

# Weekly One Liners 1st to 7th of June 2020

## PM Modi launches CHAMPIONS: Technology Platform to empower MSMEs

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the technology platform **CHAMPIONS** which stands for **Creation and Harmonious Application of recent Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength**. The portal is essential for creating the smaller units big by solving their grievances, encouraging, supporting, helping and handholding. It is a real one-stop-shop solution of MSME Ministry.

### Detailed objectives of CHAMPIONS:

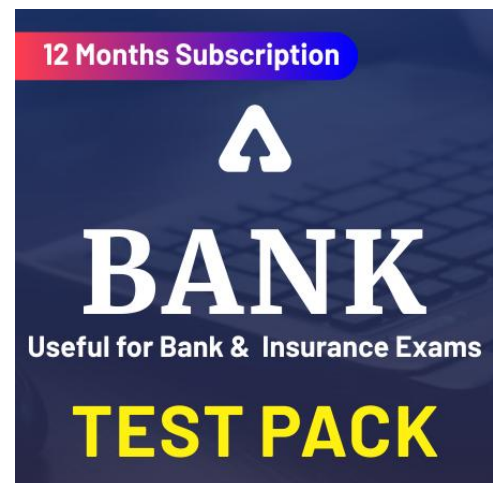
- **Grievance Redressal:** To resolve the issues of MSMEs including those of finance, raw materials, labour, regulatory permissions etc particularly within the COVID created a difficult situation;
- **To help them capture new opportunities:** including manufacturing of medical equipment and accessories like PPEs, masks, etc and provide them in National and International markets;
- **To identify and encourage the sparks:** i.e. the potential MSMEs who are ready to withstand the present situation and may become national and international champions. It is a technology packed control room-cum-management data system. In addition to ICT tools including telephone, internet and video conference, the system is enabled by AI, Data Analytics and Machine Learning. It is also fully integrated on real time basis with GOI's main grievances portal CPGRAMS and MSME Ministry's own other web based mechanisms. The entire ICT architecture is made in house with the assistance of NIC in no cost. Similarly, the physical infrastructure is created in one of the ministry's dumping rooms in record time.

### "One Year of Modi 2.0" e-booklet released by I&B Ministry

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B)** has released an e-booklet called '**One Year of Modi 2.0 - Towards A Self-Reliant India**'. The e-booklet highlights the achievements of the Modi government during its second term. This marks the first anniversary of the second term of the government.

### Highlights in the booklet:

- Abolition of **Article 370**
- Settlement of the **Ram Temple in Ayodhya**
- The criminalisation of **Triple Talaq**
- **Bodo Accord**
- The Amendment to the **Citizenship Act (CAA)**
- The book has a separate section containing the actions taken to **fight the COVID-19 pandemic** and how the economic fallout is being dealt with.
- **International event:** The **Howdy Modi** event in the US, the **Namaste Trump** event in Gujarat and the **Mamallapuram Modi-Xi Jinping** summit.
- The booklet also highlights on the introduction of a **Rs 20 lakh crore stimulus package**, which is about 10% of the GDP to boost the economy and sustain growth is also mentioned in the e-book.



## World No Tobacco Day 2020 awards announced

World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 has announced. Every year, WHO recognizes individuals or organizations in each of the six WHO Regions for their accomplishments in the area of tobacco control. This recognition takes the form of WHO Director-General Special Recognition Award and World No Tobacco Day Awards.

### WHO Director-General Special award:

- Dr **Mom Kong**, Executive Director, Cambodia Movement for Health, Cambodia.

### Six WHO Regions:

#### 1. South-East Asia Region awardees:

- Mr Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, Kingdom of Thailand.
- **Socio-Economic and Educational Development Society, Patna, Bihar, India (for its efforts to ban pan masala, gutkha, e-cigarettes and hookah in Bihar and Jharkhand).**
- Dr Aung Tun, Chairman, Tun Khit Foundation, Myanmar.

#### 2. African Region awardees

- Mr Wondu Bekele Woldemariam, Executive Director, Mathiwos Wondu Cancer Society, Ethiopia
- Ms Rachel Kitonyo Devotsu, Regional Coordinator for Africa, McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer, Kenya
- Mr Aboubacar Hamidou, Secrétaire administratif, Réseau de Lutte contre le Tabac et autres Stupéfiants (RELUTAS), Mali
- Mr Deowan Mohee, NGO VISA, Mauritius;
- Pr Kumako Vinyo Kodzo, Chef du programme national de lutte contre le tabac, Ministère de la santé et de l'hygiène publique, Togo
- Ms Robinah Kaitiritimba, Executive Director, Uganda National Health Users'/Consumers' Organization, Uganda

#### 3. Region of the Americas awardees

Three Bolivian institutions (shared award):

- Asamblea Legislativa Plurinacional de Bolivia (National Assembly of Bolivia)
- Ministerio de Salud del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia (Bolivia Ministry of Health)
- Alianza Bolivia Libre Sin Tabaco (Alliance for a Bolivia Free of Tobacco)
- Antonio Drauzio Varella, medical doctor and influencer, Brazil
- Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Salud de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela (Ministry of Health of Venezuela)
- Three Mexican institutions (shared award):
- Secretaría de Salud de México (Mexico Ministry of Health)
- Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público de México (Mexico Ministry of Finance and Public Credit)
- Secretaría de Economía de México (Mexico Ministry of Economy)

#### 4. Eastern Mediterranean Region awardees

- Ms Nesreen Osama Dabous, President of life without smoking (Haya Bela Tadkheen), Arab Republic of Egypt
- Professor Ahmad Jonidi Jafari, Head of the Environmental and Occupational Health Centre, Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Tobacco Free Jordan (TFJ) (Laliltadkheen Org), Jordan
- Mr Anwar Jassim Borahmah, Secretary General, Antismoking and Cancer Society, Chairman, Antismoking Committee, Kuwait
- Dr Ghazi Zaatari, Interim Dean, Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Lebanon

**5. European Region awardees**

- Dr Arsen Torosyan, Minister of Health, Armenia
- VIVID – Institute for the Prevention of Addiction, Austria
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Limerick Comhairle (country-wide youth council), Ireland
- Dr Ghenadie Turcanu, program coordinator, Center for Health Policies and Studies, Republic of Moldova
- Cancer Research UK, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**6. Western Pacific Region awardees**

- The Beijing Tobacco Control Association, People’s Republic of China
- Coalition for a Tobacco Free Palau, Palau
- Ministry of Health, Health Promotion Board, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore
- National Tobacco Control Center, Korea Health Promotion Institute, Republic of Korea
- The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Australia

**GoI launches “The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)”**

Government of India has launched “**The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)**”. This programme is an initiative of **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**, Ministry of HRD, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. TULIP programme aims to provide internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all **Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)** as well as Smart Cities across the nation. The programme would also facilitate practical experience to the students of India and hence help in infusing fresh ideas and innovative thinking into the working of Urban Local Bodies and smart cities.

An opportunity will be provided to the youth of India via TULIP programme in order to generate news ideas to reform Urban local bodies with the help of modern techniques and innovative methods. Hence, it will help in improving the value-to-market of Indian graduates and help in the creation of a potential talent pool in diverse fields such as transport engineering, environment, urban planning, municipal finance etc.

**National Affairs**

- National “**Artificial Intelligence Portal**” of India called “**ai.gov.in**” has been launched by the Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Law and Justice and Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- National Program for the youth titled “**Responsible AI for Youth**” has been launched by the Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad. The program has been launched to empower the youth of India with appropriate new age tech mind-set, hence making them digitally ready for the future.
- The government of India has launched a new initiative ‘**SWADES**’ (**Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support**) to conduct a skill mapping exercise of the Indian citizens returning from overseas under the ‘**Vande Bharat Mission**’. This is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and therefore the Ministry of External Affairs.

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- Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, **R. K. Singh** has launched the “#iCommit” initiative on the occasion of World Environment Day.

### States in the News

- Amount of Rs **445 crore** has been approved by the Government of India for the implementation of **Jal Jeevan Mission** in Chhatisgarh in 2020-21. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, **Chhattisgarh government** has prepared a roadmap to **achieve 100% Functional Tap Water Connection (FHTC) by year 2023-24.**
- Telangana government celebrates 2nd June as the **Telangana Formation Day**. The idea to form the state was coined in the year 2013 in both the Parliaments under the **Prime Ministership of Manmohan Singh.**
- Chhattisgarh Police** have launched a special campaign “**Spandan**” to check mental stress and depression among their personnel by conducting interactive programmes and arranging counselling sessions, music and yoga therapies for them.
- The state govt of Kerala has declared that their ambitious broadband project: **Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project.** Last year, Kerala had become the **1st state** to declare that the Internet is a **fundamental right of all citizens**, and just like education and health, the Internet too should be provided by the concerned governments.

### International Affairs

- WHO has launched the ‘**COVID-19 Technology Access Pool**’ for equitable access to life-saving tech. This comes after at least 37 countries jointly appealed to the **World Health Organisation** for common ownership of vaccines, medicines and other diagnostic tools to combat the global health crisis.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- Yes Bank Limited** has acquired a **24.19%** stake in Dish TV India Ltd, a corporation providing **Direct to Home (DTH) television service** in India, following invocation of **44.53 crores** pledged shares thanks to default in payment of the debt by Dish TV and a few other companies.
- The “**Real-Time Electricity Market (RTM)**” has been launched by the Indian Energy Exchange on its platform and it will be effective from 01st June 2020. **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)** envisages to make the power market dynamic via the recently launched real time market. The RTM will make the power market dynamic by enabling trade in electricity through half-hourly auctions, totalling 48 auction sessions per day.
- The sovereign rating of India has been downgraded by the Moody’s Investors Service to “**Baa3**”. Moody’s Investors Service has also expected contraction by **4%** in the India’s real GDP in fiscal 2021, due to the shock from the coronavirus pandemic as well as the related lockdown measures taken by India to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. It has also expected the growth of **8.7%** in fiscal 2022.
- The **IndusInd Bank** has launched a mobile application based facility where customer can open the current bank account in a paperless manner in just a few hours. **Now IndusInd** is the first bank in India to introduce this assisted mobile application based facility.
- The merger of **Peugeot S.A (PSA)** and **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. (FCA)** has been approved by the **Competition Commission of India (CCI).**

- **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** has been created by the Reserve Bank of India. In the newly launched Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF), an initial contribution of **Rs 250 crores** will be made by the Reserve Bank of India i.e. covering half the fund, while the remaining contribution will be from card issuing banks and card networks operating in the country.
- **“Summer Treats”** campaign has been launched by the private sector **HDFC Bank**. The special campaign has been launched by the bank with the easing of the lockdown restrictions in order to provide offers to both merchants and, salaried and self-employed customers.

### Appointments/Resignations

- The appointment of **Arun Singhal** as **Chief Executive Officer of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He will replace GSG Ayyangar as the CEO of the food regulator.
- **Anita Kotwani** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer of Carat India**, a media agency owned by Dentsu Aegis Network (DAN). She was earlier serving as the senior vice president, new business and client lead, for The Walt Disney business at Mindshare India.
- J&K cadre IAS, **Pradip Kumar Tripathi**, has taken over as Secretary, **Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India**.
- **Raveesh Kumar** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to Finland**. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry. He is an IFS officer of 1995 batch.
- **Sibi George** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait**. He was presently serving as the Ambassador of India to Switzerland. He is an IFS officer of 1993 batch.

- **Gaitri I. Kumar** has been appointed as the next **High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom**.
- **Sushil Kumar Singhal** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to **the Independent State of Papua New Guinea**. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- **National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) Marketing Director, Virendra Nath Datt** has taken additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director of the Company. He will replace Manoj Mishra.
- Emmy-winning television producer, **Krishnendu Majumdar** becomes the new chairman of **British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)**. He will replace Pippa Harris.
- Twitter has appointed ex-Google chief financial officer (CFO), **Patrick Pichette** as new board chairman. He will replace **Omid Kordestani**.
- MD & CEO, **Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak** has taken over as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2020-21. He has replaced the chairman and MD of **Kirloskar Systems, Vikram Kirloskar as the President of CII**.
- The tenure of Subramanian Sundar as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lakshmi Vilas Bank has been extended after the approval from the Reserve Bank of India. His tenure has been extended for a period of 6 months i.e. till 30th November 2020 or till the appointment of the new CEO, whichever is earlier.

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- **Senior bureaucrat Rajeev Topno** has been appointed as the Senior Advisor to the Executive Director (ED) of World Bank, in Washington DC.
- India has appointed **Brajendra Navnit** as India's new ambassador to the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, which approved Navnit's foreign post, also gave a nod to the appointment of **Anwar Hussain Shaik** for the post of Counsellor, at the **PMI to WTO, Geneva**.
- After nearly six decades in business, **Kushal Pal Singh** retired as the **Chairman of property firm Delhi Land & Finance Limited (DLF)**. **Rajiv Singh** has been appointed as the new chairman of DLF while **Kushal Pal Singh** was made chairman emeritus.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Indian writer, **Kritika Pandey** has been honoured with **Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2020** for the Asia region. She won the prize for her story "**The Great Indian Tee and Snakes**".

### Summit and Conference

- **Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020** was hosted by the **UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson**. India was represented by the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in the summit. During the virtual summit, India pledged a contribution of **15 Million US Dollars to Gavi**, the international vaccine alliance.
- The **World Economic Forum** will host a **Unique Twin Summit in January, 2021**. The twin summit will be both in-person as well as virtual, hence connecting key global governmental and business leaders in Davos. The theme of the summit will be "**The Great Reset**".

### Schemes and Committees

- "**PM SVANidhi**" is a Special Micro-Credit Facility Scheme that has been launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Street vendors will be provided affordable loans under the **PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** scheme, hence enabling them to resume work and earn livelihoods. The scheme is expected to benefit **over 50 lakh people including hawkers, thelewalas, vendors, rehriwala etc.**
- Government of India has launched the "**Nagar Van (Urban Forests)**" programme with an objective of increasing the forest cover in urban areas. The "**Nagar Van (Urban Forests)**" programme has been launched with **200 corporations** and cities across India.

### Science and Technology

- NASA astronauts **Robt Behnken** and **Douglas Hurley** docked the **SpaceX capsule** with the International Space Station (ISS). SpaceX's Falcon 9 with Crew Dragon capsule – Endeavour launched **from Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida**. Now SpaceX became the first private company to fly astronauts into orbit.
- A disinfection unit named as "**Ultra Swachh**" has been developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**. It has been developed to disinfect a wide range of materials such as electronics items, fabrics, **Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) etc.**

### Ranks and Reports

- India skipper **Virat Kohli** is the only cricketer to feature in Forbes' list of the top 100 highest-paid athletes in the world for the year 2020. Kohli is ranked at number 66 with estimated earnings of **\$26 million**. Swiss tennis great, **Roger Federer** has topped the list of world's highest-paid athlete for 2020 with an estimated **\$106.3 million**.

## Sports News

- **Khelo India e-Pathshala programme** has been inaugurated by the Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, **Kiren Rijiju**. He inaugurated the programme via a webinar which featured the participation of young archers, archery coaches as well as experts from across the nation. **Khelo India e-Pathshala programme** has been launched by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with National Sporting Federations (NSF).
- India has been awarded the hosting rights of the **2022 Women's Asian Cup** by the **Asian Football Confederation**. The tournament will held in India for the second time since 1979. The tournament has been expanded from the previous slots of **eight teams to 12 teams**.

## Important Days

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** celebrates **World No Tobacco Day** every year on **31st May**.
- **United Nations** celebrates **Global Day of Parents** on **1st of June** every year to honour all the parents throughout the world.
- The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations celebrates **World Milk Day** every year on **01st June** to recognize the importance of milk as a global food, and to celebrate the dairy sector. The theme of World Milk Day 2020 is "**20th Anniversary of World Milk Day**".
- United Nations celebrates **World Bicycle Day** every year on **3rd June** to advance the use of the bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development.
- **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** is observed globally on **4th June** every year.

- **World Environment Day** is observed globally on **5th June** every year. This day is observed to raise awareness about protecting the environment and to remind people not to take nature granted. **World Environment Day 2020** will be celebrated with the theme **Biodiversity**. World Environment Day is promoted by the United Nation and for **2020 Colombia** will host the World Environment Day.
- United Nations celebrates **Russian Language Day** every year on **6 June** to raise awareness of the history, culture and development of each of the six official languages of the UN: **Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, English and French**. Russian Language Day is celebrated on the birthday of the great Russian poet **A.S. Pushkin**.
- **International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing** is organized every year on **5th June**. According to the **UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities are responsible for the loss of **11–26 million tonnes of fish** each year, which is estimated to have an economic value of **US\$10–23 billion**.

## Obituaries

- Singer & music composer **Wajid Khan** passed away. The singer was renowned for his partnership with his **brother Sajid and the duo was known as Sajid-Wajid**.
- American sprinter, **Bobby Joe Morrow** passed away. He won three athletics gold medals at the **1956 Melbourne Olympic Games**.
- Former International Archer turned coach **Jayantilal Nanoma** passed away. He was an Asian Cup and Asian Grand Prix medallist in compound individual and team archery in 2010.

- Former Union Minister and three-time Congress MP from **Ladakh, P Namgyal** passes away.
- National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of **Famer Wes Unseld** passed away. He was one of the greatest American professional basketball player. He led his franchise **'Washington Wizards' ( then Baltimore Bullets) to the NBA Championship in 1978.**
- Legendary Filmmaker & the National Film Award winner **Basu Chatterjee** passed away. He was known for his middle-of-the-road cinema and films like **"Chhoti Si Baat" and "Rajnigandha"**.
- Veteran lyricist and member of Indian Performing Right Society Limited (IPRS), **Anwar Sagar** passed away. He is best remembered for his hit track **Waada Raha Sanam** from 1992 Akshay Kumar-starrer Khiladi.
- British Producer and songwriter **Rupert Hine** who worked with artists including Tina Turner, Howard Jones, passed away.
- Bollywood producer **Anil Suri** passed away due to COVID-19. He was renowned for producing bollywood films such as **Raaj Kumar-Rekha starrer Karmayogi and Raaj Tilak.**

### Miscellaneous News

- A Video Blogging Contest titled **"My Life My Yoga" (also called "Jeevan Yoga")** has been launched by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The contest was launched by PM Modi during the course of his monthly Mann Ki Baat address to the nation.
- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has warned that the cyclonic storm **Nisarga**, which has turned into a depression in the Arabian Sea, will hit Maharashtra and Gujarat on June 3. At the moment, the storm is brewing in the Arabian sea near Lakshadweep.

- Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched a mobile **application "Delhi Corona"**. The mobile application will provide information to the people of Delhi about the availability of the beds and ventilators in government as well as private hospitals in Delhi. Hence, the mobile application "Delhi Corona" will enable people to check hospital-wise beds and ventilators available for COVID-19 patients.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Lieutenant Governor, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has launched a salary tracker mobile app **MeraVetan** (Version-1) for government employees. The newly launched application is aimed to provide Salary Related information to Employees.
- The information booklet titled **"Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19"** has been launched by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. The booklet has been developed by the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** and UNESCO New Delhi Office to raise awareness of students and teachers on staying safe online.

### Static Takeaways

- Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.



- Chief Minister of Chhatisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Hyderabad is the capital city of Telangana.
- The official language of the state is Telugu.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-general of WHO: Tedros Adhanom.
- Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Yes Bank MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar
- Yes Bank Tagline: Experience our Expertise.
- Union Minister of Steel: Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Prime Minister of Finland: Sanna Marin; Capital: Helsinki.
- Headquarters of National Fertilizers Limited: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- National Fertilizers Limited established: 1 September 1979.
- Chief Executive Officer of Twitter: Jack Dorsey.
- Twitter formed: 21 March 2006.
- Headquarters of Twitter: San Francisco, California, United States.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Secretary-General of United Nations: António Guterres.
- Ministers of State for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Director-General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department: Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.
- India Meteorological Department Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal.
- Lieutenant Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX president & COO: Gwynne Shotwell.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States of America.
- Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation: G Satheesh Reddy.
- Headquarters of Defence Research and Development Organisation: New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences: Harsh Vardhan.
- Managing Director & CEO of IndusInd Bank: Sumant Kathpalia.
- Chairman of IndusInd Bank: Arun Tiwari.
- Headquarter of IndusInd Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The tagline of IndusInd Bank: We Make You Feel Richer.
- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Union Minister for Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): Anil D. Sahasrabudhe.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Chief Executive Officer of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: Dr Seth Berkley.
- National Informatics Centre Deputy Director-General: Abhay Kumar (State Informatics Officer).
- National Informatics Centre Established: 1988.
- National Informatics Centre Headquarters: Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir.
- President of World Bank: David Malpass.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum: Klaus Schwab.
- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram.
- World Trade Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- World Trade Organization Membership: 164 member states.
- World Trade Organization Founded: 1 January 1995

