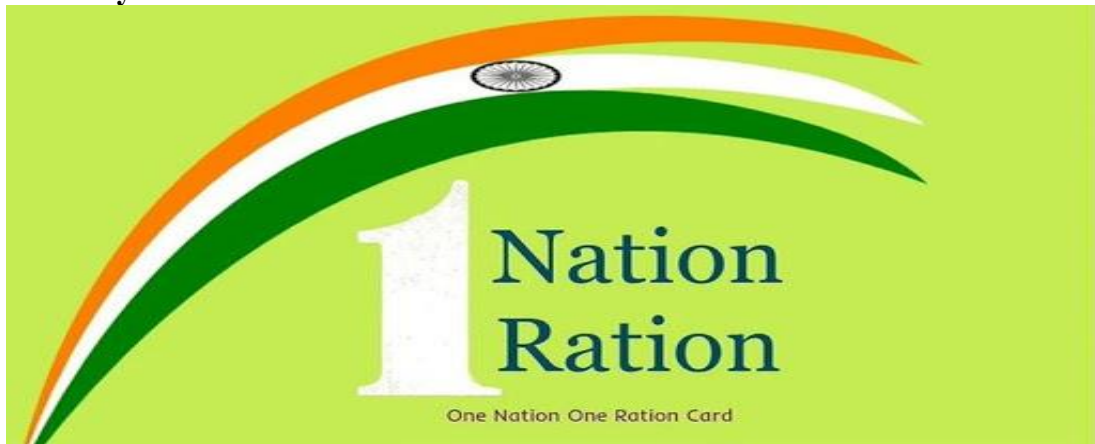


## Daily Current Affairs- 11/12/20

### 1. 9 states successfully complete implementation of 'One Nation One Ration Card' system



- The Ministry of Finance has informed that as many as 9 states have completed the reforms in Public Distribution System (PDS) and have successfully implemented the 'One Nation One Ration Card System'.
  - These 9 states are Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, and Gujarat.
  - **Note:** This was aimed to ensure that the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes, especially the migrant workers and their families, get ration from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country.
- ### 2. NHSRCL adopts aerial LiDAR Survey technique to conduct the ground survey for Delhi-Varanasi High Speed Rail Corridor
- National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) will be adopting Light Detection and Ranging Survey (LiDAR) technique using Laser enabled equipment mounted on a Helicopter for conducting ground survey for the preparation of Detailed Project Report for the proposed Delhi-Varanasi HSR corridor.
  - **Note:** The aerial LiDAR survey technique, for the first time for any railway project in India, was adopted for the Mumbai- Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor primarily because of its high accuracy. The ground survey using aerial LiDAR for MAHSR alignment was done only in 12 weeks against the 10-12 months if had been done through traditional survey methods.

### 3. Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2021

#### Climate Change Performance Index – Rating table

Rank		Country	Score**	Categories
1.*	-	-	-	
2.	-	-	-	
3.	-	-	-	
4.	-	Sweden	74.42	
5.	▲	United Kingdom	69.66	
6.	▼	Denmark	69.42	
7.	▼	Morocco	67.59	
8.	▲	Norway	65.45	
9.	▲	Chile	64.05	
10.	▼	India	63.98	
11.	▼	Finland	62.63	
12.	▲	Malta	62.21	
13.	▲	Latvia	61.88	
14.	▲	Switzerland	60.85	
15.	▼	Lithuania	58.03	

- None achieved 1-3 rank
- 4<sup>th</sup> rank- Sweden
- 5<sup>th</sup> rank- UK
- **10<sup>th</sup> rank- India**
- While China is ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>, US 61<sup>st</sup> and Russia 52<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Note:** CCPI is prepared after assessing the performances of 57 countries and the European Union. These 57 countries and the European Union collectively are responsible for about 90 percent of the global GHG emissions.
- **The Climate Change Performance Index** is developed by not-for-profit organisations Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute (Germany) together with the Climate Action Network (CAN International).

### 4. Parthiv Patel announces retirement from all forms of Cricket



- Wicketkeeper-batsman Patel, made his international debut in 2002 at the age of 17 in an away Test series against England
- He last wore Indian jersey in 2018 during a Test match against South Africa in Johannesburg.

### 5. ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) wins the International King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020

- This announcement was made on a virtual function by the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) on World Soil Day (5<sup>th</sup> December 2020).
- **Note:** ICAR is the organization responsible for the coordination, guidance and management of agricultural research and education in India as well as in the world.



Starting from 2018, the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) supported by the Kingdom of Thailand would like to give recognition and prize individuals and/or institutions that organize the best World Soil Day celebrations

The World Soil Day Award (WSDA) comes in the form of a medal, a USD 15,000 cheque and a trip to Thailand.

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**6. Mondo Duplantis and Yulimar Rojas win ‘2020 World Athlete of the Year’**



- Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis and Venezuelan triple jumper Yulimar Rojas are the 2020 Male and Female World Athletes of the Year.
- They are their countries' first recipients of the prestigious athletics award announced during the virtual World Athletics Awards.

**7. World Health Organisation (WHO) has appointed Indian-origin Anil Soni as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the WHO Foundation**

- WHO Director-General Adhanom Ghebreyesus described Soni as a proven innovator in global health who has spent two decades in service of communities affected by HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases.





- **Note: WHO Foundation**, an independent grant-making agency headquartered in Geneva, was launched in May 2020 to work alongside the WHO and the global health community.

#### 8. Noted Hindi poet and journalist Manglesh Dabral passes away at 72



- Dabral was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2000 for his poetry collection 'Ham Jo Dekhte Hain'.
- He worked with several newspapers, including Jansatta and Pratipaksha.

#### 9. December 11, UNICEF Day 2020



- UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories aiming to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.

- **Note:** The United Nations General Assembly created UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) on December 11, 1946, as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- The organisation was originally named United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. However, in 1953, it became a permanent agency of the UN, and the words 'International' and 'Emergency' were dropped from the official name but the acronym (UNICEF) continued.

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