

Top 15 Current Affairs of 19 May 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan Part-4: New Horizons of Growth detailed by Nirmala Sitharaman



The Part 4 of “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan” (self-reliant India Movement) is consisted of structural reforms in the eight sectors of Coal, Minerals, Defence production, Civil Aviation, Power Sector, Social Infrastructure, Space and Atomic energy. The aim is to boost economic growth, and create jobs.

- Coal Sector: Rs 50,000 cr infused for building evacuation infrastructure
- Mineral sector: Mineral Index for different minerals to be developed
- Defence sector: FDI to be raised from 49% to 74%
- Civil Aviation sector
- Power sector; Privatization of PDCs in UTs
- Boosting Private Sector investment with Rs. 8,100 crore
- Boosting private participation in space sectors
- Atomic Energy Sector

Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan Part-5: Government reforms detailed by Nirmala Sitharaman



The Part 5 of “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan” (self-reliant India Movement) is focused on seven areas viz. MNREGA, Health and Education, Business during Covid, Decriminalisation of Company Act, Ease of doing business, Policy related to Public Sector Units, State government and resources related to it.

- Rs 40,000 crores increase in allocation for MGNREGS to provide employment boost
- Health Reforms & Initiatives
- Technology Driven Education with Equity post-COVID by launching PM eVIDYA
- Enhancement of Ease of Doing business through IBC related measures
- Decriminalisation of Companies Act defaults
- Ease of Doing Business for Corporates
- Public Sector Enterprise Policy for a New, Self-reliant India

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sworn-in for the 5th time



Benjamin Netanyahu has been sworn as the **Israel Prime Minister (PM)** for the 5th time after signing of power-sharing deal with rival-turned-partner Benny Gantz of Blue and White Party. He will now chair the post until 13 November 2021. The new government, which according to the three-year coalition agreement, where Gantz was sworn in as defense minister and alternate prime minister & Netanyahu will step down after 18 months.

Italy develops ‘iFeel-You’ bracelet for social distancing



The Genoa-based **Italian Institute of Technology (IIT)** has developed “**i-Feel you**”, an intelligent bracelet which will help users respect social distancing rules. The technology was launched at a video conference which involved the participation of Liguria governor Giovanni Toti and IIT President Giorgia Metta.

BANKING & FINANCE

Canara Bank launches special gold loan business vertical



Canara Bank has launched a **special business vertical** dedicated for **gold loans** to meet the financial needs of its customers as they are in need of immediate credit support to meet their emergency needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bank has launched a gold loan campaign till 30th June, 2020 with an interest rate as low as **7.85% per annum**.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

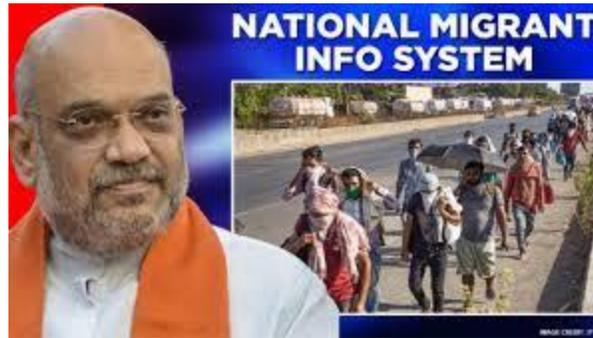
General Atlantic buys 1.34% stake in Jio platforms for Rs 6,598.38 crores



Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) announced the sale of **1.34%** stake in its digital services subsidiary, **Jio Platforms** to global Private Equity (PE) firm General Atlantic for **Rs 6,598.38 crores**, to accelerate consumer business and cut debt.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NDMA developed an online Dashboard National Migrant Information System to track migrants movements



The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) developed an online dashboard National Migrant Information System (NMIS) on the existing NDMA-Geographical Information System (GIS) portal to capture the **information regarding movement of migrants** and facilitate the smooth movement of stranded persons across states.

CSIR-CMERI develops two mobile indoor disinfection sprayers: BPDS and POMID to combat COVID-19



Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-CMERI), Durgapur has developed two mobile indoor disinfection sprayer units Battery Powered Disinfectant Sprayer (BPDS) and

Pneumatically Operated Mobile Indoor Disinfection (**POMID**) for cleaning and disinfecting pathogenic micro organism.

ARCI & SCTIMST jointly develops next-generation biodegradable metal implants for use in humans

The Autonomous institutes under the Department of Science & Technology(**DST**) namely The International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials(**ARCI**) and Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and technology(**SCTIMST**) have jointly developed new generation Iron-Manganese(**Fe-Mn**) based alloys for **biodegradable metal implants** for use in humans.

ENVIRONMENT

Denmark researcher discovers new species of fungus ‘Troglomyces Twitteri’ on Twitter



According to the study published in the journal MycoKeys, **Ana Sofia Reboleira**, a biologist from the University of Copenhagen’s Natural History Museum of Denmark, has discovered a new species of a **parasitic fungus ‘Troglomyces Twitteri’** by using a image of millipede circulating on social media platform **Twitter**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Museum Day 2020: May 18



International Museum Day (IMD) is celebrated every year on May 18 globally, to create awareness on the importance of museums for the development of society. The day is organized by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and has been celebrated since 1977. **Theme for the year 2020:** “Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion”.

World AIDS Vaccine Day celebrated on May 18, 2020



On **May 18, 2020**, **World AIDS Vaccine Day** (or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day) has been celebrated all over the world to recognize and acknowledge the hard work of the thousands of health professionals, volunteers, members of the medical field and scientists who have been working together for so many years to make HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) / AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) vaccine.

World Hypertension Day 2020, May 17



World Hypertension Day is annually observed on 17th May to create awareness and educate people to prevent and control the Hypertension. This day was initiated by the World hypertension League (**WHL**) an affiliated section of the International Society of Hypertension(**ISH**) in May 2005. The theme of World Hypertension Day 2020 is **“Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer”**.

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2020: May 17



World Telecommunications and Information Society Day (WTISD) is celebrated every year on May 17 to raise awareness about the importance of the internet and other means of information and communication in bringing the world closer.

International Day of Living Together in Peace 2020: May 16



The **International Day of Living Together in Peace** is celebrated every year on **May 16th** since 2018 with an aim to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.

STATE NEWS

Madhya Pradesh launched an initiative for migrant labourers: Charan Paduka

On 18th May 2020, Madhya Pradesh launched Charan Paduka campaign, first of its kind initiative for migrant labourers passing through the states in which barefoot migrants are provided with shoes and slippers. This campaign is conducted by the Police in most of the places.

Karnataka launches first accelerator for cyber security start-up



Karnataka's Centre of Excellence on Cyber Security (CS-CoE) launched the first cyber security accelerator for startups in India, Hack is an Accelerator for Cyber Security in Karnataka (H.A.C.K) inaugurated on 16th May 2020 by Additional Chief Secretary in Charge of Department of IT, BT and S&T, EV Ramana Reddy.

AC GAZE

Special Postal Cover dedicated to Migrant Workers: India post

In a bid to tribute migrant workers, **India post, Mumbai** has released a Special Postal Cover dedicated to migrant workers at the Bicentennial Hall of the historic ,Mumbai, Maharashtra. The five migrant workers from different sectors such as two from construction sector, a taxi driver, a jewelry craftsman and a tailor were called to release the postal cover. India post, Department of Posts (DoP), which comes under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, headquartered in New Delhi.

Gujarat mandates digital payment for home delivery in Ahmedabad

Preventing the spread of Covid-19 through currency notes, Gujarat govt has mandated digital payment for all home delivery services in the worst-hit city of Ahmedabad and also issued protocol to be followed by the delivery persons.