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Google has launched which app that will help people maintain distance in real life using augmented reality?

Sodar

Who has become the **world's highest-paid athlete for 2020**, according to the annual Forbes list?

Roger Federer, **Swiss tennis player**.

Which country has come up with a '**One Sun One World One Grid**' (OSOWOG) initiative?

India

National Career Service (NCS) portal is an initiative of which ministry?

Ministry of Labour and Employment

The National Program for the youth titled "**Responsible AI for Youth**" has been launched by which Ministry?

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Who has been roped in by the United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) to spread awareness about menstrual hygiene?

Manushi Chhillar

The **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** has reconstituted its advisory committee on service providers under whose chairmanship?

Mohandas Pai

A cyclonic storm **Nisarga** has developed off the eastern coast of India. Which country has proposed the name Nisarga?

Bangladesh, **Currency-Taka, Capital- Dhaka, PM- Sheikh Hasina**

Which station will have India's first **stainless steel foot** over bridge by the end of 2020?

Bhayandar station, Maharashtra

SpaceX's which spacecraft with two NASA astronauts has been successfully docked with the International Space Station?

Dragon

PM SVANIDHI scheme has been launched for providing affordable loans to whom?
Street Vendors

Cabinet Clears Changes in Definition Of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)

As per the new definition

✓ **Micro** - if a company has invested Rs 1 crore and earns turnover of Rs 5 crore, it will be classified as a micro company.

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- ✓ **Small** - a company has invested Rs 10 crore and has a turnover of Rs 50 crore will be classified as a small enterprise.
- ✓ **Medium** - the investment limit has been increased to Rs 50 crore and that of turnover hiked to Rs 250 crore.

What is the rank of **India** in the StartupBlink's Startup Ecosystem Rankings 2020?
23rd, topped by USA

Which **Tropical Storm** has killed at least 20 people in Central America?
Amanda, Cyclones in Central America are called Hurricane.

The government has given the approval to rename which Port as **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port**?
Kolkata Port

In an effort to **map the skills of workers** returning to India from overseas, the government will conduct a skill mapping exercise under which initiative?
SWADES (Skilled workers arrival database for employment support)

Which ministry has launched a '**One Year of Modi 2.0** - Towards A Self-Reliant India' e-book?
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

The World Health Organization (WHO) has conferred the **World No Tobacco Day Award 2020** to which NGO of India?
SEEDS

Which among the following has decided to set up a **Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** of Rs 500 crore?
RBI

Which country hosted the virtual **Global Vaccine Summit 2020**?
United Kingdom

What is the theme of the **World Environment Day 2020 (5th June)**?
Biodiversity

Who has become India's new ambassador to the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**?
Brajendra Navnit

Who has been appointed as a "**Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor**" for the United Nations Association for Development And Peace (UNADAP)?
M. Nethra

GoI along with AICTE has launched which **online portal** that aims to provide internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies and Smart Cities?
TULIP

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Which among the following organizations has announced to host a “Twin Summit” in January 2021?

World Economic Forum, HQ- Cologne (Switzerland)

Name the Tropical Storm that is formed in the southern Gulf of Mexico?

Cristobal

The Government has announced the Urban Forest scheme to develop 200 ‘Nagar Van’ across the country in next how many years?

5 years

Who is the only Indian to feature on Forbes 2020 list of World’s Highest-Paid Celebrities?

Akshay Kumar

The Power Ministry has launched which initiative on World Environment Day to create a robust and resilient energy system in the future?

#iCommit

Which country has bagged the right to host the Women's Asian Football Cup 2022?

India

Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Adidas?

Manushi Chhillar

India has signed a Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) with which country?

Australia

Who has become the only Indian to win the prestigious Richard Dawkins award?

Javed Akhtar

Who has been named EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2020?

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

Which International Airport of India has received the ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Platinum Recognition 2020 in 15 to 35 million passengers per annum category?

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport(Hyderabad, telangana)

Government has set up a taskforce under whose chairmanship to examine maternal mortality rate, age of motherhood?

Jaya Jaitly

Gairsain has been declared as the new summer capital of which state?

Uttarakhand

Which among the following has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to promote innovation in India?

CSIR, AIM is launched by NITI Aayog

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What is the name of the **Pod** developed by Indian Air Force (IAF) for evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases, including Covid-19?

ARPIT (Airborne rescue pod for isolated transportation)

Which state among larger states has topped the **India's Food Safety Index** released by FSSAI?

Gujarat

- **Gujarat** has topped among larger states in terms of food safety index. It is followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.
- Among UTs, **Chandigarh**, Delhi and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have secured top ranks.
- Among smaller states, **Goa** is followed by Manipur and Meghalaya.

India and which country has signed an MoU to boost cooperation in the **power sector**?

Denmark, Capital – Copenhagen, Currency - Krone

What is the rank of India in the 2020 **Environmental Performance Index** (EPI)?
168th,

EPI is topped by Denmark. It is released by WEF in collaboration with Yale University & Columbia University.

Who is the author of the book **“Lockdown Liaisons: Leaving and Other Stories”**?
Shobhaa De

Which country has decided to set up its first **Coal Exchange**?
India

Who has been honoured with **“NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal”**?
Renjith Kumar

Who is the author of the novel – **“A Burning”**?
Megha Majumdar

Which institution secured the top rank in the **2021 QS World University** rankings?
Massachusetts Institute for Technology
IIT Bombay topped the list in India followed by IIS Bengaluru.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has reconstituted a committee to look into the welfare of **freedom fighters**. Who is the chairman of this committee?

G Kishan Reddy – Chief of DRDO

Tamil Nadu Government has changed the name of **the Coimbatore** city to ____?
Koyampuththoor

According to **Mercer's'2020 Cost of Living Survey** , which is the most expensive city in India for expatriates in terms of cost of living?

Mumbai

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A Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex was recently inaugurated in which city recently?

Visakhapatnam

An MoU has been signed between India and which country for environment protection and cooperation for a period of 10 years?

Bhutan

Capital is Thimpu, Currency - Ngultrum

Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Gargo International?

Sonu Sood

Who has become the first woman to reach the deepest known spot in the ocean known as Challenger Deep?

Kathy Sullivan

Challenger trench is located in Pacific Ocean.

Which institution has topped the overall list of educational institutions in the NIRF India Rankings 2020?

IIT Madras

University – IIS Bengaluru, Collage - Miranda House.

Which company has won the world's largest solar contract from Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to develop 8 GW of solar projects worth \$6 billion?

Adani Green Energy Limited

Railways of which country has become the first Railway to run Double Stack Container train in high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) territory?

India

Which state has become the first state to get ISO for tribal hostels?

Odisha

Which has become the first construction sector to go fully digital in India?

National Highway Authority of India

Who has been named as the recipient of the World Food Prize 2020?

Rattan Lal

RBI has constituted an Internal Working Group to review the structure of private sector banks under whose chairmanship?

P K Mohanty

The new Integrated Flood Warning System (IFLOWS) was recently inaugurated in which city?

Mumbai

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Who will be conferred the “Medal of the Order of Australia” 2020?

Shobha Sekhar

Sahakar Mitra: Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP) is an initiative of which among the following?

NCDC

World's longest railway platform with dimensions of 1,400 metres length and 10 metres width is being built at which Railway station?

Hubballi, Karnataka

n **ancient 500 years old temple** that remained submerged in which River in Odisha has been found?

Mahanadi

Which Indian state would now be producing the high-quality **Australian Merino sheep wool** indigenously?

Uttarakhand

Who will become the **first Sikh woman** to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York?

Anmol Narang

Who is the author of the book **Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism**?

Dinyar Patel B

According to UNCTAD, India was the world's _____th largest recipient of foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2019?
9th

What is the rank of India in the **World Competitiveness Index 2020**?

43rd

Topped by Singapore followed by Denmark

Which state has become the top state in the country to provide employment to the workers under **MGNREGA** scheme?

Uttar Pradesh

Who has been elected as non-permanent members of the **UN Security Council**?

India, Ireland and Mexico

Permanent Members of UNSC – China, France, Russia, UK & USA

Which country will host the **fourth Asian Youth Para Games** in December 2021?

Bahrain

Which two Indian firms have been figured in a new list of Tech Pioneers released by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**?

ZestMoney and Stellapps

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Kubatbek Boronov was appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

Kyrgyzstan

Capital – Bishkek, Currency - Som

Who is the author of the book *Klara and the Sun* ?

Kazuo Ishiguro, Nobel Prize laureate

The **mines ministry** has announced to launch which portal with an aim to promote research and development in the mining and minerals sector?

SATYABHAMA

JSW Cement has signed whom as its brand ambassadors?

Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri

India will serve as the President of the powerful 15-nation UN Security Council for which month?

August 2021

Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) has signed an agreement with which ministry to implement **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)**?

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has constituted a **Project Development Cell** to attract investment in the clean energy sector under whose chairmanship?

Amitesh Kumar Sinha

Who is the author of the book '**Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India** '?

Amish Tripathi

Who will be awarded the **Peace Prize of the German Book Trade** for his decades-long work around issues of global justice?

Amartya Sen

The Sports Ministry has decided to establish how many **Khelo India Centres (KIC)** at the district level across the country?

1000

3rd Khelo India Games 2020 – Guwahati (Assam)

Which among the following in collaboration with International Transport Forum (ITF) will launch the “**Decarbonising Transport in India**” project on 24 June?

NITI Aayog

Which space agency has received a patent for its **Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment (LCHG)** for human spaceflight?

ISRO

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YUKTI 2.0 (Young India combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) is an initiative of which Ministry?

Ministry of Human Resource Development

According to a poll conducted on social media by Wisden India, who is the **greatest Indian batsman in Test cricket** in the last 50 years?

Rahul Dravid

Which country has successfully launched its **BeiDou Navigation Satellite System** (BDS) recently?

China

Which state has won the first prize under **e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020** ?

Himachal Pradesh

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has collaborated with which company to introduce **Skills Build Reignite** and the **Skills Build Innovation Camp**?

IBM

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated two bridges **Devika and Puneja** at which place recently?

Jammu & Kashmir

Union Cabinet has given International Airport status to **Kushinagar Airport** which is located in which state?

Uttar Pradesh

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched which Mobile Application in partnership with **the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS)**?

eBlood Services

The **world's first yoga university, VaYU**, outside India has been launched in which city?

Los Angeles

Which country has decided to join the **UN Arms Trade Treaty** which is a global pact to regulate arms sales in the world?

China

Which football club has won the **English Premier League** 2019-20 title?

Liverpool

Which airport has become the first airport to get the **Aviation Weather Monitoring System** (AWMS)?

Kempegowda International Airport

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Who is set to become the first female president of **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)** in its 233-year history?

Clare Connor

Who among the following are appointed as the ambassadors for the 45th edition of **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)**?

Priyanka Chopra & Anurag Kashyap

Which among the following has launched a behaviour change campaign called '**Navigating the New Normal**'?

NITI Aayog

Which country is planning to establish a permanent military base in the **Indian Ocean** by March 2021?

Iran

Who is the author of the book "**Too Much and Never Enough**" ?

Mary Trump

According to the **latest SNB data**, **India** has moved to which rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks at the end of 2019?

77th

Key Points

- Among the top-ranked jurisdictions, the **UK** is followed by the **US**, **West Indies**, **France** and **Hong Kong** in the top five.
- Funds parked by **Indians** fell by **5.8 per cent** in 2019 to 899 million Swiss francs (Rs 6,625 crore).
- Indian individuals and enterprises in Swiss banks, including through their India-based branches, account for **just about 0.06 percent** of the aggregate funds parked by all foreign clients of Switzerland-based banks.
- In comparison, the top-ranked **UK** accounted for **close to 27 per cent** of the total **foreign funds** parked with Swiss banks at the end of 2019.
- The **top-15 countries** account for **nearly 75 percent** of all foreign money in Swiss banks, while the contribution of the top-30 is almost 90 per cent.

Which two countries were handed the right to host the **2023 Women's World Cup football** tournament?

Australia and New Zealand

36th ASEAN Summit was held virtually in which country?

Vietnam

Capital – Hanoi, Currency - Dong

The Indian Navy has inducted an **advanced anti-torpedo decoy system** . What is the name of this system?

Maareech

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IRDAI has formulated a **9-member working group (WG)** under whose chairmanship to look into Drone Insurance?

Anjan Dey

NGT has constituted a committee under whose chairmanship to investigate the blowout at **Assam's Baghjan oil well** of Oil India Limited (OIL)?

B P Katakey

World Athletics has launched which online tool to track the qualification process for next year's Olympic Games?

Road to Tokyo

The US Space Agency, **NASA** has announced to rename its headquarters in Washington after whom?

Mary W Jackson

Surakshit Dada-Dadi, **Nana-Nani Abhiyan** is a collaborative effort between NITI Aayog and which organization?

Piramal Foundation

Which ministry has decided to celebrate "**Sankalp Parva**" from June 28 to July 12, 2020?

Ministry of Culture

Micheal Martin has become the new Prime Minister of which country?

Ireland

Name the Indian umpire who was included in the ICC's **Elite Panel of Umpires** for the upcoming 2020-21?

Nitin Menon

Lazarus Chakwera has won which country's rerun presidential election?

Malawi

Which bank has set up the **Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund** to facilitate free onboarding of MSMEs on TReDS platform?

SIDBI

Small Industrial Development Bank of India, HQ - Lucknow

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World No Tobacco Day** is observed on **May 31**

✓ This year, the theme of the World no Tobacco Day is "**Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use**".

✓ Campaign is **#TobaccoExposed**.

- **World Milk Day** 2020 – **1 June**.

✓The theme for World Milk day 2020 is "**the 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day**".

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- **World Oceans Day 2020 - June 8**

✓ Theme - “ *Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean* ”.

- **World Food Safety Day 2020 - 7 June**

✓ Theme - “ *Food safety, everyone's business* ”.

- **World Day Against Child Labour 2020 - June 12**

✓ Theme - “ *COVID-19 - Protect children from child labour now, more than ever* ”.

- **World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2020 - 9th June**

✓ Theme - “ *Accreditation: Improving Food Safety* ”.

- **World Blood Donor Day 2020 - 14 June**

○ The theme for the Blood donor day 2020 is “ *Safe Blood Saves Lives* ”.

- **International Day of Family Remittances 2020 - 16th June**

○ Theme - “ *Building resilience in times of crisis* ”.

- **World Refugee Day – 20 June**

○ The theme of 2020 World Refugee Day: “ *Every Action Counts* ”.

- **World Hydrography Day 2020 – 21 June**

✓ Theme - “ *Hydrography – enabling autonomous technologies* ”.

- **25th National Reading Day - June 19**

- **International Olympic Day – 23 June**

- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - 26th June**

✓ Theme for 2020: “ *Better Knowledge for Better Care* ”.

- **International Yoga Day 2020 – 21 June.**

● This year's theme is “ *Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family* ”.

● The theme set by the United Nations for this year is “ *Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home* ”.