1) -10% (2) -11% (3) -9% (4) -8% (5) None of these

76. As per OECD, what is the GDP growth prediction for Indian economy for the fiscal 2020-21?
(1) -11.7% (2) -6.9% (3) -10.2% (4) -8.8% (5) None of these
77. What is the projected GDP growth of India in 2020-21 as per ICRA?
(1) -11% (2) -13% (3) -10% (4) -12% (5) None of these
78. Which of the following company recently launched "Central Bank Digital Currencies" (CBDCs) a Virtual Testing Environment for Central Banks, to Assess and Explore National Digital Currencies?
(1) Paypal (2) Rupay (3) Mastercard (4) Visa (5) None of these
79. Name of the App which has been developed in order to capture the spot accident data using a mobile app configured for this purpose?
(1) iRAD (2) e-Morth (3) iRoad (4) e-Accident (5) None of these
80. Titan Company has partnered with which bank to launch India's first contactless payment watches 'Titan Pay'?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) State Bank of India (3) Punjab National Bank
(4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these
81. 'AIR Scanner' is an AI based Reading Assistant and Document Scanner app launched by the students of which institute?
(1) IIT Madras (2) IIT Bombay (3) IIT Delhi (4) IIT Kanpur (5) None of these
82. Which International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has developed 1st of its kind helmet-like ventilation device 'Swasner'?
(1) IIIT Bhubaneswar (2) IIIT Madras (3) IIIT Hyderabad
(4) IIIT Raipur (5) None of these
83. Which of the following IIT has developed artificial intelligence models and datasets to process texts in 11 Indian regional languages?
(1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Madras (3) IIT Kanpur (4) IIT Guwahati (5) None of these
84. India has set the target of achieving 100 million tonnes (MT) coal gasification until which year?
(1) 2024 (2) 2026 (3) 2029 (4) 2030 (5) None of these
85. Which state has launched the Radio Pathshala program for students up to class 8?
(1) Chhattisgarh (2) Odisha (3) Jharkhand (4) Telangana (5) None of these
86. Which country Airline has completed its symbolic First Direct Flight to the United Arab Emirates?
(1) Thailand (2) Qatar (3) Israel (4) Palestine (5) None of these
87. Which airline has launched a portable ventilator SpiceOxy for patients with breathing issues?
(1) Swiss Air (2) Go Air (3) Jet Air (4) SpiceJet (5) None of these
88. Name the Dispute Redressal Mechanism launched by the Ministry of Shipping for all kind of disputes of the maritime sector?
(1) VEENA Ports' (2) Kanjira Ports' (3) SAROD Ports'
(4) Jal tarang Ports' (5) None of these

89. India's first coronavirus airport testing facility has been launched at which of these airports?
 (1) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 (2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
 (3) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
 (4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
 (5) None of these
90. The first ever direct cargo ferry service between India and Maldives, will connect which ports of India with the port of Maldives?
 (1) Port Blair and Marmagao Port, Goa
 (2) Visakhapatnam Port and Mumbai Port
 (3) Tuticorin port and Cochin port
 (4) Kandla port and Mumbai port
 (5) None of these
91. Which of the following divisions of railways have launched the Freight Seva app to serve customers better?
 (1) Central Railway
 (2) Northern Railway
 (3) Southern Railway
 (4) North Eastern Railway
 (5) None of these
92. Under Phase-II of FAME India Scheme, in which of the following states did the government did not sanctioned electric buses?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) Gujarat (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
93. India's 1st Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train will provide its services to Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS by which year?
 (1) 2030 (2) 2025 (3) 2023 (4) 2027 (5) 2022
94. Name the India film which has won the award for Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival?
 (1) You Came Back
 (2) The Disciple
 (3) Dear Comrades
 (4) The World to Come
 (5) None of these
95. Which of the following comedy series has won Outstanding Comedy Series at Emmys 2020?
 (1) Watchmen
 (2) Stranger Things
 (3) Schitt's Creek
 (4) FRIENDS
 (5) None of these
96. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Press Trust of India to replace Vijay Kumar Chopra?
 (1) Vineet Jain
 (2) Aweek Sarkar
 (3) K.N. Shanth Kumar
 (4) Mahendra Mohan Gupta
 (5) None of these
97. Who among these celebrities has been roped in as the brand ambassador of Myntra?
 (1) Disha Patani (2) Kriti Sanon (3) Kiara Advani (4) Shraddha Kapoor (5) None of these
98. Who has become the first woman IG to lead CRPF in Kashmir?
 (1) Charu Sinha
 (2) Sandhya Singh
 (3) Amitab Bhattacharya
 (4) Kiran Bedi
 (5) None of these
99. Who has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board?
 (1) Arun Pratap Maurya
 (2) Vinod Kumar Yadav
 (3) Shashank Singh Bisht
 (4) Jyoti Das
 (5) None of these
100. Who becomes the first cricket ambassador for "SBOTOP" sports book brand?
 (1) MS Dhoni (2) Chris Gayle (3) Virat Kohli (4) Dwayne Bravo (5) None of these

101. US President Donald Trump has announced which of the following cities as the first World War II Heritage City to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II?
(1) Conroe (2) Stafford (3) Wilmington (4) Kansas (5) None of these
102. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has chosen which Bollywood actor as the brand ambassador?
(1) Amir Khan (2) Akshay Kumar (3) Salman Khan
(4) Ayushmann Khurrana (5) None of these
103. Who has been appointed as president of Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA)?
(1) Ashish Kapoor (2) Venkatesh Kumar (3) Vinkesh Gulati
(4) Ashish Harsharaj Kale (5) None of these
104. R Masakui has been appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to which of the following nation?
(1) Jamaica (2) West Indies (3) Kenya (4) Brazil (5) None of these
105. Who has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations?
(1) Sarath Sharma (2) Manish Raj Singhania (3) Vinkesh Gulati
(4) Selvakumar Vigneshwar (5) None of these
106. Who has been appointed as the new President of All India Tennis Association (AITA)?
(1) Praveen Mahajan (2) Rohit Rajpal (3) Anil Jain
(4) Rajan Kashyap (5) None of these
107. Who has been recently appointed as the Executive Director at World Bank?
(1) Harish Kumar (2) Devendra Singh (3) Anil Sharma
(4) Rajesh Khullar (5) None of these
108. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Japan?
(1) Shinjiro Koizumi (2) Yoshihide Suga (3) Naoto Kan
(4) Taro Aso (5) None of these
109. Who has been appointed by ADB as its new Country Director for India?
(1) Sajid Khan (2) Takeo Konishi (3) Manisha Sharma
(4) Valeri D Tian (5) None of these
110. Who has been appointed by Paytm as the brand ambassador for its gaming platform Paytm First Games (PFG)?
(1) Virat Kohli (2) Rohit Sharma (3) Sachin Tendulkar
(4) MS Dhoni (5) None of these
111. Who has been appointed as the new chief of National Technical Research Organization (NTRO)?
(1) Rajesh Sharma (2) Ram Kumar (3) Anil Dhasmana
(4) Sandeep Singh (5) None of these
112. Who has been appointed as the new administrator of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank?
(1) Arun Singhal (2) Ramanathan (3) Rajeev Kumar
(4) V Shanmugam (5) A. K. Das
113. Alexander Lukashenko has been appointed as the president of which country?
(1) Belarus (2) Denmark (3) Ukraine (4) Maldives (5) None of these

114. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the BCCI's women's national selection panel?
(1) Anju Jain (2) Shubhangi Kulkarni (3) Maheshwari
(4) Neetu David (5) None of these
115. RBI has roped in _____ for customer awareness campaign to prevent gullible account holders from being duped.
(1) Salman Khan (2) Amitabh Bachchan (3) Sonu Sood
(4) Ayushmann Khurrana (5) None of these
116. Moctar Ouane has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?
(1) Malawi (2) Kenya (3) Senegal (4) Mali (5) None of these
117. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of the online tutor company Vedantu?
(1) Ayushmann khurrana (2) Sonu Sood (3) Aamir Khan
(4) Shahrukh Khan (5) None of these
118. Mustapha Adib has resigned as the Prime Minister-designate of which country?
(1) Maldives (2) Lebanon (3) Mexico (4) Venezuela (5) None of these
119. Recently, Former President Pranab Mukherjee passed away he served as the ___ Indian President?
(1) 13th (2) 12th (3) 15th (4) 17th (5) None of these
120. Jiri Menzel who passed away in September 2020 is a renowned _____.
(1) Economist (2) Cricketer (3) Politician (4) Painter (5) Film Director
121. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh has passed away recently represented the Lok Sabha from which state?
(1) Haryana (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Bihar (5) None of these
122. Sadashiv Patil who has passed away was a renowned player of which sports?
(1) Hockey (2) Kabaddi (3) Football (4) Cricket (5) None of these
123. Who among the following has been honoured with the 2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize?
(1) Salman Rushdie (2) Virginia Woolf (3) Elisabeth Moss
(4) Margaret Atwood (5) None of these
124. Who has been honored with the 2020 Asia Game Changer Award for feeding millions across India amid the COVID-19?
(1) Aravind Sinha (2) Rajan Lakshmi (3) Vikas Khanna
(4) Karan Johar (5) None of these
125. Which of the following projects has been nominated for the prestigious "SKOCH Award 2020"?
(1) Natural Farming (2) Dasa Sutras (3) Zero Budget
(4) Mitra Shakti (5) None of these
126. Name the Indian who has been selected in the United Nations 2020 list of 17 Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
(1) Dilip Kumar (2) Kishan Gangolli (3) Udit Singhal
(4) Sanjay Sharma (5) None of these
127. Which among the following Bank has topped the BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2020 Rankings?
(1) Indian Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) Canara Bank (4) State Bank of India (5) None of these

128. Which among the following Indian has been named in the TIME 100 Most Influential People List 2020?
- (1) Narendra Modi (2) Ayushmann Khurrana (3) Ravindra Gupta
(4) Bilkis (5) All of the Above
129. Which of the following Maharatna CPSE has won the leader award in mega large business process sector category in 11th edition of Frost & Sullivan and TERI Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2020?
- (1) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
(2) Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL)
(3) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
(4) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
(5) None of these
130. Who among the following has been crowned as Wushu World Champion?
- (1) Sanjitha Singh (2) Sonam Kapoor (3) Poonam Khatri
(4) Pavithra Raman (5) None of these
131. Name the F1 Racer who has won the inaugural edition of the Tuscan Grand Prix 2020.
- (1) Sebastian Vettel (2) Max Verstappen (3) Valtteri Bottas
(4) Lewis Hamilton (5) None of these
132. Who has won the women's single 2020 US Open Tennis tournament?
- (1) Victoria Azarenka (2) Ashleigh Barty (3) Naomi Osaka
(4) Bianca Andreescu (5) None of these
133. Who is the winner of the F1 Russian Grand Prix 2020?
- (1) Max Verstappen (2) Lewis Hamilton (3) Charles Leclerc
(4) Sebastian Vettel (5) Valtteri Bottas
134. Which of the following university in Asia has become the first-ever to make the overall top 20 in The World University Ranking 2021?
- (1) Peking University (2) Fudan University (3) Zhejiang University
(4) Tsinghua University (5) None of these
135. What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index?
- (1) 53rd (2) 33rd (3) 44th (4) 48th (5) None of these
136. Which of the following University has topped the "The World University Rankings 2021"?
- (1) University of Oxford (2) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
(3) Harvard University (4) Stanford University (5) None of these
137. Which bank has topped the EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0 of the Indian Banking Association?
- (1) Punjab National Bank (2) Bank of Baroda (3) Union Bank of India
(4) State Bank of India (5) None of these
138. As per the UNICEF report on under-five mortality rate, the rate of under-five deaths in India in 2019 declined to __ percent compared to 126% in 1990
- (1) 29% (2) 42% (3) 34% (4) 51% (5) None of these
139. What is the rank of India in the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020?
- (1) 116th (2) 105th (3) 113th (4) 132nd (5) None of these

140. Which city of India is the top ranked city in the 2020 Smart City Index of IMD?
 (1) Kolkata (2) Hyderabad (3) Bangalore (4) Mumbai (5) None of these
141. Which of the following state (smaller states) has topped the India Happiness Report 2020?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Sikkim (3) Mizoram (4) Odisha (5) None of these
142. The foundation stone for the Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex has been laid in which State?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Jammu & Kashmir (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
143. India's first Coast Guard academy is all set to come up at which of the following cities?
 (1) Lucknow (2) Chennai (3) Mangaluru (4) Kochi (5) None of these
144. Government of India has set the target to set up 10500 Pradhanmantri Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) across the country by which year?
 (1) March 2024 (2) December 2022 (3) March 2025 (4) December 2023 (5) None of these
145. How many beaches of India has been selected for the international eco-label, Blue flag certification?
 (1) 12 (2) 11 (3) 7 (4) 9 (5) 8
146. Name the first country in the world to pass legislation that requires financial entities to declare their climate-related risks.
 (1) Lebanon (2) United States (3) Russia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
147. Which is 1st country in the world to issue 7-year sovereign Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) bond?
 (1) Namibia (2) Maldives (3) Mexico (4) Germany (5) None of these
148. Who is the author of the book "My Life In Design"?
 (1) Twinkle Khanna (2) Gauri Khan (3) Arun Shetty
 (4) Sussanne Khan (5) None of these
149. Who is the author of the book titled Crown of Thorns?
 (1) Navreet Kaur (2) Ishrat Syed (3) Nimrat Kaur
 (4) Kalpana Swaminathan (5) Both (1) and (4)
150. Who is the author of the book 'A bouquet of flowers'?
 (1) Vijay Singh (2) Ramakrishna (3) Krishna Saksena
 (4) Kalpana Singh (5) None of these

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