

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi features: Time Magazine's '100 most influential people of 2020'

- Other Indians are on the list Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, HIV research researcher Ravinder Gupta **and 82-year-old Bilkis, also known as Dadi, Shaheen Bagh,**
- PM Modi has appeared four times on the list since coming to power in 2014. His name has appeared on the list in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2020.
- **Note: Time magazine** is an American weekly news magazine and news website published and based in New York City.

2. Parliament passes three labour code Bills

- These historic bills will have far-reaching effects on the interests of the workers by creating a time bound grievance resolution mechanism and for the welfare and protection of the workers.
 - (i) **The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020** seeks to amend the laws regulating the occupational safety, health and working conditions of the persons employed in an establishment.
 - (ii) **The Industrial Relations Code 2020** aims at amending the laws relating to Trade Unions, conditions of employment in industrial establishment or undertaking, investigation and settlement of industrial disputes.
 - (iii) **The Code on Social Security 2020** seeks to amend the laws relating to social security of the employees in the country.

3. Plan to set up a 'Film City' in Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath announced to set up a "film city" in Gautam Budh Nagar by the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).
- **Note: Film City** is an integrated film studio complex.

4. President Ram Nath Kovind to confer NSS Awards for 2018-19 on 24 September, 2020

- The NSS Award will be given to 42 awardees in three different categories like University, NSS Units and their Programme Officers and NSS Volunteers.
- **Note: NSS (The National Service Scheme)** is an Indian government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India launched in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service.

5. Parliament passes Jammu & Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020

- The bill makes Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi, English and Urdu as the official language of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 6. Aarogya Manthan 2.0 on 2nd Anniversary of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana**
- The purpose of the **Aarogya Manthan** is that all important stakeholders of PM-JAY meet and discuss the challenges faced in the past year in the implementation of the scheme and to forge new understanding and pathways towards improving implementation.
 - **Note: AB PM-JAY** (Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana) is the world's largest health assurance scheme which aims to provide a health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10.74 crores poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population.
- 7. Simanchala Dash appointed as Advisor to IMF Executive Director**
- **Note: IMF (International Monetary Fund)** is an organization of 189 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.
- 8. Indian Navy to Conduct Two-day Passage Exercise with Royal Australian Navy**
- The Indian Navy is scheduled to begin its Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the East Indian Ocean Region (IOR) from Sept 23 to 24. The exercise would include Australia's HMAS Hobart and India's Naval Ships Sahyadri and Karmuk along with Indian MPA and helicopters from both the nations.
- 9. Laser Guided ATGM (Anti Tank Guided Missile) Test-fired**
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation test-fired its laser-guided anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) from main battle tank (MBT) Arjun at KK Ranges, Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S), Ahmednagar.
 - **Note:** The **ATGM** defeated a target located at three kilometres. Laser-guided ATGMs lock and track the targets with the help of laser designation to ensure precision hit accuracy. The missile employs a tandem HEAT warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) protected armoured vehicles. It has been developed with multiple-platform launch capability and is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from gun of MBT Arjun.
- 10. Setting up Plastic Parks to consolidate and synergize the plastic processing industry**

- The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has approved setting up of 10 Plastic Parks in the country, out of which 6 parks have been given final approval in the States of Assam, Madhya Pradesh (two parks), Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand.
- **Note: Plastic Park** is an industrial zone devoted to plastic enterprises and its allies industries, whole range of companies required by the plastics processing community from material and machinery suppliers, plastics processing companies, plastic recycling companies including waste management system.

11. 'Kritagya' Hackathon by National Agricultural Higher Education Project of ICAR

- In order to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women friendly equipments, a hackathon named "KRITAGYA" has been planned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP).
- **Note: (ICAR)** The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is an autonomous body responsible for co-ordinating agricultural education and research in India. It reports to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.
- NAHEP has been formulated by ICAR for five years starting from 2017-18. The project aims to develop resources and mechanism for supporting infrastructure, faculty and student advancement, and providing means for better governance and management of agricultural universities.

12. World's largest nuclear icebreaker starts 2-week Arctic journey: Russia

- A nuclear-powered icebreaker is the world's largest and most powerful has embarked on a two-week journey to the Arctic. Known as 'Arktika', it is over 173 metres long and can break ice almost three-metres thick. The nuclear icebreaker left St Petersburg and headed for the Arctic port of Murmansk.
- **Note: A nuclear-powered icebreaker** is a nuclear-powered ship purpose-built for use in waters covered with ice. The only country constructing nuclear-powered icebreakers is Russia.

13. 17-year-old Surat girl Khushi Chindaliya appointed as UNEP's Indian Green Ambassador

- A **Green Ambassador** as a volunteer leader and commits to motivating others to become more energy efficient, adopt environmentally-friendly lifestyles, and use renewable energy.
- **Note: the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is responsible for coordinating the UN's environmental activities and assisting developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices.

14. A global multi-stakeholder platform, YuWaah, Generation Unlimited (GenU) in India.

- Launched by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

The main objectives of this project are to support young people by providing entrepreneurial skills, up skilling of young people on 21st century skills, life skills, digital skills, self-learning for their productive lives and the future of work, create linkages with aspirational economic opportunities, employment opportunities.

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