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# **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

## 12TH BRICS SUMMIT ON NOVEMBER 2020

- ❖ **12th BRICS Summit** will be held on 17th November 2020 via video conference.
- ❖ The theme of this year's BRICS Summit is “**BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth**”.
- ❖ The Summit this year is being held under the **Chairmanship of Russia**.
- ❖ **BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**. Since 2009, the BRICS nations have met annually at formal summits. The headquarters of BRICS is situated in **Shanghai, China**.



## MEITY UNVEILED SUMMIT "RAISE 2020"

- ❖ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** unveiled 'RAISE 2020', a Global Virtual Summit on Artificial Intelligence in **New Delhi**.
- ❖ The Mega Virtual Summit AI, RAISE 2020 is organized by the **MEITY and NITI Aayog**. India is one of the founding members of the Global Partnership on **Artificial Intelligence**.
- ❖ The summit will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** & summit aims to start discussion on the creation of robust AI-powered public infrastructure that benefits all across the world.



## VAIBHAV SUMMIT INAUGURATED BY PM MODI

- ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik, (VAIBHAV)** Summit through video conference to introduce pioneering space reforms which provide opportunities for both industry and academia.
- ❖ He has invited researchers and academicians and sought their support to realize the dream of **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat**, which includes a vision of global welfare.
- ❖ Calling **VAIBHAV** as a confluence of great minds as these efforts will help create an ideal research ecosystem.



## INDIA-BANGLADESH MARITIME EXERCISE: "BONGOSAGAR"

- ❖ **The second edition of Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise “Bongosagar” commences in Northern Bay of Bengal.**
- ❖ **Exercise Bongosagar**, is aimed at developing interoperability and joint operational skills through conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations.
- ❖ The current **Chief of Naval Staff** is **Admiral Karambir Singh**. The 24th Navy Chief took over from **Admiral Sunil Lanba**.



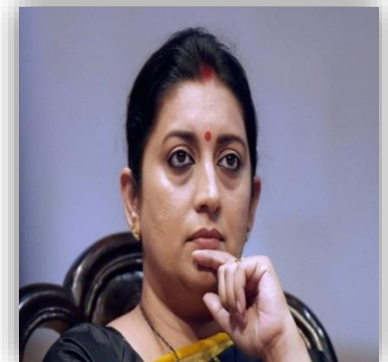
## PM NARENDRA MODI LAUNCHED SVAMITVA SCHEME

- ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched the programme of **physical distribution of Property Cards** under the **SVAMITVA** scheme.
- ❖ **The Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA)** is a Central Sector Scheme to provide the ‘record of rights to document the residential properties’ to village households.
- ❖ **SVAMITVA Scheme** will help in strengthening the **Panchayati Raj system** for which efforts are underway for the past 6 years.



## FIRST EVER BRAND & LOGO LAUNCHED FOR INDIAN COTTON

- ❖ **Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani** launched the **first ever Brand and Logo for Indian Cotton**.
- ❖ Now India’s premium cotton would be known as ‘**Kasturi Cotton**’ in the **world cotton trade**.
- India is **the second largest cotton producer**.
- Also India is the **largest consumer of cotton** in the world.
- **Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)** made ever highest **Minimum Support Price (MSP)**.



## PIYUSH GOYAL GIVEN ADDITIONAL CHARGE

- ❖ **Union Minister Piyush Goyal** was assigned the additional charge of **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**.
- ❖ He was given the additional charge following the death of **Lok Jana shakti Party (LJP)** founder and **union minister Ram Vilas Paswan**.
- ❖ **Piyush Goyal** is currently serving as the **Union Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry**.



## UGC TERMED 24 UNIVERSITIES AS FAKE

- ✓ The **University Grants Commission** announced a list of **24 unrecognized universities**. These Universities have been termed as fake.
- ✓ The maximum number of these universities is operating **from the states of Uttar Pradesh followed by Delhi**.
- ✓ UGC has also notified that the word **“University” shall not be used** by any institutions **other than those established and recognised by UGC**. UGC has its headquarters in **New Delhi** & its chairman is **DP Singh**.



## 8 BEACHES GOT BLUE FLAG CERTIFICATION

- ❖ All **Eight beaches** recommended by the Government have got the coveted **International Blueflag Certification**.
- ❖ It is an outstanding feat for the country as **no Blueflag nation** has ever been **awarded for 8 beaches in a single attempt**.
- ❖ The beaches which got International Blueflag Certification are **Shivrajpur beach** in Dwarka Gujarat, **Ghoghla beach** in Diu, **Kasarkod and Padubidri** in Karnataka, **Kappad** in Kerala, **Rushikonda** in Andhra Pradesh, **Golden Beach** in Odisha and **Radhanagar beach** in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



## 'MISSION SHAKTI' IN UP TO TACKLE CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

- ❖ Facing flak over a **string of rape incidents** in **Uttar Pradesh**, **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched 'Mission Shakti' campaign.
- ❖ It focuses upon **ensuring the safety and dignity of women and girls**, with a stern warning that perpetrators of crimes against females will be dealt with an iron hand.
- ❖ "The first phase of 'Mission Shakti' will focus on **spreading awareness** towards ensuring the safety and dignity of women and girl child. **In the second phase**, they will have to **face social-boycott** and their pictures will be displayed publicly.





## INDIA TO DELIVER "INS SINDHUVIR" TO MYANMAR

❖ India will deliver **Submarine to Myanmar Navy** as part of **growing defence cooperation** between the two neighboring countries.

❖ The submarine will be an **EKM or kilo class submarine** “INS **Sindhuvir**” described as "state of the art package".

❖ The move is in accordance with India's vision of **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)**. A **kilo class submarine** is a class of diesel-electric attack submarines designed and built in the Soviet Union for the Soviet Navy.



## NAVAL EXERCISE BETWEEN SRI LANKA AND INDIA

❖ The **8th edition of the annual Indian Navy – Sri Lanka Navy bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-20** starts at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

❖ **The Indian Navy** will be represented by the indigenously built **ASW corvettes Kamorta and Kiltan**. The Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by **SLN Ships Sayura (OPV) and Gajabahu (Training Ship)**.

❖ **SLINEX series of exercises** emphasises the deep engagement between **India and Sri Lanka** which has strengthened mutual cooperation in the maritime domain.



## FIRST EVER YOUTH 20 (Y20) GLOBAL SUMMIT

- ❖ **The first-ever virtual G20 (Group of Twenty) Youth 20 (Y20) Global Summit** was virtually hosted from Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia
- ❖ Indian side was represented by **Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijju**.
- ❖ Indian side emphasized on galvanizing the youth to take on the challenges set forth by the worldwide COVID 19 Pandemic. The theme of the Summit was **“Government – Youth dialogue on post-COVID-19 opportunities”**.



## INDIA TO CHAIR ILO GOVERNING BODY AFTER 35 YEARS

- ❖ **India has assumed the Chairmanship** of the Governing Body of **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, after a gap of 35 years.
- ❖ The Labour and Employment Secretary, **Apurva Chandra**, has been elected as the **Chairperson of the Governing Body** of the ILO.
- **The Governing Body** is the **apex executive body of the ILO**.
- At present, ILO has its **headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland**
- **ILO currently comprises 187 members**.



## INS KAVARATTI' COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN NAVY

- ❖ The **Chief of Army Staff, General MM Naravane** has commissioned the '**INS Kavaratti**' into the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ The ship has been built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.**
- ❖ The **anti-submarine warfare (ASW) stealth corvettes** have been undertaken under '**Project 28**', also called **Kamorta-class corvettes** of the Navy.



## PM MODI LAUNCHES THREE PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

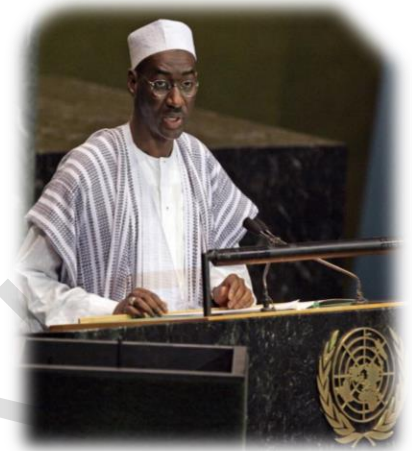
- ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **three projects** in his home State Gujarat.
- ❖ The three projects includes:
  - The '**Kisan Suryodaya Yojna**' is an Agri scheme which aims to provide power supply during daytime from 5 am to 9 pm (16 hours) for irrigation purposes to farmers.
  - The **Paediatric Heart Hospital** was inaugurated at **U.N Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre at Civil Hospital campus in Ahmedabad.**
  - **Girnar hill ropeway at Junagadh** is Rs 130 crore project. It would attract more tourists and pilgrims to this historical place which will boost employment.



# **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

## FORMER MINISTER NAMED AS TRANSITIONAL PM OF MALI

- ❖ Former Mali Foreign Minister **Moctar Ouane** named transitional PM. **Moctar Ouane** has also served as Mali's foreign minister in 2004-2009.
- ❖ A veteran diplomat, **Ouane**, also served as Mali's ambassador to the **United Nations** from 1995-2002.
- ❖ Mali's interim "**President Bah Ndaw**" has named former Malian Foreign Minister "**Moctar Ouane**" as **Prime minister**.



## NAWAF AL AHMAD BECOMES RULING EMIR OF KUWAIT

- ❖ Kuwait's Crown Prince **Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah** became the oil-rich nation's new ruling emir. Sheikh Nawaf had served as the crown prince since 2006.
- ❖ Sheikh Nawaf became a **governor of Kuwait's Hawalli region** and later the country's interior minister, a position he held for nearly a decade.
- ❖ Sheikh Nawaf served as Kuwait's defense minister beginning in 1988. He'd be in the role in 1990, when **Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein** invaded Kuwait and occupied the nation for seven months.
- ❖ **Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** has been chosen by **Kuwait's new emir** to serve as crown prince



## PAKISTAN ON FATF'S ENHANCED FOLLOW UP LIST

- ✓ **Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Asia Pacific Group** has kept Pakistan in its 'Enhanced Follow Up' list.
- ✓
- ✓ The organization had downgraded Pakistan status from “**regular follow-up**” to “**enhanced follow up**”.
- ✓ Enhanced follow up status means the country need to provide monthly reports of its compliance to the **Financial Action Task Force**.
  - **FATF** is an **intergovernmental organization** founded in **1989**
  - The headquarters of **FATF** is in **Paris, France**
  - President of **FATF** is **Marcus Pleyer**



## RUSSIA'S SECOND CORONA VACCINE: "EPIVACCORONA"

- ✓ **Russia** has given regulatory approval to a **second Covid-19 vaccine**, named '**EpiVacCorona**', after early-stage studies.
- ✓ **The new corona virus vaccine** comes two months after a similar move for **Russia's first vaccine Sputnik V**.
- ✓ The second Russian vaccine to receive regulatory approval was developed by the **Vector State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology**.





## NEW ZEALAND'S PASSPORT MOST POWERFUL

❖ **Global Passport Index** which compares the access granted by the **passports of 193 UN member countries**, considered the **passport of New Zealand** to be the **world's 'most powerful'**.



❖ The **US passport** ranked **21** and **India, 58**. **Kiwi passport holders** now get visa-free access to **129 countries**.

❖ **Japan** now holds the **second position** along with **Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Ireland, South Korea and Australia**. Most of the European countries are in the top 10 list.

## PM OF NEW ZEALAND, JACINDA ARDERN WINS 2ND TERM

❖ **The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern**, won a landslide victory in the **country's general election**, to be elected as the **PM for the second consecutive three-year term**.

❖ **Ardern's centre-left Labor Party** won 49.2% of the total 83.7% votes counted in the 120-member parliament.

✓ The 40-year-old is serving as the **40th Prime Minister of the country** since 26 October 2017.



## SADYR JAPAROV AS NEW PM OF KYRGYZSTAN

❖ The members of **Kyrgyzstan parliament** unanimously approved the appointment of **Sadyr Japarov** as the **new Prime Minister of the country**.

❖ **Sadyr Japarov**, only a day ago was **behind bars serving a sentence** for kidnapping a public official, has become the country's new head of government.

❖ **Japarov was elected to Parliament in 2005** as a supporter of former **President Kurmanbek Bakiev**, who was overthrown in a revolution in 2010 after it became clear that he was involved in mass-scale corruption.



## PAKISTAN REMAINS ON FATF'S GREY LIST

❖ **Pakistan will remain on the FATF Grey List** till June 2020. The decision was taken by the **anti-money laundering watchdog** after group meetings and plenary sessions in Paris.

❖ **FATF** in October decided to keep Pakistan on its Grey List for failure to curb funneling of funds to terror groups **Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed and others**.

❖ **The Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the Ministers of its Member jurisdictions.

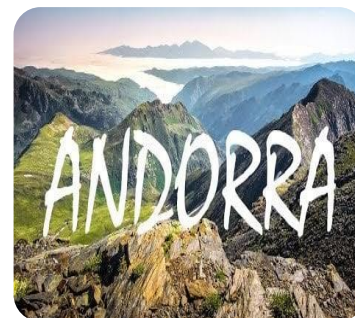
- The headquarters of FATF is in **Paris, France**.
- FATF was founded in **July 1989**.





## ANDORRA BECOMES 190TH MEMBER OF IMF

- ❖ Andorra has joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to become its **190th member**.
- ❖ IMF's **Membership** allows the Andorran government to **benefit from IMF policy advice**, especially as the country tackles the crisis caused by COVID-19
- ❖ The country can now receive an annual review or **“health check”** of its economy by the IMF and access IMF lending if needed.
  - IMF formation Day: **27 December 1945**
  - Chairman & Managing Director of IMF: **Kristalina Georgieva**
  - Chief Economist of IMF: **Gita Gopinath**



## ALPHA CONDÉ WINS 3RD TERM AS PRESIDENT OF GUINEA

- ❖ Alpha Condé, the incumbent president of Guinea and leader of **Rally of the Guinean People** won the 3rd term as the **President of Guinea**
- ❖ The **winner of 2020** presidential elections **Alpha Condé** belongs to (**Rassemblement du Peuple Guinéen – RPG**) party.
- ❖ He won the **election against Cellou Dalein Diallo with 59.49 % votes. Diallo got 33.5% votes in the election. Winning the 2020 elections, Alpha Condé** is set to govern the country for the next 6 years.
  - Guinea Prime Minister: **Ibrahima Kassory Fofana.**



# **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

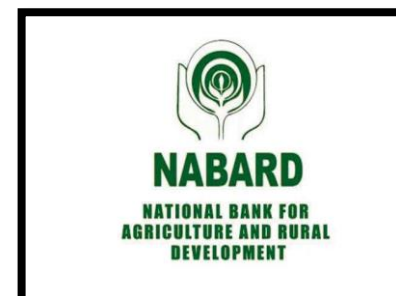
## RBI'S CAMPAIGN LEAD BY AMITABH BACHCHAN

- ❖ **The Reserve Bank** has roped in Bollywood megastar **Amitabh Bachchan** for the **customer awareness campaign** to prevent gullible account holders from being duped by fraudsters.
- ❖ As part of the public awareness initiative of RBI, the regulator keeps informing about do's and don'ts that have to be followed by **customers to transact safely and securely**.
- ❖ Bachchan also promoted digital banking during the lockdown period urging people to adopt digital payment and be safe.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is India's central bank.**
- RBI has its headquarters in **Mumbai**
- **Shaktikanta Das** is the present Governor of RBI.



## NABARD FACILITY FOR "WASH PROGRAMME"

- ❖ **The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has announced a special refinance facility of Rs 800 crore for Fiscal Year 2021.
- ❖ With this, NABARD will support the Government of India's **Water, Sanitization and Hygiene (WASH) programme**.
- NABARD is an apex development finance institution owned by Government of India.
- It has its headquarters **in Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- The current **Chairman of NABARD** is **G R Chintal**.



## THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO RBI'S COMMITTEE

- ❖ The central government has appointed three external members to the **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** of the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ **Ashima Goyal, Jayanth R.Varma, Shashanka Bhide**, will be the three government nominees joining the RBI governor.
- RBI has its headquarters in **Mumbai, Maharashtra &**
- Currently; the **Governor of RBI is Shaktikanta Das.**



## IMF PROJECTS INDIA'S GDP TO CONTRACT BY 10.3%

- ✓ According to 'World Economic Outlook' report, the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has projected the **Indian economy to contract by 10.3 per cent in 2020-21.**
- ✓ However, IMF estimates the **GDP of India to grow at 8.8 per cent** in 2021-22, as compared to 6 per cent predicted earlier, regaining the position of the fastest-growing emerging economy.



- **IMF** is an international organization, headquartered in **Washington, D.C.**
- It consists of 189 countries.
- The Chairman and the MD of the organization is **Kristalina Georgieva.**
- **Gita Gopinath** is the Chief Economist of IMF.

## APPOINTMENT OF SBI CHAIRMAN

❖ **State Bank of India** announced the appointment of **Dinesh Kumar Khara, Managing Director & Chairman.**

❖ **Dinesh Kumar Khara** is one of the bank's four managing directors, replaces **Rajnish Kumar.**

❖ **State Bank of India (SBI)** is an Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services statutory body headquartered in **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**



## INDIA'S GDP TO CONTRACT BY 9.6% IN FY-21: WORLD BANK

❖ **The World Bank** projected **India's GDP to contract by 9.6%** this FY-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

❖ **The World Bank** recently released its report titled '**South Asia Economic Focus**', noting that the country's economic situation is much worse than ever seen before.



- **The World Bank** is an international financial institution.
- It comprises two institutions: the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**, and the **International Development Association (IDA)** &
- It has its headquarters in **Washington DC, USA.**
- Currently, **David Malpass** is the President whereas **Anshula Kant** is the MD & CFO of the World Bank.

## WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S ANNUAL MEETING VENUE SHIFTED

- ✓ **The World Economic Forum (WEF) will hold its Annual Meeting 2021 in Lucerne-Burgenstock, Switzerland.**
- ✓ **The change in schedule and venue was necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**
  
- **The World Economic** founded in 1971.
- **WEF Headquarters: Cologne, Switzerland**
- **World Economic Forum's Executive Chairman is Klaus Schwab.**



## RAJKIRAN RAI G ELECTED AS IBA'S CHAIRMAN

- ❖ **The Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India, Rajkiran Rai G has been elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA).**
- ❖ **He succeeds Rajnish Kumar as the IBA Chairman** after Kumar recently retired as SBI Chief.
- ❖ **Apart from this, Dinesh Kumar Khara, the Chairman of State Bank of India has been elected as the deputy chairman of the association.**
  
- **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** formed on 26 September 1946.
- It has its headquarters in **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**





## COUNTRY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE LIFETIME HIGH

- ❖ According to **the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** data, the **country's foreign exchange (forex) reserves** touched a lifetime high of USD 555.12 billion. **FCA** jumped by USD 3.539 billion to USD 512.322 billion.
- ❖ **Foreign exchange reserves** are assets held on reserve by a central bank in foreign currencies, which can include bonds, treasury bills and other government securities.
- ❖ It needs to be noted that most **foreign exchange reserves are held in U.S. dollars.**



## ICICI BANK SHUTS ITS OPERATION IN SRI LANKA

- ❖ **ICICI Bank** has shut down his **operations in Sri Lanka** after getting approval from the Sri Lankan monetary authority.
- ❖ The **Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka**, having considered the request made by ICICI Bank, has granted approval to close down the business operation of the bank in Sri Lanka and cancel the license issued to it.
- ❖ The **licence issued** to the bank to carry on banking business in **Sri Lanka is cancelled with effect from October 23, 2020.**
  - ICICI Bank Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**
  - ICICI Bank MD & CEO: **Sandeep Bakhshi.**



# APPOINTMENTS



## SHEKHAR KAPUR NAMED AS PRESIDENT OF FTII

- ❖ Noted filmmaker “**Shekhar Kapur**” has been named as the President of Film and Television Institute of India, FTII.
- ❖ Kapur succeeded **B.P. Singh** who was the last president of FTII Society and chairman of Governing Council
- ❖ Mr. Kapur has directed several films, many of which are critically acclaimed. The Movies include **Masoom, Mr. India, Bandit Queen and Elizabeth.**
- FTII is an autonomous institute under the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Government** of India and aided by the Central Government of India.
- It is situated on the premises of the erstwhile **Prabhat Film Company** in Pune.



## J VENKATRAMU APPOINTED AS MD & CEO OF IPPB

- ❖ **J Venkatramu** has been appointed the **managing director** and **chief executive officer** of **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).**
- ❖ He will succeed **Suresh Sethi**. **J Venkatramu** is presently working as **the chief digital officer** in **Equitas Small Finance Bank.**
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** headquarters: **New Delhi**
- **Pradeep Kumar Bisoi** is the Secretary, Department of Post in IPPB.



## M RAJESHWAR RAO: RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR

- ❖ The Centre has appointed **M Rajeshwar Rao** as the **new deputy governor** of the Reserve Bank of India on October 2020.
- ❖ Prior to this, **M Rajeshwar Rao** was an **executive director at RBI**. He succeeds **NS Vishwanathan** as the central bank's **fourth deputy governor**.
  - RBI 25th Governor: **Shaktikant Das**
  - Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**



## MICHAEL IRANI APPOINTED AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF IWF

- ❖ **Dr Michael Irani** of Great Britain (GBR) has been appointed as the **Interim President of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)**.
- ❖ **Michael Irani** was appointed following the resignation of **IWF President Tamás Aján**.
- ❖ He was the **former Chairman of the anti-doping Commission of IWF**. He served as the President of the **European Weightlifting Federation (EWF) Medical Committee** from 1995 to 1999.
  - International Weightlifting Federation Headquarters: **Budapest, Hungary**.
  - International Weightlifting Federation **Founded: 1905**.



## VISHAL V. SHARMA REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO

- ❖ The **Ministry of External Affairs** announced that India's next envoy to the UN's **cultural body** will be **Vishal V. Sharma**.
- ❖ **Vishal V. Sharma** has been appointed as the **next Permanent Representative** of India to the Permanent Delegation **UNESCO**, with the rank of Ambassador
- ❖ He will replace **Jawed Ashraf**. Sharma is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
  - UNESCO headquarters: **Paris, France**.
  - UNESCO Head: **Audrey Azoulay**.



## MD & CEO OF HDFC BANK: ADITYA PURI RETIRES

- ❖ The **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of **HDFC Bank**, **Aditya Puri** has stepped down, after 25 years of a highly successful career at India's largest private sector lender.
- ❖ At nearly Rs **6 trillion**, **HDFC Bank** leads the industry in terms of market **capitalization** and remains the most profitable by a long margin.
- ❖ **Sashidhar Jagdishan** has been appointed as the new **chief executive and managing director of the HDFC Bank** with effect from 27 October 2020.
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.



# **AWARDS & HONORS**

## SURAT CITY CONFERRED WITH UNESCO AWARD

❖ Diamond City **Surat** has bagged the **Netexplo Smart Cities Award** with **UNESCO** in the **resilience category**. **Surat's mayor** will receive the award at the UNESCO House in Paris, France.



❖ “Globally, 10 cities were awarded of which Surat is the only city from India to have bagged the award in the resilience category.

❖ Netexplo, an independent observatory that studies the impact of digital technology on society and business, has been a UNESCO partner since 2011.

- UNESCO headquarters: **Paris, France**
- Currently, **Audrey Azoulay** is the Director General of UNESCO.

## SONU SOOD HONOURED WITH UNDP AWARD

❖ Bollywood actor “**Sonu Sood**” was honored by the (UNDP) with a Special Humanitarian Award for his good deed.

❖ He has been honored by this award for selflessly extending a helping hand and sending home lakhs of migrants in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.



- UNDP is the United Nations' global development network.
- UNDP was established on 22nd November of 1965 and active in 177 countries
- It has its headquarters in New York, USA.

## SHANTI SWARUP BHATNAGAR AWARD BY CSIR

❖ Twelve scientists, including three from Mumbai, were given the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, 2020, on the foundation day of (CSIR)

- **Dr Satyendra Datta** of IIT-Bombay
- **U K Anandvardhanan**, also from IIT-Bombay
- **Dr Kinshuk Dasgupta** of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

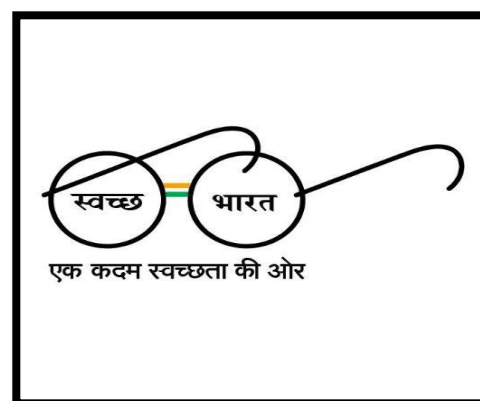


❖ The **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize** – often cited the highest honour for scientists in India. The award is named after the founder **Director of the CSIR**, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar. It was first awarded in 1958.

## SWACHH BHARAT AWARDS 2020

❖ **Union Jal Shakti Minister “Gajendra Singh Shekhawat”** today gave away the **Swachh Bharat Awards-2020**.

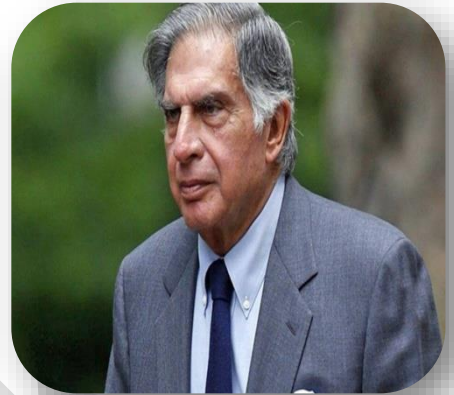
- Under the “**Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya**” category **Gujarat** bagged the first position.
  - Under the “**Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan**”, **Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh** was awarded as the best performing states.
  - Under the “**Gandagi Mukth Bharat Mission**”, **Haryana and Telangana** were awarded the top slot.





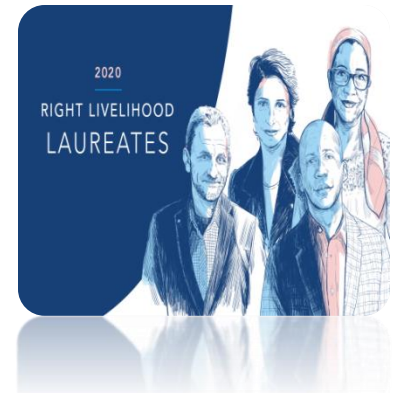
## RATAN TATA CONFERRED WITH IACC AWARD

- ❖ **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** has presented the **lifetime achievement award** to business icon **Ratan Tata** as part of its recent global leadership awards.
- ❖ The IACC leadership bestowed the **IACC Lifetime and Global Excellence Awards** to Tata at a closed-door meeting, owing to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.
- ❖ **TATA Group** has its headquarteres in **Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**. Founded in 1868 by **Jamsetji Tata**. **Natarajan Chandrasekaran** is the Current chairman of TATA Group.



## ALTERNATIVE NOBEL (RIGHT LIVELIHOOD AWARD) 2020

- ✓ **The Right Livelihood Award Foundation** has announced the four winners of the **Right Livelihood Award 2020** which is also known as the **alternative Nobel Prize in Stockholm**.
- ✓ **Ales Bialiatski and Nasrin Sotoudeh: Realization of democracy in Belarus and human rights in Iran** respectively.
- ✓ **Bryan Stevenson: Reform the criminal justice system and the advance racial reconciliation in the US.**
- ✓ **Lottie Cunningham Wren: Protecting indigenous lands and communities from exploitation.**



## PRINCE WILLIAM LAUNCHES "EARTHSHOT PRIZE"

- ✓ Britain's Prince William and Naturalist David Attenborough have launched an "Earthshot Prize", with an aim to encourage change and support to repair the planet.
- ✓ The Earth shot Prize aims to "incentivize change and help to repair our planet over the next 10 years," and "turns pessimism to optimism" by rewarding innovative solutions to environmental problems.
- ✓ The prize is supported by a group of individuals and organizations and philanthropic bodies of billionaires like **Bloomberg Philanthropies**, **Jack Ma Foundation (Alibaba)**, **Paul G.Allen Family Foundation (Microsoft)**.



## ISA SOLAR AWARDS CONFERRED FOR THE FIRST TIME

- ❖ For the first time, the Solar Awards were presented during the **third Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)**. There were **three categories of Awards**.
- ❖ **Visvesvaraya award: Japan** for the Asia Pacific region and **the Netherlands** for Europe and Others region. **Diwakar award: Arpan Institute (Haryana) and Arushi Society**.
- ❖ **Kalpna Chawla awards: Dr Bhim Singh** from IIT Delhi (India) and **Dr Aesha Alnuaimi** from **Dubai Electricity and Water Authority** (United Arab Emirates).





# **SPORTS NEWS**

## VALTTERI BOTTAS WINS RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX

- ❖ **Valtteri Bottas** won his second Formula One race of the 2020 season, easing to victory at the **Russian Grand Prix**.
- ❖ **Valtteri Bottas**, a Finnish driver finished just under eight seconds clear of **Max Verstappen** in second while Lewis Hamilton fought back to finish in third.
- ❖ Both **Lewis Hamilton** & **Valtteri Bottas** belong to the same team "**Mercedes**" whereas second in the Grand Prix, **Max Verstappen** belongs to "**Red Bull Racing Honda**" Team.



## SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA LAUNCHED NEW LOGO

- ❖ The **Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijiju** has launched the new logo of Sports Authority of India's (SAI).
- ❖ The **new logo of SAI** features a flying figure which indicates the freedom an athlete to leapfrog his/her career in SAI. It features Indian **Tricolour and blue colour of the chakra**.
  - SAI is the apex national sports body of India,
  - It was established in 1982 by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
  - Currently the **Director General of SAI** of "Sandip Pradhan."



## AUSTRALIAN WK BROKE RECORD OF "MS DHONI"

- ❖ **Australian woman cricketer and wicketkeeper, Alyssa Healy** broke the record of “**Most Dismissal by Wicket Keeper**” by MS Dhoni’s who made 91 dismissals in 98 T20 Internationals (T20Is) for India.
- ❖ **Sarah Taylor of England**, with 74 dismissals from 90 matches, is at the **3rd spot** while **Rachael Priest**, with 72 dismissals in 75 matches is at the **4th spot** in T20Is.



## ROMELU LUKAKU NAMED UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE PLAYER

- ❖ **Inter Milan's Romelu Lukaku** was named the **Europa League player of the season for 2019-20** after the Belgian forward led the Italian side to the final with goals in every knockout round.
- ❖ The 27-year-old finished ahead of **Bruno Fernandes and Ever Banega** to win the fourth edition of the award.



- **FIFA (International Federation of Association Football)** is a non-profit organization.
- It is an international governing body of association football. It is the highest governing body of football.
- FIFA is headquartered in **Zurich, Switzerland**.
- **Gianni Infantino** is the President of FIFA.

## TENNIS FRENCH OPEN 2020

- ✓ **Rafael Nadal** beats **Novak Djokovic** to win the men's **2020 French Open Title**. This is his **13th French Open men's** singles title and 20th Grand Slam title.



- Men's Singles -- **Rafael Nadal (Spain)**
- Women's Single ---- **Iga Swiatek (Poland)**
- Men's Double ---- **Kevin Krawietz & Andreas Mies (Germany)**
- Women's Double ----- **Tímea Babos (Hungary) & Kristina Mladenovic (France)**

## LEWIS HAMILTON WINS 2020 EIFEL GRAND PRIX

- ❖ **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** has won the **2020 Eifel Grand Prix**, held at the **Nürburgring in Nürburg, Germany**.
- ❖ This is **Hamilton's 7th win** of the season and 91st career race victory, which was till now achieved only by **Michael Schumacher**.
- ❖ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** came second followed by **Daniel Ricciardo (Renault, Australia)** at third position.



## LOS ANGELES LAKERS WON NBA CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

✓ **The Los Angeles Lakers** defeated the **Miami Heat** to win the **National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020**.



✓ **LeBron James** of the **Lakers** was named the **NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP)** for the fourth time in his career.

- **NBA:** American men's professional basketball league.
- **National Basketball Association** headquarters in **New York, USA**
- **Adam Silver** is the **commissioner** of National Basketball Association.

## LEWIS HAMILTON WINS PORTUGUESE GRAND PRIX 2020

❖ **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** has won the **2020 Portuguese Grand Prix**, held at **Algarve International Circuit**, Portugal.



❖ This was the **12th round of the 2020 Formula One World Championship**. This is Hamilton's 8th win of the season and 92nd career race victory.

❖ With this win, he has surpassed the record of 91 wins set by German great **Michael Schumacher**. **Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes- Finland)** came second followed by **Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** at the third spot.

# REPORTS & INDEXES



## NCRB REPORTS CRIME AGAINST SC & ST

- ❖ **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** launched the annual Crime in India 2019 report. The report stated that the Crime against **Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs)** has increased to over 7% and 26% respectively in 2019 when compared to 2018.
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** recorded the highest number of crimes against SCs in 2019. It was followed by **Rajasthan and Bihar**.
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** recorded the highest number of cases against STs. It was followed by **Rajasthan and Odisha**.



## FORBES INDIA RICH LIST 2020

- ❖ **Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries Limited**, remains the **wealthiest Indian on Forbes India list** adding \$37.3 billion to his net worth.
- ❖ The second spot has been retained by **Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani**, with a net worth of **\$25.2 billion**.
- ❖ Tech tycoon **Shiv Nadar** acquired the third spot with a net worth of **\$20.4 billion**.



## GOA IS THE FIRST "HAR GHAR JAL" STATE

- ❖ **Goa** has become the **first 'Har Ghar Jal'** state in the country by providing 100% tap water connections in rural areas covering 2.30 lakh households.
- ❖ The government's **Jal Jeevan Mission** aims to **provide piped water** to all rural households by 2024.
- ❖ **Two districts- South Goa and North Goa** have been fully saturated with assured water supply through the tap connections.
- Currently **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** is the **Union Minister of Jal Shakti**
- **Pramod Sawant** is Chief Minister of Goa.



## INDIA RANKED 129 IN CRI INDEX BY OXFAM

- ✓ India has been **ranked 129 among 158 countries** in the 2020 **Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index**.
- ✓ The **2020 CRI index** has been **topped by Norway**. **South Sudan** is the **lowest ranking** country in the index at 158th position. As per the index, **India** is among the world's **worst-performing** countries in **tackling inequality going into the pandemic**.
- ✓ **India's health budget** is the **world's fourth-lowest** and only half of the population has access to even the most basic healthcare services.



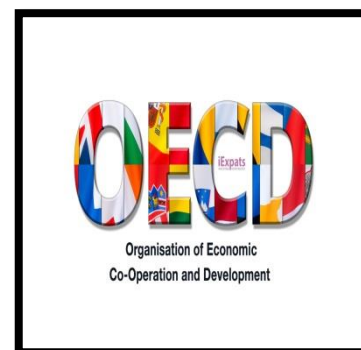
## INDIA ON 4TH SPOT IN ASIA POWER INDEX 2020

- ❖ India has been **ranked at 4th position**, with a score of 39.7 out of 100, in the **Asia Power Index 2020**, released by the **Sydney-based Lowy Institute**.
- ❖ The **Lowy Institute** Asia Power Index measures power across **25 countries** and territories in the **Asia-Pacific region**.
- ❖ The **United States** has retained its position as the most powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific with a score of 81.6. It is followed by **China (76.1)** and **Japan (41)** at **second and third spot** respectively



## INDIA: 2ND IN OECD INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REPORT

- ❖ **India has acquired the second rank** in terms of the **number of migrants** going to the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** countries and acquiring the citizenship of those countries.
- ❖ **China retained its top spot** with 4.3 lakh migrants, which was 1 per cent lower than the 2019 report. This is the **44th edition of the annual report**.
- ❖ **The data was released by the OECD** in its 2020 edition of the annual **International Migration Outlook report**.



## UTTAR PRADESH AS TOP DESTINATION

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** has emerged as the **top destination** for attracting the highest number of domestic tourists
- ❖ As per the **Indian Tourism Statistics (ITS) 2020**, released by the **Ministry of Tourism**.
- ❖ In terms of **foreign tourists**, **Tamil Nadu** has **topped the list** with nearly **68 lakh foreigners** visiting the state in 2019.
- ❖ **Maharashtra** (over **55 lakh**) is at the **second position** in this list while **Uttar Pradesh** (over **47 lakh**) has secured the **third position** in attracting foreign tourists.



## NTPC ON TOP SPOT AMONGST INDIAN PSU

- ❖ **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** has featured on the **top on the list of Indian PSUs** under the **‘World’s Best Employer 2020’**, published by Forbes.
- ❖ The recognition is testimony to NTPC’s **commitment towards inculcating best in class practices**.
- ❖ In the recent past, the company has initiated an **‘NTPC Series’** on success stories beyond official work, **‘Ambition, Growth, Success Beyond Work’**, a series on the achievements of employees beyond their official assignments.
  - NTPC Founded in: **1975**.
  - NTPC Headquarters: **New Delhi, India**.



## SAMSUNG: WORLD'S BEST EMPLOYER IN FORBES LIST 2020

- ❖ South Korea based electronics conglomerate, Samsung Electronics has topped the list of 'World's Best Employer 2020' published by Forbes'.
- ❖ Amazon, IBM, Microsoft and LG are among the top 5 in the list respectively. The global list features 750 multinational and large corporations headquartered in 45 countries.
- ❖ From India, HCL Technologies is the top industry in the list. It is placed at the 30th position globally. In the Banking sector, HDFC Bank is at top spot in India. It is at 176th position.



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# SCIENCE & TECH

## BRAHMOS MISSILE SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT TESTED

- ❖ **BrahMos** surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile with ‘**Made in India**’ sub-systems was successfully flight tested from **ITR, Balasore in Odisha**.
- ❖ The successful flight testing of **BrahMos** has paved the way for realizing **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** pledge.
- Union Minister of Defence: **Shri Rajnath Singh**.
- **Dr G. Satheesh Reddy** is the Chairman of **DRDO**.



## ISRO TO LAUNCH VENUS MISSION IN 2025

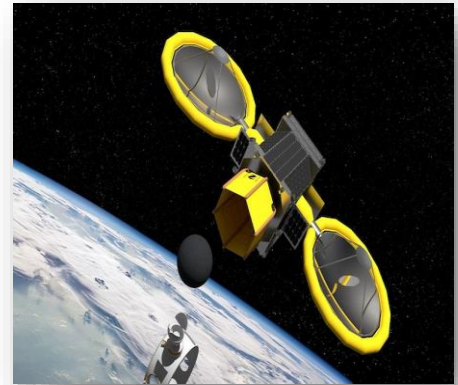
- ❖ **ISRO** is scheduled to launch its **Venus mission** in 2025 and **France** will participate in it announced by French space agency **CNES**.
- ❖ The **VIRAL (Venus Infrared Atmospheric Gases Linker)** attached to the **French national scientific research centre CNRS** has been selected by the **ISRO**.
- **The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** established in 1969.
- It is the national space agency of the Republic of India, headquartered in the **Bengaluru**. Currently **K Sivan** is the **Chairman** of the organization.





## CHINA TO SEND WORLD'S FIRST MINING ROBOT IN SPACE

- ❖ **Origin Space**, a space start-up in **China**, has announced that it is to send out the **world's first mining robot into space**.
- ❖ **The robot is termed an Asteroid Mining robot & it is launched into space by a Chinese Long March rocket.**
- ❖ The mission will demonstrate and verify multiple functions like simulated **small celestial body capture**, spacecraft orbital manoeuvre, intelligent spacecraft identification and control.



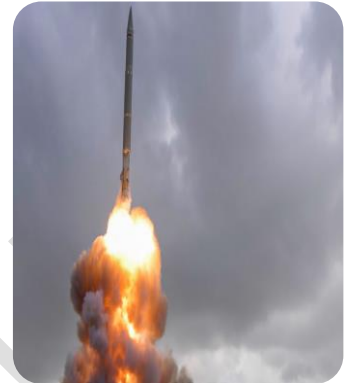
## DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TESTED SHAURYA MISSILE

- ❖ **DRDO** successfully test-fired **Shaurya missile**.
- ❖ **“Shaurya missile” of the nuclear-capable missile** will be inducted in the strategic forces and is being claimed to complement the existing missiles in the same class.
- ❖ DRDO is an agency under the Department of Defence Research and Development in **Ministry of Defence**. It is headquartered in **New Delhi** whereas the **Chairman of DRDO** is **G. Satheesh Reddy**.



## DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TESTED "SMART MISSILE"

- ❖ **DRDO** successfully flight tested the **Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART)** from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.
- ❖ **SMART missile** is the assisted release of lightweight Anti-Submarine Torpedo System for **anti-submarine warfare (ASW)** operations for far beyond torpedo range.
- ❖ **SMART missile** armed with a torpedo that could in theory strike enemy submarines more than 400 miles (643 kilometers) away.



## DRDO CONDUCTS TRIAL OF 'NAG' MISSILE

- ❖ **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** successfully carried out the final trial of the third generation, **anti-tank guided missile 'NAG'**, from **the Pokhran field firing ranges in Rajasthan**.
  - ❖ The successful final user trial of the missile makes **the Nag anti-tank missile** ready for **induction in the Indian Army**.
  - ❖ It will be manufactured by **defence PSU Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**, under the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP) of DRDO**.
- **DRDO Chairman: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy. DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.**



# OBITUARIES

## RAM VILAS PASWAN PASSED AWAY AT 74

❖ **Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan** passed away in New Delhi. He was 74 & had recently undergone a heart operation.

- Founder of the **Lok Janshakti Party**
- He was **elected to Lok Sabha eight times** from his constituency, Hajipur.
- Incumbent as **Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**
- **He has served as a Union Minister under five different Prime Ministers.**



## FORMER CBI- DIRECTOR ASHWANI KUMAR PASSED AWAY

- ❖ **Former governor and CBI chief Ashwani Kumar** was found dead in his Shimla. He was 69.
- ❖ **Ashwani Kumar**, a 1973 batch officer of the Indian Police Service, headed the **Central Bureau of Investigation**.
- ❖ The **Manmohan Singh government** appointed him as **Nagaland governor** in March 2013



## NOBEL LAUREATE MARIO MOLINA PASSED AWAY

- ❖ **Mario José Molina**, the **only Mexican scientist** to receive the **Nobel Prize**, passed away. He was born in 1943 in **Mexico City, Mexico**.
- ❖ He shared the 1995 **Nobel Prize in Chemistry** with **Frank Sherwood Rowland** of the United States (US) and **Paul Crutzen** of the Netherlands for their 1970 research on the **damage to the Ozone layer**.
- ❖ **Molina's work** was crucial to enacting the **Montreal Protocol** on Substances that **Deplete the Ozone Layer** in 1987.



## OSCAR WINNER BHANU ATHAIYA PASSES AWAY

- ❖ The **first Indian** to win the **Oscar award**, **Bhanu Athaiya** passed away.
- ❖ She won the **Best Costume Design Oscar** for her work in the 1982 film *Gandhi*, directed by **Richard Attenborough**.
- ❖ And in a career of more than five decades won two National Awards, for **Gulzar's mystery drama "Lekin" (1990)** and the period film **"Lagaan" (2001)**.
- ❖ The **Academy Awards**, popularly known as the **Oscars**, are awards for artistic and technical merit in the film industry is regarded as the most famous and prestigious awards in the entertainment industry.



## MALAYALAM POET AKKITHAM PASSED AWAY

- ❖ Legendary **Malayalam poet and Jnanpith laureate, Mahakavi Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri** passed away. He died at the age of 94.
- ❖ He has penned more than 46 literary works including poems, plays, essays and short stories. **He was awarded Padma Shri in 2017.**
- ❖ His most notable work is **Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam** (Epic of the 20th Century) which won him the **Sanjayan Award in 1952**, and is revered as a true testament of modernist poetry in Malayalam.



## CHAIRMAN OF SAMSUNG LEE KUN-HEE PASSED AWAY

- ❖ The **chairman of South Korea's largest conglomerate, Samsung Group, Lee Kun-hee** has passed away.
- ❖ **Lee helped to transform Samsung Group**, The firm's overall turnover today is equivalent to a fifth of South Korea's GDP. Lee was also the **richest person in South Korea**, according to Forbes, with a **net worth of nearly \$21bn.**
- The **Samsung Group is a South Korean conglomerate**
- It is headquartered in **Samsung Town, Seoul.**
- Samsung was founded by **Lee Byung-chul in 1938** as a trading company.



# LEGAL AFFAIRS



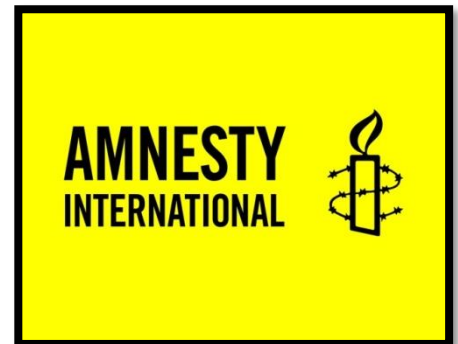
## ALL ACCUSED ACQUITTED IN BABRI MASJID CASE

- ❖ A **Special CBI Court** at Lucknow acquitted all 32 persons accused of criminal conspiracy behind the **demolition of the Babri Masjid mosque** on December 6, 1992
- ❖ It includes prominent BJP leaders **L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Uma Bharati, Kalyan Singh** etc.
- ❖ **Special CBI Judge SK Yadav**, held that the demolition of the mosque was not premeditated and that there was **no criminal conspiracy behind it**.



## AMNESTY HALTS WORK IN INDIA

- ❖ "**Amnesty International India** announced that it is halting its work in the country after the Indian government froze its bank accounts in an act of reprisal for the organization's human rights work.
  - ❖ As per the Government of India, Amnesty International has been receiving foreign funds, which the government has prohibited under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) 2010.
  - ❖ In conclusion, the statements say that a robust, independent, and vocal civil society is indispensable in any democracy to ensure a check on government and to hold it accountable, pushing it to do better.
- **The Secretary General** of Amnesty International is **Kumi Naidoo**,
  - He is South-African human rights activist.
  - The headquarters of Amnesty International is at **London, United Kingdom**.



## ANDHRA PRADESH'S CM COMPLAINT TO CJI

- ❖ **The State of Andhra Pradesh** declaring **no-confidence** in some of the **High Court judges**.
- ❖ **Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy**, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, has written a complaint to the **Chief Justice of India, S A Bobde**.



- ❖ Complaining that there was bias in the State Judiciary towards the TDP, the CM urged the CJI to take steps to ensure that the "**State Judiciary's neutrality is maintained**".
- ❖ This could probably be the **first instance** where a **Chief Minister** is openly complaining **against judges of the higher judiciary**.

## YATIN OZA FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT

- ❖ Verdict in the **criminal contempt case suo moto** initiated by **High Court of Gujarat** held **Advocate Yatin Oza** guilty of contempt of court.
- ❖ It was held **Oza**, the **President of the Gujarat High Court Advocates Associations** made public allegations of maladministration of justice within the HC.
- ❖ The cause of action was a Facebook live conference held by Oza in June, where he **alleged that the HC registry was following corrupt practises** and that **undue favours** were being shown **to high profile industrialists and smugglers**.



## FORMER J&K CM RELEASED FROM DETENTION

- ❖ **Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister** and PDP leader **Mehbooba Mufti** was released from detention.
- ❖ **Mufti has been under detention** since August 5, 2019, the day when the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under article 370 and 35A was repealed.
- ❖ Her **detention under the J&K Public Safety Act** was being extended from time to time.



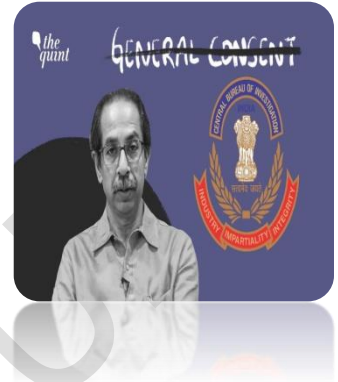
## FIRST COURT TO LIVE STREAM ITS PROCEEDINGS

- ❖ Recently, the **Gujarat High Court** has become the **first Court to live stream judicial proceedings** on **YouTube** channel.
- ❖ The **High Court** allowed the **open court proceedings through the video conferencing**.
- ❖ All the **Courts** have been **functioning through video conferencing throughout the Covid-19 lockdown** and even after that.
- ❖ It held that the **live streaming proceedings are part of the right to access justice** under **Article 21** of the Constitution.
- ❖ It would help litigants from **far-flung States** such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala **do not have to travel all the way** to the national capital for a day's hearing.



## MAHARASHTRA WITHDRAW GENERAL CONSENT TO CBI

- ❖ Recently, **the Maharashtra government** withdrew its general consent to the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** to probe cases in the State.
- ❖ Earlier, **the CBI** had also taken over the investigation into actor **Sushant Singh Rajput's death**, which was being probed by the **Mumbai Police**. The Maharashtra government **suspects the CBI of acting at the behest of the Centre**.
- ❖ The **CBI is governed by the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (DSPE Act, 1946)** that makes consent of a state government mandatory for conducting investigation in that state
- ❖ There are two kinds of consent- case-specific and general. Given that the CBI has jurisdiction only over central government departments & it can investigate **a case involving state government only after the state government gives its consent**.



# **DATES & DAYS**

- ❖ **World Habitat Day:** It is observed on the **first Monday of October** month throughout the world. In 2020, it falls on **5 October**. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1985 and in 1986, the first time it was celebrated across the globe. **Theme for 2020: Housing for all- A better urban future.**
- ❖ **World Sight Day:** It is observed on the **second Thursday of October month**. In 2020, it falls on **8 October**. The aim of celebrating World Sight Day is to increase awareness about the attention in vision impairment and blindness. **Theme for 2020: Hope in Sight**
- ❖ **International Day of the Older Persons:** It is observed on 1 October every year to raise problems faced by elder persons and to promote the development of a society for all ages. The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on 14 December, 1990, and designates 1 October as the International Day of Older Persons. **The theme for 2020: Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?**
- ❖ **Gandhi Jayanti** is celebrated on **2nd October** every year to mark the **birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**. He was born on 2 October, 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat. He is an inspiration in the lives of the famous world leaders and our lives also.
- ❖ **International Day of Non-Violence:** It is observed on **2 October** to mark the birthday of **Mahatma Gandhi** who had played an important role in India's Independence. On 15 June, 2007, General Assembly adopted a resolution of establishing the **International Day of Non-Violence** to spread the message of **non-violence** including education and public awareness.
- ❖ **German Unity Day:** It is celebrated on **3 October every year** to mark the anniversary of the **nation's unification**. On **3 October, 1990**, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Democratic Republic of Germany were united as one single federal Germany.

- ❖ **World Animal Welfare Day:** It is celebrated on **4 October** to raise awareness among people about taking actions worldwide for the rights of animals as well as welfare. It is necessary to improve welfare standards worldwide.
- ❖ **World Teachers' Day:** It is celebrated on **5 October** every year in the whole world to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers in 1966. No doubt this Recommendation sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, education, recruitment, employment, etc. **The theme for 2020 is "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future."**
- ❖ **Indian Air Force Day:** It is celebrated on **8 October** all over India. On **8 October, 1932 Indian Air Force Day was established.**
- ❖ **World Postal Day:** It is celebrated on **9 October** every year to raise awareness among people about the role of the postal sector for people and businesses every day. In 1874, the **Universal Postal Union** was established in **Bern, Switzerland** and its anniversary is declared as the World Postal Day by the **Universal Postal Union Congress in Tokyo, Japan** in 1969.
- ❖ **World Mental Health Day:** It is observed on **10 October** every year to raise awareness about the scale of suicide around the world and the role that each of us can play to help in preventing it. This day is organized by the **World Federation for Mental Health**. It is also supported by WHO, the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and United for Global Mental Health. **Theme for 2020 is "Mental Health for All"**
- ❖ **International Day of the Girl Child:** It is observed on **11 October** to raise voices for girls and stand up for their rights. The **theme for 2020** International Day of the Girl Child is **"My voice, our equal future"**.



- ❖ **International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction:** It is observed annually on **13 October** to raise awareness about the risk of disaster reduction. In 1989, the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction was started by the United Nations General assembly. **The theme of 2020 is "Disaster risk governance".**
  
- ❖ **World Arthritis Day:** It is observed globally on **12th October** every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about arthritis, an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age. **Theme for 2020 is- It is in your hand - Take action which is more relevant during Covid times.**
  
- ❖ **World Standards Day:** It is observed on **14 October** every year to raise awareness among the regulators, industry, and consumers to show the importance of standardization to the global economy. **World Standards Day 2020 theme is "Protecting the planet with standards".**
  
- ❖ **Global Hand washing Day:** It is observed on **15 October** every year and it was founded by the Global Hand washing Partnership. This day provides an opportunity to design, test and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times. **In 2008, the first Global Hand washing Day was celebrated. Theme for 2020: Hand Hygiene for All.**
  
- ❖ **World Students' Day:** It is observed on **15 October** annually to mark the birth anniversary of **A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**. This day honors and pays respect to him and his efforts in the field of **science and technology** and also the role of the teacher that he played throughout his scientific and political careers.
  
- ❖ **World Food Day:** It is celebrated every year on **16 October** to inspire people about healthy diets. On this day **Food and Agriculture Organization** was established and launched by the United Nations in 1945. **Theme 2020: "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together".**

- ❖ **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** It is observed on **17 October** every year. This day marks the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on 20 November 1989. **Theme for 2020: “Acting together to achieve social and environmental justice for all”.**
- ❖ **World Statistics Day:** It is celebrated **every five years on October 20**. The first such day was observed on October 20, 2010. This year the world witnessed the **third World Statistics Day**. The day was created by the United Nations Statistical Commission to acknowledge the importance of data authenticity and credibility across the globe. **The World Statistics Day 2020 theme “Connecting the world with data we can trust.”**
- ❖ **Mole Day:** It is observed on **23 October** every year. This day commemorates **Avogadro's number** which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. This day was created to generate interest in chemistry. **Theme for 2020: MOLEzilla!**
- ❖ **World Snow Leopard Day** is observed globally on **23rd October**. The main purpose of this day is to show the importance of **snow leopard conservation**. The first Snow Leopard Day occurred on the **23rd of October in 2014**. The day was initiated by the countries that encompass the snow leopard’s range.
- ❖ **The World Polio Day** is celebrated annually on **October 24**, to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio. Theme for 2020 World Polio Day is **“A win against polio is a win for global health.”** The Day was established by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of **Jonas Salk**, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Theme for 2020 World Polio Day is **“A win against polio is a win for global health.”**
- ❖ **United Nations Day:** It is observed on **24 October** every year to mark the anniversary of the **UN Charter's entry into force**. Since 1948, this day is celebrated and in 1971 it was

recommended by the United Nations General Assembly to observe by the Member States as a public holiday.

- ❖ **World Development Information Day:** It is celebrated on **24 October** every year to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them. **Theme for 2020 "Information and Communications Technologies — New Solutions to Development Challenges"**.
- ❖ **The Vigilance Awareness Week 2020** is being celebrated **from 27 October to 2 November** 2020. It is observed every year by the Central Vigilance Commission during the week in which the birthday of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** (31 October) falls. **The theme for 2020 Vigilance Awareness Week is 'Vigilant India, Prosperous India (Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat).'**
- ❖ **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day** is observed on **31 October** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhai Patel**. He had played an important role in unifying the country.