

## Top 25 Current Affairs of 8 July 2020

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Indian Coast Guard & Indonesia Coast Guard sign MoU to boost maritime relations



In order to bolster the comprehensive strategic partnership between India and Indonesia, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Indonesian Coast Guard (Badan Keamanan Laut Republik Indonesia) on 'Maritime Safety and Security'.

- The MoU was signed through video conferencing amid the global travel restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic. It was inked by ICG Director General (DG) **Krishnaswamy Natarajan** and Head of Indonesian Coast Guard **Vice Admiral Aan Kurnia** in the presence of Ambassador of India to Indonesia Pradeep Kumar Rawat, and Mochammad Rizki Safary, Minister Counsellor of Indonesian Embassy in New Delhi, India and officials from Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ministry of External affairs (MEA).

#### New Building of IARI, Jharkhand named after Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee



On 6th July 2020, The new administrative and academic building of the Indian Agricultural research Institute(IARI),at Gouria Karma in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand is named after Dr.Shyama Prasad Mukherjee the founder of Bharatiya Jan Sangh, on the event of his birth anniversary.

### **MoU Signed between National Medicinal Plants Board and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources**



On 06 July 2020, A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Medicinal plants Board (NMPB) under the Ministry of AYUSH and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) under Department of Agricultural Research and Education to conserve Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources (MAPGRs).

### **Assam Government to Upgrade Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary to National Park amid Coal Mining Row**



The government of Assam has decided to upgrade the **111.942 sq km** Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary into a national park, located within the larger Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve, following the National Board of Wildlife's (NBWL) conditional clearance to a coal mining project by Coal India Limited (CIL) in the 98.59 hectares of Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve. The wildlife sanctuaries are protected areas which permit some activities such as grazing but national parks require complete protection status under the **Wildlife**

### **Central Govt approved funds for Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Himachal Pradesh & Goa**



On 4th July 2020, during a video conference between Union Minister of Jal Shakti, **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** and Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh (HP) **Jairam Thakur**, Union Government has allocated Rs. 326.20 Crore for the effective implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Himachal Pradesh for FY 2020-21. Including the state's share the total funds available for providing Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) is **Rs. 371 Crore**. The government of India has allocated Rs. 12.40 Crore for FY20-21 to Goa on the basis of Annual Action Plan (AAP) presented by the state to the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The funds have been increased from Rs. 3.08 Crore.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### India rises one place to 34th in JLL's 11th edition of the Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2020; UK tops



On July 07, 2020, According to the 11th edition of the '**Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2020**', which covers 99 countries and territories and 163 cities, released by **Jones Lang LaSalle's (JLL)**, **India** has improved by one place to **34th** with a total score of 2.69 under 'semi-transparent' zone. Regulatory reforms, better market data and sustainability initiatives led to a one-point improvement in the nation's ranking.

### New School Infrastructure worth Rs 1.94 cr Funded by India inaugurated in Nepal via Video Conferencing



A new four-storey school building, developed with the Indian assistance of Rs 1.94 crore (Nepalese Rupees (NR) 31.13 million) under the **Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development Cooperation programme** has been inaugurated in Shri Saptmai Gurukul Sanskrit

Vidyalaya, located in Ilam district of Nepal to boost the learning environment for students. The inauguration was made through video conferencing with the participation of Nepalese officials, school management committee and members of the Indian Embassy. The project was implemented by the District Coordination Committee (DCC), Ilam.

## **BANKING & FINANCE**

### **Fino Payments Bank launches 'Bhavishya' Savings Account for Minors Aged between 10-18 years**



**Fino Payments Bank Limited** launched '**Bhavishya**', a **savings account** scheme for **minors** aged between 10-18 years. The subscription-based savings account aims to inculcate banking and saving habits in children. The account can be only opened through the Electronic-Know Your Customer (e-KYC) mode. The account comes with a free Platinum RuPay Debit card and there is no requirement to maintain any minimum monthly average balance. The annual Subscription charges for the account is Rs.349 (inclusive of Goods and Service Tax-GST).

### **Karur Vysya Bank Ties- up with Star Health Insurance For Bancassurance**



On July 6, 2020, **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** has joined hands with **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd** for bancassurance, through which KVB will market wide range health insurance products of the Star Health through its 780 branches.

### **Deutsche Bank and Google Cloud to Enter into a Multi-Year, Strategic Partnership**



**Deutsche Bank** and **Google Cloud** have proposed to enter into a strategic, multi-year **partnership**. The partnership focuses on redefining how the bank develops and offers its financial services. The partnership enables co-innovation between the two companies to produce the next generation of technology-based financial products for clients and delivers cutting edge cloud services to Deutsche Bank.

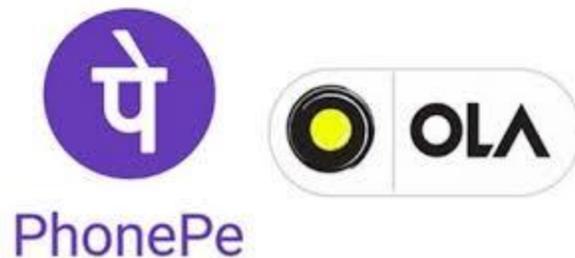
### **Liberty General Insurance launches 'Liberty Assure', an industry 1st service**



**Liberty General Insurance** launches, '**Liberty Assure**', an **Industry first service**. The auto insurance customers who avail this service, are **not** required to **pay** the '**Compulsory Deductible**' cost for every claim. In addition to this **no premium** will be charged from the buyers to provide this unique cost-effective feature at the time of raising a claim/loss.

The service is a part of its existing Private Car Package Policy under the Regulatory Sandbox approval received from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India(Irdai).

### **Ola Enters into a Strategic Partnership with PhonePe to Enhance its Digital Payments Experience for its Customers**



On July 7, 2020 India based ridesharing company, **Ola** announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with **PhonePe** to boost its digital payments experience for its customers.

**Significance of the partnership** : -This partnership will help Ola users to link their existing PhonePe account with their Ola account to make payments for future rides. This partnership will also enable PhonePe to provide their services to millions of customers on the Ola platform.

### **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Sijo Kuruvilla George Appointed to Centre's Committee on Science and Tech Policy**



Sijo Kuruvilla George, CEO of startup village and founder of Re-think Foundation has been selected as a member of Central Government's Expert Committee on Science and Technology Policy led by Harkesh Mittal (also heads the department of Science and Technology).

### **STIP 2020:**

- The Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020 is a formation by the Department of Science and technology and principle Scientific advisor of union Government.
- It is the fifth science and technology policy in the country.
- Sijo kuruvilla is the only member from Kerala, as a part of the eight member panel.
- Shruti Singh, Startup India Director is also a committee member

### **Govt Appoints Injeti Srinivas as the 1st Chairman IFSC Authority**



On July 6, 2020 Government appointed former corporate affairs secretary and IAS officer, **Injeti Srinivas** as the **1st chairman** of the International Financial Services Centre Authority(IFSCA) for a 3 years term. In addition to the chairman, IFSCA has other members who have been nominated from the Reserve Bank of India(RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI), The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India(Irdai),Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and two members from the Centre.

## **MCA extends tenure of Justice(Retd.) Bansi Lal Bhat as acting chairperson of NCLAT by three months**



The Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) has extended the term of Justice(Retd.) **Bansi Lal Bhat**, as the **acting chairperson** of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal(**NCLAT**) by 3 month, effective from June 15. He was appointed as acting chairperson on March 15, after Justice SJ Mukhopadhaya completed his term in the office. He also holds the post of Member (Judicial) at the appellate tribunal.

## **Jayant Krishna is Appointed as the First India Based CEO of UKIBC**



On 1st July 2020, UK India Business Council(**UKIBC**) announced that Jayant Krishna has accepted the Invitation of UKIBC to become the Group's new Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) and became the first India based CEO of UKIBC. He will assume office from 3rd August 2020 succeeding the current CEO Richard Heald. Richard Heald will take charge as the chairman of the Group from 1st September 2020 succeeding Lord Davies of Abersoch, the current Chair. Lord Davies of Abersoch will assume the position of President of UKIBC's new Senior Leadership Council.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### ICMR-NIV in Collaboration with Bharat Biotech Develops India's First COVID-19 Vaccine – COVAXIN



Bharat Biotech India Ltd(**BBIL**) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research(**ICMR**) – National Institute of Virology(**NIV**) developed India's first COVID-19 vaccine – Covaxin (BBV152 COVID vaccine). The vaccine is developed and manufactured by the BSL-3(Bio Safety Level- 3) high containment facility of BBIL.

## SPORTS

### Indian boxer Amit Panghal secures top spot in AIBA World Men's Ranking 2020 in 52kg category; Manju world's second best boxer in Women's ranking



On July 06, 2020, The **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** has released the **world rankings 2020** for women's and men's boxing, as per which Indian amateur boxer & World championships silver medallist **Amit Panghal** has been ranked first in the world

ranking of main elites of **52 kg** weight category with a total of 1300 points. At the same time, **Manju Rani** has got the second place in women's rankings in **48 kg** with 1175 points.

## **Indian Olympic Association Adopts New Visual Identity to Celebrate 100 Years of Participation in Olympic Games**



On 6th July 2020, to mark the 100th year of Indian participation in the Olympic Games the Indian Olympic Association (**IOA**) adopted a new visual identity(Logos). The logo celebrates the contribution of the athletes and the officials all over the world towards Team India.

## **OBITUARY**

### **Two Times Oscar Winner, Ennio Morricone, Italian Composer Passed Away at 91**



On 6th July 2020, two times Oscar winner, Ennio Morricone, Italian Composer passed away at the age of 91 in Campus Bio-Medico, a clinic in Rome, Italy, where he was admitted due to a broken femur. He was born on 10th November 1928 in Rome, Italy.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **Karnataka Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa Launched a Scheme “Weavers Samman Yojana”**



On 06 July 2020, Chief Minister of Karnataka B.S. Yediyurappa launched “Weavers Samman Yojana” to provide financial assistance of Rs 2000 for about 19,744 handloom weavers in the state, through Direct Benefit Transfer.

### **Highlights of the Scheme**

- The eligible handloom weavers will be given financial assistance under this scheme.
- The state government has allocated Rs 10.96 crore for the scheme.
- The Seva Sindhu software consists of 40,634 handloom weavers, among them 37,314 applications have been approved for financial assistance.

**Haryana passed “Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Ordinance, 2020” to reserve 75% private sector jobs for locals**



The Haryana state Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, has passed the draft “**Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Ordinance, 2020**” to provide 75% reservation for the residents of Haryana in private sector jobs having salary of less than Rs 50,000 per month in companies, Societies, Trusts, Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Firms, partnership firms etc. situated in Haryana. Employment providers which have more than 10 employees in its premises would be covered in this upcoming Act. The law will have stringent rules for industries and firms that will try to hide information regarding employees.

**Maharashtra CM Launches ‘Maha Jobs portal’, an online platform to Provide Employment Opportunities**



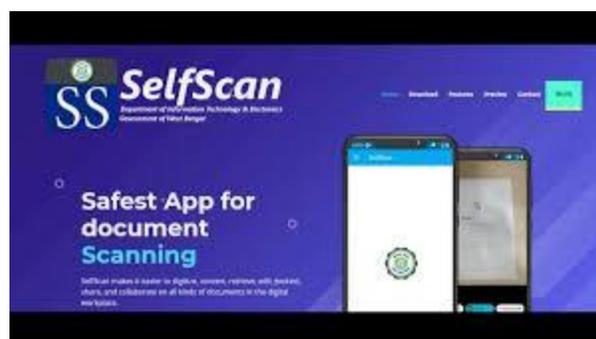
Maharashtra chief minister **Uddhav Thackeray** launched the '**Maha Jobs Portal**' (<https://mahajobs.maharashtra.gov.in/>), an online platform to provide **employment opportunities** to local residents of the state by connecting job seekers with employers. The people who register at the portal should submit a **domicile certificate**, which is mandatory. The portal is run by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (**MIDC**). The portal is a joint venture between the Department of Industries, Department of Labor, and Skill Development-Entrepreneurship of the Government of Maharashtra.

### **UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates “Mission Vriksharopan-2020” to plant 25 crore saplings across UP**



On 5th July 2020, Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh inaugurated “Mission Vriksharopan-2020” in Kukarel Forest, Lucknow, on account of Guru Purnima, under which around 25 crore saplings of medicinal, herbal, environmental, fruit producing, shady, fodder plants of around 201 species will be planted across the state.

### **West Bengal CM launches “SelfScan” document scanning app**



Mamta Banerjee, The Chief Minister of West Bengal launches “SelfScan” app developed by the state’s Information Technology department as an alternative to CamScanner (One of the chinese apps recently restricted in India)

### Features of the App:

- The app is currently available in English, and is being improved in Hindi and other regional languages of India. No registration is needed to use the app.
- It is an offline application and does not require registration to use.
- The app data will be stored in the device only, Cookies and other background data collection will not be captured nor saved in the server.
- The feature of scanning the handwritten text is being developed by the team.
- The beta version of the app is now available only in Samsung application store and Amazon app store.

### Madhya Pradesh: “Intzaar Aap Ka” Social Media Campaign to Attract Tourists



On 5th July 2020, “Intzaar Aap Ka” campaign is started by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB), over the social media platform in Madhya Pradesh to attract tourists with taglines and the description of the tourism destinations of the State.

### AC GAZE

### Himachal Pradesh becomes first state with 100% LPG Connections

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country where 100% households have liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) connections, announced by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur

while interacting with the beneficiaries of 'Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana' through video conferencing.