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## Swachh Bharat Awards 2020 announced

The Union Minister for Jal Shakti, **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** and the Minister of State for Jal Shakti, **Rattan Lal Kataria** virtually conferred the **Swachh Bharat 2020 Awards** to the best performing States/UTs, districts, blocks, GPs in various categories. The Ministry of Jal Shakti is observing the Swachh Bharat Diwas, 2020 on 2nd October to mark **six years** of the launch of the **Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)**.

**The Swachh Bharat 2020 Awards were conferred under three categories which are:**

1. Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shauchalaya (SSSS) campaign
2. Samudayik Shauchalaya Abhiyan (SSA)
3. Gandagi Se Mukh (GMB) campaign

### Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shauchalaya (SSSS) campaign

- Best State: Gujarat
- Best District: Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
- Best Block: Khachrod, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- Best Gram Panchayat: Chinnaur, (Salem)

### Samudayik Shauchalaya Abhiyan (SSA)

- Best State: Uttar Pradesh (GKRA) and Gujarat (Non-Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA))
- Best District: Prayagraj (GKRA) and Bareilly (Non-GKRA)
- Best Gram Panchayat: Borigaon, Bongaigaon, Assam.

### Gandagi Se Mukh (GMB) campaign

- Best State: Telangana and Haryana.
- Best District: Moga, Punjab.

## GoI appoints three new economists as RBI's MPC members

The **Government of India** has appointed three new economists as members of the six-member rate-setting **Monetary Policy Committee(MPC)** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. The government had formed a committee for selection of these three new members of MPC. This search-cum-selection committee for MPC was headed by Economic Affairs Secretary **Tarun Bajaj**.

### The new members are:

- Prof. **Ashima Goyal**, a professor at the Mumbai-based Indira Gandhi Institute of Developmental Research
- Prof. **Jayanth R Varma**, a professor of finance at the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad
- Dr. **Shashanka Bhide**, an agricultural economist and a senior adviser with the National Council of Applied Economic Research in New Delhi

### About Monetary Policy Committee

- MPC committee of RBI comprises six members which include three officials of the Reserve Bank of India and three external members nominated by the Government of India.
- The three members from RBI Side are **Dr. Mridul K. Sagar**, **Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra** and **Shri Shaktikanta Das**.
- Governor of RBI is the Ex-Officio Chairman of MPC.
- They replace the three previous external MPC candidates, **Chetan Ghate**, **Ravindra Dholakia** and **Pami Dua**, whose terms expired with the last policy meeting in August 2020.

## RBI's 3rd Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2020-21 Released

The **Monetary Policy Committee** of the **Reserve Bank of India** met on 7th, 8th and 9th October for its third meeting of 2020-21. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor **Shaktikanta Das** has announced crucial policy decisions at the Bank's 3rd bi-monthly monetary policy.

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On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) at its meeting decided to:

- The **repo rate** under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) has been kept unchanged at **4.00%**.
- The **reverse repo rate** under the LAF has been kept unchanged at **3.35%**.
- The **marginal standing facility (MSF)** rate and the **Bank Rate** have been kept unchanged at **4.25%**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will introduce on-tap targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO) for banks to borrow up to **Rs 1 trillion** from the window and invest in corporate bonds and other debt instruments of certain sectors. The on-tap TLTROs will have tenors of up to three years at a floating rate linked to the policy repo rate and the scheme will be available up to **31 March 2021**.
- **Real GDP growth is expected to be negative.** The RBI's MPC has pegged the real GDP growth for FY21 to contract by **9.5%**.

**Accommodative stance of RBI's Monetary Policy Statement:**

The MPC also decided to continue with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward.

### Indian Air Force Day: 08 October

**Indian Air Force Day** is celebrated every year by the Indian Air Force on **8th of October**. This year Indian Air Force celebrated its **88th** anniversary. Indian Air Force was officially established on **8 October 1932** by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force. The name was changed to Indian Air Force in **1950**.

The special occasion will be celebrated with a ceremonial parade and flypast involving a variety of aircraft at the Hindon airbase. IAF's frontline warplanes like **Rafale, Su-30MKI, Apache, Tejas, 'Gajraj'** will showcase its lethal firepower. 56 aircraft, including 19 fighters and seven transport aircraft along with 19 helicopters, would be taking part in aerial display during this year's Air Force Day Parade. The Rafale fighter aircraft would fly in the **'Vijay'** formation along with the Jaguars and then in the **'Transformer'** formation with the Sukhoi-30 MKI and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas fighter aircraft during the IAF Day parade this year.

**Why Indian Air Force Day is celebrated on 8th October?**

The IAF was founded on **October 8, 1932**, and the force has participated in several crucial wars and landmark missions. It was officially established as an auxiliary air force of the **British Empire** which honoured India's aviation service during **World War II** with the prefix Royal. After India gained independence from the United Kingdom in **1947**, the name Royal Indian Air Force was kept and served in the name of Dominion of India. With the government's transition to a Republic in 1950, the prefix Royal was removed.

### PM Modi dedicates Atal Tunnel to the nation

The Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has dedicated Atal Tunnel to the nation, on 3rd October 2020. In December 2019, the Government has decided to name the **Rohtang Tunnel** as Atal Tunnel in honour of the former Prime Minister and scholar Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee government had taken the decision to construct a strategic tunnel below the Rohtang Pass on June 3, 2000, and the foundation stone for the access road to the south portal of the tunnel was laid on May 26, 2002.

**About Atal Tunnel:**

- Atal Tunnel is the world's longest highway tunnel above **10,000 feet** from the Mean Sea Level (MSL).
- The tunnel has been named after former Indian Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- Atal tunnel has been built, by the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**, under the **Rohtang Pass** in the eastern **Pir Panjal Range** of the Himalayas on the **Leh-Manali Highway** in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The total length of the tunnel is **9.02 km** and at an elevation of **3,100 metres (10,171 ft)**.
- The overall cost of completion of the project is around **Rs. 3200 crore**.

### National Affairs

- India and Myanmar are working towards the operationalization of the Sittwe port in the Rakhine state of Myanmar in the first quarter of 2021. The port is part of the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project which is being viewed as India's gateway to Southeast Asia.

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has launched an online discovery platform for startups called "Startup India Showcase". The main aim of this website is to make a repository of India's most promising startups that have proved their capabilities, from across sectors such as fintech, enterprise tech, social impact, health tech, and edutech, among others.
- Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Irani has launched the first-ever Brand and Logo for Indian Cotton on Second World Cotton Day through video conferencing. Now India's premium cotton would be known as 'Kasturi Cotton' in the world cotton trade. The Kasturi Cotton brand will represent Whiteness, Brightness, Softness, Purity, Luster, Uniqueness and Indianness.
- The **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** will integrate the application programming interface (API) between **SVANidhi portal** and various banks to expedite loan sanctioning and disbursement process under Modi government's PM SVANidhi scheme for nano entrepreneurs.
- To begin with, the ministry launched the API integration between the **PM SVANidhi portal** and **SBI's eMudra portal**. Ministry would perform similar integration with other banks as well for which a consultative meeting will be held shortly.
- The Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** has been assigned the additional charge of **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** in addition to his existing portfolios, following the death of union minister **Ram Vilas Paswan**. Goyal is currently serving as the **Union Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry**.

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## States in the News

- The state government of **Gujarat** has announced a '**Digital Seva Setu**' programme to ensure optimum utilisation of technology for **public welfare in rural areas**. The program has been initiated under the **Centre's BharatNet Project**.
- **Meghalaya government** has entered into a partnership with **Israel** to establish a one of a kind **Centre of Excellence(CoE)** on high-value vegetables in the state to improve and promote the livelihoods of farmers. CoE is important for tapping the diverse biodiversity and available resources in the state in terms of its soil and agro-climatic condition.
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has signed a concession agreement with representatives of **Zurich Airport International** for designing, building and operating **Noida International Airport at Jewar** for a period of 40 years. The airport will be developed as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and is scheduled to open in 2024.
- The 'concession agreement' for the Greenfield airport, estimated to cost **Rs 29,560 crores**, was inked between the Uttar Pradesh government's agency and the **Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL)**, a special purpose vehicle floated by the Zurich Airport for the project.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister, **Trivendra Singh Rawat** has launched the "**Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana**" at the Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Auditorium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The scheme is aimed at promoting self-employment of the youth and promoting the **production of Green Energy**.

## International Affairs

- An **IEEE Spectrum report**, the Beijing-based company is set to send the world's first mining robot named '**asteroid mining robot**' into space by November 2020 to identify and extract resources. The mining robot will be launched into space by a Chinese Long March series rocket.
- The **Kuwaiti** government, headed by Prime Minister(PM) **Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah** submitted its **resignation** to Emir **Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah** in anticipation of the upcoming general elections that are due to be held in November 2020. He took charge as the PM in **2019**.

- **Russia** successfully test-fired a **Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile** in the Arctic. The Missile was fired from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate in the White Sea, Russian Arctic. The missile covered a distance of **450 km** with the maximum altitude of its trajectory at **28 km**.
- King of **Jordan, Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein** has appointed Bishr al-Khasawneh, policy advisor to the king, as new Prime Minister of the country.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has entered into an MoU with "**Swiggy**", one of the leading food delivery platforms, to onboard street food vendors on its e-commerce platform. The MoU aims at giving the street food vendors online access to thousands of consumers and help them grow their businesses. The arrangement has been facilitated under the **Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atmanibhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** Scheme.
- According to **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC)** and the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** to make educational materials accessible for hearing impaired children.
- **Axis Bank** in partnership with India's full-service carrier, **Vistara** launched a Co-Branded Forex Card, '**Axis Bank Club Vistara Forex Card**' to cater to the needs of international travellers.
- **Amazon India** has partnered with '**Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation**' (**IRCTC**), to provide its customers with the facility to book reserved train tickets on Amazon. With this launch, the e-commerce company's digital payments arm Amazon Pay adds another travel category, thereby offering its customers a one-stop-shop for booking flights, bus and train tickets.
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has inked three **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **State Bank of India (SBI)** to extend credit support for various NABARD projects. The MoUs were signed for **financing joint liability groups, Self-Help Groups-support credit inflows to Farmer Producers'**

**Organizations and economic support for watershed development projects.** These will help in providing credit support to the different sections of the society including the priority sector.

### Books and Authors

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr **Jitendra Singh** has released a Coffee Table Book on "**Discovering the Heritage of Assam**", written by **Padampani Bora** and having foreword by Amitabh Bachchan.
- On the occasion of the **151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has launched the coffee-table book titled "**Babu - The Unforgettable**" over the virtual event. This virtual event was organised by the Delhi Archives & Department of Art, Culture and Language, Government of Delhi. The department also organised a webinar on "**Footprints of Gandhi Ji in Delhi**".
- The author of Baahubali series, **Anand Neelakantan** has authored his first kid's book titled "**The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids**", published by Puffins Publishers Private Limited under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **ICICI Bank** has launched a debit card facility for the customers availing the **Loan Against Securities (LAS)** from the Bank. The debit card is available on the **Visa platform**. With this launch, ICICI Bank has become the first bank in India to launch such a facility.
- Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has launched "**MSME Prerana**", an online business mentoring programme for MSMEs by state-run **Indian Bank**. The programme, to be made available in local languages, is aimed at empowering entrepreneurs through skill development and capacity building workshops.
- The **World Bank** projected India's GDP to contract by **9.6%** this **FY-21**, which is reflective of the national lockdown and the income shock experienced by households and firms due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Bank earlier in June had estimated the Indian economy to shrink by **3.2%** in the current fiscal.

## Appointments/Resignations

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has appointed **Charanjit Singh Attra** as its new **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** with effect from 01 October 2020. The post was lying vacant after the former Deputy MD & CFO **Prashant Kumar**, was appointed as the CEO of Yes Bank in March 2020.
- The government of India has appointed **Dinesh Kumar Khara** as the new **Chairman of State Bank of India** for a period of three years. His appointment is effective from October 7.
- Senior IPS officer, **M A Ganapathy** has been appointed as the **Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**. He is a 1986 batch IPS officer of Uttarakhand cadre. The post of BCAS chief fell vacant after **Rakesh Asthana** was appointed as the Director-General of Border Security Force in August.
- **J Venkatramu** has been appointed the **managing director and chief executive officer** of **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**. He will succeed **Suresh Sethi**, who served the post till March 2020.
- **Nilesh Shah** has been re-elected as the Chairman of **Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**. He was earlier elected as the Chairman for 2019 - 2020.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has extended the term of **Rajesh Kumar(R.K.) Chhibber** as **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Jammu & Kashmir Bank** for another 6 months, effective from October 10, 2020, or till the appointment of Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO), whichever is earlier.

## Defence News

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test-fired a new version of the **surface-to-surface** nuclear-capable ballistic missile "**Shaurya**" at **Balasore**, off the **coast of Odisha**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully flight tested the "**Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART)**" from **Wheeler Island** off the coast of Odisha.
- The seventh offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), "**Vigraha**" was formally unveiled at the **Kattupalli port**, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The vessel,

built by **Larsen and Toubro**, is the last in the series of seven OPVs contracted to the company by the Ministry of Defence in 2015.

- The **DRDO** has successfully flight-tested a new generation **Anti-Radiation Missile (RUDRAM-1)** at the **Wheeler Island** off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from **SU-30 Mk1 fighter aircraft**.
- A two-day Coastal Security Exercise namely '**Sagar Kavach**' conducted by the **Indian Navy** along with **Indian Coast Guard** and all stakeholders involved in **Coastal Security** from the **coast of Kerala**. The exercise was monitored from Joint Operations Centre, **Kochi**.

## Science and Technology

- **World Space Week (WSW)** is observed from **October 4 to 10** every year to celebrate science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition. The 2020 theme is "**Satellites Improve Life.**"
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has launched the Northrop Grumman Cygnus resupply spacecraft named "**SS Kalpana Chawla**" after its astronaut Kalpana Chawla.
- The **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** will be commissioning India's largest HPC-AI supercomputer '**PARAM Siddhi - AI**'. This initiative will place India among the top countries in global AI supercomputing research and innovation. The initiative was headed by **Abhishek Das**, Scientist and Program Director (HPC-AI Infrastructure Development) at C-DAC, who conceived the idea and designed the architecture for the largest **HPC-AI infrastructure in India**.

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## Awards and Recognitions

- The **Right Livelihood Award Foundation** has announced the four winners of the **2020 Right Livelihood Award 2020** which is also known as the alternative Nobel Prize in Stockholm. The four activists **Ales Bialiatski** of Belarus, **Nasrin Sotoudeh** of Iran, **Bryan Stevenson** of the United States(US) and **Lottie Cunningham Wren** of Nicaragua shared the 2020 award for their contribution towards **equality, democracy, justice and freedom.**
- The **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2020** was awarded jointly to **Harvey J. Alter(America), Charles M. Rice (America)** and **Michael Houghton (Britain)** for the discovery of the **Hepatitis C virus.**
- The **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** has presented the **lifetime achievement award** to business icon **Ratan Tata** for his pioneering role in the Business Relations of India-USA and for his lifetime achievement in Global Leadership. This award was announced in the virtual event of IACC **“COVID Crusader Award-2020”.**
- The Nobel Prize in Physics 2020 was divided, one half awarded to **Roger Penrose** for the discovery that **black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.** The other half jointly to **Reinhard Genzel** and **Andrea Ghez** for the discovery of a **supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy.**
- The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded to **Emmanuelle Charpentier** and **Jennifer A. Doudna** “for the development of a method for genome editing”. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by **The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.**
- The **Nobel Prize in Literature for 2020** is awarded to the American poet **Louise Glück** “for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal”.
- Noted Odia poet, **Nityanand Nayak** will be conferred the prestigious **Sarala Puraskar** for his poetry work ‘**Setebelaku Nathiba**’, published in **2017.**
- The **Norwegian Nobel Committee** has decided to award the **Nobel Peace Prize for 2020** to the **World Food Programme (WFP).** The World Food Programme is the world’s largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security. In 2019, the WFP provided assistance to close to 100 million people in 88 countries who are victims of acute food insecurity and hunger.

## Summit and Conference

- The **12th BRICS Summit** is scheduled to be held on **17th November 2020** via video conference. This is the first time in the history of the forum that the meeting will be held virtually, due to the global COVID pandemic. The Summit is being held under the Chairmanship of **Russia.** The theme of the Meeting of the Leaders of BRICS countries is **“BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth”.**
- Quad Countries’ Foreign Minister meet held in **Tokyo, Japan.** All four Quad countries the **United States, Japan, India and Australia** to hold bilateral discussions over **“Free and Open Indo-Pacific” (FOIP)** initiative amid coronavirus pandemic. This is the second Quad FM meeting. The first was held in 2019.

## Ranks and Reports

- The **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** Chairman **Mukesh Ambani,** has topped the **Forbes India Rich list for 2020.** The tycoon added **\$37.3 billion** to his net worth, to bring his total fortune to **\$88.7 billion,** a rise of **73%** over the previous year. The second spot has been retained by Adani Group Chairman **Gautam Adani,** with a net worth of **\$25.2 billion.** Tech tycoon **Shiv Nadar** acquired the third spot with a net worth of **\$20.4 billion.**

## Sports News

- India’s **Visnu Shivaraj Pandian** has won the 10m air rifle event at the fifth edition of the **International Online Shooting Championship.** The 16-year-old Visnu shot 251.4 to win the title by a clear margin of two points. The world No. 27 **Etienne Germond** of France came second followed by **Martin Strempl** of Austria at third place.

## Important Days

- **World Teachers’ Day** is observed globally on **5th October** since **1994.** In 2020, World Teachers’ Day will celebrate teachers with the theme **“Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future”.**

- The United Nations designated the **first Monday of October** as **World Habitat Day**. In 2020, the World Habitat Day is being celebrated on **5th October**. The theme for 2020 World Habitat Day is **“Housing For All — A Better Urban Future”** as a proper place to live has become important more than ever.
- **Wildlife Week** is annually celebrated across India between **2nd to 8th October** with an aim to protect and preserve the flora and fauna of India. Wildlife Week 2020 marks the **66th Wildlife Week** which is celebrated under the theme **RoarR (Roar and Revive) – Exploring Human-Animal Relationships**.
- **World Cotton Day (WCD)** is observed globally on **7th October** since 2019. The international day aims to celebrate the advantages of cotton, ranging from its qualities as a natural fibre to the benefits people obtain from its production, transformation, trade and consumption.
- **World Post Day** is observed on **9th October** every year. World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the **Universal Postal Union** in **1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern**.
- **World Mental Health Day** is observed globally on **10th October** every year. This year’s theme set by the **World Federation for Mental Health** is ‘**mental health for all**’.
- In India, the **National Postal Day** is celebrated annually on **10 October**, as an extension of **World Post Day**, which is celebrated on **9 October**.
- The **Department of Posts** is celebrating **National Postal Week** from **9-15 October 2020**, to mark the occasion of the **World Postal Day**.
- **World Migratory Bird Day** is observed globally on **9 May** or **10th October**. This time the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2020 is **“Birds Connect Our World”**.

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## Obituaries

- Veteran social activist, **Prof Pushpa Bhawe**, also known as the **Iron Lady of Mumbai**, has passed away.
- The incumbent Emir (King or Ruler) of the Kuwait **Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah**, has passed away. He had ruled the oil-rich Gulf Arab state since 2006.
- Bollywood actress **Mishti Mukherjee**, who has featured in many Hindi, Bengali and Telugu films, and music videos has passed away.
- Three-time member of Legislative Council and veteran Samajwadi Party leader from Auraiya, **Mulayam Singh Yadav** passed away. He had been the block chief of **Auraiya’s block, Bhagya Nagar** for more than a decade.
- Afghanistan right-handed batsman, **Najeeb Tarakai** passed away in a road accident.
- Veteran Bollywood actor, **Vishal Anand** has passed away. He came to fame with 1976 super-hit song and film ‘Chalte Chalte’.
- Former Governor of Manipur and Nagaland, and **ex-CBI Director, Ashwani Kumar** passed away. He was born at Nahan in Sirmaur district and joined the **Indian Police Force** in 1973.
- Union minister of consumer affairs, food and public distribution, **Ram Vilas Paswan** passed away. He was born on 5 July 1946. He was also the president of the **Lok Janshakti Party**, eight-time Lok Sabha member and current Rajya Sabha MP.
- **Mario José Molina**, the only Mexican scientist to receive the Nobel Prize, passed away. He was born on 19th March 1943 in Mexico City, Mexico. He shared the **1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry** with **Frank Sherwood Rowland** of the United States(US) and **Paul Crutzen** of the Netherlands for their 1970 research on the **damage to the Ozone layer**.
- Former Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, **Justice KK Usha**, passed away. She served as a judge from **1991 to 2000**. And when she was appointed Chief Justice of the **Kerala High Court** from 2000 to 2001, Justice Usha became the first woman to join the High Court Judiciary from the Bar and became a Chief Justice.

## Miscellaneous News

- The red cherry pepper chilli of **Sikkim** which is locally known as the **“Dalle Khursani”** has earned the **geographical indication (GI) tag** from the Union department of Industry promotion and internal trade.

- The **Puducherry airport** has become the first airport of the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** which is entirely solar-powered. The **500KWp** ground-mounted solar power plant was commissioned on 2nd October 2020.
- Delhi CM **Arvind Kejriwal** has announced the launch of the anti-pollution campaign '**Yudh Pradushan Ke Virudh**' to reduce the pollution level in Delhi. An anti-dust campaign is being initiated by the Delhi government to settle the dust.

### Static Takeaways

- Capital of Myanmar: Naypyitaw.
- The currency of Myanmar: Burmese kyat.
- President of Myanmar: Win Myint.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal.
- Chairman-Cum-Managing Director of Cotton Corporation of India: Pradeep Kumar Agarwal.
- Cotton Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Cotton Corporation of India Founded: 31 July 1970.
- China Capital: Beijing.
- China Currency: Renminbi.
- China President: Xi Jinping.
- The emir named Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, currently the deputy head of the National Guard, as the crown prince of Kuwait.
- Kuwait Capital: Kuwait City.
- Kuwait Currency: Kuwaiti dinar.
- Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
- Russia Capital: Moscow.
- Russia Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Capital of Jordan: Amman.
- The currency of Jordan: Jordanian dinar.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma.
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem
- Israel Currency: Israeli Shekel
- Israel Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Swiggy CEO: Vishal Bhatia.
- Swiggy Founded: 2014.
- Swiggy Headquarters: Bangalore, India.
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment: Thaawar Chand Gehlot.
- Vistara Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana.

- Vistara CEO: Leslie Thng.
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Axis Bank MD and CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry.
- Amazon Founder: Jeff Bezos.
- Amazon Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Amazon Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security Founded: 1978.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched IPPB in 2018.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) was incorporated as Payments Banking Company under Section 22 (1) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- CEO of Association of Mutual Funds in Indian: S. Venkatesh.
- DRDO Chairman: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Indian Coast Guard Director General: Director General Krishnaswamy Natarajan.
- Indian Coast Guard Founded: 18 August 1978.
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters: Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.
- Indo-American Chamber of Commerce India National President: Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni.
- Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The five-member BRICS states are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Chief Minister of Sikkim: PS Golay.
- Governor of Sikkim: Ganga Prasad.
- Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry (UT): Dr Kiran Bedi.
- Chief Minister of Puducherry: V. Narayanasamy.
- Lieutenant Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- C-DAC Director General: Hemant Darbari.
- C-DAC Established: 1988.
- C-DAC Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra.

- President of World Federation for Mental Health: Ingrid Daniels.
  - World Federation for Mental Health Founded: 1948.
  - Indian Post Secretary: Pradipta Kumar Bisoi.
  - Indian Post Headquarters: New Delhi.
  - Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
  - Rivers: Ganga River, Yamuna River, Saryu River, Bhagirathi River, Gaula River, Kali River.
  - Universal Postal Union Headquarters: Bern, Switzerland.
  - Universal Postal Union Head: Bishar Abdirahman Hussein.
  - Universal Postal Union Founder: Heinrich von Stephan.
  - Universal Postal Union Founded: 9 October 1874.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh

