

Daily Current Affairs-28/12/20

1. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launches Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT to extend coverage to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir



- Scheme will provide financial cover up to Rs 5 lakh per family on a floater basis; free and cashless treatment in any public and private empanelled hospital across the country.
- Right now about 6 lakh families of the state are getting the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. All 21 lakh families living in J & K will get the same benefit after the SEHAT scheme.
- **Note: AB-PMJAY** (Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) is a flagship health scheme of the central government, which was launched in 2018, and provides a cover of up to Rs 500,000 per family every year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.

2. Niti Ayog launches made-in India cloud storage service, DigiBoxx



- DigiBoxx is India's first homegrown Digital Asset Management Platform where we can store and collaborate with your digital assets, like raw files, photographs, sensitive collateral, etc.
- This is a made-in India service that will store and encrypt data within the country. It is available on the web and Android as of now with iOS support arriving soon.



- Like Google Drive and Apple's iCloud service, DigiBoxx will enable individuals and enterprises to store, manage, collaborate, organise and share all their data online.

3. Cabinet approves 100% FDI in DTH services



- The Union Cabinet approved revised guidelines for Direct-to-Home (DTH) broadcasting services, allowing 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) as well as increasing the licence period to 20 years.
- Under the revised guidelines the licenses will be issued for a period of 20 years, compared to 10 years at the moment, and will be renewed for a 10-year period.

4. Defence minister hands over 3 DRDO systems to chiefs of armed forces



- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over three systems developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation to chiefs of the three armed forces.
(i) Indian maritime situational awareness system (IMSAS) to Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh



- (ii) The Astra Mk-1 missile system to Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria
- (iii) The Border Surveillance System (BOSS) to Army Chief General M M Naravane

5. “JSA(Jal Shakti Abhiyan) II: Catch the Rain” Awareness Generation Campaign launched



- National Water Mission(NWM), Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports launched the “JSA II: Catch the Rain” Awareness Generation Campaign.
- **Note:** As a preparatory phase of JSA-II, the Ministry has involved Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan for undertaking ‘Catch the Rain’ awareness campaign to cover 623 districts. The awareness generation phase of the campaign will run from mid-December 2020 to March 2021.

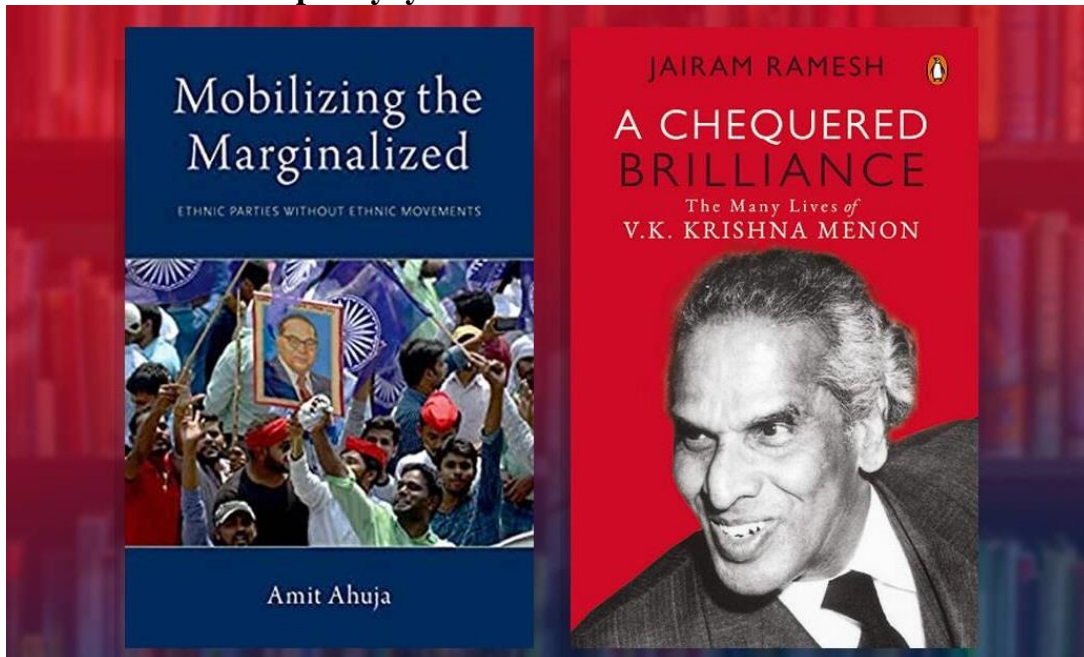
6. Indian Army signs MoU with Bank of Baroda for new 'Baroda Military Salary Package'



- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Lt Gen Ravin Khosla, DG (MP&PS) and Shri Vikramaditya Singh Khichi, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda.
- Services under this Salary Package will be offered to serving and retired personnel of Indian Army through the Bank's network of over 8,200 domestic branches

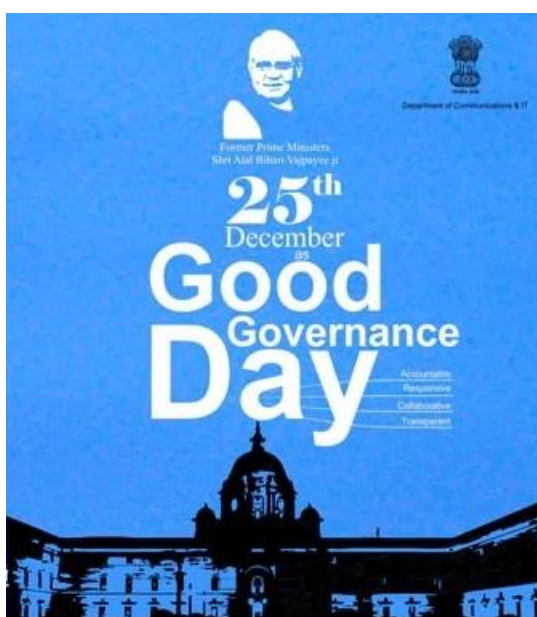
and around 20,000 business correspondent touchpoints.

7. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2020



- The jury of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay New India Foundation (NIF) Book Prize 2020 has for this year announced two joint winners—Amit Ahuja (Mobilising the Marginalised: Ethnic Parties without Ethnic Movements) and Jairam Ramesh (A Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of VK Krishna Menon).
- **Note:** Established in 2018, the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize builds on the New India Foundation’s mission of sponsoring high-quality research and writing on all aspects of independent India.

8. December 25, Good Governance Day



- This Day is observed in India annually on 25 December, the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It was established in 2014.
- **Note:** On the occasion of the 96th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Mr. Modi released a book titled ‘**Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Parliament: A Commemorative Volume**’, highlighting the life and works of the former Prime Minister.
- On the occasion, Hardeep Singh Puri, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister launched **E-Sampada**, a new web portal and mobile app.



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9. Renowned Malayalam poet Sugathakumari passes away



- Sugathakumari, the Malayalam poet who had also been a committed environmentalist and women's rights activist.
- She was awarded India's fourth-highest civilian award, Padma Shri, in 2006.

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