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### UNCTAD Releases "World Investment Report 2020"

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has released its flagship report titled as "**World Investment Report 2020: International Production Beyond the Pandemic**". This is the **30th edition** of the report. The report monitors the global as well as regional FDI trends and also documents the national and international investment policy developments. It also analyses the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

#### Key findings of the report:

- The report forecasts **Global FDI flows** to decrease by up to **40%** in **2020**, from their 2019 value of \$1.54 trillion.
- According to the report, the investment flows are expected to slowly recover starting from 2022 to be led by global value chains (GVCs).
- As per the report, **Global FDI** is projected to decrease by a further **5 to 10% in 2021**, followed by a **recovery in 2022**.
- Report mentioned that among developed countries, **FDI flows to Europe** are expected to fall by **30 to 45%**.
- Report stated that the developing economies are expected to see the biggest fall in FDI.
- The FDI flows to **developing Asia** is projected to fall by **30 to 45%**.
- As per the report, the inflows to **South Asia increased by 10 per cent** to \$57 billion.
- As per the report, the **FDI to India increased by 20%** to **\$51 billion in 2019**, sustaining the country's upward FDI trend.
- Among the world's largest FDI recipients, United States stood first in 2019.
- Among the **world's largest FDI recipients**, **India** has jumped from 12th position in 2018 to **9th position in 2019**.
- Report also mentioned that India's large market will continue to attract market-seeking investments to the country.


### India releases National Report on the state of Climate Crisis

**India's** first ever National Report on the state of the Climate Crisis has been released. The report has been **prepared** under the aegis of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) with title "**Assessment Of Climate Change Over The Indian Region**". The report analyses where India stands regarding long-term changes in climate patterns, and their attendant risks.

#### Key findings of the report:

- It revealed that **India's average temperature** has **risen by 0.7 degrees Celsius** between 1901-2018, citing the emission of greenhouse gases (**GHG**) as key reason of the temperature rise.
- It also predicted **two different scenarios** related to India's temperature rise by 2099. In a **best-case scenario** of immediate mitigation of emissions, India's temperature will still **rise by 2.7 degrees Celsius** while in the **worst-case scenario** temperature will increase by **4.4 degrees Celsius** by the end of the century.
- About the **monsoon**, it shows that the **precipitation over north India has reduced by 6%** between 1951-2015 because of the polluting aerosol "**brown cloud**". The monsoon is also expected to become more extreme in the upcoming decades.

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- It also predicts the **April-June heatwaves** to become **four times** more frequent by 2099 as compared to that of 1976-2005.
- It stated that the **sea level near Mumbai** is rising at the rate of **3 cm per decade** while it is **5 cm per decade** off the **Bengal coast**.
- It mentioned that **surface temperatures in the Indian Ocean** including the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea have **increased by 1 degree Celsius** between 1951-2015 which is higher than the global average.
- It also shows that the **frequency of warm days and nights** is expected to increase upto **55% and 70%** respectively.

**MoHUA & SIDBI signs MoU for PM SVANidhi scheme**

**Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for **PM Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi** (PM SVANidhi). PM SVANidhi is a Special Micro-Credit Facility for Street Vendors.

- According to the MoU, PM SVANidhi Scheme will be implemented by SIDBI under the guidance of MoHUA. The credit guarantee to the lending institutions would also be managed by the SIDBI through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).
- SIDBI will ensure effective implementation of the scheme by providing a **Project Management Unit** (PMU) consisting of domain experts in training/ capacity building, project and platform management, banking, NBFC and MFI sectors etc for the period of scheme, i.e. upto March 2022. SIDBI will also leverage the network of lending Institutions for the Scheme implementation. The lending institutions will include Scheduled Commercials Banks (SCBs), Non-Bank Finance Companies (NBFCs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Co-operative Banks, Small Finance Banks (SFBs), etc.

**India elected as non-permanent member of UN Security Council**

**India** has been elected as the **non-permanent member** of the **United Nations Security Council**. India has won the election for a two-year term after winning **184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly**. India won the non-permanent seat from the **Asia-Pacific category for the 2021-22 term** which will begin on 1st January 2021. Earlier India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Council for the following years: 1950-1951, 1967-1968, 1972-1973, 1977-1978, 1984-1985, 1991-1992 and 2011-2012.

**Ireland, Mexico and Norway** also won the Security Council elections along with India. The United Nations high-table comprises of five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members.

**IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2020**

Institute for Management Development (IMD) has released **World Competitiveness Index 2020**. Top 20 Countries in IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2020:

ank	Country
1.	Singapore
2.	Denmark
3.	Switzerland
4.	Netherlands
5.	Hong Kong SAR
6.	Sweden
7.	Norway
8.	Canada
9.	UAE
10.	USA
11.	Taiwan, China
12.	Ireland
13.	Finland

14.	Qatar
15.	Luxembourg
16.	Austria
17.	Germany
18.	Australia
19.	United Kingdom
20.	China
43.	India

### Flood warning system “iFLOWS” launched in Mumbai

**State of the art flood warning system “iFLOWS”** has been launched in **Mumbai**. The flood warning system was launched by Union Earth Sciences Minister Harsh Vardhan along with Maharashtra’s chief minister **Uddhav Thackeray**. I-FLOWS consists of seven modules: **Data Assimilation, Flood, Inundation, Vulnerability, Risk, Dissemination Module and Decision Support System**.

The recently launched system “iFLOWS” will enable Mumbai to predict floods three days before they happen. As a result, administration will be able to save property as well as lives from the flood. Now, the city will become more resilient with the launch of system as it will provide early signs of the forthcoming danger during high rainfall and cyclone events.

### UP becomes top state to provide employment under MGNREGA

**Uttar Pradesh** has become the top state in India to provide employment to the workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA). According to the data released, **57 lakh 12975 workers** got employment is around **57 thousand village panchayats of the state which is 18%** of the total work generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country. The state government has generated **7.93 crore** man-days and the government will provide jobs to **10 lakh more workers**.

### GoI to launch “Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan”

“**Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**” will be launched by the Government of India from Village **Telihar, Block Beldaur of Khagaria District of Bihar**. It is a massive rural public works scheme that will empower and offer livelihood opportunities to the returnee migrant workers as well as rural citizens. The programme will be joined by the villages across 116 districts in the six States through the **Common Service Centres and Krishi Vigyan Kendras**. The six states are: Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, **Jharkhand and Bihar**.

“**Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**” will be **125 days** long campaign and work in mission mode. It will be a coordinated effort between 12 different Ministries/Departments such as **Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Environment, Railways, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Road Transport & Highways, Mines, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Telecom, Agriculture, New & Renewable Energy, and Border Roads**.

The campaign will involve focused implementation of 25 different types of works which will provide employment to the migrant workers along with creation of infrastructure in the rural regions of the country, with a resource envelope of **Rs 50,000 crore**.

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### KVIC launches project to produce Neera and Palmgur

A unique project to produce **Neera and Palmgur** has been rolled out by the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** in **Palghar district of Maharashtra**. The KVIC launched project aims to promoting Neera as a substitute to soft drinks along with generating self-employment opportunities for Adivasis as well as traditional trappers. Indian state Maharashtra is home to more than **50 lakh palm trees**.

As a part of project, KVIC distributed tool kits to local artisans for extraction of **Neera and making palmgur**. The tool kit comprised of canteen burners, perforated moulds, food grade stainless steel Kadhai, along with other equipment namely knives, rope and axes.

**Neera** is a nutrient-rich health drink consumed in many Indian states, and is extracted from the palm trees before sunrise.

### MoS for Home affairs G. Kishan Reddy launches device 'GermiBAN'

A device named "**GermiBAN**" has been launched by the Union Minister of State for Home affairs **G. Kishan Reddy**. The device has been developed by **Atal Incubation Centre & Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP) Women Entrepreneurs (WE) HUB**. The recently launched device has the capability of killing **99.9%** of surface and air microbes. Hence the device will be very useful for quarantine centres, isolation wards, hospitals and all general places for **killing viruses like coronavirus**.

**ALEAP WE-HUB** has been set up to encourage women startups, expanding incubation facilities to make available co-working spaces, equipment/machinery, business/market and network connections, common facility rooms, infrastructure, banking, investors, venture capitalists as well as angel network support. It was set up with the support of **Central Government's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI AAYOG**.

### Nature Index 2020: India ranked 12th in science research

**Nature Index table 2020** has released, India is placed twelfth globally in science research output. The top five positions have gone to the **United States of America, China, Germany, United Kingdom and Japan**.

#### Top 20 countries in the Nature Index 2020:

Rank	Country
1	United States of America
2	China
3	Germany
4	United Kingdom
5	Japan
6	France
7	Canada
8	Switzerland
9	South Korea
10	Australia
11	Spain
12	India
13	Italy
14	Netherlands
15	Sweden
16	Israel
17	Singapore
18	Russia
19	Belgium
20	Denmark

**Top 3 Institutions (Global):**

Ranks	Institution
1	Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China
2	Harvard University, United States of America (USA)
3	Max Planck Society, Germany

**Top 3 Indian Institutions (Global)**

India Ranks	Global Ranks	Institutions
1	160	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
2	184	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
3	260	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

**SIPRI Yearbook 2020: India ranked 6th as nuclear weapons increased since 2019**

The **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** has launched **SIPRI Yearbook 2020**. This Yearbook assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security. The 51st edition of the Yearbook reveals an unbroken deterioration within the conditions for international stability.

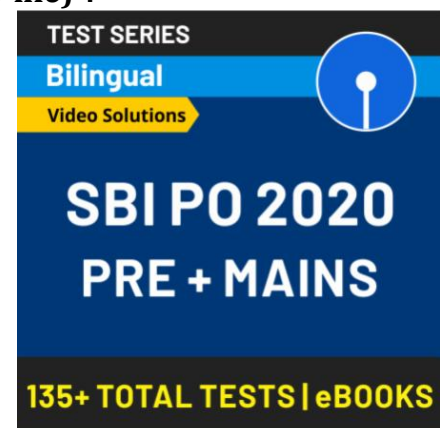
In accordance with the “**SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security**” from 2019 there’s a rise within the nuclear weapons stockpile of **India and China**. However India’s overall possession of nuclear weapons is a smaller amount than half Beijing’s and also slightly less than what Pakistan possesses.

Following table shows the number of warheads of top rankers (as of January 2020):

Rank	Country	Nuclear Warheads
1	USA	5800
2	Russia	6375
3	United kingdom	215
4	France	290
5	China	320
6	<b>India</b>	<b>150</b>
7	Pakistan	160
8	Israel	90
9	North Korea	(30–40)

**National News**

- A CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal named as “**Aarogyapath**” has been launched. “**Aarogyapath**” is an information platform developed by CSIR in partnership with **Sarvodaya Infotech** and institutional users and manufacturers / authorized suppliers of healthcare essentials. The portal has been launched with a vision of “providing a path which leads one on a journey towards **Aarogya (healthy life)**”.





- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched the **Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)**. IGX is the first nationwide online delivery-based gas trading platform.
- India has joined the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay)** as a founding member. This partnership among the leading economies aims to guide the responsible development as well as use of AI, grounded in **human rights, diversity, innovation, inclusion, and economic growth**.
- “e-Office” application has been launched in over **500 CGST and Customs offices** across India by the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), **M. Ajit Kumar**. The “e-Office” is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance of India. “e-Office” has been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) and is supported by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has launched a “**Multi Location Claim Settlement**” facility. The “Multi Location Claim Settlement” facility will cover claims such as provident fund, pension, partial withdrawal and claims and transfer claims.
- The **Trustees of the Prime Minister’s Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES)** fund has appointed, New Delhi based **Chartered Accountants, SARC & Associates**, as its auditors for the next three years. The SARC & Associates headed by Sunil Kumar Gupta is also the auditor of the **PM’s National Relief Fund (PMNRF)** appointed in 2019.
- India’s first mobile lab for **COVID-19 testing “Infectious Disease Diag Lab (I-Lab) – Rapid Response Mobile Laboratory”**. It has been developed with the support from the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology and Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone (AMTZ) under DBT-AMTZ COMManD (COVID Medtech Manufacturing Development) Consortia.
- **India** has been elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and will **serve as the President of the UN body** for the month of **August, 2021**.
- R&D Portal “**Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement (SATYABHAMA)**” has been launched for Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines. It has been designed, developed and implemented by **National Informatics Centre, Mines Informatics Division**.

### States in the News

- “**Ghar Ghar Nigrani**” mobile application has been launched by the Punjab government to check the community spread of COVID-19 in the state of Punjab.
- **West Bengal government** has launched a job portal ‘**KarmaBhumi**’ for IT professionals who have returned to the state amid the COVID-19 pandemic. IT professionals can use the portal ‘**Karmo Bhumi**’ to connect with companies based in the state.
- A new fish species named as “**Schizothorax sikusirumensis**” has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. The new fish species was discovered by **Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha**.

- **Raja Parba festival** celebrated in **Odisha**. It is a 3-days unique festival in which the onset of monsoon and the earth’s womanhood is celebrated by the state. It is believed that during this time the Mother Earth or Bhudevi

undergoes menstruation. The fourth day is the day of the 'purification bath'.

- **"Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)"** has been inaugurated in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.
- **Karnataka** government observed the **"Mask Day" on 18 June 2020** to aware the people about the use of masks, sanitisers, washing hands with soap in order to control the spread of COVID-19 in the state.
- Municipal Corporation of **Greater Mumbai (MCGM)** has launched a mobile application **"Air-Venti"** to provide information on ICU beds, ventilators.
- The **19th Great June Uprising Day** was observed on **18th June** at Kekrupat, **Manipur**.

### International Affairs

- Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev** has resigned from the post. He resigned due to citing an ongoing criminal investigation into the assignment of national radio frequencies.
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has affirmed a **USD 750 million (around Rs 5,714 crore)** loan to India to enable the legislature to fortify its fight against the antagonistic effect of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households.
- **World Economic Forum (WEF)** has announced its **2020 cohort of Technology Pioneers**. WEF has unveiled **100 new tech firms** awardees which are leaders in carbon capture, alternative meat and circular economies, while some of them aims to address food security, financial access etc. The 20th cohort of Technology Pioneers comprised 2 Indian firms namely: **ZestMoney and Stellapps**.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Maruti Suzuki India (MSI)** has collaborated with **Karur Vysya Bank** to offer simpler and flexible financing plans for new clients. Through the association with the bank, the company is trying to offer imminent purchasers exceptional plan of up to 100 per cent on-road funding with six months holiday period on **all models, except van EECO, loans for both salaried and self-employed customers and repayment period up to 84 months**.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **ICICI Bank** has introduced an online overdraft(od) facility **'Insta FlexiCash'** for its salary account customers. This facility is meant to guard ICICI Bank Salary Account customers against missing their **Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) or cheque bounces thanks to insufficient funds by providing short-term instant credit**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has launched **'Suraksha Salary Account'** for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**. India's MSME sector has over 60 million units and accounts for **29 per cent of India's GDP**.

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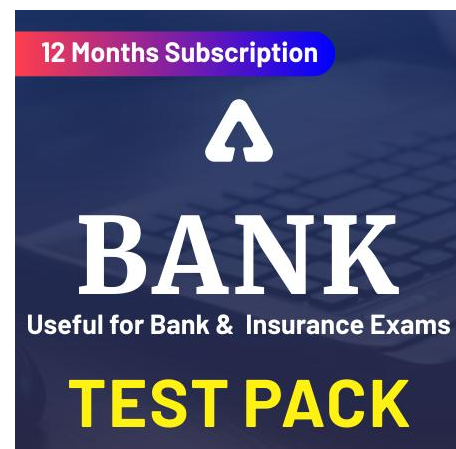
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- **Acquisition by MacRitchie Investments Pte. Ltd.** (MacRitchie) in Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions Private Limited (Ascent), API Holdings Private Limited (API) & 91Streets Media Technologies Private Limited (91Streets) has received the approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The acquisition by MacRitchie in three companies will be executed under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- **HDFC ERGO General insurance** firm has partnered with UK based tech firm **TropoGo Limited** to launch India's 1st 'Pay as you Fly' insurance for drone-owners in India. This policy, which can be offered on-demand to commercial drone owners and operators, give life assurance for Third Party Liability Claims.
- The **Asian Development Bank** has projected Indian economy to contract by **4% in Fiscal Year 2021**.
- **The Asian Development Bank** expects India's economy to recover in **Fiscal Year 2022** with growth rate of **5%**, as economic activity will get to its normal state gradually.
- **Fitch Ratings** has retained India's sovereign rating at the lowest investment grade of "**BBB-**", while the rating agency has revised downward its rating outlook for India to negative from stable. Although, the rating agency expects India's economic activity to contract by **5% in the fiscal year 2021 before rebounding by 9.5% in fiscal year 2022**.
- **ICICI Home Finance** has launched a special affordable housing loan scheme "**SARAL**" to fund homes in urban and rural areas. The scheme has been developed especially for **women, lower, middle income customers** and economically weaker sections having maximum household income up to **Rs 6 lakh annually**. It provides affordable housing loans up to **Rs 35 lakh** at an **interest rate** starting from **7.98%** for a maximum tenure of **20 years**.
- **Competition Commission of India** has approved the **acquisition** of **Metso Oyj's** minerals business by **Outotec Oyj**. The acquisition will be done under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, 2002.
- United Kingdom oil major "**British Petroleum**" is going to set up **Global Business Service Centre** in **Pune, Maharashtra** to support its global businesses.
- Special health insurance policy has been launched by the **Karnataka Bank** in association with **Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Ltd** to cover the uncertainties posed by **COVID-19** pandemic.
- **Reliance Industries Limited** has reached **\$150-billion mark** in term of **market capitalisation** and has become **India's first \$150-billion** company in terms of market capitalisation.

### Appointments/Resignations

- **UTI Mutual Fund** has appointed **Imtaiyazur Rahman** as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Earlier Rahman was serving as the acting Chief Executive Officer of the UTI Mutual Funds. He joined the UTI Group in 1998 and is with the AMC since 2003.
- Attorney General of India, **KK Venugopal** will get the 1-year extension of service. The tenure of the is coming to an end on **June 30**.
- Former Supreme Court judge, **D K Jain** gets one-year extension from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as ethics officer and ombudsman.





- Turkish's diplomat **Volkan Bozkir** has been elected as the **president** of the **75th session of the UN General Assembly**. He will take over from Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, the present General Assembly president.
- **Urjit Patel** has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)**, an economic think tank which is based in New Delhi, India.

### Defence News

- **India** will send its Tri-Service contingent to take part in the **75th Victory Day Parade of World War II in Moscow, Russia**. Russia is conducting a military parade on 24th June 2020 in Moscow on the 75th anniversary of the victory in the Second World War. Contingents of other countries are also expected to participate in the **75th Victory Day Parade of World War II in Moscow**.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Chef **Angad Singh Rana** has won **QualityNZ Culinary Cup 2020**. The award was announced by Cricket legend and Chennai Super Kings coach Stephen Fleming.
- Hyderabad-based **Deccan Development Society** has won the **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award**.

### Schemes and Committees

- An **Internal Working Group (IWG)** has been constituted by the **Reserve Bank of India** with a prime objective of reviewing the extant guidelines on ownership and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. The Internal Working Group (IWG) will be headed by **Dr. Prasanna Kumar Mohanty, Director, Central Board of RBI**. The Internal Working Group (IWG) is supposed to submit its report by **30th September 2020**.

- The **Board of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** has reconstituted the **Advisory Committee on Corporate Insolvency Resolution & Liquidation**. The Advisory Committee will be chaired by the Executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director, **Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak**. **Methil Unnikrishnan** has been designated as the secretary to the Advisory Committee.

### Summits & Conferences

- International Workshop on **"Good Governance Practices in a Pandemic for International Civil Servants"** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, **Jitendra Singh**.

### Sports News

- Under the Sports Ministry's flagship programme **"Khelo India Scheme"**, the ministry is going to set up **Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE)**. To create a robust sporting ecosystem in the entire country, as well as to strengthen India's pursuit for excellence in Olympics, one KISCE will be identified in each state and union territory (UT).
- Grandmaster **Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan** has won the World Stars Sharjah Online International Chess Championship. Indian Grandmaster **Pentala Harikrishna** finished second in the Championship after scoring 6.5 points from 10 rounds.
- The **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)** has announced that the 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games to be held in Bahrain in December 2021.

### Important Days

- **World blood donor day** is observed globally on **June 14th** every year. The campaign theme for this year's World donor Day is **"Safe blood saves lives"** with the slogan **"Give blood and make the world a healthier place"**.

- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** (WEAAD) is observed on **15th June** every year. The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) invite you to join us in **“Lifting Up Voices” for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) in 2020.**
- **World Wind Day**, also known as **Global Wind Day**, is observed on **15th June** every year.
- **International Day of Family Remittances** is observed on **16th June** every year. This year International Day of Family Remittances is celebrated under the **theme: “Building resilience in times of crisis”.**
- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** is observed on **17th June** every year. The theme of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2020: **Food. Feed.Fibre. – the links between consumption and land.**
- **Sustainable Gastronomy Day** is observed globally on **18th June** every year.
- **International Day for the**
- **Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict** is observed globally on **19th June** every year.
- **Autistic Pride Day** is observed globally on **18th June** every year. This day is observed to respect the rights of persons with autism.
- United Nations celebrates **World Refugee Day** globally on **20 June** every year. The theme of World Refugee Day 2020 is **“Every Action Counts”.**

## Obituaries

- India's oldest First Class cricketer **Vasant Raiji** passed away at the age of 100.
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Director, **Atul Srivastava** passed away. Srivastava assumed charge as Director (Personnel) of SAIL on March 12, 2018.
- Former New Zealand Test cricketer, **Matt Poore** passed away.
- Former Lok Sabha MP and founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank, **Madhavrao Patil** passed away. Patil had won from Nashik Lok Sabha constituency on a Congress ticket in 1998.

- Noted folk singer of Uttarakhand, **Heera Singh Rana** passed away. He was born in 1942 in Manila Dandholi village of Almora.
- Freedom fighter & Veteran journalist **Dinu Ranadive** passed away.
- Maha Vir Chakra awardee Lt Gen (retd) **Raj Mohan Vohra** passed away due to COVID-19. He was a 1971 war hero. Lt Gen Vohra had received the coveted award in 1972.
- Former Goa minister, **Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar** passed away. He was represented Pale constituency in the then Goa, Daman and Diu legislative assembly.
- Malayalam Film director, scriptwriter, and producer **K.R. Sachidanandan** passed away.
- Veteran economist and the member of 10th Finance Commission, **B.P.R. Vithal** passes away.

## Miscellaneous News

- Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi by the state government. He is originally from Bihar. He will promote **Bihar Khadi and the country's largest Khadi Mall in Patna.**
- Former NASA astronaut and Geologist, **Kathryn D. Sullivan** has become the 1st woman to reach the deepest point of the ocean, **Mariana Trench.** She is the 1st American woman to walk in space has become the first woman to reach the deepest known spot in the ocean.

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- An **Artificial Intelligence** enabled **robot “CAPTAIN ARJUN”** has been launched by the Indian Railways’ Central Railway zone. The AI robot has been launched to intensify the screening of passengers and surveillance to keep a watch on anti-social elements.
- **“Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances”** has been launched by the Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh. Various **“Feed Back Call Centers”** have been operationalized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** in collaboration with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- **Anmol Narang** has made history by becoming the 1st observant Sikh to graduate from the distinguished **United States (US) Military Academy at West Point**. She was among about 1,100 cadets who graduated at the premier institution’s campus in New York with the rank of 2nd lieutenant.
- French integrated content, media and communications group, **Vivendi** has partnered with Grammy winner **Ricky Kej** for **“My Earth Concert for Kids”**. **Ricky Kej** is an **Indo-American composer, music producer and environmentalist**.
- **JSW Cement** has signed **Sourav Ganguly** and **Sunil Chhetri** as its brand ambassadors.
- Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission: Vinai Saxena.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu; Governor: B.D. Mishra.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Chief Minister of Jharkhand: Hemant Soren; Governor: Droupadi Murmu.
- Capital of Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek.
- The currency of Kyrgyzstan: Kyrgyzstani som.
- Headquarters of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): Beijing, China.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): Jin Liqun.
- Maruti Suzuki CEO: Kenichi Ayukawa.
- Maruti Suzuki Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Karur Vysya Bank Headquarters: Karur, Tamil Nadu.
- Karur Vysya Bank CEO: P. R. Seshadri.
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Airtel Payments Bank MD and CEO: Anubrata Biswas.
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, U.S.
- Mastercard President and CEO: Ajaypal Singh Banga.
- Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Bank: Sandeep Bakhshi.
- Non-Executive (part-time) Chairman of ICICI Bank: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi.
- ICICI Bank established: 1994.
- Headquarters of ICICI Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance MD & CEO: Ritesh Kumar.
- HDFC ERGO General insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly; Headquarter of BCCI: Mumbai.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital: Moscow.
- Prime Minister of New Zealand: Jacinda Ardern.
- Capital of New Zealand: Wellington.

### Static Takeaways

- Director General of National Informatics Centre (NIC): Neeta Verma.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray.
- Governor of Maharashtra: Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.
- Chief Minister of Punjab: Capt. Amarinder Singh.
- Governor of Punjab: V.P. Singh Badnore.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.

- Director of Deccan Development Society PV Satheesh.
- Headquarters of Deccan Development Society: Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Kiren Rijiju.
- Chairman of the Bahrain Paralympic Committee: Shaikh Mohammed bin Duaij Al Khalifa.
- King of Bahrain: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa;
- Capital of Bahrain: Manama; Currency of Bahrain: Bahraini Dinar.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-general of WHO: Tedros Adhanom.
- Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council: Morten Dyrholm.
- CEO of Global Wind Energy Council: Ben Backwell.
- Headquarters of Global Wind Energy Council: Brussels, Belgium.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- Governor of Bihar: Phagu Chauhan, Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar.
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Executive Director of UNICEF: Henrietta H. Fore.
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- United Nations General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States.
- United Nations General Assembly Founder: United Nations.
- United Nations General Assembly Founded: 1945.
- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations: T S Tirumurti.
- Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI: Mohammad Mustafa.
- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh; Governor: Najma Heptulla.

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