

## Weekly One Liners 27<sup>th</sup> July to 02<sup>nd</sup> of August 2020

### Union Cabinet Approves National Education Policy 2020

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the National Education Policy 2020.
- The National Education Policy 2020 will replace the thirty-four year old National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986.
- National Education Policy 2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century and aims to bring transformational reforms in both school and higher education sectors.
- The new policy is based on the foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability.
- It has a target of 50% Gross Enrollment Ratio by 2035 and provision for multiple entry and exits.

### Fleet of 5 Rafale multi-role combat jets arrived in India

- A fleet of five French-manufactured Rafale multi-role combat jets arrived in India.
- Rafale Jets landed at the Ambala Air Force base after covering a distance of 7,000 km from the Merignac airbase in French port city of Bordeaux.
- The fleet, which comprises three single seater and two twin seater aircraft, would be inducted into the IAF as part of its Ambala-based No 17 Squadron, also known as the 'Golden Arrows'.
- Government of India signed a Rs 59,000-crore deal with French aerospace major Dassault Aviation on September 23, 2016 to procure 36 Rafale jets.
- The delivery of all 36 aircraft will be completed on schedule by the end of 2021.

### Schemes for promotion of Bulk Drugs & Medical Devices Parks

- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri DV Sadananda Gowda has launched four schemes for the promotion of domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices parks in the country.
- The Department of Pharmaceuticals has formulated four schemes, two each for Bulk Drugs and Medical Devices parks.

- These schemes will work towards the development of Indian pharmaceutical capacities and reduce India's dependence on imports, hence making it self reliant.

The key features of the four schemes are:

- The scheme will remain open for applications for a period of 120 days from the date of issuance of guidelines.
- The applicants will receive the approval within 90 days from the closure of application window.
- Applications will be received only through an online portal and the total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs 6,940 crore.
- Scheme for promotion of Bulk Drug Parks aims for the establishment of 3 bulk drug parks in the country. Maximum grant-in-aid for one bulk drug park is limited to Rs.1000 crore.
- Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for promoting domestic manufacturing of Medical Devices aims to boost domestic manufacturing of medical devices in four target segments. This will be achieved by offering financial incentives on sales to a maximum number of 28 selected applicants for a period of 5 years.
- The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes aims to boost domestic manufacturing of 53 bulk drugs, on which India is critically dependent on imports.

### Ministry of Home Affairs releases Unlock-3 guidelines

- Ministry of Home Affairs has released the Unlock-3 guidelines which will be valid upto 31st August 2020. The new guidelines seeks to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment zones and to extend the lockdown in containment zones upto 31st August 2020.

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As per the Unlock-3 guidelines, all activities would be permitted outside the containment zones, except the following:

- Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will remain closed till 31st August 2020.
- Yoga institutes and gymnasiums would be allowed to function from 5th August 2020 as per the standard operating procedures (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- Cinema Halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places will remain closed.
- International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.
- Metro rail; social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions as well as other large congregations.

As per the Unlock-3 guidelines, lockdown will continue to remain in force in the containment zones till 31st August 2020. Only essential activities will be allowed in the containment zones.

### Indian team's 2018 Asian Games silver medal upgraded to gold

- The Indian quartet of Mohammed Anas, M.R. Poovamma, Hima Das and Arokia Rajiv, who finished second behind Bahrain in the 4x400 mixed relay final have now become the first winner of the event. Hence, the silver medal of the Indian 4x400 mixed relay team's 2018 Asian Games, Jakarta has been upgraded to gold.
- The medal was upgraded to gold following the disqualification of Bahrain squad that finished first in the 4x400 mixed relay final.
- The Bahrain squad was disqualified as Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain has been handed a 4-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test.
- Indian runner Anu Raghavan has moved from fourth place to bronze medal position in the women's 400 m hurdles following the disqualification of Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain.

### MoES National Awards for excellence in Earth System Science

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has announced the winners of "MoES National Awards for excellence in Earth System Science".

Here is the complete list of winners:

Sr.No.	Award	Winner
1	Life Time Excellence Award	Professor Ashok Sahni
2	National Award for Atmospheric Science & technology	Dr. S. Suresh Babu
3	National award for Geoscience & technology	N. V. Chalapathi Rao
4	National Award for Ocean Technology	Dr. M. A. Atmanand
5	Anna Mani award for woman scientist	Dr. Lidita D. S. Khandeparker
6	Young Researcher Awards	Dr. Indra Sekhar Sen
7	National Award for Ocean Science & technology	Dr. V. V. S. S. Sarma

### National News

- Asian Development Bank has approved USD 3 million grant to India from its Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund to support the government's emergency response to COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the change in the name of "Ministry of Human Resource Development" to "Ministry of Education".
- India has handed over 10 broad-gauge railway locomotives to Bangladesh. Locomotives were flagged off from the Gede station of the Eastern Railway in West Bengal's Nadia district while the receiving station will be of Darshana on the other side.
- Three high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities have been launched by the PM Narendra Modi at three testing facilities located at the National Institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research, at Kolkata, Noida and Mumbai.
- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune and the India Meteorological Department has developed the mobile app "Mausam" for weather forecasts.
- India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Programme has been launched by the Department of Science and Technology in partnership with the Federation of

Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE) of the Russian Federation. DST will fund up to Rs 15 Crores to 10 Indian SMEs/Start-ups for a period of two years.

- Government of India has extended medical assistance worth about USD 1 million in the form of anti-tuberculosis medicines to North Korea. The medical assistance was extended in response to a request received from the WHO.

### States in the News

- Guwahati Development Department Ministry has inaugurated 1st manhole cleaning robot 'BANDICOOT' to ensure minimal human involvement to clean the sewers. Guwahati is the 3rd city in the entire country to procure this innovative technology to clean manholes after Gurugram and Coimbatore.

### International Affairs

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved USD 4.3 billion to South Africa in emergency funding to help the country in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hichem Mechichi has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Tunisia.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has signed an agreement with the IIT Kanpur for Training, Research, and Entrepreneurship Development in Smart Grid Technology. Under the agreement, PFC will provide financial assistance of worth Rs 2,38,97,000 to IIT-Kanpur.

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- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-IIT, Delhi and Vijnana Bharti (VIBHA), New Delhi has signed a tripartite MoU with CSIR. The signed MoU will offer access to CSIR rural technologies for UBA.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India has launched one-stop knowledge portal named as "MSMESaksham" in association with TransUnion CIBIL. The platform has been launched for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- Reliance Power and Japanese energy major JERA have signed an agreement with a group of banks to provide full finance of about \$642 million (approx Rs 4,798 crore) for a 745 MW natural gas combined-cycle power project in Meghnaghat in Bangladesh.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and SBI Card has launched a new Co-branded Contactless CreditCard on RuPay Platform to ensure a safe, convenient and improved travel experience for the rail passengers.
- Reserve Bank of India has signed an agreement for extending a \$400-million currency swap facility to Sri Lanka in order to boost the foreign reserves and ensure the financial stability of the country, which is badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched a crop insurance campaign titled 'Bohot Zaroori Hai' for farmers in Maharashtra and Karnataka to encourage them about their yield protection and financial security. It will also ensure the farmers for a period of 3-years under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY).
- MobiKwik has launched "mpay.me" UPI link service that allows users to send and receive money from any UPI payment app.

### Appointments/Resignations

- Paytm Money has appointed Varun Sridhar as its new Chief Executive Officer. He will replace former MD and CEO Pravin Jadhav.
- Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi, AVSM, NM has assumed charge as the Commandant, Indian Naval Academy (INA). He has replaced the Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi.

- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has appointed the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel to discharge the functions of the Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- The domestic rating agency, ICRA has appointed N Sivaraman as its new managing director and group chief executive officer. He will succeed former MD and Group CEO Naresh Takkar.
- Hardik Satishchandra Shah has been appointed the Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on co-terminus basis.
- Ivory Coast's Defence Minister, Hamed Bakayoko has been named as the Prime Minister of the country.

### Awards and Recognitions

- The founder of SS Motivation, Sunil ydv SS was honoured with "Karamveer Chakra Award" by Global Fellowship Award instituted by United Nations and International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO).
- India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya has won the prestigious Gustave Trouve Award for Excellence in Electric Boats and Boating. The ferry was adjudged the world's best electric boat in the category of ferries designed for paid passenger service.
- Indian-origin nurse, Kala Narayanasamy in Singapore has been conferred with the President's Award for Nurses for serving on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other award winning nurses are: Tay Yee Kian, Patricia Yong Yueh Li, Alice Chua Foong Sin, Chin Soh Mun.
- SKOCH Gold Award has been awarded to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) for its "Empowerment of Tribals through IT enabled Scholarship Schemes" project.

### Summits & Conferences

- The 5th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) was held virtually. The round table discussion was held with the theme 'AIIB 2030-Supporting Asia's Development over the Next Decade'.
- Defence Ministers' Dialogue between India and Indonesia was held in New Delhi. During the dialogue, the Indonesian delegation was led by Defence Minister General Prabowo Subianto and he was honored with ceremonial Guard of Honour.

- Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) has organised "2nd Empathy e-Conclave" in collaboration with Airport Authority of India (AAI). The theme of 2nd Empathy e-Conclave is "Keep your Liver Safe in COVID times".
- The 6th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting was held under the presidency of Russia. Union Environment Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar represented India in the BRICS Environment Ministers' Meet. India will host the next meeting in 2021.

### Ranks and Reports

- "India Report on Digital Education, 2020" has been launched virtually. It highlights the innovative methods adopted by Ministry of HRD, Education Departments of States and Union Territories to ensure accessible as well as inclusive education to children at home and reducing learning gaps.
- Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh has topped the list of aspirational districts in Overall Delta Ranking by government think-tank Niti Aayog for the February-June 2020 period.

### Sports News

- Haryana will host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games in 2021.
- Bangladeshi cricketer, Kazi Anik Islam has been handed a 2-year ban by the national cricket board for failing a dope test in 2018.
- Leicester City striker, Jamie Vardy has bagged the Premier Leagues Golden Boot football award after netting 23 goals across the 2019/20 season. Manchester City's Brazilian keeper Ederson won the Golden Glove award.
- England cricketer, Stuart Broad has become 7th bowler to take 500 wickets in the International Test cricket.
- Radoslaw Wojtaszek of Poland, has finished on top in the rapid section of the 53rd Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland. Indian Grandmaster, P Harikrishna finished second in the event.
- Rajat Bhatia has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He started his career with Tamil Nadu in 1999-2000 and also played for Delhi Daredevils, Rajasthan Royals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Rising Pune Supergiants in the Indian Premier League.

### Books & Authors

- The book titled "Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India" is authored by former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Viral V.Acharya.
- The former diplomat, and current Minister of External Affairs in the Government of India, S Jaishankar has authored the book "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World".

### Science and Technology

- Acculi Labs, a Bangalore based startup has been selected by Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH), an initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to develop "Lyfas COVID score", a COVID risk assessment profile.
- The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode has developed a wearable hand band named as the "Veli Band". It helps in maintaining social distancing by sending out an alarm in case of proximity with another person.
- Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed 'Aashray', a medical bed isolation system to combat COVID-19 by preventing or minimising the spread of the virus.
- NASA has launched "Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission" with United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket to the Red Planet "Mars" from Space Launch Complex 41, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The mission aims to search for signs of ancient life and collect samples to send back to Earth.

### Important Days

- India celebrates the Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July every year to remember the extreme valour, sacrifice and exemplary courage of Indian soldiers during the 1999 Kargil war.
- The 82nd Raising Day of Central Reserve Police Force was observed on 27 July 2020. It was founded as Crown Representative's Police on July 27, 1939 and became the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the enactment of the CRPF Act on December 28, 1949.

- World Health Organization observes 28th July every year as "World Hepatitis Day". This year's theme is "Hepatitis-free future".
- World Nature Conservation Day is observed on 28th July every year.
- United Nations observes 30 July every year as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The theme of the World Day Against Trafficking 2020 is "Committed to the Cause – Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking".
- International Day of Friendship is observed globally on 30th July to mark the importance of friends and friendship in life.

### Obituaries

- Tanzania's Former President, Benjamin Mkapa passed away. He served as the third president of the country, from 1995 to 2005.
- Two-Time Oscar Winner, Olivia de Havilland passed away. She won an Oscar award for the movie 'To Each His Own' under the category Best supporting actress.
- The American actor, John Saxon passed away. He won the Golden Globe Award for the new star of the year in 1958 for the movie "This Happy Feeling".
- Child welfare activist Achyuta Rao passed away. He founded Balala Hakula Sangham in 1984.
- Bollywood action director, Parvez Khan passed away. Some of his well-known films include Andhadhun, Badlapur, Bullett Raja, Fukrey, Ra-One etc.
- Veteran Bollywood actor Kumkum passed away. She has featured in over 100 Hindi films like Mother India, Kohinoor, etc.

- Malayalam actor, Anil Murali passed away. He made his silver screen debut with Kanyakumariyil Oru Kavitha in 1993.
- Padma Shri awardee folk musician Sonam Tshering Lepcha passed away.
- Former Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui passed away. He served as president of Taiwan from 1988 to 2000.

### Miscellaneous News

- Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu has announced the launch of a 'Macadamisation Program' for the improvement of roads across Jammu and Kashmir.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah distributed 100 electric potter wheels to 100 trained artisans in Gandhinagar, Gujarat under the "Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana" of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.
- Delhi government has launched the portal named as "Rozgar Bazar", a sort of marketplace for job seekers and the people recruiters.
- 'BIS-Care', a mobile app of the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) has been launched along with three portals i.e. the Standardization, Conformity Assessment and Training Portals of e-BIS for consumers. BIS Care app will help the consumers in checking the authenticity of the ISI-marked and hallmarked products as well as lodging complaints.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched an innovation contest 'Dare to Dream 2.0' on the 5th death anniversary of former President and noted scientist Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched the "MoES-Knowledge Resource Centre Network (KRCNet)" under the Digital India initiative of Government of India. MoES has transformed the traditional libraries of the MoES system into a top-notch Knowledge Resource Centres which will be linked with each other and integrated into the KRCNet portal.
- Archana Soreng has been named by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to his new Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change. She has joined six other young climate leaders from around the world who will provide perspectives and solutions to tackle the worsening climate crisis.

### Static Takeaways

- President of Athletics Federation of India: Adille J. Sumariwalla.
- Governor of Haryana: Satyadeo Narayan Arya.
- Chief Minister of Haryana: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Supreme Leader of North Korea: Kim Jong-un.
- Capital of North Korea: Pyongyang; Currency: North Korean won.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Union Minister for Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines.
- Asian Development Bank Founded: 19 December 1966.
- President of Tunisia: Kais Saied; Capital of Tunisia: Tunis.
- The currency of Tunisia: Tunisian Dinar.
- Headquarters of IMF: Washington, D.C., United States.
- Managing Director of IMF: Kristalina Georgieva.
- Chief Economist of IMF: Gita Gopinath.
- Membership Countries of IMF: 189 countries.
- Capital of South Africa: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein.
- Currency of South Africa: South African Rand.
- President of South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- RBI Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- President of Sri Lanka: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Prime Minister of Sri Lanka: Mahinda Rajapaksa.
- Capital of Sri Lanka: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.
- Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Paytm founder: Vijay Shekhar Sharma.
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences: Harsh Vardhan.
- Chairman of Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences: Vijay Kumar Dev.
- Chairman of Airport Authority of India: Arvind Singh.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Jin Liqueun.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- MD & CEO of Bharti AXA General Insurance: Sanjeev Srinivasan.
- Assam Chief Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Capital of Assam: Dispur.
- Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi.
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Headquarters: Vienna, Austria.
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Founded: 1997.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland; Director general: Tedros Adhanom.
- Director General of Central Reserve Police Force: AP Maheshwari.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation: G Satheesh Reddy.
- Director General of Bureau of Indian Standard: Pramod Kumar Tiwari.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission: Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda.
- Chairman of Reliance Power: Anil Ambani.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- Chairman of Small Industries Development Bank of India: Mohammad Mustafa.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency: Russian Ruble.
- President of Ivory Coast: Alassane Ouattara; Capital: Yamoussoukro.
- President of Taiwan: Tsai Ing-wen.



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