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### **Weekly One Liners Updates** 1-7th June 2020

Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the first week (1-7th) of June 2020. This file is important for, **Banking**, **SSC**, **Railway** & Insurance exams.

		Banking & Financial Awareness
1.		es regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended Deadline for Power of Attorney Norms till _ <b>August 1, 2020.</b>
	Note:	
	>	The decision regarding extension has been taken due to the difficulty faced by the stock brokers and broker associations in implementing the provisions amid the situation arising due to COVID-19.
2.		ly and plan for initiating a joint venture (JV) company BEML has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with <b>Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (MELCO)</b> .
	Note:	
	>	This MoU is on the lines of invitation of BEML regarding Expression of Interest (EoI) for Manufacturing, Partnerships under "Make in India" policy.
3.	Which	bank has acquired a 24.19% stake in Dish TV India LtdYes Bank.
	Note:	
	>	As of March 31, Dish TV promoters owned 54.56% stake in the company, out of which over 93% was pledged with the lenders.
	>	Following the transaction, Dish TV promoters led by Jawahar Goel will only have just 30.37% stake in the company.
	>	But before as on March 31, 2020 they owned 54.56% stake in the company, out of which over 93% was pledged with the lenders.
4.		s worker population ratio as per the 'Annual Report of Periodic Labour Force Survey launched by National cal Office (NSO)35.3%.
	Note:	
		According to the survey, the worker population ratio increased to 35.3% as compared to 34.7% in 2017-18. The unemployment rate fell to 5.8% in the period July 2018 to June 2019 as compared to 6.1% in the same period 2017-18.
5	For how	w many kharif crops the central government has announced minimum support price (MSP) on the recommendation
J.		mission for Agricultural Costs and Prices <b>14.</b>
	Note:	inission for right-cultural costs and i rices14.
	>	The Minimum Support Price of Paddy has been increased by Rs 53 per quintal. The MSP of paddy has been fixed at Rs 1,868 per quintal for the year 2020-21. The rates of pulses, oil seeds and cereals have also been increased.
_		The MSP of cotton has been increased from Rs 5,255 per quintal to Rs 5,515 per quintal.
О.		grade has been given by ratings agency Moody's Investors Service towards India's sovereign rating Baa3.
	Note: ➤	Baa3 is the lowest investment grade in Moody's rating ladder.
		This means, India is just one notch above the non-investment grade or junk grade.
		Moody's had upgraded the country's rating to Baa2 in November 2017.
7	Which	of the following banks is the technical partner for implementation of PM Svanidhi, or Pradhan Mantri Street
٠.		's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi scheme launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs <b>Small Industries</b>
		opment Bank of India (SIDBI).
	Note:	·F
	>	The scheme was announced by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 14 May to enable street vendors to resume their livelihoods, which have been hit hard due to the national lockdown.



- > It is a special micro-credit facility plan to provide affordable loan of up to ₹10,000 to more than 50 lakh street vendors, who had their businesses operational on or before 24 March.
- The the scheme is valid until March 2022.
- 8. Which bank has partnered with Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCIL) to facilitate real time payments for truck drivers \_\_\_\_ DBS Bank.

- > The solution has been set up under the aegis of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). DBS RAPID (Realtime APIs by DBS) and UPI payments, provides a seamless integration with the company's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.
- > By this solution, TCIL truck drivers will receive an instant credit into their bank account, which they can then swipe at terminals or withdraw cash using ATMs.
- 9. Which of the following banks has introduced a first-of-its-kind facility for customers to open current accounts (CA) through its 'Corporate' mobile app \_\_\_\_\_ IndusInd Bank.

#### Note:

- Current account can be opened for all types of businesses including proprietorships, partnerships and private and public limited companies through this facility.
- > Bank officials will go to the customer's home and gather information about them and his/her business on a realtime basis and verify it.
- 10. Which bank partnered with Mastercard India & Worldline India to launch a digital point-of-sale (POS) solution 'Soft POS' Axis Bank.

#### Note:

- Through this app merchants who traditionally accept cash payments will now have a simpler and more secure way to manage transactions.
- The app allows banks to have complete visibility of a merchant's transactions, which makes it easier for small merchants to get business loans.
- 11. Which company has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) for development of" trigeneration" projects in India GAIL India Limited.

#### Note:

- An equal (50:50) joint venture between the two companies will be incorporated for undertaking trigeneration projects if the studies made by 2 companies are viable.
- > Since the trigeneration business is at the initial stage, the collaboration will enable first movers to take advantage in the trigeneration business like GAIL's city gas business.
- 12. In order to encourage the deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure in smaller cities and towns, the Reserve Bank of India has signed initiated a Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) of **Rs 500 crore.**

#### Note:

- The fund has been created with initial corpus of of Rs 250 crore.
- > The remaining amount will be contributed by card issuing banks and card networks working in the country.
- 13. As per the 64th survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF) on Macroeconomic Indicators released by RBI in FY 2021 India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth may contract by **1.5 per cent.**

#### Note:

- ➤ However, the next financial year it will return to the relief of growth and will register a growth of 7.2 %.
- > RBI has conducting this SPF since September 2007 & the results for the latest were received during May 7-28,
- 14. Which bank has created a separate Financial Inclusion and Micro Market vertical within the bank to provide financial services to people in the interior of the country \_\_\_\_\_State Bank of India.

#### Note:

- The new wing will be headed by deputy managing director (DMD) Sanjeev Nautiyal at the national level.
- Under this new category, the bank will mainly finance agriculture and allied activities and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

#### **Obituaries**

1. Renowned personality Wajid Khan passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_Music Director. Note:



- Wajid Khan was the brother of music director Sajid Khan. He was born in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh on July 10, 1977.
- ➤ Wajid along with his brother Sajid served as mentors on singing reality shows "Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2012" and "Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Superstar".
- 2. Famous sprinter Bobby Morrow passed away recently, he was held from which country \_\_\_\_\_USA.

- He is one of the four men (Jesse Owens(1936), Carl Lewis(1984), Usain Bolt(2012 & 2016)) to win three events at a single game (100m, 200m and 4x100m relay).
- ► He won three gold medals for 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay in the 1956 Olympic in Melbourne.
- 3. Former Union Minister and three-time Congress MP P Namgyal passed away recently, he was held from which state/UTs of India \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ladakh.

#### Note:

- Former Union Minister and three-time Congress MP from Ladakh, P Namgyal passes away. He has served as the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Surface Transport and Chemicals and Petro chemicals.
- He was also an agriculturist, a social worker and served as the secretary general and vice president of the Pradesh Congress Committee in the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state.
- **4.** Famous sportsperson turned coach Jayantilal Nanoma passed away recently, he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Archery.**

#### Note:

- Former International Archer turned coach Jayantilal Nanoma passed away. He was an Asian Cup and Asian Grand Prix medallist in compound individual and team archery in 2010.
- ➤ He was also the recipient of prestigious Maharana Pratap State Sports Award and was presently serving as the District Sports Officer in Dungarpur.
- **5.** Renowned personality Basu Chatterjee passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Screenwriter.**

#### Note:

- He worked in Hindi & Bengali cinema and was a dialogue writer and produced a few films.
- ➤ He received the National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare in 1992 for his film Durga. He was born on January 10, 1930, in Ajmer, British India.
- 6. Renowned personality Anwar Sagar passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Song Writer.

#### Note:

- > He is best remembered for his hit track Waada Raha Sanam from 1992 Akshay Kumar-starrer Khiladi.
- The lyricist also has to his credit films like Yaarana, Salaami, Aa Gale Lag Jaa and Vijaypath among more.
- Anwar Sagar also worked with music directors like Nadeem-Shravan, Rajesh Roshan, Jatin-Lalit and Anu Malik.

#### **Important Days**

What is the theme of the World Milk Day 2020 observed every globally on 1<sup>st</sup> June \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day.

#### Note:

- > June 1 is observed as World Milk Day with the aim to raise awareness about milk and its importance as a global food.
- Established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as global food, World Milk Day is been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.
- 2. What is the theme of the Global Day of Parents 2020 celebrated every year on 1st June \_\_\_\_\_ Appreciate all parents throughout the world.

- > United Nations celebrates Global Day of Parents on 1st of June every year to honour all the parents throughout the
- Not only parents rather grandparents and great grandparents are also a part of this day.
- ➤ So Global Day of Parent's urges upon to show gratitude and due respect to the elderly.
- 3. World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_3rd June.
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- > The World Bicycle Day is being celebrated since 2018. The day was declared by the United Nations. The main aim to observe the day is to celebrate uniqueness, versatility and longevity of bicycle.
- > The day is being celebrated as an after effect of Leszek Sibilski's crusade. Sibilski led campaigns to promote UN resolution for World Bicycle Day.
- 4. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed globally every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_4th lune. Note:
  - > This day affirms the UN's commitment to guard the rights of children. This day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the planet who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.
  - > The main aim of celebrating today is to spread the notice about the pain and sufferings faced by the victims as children.
- What is the theme of the World Environment Day 2020, celebrated every year on June 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrate Biodiversity. Note:
  - This year, in 2020, the day is to be hosted in Colombia in partnership with Germany.
  - The day was hosted by India in 2018. It was then India emphasized on prevention of Plastic pollution. In 2019, the day was hosted by China under the theme "Air Pollution".
- **6.** Every year June 2nd is celebrated as the **International Sex Workers Day.**

#### Note:

- > The is celebrated to ensure that the sex workers enjoy the same rights as all the other human beings and tackle the abuse and trafficking problems.
- More than 100 sex workers occupied the Saint-Nizier Church, Lyon, France On 2nd June 1975 to express their anger on being treated as criminals and their disgraceful living conditions with a banner saying "Our Children do not want their mothers to go to jail" broadcasted their campaign to the world through the media.
- The gathered were brutally raided by the police on June 10.
- 7. World Pest Day or World Pest Awareness Day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Note:

- The day is observed to raise awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life.
- The day is initiated by the Chinese Pest Control Association, and co-sponsored by the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA), the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), and the Confederation of European Pest Management Associations (CEPA).
- 8. United Nations Russian Language Day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Note:

- > The Day is celebrated to promote and support Multilingualism and cultural diversity and to celebrate the birthday of the famous Russian poet Alexander Puskin who was born on 6th June 1799.
- The First UN Russian Language Day was celebrated in 2010.
- The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing 2020 is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Note:

- > The first International Day for the fight against IUU fishing was observed in 2018.
- In July 2017, The proposal for the day was submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO conference.
- UN had declared the year 2022 as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture

#### **New Appointments**

- 1. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Media Agency, Carat India \_\_\_\_\_ Anita Kotwani. Note:
- She was earlier serving as the senior vice president, new business and client lead, for The Walt Disney business at Mindshare India.
  - > Taking over the new role of CEO, Anita Kotwani will work towards Carat India's strategic progress and business growth nationally.
- 2. Who has been appointed as the as the Managing Director (MD) of the India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) for 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ PR Jaishankar. Note:

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- ➤ He will serve as the MD of IIFCL for a period of 3 years. He has earlier served as the executive director of the National Housing Bank.
- The appointment comes after the recommendation of PS Jaishankar by the Bank Boards Bureau (BBB) on March 15, 2020.
- 3. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of India's apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Arun Singhal.

- Singhal is special secretary, department of health and family welfare.
- > The food regulator, that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is responsible for setting up standards for the food industry and regulate the manufacturing, storage, distribution, sale, and import of foods.
- **4.** Who has been appointed as the chairman of the advisory committee on service providers by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) \_\_\_\_\_ **TV Mohandas Pai**.

#### Note:

- > The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) reorganised its advisory committee on service providers.
- ➤ The appointments of the Insolvency Professionals(IPs) as administrators are provided by the Security and Exchange Board of India Regulations. 2018.
- 5. Who will chair the committee constituted by the PM Narendra Modi to solve the difficulties faced in the implementation of Rs.3 Lakh crore collateral-free loan for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(MSME) \_\_\_\_\_Rajnath Singh.

#### Note:

- > The borrowers can borrow from the financial institutions without any asset or pledge collateral under this scheme.
- > The units with Rs.25 Crore outstanding credit and Rs 100 crore turnover are eligible for the loan.
- It is for 4-year tenure with interest rates capped according to the Finance Ministry and the moratorium will be for 12 months.
- 6. Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)

  \_\_\_\_\_\_ Subramanian Sundar.

#### Note:

- This was the second extension given to Mr. Sundar, earlier as the MD and CEO (interim) from January 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020.
- ▶ His tenure was again extended from May 31, 2020 to November 30, 2020 or till the appointment of new CEO.
- 7. Who has assumed office as the president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_Uday Kotak. Note:
  - > T V Narendran, CEO and managing director of Tata Steel Limited, is now the president designate of CII for 2020-21.
  - Sanjiv Bajaj takes over as CII vice president for 2020-21. He is the chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited.
- 8. Who has been named as the new chairman of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) \_\_\_\_\_ Krishnendu Majumdar.

#### Note:

- > He is the first person of colour to be named as the chairperson of BAFTA in its 73 year-long histories of BAFTA.
- He will replace Pippa Harris. Harris will now continue as deputy chairperson
- 9. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) \_\_\_\_\_ Virendra Nath Datt.

#### Note:

- National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) is a state-owned Miniratna (Cat-1) company and producer of chemical fertilizers, organic fertilizers and industrial chemicals. Prior to joining NFL, he was Executive Director in GAIL (India) Limited.
- ➤ He also had a 10-year stint with ONGC before joining GAIL in 1995
- **10.** Who has been appointed as the senior advisor to the World Bank Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajeev Topno.**

- He is the 1996 batch IAS officer who has served as a key aide to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- > Topno had joined the Prime Minister's Office as a deputy secretary in 2009 when Manmohan Singh had just started his second term



- **11.** Who has been appointed as the ambassador to the Permanent Mission for India (PMI) at the WTO in Geneva \_\_\_\_\_\_Brajendra Navnit.
  - **➤** Note:
    - Navnit, a 1999-batch officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, will replace JS Deepak as the ambassador to the Permanent Mission for India (PMI) at the WTO in Geneva.
  - The appointments come at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic has plunged the global economy into its worst recession since the Great Depression in 1930s and ravaged world trade.
  - ➤ The WTO has already warned of a massive 13-32% contraction in global trade in 2020.
- **12.** Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Adidas to join Indian star Batsman Rohit Sharma and sprinter Hima Das \_\_\_\_\_ Manushi Chhillar.

- > Chhillar becomes Adidas's forerunner in their mission to inspire women to embrace fitness and to create a beneficial social impact through sports.
- > She supports the #HOMETEAMHERO challenge of Adidas to stay physically and mentally fit in the lockdown due to COVID-19 and use sports as a platform to inspire and encourage the women and children to take up sports.
- **13.** Who has been appointed as the chairman of the rearranged Commodity derivatives advisory committee of SEBI **Ashok Dalwani.**

#### Note:

- ➤ The 17 members committee examines issues related to the contract design and new products in the segment and recommend the required risk management system and regulatory framework of commodity derivatives and governance of commodities derivatives exchange
- **14.** Who has been appointed as the first ever brand ambassador of the IIFL Finance \_\_\_\_\_Rohit Sharma.

#### Note

- > IIFL finance is one of the leading Non-Banking Finance Companies of India which manages over Rs. 36,000 crore assets.
- Rohit managed the first campaign by IIFL Finance, IMG Reliance promoting and advertising the people on Safety guidelines and rules that must be followed in the COVID-19 situation.

#### **Important News - India**

**1.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a video blogging competition my 'My Life, My Yoga' which is a joint by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of AYUSH.

#### Note:

- The 'My Life, My Yoga' contest (also called 'Jeevan Yoga) is a joint effort by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- ➤ It focuses on the transformative impact of Yoga on the lives of individuals and it comes as one of the activities related to the observation of the sixth International Day of Yoga (IDY) coming up on June 21.
- 2. Which ministry in partnership with TCS iON offers free online career skills training through the National Career Service (NCS) project \_\_\_\_\_\_ Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.

#### Note:

- The Ministry of Labours announced that around 1 crore job seekers and 54000 employers have registered with this portal and the NCS portal has mobilized more than 73 lakh vacancies
- ➤ In the period of lockdown due to COVID-19 the NCS has conducted around 76 online Job fairs to reduce the gap between the employers and job seekers.
- > NCS in partnership with HireMee, online assessment and hiring service provider, offers creation of video profiles for job-seekers.
- 3. India's apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) comes under the purview of which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Arun Singhal as chief executive officer of India's apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Singhal is special secretary, department of health and family welfare.



The Union Govt has announced Minimum Support Price List in which how many Minor Forest produce have been included \_\_\_\_\_23.

#### Note:

- > Tribal Affairs has notified an Inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items and stipulation of their Minimum Support Price (MSP).
- This announcement was made under Central government-sponsored Scheme (2011) titled "Mechanism for Marketing of MFP through MSP and development of value chain of MFP".
- **5.** Which platform has been launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help the smaller MSMEs by solving their grievances, encouraging and supporting them to march into the big league as national and global companies **CHAMPIONS.**

#### Note:

- > The portal aims to make smaller units big by supporting them, encouraging, solving their grievances, helping and handholding.
- ➤ It will act as one-stop shop solution of all entities of the MSME sector.
- Which scheme has been launched by the union government for to provide affordable loans to street vendors \_\_\_\_\_ PM-SAVNidhi.

#### Note:

- The PM SVANidhi or PM Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi is a credit facility scheme that will help more than 50 lakh urban and rural street vendors. The scheme will help the street vendors restart their livelihoods.
- ➤ Under the scheme, Rs 10,000 of credit is to be provided to street vendors. The street vendors shall return the amount as monthly installments within a year.
- 7. Which entity has developed a disinfection unit called Ultra Swachh \_\_\_\_\_DRDO.

#### Note:

- > The Ultra Swachh Unit houses a catalytic converter that makes it environment friendly.
- ➤ It also holds several safety features such as door interlocks, emergency shut down, delay cycle, dual doors, leak monitors, etc.
- The system complies to International Standards of Industrial, Personal, Occupations and Environmental Safety.
- 8. Which entity has launched Real Time Electricity Market (RTM) to help discoms plan their power requirements \_\_\_\_\_\_Indian Energy Exchange.

#### Note:

- The market will conduct 48 auction sessions during the day and the power will be delivered within one hour of closure of the bid session.
- > The market, thus, will help distribution companies manage their power demand-supply variation. It will also help meet power supply needs in a better way.
- 9. The Government has announced that it is to provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to 1.5 crore \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Farmers.

#### Note:

- ➤ The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the Department of Financial Services has issued KCC application format to all State Milk Federation and Milk Unions for implementing the same on a mission mode.
- ➤ The campaign aims to provide KCC to 1.5 crore dairy farmers.
- The campaign is a part of the PM's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package for Farmers.
- **10.** "Responsible AI for Youth" which will be run jointly by National e-Governance Division of Ministry of Electronics and IT and which corporate entity \_\_\_\_\_\_NASSCOM.

#### Note:

- ➤ Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology(IT), Law and Justice and Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad launched India's National Artificial Intelligence(AI) Portal called www.ai.gov.in.
- ➤ He also launched a National Program for the youth, "Responsible AI for Youth" during the occasion of the first anniversary of the second tenure of the government.
- **11.** Which of the following entities has provide an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka, called the Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_NASSCOM.

#### Note:

As part of the launch, NASSCOM has provided the 1st set of dashboards to state government's use and will add more soon.



- > The analytics-driven platform is to assist state governments in sustainable industry recovery & helps them make informed decisions to reopen their economies in a phased manner across the state.
- **12.** The Expert Committee on Rationalization of Film Media has submitted its report recently, the committee is operating under which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

- > The committee has suggested for an umbrella configuration with four broad verticals under which the institutes should work. This includes festival, production, heritage and knowledge. The verticals are to be headed by the professionals.
- The committee was headed by Bimal Julka.
- **13.** What is the name has been given to the fast-moving depression in the Arabian Sea which intensified into a severe cyclone \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Nisarga.**

#### Note:

- As per the India Meteorological Department, the impact of the cyclone is likely to be felt in Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- ➤ There is a concern about the impact of the cyclonic storm on the battle against Covid-19, as the rain and flooding may set back social distancing and other necessary measures at evacuation centres, and even at some Covid-19 facilities located in low-lying areas.
- **14.** The expert panel constituted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under Ishaat Hussain has recommended to allow \_\_\_\_\_\_ Non-profit Organizations.

#### Note:

- Allowing non-profit organisations to directly list through issuance of bonds in the form of zero coupon or zero principal bonds.
- > Zero-coupon bond is a debt security that does not pay interest but instead trades at a deep discount, drawing a profit at maturity, when the bond is redeemed for its full face value.
- This would help to access funds from donors, philanthropic foundations and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spenders as they will be encouraged to buy zero coupon bonds.
- **15.** What percent of incentive has been announced on capital expenditure in the recently launched "Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS)" scheme \_\_\_\_\_ 25%.

#### Note:

- The schemes were approved by the Union Cabinet in March 2020.
- ▶ he Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) will provide incentive of 25% on the capital expenditure.
- ➤ This is extended to certain identified lists such as semiconductor devices, electronic goods, display fabrication units, etc.
- **16.** To foster the inclusion of LGBTQAI+ employees which company has launched a five-year plan which aims at hiring queer people and extending benefits to same-sex partners \_\_\_\_\_ Mahindra Logistics Ltd.

#### Note:

- The company's definition of compassionate leave which can be availed for four days by an employee in case of death of an immediate family member will be extended to same-sex partners, under the new policy.
- To make the workplace more inclusive for queer employees, MLL will offer LGBTQAI+ staff counselling services on request, for them and three immediate family members, which includes their partner.
- **17.** The union cabinet has approved to re-establish the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy as Subordinate Office under which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of AYUSH.

#### Note:

- > The commission has been set up by merging Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine and Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory. The two central laboratories were established at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh in 1975.
- > The commission is an autonomous body that operates under Ministry of AYUSH. It is in operation since 2010
- **18.** Which programme has been launched by the union government to provide internship opportunities to thousands of fresh graduates and engineers of the county under the 'Smart City' projects \_\_\_\_\_ **TULIP.**

- > The TULIP portal has been developed by AICTE.
- > Under the internship programme students will get to work for 100 smart cities under ministry of housing and urban development.



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19.		initiative has been launched by the Government of India to map the skills of workers returning to sas under the 'Vande Bharat Mission' <b>SWADESH.</b>	o India from
20	<b>&gt;</b>	The full form of SWADESH is "Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support". The exercise, kick-started under the Vande Bharat Mission, aims to create a database of qualific their skillsets and experience, which can be tapped into to fulfil demand of Indian and foreign contents been launched by the government to develop urban forests across the country	ompanies.
20.	Note:	scrience has been faunched by the government to develop urban forests across the country	_ Nagai vali.
	>	Stressing on the substance theme of "Biodiversity" by the United Nation's Environment Progra Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change celebrated the day by announcing the init forests in India.	
	>	Urban forest are seemingly the best way to bridge the gap of climate change.	
		Important News - State	
1.	Which Note:	becomes the first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patientsUtta	ar Pradesh.
	> >	The beds in the hospitals are classified into three categories- Level 1, level 2 and level 3. While beds are for patients exhibiting mild symptoms, level three beds are meant for graver infection. The hospitals catering to level one patients will have facilities for oxygen support, those catering patients will have a few ventilators in addition to oxygen support.	S.
		patients will have a few ventuators in addition to oxygen support.	
2.	Which <b>Prades</b>	state government has signed an MoU with industry associations to create 10Lakh job for migrarsh.	tsUttar
3.	>	The State MSME Minister Sidharth Nath Singh signed the MoU with the Industries and Business promote the MSME sector and provide employment for around 10 lakh skilled and semi skilled. The migrant workers will be supported with the motto of "work to every hand and Employmer state government has launched a mobile application that will inform people in the state about the	workers. It to every house"
		al beds and ventilators in the government and private hospitalsDelhi.	
	<b>&gt;</b>	The Application mainly aims at providing real time information.  The application will provide information related to availability of hospital beds and ventilators available on Google Play.	in the city. It is now
4.		becomes the first state to declare the internet as a fundamental right of the citizen Ker	ala.
	Note:	It is to provide free internet access for the poor by December 2020 and become the first state t internet as a fundamental right of the citizen.	o declare the
		It would be implemented by Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited and Kerala State Electricity	
5.		state occupied the first rank in the COVID 19 Management Index analysed for 10 states by the M $$	inistry of Home
		s, GoI <b>Rajasthan.</b>	
	Note:	Rajasthan has occupied first rank in the COVID-19 management index analysed for 10 States by	the Central
		government which included parameter such as active cases, recovered cases, and mortality rat	
	>	Mortality rate in the state is 2.16%	
	>	Recovery rate is 67.59%	

**6.** Which of following state/UTs governments has launched a salary tracker mobile app 'MeraVetan' for government employees \_\_\_\_ Jammu & Kashmir.

- With the launch of MeraVetan App (V-1), the employees especially posted in remote & rural areas who don't have access to the DDO will easily access their salary and other details anytime.
- This application developed by the National Informatics Centre(NIC) J&K State Centre on the Android Platform to provide end to end computerization of JK Payment System(JKPaySys) application.

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7.	<ul> <li>Which state government has launched a special campaign "Spandan" to check mental st police personnel Chhattisgarh.</li> <li>Note:</li> </ul>	ress and depression among its
	The motive of the campaign is to prevent the force from depression and stress p steps.	oushing them to take extreme
	As part of the campaign "Spandan", senior police officers will visit police lines, proceedings to interact with the personnel to know about problems being faced by	
	Important News - World	
1.	. Which become the first private rocket company to send astronauts to space <b>Spa Note:</b>	ceX.
	<ul> <li>SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft with two NASA astronauts successfully docked with last night after a historic launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.</li> <li>It has marked the dawn of a new age in commercial space travel.</li> </ul>	the International Space Station
2.	<ul> <li>The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has extended the individual sanctions, trav which country till May 2021 South Sudan.</li> </ul>	el ban and an arms embargo on
	<ul> <li>Note:</li> <li>An arms embargo is a restriction or a set of sanctions that applies solely to weather this extension has been drafted by the United States (US), which received 12 volume and South Africa abstained it.</li> </ul>	
	The resolution will encourage developments in South Sudan's peace process as brutal six-year civil war that left 380,000 dead and millions displaced.	the nation is emerging from a
3.	. In association with which country the World Health Organization has launched COVID-1 Costa Rica.	19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP)
	Note:	
	More than 30 countries have signed up to support this initiative. C-TAP was firs President Carlos Alvarado in March 2020. He also joined WHO's Director-Gener during the video launch of the initiative.	
	The nations who have not signed up for the WHO launched initiative are the eco	onomic powers such as France,

- China, Germany, Turkey, Japan, the US, and the UK.
- 4. What is India's rank in the "Countries Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem 2020" report prepared by Zurich based global innovation mapping and research company StartupBlink 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- > The third-largest ecosystem India, in terms of number of technology startups, has been ranked even behind emerging ecosystems such as Estonia, Lithuania, Brazil, Denmark etc.
- The ranking has been led by the US, the UK, and Israel while China has improved its rank by 13 spots to 14th position this year and Japan stood at 21st spot.
- 5. Which space agency has partnered with NASA to host a deep-space ground station, which will support human spaceflight missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond \_\_\_\_\_ South African National Space Agency (SANSA).

#### Note:

- With this collaboration, South Africa became the fourth country after the US, Spain and Australia to host a deep space ground station.
- The partnership between the South African National Space Agency (SANSA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) to host the space station followed an earlier agreement between the two organisations for the establishment of the station at Matjiesfontein town in the Western Cape Province.
- 6. With which neighboring country, India has signed an MoU on cooperation in the areas of the environment that was approved by the union cabinet \_\_\_\_\_Bhutan.

- > A Memorandum of Understanding covering air, waste, chemical management, climate change has been considered keeping in view bilateral interest of both sides.
- The MoU shall come into force on the date of signing and shall continue to remain in force for a period of ten years.



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7.	Which of the following countries has hosted Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020 United Kingdom.  Note:
	<ul> <li>The virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020 featured the participation of over 50 countries including the business leaders, civil society, government ministers, UN agencies, Heads of State and country leaders.</li> <li>During the virtual summit, India pledged a contribution of 15 Million US Dollars to Gavi, the international vaccine</li> </ul>
8.	alliance. With which country India signed Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) to increase military inter-operability
	through defence exercises between the two countriesAustralia.  Note:
	> The first India-Australia virtual leader's summit was held between Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison.
9.	➤ The focus of the meet was to further strengthen the bilateral ties in areas like healthcare, trade and defence. What is the theme of the 51st WEF annual summit to be held in January 2021 The Great Reset.  Note:
	> The announcement was made by Prince Charles of Wales and WEF Founder and Executive Klaus Schwab during a virtual meeting.
	WEF annual meeting will be held every year at Davos, Switzerland. 50th annual WEF meeting was held from January 21-24, 2020.
	Honor & Awards
1.	Who becomes the only cricketer and the only Indian to feature in the Forbes' Top 100 highest paid athletes of 2020 Virat Kohli.
	Note: ➤ Kohli ranked 66 with Forbes Magazine estimated earning of around 26 million USD (24 million from
	<ul> <li>endorsements and 2 million from salary/winnings).</li> <li>Tennis player Roger Federer Tops the list for the first time with estimated earnings 106.3 million USD. He placed</li> </ul>
2.	4th in the 2019 list with the estimated earnings of 95million USD.  Who is the author of the book 'The Great Indian Tee and Snakes' for which she bestowed with Commonwealth short story
	prize 2020 for Asia region Kritika Pandey.  Note:
	The 29-year-old writer won for her story The Great Indian Tee and Snakes, which is about two young people trying to navigate the idea of love in an era of hatred and prejudice.
3.	➤ The story about a Hindu girl falling in love with a Muslim man had made it to the shortlist for the Asian region. The World Health Organization (WHO) has accorded the "World No Tobacco Day Award 2020" to which of the following NGO SEEDS.
	Note:  SEEDS has been working closely with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prevent & control
	<ul> <li>smokeless tobacco use.</li> <li>Deepak Mishra, executive director of the SEEDS has been nominated by the ministry as a member of the task force</li> </ul>
4	on the de-addiction campaign Who among the following is the only Indian celebrities to find a place in the Forbes 100 list of world's highest paid
т.	celebrities during June 2019 to May 2020Akshay Kumar.  Note:
	<ul> <li>With an estimated pre-tax earnings of USD 48.5 million (roughly Rs 366 crore) during June 2019 to May 2020.</li> <li>Forbes puts Akshay at the 52nd spot in the list topped by makeup mogul Kylie Jenner, whose estimated earnings during the same time were USD 590 million (roughly Rs 4,453 crore).</li> </ul>
5.	Who has been named as EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2020 Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.  Note:
	<ul> <li>Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw became the 2nd woman to hold the title, following Olivia Lum of Hyflux Limited from Singapore in 2011.</li> </ul>

She was chosen for this title among 46 entrepreneurs from 41 countries.



6.	Which Indian Airport received Platinum Recognition in ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports recognition 2020	Rajiv
	Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.	
	Note:	

- ➤ The focus of Green Airport Recognition 2020 is Water Management.
- ➤ The Airports Council International(ACI) awarded the highest Platinum Recognition on World Environment Day.

#### **Sports News**

Name the cricketer who has been nominated by the BCCI for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards 2020 \_\_\_\_\_Rohit Sharma.

#### Note:

- The period of consideration for a person to get nominated is from January 2016 to December 2019.
- Rohit has become the first T20 cricketer to score four centuries. Also, he holds record of 150 plus score in around 8 ODIs.
- ➤ He also holds the greatest number of centuries in ODI matches since 2017, that numbered to 18.
- 2. Name the Indian long distance who has been slapped with four year ban by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Kiranjeet Kaur.

#### Note:

- > The period of her ban started from December 15 and on February 26 she was provisionally suspended by World Athletics.
- ➤ The Athletics Integrity Unit(AIU) disqualified Kaur from all the competitive results from 15th December 2019 to 26th February 2020.
- 3. In association with which entity the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has launched India's 1st -ever national-level open online coaching and education programme called "Khelo India e-Pathshala" \_\_\_\_\_\_ National Sports Federations (NSF). Note:
  - Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju and Union Minister of Tribal Affairs and Archery Association of India president Arjun Munda have inaugurated the programme via a webinar.
  - A total of 21 games are included in this program, where veteran players showcase their technical skills and talk to young players and help them improve their technical and overall game.
- **4.** Which country will host Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup 2022 \_\_\_\_\_India.

#### Note:

- The tournament is likely to be held in the 2nd half of the year.
- The tournament will feature 12 teams from an earlier slot of 8 teams.

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