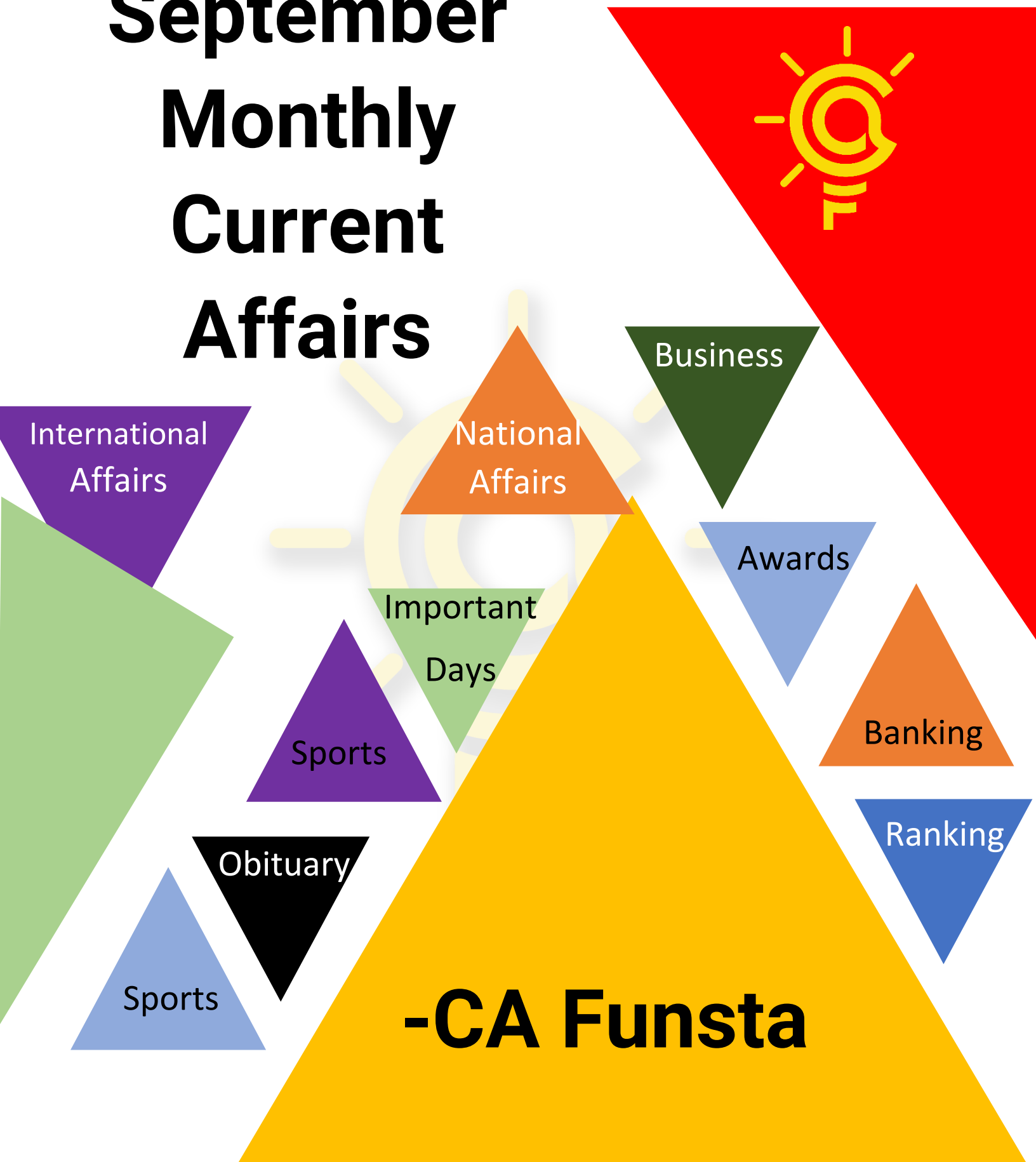


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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
September 1 – September 7	National Nutrition week	“Eat Right, Bite by bite”
September 5	National Teachers day	
September 14	Hindi Diwas	
September 15	National Engineer’s Day	
September 23	46th Foundation day of Central Pollution Control Board	
September 25	Antyodaya Diwas	

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
September 2	World Coconut Day	‘Invest in Coconut to save the world’
September 5	International Day of Charity	
September 7	The first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies	
September 8	International Literacy Day	“Literacy, teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond”
	World Physical Therapy Day	
September 10	World Suicide Prevention day	
September 12	World First Aid day	
September 15	International Day of Democracy	
September 16	World Ozone Day	
September 17	World Patient safety Day	“Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety”
September 18	World Bamboo day	BAMBOO NOW

	First International Equal Pay day(third Saturday in September)	
September 19	International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day	
September 21	International Day of Peace or World Peace Day	‘Shaping Peace Together’
	World Alzheimer’s Day	‘Let’s talk about dementia’
September 22	World Rhino Day	Five Rhino Species Together
	World Rose Day	
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages	"Sign Languages Are for Everyone!"
September 24	World Maritime Day(Last Thursday of September)	"Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet"
September 25	World Pharmacists Day	“Transforming global health“
September 26	World Contraception Day	
September 27	World Tourism Day	"Tourism and Rural Development"
September 29	World Heart Day	

SPORTS

RETIREMENT

1. Football

- ❖ **Ignacio Camacho** - Former Atletico Madrid midfielder

BANNED OR SUSPENDED

1. Cricket

- ❖ **Noor Mohammad “Lalai”** - a five-year ban by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB)
- ❖ **Amir Hayat** - UAE cricketer
- ❖ **Ashfaq Ahmed** - UAE cricketer

2. Football

- ❖ **Paris St Germain’s Neymar** -two-match ban

GRAND PRIX

Italian Grand Prix

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player</u>
1st Rank	Pierre Gasly
2nd Rank	Carlos Sainz Jnr
3rd Rank	Lance Stroll

San Marino Grand Prix 2020

Rank	Player name
1 st	Franco Morbidelli
2 nd	Francesco Bagnaia
3 rd	Juan Mir

FIA Formula 3 Championship

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player</u>
1 st	Oscar Piastri
2 nd	Théo Pourchaire
3 rd	Logan Sargeant.

Chaotic Tuscan Grand Prix

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player Name</u>
1 st	Lewis Hamilton
2 nd	Valtteri Bottas
3 rd	Alexander Albon

Russian Grand Prix

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player Name</u>
<u>1st</u>	<u>Valtteri Bottas</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>Max Verstappen</u>
<u>3rd</u>	<u>Lewis Hamilton</u>

The Catalonia Grand Prix – Moto GP

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player Name</u>
1 st	Fabio Quartararo
2 nd	Joan Mir

OTHERS

1. Cricket

- ❖ **The Emirates Cricket Board + BCCI** = To boost cricketing ties between the two countries
- ❖ **Alyssa Healy** - Australia's wicket-keeper batswoman - broke MS Dhoni's record of having most dismissals as a wicket-keeper in the shortest format of the game.

2. Football

- ❖ **Kevin De Bruyne** - English football's player of the year
- ❖ **Kevin De Bruyne, Robert Lewandowski, and Manuel Neuer** - UEFA Men's Player of the Year award
- ❖ **Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Sanju** - All India Football Federation (AIFF) Footballer of the Year awards for the 2019-20
- ❖ **Bayern Munich** - the UEFA Super Cup - beat Sevilla

3. Badminton

- ❖ **Brandon Ingram** - the 2019-20 Kia NBA Most Improved Player – USA
- ❖ **Ja Morant** - “NBA Rookie of Year” - USA.

4. Chess

- ❖ **P Iniyan** - the prestigious Annual World Open online chess tournament
- ❖ **IM Leon Luke Mendonca** - the Skalicky chess festival in Slovakia
- ❖ **P Iniyan** - 48th Annual World Open online chess tournament - Fabiano Caruana(Defeated)

5. Basket Ball

- ❖ **Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant** - “NBA Rookie of Year” – USA

6. Golf

- ❖ **Dustin Johnson** - the FedEx Cup – USA
- ❖ **John Catlin** - 2020 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open golf tournament – America

7. Tennis

The Italian Open

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner</u>
Men's Single	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)	Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women's Single	Simona Halep (Romania)	Karolína Plíšková (Czech Republic)
Men's Double	Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos	Jérémy Chardy & Fabrice Martin
Women's Double	Barbora Strycova & Su-Wei Hsieh	Raluca-Ioana Olaru & Anna- Lena Friedsam

- ❖ **Final grand slam of the year 'French Open'** - Paris, France
- ❖ **Second US Open title - Women Single** - Naomi Osaka defeats Victoria Azarenka
- ❖ **US Open - Men Single** - Dominic Thiem to beat Alexander Zverev

Others

- ❖ **The 2023 World Table Tennis Championships** - Durban, South Africa
- ❖ **The 2023 Netball World Cup** -South Africa

OBITUARIES

1. Cine Field

1.1 Actor

- ❖ **Jaya Prakash Reddy** – Telugu
- ❖ **Anaparthi Nagendra Rao** – Telangana
- ❖ **Diana Rigg** - British actor
- ❖ **‘Vadivel’ Balaji** – Actor & Comedian
- ❖ **Ajit Das** – Odia
- ❖ **Florent Pereira** – Tamil
- ❖ **Michael Lonsdale** – France
- ❖ **Bhupesh Kumar Pandya** – Actor
- ❖ **Ruben Jay** - Popular Tamil actor-writer

1.2 Actress

1.3 Film Maker/ Producer

- ❖ **Johnny Bakshi** - Maharashtra
- ❖ **Jiri Menzel** - Prague, Czechia – Oscar Award
- ❖ **Ashalata Wabgaonkar** – Noted Marathi actress and Bollywood’s veteran character artist

1.4 Singer

- ❖ **David Graeber** – Singer – USA
- ❖ **Aditya Paudwal** - music composer, arranger and producer
- ❖ **Toots Hibbert** - Singer - Jamaica
- ❖ **Purba Dam** – Musician
- ❖ **Juliette Greco** – France
- ❖ **SP Balasubrahmanyam** - Legendary playback singer
- ❖ **Tenkabailu Tirumaleshwara Shastri** - Noted ‘bhagavatha’ (singer) of ‘Tenku Thittu’ school of Yakshagana
- ❖ **Helen Reddy** - Singer

2. Writer/Author

- ❖ **Amrit Mohan Dubey** - Senior PTI -Bhasha journalist
- ❖ **Winston Groom** - six-Oscar winning

3.Politician

- ❖ **Appaji Gowda** - Former Bhadravathi MLA and JDS leader – Karnataka
- ❖ **Dattatraya Ekbote** - Noted Socialist leader - former Mayor of Pune, Maharashtra
- ❖ **Jagadeeshwar Reddy** - Congress leader from Mahabubnagar and two-time MLC – Telangana
- ❖ **Dr MAS Subramanian** - Former Puducherry MLA - state president of the Makkal Neethi Maiam (MNM)
- ❖ **M Velusamy** - Erode district Panchayat Vice-Chairman - Pattali Makkal Katchi party
- ❖ **Thakur Rachpal Singh** - Senior National Conference leader and former legislator - Jammu & Kashmir
- ❖ **SRS Yadav** - Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council (MLC) and Samajwadi Party (SP) leader
- ❖ **Gyan Singh Negi** - Senior BJP leader – Uttarakhand
- ❖ **Swami Agnivesh** - a former MLA from Haryana - Social activist
- ❖ **Raghuvansh Prasad Singh** - Rashtriya Janta Dal
- ❖ **K Thangavelu** - CPI(M) MLA - Tamil Nadu
- ❖ **Baban Naik** - Former MLA – Goa
- ❖ **Chanesh Ram Rathiya** - Veteran Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh minister
- ❖ **Govardhan Dangi** – Congress - Madhya Pradesh
- ❖ **Balli Durga Prasad Rao** - Tirupati MP and YSRCP leader
- ❖ **Ashok Gasti** - Rajya Sabha MP – BJP
- ❖ **Ramakant Tiwari** - Rewa (MP) Former Madhya Pradesh minister
- ❖ **Roza Deshpande** - Former Lok Sabha Member - Communist
- ❖ **Sardar Tara Singh** - Veteran BJP leader and former Mulund legislator
- ❖ **Rajendra Deolekar** - Shiv Sena
- ❖ **Suresh Angadi** - Union Minister of State for Railways
- ❖ **Jaswant Singh** - Former Defence Minister
- ❖ **Syeda Anwara Taimur** - only woman Chief Minister of Assam

4. Sports

4.1 Cricket

- ❖ **Shekhar Gawli** - Former Maharashtra Ranji player
- ❖ **David Capel** - Former cricket allrounder – UK
- ❖ **Sadashiv Raoji Patil** – Cricket
- ❖ **Dean Jones** - Former Australia batsman and well know commentator

4.2 Base Ball

- ❖ **Tom Seaver** - Baseball Hall of Famer

4.Others

- ❖ **Dr Mahesh Kumar Dwivedy** - Former DIG of BSF (Medical Wing) -Rajasthan
- ❖ **Kesavananda Bharati** - The head of Edneer Mutt in Kasargod
- ❖ **R J Shahaney** - Ashok Leyland's first Indian managing director
- ❖ **Govind Swarup** – scientist
- ❖ **Ayatollah Yousef Saanei** - pro-reform religious leader - Iran
- ❖ **John Fahey** - former president of the World Anti-Doping Agency
- ❖ **Sudhangan alias Rangarajan** – Journalist - Tamil Nadu
- ❖ **Dhananjoy Mahato** - Noted Chhau dancer
- ❖ **Kapila Vatsyayan** - renowned scholar of art history, architecture and Indian classical dance
- ❖ **William H. Gates** - father of Microsoft Co-founder
- ❖ **Amitabha Ghosh** - Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Governor for 21 days
- ❖ **PR Krishnakumar** - Ayurveda physician
- ❖ **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** - the second female justice on USA Supreme Court
- ❖ **John Turner** - former Prime Minister of Canada
- ❖ **Air Marshal MM Singh** - Vir Chakra – 1973
- ❖ **Dr Sekhar Basu** - Veteran atomic scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission
- ❖ **Harold Evans** -Newspaper editor – UK
- ❖ **Isher Judge Ahluwalia** - Economist
- ❖ **Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah** – The ruler of Kuwait

RANKING

NATIONAL RANKING

The ranking of aspirational districts for July - Released by government think-tank Niti Aayog

Rank	City
1 st	Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh
2 nd	Darrang, Assam
3 rd	Mamit, Mizoram

'Ease Of Doing Business' ranking 2019

Rank	State
1 st	Andhra Pradesh
2 nd	Uttar Pradesh
3 rd	Telangana

The country to offer jobs in the field of artificial intelligence – Released by job portal site Indeed

Rank	State
1st Rank	Bengaluru
2nd Rank	Mumbai
3rd Rank	Hyderabad

The most literate state in the country -National Statistical Office survey

Rank	State
1st Rank	Kerala
2nd Rank	Delhi
3rd Rank	Uttarakhand

The EASE 2.0 Index

'Top Performing Banks' category	
Rank	Bank
1st Rank	Bank of Baroda
2nd Rank	State Bank of India
3rd Rank	Oriental Bank of Commerce

'Top Improvers' category	
Rank	Bank
1st Rank	Bank of Maharashtra
2nd Rank	Central Bank of India
3rd Rank	Corporation Bank

Outstanding performance Category	
Rank	Bank
1st Rank	Punjab National Bank
2nd Rank	Union Bank of India
3rd Rank	Canara Bank

The country's 75 most-valuable brands -WPP Plc and Kantar

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>
1st Rank	HDFC Bank
2nd Rank	Life Insurance Corporation
3rd Rank	Tata Consultancy Services
25 th Rank	Reliance Retail

QS Global MBA Rankings 2021

Rank	Institutes
1 st Rank	IIM Ahmedabad
2 nd Rank	IIM Bangalore
3 rd Rank	IIM Calcutta

"Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2020"

Rank	State	Global Rank
1 st Rank	IIM Ahmedabad	20 th
2 nd Rank	IIM Calcutta	21 st
3 rd Rank	SP Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR)	36 th

Hurun India Rich list 2020

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company name</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Wealth</u>
1 st Rank	Reliance Industries	Mukesh Ambani	Rs 6,58,400 crore
2 nd Rank	Hinduja group	Hinduja Brothers	Rs 1,43,700 crore
3 rd Rank	HCL Technologies	Shiv Nadar	Rs 1,41,700 crore

Crimes - the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>
1st Rank	Delhi
2nd Rank	Chennai
3rd Rank	Mumbai

- ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi + actor Ayushman Khurrana + Bilkis** = The TIME magazine 's list of 100 most influential people for the year 2020
- ❖ **Pondicherry University** - top 10 central varsities in ICARE India University Rankings 2020

INTERNATIONAL RANKING

Global Innovation Index 2020 -released by World Intellectual Property Organization

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
1 st	Switzerland
2 nd	Sweden
3 rd	USA
48 th	India

World University Rankings 2021 - released by the UK-based Times Higher Education (THE)

<u>INDIAN RANKING</u>	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>University</u>
1 st	IISc Bengaluru
2 nd	IIT Ropar
3 rd	IIT Indore

<u>WORLD RANKING</u>	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>University</u>
1 st	Oxford University
2 nd	Stanford University
3 rd	Harvard University

“The 2020 Forbes list of 400 Richest People in America”

<u>Rank</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>Company</u>
1st Rank	Jeff Bezos	Amazon
2nd Rank	Bill Gates	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
3rd Rank	Mark Zuckerberg	Facebook

Global economic freedom ranking released by Canada's Fraser Institute

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
1 st	Hong Kong
2 nd	Singapore
3 rd	New Zealand
105 th	India

'Global House Price Index Q2 2020' - Knight Frank - 56 countries and territories

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Countries</u>
1st Rank	Turkey
2nd Rank	Luxembourg
3rd Rank	Lithuania
54th Rank	India

Billionaire List 2020 in Football – Forbes

<u>Billionaire</u>	<u>Person</u>
1 st	Lionel Messi(\$126 million)
2 nd	Cristiano Ronaldo (\$117 million)
3 rd	Neymar (\$96 million)

2020 Smart City Index – IMD + SUTD

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Place</u>
1 st	Singapore
2 nd	Helsinki
3 rd	Zurich
85 th	Hyderabad
86 th	New Delhi
93 rd	Mumbai
95 th	Bengaluru

Biggest Destinations for suspect transactions in Asia

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>
1 st Rank	Singapore & Hong Kong
2 nd Rank	China
3 rd Rank	India

Top global online learners- Coursera

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Global Online Learners</u>
1 st Rank	USA
2 nd Rank	India

World Risk Index 2020 - United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security

(UNU-EHS), Bundnis Entwicklung Hilft and the University of Stuttgart in Germany

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
1st Rank	Vanuatu
2nd Rank	Tonga
3rd Rank	Dominica
89 th Rank	India

- ❖ **World Bank's annual Human Capital Index 2020** – India(116) - Total countries - 174 countries

AWARDS

NATIONAL AWARDS

Pallikkutam national awards for startups in education

<u>Award</u>	<u>Pvt Ltds</u>	<u>City</u>
Golden Award	Harappa Education Pvt Ltd	Delhi
silver award	Stellariz EdTech Solutions Pvt Ltd	Kochi, kerala
bronze award	KidzByte Media Tech Pvt Ltd	Mumbai, Maharashtra

Data Innovation Bazaar 2020

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Company</u>
1 st	arogyaAI Innovations Private Limited
2 nd	Anukai Solutions Private Limited
3 rd	Agua Wireless Systems Private Limited

Developing startup ecosystem ranking 2019

Category X - This group has all States and UTs except those in Category 'Y'

<u>Category</u>	<u>State</u>
Best Performer	Gujarat
Top Performers	Karnataka
	Kerala

Category Y - This group has all North-Eastern States except Assam and all UTs except Delhi.

Category	State
Best Performer	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Leader	Chandigarh

- ❖ **NTPC, Vallur** - AIMA Chanakya National Management Games 2020
- ❖ **S Gopakumar** - Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal for 2020 - outstanding contribution to Indian architecture
- ❖ **38 Teachers and Principals** - CBSE Teachers Award
- ❖ **Rama Chandramouli** - the Kaloji Narayana Rao Literary Award – presented by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao
- ❖ **West Bengal** - WSIS award under the e-government category - for Sabuj Sathi project
- ❖ **47 teachers** - National Teachers' Award 2020 - by President Ram Nath Kovind
- ❖ **Chennai Metrowater's quarry project** - Award of Excellence in the 'Innovation in Rainwater Harvesting' category
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu CM – 131** - Anna Medals for uniformed services personnel
- ❖ **12** - first ever AICTE - Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award 2020 - Presented by Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- ❖ **Vikas Khanna** - the prestigious 2020 Asia Game Changer Award
- ❖ **34** - Second Utkrisht Sansthan Vishwakarma Award
- ❖ **Udit Singhal** - United Nations to the 2020 cohort of young leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals
- ❖ **K.A. Padmanabhan** - the 'Lifetime contribution award in engineering' for 2020 - former dean of IIT Madras
- ❖ **Esha Datanwala** - the New York Academy of Sciences' 'Tracking Coronavirus Innovation Challenge'
- ❖ **Dasa Sutras** - the prestigious "SKOCH Award 2020"
- ❖ **Madras city Management Association** - the award for the 'Best Management Association in India' for the year 2019-20
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - Ig Nobel Prize for 2020

- ❖ **Shashank Nimkar** - the James Dyson India Award 2020 - invention- 'Earth Tatva'
- ❖ **Krusha Bhawan building, Odisha** - the "People's Choice Winner" at the AZ Awards 2020 in Social Good Category.
- ❖ **42** - the National Service Scheme Awards for the year 2018-19 by President Ram Nath Kovind
- ❖ **Kerala** - United Nations award for its "outstanding contribution" towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals
- ❖ **Saurabh Mehta, his team** - NIH Technology Accelerator Challenge prize for phone-based saliva test
- ❖ **Magawa (RAT)** - animal hero award for sniffing out unexploded landmines in Cambodia
- ❖ **Surajit Dhara** - prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) Prize for Science and Technology' 2020
- ❖ **Maharashtra Metro** - 'Construction World Person of the Year 2020'
- ❖ **NIIST** - CSIR-Technology Award for best innovation in 2020 for development of which instrument - hand-held Raman spectrometer.
- ❖ **Actor Sonu Sood** - the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by UNDP
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** - 8 awards in Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan - launched by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - announced the Gan Samragini Lata Mangeshkar award for the year 2020-21 to veteran female playback singer Usha Mangeshkar
- ❖ **Dr Bushra Ateeq + Dr Surajit Ghosh & Dr Ravi Manjithaya** - Prestigious CDRI Award 2020 for their outstanding contribution in drug discovery and development

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- ❖ **David Attenborough** - the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize - UK Broadcaster
- ❖ **Maggie O'Farrell** - the Women's Prize for Fiction – Hamnet
- ❖ **The Richard C. Holbrooke** - Distinguished Achievement Award
- ❖ **Margaret Atwood** - Dayton Literary Peace Prize –Canada
- ❖ **Anuya Nisal** - 2020 Young Entrepreneur award presented by INAE
- ❖ **Avni Doshi** - 2020 Booker Prize - Burnt Sugar
- ❖ **Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF)** - Norway's Rafto Prize for human rights

Venice Film Festival 2020

Award	Winner
GOLDEN LION	Nomadland, Chloé Zhao
SILVER LION – GRAND JURY PRIZE	New Order, Michel Franco
SILVER LION – AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR	Kiyoshi Kurosawa, Wife of a Spy
SPECIAL JURY PRIZE	Dear Comrades!, Andrei Konchalovsky
AWARD FOR BEST SCREENPLAY	Chaitanya Tamhane, The Disciple
COPPA VOLPI for Best Actress	Vanessa Kirby, Pieces of a Woman
COPPA VOLPI for Best Actor	Pierfrancesco Favino, Padrenostro
MARCELLO MASTROIANNI AWARD for Best Young Actor or Actress	Rouhollah Zamani, Sun Children
ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST FILM	The Wasteland, Ahmad Bahrami
ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR	Lav Diaz, Genus Pan
SPECIAL ORIZZONTI JURY PRIZE	Listem, Ana Rocha de Sousa
ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST SCREENPLAY	Pietro Castellitto, I Predatori
ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST ACTRESS	Khansa Batma, Zanka Contact

ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR	Yahya Mahayni, The Man Who Sold His Skin
ORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST SHORT FILM	Entre Tu Y Milagros, Mariana Saffon
VENICE SHORT FILM NOMINATION FOR THE EUROPEAN FILM AWARDS 2020	The Shift, Laura Carreira
VENICE AWARD FOR A DEBUT FILM	Listen, Ana Rocha de Sousa
GRAND JURY PRIZE FOR BEST VR IMMERSIVE WORK	The Hangman at Home, Michelle and Uri Kranot
BEST VR IMMERSIVE USER EXPERIENCE	Finding Pandora X, Kiira Benzing
BEST VR IMMERSIVE STORY	Killing A Superstar, Fan Fan

The 72nd Emmy Awards

Category	Winner
Outstanding lead actor in a limited series or TV movie	Mark Ruffalo ("I Know This Much Is True")
Outstanding lead actress in a limited series or TV movie	Regina King ("Watchmen")
Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie	Yahya Abdul-Mateen II ("Watchmen")
Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie	Uzo Aduba ("Mrs. America")
Outstanding lead actor in a comedy series	Eugene Levy ("Schitt's Creek")
Outstanding lead actress in a comedy series	Catherine O'Hara ("Schitt's Creek")
Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series	Dan Levy ("Schitt's Creek")
Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series	Annie Murphy ("Schitt's Creek")
Outstanding lead actor in a drama series	Jeremy Strong ("Succession")
Outstanding lead actress in a drama series	Zendaya ("Euphoria")
Supporting Actor in a Drama Series	Billy Crudup ("The Morning Show")
Supporting Actress in a Drama Series	Julia Garner ("Ozark")
Outstanding reality/competition series	"RuPaul's Drag Race"
Outstanding variety talk series	"Last Week Tonight with John Oliver"
Outstanding limited Series	"Watchmen"
Outstanding comedy series	"Schitt's Creek"
Outstanding drama series	"Succession"

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- ❖ **RBI** - Rs 50 crore – loans for start-ups
- ❖ **RBI** - Rs 10 crore – loans for health infrastructure
- ❖ **RBI** - Rs 30 crore.– loans for renewable energy
- ❖ **RBI** - Rs 10 lakh – loans for non-conventional energy based public utilities
- ❖ **RBI** - to set up innovation hub for finance sector
- ❖ **RBI** - the process of constructing a digital payment index to assess the extent of digitisation in the country and innovation in existing modes and channels to bridge digital divide
- ❖ **RBI** - positive pay system for cheque payments to prevent cases of banking fraud - implemented from January 1, 2021
- ❖ **RBI** - to continue with the relaxation of the marginal standing facility till March 2021

PUBLIC BANKS

State Bank of India

- ❖ **State Bank of India** - SAFAL - Safe and Fast Agriculture Loan - a loan product primarily focused on organic cotton growers.
- ❖ **State Bank of India** - portal for restructuring retail loans
- ❖ **State Bank of India + Titan** = India's first contactless payment watch named Titan Pay
- ❖ **State Bank of India** - online portal for smooth and hassle-free implementation of the Restructuring Policy
- ❖ **State Bank of India** - ₹6,000 crore - to the Andhra Pradesh SDC for taking up various developmental works in the state
- ❖ **State Bank of India** - a slew of special offers for its retail customers to spread festive joy amid the coronavirus pandemic
- ❖ **State Bank of India Foundation** - The India Health Alliance (IHA) to fight against Covid-19 pandemic

Punjab National Bank

- ❖ **PNB** - 'Festival Bonanza Offer' - its customers to give a push to subdued loan demand due to the COVID-19 crisis

Canara Bank

- ❖ **Canara Bank** - i-Lead 2.0(Inspiring Leads System version 2.0) - to Increase Reach Of Banking Services

Indian Bank

- ❖ **Indian Bank** - IB-eNote facility aimed at providing a paperless working environment and to improve the turnaround time considerably

Bank of India

- ❖ **Bank of India** - “Signature Visa Debit Card” for the affluent/high net worth individuals

PRIVATE BANKS

Axis Bank

- ❖ **Axis Bank** - affordable loans via Bayer's Better Life Farming initiative - to provide holistic financial solutions to smallholder farmers and rural farming communities

Bandhan Bank

- ❖ **Bandhan Bank** – a new vertical called Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB) - to support the emerging needs of the unbanked and underbanked segment of customers

Federal Bank

- ❖ **Federal Bank + Innoviti Payment Solutions** = provide convenient and affordable options of Federal Bank Debit Cards through Innoviti POS terminals.

HDFC Bank

- ❖ **HDFC Bank + Volvo Car India** = Volvo Car Financial Services to enable buyers get easy finance for its vehicles
- ❖ **HDFC Bank** – video Know Your Customer facility for its customers
- ❖ **HDFC Bank** - Festive Treats 2.0 campaign under which customers can avail special deals on all banking products

ICICI Bank

- ❖ **ICICI Bank** – virtual property exhibition ‘Home Utsav’
- ❖ **ICICI Bank** – iStartup2.0 as a ‘one-stop-shop’ for early and growth stage needs of startups
- ❖ **ICICI Bank** - festive bonanza campaign that offers attractive benefits to retail and business customers on various banking products and service

IDBI Bank

- ❖ **IDBI Bank** – “document embedding” provides banks with the functionality of transmitting a “pdf” document up to 1MB size along with the LC / BG messages

IDFC First Bank

- ❖ **IDFC First Bank** – SafePay contactless debit card-based payment facility – payments of up to Rs 2,000 per transaction and up to a limit of Rs 20,000 per day

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- ❖ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** – Digi Home Loans for its customers

Yes Bank

- ❖ **Yes Bank + ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd** = bancassurance tie-up with which bank for selling its insurance products
- ❖ **SBI General insurance + YES BANK** = Corporate Agency Agreement – the distribution of retail products of SBI General Insurance Company for its corporate and retail customers

- ❖ **Yes Bank + SBI Life Insurance** = bancassurance
- ❖ **Yes Bank + HDFC Life Insurance** - corporate agency agreement – to offer a comprehensive bouquet of life insurance solutions to the bank's customers across the country
- ❖ **BSE + Yes Bank** = to empower the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) listed on the platform

RBL Bank

- ❖ **RBL Bank + Empays Payment Systems** = Cardless Cash Withdrawal facility from ATMs

INSURANCE

- ❖ **Liberty General Insurance** – special Travel Insurance for flight bookings on Flipkart – Sum Insured (INR) Maximum up to 5,000/- Accidental Death – Sum Insured (INR) 5,00,000/- Permanent Total Disablement – Sum Insured (INR) 5,00,000
- ❖ **Care Health Insurance** - 'Care Shield' – to protect its customers against inflation
- ❖ **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance + NSDL Payments Bank** = to offer insurance products
- ❖ **Liberty General Insurance + SpiceJet** = Offer Travel Insurance
- ❖ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** – Bharti AXA Life Wealth Pro – unit linked individual insurance plan.
- ❖ **Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance** – programme - to provide holistic support for employees as part of its commitment to employee well-being
- ❖ **Flipkart + Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company** = offer 'Digital Suraksha Group Insurance' for customers to cover online financial frauds

SMALL FINANCE BANK

- ❖ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** – small commercial vehicle finance for its customers in tier II and III cities

PAYMENTS BANK

- ❖ **Fino Payments Bank + fintech partners** = NFC-based contactless payments solution for mass transit systems, especially state bus transport services in India

WORLD BANK

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Country/State</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rs 420 crore	Karnataka	Karnataka project - Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience
US\$10m	Nepal	To maintain access to education amid COVID-19
\$82 million	GoI + Himachal Pradesh + World Bank	implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project
\$15million	ADB + Cimory	to support livelihoods of dairy workers
\$ 1 Billion	India	Health Sector
\$ 0.75 Billion	India	Social Protection
\$ 0.75 Billion	India	Economic Stimulus
200 million dollar	Bangladesh	to improve access to safe water and sanitation services in the rural areas of the country.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USD 251 Million	To help protect north chennai from floods
USD 1.5 Million	Grant to boost COVID-19 medical responses in mongolia
USD 25 Million	To amalgamated telecom to support png's 4G networks
500 million US dollar	Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor
50 million dollar	Bangladesh for PPP infrastructure projects
₹466-crore	ADB, ENGIE - for developing solar project in Gujarat
\$500 million	BMRCL's line linking Central Silk Board Junction to Kempegowda International Airport
USD 300 million	to develop Rajasthan's secondary towns
USD 270 million	Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project.

300 million dollar	to finance inclusive water supply and sanitation infrastructure and services in secondary towns of Rajasthan

NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USD 241 million	for Mumbai Metro
USD 500 million	the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Project

SEBI

- ❖ **SEBI** - system-driven disclosures for promoter group members, designated persons of a listed company
- ❖ **SEBI** - ₹7 lakh – imposed on NHAI for disclosure lapses

NABARD

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Country/State</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rs 20 crore	Kerala	to integrated water conservation project 'Jalasamrudhi' at Kattakada in Thiruvananthapuram
Rs 3,805.67 crore	-	micro irrigation projects
Rs 1,568 cr		agri-credit societies in 22 states

The European Investment Bank

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
650 million euros (Rs 5,552 crore)	Kanpur's Metro project
€ 3.6 billion	To help businesses to better withstand COVID-19 challenges
€ 3 billion	For renewable energy and energy transition
€ 2.9 billion	To improve urban and national sustainable transport

OTHERS

- ❖ **Razorpay** - Cash Advance - collateral free line of credit for SMEs - can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh
- ❖ **Citi Bank** - approval from RBI to open banking unit at GIFT City IFSC in Ahmedabad.
- ❖ **DBS Bank India** - online loan platform for SMEs – up to ₹20 cr
- ❖ **IRDAI** - standardized products for bridging protection gap
- ❖ **IDFC Mutual Fund** – SIFI('SIP in Fixed Income') - to make investors more aware about the benefits of investing in fixed income products
- ❖ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank** - special gold loan scheme “Vikas Laghu Suvarna”
- ❖ **Google Pay + Visa** = card-based payments with tokenization
- ❖ **Bajaj Finserv Health** - 'Aarogya Care' - improving the health outcomes of Indian consumers through smarter, connected and holistic care plans
- ❖ **Tata Mutual Fund** - contact-less on-boarding' for first-time investors in mutual funds
- ❖ **Vakrangee Ltd** - RBI nod to set up Bharat Bill Payment unit to handle payment services related to bills

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

AMAZON

- ❖ **Amazon.com Inc. + Amitabh Bachchan** = for its Alexa voice assistant
- ❖ **Ganit + Amazon Web Services** = co-develop a forecasting framework for the retail sector
- ❖ **Amazon** - 'Stand for Handmade' initiative - artisans, women entrepreneurs double sales
- ❖ **Amazon** - will host a virtual 'Handicrafts Mela' to support artisans, weavers

AIRTEL

- ❖ **Bharti Airtel** - Airtel Secure - a comprehensive suite of advanced cyber security solutions to help businesses tide over rising cyber threats

OTHERS

- ❖ **Mahindra Finance** - online insurance aggregator Paybima.com - to allow customers to browse through and buy policies offered by various insurers
- ❖ **Reliance-backed Fynd** - Social Doori - mobile game to encourage social distancing.
- ❖ **TechEagle + Addis Mercato** = to deliver healthcare products and essentials using drones in the African nation's urban and suburban areas.
- ❖ **LinkedIn + NSDC** = to provide free courses on digital skills
- ❖ **UiPath + Andhra Pradesh skill development corporation** - to train students in robotic process automation
- ❖ **Microsoft + NASSCOM FutureSkills** = to launch AI skilling initiative in India
- ❖ **Wipro + US-based Process Maker** = deliver workflow management solutions
- ❖ **The Walmart Foundation** - \$25 million - improving farmer livelihoods in India
- ❖ **Vistas Media** - A Singapore-based media company - \$ 10 million - for setting up a film academy in the proposed film city in Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ **Facebook + Matrix Partners India** = to scale early-stage small and medium businesses
- ❖ **Google India + Zoho + Instamojo + Dunzo + Swiggy** = to help support small businesses and drive demand through customer support

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

RELIANCE JIO

Company	Stake %	Amount
Silver Lake	1.75%	Rs 7,500 crore
KKR	1.28%	Rs 5,500 crore
General Atlantic	0.84%	Rs 3,675 Crore

BOOK AND AUTHORS

<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Published</u>
"The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind"	Ramachandra Guha	HarperCollins India & William Collins UK
Breaking The Cocoon @ 40'	Radha Nair	
"Nothing to Lose: The Authorized Biography of Ma Anand Sheela"	Manbeena Sandhu	HarperCollins Publishers India
"By Royal Appointment", "Willy Visits the Square World" and "Willy and the Killer Kipper"	Jeffrey Archer	Pan Macmillan India
"My Life In Design"	Gauri Khan	Penguin's 'Ebury Press' imprint
Jinnah: His Successes, Failures and Role in History	Ishtiaq Ahmed	publishing house Penguin

'The Crocodile Who Ate Butter Chicken for Breakfast and Other Stories'	Khyrunnisa A	Red Panda
'Fight in the assembly'	(Launched)	
'Lord of the Records'	Dr Harish Chandra Burnwal	
"Voices of Dissent"	Romila Thapar	Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books
'Fauja Singh Keeps Going — A true story of the oldest person to ever run a marathon'	Simran Jeet Singh	
"The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids"	Anand Neelakantan	Puffin
'The Mighty River'	Canadian-Taiwanese musician Ginalina	

OTHERS

- ❖ **Dr. Harsh Vardhan + Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar** = booklet on 'COVID-19-Safe Workplace Guidelines for Industry
- ❖ **Oommen Chandy** - launched in 'Fight in the assembly'
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - a Book titled "Rowing Down the Ganges"

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Name	designation	Organization	Replaced
PC Mody	chairman	the Central Board of Direct Taxes(6 month Extended)	-
C S Vishwakarma	Chairman	Ordinance Factory Board	Hari Mohan
Vinod Kumar Yadav	Chairman and First CEO	Railway Board	-
M Veeralakshmi	India's First Woman	Ambulance Driver of Tamil Nadu	-
Vice Admiral S R Sarma	Chief of Materiel	Indian Navy	-
Praveen Mahajan	President	All India Tennis Association	Praveen Mahajan
Devendra V Darda	Chairman	Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for the year 2020-2021	-
Harivansh Narayan Singh	Deputy Chairman	Rajya Sabha	-
Pankaj Saran	Deputy	National Security Advisor	-
Narendra Singh Tomar	-	additional charge of Food Processing Industries Ministry	-
Anand Kumar	new Secretary	National Commission for Backward Classes	-
S Aparna	new Secretary	Department of Pharmaceuticals	-
Apurva Chandra	new Secretary	Ministry of Labour and Employment	-

Anil Dhasmana	the chief	National Technical Research Organisation	Satish Jha
H D Deve Gowda	Member	the Rajya Sabha	-
Anupriya Acharya	President	The Advertising Agencies Association of India	Ashish Bhasin
Prasanth Kumar	vice president	The Advertising Agencies Association of India	-
Rakesh Mohan	President	the Centre for Social and Economic Progress	-
Shivangi Singh	-	first woman to fly Rafale	-
Neetu David	Chairman	women's selection committee	Hemalata Kala
Sunil Sethi	Advisor	KVIC	-
PD Vaghela	Chairman	the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	Ram Sewak Sharma
S S Deswal	additional charge DG	National Security Guard	-
Shekhar Kapur	President	Film and Television Institute of India	-
	Chairman	Governing Council of FTII	-

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Name	designation	Organization	Replaced
Sunil Chopra	Deputy Mayor	UK	-
Jane Fraser	First Woman CEO	Citigroup	Mike Corbat
Yoshihide Suga	Prime Minister	Japan	Shinzo Abe
Ishmael Toroama	President	Bougainville	-
Alexander Lukashenko	President	Belarus	-

Moctar Ouane	Prime Minister	Mali	-
Alexander De Croo	Prime Minister	Belgium	-
Sheikh Nawaf	Emir	Kuwait	-

AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS

Name	Designation	Country/ Organization
Raj Kumar Srivastava	Next Ambassador of India	Republic of Croatia
Dr Neena Malhotra	India's next envoy	Italy
Shambhu S Kumaran	the next Ambassador of India	the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau
R Masakui	the next High Commissioner of India	Jamaica

BRAND AMBASSADORS

Name	Designation	Organisation
Virat Kohli	brand ambassador	Educational technology company Great Learning
Suresh Raina	brand ambassador	Online poker platform 9stacks
Sachin Tendulkar	brand ambassador	Paytm First Games

BANKING APPOINTMENTS

Name	Designation	Bank	Replaced
Murali Ramakrishnan	MD & CEO	South Indian Bank	-
S Krishnan	MD &CEO	Punjab and Sind Bank	H Harishankar
Rajesh Khullar	Executive Director	World Bank	-
Sameer Kumar Khare	New executive director	Asian Development Bank	-
Takeo Konishi	Country Director for India	Asian Development Bank	Kenichi Yokoyama
Arun Srinivas	Director of Global Business Group	Facebook India	-
Sandeep Batra	whole time director	ICICI Bank	-
AK Dixit	the new administrator	the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank	JB Bhorla
Amitabh Bachchan	the customer awareness campaign to prevent gullible account holders from being duped by fraudsters	RBI	-
D K Kashyap	Additional Director on the board	Dhanlaxmi Bank	-

COMMITTEE

Person name	Committee	Board	Members
Dheeraj Kumar	to look into the National Education Policy-2020	The Tamil Nadu Government	7
Dinesh Pant	to study Index-Linked Life Policies for life insurance companies	-	6
Rajiv Mehrishi	to assess impact of interest waiver on six-month loan moratorium	-	3
Defence Ministry	Empowered Group of Ministers to oversee the process of corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).	-	-
-	conducting a study on the origin and evolution of Indian culture	The government	16
Dr SudhakarShinde	to cap charges for CT scans for COVID-19patients	Maharashtra	4
Shri Ajay Tirkey	to prepare roadmap for regularisation of land leasing in agri sector	Government	-
T Haq	propose legalising land leasing to promote agricultural efficiency, equity and poverty reduction and to ensure complete security of the ownership rights of the landowner as well as security of tenure for the tenant through the agreed lease period	A Niti Aayog	-
Dr. P. K. Mishra	to improve the air quality in National Capital Region of Delhi	-	-

Dr Harshavardhan	inspection of COVID hospitals	-	-
Harsh Kumar Bhanwala	technical group on social stock exchange.	Sebi	-
Meeta Makhan	to manage Lakshmi Vilas Bank	RBI	3

OTHERS

Name	designation	Organization	Replaced
Vinkesh Gulati	President	FADA	-
Kenichi Ayukawa	President	Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)	-
Ayushmann Khurrana	UNICEF's celebrity advocate	children's rights campaign 'For Every Child'	-
Khushi Chindaliya	Regional Ambassador for India	United Nations Environment Programme - Tunza Eco-Generation	-

Science and Technology

IIT IN NEWS

IISC BENGALURU

- ❖ **IISc Bangalore** - has developed a low cost, drop on demand printing technique
- ❖ **IISc Bengaluru + Wipro GE Healthcare** = the inauguration of an advanced center for innovation and research
- ❖ **Equine Biotech, IISc Bengaluru** - an indigenous RT-PCR diagnostic kit called "Global diagnostic kit" for "accurate and affordable" diagnosis of COVID-19

IIT MADRAS

- ❖ **Muse Wearables, IIT Madras** - 'Muse Cue' - Artificial Intelligence powered personal wellness smart band would alert users on COVID-19 symptoms.
- ❖ **Ashok Leyland + Hindustan Zinc + IIT Madras** - To develop Zinc air battery
- ❖ **IIT Madras + AI4Bharat** = a platform for building AI solutions for India
- ❖ **IIT Madras** - indigenous microprocessor – Moushik

IIT KANPUR

- ❖ **IIT Kanpur** - Technopark@iitk - to allow the beleaguered MSMEs to leverage the Institute's R&D strengths
- ❖ **IIT-Kanpur + Indian Railways** - to facilitate research on railway modernization

IIT DELHI

- ❖ **IIT Delhi incubated startup Chakr Innovation** - 'Chakr DeCoV' - decontamination device to decontaminate N95 masks.

IIT GUWAHATI

- ❖ **IIT Guwahati + the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic** = data protection project
- ❖ **IIT Guwahati** - methods to detect and prevent the novel coronavirus using bio-interface interactions between the virus and the surface spike protein
- ❖ **IIT Guwahati + Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Udaipur** = a first-of-its-kind self-check kiosk

IIT BOMBAY

- ❖ **IIT Bombay** - Matsya 6 - a robotic submarine for underwater exploration, seafloor mapping, and sonar localization, among other uses.
- ❖ **IIT Bombay** - a website named "HOPE" - will connect students to counsellors and help fight the stigma attached to mental illnesses - HOPE (Healing Occurs with Positivity and Expression).

IIT KHARAGPUR

- ❖ **C-DAC + IIT Kharagpur** - develop a robot essentially for spraying pesticides in agricultural fields
- ❖ **IIT Kharagpur** - an artificial intelligence-based prediction model for detecting arsenic pollution in drinking water

IIT HYDERABAD

- ❖ **IIT Hyderabad** - a solution that can sift through the video feed from CCTVs and find out people who are using mobile phones

IIT Gandhi Nagar

- ❖ **IIT Gandhinagar** - a new molecule which can be used as a targeted therapy for prostate cancer

IIT ROORKEE

- ❖ **IIT Roorkee + NIUA** - areas of universal design principles and inclusive development in the backdrop of BASIIC program

IIT Bhubaneswar

- ❖ **IIT Bhubaneswar** - first-of-its-kind helmet-like ventilation device that benefits patients suffering from mild respiratory distress

IIT TIRUPATHI

- ❖ **IIT Tirupati + IISER Tirupati** - the Portable Optical Cavity Sterilization Unit (POSCU) - to provide efficient and rapid decontamination of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other household items

OTHERS NEWS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

APPS

- ❖ **Garvan Institute of Medical Research – Genopo** - can analyse the genome of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 within minutes

MASK

- ❖ **Baiid Auto Technologies** - IoT-based smart facemask for a medical condition such as Covid-19 and pulmonary disorder

ROBOTS

- ❖ **Singapore** - SwabBot - carries out nasal swabbing to diagnose COVID-19

SPACE NEWS

- ❖ **Northrop Grumman** - NG-14 Cygnus spacecraft – named as ‘S.S. Kalpana Chawla’
- ❖ **NASA** - Artemis Plan to land first woman, next man on moon in 2024
- ❖ **Pixxel + Momentus Inc** = to launch its second satellite into space
- ❖ **Alaska + AgniKul Cosmos** = to test launch the Agnibaan launch vehicle from PSCA on Kodiak Island in the United States’
- ❖ **Nelco + Telesat** = on terrestrial facilities, commercial distribution and regulatory frameworks to offer Telesat LEO satellite connectivity in India

COVID-19 TEST

- ❖ **Harvard Medical School, USA** - a method for rapid and inexpensive SARS-CoV-2 detection without specialized materials or equipment
- ❖ **CSIR-IGIB + Tata Group** = India's first CRISPR Covid-19 test
- ❖ **CSIR-IGIB** - a rapid and sensitive method to detect coronavirus infection in 30 minutes using a mass spectrometer
- ❖ **Students from shiv nadar school in Gurugram** - a DIY kit to save water from RO systems
- ❖ **GenePath Diagnostics** -a quantitative RT-PCR test - enable therapeutic drug and vaccine makers to test the efficacy of their product

INSITUATION

- ❖ **The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology** -"Healthy Air" -herbal-based immunity-boosting room freshener product - to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- ❖ **C-CAMP + ISIC** = identify and nurture frugal innovations and make quality healthcare affordable and accessible
- ❖ **CSIR-CMERI** - Affordable Solar Powered Battery based Sprayers to tackle Water Crisis in Agriculture
- ❖ **JNCASR** - a theranostics (diagnostic therapy) drug candidate for lung cancer
- ❖ **CSIR-CMERI +NISE, Gurugram** = as a Strategic Association to bolster the Solar Energy Sector
- ❖ **Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology** - new "Disinfectant Sprays" - to prevent microbial infections and to decontaminate vegetables and fruits
- ❖ **Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence** - a tool 'cough against COVID' to screen COVID-19 infections
- ❖ **Anna University** - an easy way to treat dyes and other organic contaminants in industrial waste water using direct sunlight
- ❖ **University of Washington + the Institute Pasteur in Paris + Vir Biotechnology in Switzerland** = an ultrapotent cocktail of human antibodies to eradicate SARS-CoV-2 from the system

SCTIMST

- ❖ **SCTIMST + Tynor Orthotics Private Limited** = to boost development of devices for osteoarthritis & diabetic foot ulcer
- ❖ **SCTIMST** - Indigenous device can help prevent blood clot in deep vein and lowers cost of saving life threatening conditions
- ❖ **Wipro 3D + SCTIMST** = AirBridge - a battery backed Emergency Breathing Assistance System
- ❖ **SCTIMST** - AcryloSorb - canister bags lined with super-absorbent material containing an effective disinfectant - the safe management of infected respiratory secretions

OTHERS

- ❖ **Vivek Akhouri, Bihar** - anti-breast cancer property in red sandalwood seeds
- ❖ **Vietnamese school students** – Vihelm - special helmets to bring comfort to frontline workers
- ❖ **British Scientists** - a four-level scoring model for predicting the death risk of patients hospitalized with Covid-19
- ❖ **Brihaspathi Technologies** – COVIPRO - a Unique Kiosk-based Solution to Prevent Corona
- ❖ **University of Melbourne – Australia** - a new tool to monitor mutations in the virus that may make it difficult to develop vaccines and drugs for COVID-19
- ❖ **FICCI FLO Hyderabad Chapter + CIE IIIT-H** = the FLOIncubator@CIE IIITH = to empower women entrepreneurs and women-led start-ups.
- ❖ **India scientists** - a web-based COVID predictor to predict the sequence of viruses online
- ❖ **Mandaji Narsimha Chary** - virus killer box to kill virus
- ❖ **Bluesemi** - 'SENS' a contactless and wireless thermal scanner - uses AI to detect body temperature
- ❖ **ICAR-CIBA + Salem Microbes Private Limited, Salem** = bacteriophage-based product that was effective in biocontrol of the bacterial diseases in shrimp hatchery settings
- ❖ **Loop, Netherlands** - biodegradable 'living' coffin using fungus

- ❖ **Adon Joy , Kerala** - a 'smart helmet' which consists of sensors that are connected to the two-wheeler via a mobile application
- ❖ **CSIR + Mylan Laboratories Limited** - address unmet patient needs amidst the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

JAPAN

- ❖ **Japan** - extend emergency loan - Rs 3,500 cr - for India to fight Covid19
- ❖ **India + Japan** = Cooperation In Textile Sector
- ❖ **India + Japan** = reciprocal supplies & services between armed forces
- ❖ **India-Japan Maritime bilateral exercise (JIMEX)** – 4th edition - North Arabian Sea

RUSSIA

- ❖ **India + Russia** = Indra 2020 = Andaman Sea.
- ❖ **Russia** - "Caucus 2020"
- ❖ **Iran + Russia** = cooperate on joint production of Covid-19 vaccine
- ❖ **Russia** - 10th Meeting of the BRICS High Representatives on National Security

Finland

- ❖ **"Corona Blinker"** - developed by a private Finnish software company Solita
- ❖ **India + Finland** = cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources

USA

- ❖ **Wilmington** - the first World War II Heritage City – announced by US President Donald Trump
- ❖ **India + the United States** = bilateral 2+2 inter-sessional meeting
- ❖ **US + Maldives** = Defence deal to counter China's presence in Indian Ocean
- ❖ **US + UAE** = enhanced consular privileges and immunities
- ❖ **India + the United States** = statement of intent to strengthen dialogue on Defence tech cooperation

CHINA

- ❖ **China** - a reusable experimental spacecraft - mission details have been kept secret
- ❖ **China** - nine satellites into orbit from ship stationed in the Yellow Sea
- ❖ **China** - aim to stop pumping additional carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by 2060

Brazil

- ❖ **Brazil** - Indigenous coronavirus tracing app “Covid-19 Indigenous Alert”

Maldives

- ❖ **India + Maldives** - MVR 8 million - to build infrastructure for police force
- ❖ **India + Maldives** - USD 250 million - to help it mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ❖ **India + Maldives** - a cargo ferry service connecting Tuticorin and Cochin ports
- ❖ **India + Maldives** - a Dornier maritime surveillance aircraft - to help monitor movement of Chinese vessels in regional waters

Iran

- ❖ **India + Iran** = Chabahar-Zahedan railway project as part of its connectivity initiatives in the region

Australia

- ❖ **India + Australia** = to conduct 2-day naval exercise in Indian Ocean

Israel

- ❖ **Israel + India** - to collaborate in tech innovation & start ups
- ❖ **Israel Defence Forces** - a successful test of a new sea-to-sea missile system
- ❖ **Israel + India** - to co-development and co-production projects of high-tech weapon systems and exporting them to other friendly countries

Denmark

- ❖ **Denmark + India** - field of Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation
- ❖ **Denmark + India** - to be at forefront of the global fight against the Climate Change

UK

- ❖ **UK** - The NHS COVID-19 app - new smartphone app to track and trace coronavirus

Nepal

- ❖ **India + Nepal** = 1.54 billion Nepali rupees - housing and school sector assistance

Sri Lanka

- ❖ **India** - USD 15 million - to Sri Lanka for the promotion of Buddhist ties between the two countries
- ❖ **India** - a Line of Credit worth USD 100 million - to Sri Lanka for three solar projects in the country
- ❖ **India + Sri Lanka** = to enhance cooperation to combat terrorism and drug trafficking.

Angola

- ❖ **India + Angola** = to diversify their trade relationship and discussed cooperation in health, pharmaceuticals, Defence, agriculture, food processing, digitization and telecom

Bangladesh

- ❖ **Bangladesh** - Asol Chini' or 'real-sugar' - to fight fake information and rumor spreading on social media
- ❖ **India + Bangladesh** = to resume Joint Coordinated Border Patrolling to reduce criminal activities
- ❖ **India + Bangladesh** - to set up a 'High Level Monitoring Committee' to regularly review the progress of implementation of projects being run with Line of Credit (Loc) provided by India

Others

- ❖ **India + Australia + Japan** = to establish greater supply-chain resilience in trade and investment
- ❖ **India + Israel + USA** = to 5G communication network
- ❖ **India + France + Australia** = first trilateral dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific
- ❖ **Rajnath Singh** - to represent India at Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting - Moscow, Russia
- ❖ **The third annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum** - Hanoi, Vietnam -October 28 and 29
- ❖ **India** - the meeting of Council of Heads of Government of Shanghai Cooperation Organization on 29-30 November 2020
- ❖ **India and Afghanistan** - the member of the Commission on Status of Women
- ❖ **UN + Britain** - to co-host a global climate summit - Dec 12
- ❖ **India + US + Japan + Australia** = virtual meeting under the framework of Quadrilateral coalition or "Quad
- ❖ **Merchant Navy union + UN body** - to help Indian seafarers stranded on ships
- ❖ **G20 Leaders' Summit** - November 21-22 in 2020 - Theme – "Realising opportunities of the 21st century for all"

- ❖ **Egypt** - to become self-sufficient in petroleum products within 3 years
- ❖ **UAE** - plans to send an unmanned spacecraft to the moon in 2024

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister – Narendra Modi

- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - address at USISPF 3rd Annual Leadership Summit - "US-India Navigating New Challenges"(Theme)
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - inaugurate The Patrika Gate - Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - e-Gopala App - for farmers.
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - the comprehensive fish production technology centre - Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University in Pusa in Bihar
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - India will increase its existing clean energy capacity of 134 GW to 220 GW by 2022
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - inauguration and 'Grih Pravesham' ceremony of 1 lakh 75 thousand houses built under PMAY-G - Madhya Pradesh
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - launch and inaugurate development works worth over Rs 16,000 crore in the next 10 days in poll-bound Bihar
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - three projects of the Petroleum Sector in Bihar
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - Kosi rail mega bridge in Bihar - 1.9 km – construction cost - Rs 516 crore
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - to inaugurate Optical Fibre internet services – Bihar
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - 'Age -Appropriate Fitness Protocols' on first anniversary of Fit India Movement
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - inaugurate a virtual summit on artificial intelligence 'RAISE 2020' on October 5
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - inaugurate the Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit - held on 2nd of October
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - address the United Nations General Assembly. – Theme - The Future we want, the United Nations we need, reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism - confronting the COVID-19 through effective multilateral action

- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - inaugurate six mega projects in Uttarakhand under the Namami Gange Mission
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - Ganga Avalokan”, the first museum on Ganga - at Chandi Ghat, Haridwar
- ❖ **Narendra Modi** - The logo of Jal Jeevan Mission and ‘Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats and Paani Samitis under Jal Jeevan Mission’

Defence - Rajnath Singh

- ❖ **Rs 2580 crores** - Indian companies - to supply six Army regiments with Pinaka missile
- ❖ **‘Chhavni COVID: Yodha Sanrakshan Yojana’** - Rs. 5 lakh insurance Coverage
- ❖ **Rs 90,048 crores** - allocate for capital acquisition (modernisation) of the armed forces under Defence Service Estimates in 2020-21
- ❖ **The defence ministry** - Rs 2,290 crore - the procurement of arms and military equipment worth how much amount including around 72,000 Sig Sauer assault rifles from the United States

Home Affairs- Amit Shah

- ❖ **Amit Shah** - development projects worth Rs 221 crore - Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- ❖ **Minister of State for Home** - the new ‘Cable Stayed Bridge’ constructed across Durgam Cheruvu Lake - 426 metre
- ❖ **Home Ministry** - inaugurate 'Destination North East-2020' to highlight the Northeast region's various potentials - the theme is “The Emerging Delightful Destinations”

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

- ❖ **Indian Railway** - User Depot Module to completely digitize its supply chain.
- ❖ **The South Eastern Railway** - 'Operation My Saheli' - to boost the security of women passengers in trains during their entire journey

Chemicals and Fertilizers - D.V. Sadananda Gowda

- ❖ **Swachhta Pakhwada** - 1st - 15th September
- ❖ **D V Sadananda Gowda** - India will be self-reliant in the production of fertilizers by 2023
- ❖ **Shri. D.V. Sadananda Gowda** - POS 3.1 software, SMS Gateway and Home Delivery facility of Fertilizers (RBK) for farmers in Andhra Pradesh

Finance and Corporate Affairs - Nirmala Sitharaman

- ❖ **Finance Ministry** - a doorstep banking services initiative by public sector banks (PSBs) which will provide convenience to customers

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

Singh Tomar

- ❖ **Agriculture Minister** - 22 bamboo clusters – 9 states
- ❖ **Agriculture Minister** - A logo for the National Bamboo Mission
- ❖ **Agriculture Minister** - inaugurate the new IARI, Assam - will be named after Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

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

Shankar Prasad

- ❖ **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology + National Jal Jeevan Mission** = ICT Grand Challenge to develop a 'Smart Water Supply Measurement and Monitoring System'

Social Justice and Empowerment - Thawar Chand Gehlot

- ❖ **Social Justice and Empowerment Minister** - the 24x7 Toll-Free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline - "KIRAN" - 1800-500-0019

External Affairs - Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- ❖ **External Affairs Ministry** - inaugural session of the Intra-Afghan negotiations - Doha, Qatar
- Human Resource Development or Education - Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**
- ❖ **Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** - 'EnglishPro' - English learning app - developed by the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad

Women and Child Development and Textiles - Smriti Irani

- ❖ **WCD Ministry + AYUSH ministry** = integration of AYUSH systems with ongoing nutrition interventions

Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology; and Earth Sciences - Dr

Harshavardhan

- ❖ **Health Ministry** - the ICMR's vaccine web portal and National Clinical Registry for Covid-19

AYUSH -Shripad Yesso Naik

- ❖ **Union Minister for AYUSH + Union Minister of State PMO** - foundation of Post-Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal Plants in Jammu & Kashmir

Development of North Eastern Region - Jitender Singh

- ❖ **Jitendra Singh** - the Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex - Hiranagar, near Jammu
- ❖ **Dr Jitendra Singh** - the Logo and song for festival "Destination North East-2020"

Youth Affairs and Sports - Kiren Rijiju

- ❖ **Kiren Rijiju** - foundation stones for various sports facilities - 12 crore rupees - Leh, Ladakh
- ❖ **Sports Ministry** - upgrade eight Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) - cost of Rs. 95.19 crore
- ❖ **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports + United Nations Children Fund** = YuWaah – a multi-stakeholder platform to make young people career ready

Culture and Tourism - Prahalad Singh Patel

- ❖ **Ministry of Tourism** - SAATHI App - for hospitality industry on World Tourism Day

Power , New and Renewable Energy - Rajkumar singh

- ❖ **The International Solar Alliance (ISA + the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) + World Bank** - to design a plan for implementing 'One Solar One World and One Grid' (OSOWOG)
- ❖ **Union Power Minister** - foundation stone for construction of LILO of Kishenganj-Darbhanga 400kV Transmission Line - Saharsa in Bihar
- ❖ **Power Ministry** - basic infrastructure projects of Rs 6.99 crore - Bhojpur district of Bihar

Housing and Urban Affairs, Civil Aviation. - Hardeep Singh Puri

- ❖ **Hardeep Singh** - the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0 - to provide a clear roadmap for cities towards combating climate change
- ❖ **Hardeep Singh** - the Streets for People Challenge, which seeks to make cities more pedestrian friendly.
- ❖ **Hardeep Singh** - India's first General Aviation Terminal - Delhi Airport
- ❖ **Hardeep Singh** - Project Management Information System (P-MIS) portal of the NCRPB to monitor the progress of projects and administering loans

Shipping - Mansukh L. Mandaviya

- ❖ **Mansukh Mandaviya** - SAROD-Ports = Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes – Ports - to facilitate affordable and timely resolution of disputes for the maritime sector.

STATES

Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh + CSIR-IICT** = to establish Bulk Drug Pharma park
- ❖ **NRCB Tiruchi + Andhra Pradesh** = providing innovative technologies in banana processing and value addition
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - YSR Sampurna Poshana scheme and YSR Sampurna Poshana plus scheme – provide nutritious food to pregnant women, lactating mothers and Children
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** – 5 committee - to set up private universities
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - YSR Aasara – for reimbursing the outstanding loans of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the state
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - SAADHANA - the mobile app to impart spoken English training for Anganwaadi workers
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - 'AP Police Seva' - to ensure safety of houses, alert about accident-prone areas
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - Rs 199.87 crore from the Centre to fight the COVID-19 pandemic
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - YSR Jala Kala scheme - drill borewells in the arid and uplands in the State and will also provide free motors to small and marginal farmers
- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** - Rs 6,790 cr for women through YSR Cheyutha scheme

Assam

- ❖ **Assam** - SVAYEM - Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme - self-employment to around 2 lakh youths of state - provide 50 thousand rupees each
- ❖ **Assam** - foundation stone & inaugurates 329 schemes worth Rs 121 cr
- ❖ **Assam** - 'Lohitanjali' - a week-long plasma donation drive in the state
- ❖ **Assam** - Mukhyamantri Grammya Paribahan Achoni scheme & distributed vehicles
- ❖ **Assam** - a scheme to provide cash value of 'tola' (nearly 10 gm) of gold to newlywed brides from economically backward families
- ❖ **Assam** - provide Rs 40,000 to girls from families with an annual income of less than Rs 5 lakh

- ❖ **Assam** - a 3% interest subvention per year will be provided to those tea gardens
- ❖ **Assam** - a subsidy of Rs 7 per kg of 'orthodox' tea.
- ❖ **Assam** - an agricultural income tax holiday for three years will be given for Assam's tea gardens.
- ❖ **Assam** - 'visitassam' - to ensure that proper social distancing is maintained and passengers are not delayed as filling up necessary forms at the airports is time consuming
- ❖ **Assam** - 'Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme' - to provide loan to entrepreneurs for venturing in tourism sector

Bihar

- ❖ **Bihar** - Arwal district -police-first in country to set up voice recording system to transcribe case diaries
- ❖ **Kurkribigha , Bihar** - pilot project first state in country for community cultivation of bio fortified wheat

Chhattisgarh

- ❖ **Chhattisgarh** - CG-COP - to the public will have access to at least 14 types of online services without visiting police stations

Gujarat

- ❖ **Gujarat** - State's first Heritage Tourism Policy
- ❖ **Gujarat** - a letter of intent (LOI) for the world's first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) terminal
- ❖ **Gujarat** -Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY) — a scheme of providing interest-free loans to women's groups in the state
- ❖ **Gujarat** - a subsidy scheme to encourage use of electric vehicles
- ❖ **Gujarat** - 'Surya Gujarat'- solar rooftop scheme to encourage installation of green energy generation technology
- ❖ **Gujarat + Denmark** = water sector

Haryana

- ❖ **Haryana** - 'Aapka Mitra' - academic WhatsApp chatbot to facilitate the admission process and provide information pertaining to universities, colleges and students
- ❖ **Haryana** - an online platform for admission to undergraduate courses in government-aided and self-financed colleges

Himachal Pradesh

- ❖ **Himachal Pradesh** - “Swachhata Cafe”, ‘Swachhata Park

Karnataka

- ❖ **'Pashu Sanjeevani'** - Mysuru, Karnataka
- ❖ **Karnataka** - South's first fixed-wing air ambulance helmed by medical experts
- ❖ **Bangaluru, Karnataka** - Annual commanders' conclave
- ❖ **Karnataka** - “Arthika Spandana” programme - disbursing loans to the tune of ₹ 39,300 crore through various cooperative institutions
- ❖ **Mangalore, Karnataka** - India's first Coast Guard academy

Kerala

- ❖ **Kerala** - ‘cOcOn 2020’ cybersecurity and hacking conference
- ❖ **Kerala** - the first phase of a model project - to improve and facilitate the education of students belonging to SC & ST
- ❖ **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) + She Loves Tech** = a virtual competition to create a pan-India network for entrepreneurs, firms and investors to promote technology for women and women in technology.
- ❖ **Kerala** - KSWIFT 2.0 - the new online version of the single-window clearance system to encourage new entrepreneurs to set up businesses in the state - KSWIFT - Kerala Single Window Interface for Fast and Transparent Clearance system

Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - campaign ‘Gandagi Bharat Chhodo’
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - ‘Anna Utsav’ (food grains festival) on September 16
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - Gharib Kalyan Week - from 16th to 23rd September - mark the Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi - 4th day of Gharib Kalyan Week is called ‘Vanadhikar Diwas’
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - distributed a loan amount of Rs 200 crores to empower Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the state
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - Mukhymantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana - farmers’ families--will get Rs 4,000 in two equal instalments
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - an interest-free loan amount of 10 thousand rupees each in accounts of rural street vendors

- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana - 4 thousand rupees will be given by the state government in 2 equal installments
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - elephant adoption scheme in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Maharashtra

- ❖ **Maharashtra + SIDBI** = develop MSME ecosystem
- ❖ **Maharashtra** - 'My Family-My Responsibility' campaign to fight Covid-19
- ❖ **Maharashtra** - a new road accident insurance scheme - to provide timely treatment to victims
- ❖ **The Maharashtra government's Mahila Aarthik Vikas Mahamandal** - an e-business platform to help women farmers and members of self-help groups get good prices for their agricultural produce.
- ❖ **Maharashtra** - e- Peek Pahani - reduce hardships of farmers.
- ❖ **Maharashtra + CII** = launching e-ICU project to control Covid-19
- ❖ **Maharashtra** - the ayurvedic 'chemo recovery kits' containing Ayurvedic formulation
- ❖ **Sangli, Maharashtra** - 'No Mask, No Ride' to contain the spread of Coronavirus in the region

Meghalaya

- ❖ **Meghalaya** - Piggery Mission - Rs 200 Crore

Odisha

- ❖ **Odisha** - AMA SAHAR and SWACHHA SAHAR ODISHA app
- ❖ **Odisha** - GARIMA scheme - Core sanitation workers
- ❖ **Odisha** - an idea to hold "Radio Pathashala" to teach students of Class 1 to 8 in the state
- ❖ **Odisha** - a slum upgradation programme to make the state slum-free in three years

Punjab

- ❖ **Punjab** - 'I Rakhwali' - to help netizens to become 'Greenery Saviours'.

Rajasthan

- ❖ **Rajasthan + SIDBI** = to develop MSME ecosystem

Tamil Nadu

- ❖ **Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu** - the state's first Fully Digital Economy district
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy 2020
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - to set up an integrated platform to redress public grievances
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - “Covid Suspects Wards” in all major hospitals of the state
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - the first state to come out with Tamil Nadu Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain and Cybersecurity policies in the country
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation + Coursera** = train 50,000 unemployed youth amidst Covid-19
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu CM** - inaugurate a check dam worth ₹17.39 crore at Kodimangalam
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - One Nation One Ration card system on Oct 1
- ❖ **Namakkal, Tamil Nadu** - Nutrition park
- ❖ **The Tiruchi Range Police** - Project Shield - a unique initiative that will help combat crimes against women and children.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** - implementing various supplementary nutrition programmes as part of the National Nutrition Month

Telangana

- ❖ **Telangana** – a three-member task force – to check the complaints of exorbitant fee charged by private hospitals for treating COVID patients
- ❖ **Telangana** - the Dharani portal on Dussehra

Tripura

- ❖ **Tripura** – first ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh – The Daukandi (Bangladesh) – Sonamura (Tripura)
- ❖ **Sabroom, Tripura** - the foundation stone for Tripuras first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** – to create Udyog Bandhu-like body for farmers
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** – to organize 5-day global virtual MSME exhibition in October
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** – Agra's Mughal museum after Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- ❖ **Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh** – to set up the country's "biggest" film city
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** – labreports.upcovid19tracks.in – help in better tracking of the pandemic in the state
- ❖ **Noida, Uttar Pradesh** - The biggest hub in north India
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** - 'U-Rise' - a unified portal to guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment in the state
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** - Rs 100 cr boost to 82.15 km Delhi-Meerut high-speed rail corridor
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** - e-Gyan Ganga - a portal to help UP Board students during pandemic

Uttarakhand

- ❖ **ITBP + Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board** = to promote adventure sports activities at Tehri Lake

West Bengal

- ❖ **West Bengal** - ₹1,000 – free housing for more than 8,000 poor Sanatan Brahmin priests of the state
- ❖ **Kolkata, West Bengal** - A unique tram library
- ❖ **West Bengal** - a grant of Rs 50,000 to each Durga Puja committee in the state.

Union Territory

Delhi

- ❖ **Delhi** – 10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute, Har Ravivar, Dengue Par Vaar” initiative to arrest the surge of dengue cases
- ❖ **Delhi** – online system for filing complaints in consumer courts
- ❖ **Delhi Metro** – indigenous signaling technology under ‘Make in India’
- ❖ **DRDO** – eight advanced technology centres to carry out research on futuristic military applications

Lakshadweep

- ❖ **Lakshadweep** – joined – ‘One Nation-One ration card scheme’

Puducherry

- ❖ **Puducherry** – bicycle sharing stations at 41 vantage locations across the capital

Jammu and Kashmir

- ❖ **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** - SPARROW system – Jammu and Kashmir
Administrative Service officer – SPARROW – Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window
- ❖ **Jammu & Kashmir** – The first ever cannabis medicine project will be set up with the collaboration of Canada
- ❖ **Jammu & Kashmir** - awareness cum sensitization programme for newly proposed FPO – Organized by NABARD
- ❖ **Jammu & Kashmir** - the Flagship programme “Backyard Horticulture” under CAPEX scheme
- ❖ **Jammu and Kashmir** – Online Process-Based Standardized & Scalable Career Education platform for students
- ❖ **Jammu & Kashmir** – ‘Jan Abhiyan’ programme – to ensure prompt & hassle free public service delivery
- ❖ **Manoj Sinha** – Rs, 1,350-cr – to boost tourism, other sectors in J&K
- ❖ **Jammu & Kashmir** + **Indian Army** = development and operationalization Kishtwar airstrip

Ladakh

- ❖ **Ladakh** – joined – ‘One Nation-One ration card scheme’

GoI

- ❖ **Govt** – ‘Karmayogi yojana’ – skill development of civil servants
- ❖ **Government** – Rs 971-cr – Munger-Bhagalpur National Highway project in Bihar – 120 km
- ❖ **The Centre** – the Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges programme to support MSMEs and start-ups
- ❖ **CCEA** – Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project from Palwal to Sonipat – 5,617 crore – 121 km
- ❖ **The government** - extend the enforcement of compulsory certification by BIS for toys to January 1, 2021 from September 1, 2020
- ❖ **The Government** – the 112 Emergency Response Support System for a single number based assistance in emergencies to women in distress
- ❖ **The government** - extend implementation date for track and trace for drugs - April 1, 2021
- ❖ **The Centre** - India's first RRTS train - 180 kmph
- ❖ **The Centre** - Rs. 197 crores have been approved in State government's rural tap water scheme.

AIRPORTS

- ❖ **Bangalore International Airport + Xovis** = the tech-enabled Queue Management System
- ❖ **Mumbai International Airport** - QR code-enabled contactless check-in mechanism for the passengers
- ❖ **Indira Gandhi International Airport** – Delhi - India's first Coronavirus airport testing facility
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport** - the Airport Health Accreditation (AHA) by ACI

TARGET YEARS

- ❖ **Railway** - to complete 100 % electrification of its broad gauge routes by 2023
- ❖ **The government** – food grain production target at a record 301 million tonnes for 2020-21
- ❖ **Uttarakhand** - 100% water coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission by 2022
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** - household tap connections in all rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission — 2023
- ❖ **The Airports Authority of India (AAI)** - to upgrade runways at seven airports across the country by March 2022

DEFENCE

- ❖ **L&T Defence arm** - government contract for supply of Pinaka of Weapon Systems
- ❖ **DRDO** - successfully tested the indigenously developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)
- ❖ **DRDO** - P-7 Heavy Drop System capable of para dropping military stores
- ❖ **DRDO** - A Customized My Stamp on India's First Anti Satellite Missile (A-SAT) – launched by Department of Posts
- ❖ **DRDO** - An indigenously developed laser-guided anti-tank guided missile - in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar – range up to 4 km
- ❖ **ABHYAS** - High-speed Expendable Aerial Target - the Interim Test Range, Balasore in Odisha.
- ❖ **India** - successful night testfire of its indigenously developed nuclear capable surface-to-surface Prithvi-II missile - 350 Km
- ❖ **India** - test-fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in Odisha - More than 400 km.

NITI AGYOG

- ❖ **Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog + Freshworks** = to provide robust support to innovators and entrepreneurs in India
- ❖ **Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog + ScooNews** = to share and spread inspiring stories of grassroots
- ❖ **The Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) + ISRO + four ministries** = will focus on challenges in 15 sectors through the programme
- ❖ **NITI Aayog + Embassy of the Netherlands** - a Statement of Intent to support the decarbonisation and energy transition agenda for accommodating cleaner and more energy

IOC

- ❖ **IOC** - gets funding support from USTDA for its green tech endeavor - USD 507,690 - amount
- ❖ **IOC** - Rs 17,825 crore - Gujarat refinery expansion, petrochemical project

OTHERS

- ❖ **BHEL** - new vertical 'Make in India (MII) Business Development Group' as part of efforts to focus on Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives
- ❖ **Akshay Kumar** - mobile action game same as PUBG - 'FAU:G'
- ❖ **Lufthansa Cargo's** - new Boeing 777 - 'Namaste India'
- ❖ **The Cycling Summit 2021** – Host in Bangalore, Delhi , Mumbai
- ❖ **3rd Rashtriya Poshan Maah** - September 2020
- ❖ **Vice-President** - 4th edition of CII global Ayurveda summit - “Immunity through Ayurveda”
- ❖ **10th edition** - Defence Technology and Trade Initiative was held virtually
- ❖ **CSC + Whatsapp** = WhatsApp chatbot - for people - to access its digital literacy services and resources
- ❖ **Justice Bhushan Gavai** - 'edaakhil.nic.in' - a portal for e-filing of consumer disputes
- ❖ **25th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala** - 12-19 February 2021
- ❖ **The Indian Army** - organize a Shikara race - Dal Lake
- ❖ **Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Kumudini Tyagi and SLt Riti Singh** - “Observers” (Airborne Tacticians) in the helicopter stream
- ❖ **INS Viraat** - arrive at Alang in Gujarat for dismantling
- ❖ **NDMC** - a property tax amnesty scheme - to provide relief to the residents of unauthorised regularised colonies
- ❖ **Kineco Limited, Goa** - India's first commercial Sonar Dome for Indian Navy
- ❖ **The 51st Edition of IFFI** - 16th - 24th January 2021 – Goa
- ❖ **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - “Saubhagya”** - completed three years
- ❖ **BIAL + Virgin** = to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed Hyperloop corridor from the city's Kempegowda International Airport
- ❖ **NABARD** - embarking on a Sanitation Literacy to promote literacy on 'WASH' in 2,000 villages across the country covering one lakh rural population
- ❖ **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd** - produce 73 Advanced Light Helicopters for armed forces
- ❖ **Cochin Shipyard Limited** - deliver two Roll on Roll Off (RO-RO) vessels to IWAI which is a part of the order for a series of 10 vessels



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