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## National

- ⊙ The Government of India has **banned 59 Chinese mobile apps** which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, the security of the state and public order.



This decision has been announced by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009 and in view of the emergent nature of threats. The complete list is as given below.

TikTok	Vault- Hide	Weibo
Shareit	Cache Cleaner DU App studio	Xender
Kwai	DU Cleaner	QQ Music
UC Browser	DU Browser	QQ Newsfeed
Baidu map	Hago Play With New Friends	Bigo Live
Shein	Cam Scanner	SelfieCity
Clash of Kings	Clean Master – Cheetah Mobile	Mail Master
DU battery saver	Wonder Camera	Parallel Space
Helo	Photo Wonder	Mi Video Call – Xiaomi
Likee	QQ Player	WeSync
YouCam makeup	We Meet	ES File Explorer
Mi Community	Sweet Selfie	Viva Video – QU Video Inc
CM Browsers	Baidu Translate	Meitu
Virus Cleaner	Vmate	Vigo Video
APUS Browser	QQ International	New Video Status
ROMWE	QQ Security Center	DU Recorder
Club Factory	QQ Launcher	V fly Status Video
Newsdog	U Video	Mobile Legends
Beutry Plus	UC News	DU Privacy
WeChat	QQ Mail	

- ⊙ At the starting of June, the Ministry of Home Affairs has provided the guidelines for **Unlock 1.0**.



Under these guidelines, the Centre has extended lock down to all the containment zones. In rest of the zones, almost all the social facilities are to be open. Containment zones declared to be contained, there will be strict perimeter control. Intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance and clinical interventions are to be introduced.

- ⊙ Indian Energy Exchange launched **Real Time Electricity Market (RTM)** to help discoms plan their power requirements. This market will conduct 48 auction sessions during the day and the power will be delivered within one hour of closure of the bid session. Also, it will help the distribution companies to manage their power demand-supply variation and to meet power supply needs in a better way.
- ⊙ The United Nations Development Programme campaign called **Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on highways** was launched by the Union minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, to bring down the accident rates by taking several road safety measures. This includes Rectification of black spots, crash barriers, traffic barriers, road safety audit, rehabilitation and reconstruction of narrow bridges and highway patrolling. As per a survey, every year, India witnesses approximately 5 lakhs road accidents. Out of these, approximately 1.5 lakhs lose their lives.
- ⊙ To celebrate **World Food Safety Day**, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released the results of the second State Food Safety Index and also released an e-handbook on Eat Right during COVID-19 for citizens.



It highlights safe food practices to be followed diligently and tips on health and nutrition.

The State Food Safety Index ranks states on five parameters of food safety every year. These parameters are:

1. Human Resources and Institutional Data
2. Compliance
3. Food Testing Facility
4. Training
5. Capacity Building besides Consumer Empowerment

Under the Large State category, Gujrat ranked first, Goa ranked first in Small State category and Chandigarh ranked first in Union Territory category.

- © The 5th edition of **India Rankings 2020 of Higher Educational Institutions** has virtually released by Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

It evaluates institutions on five broad generic groups of parameters:

1. Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)
2. Research and Professional Practice (RP)
3. Graduation Outcomes (GO)
4. Outreach and Inclusivity (OI)
5. Perception (PR)

The rankings are being announced for India's best universities and institutions in 10 categories namely, Overall, Universities, Engineering, Colleges, Management, Pharmacy, Medical, Dental, Architecture, and Law.

The list of winners is as follows:

#### Overall Category

1. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

#### University Category

1. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
3. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
4. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore
5. Jadavpur University, Kolkata

#### Colleges Category

1. Miranda House, Delhi

2. Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi
3. Hindu College, Delhi
4. St. Stephen's College, Delhi
5. Presidency College, Chennai

#### Management Category

1. Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
2. Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
3. Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
4. Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

#### Engineering Category

1. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

#### Pharmacy Category

1. Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
2. Punjab University, Chandigarh
3. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Mohali
4. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
5. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad

#### Medical Category

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
2. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh
3. Christian Medical College, Vellore

#### Dental Category

1. Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, Delhi
2. Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Udupi
3. Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

#### Architecture Category

1. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
3. National Institute of Technology, Calicut

#### Law Category

1. National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
2. National Law University, New Delhi
3. Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad

- ③ **Environmental Performance Index (EPI), 2020** (the 22nd edition of the Environmental Performance Index report) has been released by the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, Yale University, and Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University. It ranked 180 countries by using 32 performance indicators across 11 issue categories involving environmental health and ecosystem vitality as the policy objectives. It also provided a scorecard that indicates the leaders as well as the laggards in the environmental performance.
- ③ **Global Economic Prospects** (June 2020) has been released by the World Bank. This report assesses the impressions of the pandemic and also examines the possible courses and outcomes. It also describes a grave near-term outlook and states that there is a contraction in global GDP which was 5.2 percent in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ③ India has signed an MOU on Energy Cooperation with Denmark to develop a strong, deep and long-term co-operation between two nations in the power sector.



It was signed between the Ministry of Power, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark.

- ③ **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan** will be launched by the Government of India from Village- Telihar, Block-Beldaur of Khagaria District of Bihar. It is a massive rural public works scheme that will empower and offer livelihood opportunities to the returnee migrant workers as well as rural citizens. The programme will be joined by the villages across 116 districts in the six States through the Common Service Centres and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The six states are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar.
- ③ Government of India has launched an initiative, **The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)** of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Ministry of HRD, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.



It aims to provide opportunities of internship to fresh graduates with the practical experiences in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as well as Smart Cities.

- ③ State of the art flood warning system **iFLOWS** has been launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It consists of seven modules: Data Assimilation, Flood, Inundation, Vulnerability, Risk, Dissemination Module and Decision Support System. This system will enable Mumbai to predict floods three days before they happen. As a result, administration will be able to save property as well as lives from the flood.
- ③ Uttar Pradesh has become the top state in India to provide employment to the workers under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)**. According to the data released, 57,12,975 workers got employment in around 57,000 village panchayats of the state which is 18% of the total work generated under the MGNREGA in the country.

## Economy

- ③ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** which is a special micro-credit facility for street vendors.



This scheme will be implemented by SIDBI under the guidance of MoHUA. The credit guarantee to the lending institutions would also be managed by the SIDBI through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).



- ⊙ Government of India soon will bring an ordinance to bring all cooperative banks under the supervision of Reserve Bank of India. Currently, 1,482 urban cooperative banks and 58 multi-state cooperative banks will come under the supervisory powers of the Reserve Bank of India. This decision will give an assurance to more than 86 million depositors in these banks that their money amounting to ₹ 4.84 trillion will stay safe.
- ⊙ The IndusInd Bank has become the first bank to launch a mobile application based facility where customer can open the current bank account in a paperless manner in just a few hours.
- ⊙ **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** has been created by the Reserve Bank of India. In PIDF, an initial contribution of ₹ 250 crores will be made by the Reserve Bank of India that is, covering half the fund, while the remaining contribution will be from card issuing banks and card networks operating in the country.
- ⊙ A campaign, Summer Treats has been launched by the HDFC Bank. It has been launched by the bank with the easing of the lockdown restrictions in order to provide offers to both merchants and, salaried and self-employed customers.
- ⊙ ICICI Bank has introduced an online overdraft (OD) facility **Insta FlexiCash** for its salary account customers. This facility will guard ICICI Bank Salary Account customers against missing their Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) or cheque bounces thanks to insufficient funds by providing short-term instant credit.
- ⊙ ISRO has signed an agreement with Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) to cooperate in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics.
- ⊙ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has received a patent for its Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment (LCHG) which is a protective garment for human spaceflight.
- ⊙ **BIN-19**, a used mask disposal device and UV SPOT, UV light-based multipurpose disinfectant has been launched in Kerala by VST Mobility Solutions.



- ⊙ UVC-based Cabinet has been co-developed by the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials and the MEKINS Industries. It will disinfect non-critical hospital items, laboratory wear, and PPEs in order to prevent surface contamination of COVID 19.
- ⊙ **Magnetocaloric material**, a rare earth-based material that can be effectively used for cancer treatment, has been developed by scientists at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI).
- ⊙ **Coro-bot**, a robot has been developed by an engineer Pratik Tirodkar from Maharashtra to reduce the physical contact of care-givers with COVID-19 patients.

## Science and Technology

- ⊙ A disinfection unit, **Ultra Swachh** has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to disinfect a wide range of materials such as electronics items, fabrics, Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), etc.



## Sports

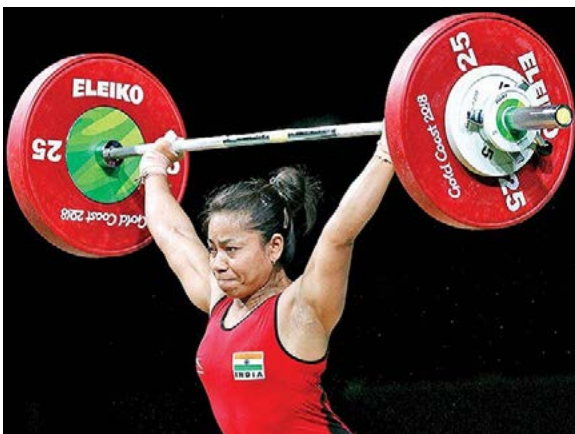
- ⊙ An e-pathshala programme, **Khelo India** has been launched by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with National Sporting Federations (NSF).
- ⊙ Former Germany footballer **Mario Gomez** has announced his retirement from the sport. He scored 31 goals in 78 appearances for the national team.



- ⊙ **NADA App**, a national anti-doping agency's first mobile app has launched to bridge the gap between NADA and the athletes by offering easily-accessible information on various aspects of sport, prohibited substances as well as dope-testing.

# NADA

- ⊙ India has been awarded by the hosting rights of the **2022 Women's Asian Cup** from the Asian Football Confederation. The tournament has been expanded from the previous slots of eight teams to 12 teams.
- ⊙ International Weightlifting Federation has cleared India's lifter **K Sanjita Chanu** of anti-doping violation charges.



- ⊙ Former Russian high jump champion, **Alexander Shustov** has been banned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport for 4-years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping).



- ⊙ Athletics Integrity Unit has banned **Gomathi Marimuthu** for 4-years after she tested positive for banned substances.



- ⊙ **Oleksandr Gvozdyk**, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion from Ukraine, has retired from the sport.



- ⊙ **India football team** retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings. In this rating, Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place while Brazil is at 3rd spot.
- ⊙ The ministry is going to set up **Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE)** under its flagship programme Khelo India Scheme. One KISCE will be identified in each state and union territory (UT) to create a robust sporting ecosystem in the entire country, as well as to strengthen India's pursuit for excellence in Olympics.
- ⊙ Grandmaster **Shakhriyar Mamedyarov** of Azerbaijan has won the World Stars Sharjah Online International Chess Championship.



Indian Grandmaster **Pentala Harikrishna** finished second in the Championship.

- ⊙ **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)** has announced that the 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games will be held in Bahrain in December 2021.

## Persons in News

- ⊙ **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev**, the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan has resigned from his post. It is said that he resigned to avoid hindering the progress of a criminal investigation into reportedly corrupt practices in using mobile communication frequencies. Although, he denied any involvement in the case and all accusations against him.
- ⊙ **Micheal Martin** has been elected as new Prime Minister of Ireland.
- ⊙ **Kiran Mazumdar Shaw**, an Indian entrepreneur was named the EY World Entrepreneur, 2020. She was selected among 46 other entrepreneurs from 41 countries.



She is the second woman to win the award after Olivia Lum of Singapore and also the third Indian to win the award after Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra in 2014 and Narayana Murthy of Infosys in 2005.

- ⊙ The appointment of **Arun Singhal** as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He will replace GSG Ayyangar as the CEO of the food regulator.
- ⊙ **Anandiben Patel**, the present governor of Uttar Pradesh, has taken the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh as its governor, as the present governor of Madhya Pradesh Lalji Tandon is undergoing treatment in Lucknow.
- ⊙ **Sibi George** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait. Presently, he is serving as the Ambassador of India to Switzerland.



- ⊙ **Sushil Kumar Singhal** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

- MD & CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, **Uday Kotak** has taken over as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2020-21. He has replaced the chairman and MD of Kirloskar Systems, Vikram Kirloskar as the President of CII.
- The tenure of **Subramanian Sundar** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lakshmi Vilas Bank has been extended after the approval from the Reserve Bank of India.

## Plans and Policies

- Matsya Sampada**, the first edition of Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter was launched by the Union Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Giriraj Singh. The operational guidelines for the PMMSY scheme have also been published in the first edition of the newsletter. Through this, the department will aim to reach out to the fishers and fish farmers of the country.
- The Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme was launched as a part of **Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**, by Union Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal. This scheme will generate 9 lakh skilled and semi-skilled employment; ₹ 35000 crore of the total investment will be generated and 8 lakh micro food processing units across the country will be benefited under the scheme.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched (through video conferencing) a 125-day campaign, **Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan** to provide employment to migrant and daily wage workers in Uttar Pradesh. 5000 tool kits will also be distributed under this Initiative in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the massive rural public works scheme, **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**. Under the scheme, the aim will be to reduce the economic impact faced by the rural parts of the country due to nationwide lockdown by providing livelihood support to the rural citizens, especially for the migrant workers. A target of 125 days has been set up by the Central Government to achieve the targets under this scheme in 116 districts across the country by bringing together about 25 schemes under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan.
- The Union Agriculture Minister shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched **Shahakar Mitra scheme** to assist the cooperative institutions to access innovative ideas of young professionals. In return the young interns will gain confidence to become self-reliant in the field.

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayushman Bharat)** has been extended by the Government of India for the migrant workers that have lost their jobs and livelihood due to lock down. Earlier, it has been announced that the Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries will receive free COVID-19 testing. The National Health Authority which is implementing the scheme will issue e-cards to the eligible migrants.
- In the first week of June, the Government of India announced that no new schemes will be approved till March 31, 2021. Till that period, the Government of India will implement the schemes that were announced under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana alone. All the other ministries have been asked to stop sending requests for new scheme.

## Awards and Honours

- The former Indian captain of football team, **IM Vijayan** has been recommended by the All India Football Federation for the fourth highest civilian award in India, the Padmashri.



He has scored 40 goals in over 79 matches. He won the Arjuna award in 2003 and in 1993, 1997 and in 1999 he was awarded by the best Indian "Player of the year".

- The Indian American soil scientist **Dr. Rattan Lal** has won the World Food Prize for mainstreaming and developing soil centric approach in order to increase food production.





His strategy of restoring soil health has been adopted by three United Nations Climate Change Conferences. He is being honoured for his contributions throughout his career that spans for more than 5 decades.

- © **Ramon Magsaysay Award** are being cancelled due to COVID-19. It is the third time when this award has been cancelled.



First time, it cancelled in 1970 due to financial crisis. In 1990, It was cancelled again due to disastrous earthquake. The award has been named after a popular Philippine president that died in a plane crash in 1957.

- © **Javed Akhtar** has become the first Indian to receive the Richard Dawkins award. He was awarded by Padma Shri in 1999 and also won the Sahitya Akademi award and Padma Bhushan.



These awards are presented to those distinguished individuals who come from the world of scholarship, science, education or environment and proclaim values of rationalism, secularism upholding scientific truth.

- © Indian writer, **Kritika Pandey** has been honoured with Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2020 for the Asia region. She won the prize for her story "The Great Indian Tee and Snakes".

- © Indian Musician & founder of Kalakruthi music organisation in Australia, **Shobha Sekhar** will be conferred the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the community and the country.



- © Indian Aerospace entrepreneur, **Renjith Kumar** has been honoured by the NASA Distinguished Service Medal for his administration to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and consumer loyalty.

