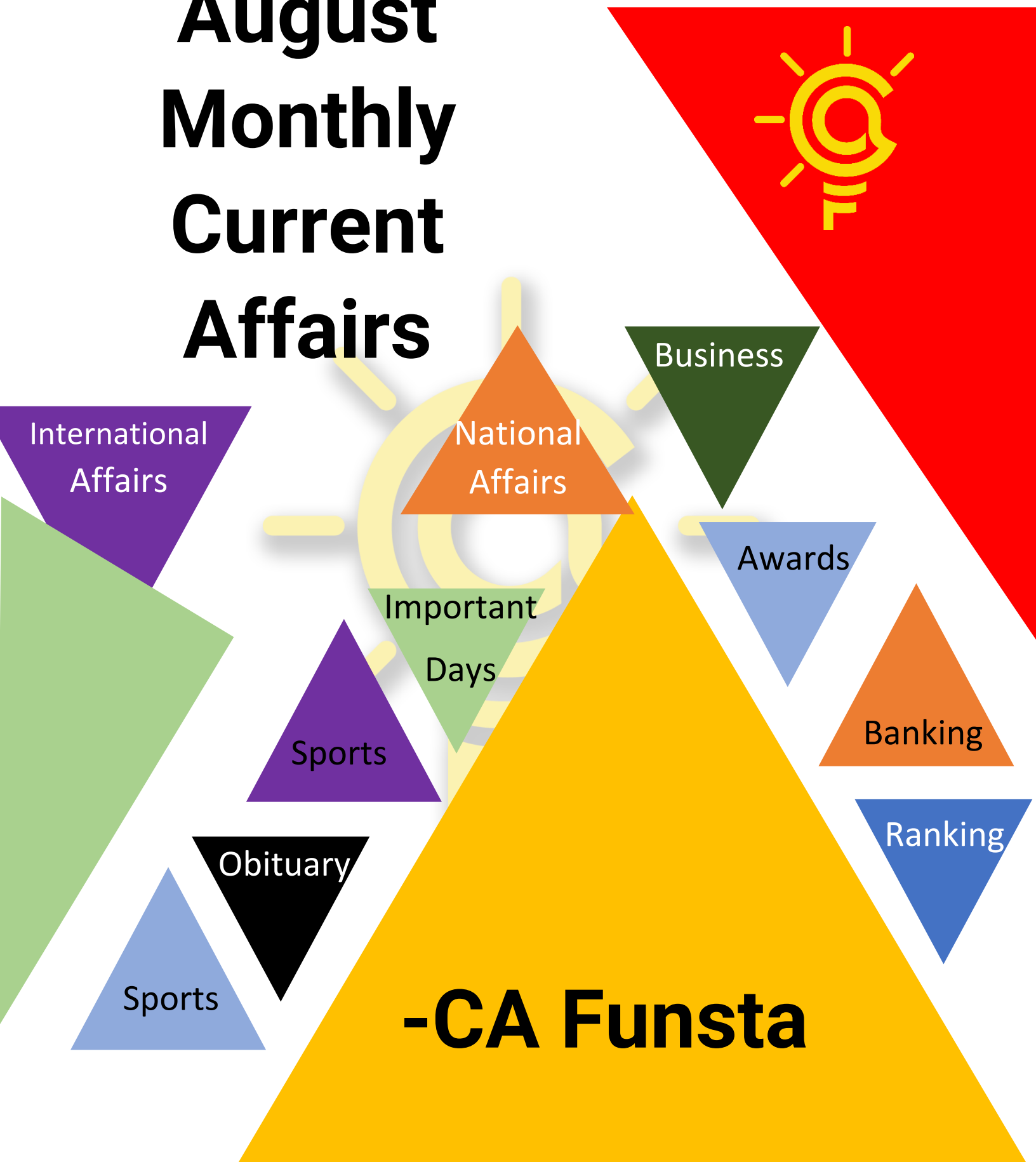


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IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
August 1	World Lung Cancer Day	
August 1 – 7	World Breastfeeding Week	
August 3	Sanskrit Diwas	
August 6.	Hiroshima Day	
August 7	National Handloom Day	
August 9	Nagasaki Day	
August 9	World Tribal Day	COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples' resilience
August 10	World Biofuel day	Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.
August 12	International Youth Day	
August 12	World Elephant Day	
August 19	World Photography Day	
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	
August 20	Sadbhavana Divas	
August 20	Indian Akshay Urja Day or Renewable Energy Day	
August 21	World Senior Citizen day	
August 22	Earth Overshoot Day	
August 24-28	World Water Week	Water and Climate Change : Accelerating Action
August 29	National Sports Day	

Sports

Retirement

1. **Iker Casillas** - announced retirement - Spain's World Cup-winning captain and goalkeeper
2. **Laura Marsh** - Former England all-rounder - retirement from all forms of cricket.
3. **DN Pathirana and KRP Doolwala** – cricket umpires - Sri Lanka - announced Retirement
4. **MS Dhoni (Thala) + Suresh Raina** = Announces Retirement from International Cricket
5. **John Barclay** - Former Scotland captain - has announced his retirement from rugby union
6. **Ayaka Takahashi** - Japan's Olympic doubles champion – Badminton - announces retirement
7. **Cameron White** - announces retirement- Australian Cricket
8. **Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan** – Tennis - announced retirement – USA
9. **Gareth Barry** – Football - announced retirement – UK
10. **Tharanga Paranavitana** - retire from International Cricket – Sri Lanka

Grand Prix

1. 2020 British Grand Prix

Rank	Player	Team
1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
2	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari

2. F1 70th Anniversary Grand Prix - Silverstone, England

Rank	Player
1	Max Verstappen
2	Lewis Hamilton
3	Valtteri Bottas

3. Belgian Grand Prix

Rank	Player
1	Lewis Hamilton
2	Valtteri Bottas
3	Max verstappen

OTHERS

1. **Start of Tour de France** - Denmark - postponed to 2022.
2. **India** – to host ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 – October - November 2023 - Final date 26 November 2023
3. **India** – to host ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 - October - November 2021 – Final date 14 November 2021.
4. **Australia** – to host ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 - October - November 2022 – the final on 13 November 2022.
5. **New Zealand** - The 2021 Women's ODI World Cup is postponed to 2022 - February-March 2022
6. **Anshula Rao** - Madhya Pradesh women cricket - suspended by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) after failing a dope test.
7. **AIFF + SAI** = E-Pathshala - to recognize the creativity and develop interest in football

8. **Dream 11** - the winner of IPL 2020 title Sponsorship

Rank	Company
1	Dream 11
2	BYJUs
3	Unacademy

9. **Bayern Munich** - won sixth Champions League title - over Paris Saint Germain.

10. **Sophia Popov(Germany)** - Women's British Open – over Jasmine Suwannapura(Thailand)

11. **India** - BRICS Games in 2021

12. **James Anderson(England)** - the first fast bowler to bag 600 wickets in Tests

13. **Qatar** - 2027 Asian Cup

14. **China** - 2023 Asian Cup

15. **BCCI** - announces Indian edutech company “Unacademy” as Official Partner for IPL till 2022

16. **Alexander Kristoff** - opening stage of Tour de France – Norway Cyclist

17. **Nihal Sarin and Divya Deshmukh** - joint winners of the 2020 Online Chess Olympiad

18. **Lyon** - Fifth Straight Women's Champions League title - beating Wolfsburg

OBITUARIES

1.POLITICIANS

1. **Amar Singh** - Rajya Sabha MP + Former Samajwadi Party leader
2. **Anant Shet** - Former speaker of Goa Assembly and BJP leader
3. **Kamal Rani Varun** - Minister of Technical Education of Uttar Pradesh
4. **John Hume** – Politician - Nobel Peace Prize
5. **Sunnam Rajaiah** - Three-time MLA and CPM state secretariat member – Telangana
6. **B. Satyanarayana** - Janata Dal (Secular) legislator – Karnataka
7. **Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar** - former Chief Minister of Maharashtra
8. **Shyamal Chakraborty** - Veteran CPIM leader and former West Bengal Minister
9. **Mahender Khattri** - Yamunagar district's BJP president
10. **Nandi Yellaiah** - Veteran Congress leader and eight-time parliamentarian from Telangana
11. **Rajiv Tyagi** – Politician – Congress Party
12. **Chetan Chauhan** – Cricketer and a cabinet minister in Uttar Pradesh government
13. **Samaresh Das** - West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress legislator
14. **Sudhakar Paricharak** - a five-time Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Pandharpur
15. **A Rahman Khan** - Former Tamil Nadu cabinet minister and senior DMK leader
16. **Janmejay Singh** – Politician, BJP Party - Uttar Pradesh
17. **H. Vasanthakumar** - Congress MP and Businessman
18. **Ramdeo Rai** - Veteran Congress leader, multiple term Bihar MLA and former Lok Sabha member
19. **Pranab Mukherjee** - Former President (13th President)

2. CINE FIELDS

1. **Wilford Brimley** – Actor
2. **Anupama Pathak** - Bhojpuri actress
3. **Franca Valeri** - Pioneering comic actor – Italy
4. **Ben Cross** - British actor
5. **Chadwick Boseman** – Actor – America
6. **Alan Parker** - British filmmaker
7. **V Swaminathan** - Film producer – Tamil Nadu
8. **Nishikant Kamat** - Marathi Film Maker
9. **Antony Basker Raj** - Film Maker – Kerala
10. **Joe Ruby** – Animator - Scooby-Doo – USA

3. SPORTS PERSONS

1. **James Harris** - former American wrestler
2. **Yadupati Singhania** - president of Uttar Pradesh state Cricket Association
3. **Gopalaswamy Kasturirangan** – Cricketer – Tamil Nadu
4. **Purshottam Rai** - Veteran athletics coach Purshottam Rai – Karnataka
5. **Manitombi Singh** - Former India defender and Mohun Bagan captain – Manipur

4.WRITERS

1. **RahatIndori** – Urdu Poet - Madhya Pradesh
2. **Ashok Sahil** – Urdu Poet - Uttar Pradesh
3. **Randall Kenan** – American Author
4. **SadiaDehlvi** - Writer and activist – Delhi

5.SINGERS

1. **Dr B Siva Kumar** - Renowned Carnatic musician & Veena artist – Tamil Nadu
2. **PanditJasraj** – Vocalist - the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri.
3. **Jack Sherman** – American Guitarist
4. **Trini Lopez** - singer and guitarist – American
5. **ArchanaMahanta** - folk singer – Assam

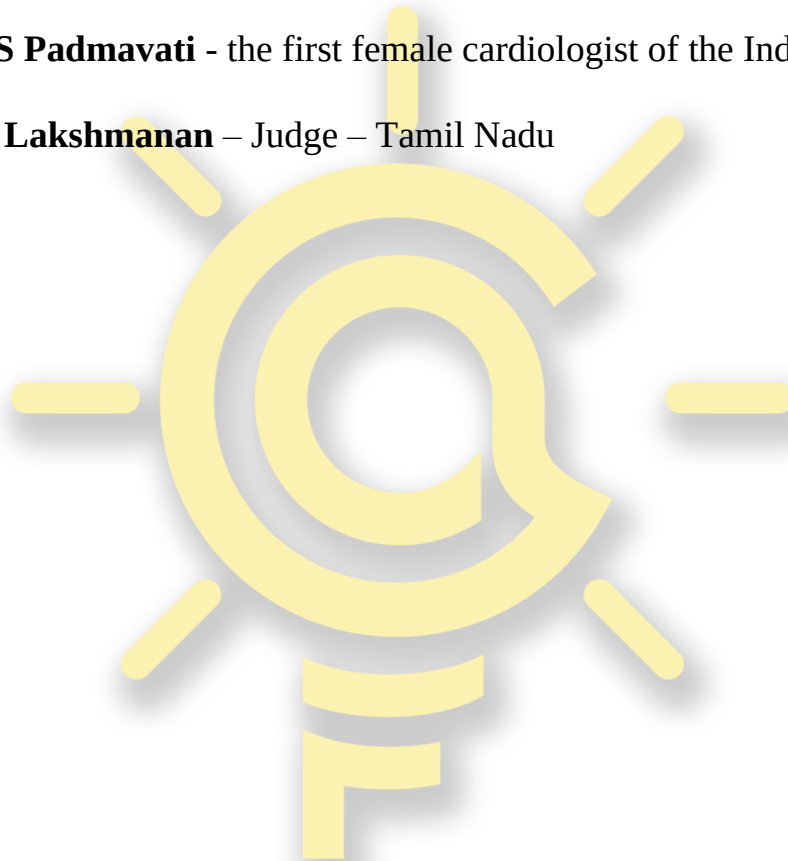
6.OTHER FIELDS

1. **Doris Buffett** – American Philanthropist
2. **Mukund Lath** - a scholar, philosopher, musicologist and cultural historian
3. **Sumner Redstone** – American – Businessman

4. **Robert Trump** – Businessman
5. **Gail Sheehy** –Pop sociologist, Commentator, Journalist – USA
6. **Arnold Spielberg** – Computer pioneer – USA

Other Fields (Contd)

7. **Julia Reed** – Chronicler
8. **Dr S Padmavati** - the first female cardiologist of the India
9. **AR Lakshmanan** – Judge – Tamil Nadu



RANKING

ASEEM portal

seeking skilled workforce to resume industrial activities

Rank	State
1 st	Karnataka
2 nd	Maharashtra
3 rd	Delhi

Forbes magazine

World's Highest-Paid Male Actors

Rank	Actor
1 st	Dwayne Johnson
2 nd	Ryan Reynolds
3 rd	Mark Wahlberg
6 th	Akshay Kumar

- ❖ **Punjab** - first rank in operationalization of Health and Welfare Centers - rankings released by the Centre

Knight Frank report

'Prime Global Cities Index Q2 2020'

Rank	City
1 st	Manila, The Phillippine
2 nd	Tokyo, Japan
3 rd	Stockholm, Sweden
26 th	Bengaluru, India
27 th	Delhi, India

32 nd	Mumbai, India
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Forbes

Real Time Billionaires List

Rank	Owner
1 st	Jezz Bezos, Amazon
2 nd	Bill Gates , Microsoft
3 rd	Bernard Arnault & family

LVMH

7th Rank Mukesh Ambani, Reliance Industries

Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020

Rank	IITs
1 st	IIT Madras
2 nd	IIT Bombay
3 rd	IIT Delhi
4 th	IISc Bengaluru
5 th	IIT Kharagpur

List of MUDRA loan scheme beneficiaries in women

Rank	State
1 st	Tamil Nadu
2 nd	West Bengal
3 rd	Karnataka

Export Preparedness Index 2020

released by NITI Aayog

Rank	State
1 st	Gujarat
2 nd	Maharashtra
3 rd	Tamil Nadu

Global Ranking of Average Wages Report

This Report is prepared by Picodi.com.

Rank	Country
1 st	Switzerland
2 nd	Luxembourg
3 rd	United States
72 nd	India

AWARDS

1. **Sunil Kumar Vuppala - Zinnov Award 2020** - contribution to the field of artificial intelligence and data analytics
2. **Dipankar Ghose - Prem Bhatia Award 2020** - political reporting
3. **P. Sainath's People's Archive of India - Prem Bhatia Award 2020** - reporting on environmental and development issues
4. **11 Women - Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment award**
5. **IIT Kharagpur (Prof Partha Saha and Dr Aditya Bandopadhyay) - 'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020'** - for developing a mechanism for generating electricity from wet clothes left under sunlight to dry.
6. **IIT Kharagpur(Prof Sunando Dasgupta and his team) - 'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020'** - "Smart, flexible, and multi-functional thermal and energy management systems for next-generation electronic devices".
7. **Moothon and Run Kalyani** - Best Film award at the 20th edition of New York Indian Film Festival.
8. **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology - the Smart India Hackathon 2020** - provide a solution titled "**DRISHTI**" to recognize face, expression and gesture using artificial intelligence
9. **Piyush Chanana - Neilom Prize for 2019** - contribution in the space of assistive technology to empower people with disabilities
10. **Chingari - AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge's 'Social' category**
11. **Mitron** - special mention of **AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge**

12. **FSSAI - The Food Systems Vision Prize** for its 'Eat Right India' movement -

13. **Jamia** students' crop prediction software - Rs 1 lakh at **Smart India Hackathon 2020**.

14. **Dr Raj Paroda** - the **Dr MS Swaminathan Award** for Environment Protection 2020 - by the Rotary Club of Madras East

15. **Akshat Malik** - the **Indian Achievers Award 2020** for Healthcare Excellence

16. 121 Police personnel - "**Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation**" for the year 2020 - include twenty one (21) women police officers.

17. **REHAU Polymers** = Prestigious **IKC Innovative Kitchen Product Award** (Materials)

18. **Gagan Arora** = "CEO Of The Year 2020" Award.

19. **Soumya Swaminathan** - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's special award

20. **Senthamizh Selvi + Muthamaal + Ananthavalli** = The Kalpana Chawla Award

21. **Tirunagari Ramanujam** = the Dasaradhi Award for 2020 = honored by Telangana Chief Minister

22. Pallikkutam National Award

Prize	Rural Schools
Gold	St Christopher School, Chessore, Village, Nagaland
Silver	DAV Public School, Haryana
Bronze	CMI Christ School, Iritty in Kerala

23. **UST Global** - PMI Kerala Community **Project of the Year Award for 2020**

24. **Dwijing Festival**, Assam - 5 Awards At **WOW Awards Asia – 2020**.

25. **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2020**

Rank	City
1	Indore, Madhya Pradesh
2	Surat, Gujarat

3	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
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26. **River Ganga, Varanasi** –the **Cleanest Town Award** in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

27. **New Delhi** - the **Cleanest Capital City** in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

28. **Chhattisgarh** -the first place in the states with over 100 cities in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

29. **Jharkhand** -the state in the category of states with less than 100 cities in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

30. **Jalandhar Cantonment Board** -the **Cleanest Cantonment Board** in the country in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

31. **Ahmedabad in Gujarat** - the **Cleanest City** with over 40 lakh population in **Swachh Survekshan awards 2020**

32. **Techgentsia Software Technologies Private Limited, Kerala** - **V-Consol app** - '**AatmaNirbhar Bharat Innovation Challenge** for the development of **videoconferencing solution**'

33. '**Am I?**' - first prize in **Online Patriotic Short Film Contest** - directed by **Abhijit Paul**

34. **Reshma Mohandas** - the **Tomyas Award** – **Kerala**

35. **The Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune** - **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2020**

37. **NLCIL** - '**Swachhta Hi Seva**'(cleanliness is service) **2019 award**

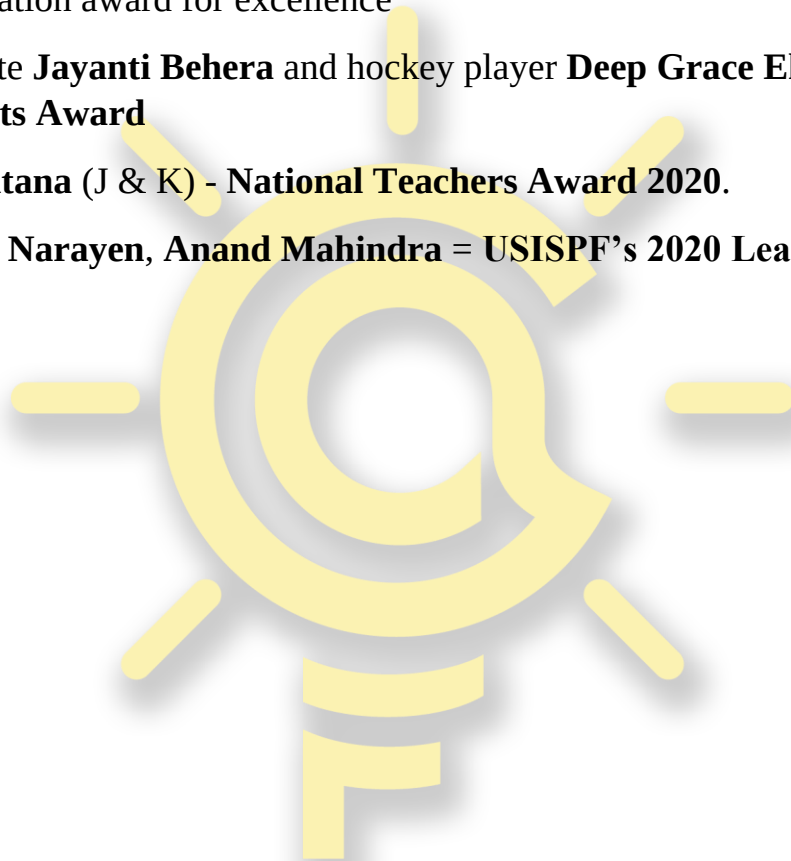
38. **Sonam Gyaltsan** - the **National Award to Teacher, 2020** – **Ladakh**

39. **Wabag** - the **Prestigious Global Water Award**

40. **Marieke Lucas Rijneveld** - the youngest author to win the **International Booker Prize** - **The Discomfort of Evening**

41. **Inam-Ur-Rehman** - honored with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the **Madhya Pradesh government** – **Hockey**

42. International Hockey player **Karishma Yadav** - the **Vikram Award** from the Madhya Pradesh government for excellence in sports.
43. **Ishika Chaudhary** -receive **Eklavya Award** from MP govt - Indian Junior Women's Hockey team
44. **Satyendra Singh** - first **Divyang sportsperson of country** to get prestigious Adventure Award – Swimmer – Madhya Pradesh
45. The '**Vattatha Uravakkayi Jalasamrudhi**' project - **Kattakkada,Kerala** - water conservation award for excellence
46. Para-athlete **Jayanti Behera** and hockey player **Deep Grace Ekka** - **Biju Patnaik Sports Award**
47. **Roohi Sultana (J & K)** - **National Teachers Award 2020**.
48. **Shantanu Narayen, Anand Mahindra** = **USISPF's 2020 Leadership Awards**.



BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

1. **RBI** - 'Innovation Hub' - ideation and incubation of new capabilities
2. **The Reserve Bank of India** - ₹5,000 crore -additional special liquidity facility to National Housing Bank
3. **The Reserve Bank of India** - ₹5,000 crore -additional special liquidity facility to NABARD
4. **RBI** - 'positive pay' - to help avert cheque frauds
5. **RBI** - has recommended a '5 C' approach for dissemination of financial education in the country
6. **RBI** - extended the validity of its directions to Rupee Co-operative Bank till November 30, 2020
7. **The Reserve Bank of India** - Rs 20,000 crore – OMOs
8. **Monetary Policy**

Repo Rate	4.0 %
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35 %
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	4.25 %
Bank Rate	4.25 %

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

1. **The Asian Development Bank + Thailand** = USD 1.5 billion = to aid its response to the coronavirus pandemic
2. **ADB + Armenia** = \$750,000 =improve resilience to COVID-19 pandemic and other disasters by developing and operationalizing a distance education platform

3. **ADB** - a \$1 billion - to support construction of the modern, high-speed Delhi–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System
4. **ADB** - \$ 250 million - Myanmar Respond to COVID 19
5. **ADB** - \$ 300 million - Philippine Financial Inclusion reforms
6. **ADB** - \$125 M – To help Philippine' COVID-19 health response

WORLD BANK

1. **World Bank + Bangladesh** = \$202 million = to additional financing for the modern food storage facilities project
2. **World Bank** - \$8.8 M - To support Jordanian municipalities to deal with COVID-19 impact

AIIB

1. **AIIB + India** = \$8-billion = improving health infrastructure at the district level
2. **Government of India + AIIB** = \$500 million = to improve the network capacity, service quality and safety of the suburban railway system in Mumbai

SEBI

1. **SEBI**- virtual museum of securities market
2. **Sebi** - has imposed a fine of Rs 10 lakh – BoB - for violating mutual fund regulations

NABARD

1. **NABARD + Ujjivan Small Finance Bank + Vivriti** = Rs 25000 crore = funding support to low income households
2. **NABARD** - 'Structured Finance and Partial Guarantee Program' for Non-Banking Finance Companies-Micro Finance Institutions

INSURANCE

1. **Aditya Birla Health Insurance** ='Active Dayz@Home' =to facilitate seamless healthcare to patrons during the lockdown
2. **Aditya Birla Health Insurance** =Activ Health, Activ Assure and Activ Care = hospitalisation covers, in-patient treatment, pre-hospitalisation, post-hospitalisation, and ambulance cover for COVID-19
3. **Aditya Birla Health Insurance** = #HealthFromHome = re-imagined a healthy lifestyle for Indians during the lockdown.
4. **Airtel Payments Bank + Bharti AXA General Insurance** = to offer Shop Insurance for its retailers and merchants
5. **LIC** - a special revival campaign for its customers to revive their individual lapsed policies
6. **Muthoot Finance + Kotak Mahindra General Insurance** = to offer COVID-19 insurance cover of up to Rs 1 lakh against gold loan.
7. **Bharti AXA Life Insurance Co. Ltd + SBM Bank India** = bancassurance
8. **Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank + SBI General Insurance Co Ltd** = to sell general insurance products through the branches
9. **SBI General Insurance** - 'Shagun - Gift an insurance' policy
10. **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** - a pet dog insurance policy that covers pet dogs
11. **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** - 'Smart Assist' - real-time assistance to customers
12. **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance + Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank** = to offer Life Insurance
13. **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** - 'LiGo' - customer service chatbot on Google Assistant.

OTHERS

1. **BOB Financial Solutions Limited + Innoviti** = Bank of Baroda Credit Card offers EMIs on PoS Terminals
2. **South Indian Bank** - for setting up a wholly owned non-financial subsidiary
3. **Export-Import Bank of India + Mozambique** = USD 250-million = improving power supply quality
4. **Endiya Fund II** - a commitment of \$10 million from the International Finance Corporation

5. **BSE StAR MF** - StAR MF Corp Direct - for corporates, which will simplify the investment process.
6. **Razorpay** - Payment Buttons for startups and small businesses
7. **Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund** - Mahindra Manulife Arbitrage Yojana - investment in arbitrage opportunities available in equity, derivatives and debt markets.
8. **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India + Poonawalla Finance Limited** = to offer special loans for Chartered Accountants = Loan Amount up to ₹ 30 Lakhs = Loan Tenure up to 60 Months
9. **Federal Bank** = Fiserv to Support Launch of Their First Independent Credit Card
10. **Standard Chartered Bank + Airtel Africa** = to enhance financial inclusion across key markets in Africa
11. **SBI** - "KCC Review option" – on YONO Krishi to enable farmers to access their KCC limit in four clicks
12. **HDFC Bank** - 'Shaurya KGC Card' - armed forces engaged in agricultural activities - life cover of ₹10 lakh
13. **PNB** - "DIGITAL APNAYEN" – to encourage customers to use digital banking channels
14. **5paisa** - 5paisa school - to guide investors in stock market.
15. **Fino Payments Bank** - Jan BachatKhata - neo-banking experience to consumers
16. **HSBC India** - 'Green Deposit Programme' - corporate clients to finance green initiatives
17. **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** - Lakshmi DigiGo - to enable opening of savings account instantly.
18. **State Bank of India + AddaCorner** = online home carnival to Boost Real Estate Deals In Bengaluru
19. **The Green Climate Fund** - \$25.6 M - To Sudan, designed to promote agriculture, health, and food and water security
20. **ICICI Bank** - use of satellite data to power credit assessment of farmers
21. **Axis Bank** - Axis Liberty Savings Account - for millennial customers
22. **HSBC India** - Omni Collect - to provide multiple payment options on single platform

23. **HDFC Bank + Adobe** = to enhance the digital experience journey of its customers
24. **Bank of Maharashtra** - Loan Lifecycle Management System - to digitize credit delivery system
25. **State Bank of India** - Brandon Hall Excellence Award for Best Learning Program supporting a Change Transformation Business Strategy
26. **IRCTC + SBI Card** = new Co- branded Contactless Credit Card on RuPay Platform

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

FLIPKART

1. **Flipkart + UP government** = One District, One Product scheme
2. **Flipkart** - 'Flipkart Leap' - the e-commerce giant's first startup accelerator programme to help new and upcoming firms.
3. **Flipkart + Sastodeal in Nepal** = to enable cross-border trade
4. **Flipkart + Assam** = to promote local art, craft and handlooms

AMAZON

1. **Amazon** - 'Project Kuiper' - to deploy and operate its constellation of 3,236 satellites to beam affordable Internet services.
2. **Bharti Airtel + Amazon** = deliver cloud solutions to large enterprise and small and medium enterprise customers in India

TECH MAHINDRA

1. **Tech Mahindra** – Mhealthy - to enable workforce and community safety against COVID-19.
2. **Tech Mahindra** - 'Upskilling-as-a-Service' - to accelerate new-age skill development for over 60,000 employees globally to create a 'fit for future' workforce.
3. **Tech Mahindra + Niti Aayog's WEP** = to support women entrepreneurs in India

OTHERS

1. **Tata Steel** – FerroHaat – to source steel scrap from the traders.
2. **Google** - Kormo app in India to help people find jobs
3. **IBM India** + **NSDC** = to offer free digital skills training to learners in India
4. **RedSeer Consulting** - Digital payments in India are expected to grow over three-folds to Rs 7,092 trillion by 2025
5. **Mahindra & Mahindra** + **Israel-based REE Automotive** = to manufacture commercial electric vehicles
6. **Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) India** + **CII Institute of Logistics** - the e-commerce retail market is expected to cross the \$100-billion mark by 2024

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. **IndusInd Bank** - 7.82% stake in Eveready by invoking pledged shares
2. **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** - to merge Bharti AXA's non-life insurance business with itself

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. **"Siyasat Mein Sadasyata"** - Vijay Kumar Choudhary(Author) - Bihar Chief Minister(Released)
2. **'Swachh Bharat Kranti'** - Union Ministers Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Smt Smriti Irani (launched) - Shri Parameswaran Iyer(Author)
3. **"Amazing Ayodhya"** = Neena Rai(Author)
4. **'Connecting, Communicating, Changing'** - A book chronicling the third year in office of the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu – released by the Union Minister of Defence
5. **'The Beauty of Living Twice'** - Sharon Stone. - Alfred A Knopf (published)
6. **"Disloyal: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump"** - Michael Cohen
7. **"Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020"** - Arjun Subramaniam
8. **"The Greatest Secret"** - Rhonda Byrne - published by Thorsons in the UK and across all HarperCollins locations in India, Australia, Canada among other places
9. **'NETAJI: India's Independence and British Archives'** -Dr. Kalyan Kumar De -launched by Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
10. **'Grandparents' Bag of Stories'** - Sudha Murthy -Published by Penguin Random House
11. **' One Arranged Murder'** - Chetan Bhagat - Published by Westland Publications Ltd
12. **"Who painted my lust red?"** - Sree Iyer
13. **'Cricket Drona'** - Vasoo Paranjape(Renowned) – Jatin + Anand Vasu(Author)
14. **'Lalit Bhasin – A Lifetime Dedicated to Law'** – Released by jurist Fali S Narimann – published by Matrix Publishing Group

15. 'The 21-Day Immunity Plan: How to Rapidly Improve Your Metabolic Health and Resilience to Fight Infection' - Dr Aseem Malhotra

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. **Chandan Kumar Mondol** - NTPC Director Commercial
2. **Sumit Deb** – Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NMDC Limited – N. Baijendra Kumar(Replaced)
3. **Pradip Shah** – set up by IFSCA – to formulate a plan to develop international retail business at the International Financial Services Centre.
4. **Naval Kishore Ram** - Deputy Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office
5. **Manoj Sinha** – lieutenant governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir – Girish Chandra Murmu(Replaced)
6. **G C Murmu** – the next Comptroller & Auditor General of India – Rajiv Mehrishi(Replaced)
7. **Pradeep Kumar Joshi** – UPSC Chairman – Arvind Saxena(Replaced)
8. **P S Ranipse** –Inspector General in Central Reserve Police Force
9. **Pramod Bhasin** – Chairman of ICRIER (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations) – Isher Judge Ahluwalia(Replaced)
10. **Soma Mondal** – chairman of Steel Authority of India – Anil Chaudhary
11. **Harbhajan Singh** – brand ambassador of eBikeGO
12. **Rakesh Asthana** –the chief of the Border Security Force
13. **Satya Pal Malik** - Governor for Meghalaya.
14. **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** – the Governor of Goa.
15. **Rajiv Kumar** – Election Commissioner – Ashok Lavasa(Replaced)
16. **G Satheesh Reddy** - reappointed as chairman of DRDO as 2 years
17. **Sanjiv Singh** – Group President of Reliance Industries Ltd.
18. **Sanjay Bhatia** – the Upa-Lokayukta of Maharashtra
19. **Usha Padhee** – first woman DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
20. **Aveek Sarkar** – Chairman of Press Trust of India – Vijay Kumar Chopra(Replaced)
21. **Actress Kiara Advani** – Brand Ambassador of Myntra

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. **Irfaan Ali** – Guyana President
2. **Andrzej Duda** – President of Poland.
3. **Mahinda Rajapaksa** – Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
4. **Alexander Lukashenko** – President of Belarus
5. **Walter Roger Martos Ruiz** – 18th Prime Minister of Peru
6. **Keith Rowley** - PM of The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
7. **Mustapha Adib** – PM of Lebanon

BANKING APPOINTMENTS

1. **S N Rajeswari** –Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Oriental Insurance Company Limited.
2. **Sashidhar Jagdishan** - new CEO of HDFC Bank - Aditya Puri(Replaced_
3. **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** - MD and CEO of SBI Cards & Payment Services ltd - Hardayal Prasad(Replaced)
4. **Ajay Tyagi** - to extend term as SEBI chairman - 18 months
5. **Hardayal Prasad** – MD and CEO of PNB Housing Finance
6. **Subhash Sheoratan Mundra** – Executive Chairman of Indiabulls Housing Finance – Sameer Gehlaut(Replaced)
7. **G P Garg** - Executive Director of SEBI
8. **Ashwani Bhatia** – MD of SBI
9. **Vinay Tonse** – MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Fund – Ashwani Bhatia(Replaced)
10. **Akinwumi A. Adesina** – re-elect President of the African Development Bank for next 5 years
11. **Sumit Gupta** – Chief Risk Officer of Yes Bank
12. **Ashish Chandak** – Chief Compliance Officer of Yes Bank

COMMITTEES

1. **KV Kamath** -set up by RBI - panel for one-time restructuring of loans

2. **G K Pillai** – Members – 3 – to fix ceiling rates under duty reimbursement scheme for exporters.
3. **VK paul** – Panel to discuss matters related to the Procurement and distribution of Covid-19 vaccines.
4. **S S Chahar** – 5 member panel – to probe into the Air India Express aircraft crash at Kozhikode airport.
5. **Dr.Sandeep Saxena** – Tamil Nadu – 12-member State-level committee – to look into all aspects of the draft Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2020 issued by the Centre.
6. **T L Alamelu** – 10 Members Committee – bats for a new non-profit company to minimize insurance losses.
7. **Ramesh Chand** – A Niti Aayog task force has recommended linking sugarcane prices to sugar rates to keep the industry in sound financial health.
8. **Lt. Gen. DB Shekatkar** – 3-member committee – assessment the efficient utilization of the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Companies (AFHQ CS) cadre.
9. **V. Ramagopal Rao** – an expert committee to redefine the role of DRDO for the current and futuristic Defence and battlefield scenarios.

Science and Technology

IIT IN NEWS

IISC BENGALURU

1. **JNCASR + IIScBangaluru** =devise adaptive model = to estimate & strategize critical resources in Covid-19 pandemic
2. **IISc Bangalore + ISRO** = sustainable process for making brick-like structures on the moon
3. **Karnataka** - mobile RT-PCR covid-19 testing lab - IIScBangalore(Develop)

IIT MADRAS:

1. **IIT Madras' Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre + Helyxon** = developed remote patient monitoring solutions for Covid-19
2. **IIT Madras + Center for Development of Advance Computing** = two microprocessors named SHAKTI (32 bit) and VEGA (64bit)
3. **IIT Madras + Stuttgart University, Germany** = 'co-composting' methods that can be used to safely dispose of toxic pharmaceutical wastewater and sludge
4. **IIT Madras** - a new material to effectively split Water into Hydrogen and Oxygen using Solar Power
5. **Muse Nanobots, IIT Madras** - a nanotech-coating on textiles that can deactivate coronavirus within five minutes ofcontact
6. **SCTIMST + Modulus Housing,IIT Madras** =to set up portable hospital infrastructure for COVID -19

IIT KANPUR:

1. **IIT Kanpur + Ministry of Defence** = a prompt and predictive grievance redress mechanism using artificial intelligence and machine learning tools
2. **IIT Kanpur incubated Startup Espin Nanotech Private Limited** - N95 Mask named 'Swasa'
3. **BEML Limited + IIT Kanpur** = development of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones

IIT DELHI:

1. **NHAI + IIT Delhi** = Center of Excellence on Use of Artificial Intelligence in Data Driven Decision Making in NHAI
2. **IIT Delhi** - DocStack app - to scan documents such as bills, visiting cards, medical records, etc
3. **Bihar + IIT Delhi** = to set up a geographical information system-based platform for air quality management

IIT GUWAHATI:

1. **IIT Guwahati + Imperial College London, UK** = a tailored 'meta-grid' of nanoparticles

IIT BOMBAY

1. **IIT Bombay+ Delhi+ Tata Projects Limited** = to construct a smog tower in Connaught Place
2. **Navork Innovations Private Ltd and Abstract Ideas, IIT Bombay** - “Avran” -can keep surfaces free from bacteria and virus for 10 days
3. **IIT Bombay + Shiv Nadar University** = technology for production of environment friendly Lithium-Sulfur (Li-S) batteries
4. **Rohit Kumar Chaudhary and KavinAgrawal, IIT Bombay** - AIR Scanner, a free-of-cost document-scanning mobile application

IIT KHARAGPUR:

1. **IIT Kharagpur** = DEEKSHAK - an e-classroom software for teachers
2. **IIT Kharagpur** - micro-needle, which is thinner than a human hair, and a micro-pump for injecting drugs to patients in a painless way

IIIT Allahabad

1. **IIIT Allahabad +Samarkand State University, Uzbekistan** = to collaborate in several fields especially in interdisciplinary areas of research and studies

IIT Patna

1. **.Flipkart + IIT Patna** =research in artificial intelligence, machine learning and natural language processing.

IIT HYDERABAD

1. **USafe Healthcare, IIT Hyderabad** = N95 equivalent mask named US9 mask

IIT ROPAR

1. **IIT Ropar + Momentum India Pvt. Ltd** = A unique UVGI based Room Disinfection Device named “UVSAFE”
2. **Goa Shipyard Limited + IIT Goa** = artificial intelligence, internet of things and computational field dynamics.

IIT ALUMNI COUNCIL

1. **IIT Alumni Council** - India Innovation Network (I2Net) - to accelerate research on infectious diseases, primarily the Covid-19 pandemic
2. **IIT Alumni Council + Lomonosov Moscow State University + Russoft** = build the world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India

OTHERS NEWS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

APPS:

1. **Kashmiri teenager Ashfaq Mehmood Choudhary** - 'Dodo Drop' -a new file sharing app
2. **IKEA India** - IKEA Better Living App - to enable people to live a more sustainable life at home, by following simple and everyday solutions that can help make a difference.
3. **AnkurSinha, Chhattisgarh** - “Guhaar” - for tribal to register grievances with administration.

MASK:

1. **Duke University** - a simple method to visualize how effectively different types of masks prevent the spread of droplets

2. **Deepak Pathania**- 'Multi-Mask' - to enable complete protection against Covid-19
3. **Infection Shield Technologies** - a fabric, which it has made an affordable self-disinfecting mask
4. **MSR India**- copper-filtered N-95 reusable face mask - Dr Copper Care Key, a patented device that reduces risk of touching virus-infected surfaces
5. **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology** – “Pavitrapati” – Biodegradable Face Mask – virus neutralizer to resist against the bacteria/virus.

ROBOTS:

1. **RoDeSo** – ASTRA(Automated Solution for Transportation in Remote Area) - a voice and gesture controlled robot which can be deployed in isolation wards for Covid-19 infected cases.
2. **Nocca Robotics** - a HFOT device which has a greater demand than invasive ventilators for treating fairly critical Covid-19 patients.
3. **HarjeetNath, Tripura University scientist** – WARBOT - to protect doctors from COVID-19 patients
4. **Indian Railways** – MEDBOT - remote-controlled medical trolley to deliver food, medicines to COVID-19 patients.

SPACE NEWS:

1. **Skyroot Aerospace** – Raman - test fired an upper-stage rocket engine

2. **Chandrayaan-2** - to capture image of 'Sarabhai Crater' on Moon
3. **ISRO + Veer SurendraSai University of Technology, Odisha** = for setting up an innovation-cum-incubation to promote knowledge about space research among students
4. **Hubble Space Telescope, NASA** - the immense envelope of gas called a Halo, surrounding the Andromeda galaxy
5. **AstroSat** - an extreme ultraviolet light from a galaxy, which is 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth

MEDICAL FIELD:

1. **UK** - The 90-minute LamPORE swab tests, The DNA Nudgebox machines - out 2 new rapid Covid-19 tests to hospitals, care homes and laboratories to increase testing capacity
2. **INST** - nanorods - reduce pain, fever, or inflammation and found it to be an effective non-invasive small molecule-based nanotherapeutics against cataract
3. **Serum Institute of India + Gavi + the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** = to accelerate manufacture, delivery of Covid19 vaccines for India

WEBPORTAL:

1. **BaldeepNingthoujam(Manipur)** - a mobile game 'Coroboi'.

INSITUATION:

1. **Godrej Appliances** - a UV-C technology-based disinfecting device named Godrej Viro shield
2. **Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences** - catalyst - improve hydrogen extraction from water
3. **NRDC + CSIR-NAL** = will establish an innovation-cum-incubation center with external private funding to promote startups in the emerging area of aerospace technologies
4. **Maruti Suzuki + Nadathur S Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning** = to spearhead innovations in the mobility space
5. **ARCI** - a couple of cost-effective electrode material for making affordable supercapacitor devices, from waste biomass like tamarind seeds and industrial cotton waste
6. **Dr. T. Mathimani** = low-cost biodiesel from microalgae
7. **CSIR-CMERI** - world's largest solar tree – Durgapur
8. **The University of Melbourne** – N1-STOP-LAMP – can diagnose Covid-19 in just 20 minutes.
9. **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology** – “Aushadatarā”- anti-microbial bodysuit

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1.FRANCE

1. **India + France** = in discussion for Mission Alpha-like equipment for **Gaganyaan** astronauts

2.UAE

1. **United Arab Emirates** - start up Arab **world's first nuclear power plant** in the country
2. **UAE + Israel** = to cooperate on research and development related to Covid-19
3. **UAE – Agriota** - will bridge the gap between millions of rural farmers in India and the Gulf nation's food industry.

3.MALDIVES

1. **India + Maldives** = **\$ 18 Million** = expansion of fishing facilities
2. **India + Maldives** = **\$250 million** = to help the cash-strapped economy
3. **India + Maldives** = **\$500 million** (\$400 million - line of credit ; \$100 million – grant) - mega infra project

4.LEBANON

1. **WHO + Lebanon** = **USD 1.7 million** = protective equipment to help fight COVID-19 + humanitarian aid after the deadly explosion in Beirut
2. **UN** - **\$565 million** - Beirut's blast victims

5.RUSSIA

1. **Sputnik V** - first country to approve a COVID-19 vaccine - developed by Gamaleya Research Institute and Russian Defence Ministry
2. **Russia - The India Pavilion at the Army-2020** International Military and Technical Forum
3. **Russia + Turkey** = on the delivery of the second batch of formidable S-400 air Defence missile system
4. **Kavkaz-2020** - multi-lateral exercise - Southern Russia.
5. **Madhyathiruvithamkoor** - screening on the 42nd version of the Moscow International Film Festival – directed by Don Palatharas
6. **The Russian navy** -conducted major war games–**Alaska**
7. **India** – is withdrawing from multilateral Military Exercise **Kavkaz 2020** to be held in Russia next month

6.UNITED STATES

1. **Reliance Foundation + United States Agency for International Development** = the W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge

7.ISRAEL

1. **Israel + The U.S. Missile Defense Agency** = tests advanced missile defense system Arrow-2 interceptor
2. **India + Israel** = to further strengthen their strategic bilateral relations by promoting greater people-to-people exchanges

8. NIGERIA

1. **Nigeria + India** = space cooperation

9. ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

1. **India** = USD 1 million = to Antigua and Barbuda to combat the COVID-19 outbreak

10. IRAN

1. **Iran** – Qasem Soleimani ballistic missile (1,400 Km) - The Abu Mahdi Muhandis missile (1,000 kilometres)

11. CHINA

1. **China** - to launch the satellites Gaofen-9 05 + Tiantuo-5
2. **China** - the first ship of Type-054 class frigate – to Pakistan
3. **China** - unveil bronze statue of Dr Dwarkanath Kotnis for his contributions during WWII

12. INDIA

1. **ReNew Power + UNEP** = to promote increased access to renewable energy and improved energy efficiency

2. 17th meeting of **India-Vietnam** Joint Commission held via video-conference – 2 MoUs

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

PRIME MINISTER – NARENDRA MODI

1. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** - 'Gandagi, Bharat Chorho' -a week-long campaign to free India of garbage.
2. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** - financing facility of Rs 1 lakh cr under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
3. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** - Transparent Taxation--Honoring the Honest – honoring the country's honest taxpayers.
4. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** - to inaugurate Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University - Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
5. **Narendra Modi** - submarine Optical Fibre Cable – connecting Chennai and Port Blair
6. **Narendra Modi** - unique health ID for every Indian citizen
7. **Narendra Modi** - 'Project Dolphin ' - conservation of Dolphins

Defence - Rajnath Singh

1. **Defence Ministry** - HAL-IISc skill development centre – Karnataka
2. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** - Konkurs Missile Test Equipment and Konkurs Launcher Test Equipment – BDL(Developed)
3. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** – SRIJAN = provide access to the vendors to take up items for indigenization.
4. **Defence Ministry** - Directorate General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) Mobile Training App will assist in conducting countrywide online training of NCC cadets
5. **The Defence ministry** - the next edition of Aero India - Bangalore, Karnataka - February 3-5 next year

Home Affairs - Amit Shah

1. **The Union Home Ministry** - the renaming of Manduadih railway station as 'Banaras'
2. **'Lokmanya Tilak** – Swaraj to Self-reliant India' Webinar - Inaugurated by Amit Shah - organized by ICCR

Road Transport and Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises -Nitin Gadkari

1. **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari** - lay the foundation stone of 13 highway projects worth Rs 3,000 crore – Manipur
2. **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** - 'Harit Path' - to monitor the plantation along the national highways -The app has been developed by NHAI
3. **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** - 35 highway projects worth over Rs 9,400 crore in Madhya Pradesh
4. **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** - major bridge across Pranahita river in Maharashtra - Rs 168 crore - 855 metre
5. **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** - 630 metre high level bridge across the Indravati River - Rs 248 crore
6. **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** - 44 road projects of 541 kms length - Rs 1,740 crore
7. **MSME Minister** - Khadi's Gift Box of Silk Mask(launched) – KVIC(Develop)
8. **MSME Minister** -'Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission' - an employment generation programme to make India self-reliant in agarbatti production.
9. **MSME Ministry** - Technology Centre at Bhiwadi in Alwar District of Rajasthan
10. **Union minister Gadkari** - 'Harit Path' - to monitor the plantation along the national highways - The app has been developed by NHAI

Chemicals and Fertilizers - D.V. Sadananda Gowda

1. **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** - India will be self-sufficient in Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients production in next 2 years

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution - Ram Vilas Paswan

1. **Consumer Affairs Ministry** – digital solutions for registration and renewal process for licenses for jewelers and for recognition and renewal of Assaying and Hallmarking Centers

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj - Narendra Singh Tomar

1. **Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary** – the Government aims to double the income of farmers by 2022
2. **Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** = The Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel
3. **Narendra Singh Tomar** - Krishi Megh (National Agricultural Research and Education System -Cloud Infrastructure and Services) + KVC ALUNET (Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Chhatr Alumni Network)

Law and Justice, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology - Ravi Shankar Prasad

1. **Ravi Shankar Prasad** - “Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge” - to realize the ambition of self-reliance and a momentous stride towards “Atmanirbhar Bharat”
2. **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad** - Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest to further boost startups and software products with special focus on Tier-II towns of India.

Social Justice and Empowerment - Thawar Chand Gehlot

1. **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** - 'Nasha-Mukt Bharat' - in J&K to curb the menace of Drug Addiction in the society.

Tribal Affairs - Arjun munda

1. **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs + Piramal Swasthya** = 'Swasthya' = to provide health information to tribal people
2. **Tribal Affairs Ministry** – to launch "medicine van" - the Bihar flood victims

Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology; and Earth Sciences – Harshavardhan

1. **Ministry of Health** - 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, 2020-21 - popularizing science among school students of Class 6th to 11th
2. **Dr Harsh Vardhan** - 'Corona Fighters' - interactive first-of-its-kind video game to spread awareness

Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Information and Broadcasting - Prakash Javadekar

1. **The Minister for Environment and Forest Prakash Javadekar** – SURAKHSYA - Human Elephant Conflict.

Railways and Commerce and Industry - Piyush Goyal

1. **The Indian Railways** - the first “Kisan Rail” – from Devlali to Danapur
2. **Indian Railways** – commit to integrate with the government e-marketplace portal to move all its procurement to the platform.
3. **Indian Railways** - To construct the world’s tallest pier bridge in Manipur across Ijai river
4. **Indian Railways** – to meet all its energy needs of more than 33 billion units by 2030
5. **Chairman Railway Board** – Release E-pass module of HRMS(Human Resource Management System) – developed by Centre For Railway Information Systems
6. **Commerce and Industry Ministry** – the national GIS-enabled land bank system

Department of North Eastern Region - Jitender Singh

1. **Union minister Jitendra Singh** = the Katra-Delhi Express road corridor to be completed by 2023

Culture and Tourism - Prahalad Singh Patel

1. **Tourism Ministry + FLO + TAAI** = to promote tourism as a sustainable livelihood model for the economic empowerment of women
2. **Minster of Tourism and Culture Prahlad singh patel** – 2021 - the year of Dekho Apna Desh
3. **Tourism Ministry** - world class Thenzawl Golf Resort project implemented in Mizoram
4. **Pralhad Joshi** - India aims to achieve 100 MT coal gasification target by 2030

Women and Child Development; and Textiles. - Smriti Irani

1. **'My Handloom'** – launched by Union Minister Smriti Irani - enable weavers as well as other organizations to apply for various benefits under the various handloom schemes

Housing and Urban Affairs, Civil Aviation - Hardeep Singh Puri

1. **Durga Shanker Mishra** - launched the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi, PM SVANidhi online dashboard
2. **Housing and Urban Affairs Minister** - 'CREDAI Awaas App', NAREDCO's online portal 'HousingforAll.com'

STATES

Andhra Pradesh

1. **Andhra Pradesh** - e-Rakshabandhan - a month-long awareness programme on the safety of women and children in cyberspace
2. **Andhra Pradesh + Hyderabad-based Indian School of Business** = 'GoAP-ISB Policy Lab' - to help achieve economic recovery and growth in the post-COVID-19 period
3. **Andhra Pradesh** - 'YSR Cheyuta' – Women
4. **Andhra Pradesh + NPCI + Canara Bank** = digital payment services through UPI in village and ward secretariats
5. **Andhra Pradesh + Reliance + Allana group** = empowering women

Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh – provide 100% tap water connections to all the households in the State by 2023 Jal Jeevan Mission

Assam

1. **Assam** - Arunodoi scheme
2. **Assam** - the longest river ropeway of the country – 1.8 km
3. **Assam** - to pay Rs 20,000 to students who secured 75 percent in class 10 examination

Bihar

1. **Kailash Satyarthi's foundation** - 'Mukti Caravan' - against child trafficking in Bihar.
2. **Bihar** – 30 different schemes of irrigation and flood protection worth **Rs 1469.73 crore**

Chhattisgarh

1. **Chhattisgarh** - **Saheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana** - Tendupatta collectors - financial aid of **Rs 2 lakh** of **normal death** - **Rs 4 lakh** to death due to **accident or permanent disability**
3. **Chhattisgarh** - **Padhai Tuhar Para scheme** - to teach children with the help of community in their localities and villages
4. **Chhattisgarh** - '**Bultu Ke Bol**' - for providing study materials to students in remote areas who do not have access to internet facility.
5. **Chhattisgarh** - '**Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana**' - launch in urban areas under which people will be provided health facilities at their doorstep

Goa

1. 51st **International Film Festival of India IFFI** – **Goa** - **November 20th to 28th**

Gujarat

1. **Gujarat** - new **Industrial Policy 2020** Focusing on MSMEs
2. **Gujarat** - **Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana** - The Current Kharif season
3. **Ahmedabad Railway Station, Gujarat** - a Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine to ensure safe travel amid the pandemic

Himachal Pradesh

1. **Himachal Pradesh** - Nutritional Immunity Boosting '**Him Haldi Dudh**'

Karnataka

1. **Grasim Industries + Cleanmax Enviro Energy Solutions = Limited Liability Partnership Agreement** = establish and operate 32.4 megawatt wind power plant in Karnataka
2. **Karnataka + Pennsylvania** = Teachers, Police training
3. **Karnataka** - To flag off The maiden '**Roll On Roll Off**' train – from **Bengaluru, Karnataka to Solapur , Maharashtra**

Kerala

1. **Kerala** - first-ever state **Dragonfly Festival** - mascot of the festival: Pantalù.
2. **Kerala** - India's first International **Women's Trade Centre**
3. **Kerala** - State's **first marine ambulance** – Pratheeksha, Prathyasa and Karunya
4. **Festival of Onam** – Kerala

Madhya Pradesh

1. **Madhya Pradesh** - 'Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi'(one mask-many lives) - public awareness campaign in Bhopal.
2. **Madhya Pradesh CM** - Statue of Bharat Mata - Shourya Smarak of Bhopal - 37 feet
3. **Madhya Pradesh** - first state in the country to **offer government jobs** on the basis of marks obtained in the **National Recruitment Agency (NRA) test**
4. **National Fertilizers Limited** – an **Organic Waste Converter Plant** – Vijaipur, Madhya Pradesh

Maharashtra

1. **Google + Maharashtra** = To introduce digital education tools in schools across the state

Manipur

1. **Manipur - Patriots' Day** - August 13
2. **Manipur - Major Laishram Jotin Singh ex-gratia scheme** - residents killed while serving in central forces - Amount Rs. 5 lakh

Meghalaya

1. Meghalaya -approved "**Policy on Reservation of seats for Women in Village Employment Councils (VECs)**"

Nagaland

1. **Nagaland - Yellow Chain** - to promote local business and entrepreneurship in the State

Odisha

1. **Odisha** - 'Nuakhai' festival
2. **Odisha** - a new scheme to promote intensive **Aquaculture** through bio-floc technology in fisheries

Punjab

1. **Punjab** - to name its new stadium to be named after **Maharaja Yadavindra Singh**
2. **Punjab** - to launch to scheme to **distribute smartphones** among youth

Rajasthan

1. **Rajasthan + SIDBI** = to create **newer avenues and growth opportunities** for **MSME** units in the State
2. **Rajasthan - 'Indira Rasoi Yojana'** - to provide quality nutritious food to the poor at Rs.8

Tamil Nadu

1. Tamil Nadu

Previous Name	Updated Name
Alandur station	'Arignar Anna Alandur Metro'
Central Metro	'Puratchi Thalaivar Dr M G Ramachandran Central Metro'
CMBT station	'Puratchi Thalaivi Dr J Jayalalithaa CMBT Metro.'

2. Aadi monsoon festival - Tamil Nadu

3. Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu - National traditional paddy cultivation festival

Telangana

1. Telangana – launch GRID Policy for IT industry development

Uttar Pradesh

1. The Indian Navy + the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority = to set up a "centre of excellence" in the state's Defence corridor

2. Uttar Pradesh - Set up industrial parks for micro, small and medium enterprises in six of its most industrialized district

3. Uttar Pradesh - a NRI unified portal to interconnect NRIs and their families

4. Uttar Pradesh - a life insurance scheme under which an incentive amount of **Rs 75,000** will be provided to the **doctors** discharging Covid-19 duties

Uttarakhand

1. India's first conversation center for snow leopards - Uttarakashi, Uttarakhand

2. Uttarakhand - Herbal Museum

3. Lokajay Yatra – Uttarakhand

West Bengal

1. West Bengal + GoI = Rs 1,022-crore = to help power distribution company

2. West Bengal = to provide **100% tap connections** to all households by 2024

3. **BHEL** – to commence civil works at **660-MW Sagardighi supercritical thermal power project** - West Bengal
4. **West Bengal** - '**Karma Sathi Prakalpa**' scheme - to provide soft loans, subsidies to youth
5. **West Bengal** - '**Police Diwas**' on September 1
6. **West Bengal** - **3-tier scanner** to monitor senior citizens during Covid-19 pandemic

Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

1. **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu** - E-Gyan Mitra mobile app – online education

Delhi

1. **Delhi** - **Electric Vehicle Policy** - to boost the **economy**, **create jobs** and reduce pollution level
2. **Delhi airport** - '**AIR Suvidha**' - for home-bound international passengers.
3. **Delhi Metro** - a new facility that will enable riders to **get their smart cards auto-topped up** with money at AFC gates
4. **Delhi** – campaign for **registration of construction workers** - Rs 5,000

Puducherry

1. **Puducherry** - 59th anniversary of the “**De-Jure**” day - **August 16**

Jammu and Kashmir

1. **Vaishno Devi yatra** - **Jammu and Kashmir**
2. **Jammu and Kashmir** - to build **600 km highway** along border to explore picturesque tourist sites -Rs 8,000 crore cost
3. **Jammu & Kashmir** - an **e-auction portal** to promote trading of GI-tagged ‘Kashmir Saffron’ - www.saffroneauctionindia.com

Ladakh

1. **Ladakh** - first “**Martyrs Day**” - **August 27**

OTHERS

1. '**One Nation-One Ration Card**' scheme – **24 state/UTs**
2. **IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd** – executing a stretch of **Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway** (27.5-km) - cost of Rs 1,755 crore

3. **Union Minister of State for Communication Sanjay Dhotre - Bharat Air Fibre Services - Akola, Maharashtra**
4. **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu - E-Gyan Mitra mobile app** – online education
5. **National Institute of Disaster Management + with India Meteorological Department** – Webinar series on “Hydro-Meteorological Hazards Risk Reduction”
6. **Government** - Focused **Product Investment Scheme** - funding in manmade fiber segment.
7. **SAI + CISCE + CBSE = Khelo India Mobile App** online training program - principals, PE Teachers
8. **Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra** – launched by **Narendra Modi**
9. “**Awaz-e-Rajouri**” – launched by **Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri** - to help the citizens register their grievances online and also track the status of their complaints
10. **The Centre - Rs 553 crore** - To states under a scheme to promote **mechanization** in the **agriculture sector**
11. **CAIT** - a campaign '**China Quit India**' to boycott Chinese goods
12. **The Defence Acquisition Council** - Rs 8,722.38 crore - procurement proposals including 106 Basic Trainer Aircraft for IAF
13. **The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** - develop two Light Combat Helicopters for operations at Leh to support IAF
14. **Atal Innovation Mission , NITI Aayog + Dell technologies = Student Entrepreneurship Programme 2.0**
15. **Indian Coast Guard** – launched Offshore Patrol Vessel ‘**Sarthak**’ – developed by Goa Shipyard Limited
16. **The National Highways Authority of India** = the timeline for 23 expressways, new highways coming up by March 2025
17. **DRDO** - **Develop An anti-drone system**
18. **Niti Aayog + NASSCOM** = launched an artificial intelligence-based module for school students
19. **ITBP** - a '**fit India freedom run**' at all its border posts
20. **NTPC** - an infrastructure at **Rihand project** in Uttar Pradesh to transport fly ash in bulk to cement plants at a cheaper cost
21. **The Gwalior-Chambal Expressway** - will be named as **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Chambal Progressway**
22. **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** - India must be **Aatmanirbhar** in every sense of the word **by 2022**
23. **World Solar Technology Summit - September 8** - Hosted by **Indian Solar Alliance**
24. **Mumbai Division Central Railway** - procured **two Ninja UAVs** for better security and surveillance in Railway areas

25. **Indian Coast Guard** - Interceptor Boat **ICGS C-454** launched at Surat. – developed by **Larsen & Toubro**
26. **Economic Explosives Ltd + DRDO** = to create the **Pinaka rockets**.
27. **The Indian Coast Guard** - Interceptor boat **C-449** for East Region - **Larsen & Toubro(Developed)**
28. **IAF** - “**MY IAF**” - to provide **career-related information to aspirants**.
29. **NHAI** - a portal to track the performance of its **developers and consultants**
30. **NTPC + Greenko** = to offer **Round the Clock renewable energy**
31. **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** - complete 6 years.
32. **Confederation of Indian Industry** - a new forum on **artificial intelligence** - chaired by **Sandip Patel**
33. **CISF - The Pensioners Corner** -its **pensioners**.

