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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

USIDFC to Invest \$350 million in Indian Firms

- The United States International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) will be investing **350 million in Indian Firms to support multiple projects in India.**
- The projects supported by USIDFC will be **in fields of finance, health infrastructure, renewable energy, food security, dairy farming.**

NATIONAL NEWS

Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19- NASSCOM

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- **National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** has delivered an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka which is named as Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19.

DBS Bank Partners with TCIL

- **DBS Bank has partnered with Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCIL)** to grant real-time payment solution facility to the truck drivers with the help of DBS RAPID (Real-time Application Program Interface of DBS).

'MeraVetan' Mobile App—Jammu and Kashmir

- Lieutenant Governor of **Jammu and Kashmir has launched 'MeraVetan' Mobile App** for government employees.
- **The app is developed by National Informatics Center- J&K state** which will provide end to end computerization of JK payment system (JKPaySys) application.

Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings Initiative

- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has partnered with MAITREE Program (Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency)** to launch Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings Initiative. MAITREE Program is launched by USAID (US Agency for International Development).

Kisan Credit Card Campaign —Launched for Dairy Farmers

- The **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)** will prove beneficial to 1.5 crore dairy farmers who come under the category of milk unions and milk producing companies.

'TULIP' Program—A Urban Learning Internship Program

- **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Human Resource Development Ministry and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development** have launched a TULIP Program which is an Urban Learning Internship Program.

'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways'

- **Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari** launched a campaign called 'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways'.
- The campaign was launched via video conference and **aims** to reduce deaths causing due to accidents on roads and highways.

President of India Announces Two Ordinances for Rural and Agriculture Sector

- **President of India Ram Nath Kovind** has announced two ordinances to boost the rural and agriculture sector of India.
- Both the ordinances will **aim to boost rural India and the farmers who are engaged in agriculture and allied activities.**

COVID BEEP App – Launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh

- COVID BEEP app is **India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameter** monitoring system for coronavirus patients.
- Its acronym is Continuous Oxygenation and Vital Information Detection Biomed **ECIL ESIC Pod**.

PhonePe Launched Domestic Trip Insurance with ICICI Lombard

- PhonePe in partnership with ICICI Lombard has launched first of its kind travel insurance which is domestic **multi-trip insurance for all modes of travel** within the country.
- The policy **provides affordable annual insurance cover for unlimited trips**. At Rs 499, it provides 365-day protection and covers all mode of transport.

GOI Allots Rs 4000 cr to States Under 'Per Drop More Crop'

- An annual allotment of Rs 4000 crore has been approved by Government of India to State governments under 'Per drop more crop' component of **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC)** for FY 2020-21.

Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle Complex

- **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV)** was inaugurated at Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The complex is built **to accommodate newly designed submarines** and its rescue systems and store DSRV assets.

'Turant Customs'—CBIC Flagship Programme

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched a **flagship programme called as 'Turant Customs'**.
- 'Turant Customs' is a reformative programme in order to ensure **ease of doing business**.

TCS iON Partners with NSDC

- TCS iON, which is a unit of TCS has partnered with **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**.
- The partnership will provide access **to the TCS iON digital classroom to the NSDC's training partners**.

ePaisa and First Alliance Bank to Promote POS Solutions in Africa

- ePaisa, a Point Of Sale (POS) solution provider in **India has entered into a partnership with First Alliance Bank (FAB) Ltd in Zambia** to provide POS solutions in Africa.
- This is the **first global partnership for ePaisa** and thus will provide a POS solution for FAB.

NHAI—First 'Fully Digital' Construction Sector Organisation

- **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** which comes under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has become the first fully digitalized organisation under the construction sector category.
- NHAI has propelled the use of **cloud-based technology and AI-powered big data analytics platform**, which is powered by Data Lake and project management services.

Ghar Ghar Nigrani App—Punjab

- **Punjab Government** has launched a mobile app called 'Ghar Ghar Nigrani'.
- Ghar Ghar Nigrani app is an **initiative of the health department**, which is comprised to ASHA workers and community volunteers which carry out the testing process for COVID-19.

Aarogyapath Web Based Solution - By GOI

- **Government of India has launched an Aarogyapath** which is a web-based solution which provides availability of critical healthcare supply commodities in a real-time basis.
- The web-based solution is made available by GOI on **CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal**.

STREE Programme—Hyderabad

- STREE stands for '**She Triumphs Through Respect, Equality and Empowerment**'.
- It is a programme launched **to support and empower women who are victims of domestic violence and abuse**.

'I-FLOWS'- A Flood Warning System

- A state of the art flood warning system called 'I-FLOWS' is launched in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- It is launched by **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Science Dr, Harsh Vardhan Rathore** along with CM of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray.

'Captain Arjun' an AI Robot—By Central Railway

- An Artificial Intelligence based technology Robot named as 'Captain Arjun' has been launched by **Central Railway zone**.
- The robot has been launched to intensify surveillance and screening of passengers so that it will keep **watch on anti-social elements**.

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy Launched 'GermiBAN' Device

- **Union Minister of State of Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy** has launched 'GermiBAN' device which kills viruses and other germs by sterilizing, sanitizing and disinfecting in large areas.
- The innovation idea behind this '**GermiBAN**' device is of **NEO Inventronix, Hyderabad**.

Indian Gas Exchange- Online Delivery Based Gas Trading Platform

- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched India's first online delivery based natural gas trading platform named as Indian Gas Exchange (IGX).
- Headquarter of IGX is New Delhi and the Director will be **Rajiv Srivastava**.

Multi Location Claim Settlement Facility by EPFO

- The **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has launched the Multi-Location Claim Settlement Facility.
- **Multi-Location Claim Settlement Facility** has been launched to expedite member claims.

Maruti Suzuki partners with Karur Vysya Bank for Car Loans

- **India's car manufacturers Maruti Suzuki** has partnered with **Karur Vysya Bank** to offer car loans for Maruti vehicles.
- The loan will be available to both salaried and self-employed customers and the **repayment period is up to 84 months**.

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan--Launched by PM Modi

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan on 20th June 2020.
- The campaign of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan is of **125 days** and will be carried out in mission mode.

Coal India Ltd Partners with Atal Innovation Mission

- **Coal India Ltd (CIL)** has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog.
- They have partnered to establish **innovation and entrepreneurship skills in India**.

NITI Aayog launched Job Platform for Migrant Workers

- **Government of India's think tank policy, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India)** Aayog has formed a committee of top executives of companies to develop a job platform which will help migrant workers and blue-collar workers to get better job opportunities who have lost their jobs during a lockdown situation of COVID-19.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd Partners with HDFC Bank

- **Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL)** has partnered with **HDFC Bank** which will offer industry-first online auto retail financing on its end to end automotive retail platform 'Click to Buy' to the customer.
- HDFC Bank will offer customized car financing solutions **to its customers via online car buying platform**.

Project on 'Decarbonising Transport in India'

- **Government of India's think tank policy, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog** along with International Transport Forum (ITF) has decided to launch the project entitled as 'Decarbonising Transport in India'.

Food Processing Edition of Exclusive Investment Forum

- **Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal** has launched Food Processing Edition of Exclusive Investment Forum.
- It is basically a webinar **hosted by Invest in India**.

'Distressed Assets Fund-Subordinate Debt for MSMEs'

- A '**Distressed Assets Fund-Subordinate Debt for MSMEs**' is the credit guarantee scheme for sub-ordinate debt (CGSSD).
- The scheme will provide **Rs 20000 crore guarantee cover** to about two lakh MSMEs.

'eBloodServices' Mobile App Launched by Dr. Harsh Vardhan

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched a blood donation mobile app called 'eBloodServices'.
- It is developed by **E-Raktkosh team of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)** under the Digital India initiative.

'Navigating the New Normal'--- NITI Aayog

- NITI Aayog has launched a behaviour change campaign called '**Navigating the New Normal**'.
- The campaign focuses on **safety behaviours to be taken during COVID-19** pandemic situation and to combat it.

Karnataka Amends Industries Facilitation Act

- The Karnataka Government has amended the '**The Karnataka Industries Facilitation Act, 2002**'.
- The amendment is done at the state cabinet meeting chaired by **Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa**.

'Virtual India Pavilion at Cannes Film Market 2020'

- **Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar** electronically inaugurated the 'Virtual India Pavilion at Cannes Film Market 2020'.
- This will thus **create an interest of international film bodies** to do business in India.

Rejuvenation of Small, Medium and Tiny Industry Sector in Tamil Nadu

- The Central Government has come up with a decision to rejuvenate **small, medium and tiny industry sector in Tamil Nadu**.
- For this purpose, the central government has allotted financial assistance of **Rs 4125 crore to the Tamil Nadu**.

'Maha Parwana' Initiative —By Maharashtra

- The **State government of Maharashtra** has announced the launching of 'Maha Parwana' which is an investment initiative for the industrial sector in the state.
- As per this initiative, the companies with investment proposals of **Rs 50 crore or more will get relaxation on getting clearance.**

Agreement between India and Bhutan for Hydroelectric Project

- India and Bhutan have signed their **first Indo-Bhutan Joint Venture Hydroelectric Project.**
- It is basically a **joint venture between Bhutan Government and Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited** for 600 Megawatt Kholongchhu Hydroelectric Project.

'Project Platina'—Maharashtra

- **Government of Maharashtra has launched 'Project Platina'** which is the world's largest plasma therapy trials for COVID-19 patients.
- In order to develop this project, the state government approved **Rs 16.56 crore** from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

BANKING

NABARD sanctioned Rs 1,050 crores to the Farmers and Poor People of West Bengal

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned an **amount of Rs 1,050 crores as a special liquidity facility** to the farmers and economically weaker section of West Bengal state.
- The amount will help to **ensure the continuous credit flow to the farmers in the lockdown situation of COVID-19.**

India's Sovereign Credit Rating lowered to Baa3- By Moody's Investor Service

- Moody's Investor Service has **lowered India's Sovereign Credit Rating** lowered to Baa3.
- Moody's Investor Service has also expected contraction by **4% in India's real GDP for FY 2021** and also has expected rise in the growth to **8.7% for FY 2022.**

Payment Infrastructure Development Fund

- The fund has been launched to give boost to the digital payment in India and will be used to **create and encourage the acquirers to deploy and adapt Point of Sale (PoS)** infrastructure in physical as well as digital modes in tier-3 to tier-6 centers and in north eastern states of India.

Indian Economy to Contract by 1.5% in FY21—By RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India has released a survey report describing that **Indian economy to contract 1.5% for the financial year of 2021.**
- The **real gross fixed capital formation (GFCF)** has registered a negative growth of 6.4% for FY 2020-21. However, it is expected to grow by 5.6% in 2021-22.

NABARD Provides Rs 270 Crore to AGVB Bank

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has allocated a special liquidity fund of **Rs 270 crore to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (AGVB)**.
- The fund has been allocated in the view of COVID-19 pandemic in order **to support farmers to carry out their agricultural activities**.

New Norms for Loan Sales and Securitisations—By RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India has released two draft documents titled as **'Draft Comprehensive Framework for Sale of Loan Exposures'** and **'Draft Framework for Securitisation of Standard Assets'**.

Indian Economy to Contract by 3.2% in FY 20-21

- The World Bank has released its latest edition of **Global Economic Prospects (GEP)** for the months of June 2020.
- As per the report, **India's growth to contract by 3.2%** for the financial year 2020-21.

West Bengal gets Rs 1950 Crore Loan from World Bank

- World Bank has granted financial support by providing a loan amount of **Rs 1950 crore to West Bengal**.
- The loan amount will help West Bengal **to tackle the pandemic situation of COVID-19** and to carry out development work in the state.

Indian Economy to Contract at 3.7% for FY 21 -- By OECD

- Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development has projected that **Indian Economy to contract at 3.7% for FY 2020-2021**.
- This prediction by **OECD is released** in its economic Outlook.

RBI Restricts People's Co-operative Bank to Grant Fresh Loans

- The Reserve Bank of India has restricted Kanpur, UP based People's Co-operative Bank from granting fresh loans and **accepting deposits for six months i.e. from 10th June 2020**.
- The decision has been taken due to the **weak financial status of the bank**.

RBI sets up Panel to Review Corporate Structure

- Reserve Bank of India has set up a committee of 5 members which is basically a 5 member internal working group (IWG) to review the **ownership and corporate structure of Indian private sector banks**.

EXIM Bank Provides \$215.68 million to Malawi Government

- **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)** has provided a line of credit of **\$215.68 million** to Malawi government.

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- The financial support will be utilised for the **welfare of drinking water supply schemes**, irrigation projects, sugar processing equipment, cotton processing facilities etc.

New Framework for FMI and RPS--- By RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India has come up with a new framework with some changes in monitoring structure of **Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI) and Retail Payment System (RPS)**.
- The **new changes in FMI and RPS** will result in ensuring more security and stability of the payment structure.

Insta FlexiCash – By ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank has launched an **Insta FlexiCash facility** to its salary account customers.
- The **Insta FlexiCash is an online overdraft facility (OD)** by which customers can get approval for OD instantly with a paperless manner.

‘Suraksha Salary Account for MSME’s’ – By Airtel Payment Bank

- Airtel Payment Bank has launched **‘Suraksha Salary Account for MSME’s’**.
- With the help of this account, MSME and other organisations will be able to make **cashless payments and provide financial security** to their employees.

SEBI proposes Measures to Strengthen Enforcement and Recovery Mechanism

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a committee headed by former Supreme Court Judge Anil Dave to strengthen the SEBI’s enforcement mechanism and also to improve its system of recovery of siphoned off money.

New Rules for HFCs by RBI

- The **Reserve Bank of India being the regulator of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)** has proposed changes in rules and regulations of HFCs with an aim to increase and address concerns of liquidity and double financing.

SARAL Affordable Housing Scheme– By ICICI Home Finance

- ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd, which is an HFC has launched a special affordable housing loan scheme to **finance homes in rural and urban areas of India**. The name of the scheme is SARAL.
- Maximum limit of loan is **Rs 35 lakhs with an interest rate starting from 7.98%**.

SEBI to Enhance Promoter’s Shareholding

- The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has amended regulation (3) in sub-regulation (2) of **SEBI-Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers regulations, 2011 (SEBI-SAST)** in order to enhance acquisition limit of promoters.

RBI increases Withdrawal Limit to Rs 1 lakh for PMC Depositors

- The Reserve Bank of India has raised the limit of withdrawal from Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative bank to **Rs 1 lakh from Rs 50,000** but has extended a moratorium on the bank for another six months.

RBI extends Rs 50,000 crore Liquidity Window by 3 Months to Yes Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India has extended a special liquidity window of **Rs 50,000 crore by another three months to the private sector Yes bank.**
- The decision was taken in order to avoid a **shortfall in deposits to be faced by the bank.**

'KBL Micro Mitra' for MSMEs—By Karnataka Bank

- A new financial support product for **Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** has been launched by Karnataka Bank.
- The product is names as **'KBL Micro Mitra'**.

Global Macro Outlook 2020-21 Released by Moody's Investor Service

- Moody's Investor Service has released **Global Macro Outlook 2020-21.**
- As per this latest report for the month of June, the rating agency has projected India's **GDP to shrink at 3.1% for the financial year of 2020.**

All Co-operative Banks under RBI Supervision

- Government of India has taken the decision to bring an ordinance **to put all cooperative banks under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India.**
- As per this decision **1482, urban cooperative banks and 58 multi-state cooperative banks** will come under the supervisory control of Reserve Bank of India.

World's First Gold-Backed Digital Gold Currency in India

- The gold-backed US Gold digital currency is launched for the first time in the world in India, **Gulf Corporation Council (GCC), the Middle East and Africa.**
- Each US Gold digital currency is backed by a **US American Eagle one ounce (33.931 gram) gold coin, minted by the US Federal Agency, US Mint.**

Introduction of New Floating Rate Saving Bonds 2020

- The Government of India has introduced new **Floating Rate Saving Bonds (FRSB)**, which is a taxable scheme in place of 7.75% Saving (Taxable) Bonds 2018.

'Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund'—By SIDBI

- The **'Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund' (SCRf)** is set-up by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- It is an **open-ended fund to provide the facility of free onboarding of MSME** on Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform.

Promulgation of Banking Regulation Amendment Ordinance 2020

- **President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind** promulgated Banking Regulation Amendment Ordinance 2020.
- This step is taken to ensure safety of depositors from all banks by improving **governance and oversights**.

World Bank approves Loan for STARS Project

- The **International Financial Body**, World Bank has approved a loan for India to build STARS Project.
- A loan of \$500 million i.e. to about **Rs 3700 crore** has been sanctioned by the World Bank.

INDEX AND RANKING

Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Ranking

- In the **Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Ranking report**, India has become the third most represented country which is having its 8 institutes in top 100 lists.
- From Indian Institutes, the list is topped by **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** which is at the rank position of 36th.

Environment Performance Index 2020

- **Yale University and Columbia University** have jointly released Environment Performance Index 2020 (EPI 2020).
- India has ranked at **168th position among 180 countries with a score of 27.6 out of 100** in Environment Performance Index 2020.

QS World University Ranking 2021

- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) **World University Ranking for 2021 is released**.
- The ranking is topped by **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** followed by Stanford University and Harvard University.

2020 Nature Index

- The **Nature Index 2020 highlights the ranking of the academic institutions globally**. The current released Nature Index 2020 report analyses the institutions in terms of high quality research in the natural science field based on the research data published by them in top journals **from 1st Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019**.

IMD World Competitive Index 2020

- Switzerland based International Institute for **Management and Development's (IMD) World Competitiveness Centre (WCC)** has released a 32nd World Competitive Index 2020 report.
- As per the report, India has stood at the **ranking position of 43rd for this year**.

REPORTS

Start-up Ecosystems Ranking Report 2020

- Startup Blink which is an global innovation mapping and research company has released its Start-up Ecosystems Ranking Report 2020 titled as '**Countries Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem 2020**'.
- The ranking is topped by **United States followed by United Kingdom**.

26th Annual Cost of Living Survey 2020

- Mercer has released the **26th Annual Cost of Living Survey 2020**.
- **Mumbai city has received rank at 60th position** in the most expensive city globally and in all over Asia, **Mumbai is ranked at 19th position**.

World Investment Report 2020

- **United Nation Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, the UN's trade body has released 'World Investment Report 2020'.
- As per the report, India has become the **9th largest recipient of Foreign Direct investment for 2019**.

India's First National Report on Climate Crisis

- India has released its first-ever climate national **report on the climate crisis**.
- The report is prepared by **Ministry of Earth Science (MoES)** and it is edited by a scientist at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.

'Annual Banking Statistics 2019 Report'

- **Switzerland's Central Bank Swiss National Bank (SNB)** has released 'Annual Banking Statistics 2019 Report'.
- As per this report, **India is ranked at position 77th in terms of money parked** by the citizens and enterprises with Swiss Banks in 2019.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
PR Jaishankar	MD of India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)
Vasantharao Satya Venkata	Deputy MD of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
Harsha Bangari	Deputy MD of EXIM Bank
Arun Singhal	CEO of FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)
Anita Kotwani	CEO of Carat India
Ravinder Singh Dhillon	Chairman and MD of Power Finance Corporation

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R K Chaturvedi	Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, GOI
Pradip Kumar Tripathi	Secretary in the Ministry of Steel, GOI
Lt Gen Manoj Pande	15th Commander in Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN)
Mohandas Pai	Chairman of the committee on Service Provider of IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy of India)
Sibi George	India's next ambassador to Kuwait
Raveesh Kumar	India's next ambassador to Finland
Gaitri Kumar	Next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom
Sushil Singhal	Next High Commissioner of India to Papua New Guinea
V N Datt	New CMD of National Fertilizers Limited
Krishnendu Majumdar	New Chairman of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)
Patrick Pichette	New Board Chairman of Twitter
Sanjiv Bajaj	Vice President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
Subramanian Sundar	MD and CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank
Rohit Sharma	First Brand Ambassador of IIFL Finance
M. Nethra	Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor by UNADAP (United Nation Association for Development and Peace)
Monika Mohta	India's next ambassador to Switzerland
Rajiv Singh	Chairman of Property Firm Delhi Land and Finance Limited (DLF)
Brajendra Navnit	India's New Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)
Rahul Shrivastava	India's Next Ambassador to Romania
Javed Iqbal Wani	Judge of Jammu and Kashmir High Court
Anil Valluri	Senior Director for Google Cloud India
Imtaiyazur Rahman	CEO of UTI Mutual Fund
Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta	Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command
Pankaj Tripathi	Brand Ambassador for Bihar Khadi
Volkan Bozkir	New President of 75th Session of UN General Assembly
Kubatbek Boronov	Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
Urjit Patel	New Chairman of Economic Think Tank Finance and Policy (NIPFP)
Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri	Brand Ambassadors for JSW Cement
Shambhu S Kumaran	India new Ambassador to the Philippines
Sethuraman Panchanathan	Director of National Science Foundation (NSF)
Niki Poonacha	Player Member of International Tennis Federation Men's Player Panel

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Vijay Khanduja	Next Ambassador of India to Zimbabwe
Nirakar Pradhan	New Chief of PRMIA (Professional Risk Managers International Association)
Dr N Rajendran	CEO of Indian Financial Technology and Allies Services (IFTAS)
Clare Connor	First Female President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
Wassim Jaffer	Head Coach of Uttarakhand Cricket Team
Priyanka Chopra and Anurag Kashyap	Ambassador at 45th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020
Anjan Dey	Head the Committee to look into Insurance Products to be offered to the Drones
Justice BP Katakey	Head the Committee to Investigate Assam Gas Leak at Assam's Baghjan Oil well of Oil India Ltd
Vini Mahajan	Chief Secretary for Punjab
Micheal Martin	New Prime Minister of Ireland
Lazarus Chakwera	New President of Malawi
Anandiben Patel	Governor of Madhya Pradesh

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardee
EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
Javed Akhtar	Richard Dawkins Award 2020
Renjith Kumar	'NASA Distinguished Service Medal'
Shobha Sekhar	Medal of the order of Australia (OAM)
Rattan Lal	World Food Prize 2020
Chef Angad Singh Rana	QualityNZ Culinary Cup 2020 in the category of Seafood challenge
Chef Vaibhav Bhargava	QualityNZ Culinary Cup 2020 in the category of Mutton/lamb challenge
Amrtya Sen	German Book Trade for 2020 Peace Prize
Gulabbai Sangamnerkar	Lifetime Achievement Award of Vithabai Naryangaokar
Popstar Beyonce	20th Annual BET Awards 2020

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 st June 2020	World Milk Day	--
1 st June 2020	Global Day of Parents	--
2 nd June 2020	Telangana Formation Day	--
3 rd June 2020	World Bicycle Day	--
4 th June 2020	International Day of Innocent Children of Aggression	--

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5 th June 2020	World Environment Day	--
6 th June 2020	Russian Language Day	--
7 th June 2020	World Food Safety Day	--
8 th June 2020	World Oceans Day	Theme: Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
9 th June 2020	World Accreditation Day (WAD)	Theme: Accreditation: Improving Food Safety
12 th June 2020	World Day against Child Labour	--
13 th June 2020	International Albinism Awareness Day	Theme: Made to Shine
14 th June 2020	World Blood Donor Day	Theme: 'Safe Blood Save Lives'
15 th June 2020	World Elder Abuse Day	--
16 th June 2020	International Day of Family Remittance	Theme: 'Building resilience in times of crisis'
17 th June 2020	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme: Food, Feed, Fibre- The links between consumption and land
18 th June 2020	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	--
18 th June 2020	Mask Day	--
19 th June 2020	International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	--
20 th June 2020	World Refugee Day	Theme: Every Action Counts
21 st June 2020	International Day of Yoga	Theme: Yoga for Health- Yoga at Home
21 st June 2020	International Day of the celebration of the Solstice	--
21 st June 2020	World Music Day	--
21 st June 2020	World Hydrography Day	Theme: Hydrography enabling autonomous technologies
23 rd June 2020	World Olympic Day	--
23 rd June 2020	UN Public Service Day	--
23 rd June 2020	International Widows Day	--
25 th June 2020	Day of Seafarer	--
26 th June 2020	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	--
26 th June 2020	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Theme: Better Knowledge for Better Care
27 th June 2020	Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Day	--
29 th June 2020	National Statistics Day	--
30 th June 2020	International Asteroid Day	--
30 th June 2020	International Day of Parliamentarism	--

MOUS SIGNED

IRCON signs MoU with NIIFL and AYANA—To Explore Solar Energy Usage

- Ircon International Ltd has signed a MoU with **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** and **Ayana Renewable Power Private Limited (AYANA)** which is an NIIF platform to explore solar energy and to work on its opportunities in the country.

India signs MoU with Bhutan: Co-operation in the Areas of Environment

- **India signs MoU with Bhutan** to improve the co-operation in the areas of Environment.
- The MoU was approved by a cabinet committee **chaired by PM Narendra Modi**.

GAIL India Ltd signs MoU with EESL

- **GAIL India Ltd, a Natural Gas Company has signed a MoU** with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to develop Trigenation projects in India.
- The partnership will develop businesses opportunities in the **Trigenation segment of India**.

ISRO signs MoU with ARIES for SSA and Astrophysics

- The Indian Space Research Organisation has signed a **MoU agreement with ARIES (Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Science)** for the co-operation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysic.

Indo Denmark Energy Co-operation

- **India has signed MoU with Denmark** in the field on Energy Co-operation in order to develop the power sector.
- The MoU was signed **between Power ministry of India and the ministry for energy utilities and climate of Denmark**.

Tech Mahindra signs UNGC Initiative

- The IT giant Tech Mahindra has signed a **declaration of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)** initiative to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions and energy conservation using latest technologies like IoT, AI and blockchain.

Maharashtra signs MoUs with Domestic and Foreign Companies

- The Government of Maharashtra has signed total of 12 Memorandum of Understaffing (MoU) with **domestic and foreign companies for FDI** worth over Rs 16,000 crores.
- The MoUs are the part of **Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 initiative**.

MoHUA signs MoU with SIDBI—PM SAVNidhi Scheme

- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed an MoU with SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India)** for PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SAVNidhi Scheme).

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- The PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi Scheme **aims** to provide Special Micro-Credit Facility for Street Vendors.

Rajasthan Government signs Pact with POWERGRID and EdCIL

- Rajasthan Government has signed a pact with **Power Grid Corporation of India and Educational Consultants India Limited (EdCIL)** to set up smart classrooms in 100 schools of Rajasthan.
- The **aim** behind this is to promote and inculcate students in online education in the lockdown situation of COVID-19.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Electronics Manufacturing Scheme 2.0—By MEITY

- The **outlay of 'Electronics Manufacturing Scheme 2.0'** is **Rs 50,000 crore** which will help to boost electronics market in India and which will lead to achieving USD 1 Trillion digital Indian economy and a USD 5 Trillion GDP by 2025.

'Nagar Van' or 'Urban Forest' Scheme

- On the occasion of World Environment Day 2020 (5th June), the central government has come up with a scheme titled as **'Nagar Van' or 'Urban Forest' Scheme**.
- Under this scheme, forests in the **urban areas of the country will be developed within a span of 5 years**.

Jagananna Chedodu Scheme—Andhra Pradesh

- **Andhra Pradesh Government has launched Jagananna Chedodu Scheme** to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and washermen who have suffered a loss due to coronavirus.
- The scheme will prove beneficial to about **2.47 lakh beneficiaries**.

Sahakar Mitra—Scheme on Internship Programme

- Sahakar Mitra is a **Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP)** of NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation).
- It is launched by Union Agricultural and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**.

Indira Rasoi Yojana—Rajasthan

- The **Government of Rajasthan** has launched a scheme called as Indira Rasoi Yojana.
- The **aim of this scheme** is to feed the poor people of the state with food.

Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho—Tripura

- The **Government of Tripura** has launched a scheme called as Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho.
- The **aim of this scheme** is to inculcate activity-based learning in students.

'Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar' Scheme—Tripura

- The **Government of Tripura** has announced to launch 'Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar' Scheme.
- The **aim of this scheme** is to provide nutritious food and kits to pregnant and lactating women.

DEFENCE

'Ultra Swachh'—By DRDO

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed a disinfection unit called 'Ultra Swachh'.
- The disinfection unit will help to **disinfect materials like electronic equipments, fabrics, PPE kits etc.**

Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT)

- The Indian Air Force has designed and inducted **Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT)** for the purpose of evacuation of critical patients suffering from COVID-19 from high altitude, isolated areas.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

One Sun One World One Grid—By MNRE Ministry

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** launched an initiative called 'One Sun One World One Grid'.
- This initiative is launched to **interconnect renewable energy by sharing solar resources** with more than 140 countries of West Asia and South East Asia.

CHAMPIONS Technology Platform—Launched by PM Narendra Modi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a technology platform called **CHAMPIONS (Creation and Harmonics Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength)**.
- This platform is for **MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises)**.

'Responsible AI for Youth' and AI portal—Launched By Ravi Shankar Prasad

- He also launched an **India's National Artificial Intelligence (AI) portal** called www.ai.gov.in which is developed by National e-governance division of Ministry of Electronics and IT and NASSCOM as IT partner.

SANSA and NASA to Support Human Spaceflight Missions to the Moon and Mars

- **The South African National Space Agency (SANSA)** has collaborated with **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** to support human spaceflight missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

Low Cost and Efficient Way to Generate Hydrogen from Water

- **Researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS)** has discovered a catalyst called Molybdenum Dioxide which has proven to be low Cost and efficient way to generate hydrogen from water.

Joint Science Communication Forum—By DST

- Joint Science Communication Forum is constituted by **DST (Department of Science and Technology)**.
- It is constituted to facilitate interaction, co-operation and co-ordination among various **public sector science communication institutions and agencies**.

AI Based System to Track Social Distancing

- **Researchers at IIT Kharagpur** has developed a cyber-physical system which is based on Artificial Intelligence which will perform the monitoring and tracking the record of social distancing in public places and which will prove beneficial in sustaining spread of COVID-19.

India Joins GPAI

- India has joined as a founding member and has launched a **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay)**.
- GPAI is an initiative which aims **to create development and increase usage of AI across whole world**.

India's First 'Pay as You Fly' Insurance for Drones

- India's first 'pay as you fly' insurance for drones is launched by **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** in partnership with UK based tech firm Tropo Limited for drone owners of India.

India's First Mobile Lab for COVID-19 launched by Dr Harsh Vardhan

- **Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan** has inaugurated India's first mobile disease diagnostic laboratory for COVID-19.
- I-Lab is able to conduct **COVID and Non-COVID tests as well**.

MNRE forms Project Development Cell

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** has launched Project Development Cell (PDC) with an aim to generate investment in clean energy that is to increase solar energy usage.
- MNRE has set up this PDC under its **joint secretary Amitesh Kumar Sinha**.

Herbal Infusion Technology—By IIT Mandi

- Indian Institute of Technology Mandi has developed a Herbal Infusion Technology for the farmers of the **mid-Himalayan region**.
- **Herbal Infusion Technology** will prove as an income source for farmers.

'Dhruva' a Navigation Chip—By IIT Bombay

- A team of researchers from **IIT Bombay** have created a **navigation chip** named as '**Dhruva**'.
- The Dhruva chip can be mounted in smartphones and navigation devices **to find places and routes within the country**.

'Skills Build Reignite' Platform

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** in partnership with tech giant IBM has launched '**Skills Build Reignite**' Platform.
- The platform will help **to facilitate job seekers to end entrepreneurs with access to free online coursework and mentorship support**.

'Yuva Pay'--- By Yes Bank and UDMA Technologies

- Yuva Pay is a digital wallet solution which has been launched by **Yes Bank in partnership with UDMA Technologies Pvt Ltd**.

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

Pan-India Real Team Market (RTM) in Electricity

- **Union Minister of State (IC) Power and New and Renewable Energy** and Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship R.K. Singh has launched Pan-India Real Team Market (RTM) in Electricity through video conference in New Delhi.

Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020

- Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020 was conducted on 4th June 2020 and **was hosted by United Kingdom**.
- **United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson** led the Global Vaccine Summit 2020.

India and Australia Virtual Bilateral Summit

- **India and Australia Virtual Bilateral Summit** were held between the PM of India Narendra Modi and PM of Australia Scott Morrison.
- In this summit, India and Australia have signed **seven different agreements in various fields**.

95th Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Annual Plenary Session 2020

- PM Narendra Modi addressed **95th Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** Annual Plenary session 2020 via Video Conference.

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- PM Modi also urged companies to **manufacture products that are 'Made in India'** but are 'Made for World'.

32nd Virtual EAG Plenary Meeting

- Indian officials from various enforcement agencies have participated in 32nd Virtual Eurasian Group on Combating **Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) Plenary Meeting 2020**.
- The **Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG)** comes under the aegis of Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

India's First Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene Expo 2020

- **India's first Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene EXPO 2020** was introduced by Minister of State for Shipping (IC) and Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The EXPO was organized by **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**.

Aatma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated Aatma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan via video conference.
- It is launched in 31 districts of UP and **aims to fulfil the target of providing employment opportunities** to about 25,000 migrants.

Defence Conclave 2020 Gujarat

- **Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri. Shripad Naik** has inaugurated Defence Conclave 2020 Gujarat.
- Defence Conclave 2020 Gujarat was a two-day digital conference on **Defence and Aerospace Manufacturing Sector**.

G20 Extraordinary Virtual Education Minister's Meet

- **Union Minister of Human Resource and Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** represented India in the G20 Extraordinary Virtual Education Minister's Meet.
- The **virtual meet was organized to address the disruption caused in education sectors in G20 nations** due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

49th Governing Council Meeting of NPC

- NPC, an autonomous body which comes under the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI**.
- The officials and the concerned members discussed on **increasing productivity of India** in various sector.