

1. **India-Japan Maritime bilateral exercise (JIMEX) in North Arabian Sea**

- The fourth edition of exercise is conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) from 26 to 28 September 2020.
- **Note: JIMEX**, it focuses on maritime security cooperation, High degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through conduct of a multitude of advanced exercises, across the spectrum of maritime operations. Multi-faceted tactical exercises involving weapon firings cross deck helicopter operations and complex surface, anti-submarine and air warfare drills will consolidate coordination developed by the two navies.

2. **First RRTS train for Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor unveiled**

- High-speed commuter trains Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) are entirely being manufactured under the government's Make in India policy. These trains are the environment friendly, energy efficient and accelerating economic growth and creating economic opportunities. It will also reduce air pollution, carbon footprint, congestion and accidents.
- The 82-km-long **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor** is the first RRTS corridor being implemented in India, will be operational in 2023 and the entire corridor will be operational in 2025.
- **Note: RRTS (Regional Rapid Transit System) trains:** The air-conditioned aerodynamic RRTS trains will be lightweight with radiating stainless steel outer body. Each coach will have 6 plug-in type sliding doors, 3 on each side for ease of access and exit.

3. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses at the 75th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session 2020**

- Narendra Modi said that reforms in the United Nations are the need of the hour. People of India have been waiting for a long time for the UN reform process to get completed. There were several stellar achievements of UN over the last 75 years, but there were also several instances that point to the need for a serious introspection of the work of the United Nations.
- **Note: United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** established in 1945, as a policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations, comprised of all 193 Members, it provides a unique forum for multilateral discussion on international issues.

4. **Uttar Pradesh Government launches U-Rise portal**

- UP government launched a unified portal called **U-Rise (Unified Re-imagined Innovation for Students Empowerment)** with the Department of Technical Education, Department, Training, Employment and the Skill Development Mission along with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, UP.
- **Note: U-Rise portal** would benefit and empower students by providing all possible information from online exams, digital content, digital assessment, digital examination papers, webinars, internship, e-library, recorded video content to employment. In the first phase polytechnics, vocational and skill development and in the second phase, a target has been set to link all the engineering universities of the state.

5. **Kerala wins United Nations award for "outstanding contribution" for prevention, control of non-communicable diseases**
  - **Note:** The UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) award this year on prevention and control of non-communicable diseases was announced by World Health Organization (WHO).
  - **NCDs** (Non Communicable Diseases) are a noninfectious health condition that cannot be spread from person to person. This is also known as a chronic disease including heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic lung *disease*, are collectively responsible for almost 70% of all deaths worldwide.
6. **Government to Set up First Medical Device Park MedSpark in Kerala**
  - **Note:** The **medical device park** emphasis on the high-risk medical device sector involving medical implants and extracorporeal devices. The Park will provide an enabling support system for Research and Development, testing and evaluation of medical devices, technology innovation, manufacturing support and knowledge dissemination.
7. **India conducts night test of indigenously-developed Prithvi short-range ballistic Missile.**
  - DRDO conducted a night test fire of the nuclear-capable surface-to-surface missile, has a strike range of 350 km, and was carried out from a mobile launcher from complex 3 of the Integrated Test Range at Odisha.
8. **Rajasthan Government launches "Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020"**
  - This scheme is to allow free bus travel to two persons of a family to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the Ganga in Haridwar. The state road transport corporation would be the nodal agency to run this scheme.
9. **Assam Government launches Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni**
  - Under this scheme, government distributed vehicles to beneficiaries to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages. Light Motor Vehicle Service to be launched in the villages of the state and one vehicle per village would be provided to one beneficiary. Under the scheme, the eligible entrepreneurs will be assisted financially with 25 percent of the cost of the vehicle by the state government or Rs 1 lakh, whichever is less.
10. **September 27, World Tourism Day 2020**
  - The theme is "**Tourism and Rural Development**" by United Nations World Tourism Day. The day focuses the celebration of the unique role played by tourism in job creation in small towns and rural areas. It can also advance inclusion and highlight the unique role tourism can play in preserving and promoting natural and cultural heritage and curbing urban migration.
11. **'Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar' Prize, 2020**

- 14 scientists awarded: Dr. Bushra Ateeq, Dr Ritesh Agarwal, Dr. Jyotirmayee Dash, Dr. Subi Jacob George, Dr. Subhadeep Chatterjee, Dr. Vatsala Thirumalai, Dr. Rajat Subhra Hazra, Dr. U K Anandavardhanan, Dr. Surajit Dhara, Dr. Rajesh Ganapathy, Dr. Kinshuk Dasgupta, Dr. Amol Arvindrao Kulkarni, Dr. Suryendu Dutta and Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee.
- **Note: Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize** for Science and Technology is a science award given annually by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for notable and outstanding research, applied or fundamental, in biology, chemistry, environmental science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and physics. Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of science and technology up to the age of 45 years is eligible for the prize.

#### 12. **Former Union Minister Jaswant Singh passed away**

- One of the founding members of Bhartiya Janta Party served as Minister of Defence, External Affairs and Finance and also Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission.
- He was elected to the Lok Sabha four times and to Rajya Sabha five times and served as Leader of Opposition in the Upper House.

#### 13. **Singing Legend SP Balasubrahmanyam passed Away**

- He has recorded over 40,000 songs in 16 Indian languages and holds the Guinness World Record in this regard. National Film Awards for Best Male Playback Singer, NTR National Award for his contributions to Indian cinema, the Indian Film Personality of the Year award. He is a recipient of civilian awards such as Padma Shri (2001) and Padma Bhushan (2011) from the Government of India.