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## MONTHLY ONE-LINER GK DIGEST: SEPTEMBER 2020

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Japan extends Financial Support to India

- Japan has announced to grant a **financial loan assistant support to India** to fight COVID-19 crisis.
- Under this, Japan has offered a loan amount of **Rs 3500 crore to India**.

#### Germany launched Indo-Pacific Strategy with India

- **Presidential country of the European Union, Germany**, has launched the Indo-Pacific strategy with India.
- **Germany's Indo-Pacific strategy** will work in sectors like maritime safety and disaster risk management.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Vedanta Ltd. Partnered with SBI and SBICTCL

- They have entered into a partnership for **long term syndicated loan facility for Rs 10,000 crore.**
- SBI will be acting as a **facility agent and SBICAP Trustee Company Ltd** as security trustee.

### Mission Karmayogi- A National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building

- The Union Cabinet has approved and **launched Mission Karmayogi.**
- Mission Karmayogi is a National Programme for **Civil Services Capacity Building.**

### Coal India Ltd Invest Rs 1.22 lakh Crores for 500 Projects

- Coal India Ltd (CIL) has decided to **invest Rs 1.22 lakh crore for achieving the target** in 500 projects.
- These 500 projects will be based on **infrastructure, coal evacuation, project development, clean coal technologies and exploration in the country.**

### Green Term Ahead Market

- **Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable energy (Independent Charge) R K Singh** has launched Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) for electricity.

### 'Water Heroes – Share Your Stories' Contest

- The **'Water Heroes – Share Your Stories'** Contest is launched by Jal Shakti ministry.
- The contest aims to **strengthen water consciousness in India.**

### 'I Rakhwali' App —By Punjab

- The app is launched to boost the state's government moto **to protect greenery and environment.**
- The app also helps to inspire people **to conduct tree plantation activities** and become 'Greenary Saviours'.

### 2nd Edition of Anti-Dengue Campaign launched by Delhi Government

- The name of the campaign is **'10 Hafte-10 Baje-10 Minute'** or 10 Weeks-10 o'clock, 10 Minutes.
- The campaign is not only launched **to eradicate dengue but also for other vector borne diseases.**

### Consumer Affairs Ministry, GOI issues Draft Guidelines on Advertisements

- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India** has issued and released the draft guidelines on advertisements.
- The guidelines are framed by **Central Consumer Protection Authority** under the Consumer Protection Act 2019.

### AIM partners with Freshworks Inc.

- They have entered into partnership with an aim to provide support to innovators and entrepreneurs.
- The partnership will also provide efficiency to all the institutes and organisations which are under AIM, NITI Aayog portfolio.

### 'KIRAN': A Toll Free Mental Health Rehab Helpline

- **Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched toll free mental health rehabilitation helpline number.
- The name of the **toll-free mental health rehabilitation** helpline number is 'KIRAN'.

### SPARROW Portal- Jammu and Kashmir

- The **Union Territory** has introduced an online portal named as **SPARROW** which stands for Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window.
- The portal will be launched for **Administrative Services Officers of Jammu and Kashmir**.

### India's First Integrated Ambulance Service-- Karnataka

- **Chief Minister of Karnataka** launched India's First Integrated Ambulance Service to provide medical services.
- It was launched at **Jakkur Aerodrome, Bangalore** and is also termed as first air ambulance operating from South India to offer support during medical emergencies.

### PM Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and e-Gopala App

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and e-Gopala Application.

### Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework 2.0

- **Climate-Smart Cities Assessment Framework 2.0 (CSCAF 2.0)** is launched by Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (independent charge) Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Along with this, the minister also launched '**Street for People Challenge**'.

### Liberty General Insurance Ltd partnered with SpiceJets

- The name of the travel insurance policy is '**Liberty Secure Travel**'.
- This policy is for the **customers who book tickets through** the airline's website.

### Empowered Group of Ministers to look into Corporatisation of Ordnance Factory Board

- Government of India has formed a **Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM)** to look into Corporatisation of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- The EGoM will be chaired by **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**.

### **'Backyard Horticulture' Programme: Jammu and Kashmir**

- The Horticulture Department of Jammu and Kashmir launched a **'Backyard Horticulture' Programme**.
- The programme is launched under the **Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) scheme** at Pachyat Jaswan, Marh Block, Jammu district.

### **WhatsApp partnered with Common Services Centers**

- Facebook-owned **WhatsApp messaging app has entered into a partnership** with Common Service Centers (CSC).
- They will work to **remove the digital divide gap in the rural economy** and will create livelihood by promoting rural entrepreneurship.

### **'Arthika Spandana'-- Karnataka**

- **Government of Karnataka launched the loan disbursement programme** with the name 'Arthika Spandana'.
- The programme aims to **disburse the loan of Rs 39,300 crore** from various cooperative institutions.

### **Two major Agriculture and Raising Farmer's Income Bill passed in LS**

- **Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development** and Panchayat Raj, Narendra Singh Tomar introduced the two major farm reformative bills in Lok Sabha (LS). Both the bills are passed by Lok Sabha.

### **National Generic Document Registration System—Jammu and Kashmir**

- **Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha** launched the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS).
- Also, the stamp papers are replaced by e-stamps which are developed in coordination with **Stockholding Corporation of India**.

### **NITI Aayog partnered with Indian School of Public Policy**

- They aim to **have faster intermediation of knowledge** and its use within public domain system.
- Both the **organisation will jointly conduct evidence building exercises**, conferences and podcast series.

### **India offers financial support to Maldives to combat COVID-19**

- Government of India has extended financial support to the **Maldives to combat the impact of COVID-19**. India has offered the loan amount of **250 million dollars** to the Maldives.

### **Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill 2020 passed in Rajya Sabha**

- The bill amends the **Epidemic Diseases Act 1897**.
- The bill includes protection rights for **healthcare workers who are doing their jobs in combating epidemics**.

### Visa Inc. and IFundWomen to support Women Entrepreneurs

- **Visa Inc. and its global partner IFundWomen** has launched a grant program to offer support to Indian Women Entrepreneurs.
- For promoting this program, **Visa has partnered with FLO, which is the ladies wing of FICCI** and with Instamojo.

### SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd partnered with Google

- They have entered into a **partnership to allow SBI customers to use their SBI Credit Cards** to make payments via Google Pay app on their smartphones.

### RS passed Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill 2020

- **On 22nd Sep 2020, Rajya Sabha (RS)** passed Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill 2020.
- In Lok Sabha, the **Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill 2020** was passed on 20th March 2020.

### YuWaah: A Multi-Stakeholder Platform

- A Statement of Intent (SoI) is signed between the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and UNICEF (United Nations Children Fund)** to launch a global multi-stakeholder platform named 'YuWaah'.

### Google Pay rolls out Tokenisation on its platform

- Google Pay has launched a feature for **card based payments through tokenisation** on its platform.
- For this purpose, **Google pay has entered into partnership with Visa.**

### Rajya Sabha passed Three Labour Codes for the Welfare of Country's Workers

- **Rajya Sabha (RS) passed three labour codes namely** (1) Industrial Relations Code, 2020 (2) Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (3) Social Security Code, 2020.

### 'Kritagya' Hackathon

- The hackathon is launched **to promote potential technology solutions** which will enhance farm mechanism with the focus on women-friendly equipments.

### PM Narendra Modi launched 'Age Appropriate Fitness Protocol'

- To celebrate and promote the **first anniversary of Fit India Movement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched 'Age Appropriate Fitness Protocol' virtually at Fit India Dialogue.



### **'Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighboring Countries' Programme**

- **Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs** launched the first phase of the programme for 'Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighboring Countries'.

### **Contactless Payment Solution for Mass Transport-Fino Payments Bank & Fintech Partners**

- The **NFC based prepaid smart card system provides contactless** or tap-and-go payments enabling the cashless ticket system and also promotes digital cash usage.

### **Destination North East 2020 Festival**

- The '**Destination North East 2020 Festival**' was inaugurated by **Union Home Minister, Amit Shah** via video conference.
- The theme for '**Destination North East 2020 Festival**': 'The Emerging Delightful Destinations'.

### **PM Modi inaugurated 6 Mega Projects in Uttarakhand**

- Under the Namami Gange Mission, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated 6 mega projects in Uttarakhand.
- The **68 MLD Jagjeetpur project is the first sewage project** taken up on hybrid annuity of PPP mode.

## **BANKING**

### **Indian Economy Contracted by 23.9% for Q1 for FY 2020-21**

- The National Statistical Office (NSO), **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** has released data displaying that Indian Economy is contracted by 23.9% for Q1 for FY 2020-21.

### **'LiGo'— AI based Chabot by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched an **Artificial Intelligence-based voice featured chatbot**.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has also **extended this chatbot service on Google Assistant**.

### **'Home Utsav'- ICICI Bank's Virtual Property Exhibition**

- India's private sector bank, ICICI Bank, has launched a **virtual property exhibition with the name 'Home Utsav'**.
- Home Utsav will digitally showcase the **real estate properties and projects** from various sites of India.

### **Revised Priority Sector Lending Guidelines—By RBI**

- The **Reserve Bank of India has reviewed** and released Revised Priority Sector Lending Guidelines.

- The PSL guidelines are revised to increase the funding for COVID-19 economically impacted sectors.

#### Ministry of MSME approved Khadi Agarbatti Aatma Nirbhar Mission

- It will support financially to the local agarbatti industries and handholding artisans associated with this sector.
- Earlier Rs 2.66 crore were offered to about 500 artisans for this mission. Now the support is increased to more than Rs 55 crore.

#### K V Kamath's Committee report Released by RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India has released a report framed by the committee which is led by K V Kamath.
- The committee has suggested and recommended financial parameters which focusses on resolutions plans under the 'Resolution Framework for COVID 19 related Stress'.

#### GOI signed Loan Agreement with ADB for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor

- Asian Development Bank has approved to provide funds to Government of India to build a high speed 82 km long Delhi-Meerut Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor.

#### 'Signature Visa Debit Card'—Bank of India

- 'Signature Visa Debit Card' is an international contactless debit card.
- They have launched this card on the occasion of BOI's 115th Foundation Day.

#### India's Economy to Contract 10.5% for FY2020-21 from -5%

- Fitch Ratings has projected that India's economy to contract 10.5% in FY 2020-21 from the contraction of 5% which was estimated earlier.
- This projection by Fitch is with reference to the September update of Global Economic Outlook (GEO).

#### Five PSUs to Join ISA-CSCA as Corporate Partners

- Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas has announced that five Public Sector units (PSU) which are operated under Petroleum ministry will be joining as corporate partners for International Solar Alliance Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA).

#### Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs which is part of EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) Banking Reforms and Department of Financial Services, 2018.

#### India's GDP Rate at -9% for FY 2020-21—Projected by CRISIL

- The CRISIL Rating agency has projected India's GDP rate at -9% for financial year 2020-21.



- Also, CRISIL has projected that **Indian GDP will grow 10% for FY 2022**. And for the next years i.e. between 2023 and 2025, India's GDP will show an average growth of 6.2% annually.

#### **RBI released Guidelines to have Uniform Compliance Practices in banks**

- The Reserve Bank of India released a **notification for compliance functions in banks** and the role of Chief Compliance Officer (COO).
- The guidelines for compliance practices in banks are the **board approved compliance policy**.

#### **'iStartup 2.0'—ICICI Bank**

- In order to have a comprehensive **banking programme for Indian Startups**, ICICI Bank has launched a new product with the 'iStartup 2.0'.
- The initiative will offer customers with a **current account in three variants namely, Platinum, Gold and Silver**.

#### **India's GDP at -11.5% for FY 2021—By Moody's Rating Agency**

- The **Moody's rating agency** has forecasted that India's GDP to contract 11.5% for financial year 2020-21.
- It has also projected that the Indian economy will grow at **10.6% for FY 2021-22**.

#### **India's GDP to contract 9% for FY 21—By S&P Global Ratings**

- The Standards and Poors Global Rating platform have projected Indias Gross Domestic Product (GDP) **to contract at 9% for the fiscal year 2020-21**.
- S&P marked **5% of India's GDP contraction** in their previous estimation.

#### **ADB to offer \$15 million to Suguna Foods Private Ltd**

- Asian Development Bank has entered with an **agreement for debt financing for Suguna Foods Private Ltd**.
- The agreement of \$15 million is signed between **ADB and Suguna Foods Pvt LTD**.

#### **India's GDP to Contract 9% for FY 2020-21**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has forecasted that **India's GDP to contract 9% for the financial year 2020-2021**.
- However, ADB has forecasted that GDP will grow by **8% in FY 2021-2022**.

#### **FM introduced Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2020 in LS**

- The **new Banking Regulation Amendment Bill 2020** aims to give power to restructure cooperative banks by RBI in order to protect the interest of depositors.

#### **India's GDP to Contract 10.2% for FY 2020-21—By OECD**

- This projection by OECD is released in its **Global Economic Forecast for 2020**.
- As per OECD, the **global economy will shrink at 4.5%** for the current fiscal year.

### **RBI issues Draft Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives Directions, 2020**

- The Reserve Bank of India has released **Draft Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives Directions, 2020** to allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to **undertake exchange-traded rupee interest rate derivatives transactions** subject to an overall ceiling of Rs 5,000 crore.

### **India's GDP to Contract by 8.6% for FY 2020-21—By UBS Securities**

- The UBS Securities has forecasted that **India's GDP to contract 8.6% for the financial year 2020-2021.**
- Earlier it has projected **GDP contraction to 5.8%.**

### **India's nominal GDP to grow by 19%: Ministry of Finance**

- **Ministry of Finance, GOI estimated that India's nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will grow by 19% for the financial year 2021-2022 on a low base.**

### **RBI released Cyber Security Vision Framework for UCBs**

- The Reserve Bank of India released **Cyber Security Vision Framework for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs).**
- The central bank has released this vision under the title **'Technology Vision for Cyber Security for UCBs 2020-2023'.**

### **'SafePay' Contactless Debit Card Facility—IDFC First Bank**

- Under this digital facility, the user will be able to perform contactless debit card payments by waving a **smartphone against a Near Field Communication (NFC)-Enabled POS Terminal.**

### **ADB approves loan for Secondary Towns of Rajasthan**

- The Asian Development Bank has approved loan to develop water supply services and sanitation infrastructure in secondary towns (**localities having 20,000 to 1 lakh residents**) of Rajasthan.

### **World Bank offers loan to Bangladesh**

- World Bank has approved loan to Bangladesh to **improve access to clean and safe water services and to develop sanitation services in rural parts** of the country.

### **IRDAI identifies LIC, GIC and New India Assurance as D-SIIs**

- The **Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India), GIC (General Insurance Corporation of India) and New India Assurance as D-SIIs (Domestic-Systematically Important Insurers).**

### **RBI to launch 'Positive Pay System' for Cheque Truncation System**

- The system will developed by **National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI).**
- All the banks will have to **enable the system for all account holders issuing cheques for amount of Rs 50,000 and above.**

### India's GDP for FY 2021 at -12.6%-- By NCAER

- The National Council of Applied Economics Research (NCAER) has projected that **India's GDP growth is at -12.6% for the financial year 2020-2021** with the remaining three quarters expected to observe a fall.

### India's GDP to contract by 11% in FY21 --- ICRA

- **Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA)** has revised its forecast rating for the contraction of India's GDP for FY 2021.
- As per domestic rating agency ICRA, **India's GDP to contract by 11% in FY 2020-21.**

## INDEX AND RANKING

### 13th Global Innovation Index 2020

- 13th Global Innovation Index 2020 is released by **WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation)**, Cornell University and INSEAD Business School.
- The first position is marked by Switzerland, which is followed by **Sweden and the US at second and third position** respectively.

### 4th Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) Ranking

- **Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs** has released the 4th Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) Ranking for 2018-19.
- The ranking is topped by Andhra Pradesh. **Andhra Pradesh marked 100% compliance** to all the reform points.

### EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0

- The **EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) Banking Reforms Index 2.0** is framed by the Indian Banking Association (IBA).
- As per EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0, Bank of Baroda has marked the **top position in the ranking list.**

### 24th Global Economic Freedom Index 2020

- **Canada's Fraser Institute in partnership with Centre for Civil Society**, New Delhi based think tank has released Global Economic Freedom Index 2020.
- As per the **Global Economic Freedom Index 2020**, India is ranked at 105th position.

### World Banks Human Capital Index 2020

- World Bank has released its annual **report for Human Capital Index 2020.**
- The index report is released with the title, The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: **Human Capital in the time of COVID-19.**

### Smart City Index 2020

- The **Smart City Index 2020** is topped by Singapore.
- The second and third rank is marked by **Helsinki and Zurich respectively**.

### World Risk Index 2020

- The **United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)** and Bundnis Entwicklung Hilft and University of Stuttgart, Germany has released the World Risk Index 2020.

## REPORTS

### 'Levels and Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020

- United Nations has released a report titled '**Levels and Trends in Child Mortality**' for 2020.
- The report is drafted by the **United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimations (UN IGME)**.

### India Happiness Report 2020

- The **India Happiness Report 2020** is released which covers all Indian states and union territories.
- The report measures happiness across the country contributing to **peoples happiness and COVID-19 impact on happiness**.

### Health in India Report 2020

- As per the report, nearly **7.5% of Indians are suffering from disease**.
- In **rural area, 6.8% are suffering from an ailment**, and in urban area, 9.1% are suffering from an ailment.

## APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Rajiv Kumar	Election Commissioner of India
Aveek Sarkar	Chairman of Press Trust of India
Hemant Khatri	Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL)
Usha Padhee	Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
V K Yadav	CEO of Railway Board by appointment committee of cabinet
Murali Ramakrishnan	MD and CEO of South Indian Bank
S Krishnan	MD and CEO of Punjab and Sind Bank
K Padmakar	Chairman and MD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

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Raj Srivastava	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Croatia
Dwayne Bravo	Brand Ambassador of 'SBOTOP'
Ayushmann Khurana	Brand Ambassador of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
Vinkesh Gulati	President of Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA)
Sanyukta Samaddar	Head the Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC)
Anil Jain	President of All India Tennis Association (AITA)
Anil Dhupar	Secretary-General of All India Tennis Association (AITA)
Paresh Rawal	Chairman of National School of Drama
Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana	Brand Ambassador for Playerzpot
Rajnath Singh	To Head Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to look into Corporatisation of Ordinance Factory Board (OFB)
Sameer Kumar Khare	Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Takeo Konishi	Country Director of India
Rajesh Khullar	Executive Director of World Bank
Jane Fraser	CEO of Citigroup
Subhash Kamath	Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
NS Rajan	Vice Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
Harivansh Narayan Singh	Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
Yoshihide Suga	Prime Minister of Japan
Sachin Tendulkar	Brand Ambassador of Paytm First Games
Amitabh Bachchan	Amazon for its Alexa Voice Assistant
Virat Kohli	Brand Ambassador for Great Learning
Lt Gen Rajesh Pant	Head of the committee to look into and examine the reports of digital surveillance on prominent Indian Nationals by Chinese firm Shenzhen Zhenhua Data Information Technology Company Ltd
Ajay Tirkey	Head the committee to prepare the roadmap to regularize the land leasing activity in agriculture sector
Suresh Raina	Brand Ambassador for 9stacks
Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Anil Dhasmana	Chief of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRIO)
Retd. Col. Dr Girija Shanker Mungali	Member of Asian Football Confederation Task Force
Simanchala Dash	Advisor to Executive Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Retd. Col. Bah Ndaw	Interim President of Mali
Col. Assimi Goita	Vice President of Mali

AK Dixit	New Administrator of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank
Alexander Lukashenko	President of Belarus
Ishmael Toroma	President of Bougainville
Khushi Chindaliya	Regional Ambassador for India by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)- Tunza Eco Generation (Green)
Rajat Sud	MD of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)
Mohamed Hussein Roble	Prime Minister of Somalia
Sonu Sood	Brand Ambassador of Acer India
Aamir Khan	Brand Ambassador for CEAT Limited
Yuvraj Singh	Brand Ambassador for Akash Educational Service Ltd
Neetu David	Chairman of Women's National Selection Panel by BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India)
Moctar Ouane	Prime Minister of Mali
Meeta Makhan	Head the 3 member committee which will run the daily affairs of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)
Robin Uthappa	Brand Ambassador for Kerala based startup named 'Entri'
S S Deswal	DG of NSG (National Security Guard)
P D Vaghela	Chairman of TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India)
Shekhar Kapur	President of FTII (Film and Television Institute of India)
Sunil Sethi	Advisor to KVIC (Khadi and Village Commission)
Aamir Khan	Brand Ambassador of Vedantu

### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Award</b>
Hyderabad International Airport or GMR led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' Awards at National Award for 'Excellence in Energy Management'
Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (Vizag Steel Plant)	'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' award by Confederation of Indian industry and Godrej Green Business Centre
Aditya Puri	Lifetime Achievement Awards by Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2020
Chef Vikas Khanna	Asia Game Changer Award 2020
Margaret Atwood	2020 Dayton Literacy Peace Prize's Lifetime Achievement
Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Ig Noble Prize 2020 for Medical Education
Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (Goalkeeper)	All India Football Federations Men's Footballer of the Year 2019-20
Sanju Yadav (Midfielder)	All India Football Federations Women's Footballer



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	of the Year 2019-20
Usha Mangeshkar	Gan Samragini Lata Mangeshkar Award 2020-21
Sonu Sood	SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award
<b>Emmy Awards 2020</b>	
<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Outstanding Drama Series	Succession
Outstanding Comedy Series	Schitt's Creek
Outstanding Limited Series	Watchmen
Best Actor (Drama)	Jeremy Strong (Succession)
Best Actress (Drama)	Zendaya (Euphoria)
Best Actor (Comedy)	Eugene Levy (Schitt's Creek)
Best Actress (Comedy)	Catherine O'Hara (Schitt's Creek)
Outstanding Television Movie	Bad Education
Outstanding Variety Talk Show	Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
Outstanding Director (Drama)	Andrij Parekh (Succession)
Outstanding Director (Comedy)	Daniel Levy (Schitt's Creek)

## IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	World Coconut Day	--
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day of Charity	--
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	National Teachers Day	--
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	--
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Literacy Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond'
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	--
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Suicide Prevention Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Working together to prevent suicide'
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day for South-South Cooperation	--
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World First Aid Day	--
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day	--
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Engineers Day	--
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day of Democracy	--
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer	<b>Theme:</b> 'Ozone for Life: 35 years of ozone layer protection'
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Patient Safety Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety'
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Bamboo Day	<b>Theme:</b> BAMBOO NOW
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Equal Pay Day	--
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Water Monitoring Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Solve Water'

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19 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Coastal Clean-Up Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Achieving a trash-free Coastline'
21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	World Alzheimer Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Let's talk about dementia'
21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	International Day of Peace or World Peace Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Shaping Peace Together'
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	World Rhino Day	<b>Theme:</b> Five Rhino Species Forever
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	International Day of Sign Languages	<b>Theme:</b> Sign Languages are for Everyone
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Pharmacist Day	<b>Theme:</b> Transforming Global Health
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	National Antyodaya Diwas	--
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Environmental Health Day	<b>Theme:</b> Environmental health, a key public intervention in disease pandemic prevention
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Tourism Day	<b>Theme:</b> Tourism and Rural Development
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day for Universal Access to Information	<b>Theme:</b> Access to information- Saving Lives, Building Trust, Bringing Hope!
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Rabies Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'End Rabies- Collaborate, Vaccinate'
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	World Heart Day	<b>Theme:</b> Use Heart to Beat Cardiovascular Disease
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction	<b>Theme:</b> Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	International Translation Day	<b>Theme:</b> Finding the words for a world in crisis

### MOU'S SIGNED

#### Cabinet approves MoU between India and Japan

- Union Cabinet approved to sign the **MoU between India and Japan**.
- This approval is for the **Cooperation in the Textile Sector**.

#### IIT Roorkee signs MoU with NIUA

- IIT Roorkee has signed MoU with **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**.
- Both the entities will engage in this with all their technical support in order to **make Indian cities more accessible, safe for living**.

### **India signs MoU with Japan**

- **India and Japan has entered into MoU with respect to Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services** between armed forces of India and the self-defence forces of Japan.

### **IFSCA signs MoU with IGPC of IIM Ahmedabad**

- The **International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) has signed MoU with Indian Gold Policy Centre of IIM Ahmedabad (IGPC-IIMA)** to build the International Bullion Exchange (IBE) in India.

### **Corporate Agency Agreement signed between SBI General insurance and Yes Bank**

- SBI General Insurance has signed a **Corporate Agency Agreement with Yes Bank.**
- The agreement is signed to distribute **SBI General Insurance Company's products** to the customers of Yes Bank.

### **Ministry of AYUSH signs MoU with Ministry of Women and Child Development**

- An MoU is signed between **Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Women and Child Development** to control malnutrition in India.
- They will frame the **baseline data in nutritional status for target population.**

### **Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd signed MoU with ITI Kalamassery**

- Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) has entered into an agreement with **Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kalamassery with an aim to improve industry-institute interaction.**

### **India's iCreate signs MoU with Israel**

- **India's International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate) has signed MoU with Israel's Start-Up Nation Central** to boost the innovation and technology bilateral cooperation between startups and corporates of India and Israel.

### **AYUSH Ministry signs MoU with Herbal Industry Bodies**

- The **National Medicinal Plants Boards (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH** has signed agreement with Herbal Industry Bodies.
- They have signed an agreement to **promote medicinal plant cultivation.**

### **India and Denmark signs MoU for Intellectual Property Cooperation**

- The MoU is signed to **increase IP cooperation between two nations so that can share best practices, experiences** and knowledge related to IP and its way of creating awareness among authorities.

### **PFC signs MoU with Ministry of Power**

- Government of India has set a **revenue target of Rs 36,000 crores** for the current financial year.

- Along with this revenue target, **GOI has also set performance-related targets**, which are to be achieved during this fiscal year.

#### **BSE signs MoU with Yes Bank**

- The **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed MoU with private sector bank, Yes Bank.**
- The MoU is signed to empower **SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises).**

## **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

#### **'Five Star Villages' Scheme - India Post**

- Department of Post launched a scheme titled **'Five Star Villages'**.
- The 'Five Star Villages' scheme will be implemented by **Gramin Dak Sevak and the team** will be headed by Branch Postmaster.

#### **Piggery Mission—Meghalaya**

- The **government of Meghalaya launched 'Piggery Mission'** with an aim to reduce annual import of pork to **Rs 150 crore and to make Meghalaya Aatma Nirbhar** in pork production in the upcoming 3 years.

#### **'Apna Ghar Dreamz' Home Loan Scheme—By ICICI Home Finance**

- The ICICI Home Finance has launched a **home loan scheme with the name 'Apna Ghar Dreamz'**.
- The credit amount under 'Apna Ghar Dreamz' loan scheme ranges from **Rs 2 lakh to Rs 50 lakhs.**

#### **Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana-- Gujarat**

- **Government of Gujarat launched a Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY).** MMUY offers interest-free loans to the women's group of Gujarat.
- **Around 10 lakh women** will get the benefit of MMUY.

#### **'Ghar Tak Fibre' Scheme and 9 Highway Projects-- Bihar**

- The 'Ghar Tak Fibre' scheme is launched by following the motto of **Digital India programme and the scheme will be connecting 45,945 villages** of Bihar through optical fibre internet service.

#### **Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana—Madhya Pradesh**

- Under this yojana, the farmers who are getting **Rs 6000 per annum, will be getting additional finance support of Rs 4000.** Thus, the state farmers, will be getting Rs 10,000 as annual financial support.

#### **'Moksha Kalash Yojana 2020'—Rajasthan**

- **Chief Minister of Rajasthan** has given approval to launch 'Moksha Kalash Yojana 2020'.
- The 'Moksha Kalash Yojana 2020' is the initiative of **Rajasthan State Broad Transport Corporation.**

### 'Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribhan Achoni Yojana'—Assam

- Government of Assam launched 'Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribhan Achoni Yojana'.
- The state government will **provide 25% cost of the vehicle or Rs 1 lakh** to the eligible entrepreneur.

### 'U-Rise' Portal - Uttar Pradesh

- **Government of Uttar Pradesh launched 'U-Rise' Portal.** It is the Unified Portal. The significance of Unified U-Rise portal is 'Unified Re-imagined Innovation for Student Empowerment'.

## DEFENCE

### Ministry of Defence signed contract of Rs 2580 crore—Make in India

- The ministry of defence, GOI has signed a contract of worth **Rs 2580 crore to boost the initiative** of Make in India.
- The ministry has signed the contract to supply six Pinaka regiments, **a system rocket launcher to the Indian Army by 2024.**

### India and Russia finalised Deal to Manufacture AK-47 203 Rifles

- India and Russia has finalised their deal **to manufacture AK-47 203 rifles.**
- As per the deal, the **AK-47 203 rifles will be manufactured in India** under the guidance of Russia and the manufacturing will be the part of Make in India Initiative.

### 4th JIMEX 2020

- JIMEX is the **bilateral naval exercise conducted between India and Japan.**
- JIMEX signifies **Japan-India Maritime bilateral Exercise.**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### World's Largest Solar Tree: By CSIR-CMERI

- The CSIR-CMERI which comes under the **Ministry of Science and Technology** has developed and installed World's Largest Solar Tree.
- Annually, it has the capacity to **generate 12,000-14,000 units of clean and green power energy.**

### Indian Astronomers discovered Farthest Star Galaxies in the Universe

- **Department of Space announced that Indian Astronomers** has discovered farthest star galaxies in the universe.
- The discovered farthest star galaxies in the universe are the extreme UV light which is detected with the help of **India's first multi-wavelength satellite 'Astrosat'.**

### India, US and Israel collaborates for 5G Technology

- **India, United States and Israel** have entered into trilateral development initiative of 5G Technology.
- The nations assured to provide **5G technology which will be open**, interoperable, reliable and secured one.

### TRAI recommends to Setup an Industry Body for Cloud Service Providers

- The **Telecomm Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has recommended to form an industry body for cloud service providers (CSP).
- This recommendation by **TRAI is the part of 'light-touch regulatory framework'**.

### National Rhino Conservation Strategy

- On the occasion of World Rhino Day which is observed on 22nd Sep, **Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched National Rhino Conservation Strategy**.
- It is launched for **Indian one-horned rhinoceros**.

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

### Virtual Bilateral Meet between India and Nigeria

- India and Nigeria held the bilateral meeting in a virtual mode in order to **strengthen their relations to achieve mutual benefits for both the countries**.
- India was represented by **Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar** and **Nigeria** was represented by country's foreign minister Geoffrey Onyeama.

### BIMSTEC Meet 2020

- India attended the BIMSTEC Meet 2020 in order to **review and expand support among associated countries of BIMSTEC** (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation).

### National Tribal Research Conclave

- The National Tribal Research Conclave was organized by **Centre of Excellence for tribal affairs, ministry of tribal affairs and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**.
- **Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda** addressed the inaugural session of two day National Tribal Research Conclave.

### 5th BRICS Culture Ministers Meet

- **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism, Prahlad Singh Patel** attended the 5th BRICS Culture Ministers Meet.
- The meeting was held under the **chairmanship of Russia**.



### **G20 Foreign Ministers Meet**

- India was represented by **External Affairs Ministers S Jaishankar**.
- In the meet, India proposed '**G20 Principals on Coordinated Cross-Border Movement of People**'.

### **60th SIAM Annual Convention 2020**

- The virtual session of **60th SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) Annual Convention 2020** was held.
- The session was titled '**Re-Building the Nation, Responsibly**'.

### **35th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and Pacific 2020**

- The virtual session of **35th FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation) Regional Conference for Asia and Pacific 2020** was held.
- The conference was held under the **chairmanship of Bhutan**.

### **1st India-Angola Joint Commission Meet**

- The first joint commission meeting between **India and Angola was held via video conference**.
- India was represented by **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar**. **Angola** was represented by Ambassador Tete Antonio, Minister of External Relations.

### **1st India-France-Australia Trilateral Dialogue**

- The first trilateral dialogue between **India, France and Australia was held virtually**.
- The meet was held with an aim to **improve the trilateral relations in various sectors** of these countries.

### **Conclave on 'School Education in 21st Century'**

- A two-day conclave on '**School Education in 21st Century**' began on 10th Sep 2020 in a virtual mode.
- The conclave was addressed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

### **10th East Asia Summit (EAS) 2020**

- India was represented by **External Affairs Minister for State, V. Muraleedharan**.
- The meeting was chaired by **Deputy PM and Foreign Minister of Vietnam, Pham Bin Minh**.

### **17th Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Culture Ministers Meet 2020**

- The **17th Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Culture Ministers Meet 2020** was held virtually.
- India was represented by **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism, Prahlad Singh Patel**.

### 2+2 Inter-Sessional meet between India and US

- The **bilateral 2+2 Inter-sessional meeting** between India and United States was conducted in virtual manner.
- The meeting was held to discuss the regional and multilateral issues related to COVID-19 pandemic, counter-terrorism and about **Indo-Pacific Region**.

### 27th ASEAN Regional Forum Minister Meet

- The **27th ASEAN Regional Forum Minister Meet** was conducted via video conference.
- India was represented by **Union Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan**.

### 10th DTTI Group Meet between India and US

- The **10th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting** was held virtually between India and the United States.
- In the meet, a **Statement of Intent (SoI)** was signed between two nation's Defence delegations.

### IBSA Foreign Ministers Meeting 2020

- India-Brazil- South Africa (IBSA) **Foreign Ministers Meeting** was held virtually.
- They assured to offer cooperation with **international organisations such as African Union Peace and Security Council, United Nations etc.**

### 4th Global Ayurveda Summit 2020

- **Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the 4th Global Ayurveda Summit 2020 virtually.
- The theme for 4th global Ayurveda Summit 2020: '**Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic**'.

### 10th BRICS NSA Meet

- The **10th edition of BRICS National Security Advisor (NSA)** took place virtually.
- The meeting was chaired by the **Russian Federation**.

### Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity 2020

- **Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar** attended Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity 2020.
- The Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity 2020 was hosted by the **People's Republic of China**.

### Quad Group Meet 2020

- The senior's officials from **foreign ministries** virtually attended the **Quad Group** of countries meet.
- The Quad Group meeting was the part of having **periodic consultation and discussion of Indo-Pacific Region**.