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Financial One Liners

- The Reserve Bank of India recently announced that the Government of India has discontinued 7.75% savings bonds.
- State Bank of India has created a new and separate business vertical to focus on financial inclusion and micro-markets (FI&MM).
- IndusInd Bank has launched first-of-its-kind mobile app-based facility for opening current accounts in a paperless manner.
- The Reserve Bank of India created Payment Infrastructure Development Fund of Rs 500 crores.
- Axis Bank Ltd, Mastercard India & Worldline India partnered to launch a digital point-of-sale(POS) solution 'Soft POS', the 1st financial payments service in India to transform everyday smartphones into merchant POS terminals.
- "Summer Treats" campaign has been launched by the private sector HDFC Bank.
- Moody's Investors Service has downgraded India's sovereign rating one notch to the lowest investment grade (Baa3) from "Baa2", with negative outlook.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has once again changed the definition of MSME.

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- The Country's largest lender State Bank of India on June 5 reported a standalone profit of Rs 3,580.81 crore in January-March quarter, a growth of over four-fold YoY supported by lower provisions and stake sale.
- The Reserve Bank of India announced on June 5 that it has set up a Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIFD) of Rs. 500 Crore.
- HDFC Bank has cut its marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis points (bps) across tenors.
- Flipkart-owned digital payments platform PhonePe along with ICICI Lombard, the non-life insurance company launched 'first of its kind' travel insurance, domestic multi-trip insurance to provide a stress-free travel experience to customers by covering risks associated with all modes of travel within the country (road, rail and air within the country) from the time a customer leaves home, till the time of return.
- State-run lenders Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Union Bank of India (UBI) have announced cut in their marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR) across all tenors.
- Capital markets regulator Sebi imposed a total penalty of Rs 15 lakh on three entities for indulging in fraudulent trading in illiquid stock options on the BSE.
- The Reserve Bank of India recently released draft framework for "Sale of Loan Exposures" and "Securitization of Standard Assets".
- Long-term package motor insurance products that offer third party (TP) and own damage (OD) for two-wheelers (five year policies) and four wheelers (three years) will be withdrawn from August 1, 2020.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) relaunched its Aadhaar-based instant digital savings account facility for customers who want to open an online account using the Yono platform.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an internal working group to review the rules on ownership and corporate structure for private sector banks.
- The RBI has proposed an upper age limit of 70 years for CEOs and whole-time directors of banks and a maximum term of 10 years for those belonging to the promoter group, as part of the exercise to improve governance in the banking sector.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred Kanpur-based People's Co-operative Bank from granting fresh loans or accepting deposits for a period of six months, due to its weak financial position.
- To support multiple projects in India, the US International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) is planning to invest 350 million USD in sectors of finance, health infrastructure, renewable energy and food security space also look to empower smallholder dairy farmers, generate solar power increase access to education.
- Hero MotoCorp, the country's largest two-wheeler maker, on Monday launched an integrated online sales platform, eSHOP, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.
- The Government of India has allowed taxpayers to fill their NIL GST monthly return form through SMS.
- According to World Bank, India's economy will shrink by 3.2 per cent in the current fiscal. HDFC Bank has cut its marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis points (bps) across tenors.
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- S&P Global Ratings has released its report on emerging markets titled “Financial Conditions Reflect Optimism, Lockdown Fatigue Emerges“.
- After a contraction in the current financial year, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of 9.5 per cent next year provided it avoids further deterioration in financial sector health
- Traders' body CAIT launched a campaign to boycott Chinese goods with an aim to reduce India's imports of products manufactured in the country by USD 13 billion by December 2021.
- The rating agency “S&P” has kept India’s sovereign rating at “BBB-” along with a stable outlook.
- The Finance Ministry announced that the public sector banks have disbursed Rs 12,200.65 crore till June 9, under the Rs 3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector, hit hard by the coronavirus-induced lockdown.
- The Forex Reserves of India are increasing and are to hit 500 billion USD soon. In May 2020, the Indian Forex Reserves touched an all time high of 493 billion USD.
- In order to eliminate the use of physical card or touch an ATM PIN pad, amid the spread of coronavirus from contaminated surfaces, Empays Payment Systems has joined hands with Mastercard to launch “Cardless ATM powered by MasterCard” in India based on the standards of EMV (Europay, MasterCard, and Visa). With this, India will be the first country outside the United States (US) where this product will be launched.
- US based tech-giant Apple Inc’s market capitalization surpassed \$1.5 trillion, making it the first U.S. company to reach that mark.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in its OECD Economic Outlook, has projected India’s economy to contract 7.3 percent in the current fiscal year 2020-21 if there is a second wave of the coronavirus (Covid-19) later this year.
- India’s forex reserves have now crossed the \$ 500 billion mark, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ICICI Bank has introduced an online overdraft(od) facility ‘Insta FlexiCash’ for its salary account customers.
- Airtel Payments Bank has launched ‘Suraksha Salary Account’ for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- India’s 3rd largest lender, Bank of Baroda will completely digitize its lending operations including home, agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME), personal and auto loans. The bank has recently completed its merger with Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank.
- ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (HFC) has launched “SARAL” scheme for a special affordable house loan for urban and rural areas.
- With a view to helping customers get their business done in branches without having to wait in queues, Federal Bank introduces a facility for pre-booking their appointments.
- The Reserve Bank of India on 19th June 2020 has extended the regulatory restrictions imposed on the multi-state urban Cooperative Bank, Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited (PMC Bank) by another 6 months.

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- Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund announced Vodafone Idea Ltd has made an interest payment of about Rs 103 crore and that the amount will be distributed among investors in proportion to their holdings in the segregated portfolios.
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved 750 million USD loan to India.
- Microsoft has launched the Money in Excel feature for Microsoft 365 Personal and Family subscribers, starting first in the US.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, the country's third-largest non-life insurance provider has joined hands with UK based tech firm TropoGo Limited to launch India's 1st 'Pay as you Fly' insurance for drone-owners in India.
- Fitch Ratings has revised India's long-term outlook to negative from stable, citing risks due to continued acceleration in the number of new Covid-19 cases as the lockdown is eased gradually in the country.
- India's economy is forecast to contract by 4 percent in 2020-21, as per the latest Asian Development Outlook (ADO) report of the Asian Development Bank released on 18 June 2020, due to the adverse effect of the coronavirus pandemic.
- Ola unveiled an emergency service in its application to serve people after the Tamil Nadu government announced the new phase of lockdown which comes into effect from today.
- United Kingdom oil major "British Petroleum" is going to set up Global Business Service Centre in Pune, Maharashtra to support its global businesses.
- The Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has reached \$150-billion mark in term of market capitalisation.
- Yes Bank has partnered with fintech startup "Affordplan" to launch 'Swasth Card', a co-branded healthcare card, under Swasth program.
- United Commercial Bank(UCO Bank) partnered with four insurers namely, State Bank of India(SBI) Life Insurance Company, the Oriental Insurance Company and Religare Health Insurance Company, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company to offer various insurance products for its customers.
- Public and Private Sectors banks have sanctioned loans worth over 79 thousand crore rupees so far under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme.
- The Karnataka Bank has rolled out a new product titled "KBL Micro Mitra" for the Micro entrepreneurs.
- Government of India will bring an ordinance to put all cooperative banks under the Reserve Bank of India supervision.
- President Ram Nath Kovind promulgated the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.
- Zomato co-founder Pankaj Chaddah and ex-Zomato Chief of Staff Pooja Khanna have announced their entrepreneurial venture Mindhouse, a mental wellness service that offers a variety of guided meditation sessions and techniques.
- Leading bourse BSE figures among the world's 10 largest exchanges in terms of cumulative market capitalisation of all companies listed on its platform, as per the latest data from the World Federation of Exchanges.
- Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that he believes India will be a manufacturing hub for electric vehicles within the next five years, adding that several countries do not want to deal with China after the COVID-19 crisis which can be an opportunity for India

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- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on launched paperless customs export processing, a move aimed at trade facilitation.
- Moody's Investors Service has sharply revised its forecast for India's annual GDP growth and has projected the Indian economy to shrink 3.1 percent in the Calendar year 2020, caused by the disruptions due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- India Ratings and Research has projected the GDP growth of India to contract by 5.3% in 2020-21 (FY21).
- The Central Government has extended the deadline for the following for filing income tax returns (ITR) for FY 2018-19 by one month to July 31, 2020; (original as well as revised income tax returns) for linking biometric Aadhaar with PAN till March 31, 2021.
- Covid-19 pandemic is likely to bring down India's per capita income (PCI) by 5.4 per cent in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21) to Rs 1.43 lakh from Rs 1.52 lakh in FY20, suggests the latest report by the economic wing of State Bank of India (SBI).
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt to provide Rs 20,000 crore of guarantee cover to two lakh micro, small and medium enterprises.
- NTPC Ltd will help Mali develop a 500 MW solar power park, a statement by the state-owned power generator.
- In March 2020, the Reserve Bank of India, had increased the borrowing limit of scheduled banks under the marginal standing facility (MSF) scheme from 2 percent to 3 percent of their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) as a temporary measure to deal with cash crunch caused by coronavirus pandemic.
- Flipkart-owned PhonePe has partnered with ICICI Bank on UPI multi-bank model giving its users the option to create and use multiple UPI IDs with ICICI and Yes Bank's handles.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has set up 'Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund' to support free onboarding for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on trade receivables discounting system (TReDS).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it will be conducting a special Open Market Operations (OMOs) on 2nd July 2020.
- The World Bank has approved a \$500 million loan to improve the quality and governance of school education in six Indian states.
- Instamojo, has launched 'InstaCash' to enable merchants to gain access to working capital. Merchants can avail loans for upto Rs 1 lakh, for a period of 7-14 days.
- S&P Global Ratings said Indian economy is in deep trouble with growth expected to contract by 5 per cent this fiscal.

Non- Financial One Liners

Schemes

- Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme for street vendors. Under the scheme, Rs 10,000 of credit is to be provided to street vendors.
- The Government of India has launched a new initiative called SWADES (Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support) to conduct a skill mapping exercise of the skilled citizens returning to the country under the Vande Bharat Mission.

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- The Union cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken three historic decisions in the field of agriculture to benefit farmers and transform the agriculture sector.
- The Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the “Nagar Van” scheme. The scheme was launched to mark the Environment Day.
- A webinar was organized by the TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20 June 2020 from Beldaur of Khagaria District of Bihar.

National

- Centre has approved the Bihar State's Jal Jeevan Mission Annual Action Plan.
- Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, has called upon each and every individual at national and international level to participate in the “My Life, My Yoga”(also called “Jeevan Yoga”) Video Blogging Contest, while addressing his monthly Mann Ki Baat program on 31 May 2020.
- The Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal today interacted with the captains of the Pharmaceutical industry, and Office-bearers of the Pharma Associations, through the Video Conference. The meeting was attended by the Ministers of State Shri H.S.Puri and Shri Som Parkash, Secretaries of the Department of Commerce, and Pharmaceuticals, and Officers from Departments of Commerce, Pharmaceuticals and Health.
- 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.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched CHAMPIONS, the technology platform on 1 June.
- The Government has announced that it is to provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to 1.5 crore dairy farmers belonging to Milk Unions and Milk producing Companies within the next two months from 1 June-31 July 2020, under a special drive.
- Indian Energy Exchange launched Real Time Electricity Market (RTM).
- The Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendra achieved sales up to Rs 100.40 crores in the first two months of the financial year 2020-21.
- The Union Cabinet approved hike of Minimum Support Price of 14 Kharif crops.
- Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi approved the re-establishment of the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) as Subordinate Office under Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).
- The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently revised Public Procurement Order in order to provide preference to Make in India initiative.
- India is to join the UK-led virtual Global Vaccine Summit.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved to set up “Empowered Group of Secretaries”.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of HRD (Human Resource Development) launched an internship learning programme called “TULIP”.
- PM Modi participated at the Global Vaccine Summit that was led by the United Kingdom. At the summit, the prime minister announced that India will pledge 15 million USD to GAVI Alliance.

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- Microsoft announced the launch of a program for agritech startups in India that are committed to driving transformation in agriculture.
- State-run Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has partnered with US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE) program and launched 'Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings' initiative.
- The Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R. K. Singh, launched the 'iCommit' campaign, on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June 2020, with the aim of building an energy resilient future.
- The Ministry of Urban Affairs released series of advisories on Effective waste management.
- The Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and MSME, Nitin Gadkari launched the UNDP and MoRTH national awareness campaign on 'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways' through a video conference on June 5, 2020.
- India is expected to be elected as member of United Nations Security Council for an eighth term.
- India will soon be setting up a coal trading platform as it gears up to bring in commercial mining in the coal sector.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari today announced further extension of the validity date of motor vehicle documents till September this year due to COVID-19 situation in the country.
- Government of India released Rs.6,195 crore to 14 states as a monthly installment of the post-devolution revenue deficit grant on 10 June.
- The Government of India has allocated Rs 4000 crore to the State Governments under 'Per Drop More Crop' component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY- PDMC) for the year 2020-21.
- The Government of India has raised the Customs duty on bamboo imports from 10% to 25% with immediate effect.
- The central government on June 10 has decided to continue the export curbs only on the specific reagents, diagnostics kits, and instruments such as the silicon columns, swab sterile synthetic and magnetic stand amid the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Indian government's ambitious Bharamala Project may get delayed by four years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as per ratings agency ICRA.
- The central government on June 10 has decided to provide its health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to the migrant workers across the states, affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Department of Science & Technology (DST), under the Ministry of Science & Technology, has constituted a joint Science Communication Forum to promote common policy & best practices.
- The Tamil Nadu government has issued a notification as per the recommendation of an experts committee for changing the names of 1,018 places, including of many important places, in accordance with how they are exactly pronounced in Tamil.
- The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has become the first of its kind in the construction sector to go fully digital.

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- Sahakar Mitra Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP) was launched by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Three months after banning foreigners from entering India due to coronavirus situation, the Centre lifted curbs on entry of five categories of foreign nationals to India--those who wish to come to the country on account of family emergencies and could not come due to the lockdown imposed to curb COVID-19.
- The Indian Railways has created a world record by commissioning the first high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) and successfully running double-stack containers train, in the electrified sections of the Western Railway zone.
- Centre has directed all the 8 North Eastern States to set up e-office in a stipulated timeframe.
- Government of India has launched Aarogyapath, a web-based solution for the healthcare supply chain that provides real-time availability of critical supplies.
- Railway Protection Force of Central Railway, Pune division, has launched a unique robot named "CAPTAIN ARJUN", for the screening of passengers for COVID-19 infection while they board trains as well as keep a watch on anti-social elements.
- The Central Railway zone of the Indian Railways has launched a body-screening facility "FebriEye thermal cameras" at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai, Maharashtra, to scan passengers for COVID-19 symptoms and ensure contactless entry.
- The Government of India recently reconstituted the advisory panel on corporate insolvency resolution and liquidation process.
- The first disease diagnostic laboratory is ready to be launched.
- The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) in an e-ceremony on 15 June.
- Government of India has taken special measures to benefit the welfare scheme for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) amidst the prevailing unprecedented situation faced by the society due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Personnel, PG and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances on 15 June.
- India and 12 other countries have come together to lead United Nations initiative '#VERIFIED', which aims to counter misinformation on the coronavirus by spreading fact-based content.
- A device named "GermiBAN" has been launched by the Union Minister of State for Home affairs G. Kishan Reddy.
- "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.
- Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a "Multi Location Claim Settlement" facility.
- The central government, as a part of the 'Make in India' initiative, has distributed indigenous ventilators to hospitals across the country in order to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot is to inaugurate Composite Regional Centre (CRC) on 17 April through video conferencing amid COVID-19 pandemic.

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- India has pledged to construct a Rs.2.33 crore sanitation facility at the Pashupatinath Temple complex in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The Railway Board recently informed that the Indian Railways has carried 4,450 Shramik trains so far carrying 6 million migrant workers generating revenue of Rs 360 crores.
- The Bombay High court recently sought report on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of Lonar lake from the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and GSI (Geographical Survey of India).
- The Pune based Serum Institute of India is to supply Pneumonia vaccine to low-income countries.
- Twitter launched a dedicated search prompt to serve information and updates from authoritative sources around domestic violence.
- Jan Aushadhi Suvidhi Sanitary Napkin is made available in more than 6300 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushdhi Pariyojna, PMBJP Kendras across the country at a minimum price of Rs.1 per pad.
- For the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21, the Fifteenth Finance Commission had earlier submitted its report for the Rural Local Bodies (RLB), the recommends in the report were accepted by the Government.
- Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has launched a dedicated Rs 50,000 crore Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, via video conference, on 20 June 2020 for Migrant workers
- As per the data provided by the Union Finance Ministry on 20th June 2020, through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP), a total of 42 crore citizens across the country have received financial aid of Rs 65,454 crore to date.
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative by a metro rail system in northern India, the Noida-Greater Noida Metro has decided to convert the Sector 50 station into a “She-Man” station that will have special facilities and employment for the transgender community.
- NITI Aayog in collaboration with International Transport Forum (ITF) is to launch the “Decarbonising Transport in India” project on 24 June. The project intends to develop a pathway towards a low-carbon transport system for India.
- Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh has reviewed the COVID status and healthcare facility in Aspirational districts with special focus on North East.
- Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal launched the Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum. Invest India has designed this forum of unique sectoral series to conduct detailed conversations between global industry leaders and key decision makers from the highest levels of the Central and State Governments.
- The Government of India on its way to create an AtmaNirbhar Bharat had allocated Rs 2000 crore for 50,000 Made-in-India ventilators.
- Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers’ Welfare (DAC&FW), under Make in India initiative indigenously develops a vehicle-mounted ULV sprayer for locust control to overcome the limitation of importing equipment.
- India has announced contributing 10 million US dollar to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) over the coming two years.

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- “Information about Country of Origin” has been mandated for the sellers by the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- On 23rd June 2020, within the next 7 days, the External Affairs Ministry of India has decided to reduce the staff strength of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad by 50% and has also directed the Pakistan Government to implement the same by reducing 50% of its staff from its Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).
- Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has released the roadmap for NCERT for the year 2020-21.
- Union Cabinet has given International Airport status to Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh.
- The move to leapfrog India’s space activities into the next stage by transforming the Indian Space Sector for the future challenges was made during a meeting of the Union Cabinet on 24th June 2020.
- Secretary Department of Science and Technology (DST) Prof Ashutosh Sharma launched the official Logo for the Golden Jubilee Commemoration Year celebration.
- The Central government has allocated 4125 crore rupees for rejuvenating the Small, Medium and Tiny Industries sector in Tamil Nadu.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar and Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan today paid tributes to Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis on National Statistics Day.
- The government has again extended the deadline to bid for Air India by two months till 31st August.
- Under the fourth phase of 'Vande Bharat Mission' scheduled to commence from 3rd July, Air India will operate 170 flights and bring back Indian Nationals from 17 countries.
- The government has allowed Indian airlines to increase their number of domestic passenger flights from 33 percent to 45 percent of their pre-COVID capacity.
- The National Research Development Cooperation (NRDC) has signed a technology licensing agreement with an Agra-based apparel manufacturing entity, the Indian Garment Company.
- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) will set up a new technology development centre focussed on clean and alternative energy solutions.
- Enterprise software firm, SAP India on Monday launched the Global Bharat initiative for Indian MSMEs by providing them access to global marketplace, digital skilling for the workforce and transforming business processes.
- Centre launched the PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- On 25th June 2020, a webinar was conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to mark the 5 years of successful completion of the 3 Schemes.
- The Government of India has launched an ambitious project of ‘one nation and one ration card’ for migrant workers.
- The government has approved an additional Rs 1,691 crore for highway works by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand for 2020-21.

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- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a new road project Chambal Expressway to facilitate traffic between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has announced that “Government of India Bans 59 Chinese mobile apps”, which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, the security of the state and public order”.
- The Union Ministry of Culture has announced on 27th June 2020 that on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the Ministry has decided to celebrate a 2-week long tree plantation campaign called ‘Sankalp Parva’ from 28th June to 12th July 2020.
- Union Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi laid the foundation stone for "Sanskritik Sadbhav Mandap" at Numaish Ground in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The central government is planning to launch an Aadhar-based database in order to digitize all its farm-oriented schemes and to ensure that farmers are paid procurement prices directly.

State

- The Kerala State government has announced the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project will be commissioned by December 2020.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has extended Rs 1,050 crore special liquidity facility (SLF) to West Bengal (WB) so far in the current fiscal year (FY 21) for the welfare of farmers and poor people in the state.
- Himachal Pradesh State Government has given status of second language to Sanskrit.
- MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan deposited Rs. 145.92 crore towards the amount of 37 days of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the month of May and June in the bank accounts of 66.27 lakh students
- Assam State government presented the Annual Action Plan for consideration and approval of the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Government of India (GoI) approved Rs.1,407 crore for 2020-21 under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- Uttar Pradesh has become first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patients, with each of the 75 districts having dedicated beds for patients in the respective facilities.
- In Madhya Pradesh, despite the banks opening during the Corona transition period, it is a difficult task to move from rural areas to urban area banks.
- Three more states — Odisha, Sikkim and Mizoram — have joined the ‘One Nation-One Ration Card’ scheme, taking the number of states and union territories which have joined the scheme to 20,
- The National Association of Software and Services Companies(NASSCOM) announced that it has delivered an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka, called the Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19.
- Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched Skill Register developed by Information Technology Department to create a sound data base of migrants, who have entered Himachal Pradesh during the lockdown in the wake of Corona pandemic.
- Centre has approved 175 crore rupees for implementation of Jal jeevan mission in Meghalaya during 2020-21.
- Centre has approved 812 crore rupees for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Odisha during 2020-21.
- National Jal Jeevan Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti has approved the Annual Action Plan of Arunachal Pradesh to achieve 100 per cent household tap connections in the state.

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- GoI approved the Annual Action Plan of Puducherry for Financial Year 2020-21.
- Odisha government ordered a complete weekend shutdown in 11 migration-prone districts in June.
- In the wake of the COVID-19 situation, the Centre has approved the Tamil Nadu Government's proposal to extend the tenure of the State Chief Secretary K Shanmugham by three months.
- Karnataka has extended invitation to major chip manufacturing company Intel to set up its unit in the state.
- Under the flagship of the multipurpose Irrigation project; Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), the last and vital Markbook pump house was inaugurated on May 29 2020 by the Chief Minister of Telangana K Chandrasekhar Rao.
- The Kerala government led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has announced that its ambitious broadband project 'Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON)' project, envisaged to provide free internet access to the poor, would be rolled out by December 2020.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu has launched a salary tracker mobile app MeraVetan (Version-1) for government employees.
- On this World environment day, Kerala's first 'food forest' is being prepared at tribal belts of Attapady in Palakkad district.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced Aatmanirbhar Gujarat package worth 14,000 crore rupees.
- Uttar Pradesh introduces a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU Monitoring Mechanism to achieve efficient implementation of investment proposals by guiding interested investors and to track the signed MoUs.
- The Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the work to prepare 'Ekal Nagrik Database' will be started soon in the state.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provided Rs 270 crore Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic to support the agricultural activities of the farmers.
- The roads near the border areas are of great importance in the current situation when Indian and Chinese armies are confronting each other in the eastern Ladakh region.
- The Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya assented to declare Gairsain as new summer capital. The Gairsain is also called Bhararisen.
- Delhi Government has ordered to set up 24x7 helpdesks in all state-run hospitals to ensure smooth and hassle free admission to needy patients.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), launched its flagship programme Turant Customs, at Bengaluru and Chennai.
- National Green Tribunal has directed Gujarat based chemical company Yashashvi Rasayan Private Ltd to deposit Rs. 25 crore.
- The Government of India has allocated Rs 1,01,500 crores under the MGNREGA programme in the year 2020-21 so far.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 18th Bench of

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Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through a Video Conference on 8 June.

- The Tamil Nadu Government has scrapped public examinations for the Tenth Standard this year due to the looming Covid-19 situation.
- Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh has inaugurated “Plant Health Clinic” at the Directorate of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Imphal.
- The state cabinet of Odisha has adopted “Bande Utkalala Janani” or Glory to mother Utkala as the anthem of Odisha through video-conferencing.
- The West Bengal government on Monday announced a hike in the salary and stipend of junior doctors, house staff and interns of state-run hospitals to boost their morale during the crisis of coronavirus outbreak.
- In an innovative move aimed at helping passengers travel safely during the Covid-19 pandemic, the first automated Mask and Sanitizer Dispenser (MSD) machine was commissioned by a Delhi based vendor in the East Central Railways.
- Madhya Pradesh has started a plantation drive named “Thank Mom” on the premises of its Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Directorate on World Environment Day.
- Centre approved Karnataka State government's Annual Action Plan for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.
- West Bengal government has received a loan amount of Rs 1950 crore from the World Bank.
- Government of India approved the Annual Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh for 2020-21.
- Kerala government on June 11 has decided to cancel this year’s Sabarimala annual festival and has indefinitely postponed the opening of the hill shrine due to COVID-19.
- Uttar Pradesh government has prepared an action plan to provide 10 lakh jobs in the next 6 months.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur released the first video on Yoga Asanas in Ladakhi, in Leh. Ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21, the National Research Institute for Sowa Rigpa (NRISR), Leh has made a video on Yoga Asanas in Ladakhi language.
- Karnataka government has decided to ban online classes for the students up to 5th standard in the State.
- Haryana government will construct 1,000 water recharge bores in underground water deficient areas of the state to recharge underground water with rainfall.
- Centre approved Maharashtra's Annual Action Plan for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State.
- The Uttarakhand forest department has opened state’s biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani on 5 June 2020, on the occasion of World Environment Day, to encourage conservation of flora, especially medicinal plants.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the ‘Jagananna Chedodu’ scheme to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and washermen, who had lost their livelihood due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched “Panchvati Yojana” for the senior citizens of rural areas of the state.
- In Gujarat, Gujarat Council on Science and Technology GUJCOST has started a unique initiative of Digital learning classes for teachers to help them use digital technology in a better way.

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- Hyderabad City Police along with Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) has launched a programme called “She Triumphs through Respect, Equality, and Empowerment” (STREE) to support and empower women victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath has launched ‘Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana’ to educate child labourers in the state.
- The Uttar Pradesh Government is to make the TrueNat Machines available in all 75 districts to test COVID-19.
- Madhya Pradesh government gives ‘corona warriors’ status to Divyang Anganwadi workers. These divyang Anganwadi workers are playing an important role in the state during the ongoing Corona crisis.
- In Uttar Pradesh, the State Government has decided to adopt the scheme of Flatted Factory Model which will ensure easy availability of land for industries, and in turn, generate employment also.
- Odisha became the first State in India to receive prestigious ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 9001:2015 certification for its 44 tribal hostels of Keonjhar (32 hostels) and Sambalpur (12 hostels) districts improving their overall infrastructure and standards under Mission Suvidya.
- Uttar Pradesh government, under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana [Child Labor Education Scheme (BSBY) via video conferencing on June 12, on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour.
- The Chief Minister of Punjab, Captain Amarinder Singh has launched a mobile based app named ‘Ghar Ghar Nigrani’, to undertake house to house surveillance in the state, in an effort to check the community spread of COVID-19.
- The Government of Jammu and Kashmir recently launched the Poultry Policy, 2020.
- The private spaceflight company, SpaceX successfully launched its latest batch of 58 Starlink internet satellites into the orbit, in a rideshare mission.
- Uttar Pradesh has become the top state in the country to provide employment to the workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme MGNREGA.
- In Gujarat, various events are being organised by the State Yog Board through different social media platforms as part of the International Yoga Day celebrations.
- A state-wide 10-day long special campaign will be launched in Rajasthan to create awareness about COVID-19.
- Delhi Government has instructed its Public Works Department to install CCTV cameras in COVID-19 wards of all its Corona virus designated hospitals.
- Raja Parba, Odisha’s three-day unique festival celebrating the onset of monsoon and the earth’s womanhood has begun.
- West Bengal government has launched a job portal ‘KarmaBhumi’ for IT professionals who have returned to the state amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Grand Anicut Dam, on the Cauvery river, near Trichy, was formally declared open by Tamilnadu state ministers Duraikannu, O S Maniyan and Kamaraj.
- Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi Palaniswamy has announced a solatium of twenty lakh rupees to the family of the jawan who was martyred in the border skirmish between Indian and Chinese soldiers in Ladakh.

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- In Uttar Pradesh, a special commission has been set up for the employment generation and safeguarding the interests of workers.
- To ease the burden on COVID Care Centres, Ahmedabad Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association, AHNA has launched home care initiative for mild to moderate COVID-19 patients in the city
- 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 Delhi Government is to convert the Radha Soami Spiritua Centre into a COVID-19 care facility. The centre is as large as 22 football fields.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu formally inaugurated the Yoga Week-2020, in connection with the International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st of June at a function held at Raj Bhavan in Jammu.
- The Tamil Nadu government's Employment and Training department has started a new portal to assist job seekers in the post Covid 19 scenario.
- On 18 June 2020, Karnataka observed 'Mask Day' to create awareness about the importance of wearing a mask as a preventive measure against Covid-19.
- The Jammu & Kashmir Administration approved the Agriculture Production Department's proposal to change its nomenclature to "Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department" and announced new rules for appointments to various posts.
- Maharashtra Government has launched a new portal which will be useful not only for those who are in search of Jobs but also for those entrepreneurs who are in search of skilled workforce.
- The 19th Great June Uprising Day was observed on 18th June at Kekrupat, Manipur.
- Taking into consideration the situation arising due to the Novel Corona Virus, Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani launched online course material for more than 1 lakh students engaged in professional courses at I.T.I.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company has started the Nishtha Vidyut Mitra Scheme for women empowerment in one of its kind of initiatives. In this scheme, women Self-Help Groups at Gram Panchayat level will work as Nishtha Vidyut Mitra.
- In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has today launched a statewide public awareness campaign to make people aware of Corona virus.
- One of the eight subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, Sambalpur headquartered Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) on 20th June 2020 has informed that the company has prepared a Rs 60,000 crore investment plan for the state of Odisha.
- The state government of Jharkhand is likely to become the second state after Kerala in the country to launch a job guarantee scheme that will be on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).
- The state government of Tripura has decided to start a scheme for school students from 25th June 2020.
- At the centuries-old historic Kamakhya Temple at Guwahati, for the first time in six centuries of record available from 1565, the 5 days Ambubachi Mela will not be organized due by keeping in mind the possibility of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

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- In Jammu and Kashmir, the Budgam District Magistrate inaugurated two-day Sensitization-cum-Awareness Workshop yesterday for service providers affiliated with different types of business activities, particularly shopkeepers all across the district.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, K. Palaniswami has inaugurated compressed biogas (CBG) Plant in Namakkal.
- Rajasthan state government will soon launch Indira Rasoi Yojana for the poor.
- Among the major states in India, Karnataka has achieved the highest per patient contact tracing at about 47 contacts per patient.
- Uttar Pradesh government will establish Covid help desks at every police station, hospital, collectorate, Block Development Office and major institutions including jails of state.
- Maharashtra government has announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 30 lakh for employees of power department who die due to COVID-19.
- The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is launching 'Mission Universal Testing' in Mumbai under which one lakh antigen testing kits will be made available.
- The Jharkhand government has launched an employment guarantee scheme for the urban unskilled workers. The scheme will be on similar lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- Through the virtual platform, Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region I/C) had inaugurated Border Roads Organisation (BRO) constructed bridges- Devika and Puneja on 24th June 2020.
- This scheme was announced as a part of the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Package by Finance Minister back on 13th May 2020. On 24th June 2020, the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt (CGSSD) was launched.
- The Madhya Pradesh Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited(MPMKVCL) introduced the Nishtha Vidyut Mitra Scheme for women empowerment.
- Maharashtra State Government has introduced "Maha Parwana" plan to attract fresh investment in industries.
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated a Product Application and Development Centre (PADC) set up by Indian Oil at Paradip, Odisha.
- As per a 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Gurugram headquartered Apollo Tyres Limited, the company will set up its new manufacturing unit at Chittoor district of the state.
- For 12,247 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and bigger industrial units (including the textile industry) in the state, the Gujarat Government on 26th June 2020 has launched an online cash aid initiative.
- As a part of one of the five aspects of the revised COVID-19 response plan of New Delhi, the Delhi Government jointly with National Centre for Disease Control will conduct the Sero Survey across the National Capital from 27th June 2020.
- Girish Chandra Murmu, the lieutenant governor of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), has rolled out 2 customized loan schemes of J&K Bank namely 'J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20' and 'J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20 for Hotels and Guest Houses' with the aim to overcome business challenges that have stemmed up due to the prevailing conditions.

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- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to form a dedicated force for security of courts, metro rail, airports, industrial establishments, banks and other organizations in the state. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to constitute the Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force (UPSSF) for this purpose.
- Nagaland Government has notified the implementation of the PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi) in the State with immediate effect and till March 2022.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has unveiled a scheme titled 'YSR Kapu Nestham' for the welfare of the women from Kapu community.
- The Chhattisgarh government, led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' in the state to make animal husbandry commercially profitable, prevent open grazing by cattle, solve the problem of stray animals on roads and for environment conservation.
- Arunachal Pradesh state government is to implement Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the State.
- Madhya Pradesh government will launch a 'Kill Corona' campaign from July 1 to control the spread of coronavirus in the state.
- In Jammu & Kashmir, a massive search operation was launched in several villages near the Line of Control in Kalsiyar area of Nowshera today after reports of some suspicious movement.
- Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister of 7 announced the launch of "Godhan Nyay Yojana" through an online press conference to promote animal husbandry and make it a commercially profitable practice and to procure the cow dung from the farmers at a fixed rate.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray launched the world's largest plasma therapy trials for the COVID-19 "Project Platina".
- In a bid to attract fresh industrial investments in Maharashtra, the state government announced a new plan called 'Maha Parwana', which will offer several incentives and offer a single-window clearance system for project execution.
- The Delhi government is all set to establish India's first plasma bank in the national capital to fight the novel coronavirus.
- The State Government of Andhra Pradesh will take up the construction of 3 Million (30 lakh) houses under the YSR Jagananna Colonies project after distributing the house sites to the beneficiaries on 8th July 2020.
- Uttarakhand forest department has developed India's first lichen park in Kumaon's Munsiyari, Pithoragarh district. Lichens are found in the Himalayas up to 5000 metres are important species as they are the best bioindicators of the pollution levels.

International

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched an international project named 'COVID-19 Technology Access Pool' (C-TAP) on May 30, 2020.
- United States has finally joined the rest of the G7 countries in the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (AI), in an effort to contain China's influence on AI.
- For the first time in history, NASA astronauts have launched from American soil in a commercially built and operated American crew spacecraft on its way to the International Space Station.
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- The United States issued an order yesterday seeking to suspend passenger flights from China from 16 June.
- United States President Donald Trump has postponed the G7 Summit 2020 until atleast September 2020.
- The Government of Bangladesh and the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) have launched an app to trace Corona infected people and people near them.
- The G20 countries pledged over 21 billion USD to fight against COVID-19. The countries have so far injected 5 trillion USD in March 2020 to help fight global economic crisis.
- The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has started Yoga practice for its officers to make them physically and mentally fit at a time when Coronavirus is spreading rapidly in the country.
- The Health Ministry of South-Pacific nation, New Zealand has declared that the nation has become free from “Coronavirus”.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a discussion with His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, PM of Israel over the telephone.
- The Sri Lankan parliamentary election has been finally decided for 5 August 2020.
- China’s unmanned submersible ‘Haidou-1’ has dived to a depth of 10, 907 meters at the world’s deepest ocean point.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB), a regional development bank has constituted a 8-member high-level panel of leading experts in economics, finance, and health, moderated by ADB Vice-President Ahmed M. Saeed, to help ministers, central bank governors, and other senior officials identify solutions for Southeast Asian economies to tap into to quickly recover after the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- The Government of Bangladesh has launched an initiative named ‘Shohojodha’, which is an online network to facilitate plasma exchange between recovered patients of COVID 19 and those undergoing treatment for Corona infection in the country.
- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a line of credit (LOC) worth \$215.68 million to the Malawi government for drinking water supply schemes and other development projects.
- Pakistan's government said on Friday it expected a fiscal deficit of 7 percent of gross domestic product in the 2020-21 financial year as it announced its annual budget amid a fast-growing coronavirus outbreak.
- Second Lieutenant Anmol Narang will create history by becoming the first observant Sikh to graduate from the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point on Saturday.
- The United Kingdom’s economy shrank by record 20.4 percent in April, amid strict lockdown to combat COVID-19, revealed official data on June 12, 2020.

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- Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is scheduled to meet his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi at a virtual Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral meeting on June 22, 2020. This meeting comes amid rising tensions between India and China over border stand-off along the LAC.
- HIL (India) Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has supplied 25MT Malathion 95% Ultra-low volume (ULV) to Iran under Government-to-Government initiative for Locust Control Programme.
- Former NASA astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan, who became the first American woman to walk in space, has now created another record to become the first woman to reach the deepest point in the ocean.
- The NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) scientists in the International Space Station unveiled the first results of Bose-Einstein condensate experiments under which the particles can be manipulated free from Earthly constraints.
- Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev has resigned from the post.
- WhatsApp has launched its 'WhatsApp Pay' in Brazil, two years after it began testing the payments service in India.
- IT major HCL Technologies has commenced operations in Sri Lanka, and plans to create over 1,500 local employment opportunities in the next 18 months.
- Violent clash broke out between the Indian and Chinese soldiers recently in the Galwan Valley of Ladakh region.
- Saudi national oil company Aramco has donated USD 500,000 (about Rs 3.8 crore) to the Indian Red Cross Society to support its efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- Germany sought to mobilize the public to download a new smartphone app that seeks to help break the chain of coronavirus infections, one of several such apps in Europe that governments hope will revive travel and tourism.
- Kubatbek Boronov was appointed as Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister. Kyrgyzstan's President Sooronbai Jeenbekov signed an order to appoint him.
- The World Bank has approved dollar 1.05 billion for three projects in Bangladesh to create quality jobs and accelerate economic recovery in the wake of the Corona pandemic.
- A Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 20.10 million has been extended by the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) on behalf of the Government of India, to the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua.
- France and India signed an agreement with Paris committing 200 million euros to support Delhi's Covid response.
- The House of Representatives in Nepal on 18th June 2020 had made a constitutional amendment under which the map of Nepal was revised.
- Following a global economic crisis since the COVID-19 was declared a pandemic back in March 2020, the United States Government has decided to suspend 'Green Cards and Non-Migrant Work Visas' till the 31st December 2020 in an effort to protect jobs for the citizens of the United States.
- China announced that it has decided to join the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (UN-ATT) to regulate its arms sales.

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- China launched the satellite of the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System 3 (BDS-3) from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 23 June 2020.
- Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic won the controversial parliamentary election.
- As part of the 6th International Yoga Day commemorations, the world's first yoga university outside India has been launched in Los Angeles, offering programmes that combine scientific principles and modern research approaches to the ancient Indian practice of yoga.
- The Republic of Mali has awarded the Project Management Consultancy contract to NTPC Limited, a central PSU that functions under the Ministry of Power, in an event held on 24 June 2020.
- The World Health Organization (WHO)-led coalition ACT-Accelerator announced that it needs \$31.3 billion over the next 12 months to fight the COVID-19 and to develop and roll out tests, treatments and vaccines.
- Russian Company- S.P. Korolev Rocket and Space Corporation Energia (also known as RSC Energia) has announced that it will take the first tourist for a spacewalk in 2023.
- In a setback for Pakistan, the global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided to keep Pakistan in the Grey List for terror financing.
- The World Bank has approved loan worth \$500 million (about Rs 3,700 crore) for Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program (STARS) on June 24, 2020, to improve quality and governance of school education in six Indian states.
- Russia's Energia space corporation has announced that it is to take the first tourist on a spacewalk in 2023, under the terms of a new contract with a US partner.
- Micheal Martin has been elected as new Prime Minister of Ireland by the lower house of the Irish parliament.
- Ethiopia's Water Minister has stated that a consensus had been reached between the three countries (Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt) over the USD 4.5 billion worth Giant Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the dam will not be filled unilaterally by Ethiopia.
- A Tripartite Power Purchase Agreement (TPPA) was signed for the construction of the 1124 MW Kohala Hydro Power Project on 25th June 2020.
- The National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC) has unanimously passed the National Security Law for Hong Kong on 30th June 2020.
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on 26th June 2020 has stated that amid the COVID-19 global pandemic, around 2.4 million (24 lakh) children who are below the age of 5 are facing hunger and malnutrition in Yemen.

Summits and Conferences

- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal participated in the Digital Summit on Exports organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) through a Video Conference.
- The think tank of India, NITI Aayog organized convention on agroecological and natural farming approaches in the country.
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- The United States issued an order yesterday seeking to suspend passenger flights from China from 16 June.
- PM Modi will hold a virtual bilateral summit with the Australian PM Scott Morrison. This is the first ever virtual bilateral summit to be held by India.
- The Union Minister of Rural Development Shri Narendra Singh Tomar chaired the 21st meeting of the Central Employment Guarantee Council.
- The World Economic Forum announced that it is to host its next summit in Davos under the theme “The Great Reset”.
- India and China held high-level talks on 6 June. The talk was initiated by India and was held at the Border Personnel Meeting Point in Maldo on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh.
- The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts hosted a four day virtual fair for around 200 Indian Exporters.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the 95th annual plenary session of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on June 11, 2020 through video conferencing.
- The External Affairs Minister of India Shri S Jai Shankar is to hold a joint virtual conference with his Russian and Chinese Counterparts on June 22,2020.
- 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.
- The 45th annual meeting of the United States India Business Council (USIBC) will be marked with the 2020 India Ideas Summit.
- Indian officials, including representatives from enforcement agencies, have participated in the 32nd special Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) plenary meeting 2020, under the aegis of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- The Minister of State (MoS) for Shipping (Independent charge) and Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated India's one the largest first Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020.
- India is participating at the Cannes Film Festival 2020.The film festival began with the e-inauguration of the Virtual India Pavilion by Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar.
- The 36th ASEAN Summit held via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister and President of NPC Governing Council chaired the 49th Governing Council Meeting of National Productivity Council (NPC).

Ranks and Indices

- India is poised to emerge as the world’s largest electronics and mobile manufacturing country.
- Brand Finance has released its annual Brand Value Report 5000 for the year 2020.It is for the third consecutive year that Amazon has retained the title of the world’s most valuable brand having brand valuation of \$220,791 million.

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- The World Bank recently launched the Global Economic Prospects Report, 2020.
- Time Higher Education (THE) released its annual THE Asia University Rankings 2020 on 03 June 2020, which lists 489 institutions from 30 countries and regions. Among the Indian institutes, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore is the best institute. Globally it has been placed at 36th rank.
- The National Statistical Office launched the Annual Report of Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar is the only Indian to feature on Forbes 2020 list of World's 100 Highest-Paid Celebrities.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has shared the data related to details of tiger deaths during the eight year period between 2012 and 2019.
- The Yale University recently released the biennial Environment Performance Index. India scored 168th rank out of 180 countries. In 2018, India scored 27.6 out of 100 and secured 177th rank.
- The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has released the State of India's Environment, 2020 report.
- The World Bank in its latest Global Economic Prospect downgraded its projection of growth of India by -9%.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has released the Annual Report 2019-20.
- The National Statistical Office recently released the Periodic Labour force Survey.
- The Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people.
- India's financial capital Mumbai has emerged as the most expensive city in the country for expatriates in terms of cost of living, according to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey' released on 9 June 2020.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 7 announced that Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Maharashtra have topped an index that measured and ranked states ensuring food safety in 2019-20.
- Indian Institute of Technology, Madras is the best higher education institution in the country, according to the National Institutional Ranking Framework released by Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank today. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has bagged the second position and IIT Delhi is in the third position.
- PM Modi on Twitter announced about the increase in population of Asiatic Lions.
- Three institutions of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India have found places in the Nature Index 2020.
- The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', virtually released 'India NIRF Rankings 2020' of Institutions of Higher Education on 11 June 2020 in New Delhi.
- None of the Indian institutions have featured in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2021.
- India has been ranked 56th out of 200 countries in a comprehensive report on safety and risk assessment of nations tackling Covid-19.
- The International Labour Organization and the UNICEF have released a report on Child Labour.
- The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) announced said its entry level small car Alto has become the best-selling model for the 16th year in a row clocking sale of 1.48 lakh units in 2019-20.
- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development released its World Investment Report, 2020. According to the report, India is the 9th largest largest recipient of FDI in 2019.

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- The Swedish think-tank launched the SIPRI Yearbook, 2020. According to the yearbook, India and China have increased their nuclear arsenal as compared to 2019.
- The Institute of Management Development recently released the World Competitive Index. India ranked 43rd in the ranking.
- The Ministry of Earth Science recently released its report “Assessment of Climate Change over Indian Region”.
- India was second biggest growth driver of primary energy consumption in the world, according to the 69th annual edition of the BP Statistical Review of World Energy, released by BP, one of the world’s largest energy companies.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences’ (MoES) has released the report titled ‘Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region’, which is the first ever climate change assessment report for different parts of India.
- Mukesh Ambani with a recent soar in net worth has jumped into the exclusive club of the world’s top 10 richest people, as per Forbes Real-Time Billionaire list.

S.No	Country/Person	Net Worth (In Billions)	Company
1	Jeff Bezos	USD 160.1	Amazon
2	Bill Gates	USD 108.7	Microsoft
3	Bernard Arnault & family	USD 103.2	LVMH
4	Mark Zuckerberg	USD 87.9	Facebook
5	Warren Buffet	USD 71.4	Berkshire Hathaway
6	Steve Ballmer	USD 68.9	Microsoft
7	Larry Ellison	USD 68.9	Oracle
8	Amancio Ortega	USD 65.8	Zara
9	Mukesh Ambani	USD 64.6	Reliance Industries
10	Larry Page	USD 64.3	Google

- India becomes 12th Largest Holder of US Government Securities at April 2020 end
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan released the annual TB Report 2020 through a virtual event on 24 June.
- Times Higher Education (THE) has released the world’s young university ranking for the relatively newer generation of universities, which are 50 years old or younger.
- Swiss National Bank (SNB) has released ‘Annual banking statistics, 2019’. According to the latest SNB data, India has moved down three places to 77th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens.

Agreements and MoUs Signed

- The Tata Sons, holding company of the Tata Group, has entered into an agreement with the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, for commercial production of COVID-19 testing kits.

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- The Board of BEML (formerly Bharat Earth Movers Limited) in its 362nd meeting has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MELCO to study and planning for initiating a joint venture (JV) company between BEML and MELCO.
- Facebook has entered into a global deal with Saregama, one of India's oldest and largest music labels, to license its music for video and other social experiences across Facebook and Instagram.
- DBS Bank India partnered with Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCIL) to facilitate real time payments for truck drivers by DBS RAPID(Real Time Application Program Interface-APIs by DBS) solution to enable them to receive payments instantly.
- Indian PM Modi and the Australian PM Scott Morrison held India's first virtual bilateral summit.
- HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, and Google Cloud announced the expansion of their strategic partnership to bring HCL's software offerings, starting with HCL Commerce, to Google Cloud.
- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Atal Innovation Mission came together to promote culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in area of mutual interest.
- Private sector lender YES Bank has acquired 24.19 percent stake in Dish TV India Ltd, making it the second-largest shareholder in the direct-to-home (DTH) company.
- Private sector lender Yes Bank Limited has acquired a 24.19% stake in Dish TV India Ltd, a company providing Direct to Home (DTH) television service in India, following invocation of 44.53 crore pledged shares due to default in payment of debt by Dish TV and some other companies.
- Facebook has announced in April 2020 to acquire 9.9 per cent stake in Jio Platforms, at an investment of USD 5.7 billion (Rs 43,574 crore).
- Abu Dhabi's second-largest investor group, Mubadala will invest \$1.2 billion (Rs 9,093.6 crore) in Reliance's Jio platforms for a 1.85% stake taking the total investments to Rs 87655.35 crore for a combined 19% stake in the digital unit.
- For the cooperation in the Field of Space Situational Awareness(SSA) and Astrophysic, The Indian Space Research Organization(ISRO), Bengaluru signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aryabhata Research institute of Observational Science(ARIES),Nainital.
- Wipro Limited on Monday announced a collaboration with IBM through which the Bengaluru- headquartered company would develop hybrid cloud offerings to help businesses migrate, manage and transform mission-critical workloads and applications, with security across public or private cloud and on-premises IT environments.
- India and Denmark signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Indo-Denmark Energy Cooperation to develop cooperation in the power sector.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) has entered into an MoU with Breathe Applied Sciences for Conversion of Carbon dioxide to clean fuels such as methanol and other useful chemicals on large scale.
- Tech Mahindra has signed a joint declaration with UN Global Compact and hence joined 155 global companies in calling for policies to build resilience against future shocks by supporting the activities targeted

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to hold global temperature rise to within 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, in order to reach net-zero emissions before 2050.

- Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, the country's largest passenger vehicle manufacturer, has collaborated with non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to push sales in the rural areas where demand recovery is expected to be quicker than urban areas.
- National Council Of Educational Research And Training (NCERT) has digitally signed an MoU with Rotary India Humanity Foundation under the guidance and support of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).
- With a view to give thrust to the Skill India initiative, National Fertilizers Limited, NFL, a Central Public Sector Enterprise Under Department Of Fertilizers, has started tying up with Industrial Training Institutes located near to its plants to train youth in various trades and to enhance the chances of their employability in heavy and process industry.
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has partnered with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to provide its training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room.
- Tata AutoComp Systems announced that it has tied up with US-based Tellus Power Green to set up electric vehicle charging stations in the country.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has partnered with the Common Service Centre to provide the facility to submit Digital Jeevan Pramaan for EPS pensioners.
- Facebook has joined hands with Microsoft, Google, Twitter and 14 other tech giants for a new initiative called 'Project Protect' to help combat child sexual abuse and exploitation online.
- Following the investment of Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Company in Reliance's Jio Platforms, US(United States) private equity company Silver Lake partners announced an investment of Rs 4,546.80 crore for an additional 0.93 % stake in Jio Platforms, a subsidiary of Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani-controlled Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).
- Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) has completed the sale of its 50% stake in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- Bharti Airtel's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bharti International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.,(BISPL) directly and through its affiliate entities, has acquired an additional 6.3% stake in Robi Axiata Limited, Bangladesh from Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) Do Communications over the Mobile network(Docomo) Inc and its group entities for an undisclosed sum.
- India joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay) as a founding member to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Desperate to restart the economy which has taken a hit by Coronavirus pandemic, the Maharashtra Government has signed Memorandum of Undertaking worth 16,000 crore rupees with companies spanning various industries, including two Chinese units, under its Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 initiative.
- India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve infrastructure of the Pashupatinath temple complex.
- Maharashtra govt inks MoUs worth Rs 5,000 crore with three Chinese firms

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- Infosys partnered with Amazon and Global Optimism and signed the Climate Pledge, an initiative by Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon and Christiana Figueres, founder of Global Optimism and former United Nations Climate chief to become net-zero carbon by 2040, ten years ahead of the Paris Agreement.
- Beverages major Coca-Cola has partnered with CARE India to provide food and other essentials to underprivileged and vulnerable groups as part of its commitment of Rs 100 crore towards various COVID-19 relief programmes in India.
- Tata AIA Life Insurance partnered with East Consultancy Services to offer Aadhaar-based paperless offline e-Know Your Customer(KYC) service. This tie up helps to service the customer during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- Karnataka Bank in partnership with Universal Sompo General Insurance Company has launched a health insurance policy. The policy aims to cover the individuals' COVID-19 pandemic related health expenses.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Lucknow based financial institution SIDBI- Small Industries Development Bank of India on 19th June 2020.
- Car market leader Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has partnered with Karur Vysya Bank to offer simpler and flexible financing schemes for new customers.
- Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) has partnered IndusInd Bank for vehicle financing to help spur sales after resumption of operations following lockdown relaxations.
- Jio Platforms and Reliance Industries on June 18 announced an investment of Rs. 11,367 crore by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.
- Facebook Inc. has acquired Mapillary AB, a Swedish mapping technology startup that crowdsources street-level imagery to build immersive and up-to-date maps.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Metso Oyj's (Metso) minerals business by Outotec Oyj (Outotec) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- Coal India Limited (CIL) has agreed to partner with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country.
- Vijay Khanduja has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe.
- Dr. Panchanathan is the second Indian-American ever to be nominated to the prestigious science position.
- World Athletics on June 22 announced that Laurent Boquillet has been appointed as the Head of Global Development.
- The Education Minister of Haryana has announced that the Haryana State Government has signed an agreement under the Chief Minister's Distance Learning Programme with Reliance Industries Limited's subsidiary company Jio.
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and IBM partners to unveil free Digital Learning Platform "Skills Build Reignite".
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of stake in Jio Platforms Limited by Jaadhu Holdings LLC.
- India and Germany held virtual Foreign Secretary level consultations yesterday. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office Miguel Berger discussed bilateral cooperation in various areas and exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

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- Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) partnered with HDFC Bank to offer industry 1st online auto retail financing on its end-to-end online automotive retail platform, 'Click to Buy' to the customers.
- Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu and the World Bank signed an agreement to help low-income groups in Tamil Nadu State to get access to affordable housing.
- India and Bhutan signed the first Indo-Bhutan joint venture hydroelectric project on 29 June 2020.

Committees

- The Government of India has constituted Jaya Jaitly Force that will work on the issues of women and child development.
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has reconstituted a new committee for the welfare of the freedom fighters.
- The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Anil Baijal has formed an Expert Advisory Committee to advise the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA).
- The Union Government has constituted a seven-member 'Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS)', headed by Cabinet Secretary, for attracting investments in India.
- The recent massive fire at the Baghjan Oil field, Assam had caused serious environmental damages and led to migration of 1000s of people in the region.
- The insolvency regulator 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India' (IBBI) has reconstituted the Advisory Committee on Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation process on 12 June 2020.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set up a Project Development Cell (PDC) to attract more investments into the sector and particularly solar energy sector.
- Niti Aayog has formed a panel to develop a job platform for migrant labourers.

Appointments

Name	Appointed as	Other Info
RK Chaturvedi	Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	replaced P.Raghavendra Rao
Pradip Kumar Tripathi	Secretary, Ministry of Steel	Prior to this, Shri Tripathi has been posted as Special Secretary and Establishment Officer in Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).
Adesh Kumar Gupta	new Chief of party's Delhi Unit	replacing Manoj Tiwari.
Vishnu Deo Sai	Chhattisgarh State President	
S Tikendra Singh	Manipur State Chief	
Raveesh Kumar	Ambassador of India to Finland.	Mr. Kumar, a 1995 batch IFS officer was earlier the spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs.
Sibi George	Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait.	replace K. Jeeva Sagar
Sushil Kumar Singhal	High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New	replace Vijay Kumar

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Gaitri I. Kumar	High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.	replace Ruchi Ghanashyam
Virendra Nath Datt	Chairman and MD of National Fertilizers Limited	
Ravinder Singh Dhillon	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation	succeed CMD Rajeev Sharma
Arun Singhal	CEO of Food Regulator FSSAI	succeed GSG Ayyangar
PR Jaishankar	Managing Director of the India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)	
Manoj Pande	Commander-In-Chief of Andaman & Nicobar Command	
Anita Kotwani	Chief Executive Officer of Carat India	
Mr. Ankur Jain	Chief Product Officer of BharatPe	
Uday Kotak	President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the financial year 2020-21.	
Patrick Pichette	Chairman of Twitter's Board	
Krishnendu Majumdar	chairperson of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)	succeeds Pippa Harris
Rajeev Topno	Senior Advisor to the Executive Director (ED) of World Bank	He was presently serving as the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi since 2014
Brajendra Navnit	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)	
Nethra	Goodwill Ambassador of UNADAP	
Hashmat Ali Yatoo	MD J&K Handloom and Handicrafts Corp	
Javed Iqbal Wani	Judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.	
Anil Valluri	Senior Director for Google Cloud in India.	
R Jeswant	CEO of Funskool India	

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Rohit Sharma	IIFL Finance Brand Ambassador	
Rahul Shrivastava	Ambassador of India to Romania.	replace Thanglura Darlong
Monika Kapil Mohta	Ambassador of India to Switzerland	replace Sibi George
B K Manjunath	Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) non-executive and independent director.	
Sonu Sood	brand ambassador of Gargo International	
Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi	brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi	
Imtaiyazur Rahman	CEO of UTI Mutual Fund	
Shambhu S. Kumaran	Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Philippines.	will replace Jaideep Mazumdar
Kaizad Bharucha	Re-appointment as HDFC Bank Executive Director	
D K Jain	1-year extension as BCCI ombudsman	
Volkan Bozkır	President of 75th UN General Assembly	
Devendra Kumar Singh	new Director of SIDBI	succeeding Ram Mohan Mishra
Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan	Director of the National Science Foundation(NSF).	replace France Cordova
Dr Nirakar Pradhan	Professional Risk Managers' International Association CEO	
Vikram Pawah	president of BMW Group India	
Vijay Khanduja	Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe.	replace R. Masakui
Laurent Boquillet	Head of Global Development.	
T. Rabi Sankar	Chairman of Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS)	
Dr N Rajendran	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS)	
Wasim Jaffer	head coach of the Uttarakhand cricket team	
Gaurav Maheshwari	CFO – India of Standard Chartered Bank	taken over from Subhradeep Mohanty
Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra	ambassadors at TIFF 2020	

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and filmmaker Anurag Kashyap		
Vini Mahajan	Punjab's first woman chief secretary	
Gudni Johannesson	current President of Iceland re-elected as the head of the state.	
Lazarus Chakwera	new President of Malawi.	
Anandiben Patel	additional charge as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh	

- The former Miss World 2017 Manushi Chhillar joined Rohit Sharma, Indian star Batsman, Hima Das Sprinter from Assam and Actor Ranveer Singh as the brand ambassador of Adidas.
- After nearly six decades in business, Kushal Pal Singh retired as the Chairman of property firm Delhi Land & Finance Limited (DLF).
- India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a two-year term during the 2020 UNSC elections held on 17 June 2020.
- The current Attorney General of India, K. K. Venugopal, is all set to get one-year extension, after he accepted the government's request to serve as the top law officer of the country for one more year.
- 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.

Sports

- 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.
- Sports Authority of India (SAI), the apex national sports body of India, in association with National Sports Federations (NSF) has launched India's 1st -ever national-level open online coaching and education programme called "Khelo India e-Pathshala" to grassroots players.
- The Asian Football Confederation confirmed that India will host 2022 Women's Asian Cup.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the Ministry of Sports have collaborated to produce a series of special films to promote 10 indigenous sports of India.
- Athletics Integrity Unit(AIU) has banned Gomathi Marimuthu for 4-years after testing positive for banned substances.
- The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has banned Former European high jump champion, Alexander Shustov for 4-years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping).
- The 33-year-old Ukrainian lightweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk also known as "The Nail" announced his retirement.
- India's Gomathi Marimuthu will be stripped off her 2019 Asian Athletics Championships gold medal after she was handed a four-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for testing positive for a banned substance.
- The Ministry of Sports has decided to establish 1,000 Khelo India Centers (KIC) at the district level across the country.

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- The football club Napoli has won the 2019-20 Coppa Italia cup after defeating Juventus with 4–2 on shootout penalties in the final after a goalless draw.
- India's reigning national tennis champion Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha has been elected by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to the ITF World Tennis Tour Player Panels
- Wrestling legend and WWE whiz "The Undertaker" has announced his retirement from World Wrestling Entertainment.
- Nagaland State Sports Academy at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima has been selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, KISCE.
- Novak Djokovic, the world's no.1 tennis player, has tested positive for COVID-19. Djokovic recently took part in an exhibition tennis tournament in the Balkans.
- According to a poll conducted by Wisden India, Rahul Dravid is the greatest Indian Test batsman of all time.
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will be hosted by Australia and New Zealand.
- Indian umpire Nitin Menon has been inducted into International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires
- The presence of Grandmaster P. Harikrishna is sure to see a major spike in Indian interest in the million-dollar Magnus Carlsen Chess Tour that continues with the \$150,000 Chessable Masters.
- Former Germany footballer Mario Gomez has announced his retirement from the sport.

Defence

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has designed developed and inducted an Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT).
- Warship builder Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered the 'ICGS Kanaklata Barua' on 9 June.
- The Indian Navy has inducted the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex to provide rescue cover to submarines on the east and west coast of India.
- India would be sending a tri-service military contingent to participate in the Russian Victory Day Parade on June 24, 2020.
- A fast track purchase of 21 additional MiG 29 and 12 Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighter jets with an estimated cost of around Rs 6,000 crore is likely to be made, though the delivery of the fighter jets may take a couple of years from the date of purchase.
- Within 10 days of the Galwan Valley Clash, the Armed Forces of India and China are set to take part in the 75th Victory Anniversary of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany at the Red Square in Moscow, Russia on 24th June 2020.
- Following the violent Galwan valley clash on 15th June 2020 and a six-week-long border standoff with the Chinese army, under emergency requirement procurement Rs 500 crore of funds was granted by the Government for the Armed Forces.
- Indian Navy (IN) has inducted indigenously developed Torpedo Decoy System on 26 June 2020.
- The Central Government has granted special financial powers of Rs 500 crore as emergency funds to armed forces for war preparedness amid ongoing border tensions with China.

Science & Technology

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- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has taken several proactive measures to streamline the biosafety regulation and to facilitate researchers and industries which are undertaking research and development in Recombinant DNA (rDNA) Technology and Hazardous Microorganisms.
- India Observatory, an open-source database, launched a GIS-enabled dashboard, CoAST India(Collaboration/Covid Action Support Group) in collaboration with Anand-based Forest Ecological Security(FES) as its main nodal point, to help administrators, civil society organisations & volunteers to plan urgent steps to get the stranded migrant population to safety & care.
- The Department of Science and Technology operating under Ministry of Science and Technology launched the Indian National Super Model.
- A research project undertaken by the team of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has helped Chilika lake in Odisha, in tripling the population of the Irrawaddy dolphins.
- The developer team of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne(Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne – EPFL) and ETH Zurich (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich) developed the “SwissCovid”, first of its kind for digital contact tracing app utilizing the Exposure Notification API (Application Programming Interface) of Apple and Google and based on a decentralized approach to track the spread of coronavirus.
- The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) developed a disinfection unit called Ultra Swachh.
- Researchers at Durgapur-based CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI) have indigenously developed a ventilator to provide help and support to the COVID-19 patients.
- The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a device dubbed as SUMERU-PACS, which will helps wearers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to feel comfortable without sweating.
- The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has approved support for the research and study done by the National Centre for Veterinary Type Cultures (NCVTC), ICAR-NRC from Hisar in Haryana.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has developed an anti-microbial multilayer face mask.
- The scientists and researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences operating under Department of Science and Technology have invented a low cost effective way to generate hydrogen from water using Molybdenum dioxide.
- A UVC-based Cabinet has been co-developed by the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) and the MEKINS Industries.
- An engineer from Thane has developed an internet-controlled robot.
- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad have developed a low cost and Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19.
- Indian Institute of Technology Mandi researchers claims to have developed a technology for making high-efficiency masks using waste pet bottles.

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- CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu received IND approval from the New Drugs Division of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) for a potent anti-cancer, New Chemical Entity (NCE) effective against pancreatic cancer.
- Cochin-based startup VST Mobility Solutions has launched an automated mask disposal machine, named BIN-19, as part of efforts to develop products helping to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-BHU) have developed an anti-microbial five-layered face mask.
- A new study stated that Saturn's largest moon Titan is now expanding from Saturn at a rate 100 times faster than scientists had previously predicted.
- Researchers at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) have developed a new low-cost and low-tech required test for the COVID-19 testing.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization has developed 'GermiKlean'. GermiKlean is a sanitising chamber that can be used to sanitise uniforms of security and police personnel.
- The Researchers of IIT Kharagpur have developed an Artificial Intelligence based cyber-physical system to monitor social distancing in public places.
- The Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Law and Justice and Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad launched India's national Artificial Intelligence Portal called www.ai.gov.in, on 30 May 2020, to mark the the first anniversary of the second tenure of the government
- The Union Minister of India Shri Jitendra Singh recently launched COVID BEEP, the first physiological parameter monitoring system of our country for COVID-19 patient.
- Online waste exchange website of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC) has been launched by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- "Raj Kaushal Portal" and "Online Shramik Employment Exchange" has been launched by the Rajasthan Government.
- Karnataka Revenue Minister R.Ashoka launched Meghasandesha App & Varunamitra web portal to provide real-time information and alerts on weather, rainfall, flooding in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) jurisdiction.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)- Guwahati has developed an application called "Flyzy" for consistent and contactless air travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country which has completed the survey of all migrant labourers and started to provide jobs according to their skill.
- iFLOWS- Mumbai, a state-of-the-art Integrated Flood Warning System for Mumbai was launched jointly by Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray, and Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on 12 June through video conference.
- The Union Health Ministry has recently included Remdesivir as a part of investigational therapy and updated Clinical Management Protocol of COVID-19 patients.
- India has joined as a founding member and launched the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay).

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- The Indian Council of Medical Research recommended the use of Rapid Antigen test kits along with RT-PCR in containment zones.
- Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated and flagged off India's first Infectious disease diagnostic lab (I-Lab) for COVID-19 testing in rural and inaccessible areas of India.
- CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) Lucknow received permission to carry out Phase III randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled trial of efficacy, safety, and tolerability of antiviral drugs Umifenovir.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati in association with RR Animal Healthcare Ltd and Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) developed low-cost diagnostic kits.
- Within a month, user-friendly Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kit known by the name 'NavRakshak' are expected to be available in the Indian market as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved it earlier this week for mass production and use in the country.
- Union Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi has launched R&D Portal "Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement (SATYABHAMA)".
- The ISRO has initiated a 10,000 crore project- Gaganyaan to send humans to space by 2022, in accordance to which, ISRO has received a patent for its Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment (LCHG) for astronauts to use in space for protection from hot and cold environments.
- IIT-Bombay has created Indian beneficiary chip "Dhruva".
- An apparatus for ultraviolet sterilization of surfaces has been developed by Dr BR Ambedkar National Institute of Technology in Jalandhar to kill coronavirus.
- The Union Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Pralhad Joshi, launched a portal called SATYABHAMA.
- Union Minister of Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched an initiative 'YUKTI 2.0' on 23 June 2020 in New Delhi.
- Thousands of health service specialists have launched the platform Swasth Telemedicine for corona care.
- Yes Bank has partnered with UDMA Technologies to launched its digital wallet solution 'Yuva Pay' mobile app.
- Researchers at IIT-Bombay have developed a homegrown receiver chip named Dhruva, that can be used in smartphones and navigation devices to find locations and routes within the country.
- The web portal of the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan has been launched by the Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The Union Shri Arjun Munda launched the Trifed Digital Platforms, through Video Conference.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released an updated Clinical Management Protocol under Dexamethasone was advised as an alternative to Methylprednisolone.
- The Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) has given its approval to the Indian vaccine manufacturer Bharat Biotech's COVID vaccine.
- To promote balanced use of fertilisers, state-owned (NFL) launched five mobile soil testing labs for providing free services at doorsteps of farmers.

Books & Authors

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- Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr.Jitendra Singh has launched the e-booklet on Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) achievements for the period 30 May 2019 to 30 May 2020.
- The Dry Fasting Miracle: From Deprive to Thrive, a book on the benefits of dry fasting diet by the famous personal lifestyle coach and author, Luke Coutinho and co-authored by a member of UAE's Ajman royal Family, Sheikh Abdulaziz Bin Ali Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi
- 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.
- Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank virtually launched an information booklet titled "Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19" to raise awareness among students and teachers on staying safe online.
- Writer and Columnist Shobhaa De's new collection of stories titled "Lockdown Liaisons" a book reflecting the impacts of COVID-19 on human lives published by Simon & Schuster India and released on May 30, 2020.
- Historian Dinyar Patel's biography of Dadabhai Naoroji, "Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism" was published by the Harvard University Press in May 2020.
- Nobel Prize winner(2017) Kazuo Ishiguro(Japan born british author) will release his new novel 'Klara and the Sun' & will be published by Faber & Faber in the United Kingdom, Alfred A. Knopf in the United States and Knopf in Canada on March 2, 2021.
- The Penguin Hamish Hamilton released the "A Burning", debut novel of Megha Majumdar.
- Best-selling author and the Director of Nehru Centre, London(since 2019) Amish Tripathi released his fiction book,"Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India". The book is published by Westland Publications Pvt Ltd.

Awards

Name	Award
Rohit Sharma	nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards
Patna based Indian NGO Socio Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS)	World No Tobacco Day Award
Kritika Pandey	2020 Commonwealth short story prize in Asian Region
Kiran Mazumdar Shaw	EY World Entrepreneur of the year 2020
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad	ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Platinum Recognition 2020
Renjith Kumar	NASA Distinguished Service Medal
Javed Akhtar	Richard Dawkins Award 2020 f
Dr. Rattan Lal	2020 World Food Prize
Shobha Sekhar	"Medal of the Order of Australia".
Chef Angad Singh Rana	QualityNZ Culinary Cup 2020.
Deccan Development Society	Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award.
IM Vijayan	Recommended for Padma Shri

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ZestMoney and Stellapps	2020 Technology Pioneers list released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)
India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya	Gustave Trouvé Award
Amartya Sen	2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade
Himachal Pradesh	e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020.
Godfrey Phillips	top 50 India's Best Companies to Work For 2020
Weightlifter K. Sanjita Chanu	Arjuna award for 2018.
Popstar Beyonce	BET 2020 Humanitarian Award

- The Trichy Railway Junction has been given the covetable Gold rating by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for implementing various environment friendly measures.
- Himachal Academy Shikhar Samman Award announced for the year 2017-18.

Four Shikhar Samman would be given in the field of language, culture and literature for two years and Rs. one lakh each would be given to each awardees.

Awardees:

- For the year 2017 Prof. Keshav Sharma would be honoured for contribution in Literature and special achievements.
 - Folk Singer Mohan Rathour would be honoured with Language and Culture Shikhar Samman.
 - For the year 2018, Dr. O.C. Handa would be honoured with Sahitya Shikhar Samman and Dinesh Kumari of Kangra would be honoured in Art and Culture sector.
- National Awards of Panchayat have been announced by the Government of India. As many as 15 panchayats of Madhya Pradesh have been honoured with the awards. Two District Panchayats Neemuch and Mandsaur and 2 Janpad Panchayats of Alot and Hoshangabad along with other 11 Gram Panchayats of the state have received the awards.
 - Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani became the only Indian to feature in Town & Country magazine's top global philanthropists of 2020 list.

Important Days and Themes

Day	Celebrated as	Theme /Aim
June 1	Global Day of Parents	Theme: "Appreciate all parents throughout the world"
June 1	World Milk Day	Theme: "20th Anniversary of World Milk Day".
June 2	International Sex Workers Day	
June 2	Telangana Day	
June 3	World Bicycle Day	The day aims to motivate and inspire people towards having more tolerance, understanding, and respect for one another.
June 4	International Day of Innocent	The main aim of celebrating is to

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	Children Victims of Aggression	spread the notice about the pain and sufferings faced by the victims as children.
June 5	World Environment Day (WED)	The theme for 2020 is “Time for Nature”.
June 5	World Day Against Speciesism	
June 5	International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing	
June 6	Russian Language Day	
June 6	World Pest Day	
June 7	World Food Safety day	Theme 2020: Food Safety, Everyone’s Business
June 8	World Oceans Day	The theme of UN World Oceans Day 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean.”
June 8	World Tumor Day	
June 9	World Accreditation Day	
June 9	Coral Triangle Day	
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	The theme for 2020 is “COVID-19 – Protect children from child labour now, more than ever”.
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	The theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2020: ‘Made To Shine’.
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Theme: Safe Blood Saves Lives
June 15	World Wind Day	
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)	Theme: The theme in 2020 for WEAAD is “Lifting Up Voices”.
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	theme: “Building resilience in times of crisis”
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme: Food, Feed Fibre-The links between consumption and land
June 18	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	
June 18	Autistic Pride Day	
June 19	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	
June 19	National Reading Day	
June 20	World Refugee Day	2020 Theme: “Every Action Counts”

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June 21	International Yoga Day	theme : 'Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family'.
June 21	International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	
June 21	World Music Day	The aim of celebrating World Music Day is to provide free music to everyone, and also to encourage amateur musicians to showcase their work to the world.
June 21	World Hydrography Day	World Hydrography Day 2020 theme is "Hydrography enabling autonomous technologies".
June 21	World Humanist Day	
June 23	United Nations Public Service Day	
June 23	International Olympic Day	The day is celebrated to ensure that people can all still #StayActive in the safest way possible despite restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
June 23	International Widows' Day	The day aims to address the issue that widows and their children face in several countries.
June 25	Day of the Seafarer.	The 2020 campaign for the day: Seafarers are Key Workers.
June 25	World Vitiligo Day	
June 26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	The theme of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2020: "Better Knowledge for Better Care".
June 26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	
June 27	Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day	
June 29	National Statistics Day	The theme of Statistics Day, 2020 is SDG- 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) & SDG- 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls).
June 29	International Day of the Tropics	
June 30	International Day of Parliamentarism	

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June 30	International Asteroid Day	
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Obituary

Name	Profession	Location
Bejan Daruwalla	Astrologer	Gujarat
Wajid Khan	Singer & music composer	Uttar Pradesh
Bobby Joe Morrow	American sprinter	United states
Jayantilal Nanoma	International Archer	Rajasthan
P Namgyal	Politician	Jammu & Kashmir
K. N.Lakshmanan	Former Tamil Nadu BJP President	Tamil Nadu
Wes Unseld	American professional basketball player	United states
Basu Chatterjee	Filmmaker	Rajasthan
Riaz Sheikh	Cricketer	Pakistan
Anwar Sagar	Lyricist	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Anil Suri	Bollywood producer	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chandrakanta Goyal	Senior BJP leader	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Hamza Koya	Indian footballer	Kerala
Rupert Hine	British Producer and songwriter	London
Ved Marwah	former Governor of Mizoram, Manipur and Jharkhand	Peshawar, British India
Chiranjeevi Sarja	Kannada actor	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Arjun Charan Sethi	Politician	Odisha
J. Anbazhagan	Politician- Tamilnadu	Tamilnadu
Pierre Nkurunziza	President of the Republic of Burundi	Burundi
Pritam Singh	Former director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Lucknow	Uttarakhand
Jagesh Mukati	Television Actor	Mumbai, Maharashtra
A. Vaidyanathan	former member of the Planning Commission	
Anand Mohan Zutshi Gulzar Dehlvi	Urdu poet	Delhi
A Balasamy	footballer	Tamilnadu
Vasant Raiji	cricketer	Gujarat
Sushant Singh Rajput	Actor	Patna, Bihar
Atul Srivastava	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Director	
Mrs. Surinder Kaur	former Head of Publications Division and Directorate of Advertising & Visual publicity	

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Matt Poore	cricketer	New Zealand
Madhavrao Patil	Former Lok Sabha MP and founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank	Maharashtra
Heera Singh Rana	folk singer	Uttarakhand
Dinu Randive	Senior journalist and freedom fighter	Maharashtra
Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar	Former Goa minister	Goa
Arunkumar Ramniklal Mehta	Leading diamantaire	Gujarat
K.R. Sachidanandan	Malayalam Film director, scriptwriter, and producer	Kerala
B P R Vithal	Noted economist & member of 10th Finance Commission	Andhra Pradesh
Rajinder Goel	Former Left-arm spinner	Haryana
Vidyaben Shah	Padma Shri awardee and a social worker	Gujarat
M Ilaiyah Yadav	Former Indian kabaddi player	Telangana
Vera Lynn	British singer	London, UK
Ahmed Radhi	football legend	Iraq
Kirk R. Smith	environmental health giant	California
Lachhman Singh Lehl	Major General (Retd)	Punjab
K Raghunath	basketball star player	Karnataka
Pournima Zanane	Indian shooter and coach	Maharashtra
Vishwa Bandhu Gupta	Former member of parliament (MP) and veteran journalist	Delhi
Steve Bing	Hollywood producer	New York, US
Joel Schumacher	Hollywood Director	New York, US
Tamonash Ghosh	Trinamool Congress MLA	West Bengal
Geetha Nagabhushan	Kannada writer	Karnataka

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