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Most Important Current Affairs

Environmental Performance Index 2020

“**Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2020**” has been released by the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, **Yale University**, and Center for International Earth Science Information Network, **Columbia University**. EPI 2020 is the **22nd edition** of the Environmental Performance Index report.

The EPI has **ranked 180 countries** by using **32 performance indicators** across **11 issue categories** involving environmental health and ecosystem vitality as the policy objectives. The EPI provides a scorecard that indicates the leaders as well as the laggards in the environmental performance.

Policy Objective & Issue Categories: The Environmental Performance Index 2020 was based on two Policy Objectives comprising of 11 Issue Categories.

The **two Policy Objectives** are:

1. Environmental Health
2. Ecosystem Vitality

The Policy Objective titled “**Environmental Health**” comprised of **4 Issue Categories** namely:

1. Air Quality
2. Sanitation & Drinking Water
3. Heavy Metals
4. Waste Management

The Policy Objective titled “**Ecosystem Vitality**” comprised of **7 Issue Categories** namely:

1. Biodiversity & Habitat
2. Ecosystem Services
3. Fisheries
4. Climate Change
5. Pollution Emissions
6. Agriculture
7. Water Resources

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The above **11 Issue Categories** further comprised of **32 indicators** of environmental performance for **180 countries**. All of the above together aggregated into an EPI Score.

Key findings of Environmental Performance Index 2020:

- The Environmental Performance Index 2020 was **topped** by **Denmark** with an EPI score of **82.5**, followed by Luxembourg (82.3), Switzerland (81.5), United Kingdom (81.3), and France (80.0) at 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th position respectively out of 180 countries ranked by the index.
- **India** was ranked **168th** along with Ghana, out of 180 countries with an EPI score of **27.6** in the 2020 Environmental Performance Index.
- **Liberia** stood at the **bottom** in the EPI rankings with an EPI score of **22.6**.

India in the Environmental Performance Index 2020:

- The report states that India struggled to perform well on several of the 2020 EPI’s environmental issue categories such as Air Quality at which the country was placed at 179th position just above Pakistan which stood at 180th place.
- India was placed at 148th position in the world in the issue category “biodiversity & habitat”, hence failing to maximize the conservation capacity of its protected areas.
- India was placed 106th in the world on climate change mitigation.

World Bank Releases “Global Economic Prospects (June 2020)”

World Bank has released its flagship report titled “**Global Economic Prospects (June 2020)**”. The report assesses the impressions of the pandemic and also examines the possible courses and outcomes. The report describes a grave near-term outlook and states that there is a contraction in **global GDP** which was **5.2 percent** in **2020** due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

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Outlook of various economies mentioned in the report:

- The report forecasts a **5.2%** contraction in **global GDP** in 2020 i.e. the **deepest global recession** in eight decades that the world has witnessed.

- The **GDP of India** is expected to **contract** by **3.2% in 2020**, while it is expected to expand by **3.1% in 2021**.
- The GDP of **advanced economies** is expected to **contract** by **7%** in 2020.
- The GDP of **U.S.** is expected to **contract** by **6.1%** in 2020.
- The GDP of Japan is expected to **contract** by **9.1%** in 2020.
- The GDP of Emerging market and developing economies (**EMDE**) is expected to **contract** by **2.5%** in 2020.
- The GDP of **China** is expected to become slow by **1.0%** in 2020.
- The GDP of **Russia** is expected to contract by **6%** in 2020.

Indian Railways commissions 1st high rise Over Head Equipment

- **Indian Railways** has commissioned the **first high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE)** and successfully ran a **double stack containers** in electrified territory on Western Railway. With this, **Indian Railways has become the first Railway** to run Double Stack Container train with high reach pantograph in high rise OHE territory, which is a first of its kind in the entire world.
- The first 1st high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) has a contact **wire height of 7.57 metre** and it was operated successfully from **Palanpur & Botad** stations in **Gujarat** on 10th June 2020. This new achievement of Indian Railways will also boost the ambitious mission of Green India as its latest green initiative. This initiative is also expected to bring innovation, speed and customisation in freight operations.

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QS World University Rankings 2021 released

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2021 has been released. Only **eight Indian institutes** managed to feature in the **top 500** of QS World University Ranking 2021.

Ranks	Universities	Country
1st	Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT)	USA
2nd	Stanford University	USA
3rd	Harvard University	USA
4th	California Institute of Technology	USA
5th	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
172nd	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay	India
185th	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore	India
193rd	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi	India
275th	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras	India
314th	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur	India
350th	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur	India
383rd	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee	India
470th	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati	India

India signs MOU on “Energy Cooperation” with Denmark

- **India** has signed an **MOU on “Energy Cooperation”** with **Denmark** to develop a strong, deep and long-term co-operation between two nations in the power sector. The MoU was signed between the Ministry of Power, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark.
- The MoU signed between the two countries provides for collaboration in the following areas: **offshore wind, long term energy planning, forecasting, variability in renewable energy production, flexibility in the power purchase agreements, incentivize power plant flexibility, flexibility in the grid, consolidation of grid codes to integrate and operate efficiently variable generation options, etc.**

- As per the MoU, India & Denmark will also **establish a Joint Working Group (JWG)** for **implementation of the identified areas**. Joint Secretary level officials will co-chair this Joint Working Group and will report to a Steering Committee which would be jointly chaired by the Secretary level officer from both the sides.

FSSAI releases State food safety index for 2019-20

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released the results of the second **State Food Safety Index** to celebrate World Food Safety Day during a webinar. On this occasion, FSSAI also released an **e-handbook** on **“Eat Right during COVID-19”** for citizens. It highlights safe food practices to be followed diligently and tips on health and nutrition.

The State Food Safety Index ranks states on **five parameters** of food safety through a rigorous evaluation process every year. The parameters are:

- Human Resources and Institutional Data,
- Compliance
- Food Testing Facility
- Training
- Capacity Building besides Consumer Empowerment

Winners are distributed in **three categories**.

- Large state
- Small state
- Union Territories

Following is the list of winners:

Large States:

Rank	Winner
1	Gujarat
2	Tamil Nadu
3	Maharashtra

Small States:

Rank	Award
1	Goa
2	Manipur
3	Meghalaya

Union Territories (UTs)

Rank	Award
1	Chandigarh
2	Delhi
3	Andaman Islands

CSIR & Atal Innovation Mission to promote Innovation in India

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (**CSIR**) has partnered with **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** to promote innovation in India.

Major areas of mutual interest are:

- The partnership will support world class start-ups through **CSIR Incubators** under the Atal Innovation mission initiatives.
- They will jointly work on new models of innovation and will also set-up **CSIR Innovation Parks**.
- With the **collaboration** of **CSIR** with **ARISE**, an initiative of AIM, they will together stimulate innovation and research in the MSME industry.
- It will also create problem solving mind-set across schools in India via close cooperation between Atal Tinkering Labs and Jigyasa. **JIGYASA** is CSIRs Student-Scientist connect program where in more than 3 lakhs students across the country have been exposed to science and technology.

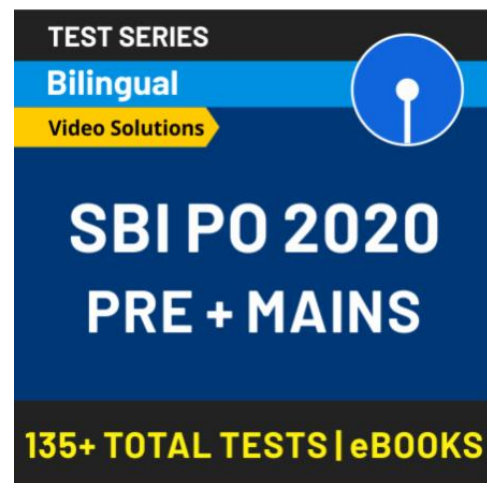
Union HRD Minister releases “India Rankings 2020” for Higher Educational Institutions

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has virtually released the **5th edition** of **“India Rankings 2020”** of Institutions of Higher Educational Institutions.

The ranking framework evaluates institutions on **five broad generic groups** of **parameters**:

- Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)
- Research and Professional Practice (RP)
- Graduation Outcomes (GO)
- Outreach and Inclusivity (OI)
- Perception (PR)

The rankings are being announced for India’s best universities and institutions in **10 categories** namely:



Overall, Universities, Engineering, Colleges, Management, Pharmacy, Medical, Dental, Architecture, and Law.

List of winners is as follows:

Overall Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2nd	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
3rd	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
4th	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
5th	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

University Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2nd	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
3rd	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
4th	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore
5th	Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Engineering Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2nd	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
3rd	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
4th	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
5th	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Management Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
2nd	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
3rd	Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
4th	Indian Institute of Management Lucknow
5th	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Colleges Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Miranda House, Delhi
2nd	Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi
3rd	Hindu College, Delhi
4th	St. Stephen`s College, Delhi
5th	Presidency College, Chennai

Pharmacy Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
2nd	Panjab University, Chandigarh
3rd	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Mohali
4th	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
5th	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Hyderabad

Medical Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
2nd	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh
3rd	Christian Medical College, Vellore

Architecture Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
2nd	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
3rd	National Institute of Technology Calicut

Law Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
2nd	National Law University, New Delhi
3rd	Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad

Dental Category:

Ranks	Name of Institute
1st	Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, Delhi
2nd	Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Udupi
3rd	Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

National Affairs

- The **Government of India** has raised the **Customs duty** on **bamboo** imports from 10% to **25%** with immediate effect.
- The Government of India has allocated **Rs 4000 crore** to the **State Governments** under under **'Per Drop More Crop'** component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY- PDMC) for the year **2020-21**.
- To **expand** the **coverage** of **Micro Irrigation** in the states, a **Micro Irrigation Fund corpus** of **Rs 5000 crore** has been created with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**).

- **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** has launched its flagship programme “**Turant Customs**” at **Bengaluru** and **Chennai** to take a leap forward to take advantage of the technology for faster Customs clearance of imported goods.
- **Tech Mahindra** has signed a joint declaration with **UN Global Compact**, joining 155 global companies in calling for policies to build resilience against future shocks by supporting the activities targeted to hold global temperature rise to within 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, in order to reach net-zero emissions before 2050.
- ‘**COVID BEEP**’ app is India’s 1st indigenous **wireless physiological parameters monitoring system** facilitated for COVID-19 affected patients. “**COVID BEEP**” stands for **Continuous Oxygenation & Vital Information Detection Biomed ECIL ESIC Pod**. It has been developed by ESIC medical college, Hyderabad in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and the Department of Atomic Energy.
- **India** has recorded a **29% increase** in the **population of Asiatic Lions**, count of which has increased from 523 in 2015 to **674** in **2020**. The period from 2015 to 2020 also saw a **36% increase** in the **distribution area of the lions**.
- The **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** has become the first development division to go “**fully Digital**”.
- Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched “**Sahakar Mitra: Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP)**” an initiative by **National Cooperative Development Cooperation (NCDC)**.

International Affairs

- **Bangladesh** has launched an initiative named ‘**Shohojodha**’, which is an online network to facilitate plasma exchange between recovered patients of COVID-19 treatment.
- **Myanmar** military “**Tatmadaw**” has decided to **use Facebook again** to provide ‘accurate’ news to people.
- **New Zealand** has **declared** itself **free** from “**Coronavirus**”. New Zealand achieved this milestone after 75 days of restrictions.
- Member countries of the Group of 20 (**G20**) has pledged more than **\$21 billion** to improve the global health and hence supporting the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

States in the News

- **Uttarakhand** forest department has opened the state’s **biggest biodiversity park** in **Haldwani**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government has launched ‘**Jagananna Chedodu**’ scheme to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and washermen, who had lost their livelihood due to COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide **one-time financial assistance** of **Rs 10,000** each to the beneficiaries **under 60 years of age**.
- **West Bengal** government has received a loan amount of **Rs 1950 crore** from the **World Bank** to tackle COVID-19 situation and developmental work in the state.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has started “**Street Vendor Registration**” and “**Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavsayi Utthan Yojana**” and transferred **Rs 300 crore** to urban local bodies.
- State cabinet of **Odisha** has adopted “**Bande Utklala Janani**” or Glory to mother Utkala as the **anthem of Odisha**. It has been **written** by **Kantakabi Laxmikanta Mohapatra** in 1912.
- **Gairsain** in Chamoli district has been formally declared as the **summer capital** of **Uttarakhand**.
- “**Raj Kaushal Portal**” and “**Online Shramik Employment Exchange**” has been launched by the **Rajasthan Government**. It aims to improve availability of opportunities for the migrated workers and hence acts as a bridge between industry and labourers.
- Online waste exchange website of **Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC)** has been launched by the **Andhra Pradesh Government**. Andhra Pradesh has become **India’s first state** to launch waste exchange website.

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- Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh has inaugurated “**Plant Health Clinic**” at the Directorate of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, **Imphal** to boost the economic growth of **Manipur** through agriculture and horticulture.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, **Yogi Adityanath** has **launched ‘Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana’** to educate child labourers in the state. This scheme has launched, on the occasion of the **International Child Labour Prohibition Day**.
- In Telangana, **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.
- **Odisha** has become the first state in the country to receive **ISO certification** for hostels meant for **tribal students**.
- **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.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- Cloud-based payment solutions provider, **Empays Payment Systems India** has **partnered** with **Mastercard** to launch **contactless ATM solution** in India due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **TCS iON** has **partnered** with **National Skill Development Corporation** to provide NSDC’s training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room in order to move classroom-based vocational skills training to online mode for students across the country.
- **National Fertilizers Limited (NFL)**, **Nangal**, Punjab has tied up with **Industrial Training Institutes (ITI)**, **Nangal**, Punjab to train youth in 12 trades to enhance the chances of their employability in heavy as well as process industry.
- National Council Of Educational Research And Training (**NCERT**) has digitally signed an **MoU** with **Rotary India Humanity Foundation** for e-learning content telecast for **class I to XII** over all NCERT TV channels.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has extended a **Special Liquidity Facility (SLF)** of **Rs 270 crore** to **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank** to support the agricultural activities of the farmers amid COVID-19 pandemic.

- Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (**IL&FS**) has completed the sale of its **50% stake** in **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City**. These stakes were bought by the Gujarat Urban Development Company Ltd (GUDCL), on behalf of the Gujarat government, at an amount of Rs 32.71 crore.
- **Jio Platforms** has received investment of **Rs 5683.50 crore** from a wholly owned subsidiary of the **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)**. ADIA has bought **1.16% stake** in Jio Platforms.
- **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development** has forecasted **Indian Economy** to contract to **3.7%** in the fiscal year **2020-21**. It also stated that if there is a second COVID-19 outbreak in the country, then its growth will drop further to -7.3%.
- **OECD’s** Economic Outlook has forecasted **India’s growth** to recover to **7.9%** in the ‘**single-hit**’ scenario while it expects an 8.1% rebound in the ‘**double-hit**’ Covid-19 scenario in the fiscal year **2021-22**.
- The rating agency “**S&P**” has kept **India’s** sovereign rating at “**BBB-**” along with a **stable outlook**.
- **S&P Global Ratings** has forecasted **Indian economy** to shrink by **5%** in fiscal year **2020-21**. The S&P Global Ratings also expects India’s growth to rebound to 8.5% in the fiscal year 2021-22. It has also projected India’s growth to be 6.5% in the fiscal year 2022-23.

Appointments/Resignations

- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed senior Kashmiri lawyer **Javed Iqbal Wani** as a Judge of the **Jammu and Kashmir High Court**.
- **Rahul Shrivastava** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador** of India to **Romania**.
- **Monika Kapil Mohta** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador** of India to **Switzerland**.
- **Sibi George** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador** of India to the State of **Kuwait**.

Schemes & Committees

- Ministry of Home Affairs has reconstituted a **new committee for the welfare of the freedom fighters**. It would be **chaired** by the minister of state for home affairs **G Kishan Reddy**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has launched “**Panchvati Yojana**” for the senior citizens of rural areas of the state. Under the scheme it will **set up parks and gardens** in every development block with all the necessary amenities.

- **10 member Task force** has been constituted by **Women and Child Development Ministry** to evaluate issues related to Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, Total Fertility Rate, Sex Ratio at Birth, Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and any other issue that pertains to health as well as nutrition. It will be **headed** by **Jaya Jaitly**.

Awards & Rewards

- Indian Musician & founder of Kalakruthi music organisation in Australia, **Shobha Sekhar** will be conferred the **“Medal of the Order of Australia”** for her service to the community and the country.
- Indian Aerospace entrepreneur, **Renjith Kumar** has been honoured with **“NASA Distinguished Service Medal”** for his administration to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and consumer loyalty.
- Executive Chairperson of Biocon Ltd, **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** has been named **EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2020**.
- **Javed Akhtar** has become **1st Indian** to be honoured with the **Richard Dawkins Award 2020** for critical thinking, holding religious dogma up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values.
- Indian-American soil scientist, **Rattan Lal** was named this year’s prestigious **World Food Prize 2020**.

Sports News

- International Weightlifting Federation has cleared **India’s lifter K Sanjita Chanu** of anti-doping violation charges.
- Court of Arbitration for Sport 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).

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- Athletics Integrity Unit has banned **Gomathi Marimuthu** for 4-years after she tested positive for banned substances.
- **Oleksandr Gvozdyk**, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion from **Ukraine**, has **retired** from the sport.
- **India** football team retained its **108th spot** in the latest **FIFA rankings**. While **Belgium** ranked **first** and world champion **France** is in **2nd place** and **Brazil** is at **3rd spot**.

Ranks & reports

- **S&P Global Ratings** has released its **report** on emerging markets titled **“Financial Conditions Reflect Optimism, Lockdown Fatigue Emerges”**.

Defence News

- **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV)** Complex was inaugurated at Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Indian Air Force** has indigenously designed, developed and manufactured an **Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT)** for the evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases, from high altitude area, isolated and remote areas.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (**GRSE**) has delivered **ICGS Kanaklata Barua**, the fifth and last boat in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the **Indian Coast Guard**.

Important Days

- **World Day Against Child Labour** is observed globally on **12th June** every year.
- The **World Accreditation Day (WAD)** is celebrated globally on **9th June** every year to highlight and promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy. The **theme** for WAD 2020 was **“Accreditation: Improving Food Safety”**.
- **World Ocean Day** is observed globally on **8th June** every year. The **theme** of World Oceans Day 2020 is **“Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean.”**
- United Nations celebrates **World Food Safety Day** on **7 June** every year. The **theme** for 2020 is **“Food safety, everyone’s business”**.
- **World Brain Tumour day** is observed globally on **8th of June** every year.
- **International Albinism Awareness Day** is observed on **13th June** every year. The theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2020: **‘Made To Shine’**.

Science and Technology

- Used mask disposal device based on Internet of Things (IoT) “**BIN-19**” and UV light-based multipurpose disinfectant “**UV SPOT**” has been **launched** in Kerala by **VST Mobility Solutions**.
- A robot named as ‘**Coro-bot**’ has been developed by an engineer **Pratik Tirodkar** from **Thane** district of Maharashtra, in order to **reduce the physical contact** of care-givers with COVID-19 patients.
- **UVC-based Cabinet** has been co-developed by the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (**ARCI**) and the **MEKINS Industries**. It will disinfect non-critical hospital items, laboratory wear, and PPEs in order to prevent surface contamination of COVID 19.
- **Magnetocaloric material**, a rare-earth-based material that can be **effectively used for cancer treatment**, has been developed by scientists at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (**ARCI**). It will also reduce the treatment time of cancer tumours.
- **ISRO** has signed an **agreement** with Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (**ARIES**) for cooperation in the field of **Space Situational Awareness (SSA)** and **Astrophysics**.

Obituaries

- Manchester United’s European Cup-winning defender **Tony Dunne** passed away.
- The former member of the Planning Commission, **A. Vaidyanathan** passed away.
- Television Actor **Jagesh Mukati** passed away. He was renowned for working the TV shows namely Amita Ka Amit and Shree Ganesh.
- Former director of IIM Lucknow and Padma Shri award winner **Pritam Singh** passed away.
- Three-time Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MLA **J Anbazhagan** passed away due to COVID-19.
- The President of the Republic of Burundi, **Pierre Nkurunziza** passed away.
- Former Union Water Resources Minister **Arjun Charan Sethi** passed away.
- Former Governor & Delhi Police commissioner, **Ved Marwah** passed away.
- Former Santosh Trophy player, **Hamza Koya** passed away due to COVID-19.
- The first U.S. male gymnast to win a world championship gold medal, **Kurt Thomas** passed away.

- Kannada actor **Chiranjeevi Sarja** passed away. He had made his debut with the movie ‘Vayuputra’.
- Veteran Urdu poet, **Anand Mohan Zutshi Gulzar Dehlvi** passed away. He was the editor of ‘**Science ki Duniya**’, the only science magazine published in Urdu by the government, which was launched in **1975**.

Miscellaneous News

- **IIT Guwahati** has developed an application called “**Flyzy**” for consistent and contactless air travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (**DIAT**) has developed “**ANANYA**” water-based **disinfectant spray** with nanotechnology assisted formulation.
- India’s Non-Banking Finance Company, **India Infoline Finance Limited (IIFL)** has signed **Rohit Sharma** as its first-ever **brand ambassador**.
- Tamil Nadu girl, **M Nethra** has been appointed as the ‘**Goodwill Ambassador for the Poor**’ by the United Nations Association for Development and Peace (**UNADAP**).

Static Takeaways

- President of Athletics Integrity Unit: Brett Clothier.
- President of Athletics Federation of India: Adille J. Sumariwalla.
- Athletics Federation of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Headquarters of Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Weightlifting Federation Headquarters: Budapest, Hungary.
- International Weightlifting Federation President: Ursula Papandrea.
- Air Chief Marshal: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Tech Mahindra: CP Gurnani.
- Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact: Lise Kingo.
- Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs: M. Ajit Kumar.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation which brings together the leaders of both developed and developing countries from every continent.

- The members of the G20 group are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU).
- Prime Minister of New Zealand: Jacinda Ardern.
- Capital of New Zealand: Wellington.
- Capital of Myanmar: Naypyitaw.
- The currency of Myanmar: Burmese kyat.
- President of Myanmar: Win Myint.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- Chairman of National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development: G R Chintala.
- Capital of Romania: Bucharest.
- President of Romania: Klaus Iohannis.
- Prime Minister of Romania: Ludovic Orban.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development: Smriti Zubin Irani.
- Chief Minister: Jairam Thakur; Governor: Bandaru Dattatraya.
- Vice Chairperson of Niti Aayog: Rajiv Kumar; CEO: Amitabh Kant.
- Director General of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research: Shekhar C Mande.
- Director of National Council Of Educational Research And Training: Hrushikesh Senapaty.
- Union Minister for Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Prime Minister of Denmark: Mette Frederiksen.
- Capital of Denmark: Copenhagen; Currency: Danish krone.
- Chief Minister of Punjab: Captain Amarinder Singh.
- Governor of Punjab: VP Singh Badnore.
- MD & CEO of National Skill Development Corporation: Manish Kumar.
- Mastercard President and CEO: Ajaypal Singh Banga.
- Chairman and Managing Director of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd: Vipin Kumar Saxena.
- Governor of Manipur: Najma Heptulla.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy; Governor: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: Trivendra Singh Rawat; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- President of World Bank: David Malpass.
- Chief Minister of Gujarat: Vijaybhai R. Rupani; Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat.
- Director-General of WHO: Tedros Adhanom; Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Secretary-General of the United Nations: António Guterres.
- Chairman of Quality Council of India: Adil Zainulbhai.
- Headquarters of International Labour Organization: Geneva, Switzerland.
- President of International Labour Organization: Guy Ryder.
- ISRO Director: K. Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- CEO of VST Mobility Solutions: Alvin George.
- Chairman & Independent Director of India Infoline Finance Limited: S. Sridhar.
- Vice-Chancellor of Defence Institute of Advanced Technology: CP Ramnarayanan.
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) Headquarters: Montreal, Canada.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Telangana government celebrates 2nd June as the Telangana Formation Day.
- Chief Minister of Telangana: K. Chandrashekar Rao.
- Governor of Telangana: Tamilsai Soundararajan.
- Headquarters of FIFA: Zürich, Switzerland.
- President of FIFA Gianni Infantino.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- National Highway Authority of India Founded: 1988.
- National Highway Authority of India chairman: Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.
- Capital of Odisha: Bhubaneswar.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.

- Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare: Parshottam Rupala.
- Managing Director of National Cooperative Development Cooperation: Sundeep Kumar Nayak.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Bandhavgarh National Park is in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. This biodiverse park is known for its large population of royal Bengal tigers, especially in the central Tala zone.

