

## Daily Current Affairs- 15/12/20

### 1. PM Narendra Modi addresses Climate Ambition Summit 2020



- The summit was co-hosted by the United Nations, the United Kingdom and France in partnership with Chile and Italy to mark the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement on December 12, 2020.
- The prime minister added that India has reduced its emission intensity by 21 percent over 2005 levels. Our solar capacity has grown from 2.63 GigaWatts in 2014 to 36 GigaWatts in 2020. Our renewable energy capacity is the fourth largest in the world.
- **Note:** The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recently released the **Emissions Gap Report, 2020**.
- The report finds that, despite a brief dip in carbon dioxide emissions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is still heading for a temperature rise in excess of 3°C this century – far beyond the Paris Agreement goals of limiting global warming.

### 2. Indian Railways launches Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) trial project



- The trail project has been launched over South Central Railway.

- **About HMIS:** The HMIS in Railways has been developed by Indian Railways in coordination with RailTel Corporation Limited.
- Its objective is to provide a single window of clearance of hospital administration activity such as clinical, diagnostics, pharmacy, examinations, industrial health etc.

### 3. National Centre for Divyang Empowerment (NCDE) inaugurated in Hyderabad

**National Centre for Divyang Empowerment (NCDE), Hyderabad**

- NCDE is first of its kind skill development center for Divyang soldiers.
- It aims to provide support to CRPF soldiers injured in line of duty and rendered physically challenged.
- Focus will be mainly on the fitness of divyangs & re-skilling them in various domains.
- Based on success of the training, the same facility will be extended to soldiers of other paramilitary forces.

- Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy has inaugurated the National Centre for Divyang Empowerment at the CRPF Group Centre in Hakimpet near Hyderabad.

- This is the first of its kind establishment to re-skill and rehabilitates the Divyang Warriors of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) who suffered life threatening injuries in line of duty.

### 4. Urban Quality of Life Index 2020

## IIT-B RANKING OF INDIAN CITIES

Index	Highest ranked	Lowest ranked
Basic amenities	Pune	Patna
Economic development	Mumbai	Patna
Safety and security	Kolkata	Patna
Transportation access	Delhi	Indore
Environmental impact	Mumbai	Lucknow
Infrastructure development	Kolkata	Patna
Gender role	Chennai	Patna



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- IIT-Bombay, recently released Urban Quality of Life Index, wherein the institution compared the life quality in various cities all over India on the basis of some common denominations.
- **Some important ranks are:** Mumbai provides the highest quality of life in the country, closely followed by Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata. Bihar's capital city Patna, on the other hand has been ranked at the lowest position.
- For the gender parity index, Chennai got the top rank and has shown the least gender discrimination and differences and Patna remains the worst performing city.

#### 5. Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)



- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched a 9 billion dollar vaccine initiative- the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)- offering rapid and equitable support to its developing members as they procure and deliver effective and safe coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines.
- **Note:** The financing of vaccines by ADB will also be in close coordination with other development partners including World Health Organisation, World Bank Group, GAVI, COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access Facility- COVAX and bilateral and multilateral partners.

#### 6. Social Entrepreneur of the year 2020 awarded to Ashraf Patel



- Ashraf Patel is one such person who has recently won the Social Entrepreneur of the Year award instituted by the Schwab Foundation and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation.
- **Note:** Ashraf Patel is the co-founder of Pravah and ComMutiny Youth Collective. In partnership with UNICEF ROSA, they developed an appreciative enquiry tool to assess the impact of COVID 19 on the lives of adolescents in 8 South Asian countries.



7. Joe Biden & Kamala Harris named Time magazine's Person of the Year 2020



- U.S. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris were jointly named Time magazine's 2020 Person of the Year.
- **Note:** The Person of the Year is usually an individual, but multiple people have been named in the past. Time began its tradition for declaring person of the year in 1927.

8. Breakdancing gets Olympic status to debut at Paris in 2024



- **Note:** Three sports (skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing) will make their Olympic debuts at the Tokyo Games which were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic by one year to open on July 23, 2021.



## 9. Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2020 awarded to Dr. Carolina Araujo



- Dr. Carolina Araujo is a mathematician from the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Dr. Araujo, who is Vice President of the Committee for Women in Mathematics at the International Mathematical Union, is the first non-Indian to receive this prize for her outstanding work in algebraic geometry.
- **Note:** The prize awarded annually to a researcher from a developing country funded by the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India in collaboration with ICTP (International Centre for Theoretical Physics) and the International Mathematical Union.