

Top 10 Current Affairs of 14 & 15 June 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

CM Uddhav Thackray and Dr Harshvardhan e-launched 'I-FLOWS' a flood warning system in Mumbai



The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, **Uddhav Thackeray** and Union Earth science Minister Dr **Harsh Vardhan** jointly launched the state-of-the-art Integrated Flood Warning System (**I-FLOWS**) – **Mumbai** The system monitors the flood activities by providing early warning in the city during high rainfall and cyclone events by as early as 3 days in advance. It was developed by Meteorological Department (**IMD**) and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (**IITM**) functioning under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (**MoES**).

BANKING & FINANCE

RBI sets up 5-member Internal working group headed by P K Mohanty to review ownership and control of Private banks



On June 12, 2020, India's central bank, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up a 5-member internal working group (IWG) headed by its Central Board Director **Prasanna Kumar (PK) Mohanty** to review ownership guidelines and corporate structure for private banks in light of recent developments in the banking sector. The committee is due to submit its report by 30th September 2020.

Exim Bank sanctions \$215.68 mn LoC to Malawi govt for Drinking Water Supply Schemes



Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has provided a line of credit (LOC) of **\$215.68 million** to the **Malawi** government for drinking water supply schemes and other development projects includes supply of irrigation network, tobacco threshing plant, cotton processing facilities and construction of a new water supply system from Likhubula river in Mulanje to Blantyre.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Former NASA Astronaut & Geologist Kathy Sullivan becomes 1st Woman to Reach Deepest Point of Ocean



On 7th June 2020, The 68-year-old Kathy Sullivan, Former NASA astronaut and Geologist became the first woman to reach the Challenger Deep, the deepest point in the ocean.

Challenger Deep: It is located in the Mariana Trench, 7 miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean which is 200 miles southwest of Guam. This is the deepest point known in the Ocean.

Kathy Sullivan: She joined NASA in 1978 and flew three shuttle missions and in 1993 she left NASA and started exploring oceanography. She became the under-secretary of Commerce for oceans and atmosphere in the United States.

Achievements: She was the first American Woman to walk in space in **1984**. In 2004 she was inducted into the Astronauts Hall of Fame. She was the 8th human to take the dive to Challenger Deep. She became the **first human** to visit both the space and the deepest known point in the Ocean.

The Expedition: The expedition was coordinated by the company, **EYOS Expeditions**. **Victor Vescovo**, Millionaire adventurer and investor with Kathy as **co-pilot** of the 12 tonne Deep Sea Vehicle(DSV) – Limiting Factor took the dive. The expedition took around 10 hours to reach the Challengers Deep where the pressure is around 8 tonnes per square inch.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Pankaj Tripathi becomes brand ambassador of Patna's Khadi Mall



On 12th June 2020, Pankaj Tripathi, Bollywood Actor, was appointed as the brand ambassador of Patna's Khadi Mall by the Government of Bihar. Tripathi mentioned that he would not take any salary for this role. The Khadi Mall in Patna is **India's first** ever Kadhi mall inaugurated by Nitish Kumra, Chief Minister of Bihar in November 2019.

UTI mutual funds appoint Imtaiyazur Rahman as CEO



UTI Asset Management Board appointed Imtaiyazur Rahman as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the UTI Asset Management Committee (AMC) He will succeed Leo Puri whose 5-year tenure was over in August 2018.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ministry of Health launches a CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal 'Aarogyapath'



Shri Rajesh Bhushan, the officer on Special Duty of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal **Aarogyapath** to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies with the involvement of manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

- The portal, developed by CSIR team in partnership with Sarvodaya Infotech and institutional users, will address the national needs in the current coronavirus pandemic scenario as well as the future normal scenarios.

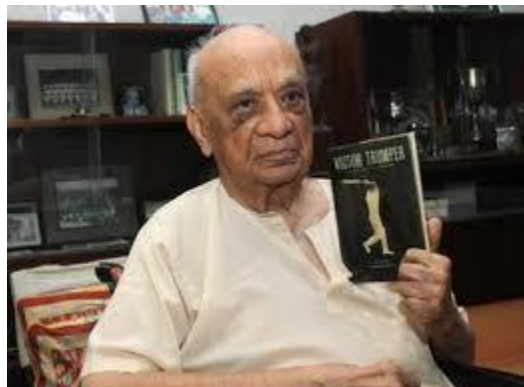
DRDO Develops Dry Heat Treatment Chamber “GermiKlean” to Sanitise Uniforms of Security Force



The sanitising dry heat treatment chamber “GermiKlean” – developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Saveer Biotech Limited to sanitise the uniforms of the security forces.

OBITUARY

India’s oldest first-class cricketer Vasant Raiji passed away at 100



On June 13, 2020 **India’s oldest first-class cricketer Vasant Raiji**, a right-handed batsman passed away at 100 due to old-age at his residence in Walkeshwar in South Mumbai. He was born on January 26, 1920 in Vadodara(Baroda), Gujarat.

Veteran Urdu poet Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlvi passed away at 93



On June 12, 2020 Veteran Urdu poet & freedom fighter **Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlvi** passed away at 93 due to cardiac arrest at his residency in Noida after his recovery from COVID-19. He was born in Gali Kashmeerian, Old Delhi in 1926.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Albinism Awareness Day 2020 – June 13



13th June of every year is observed as the International Albinism Awareness Day (**IAAD**) to create awareness about albinism and the human rights for the people with albinism. The United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) proclaimed June 13 as International Albinism Awareness Day in its resolution in 2014 and celebrated it for the **first** time in **2015**. The theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2020 is “**Made to Shine**”

STATE NEWS

Punjab CM Amarinder Singh launches surveillance app ‘Ghar ghar nigrani’ app to detect COVID-19



On June 12, 2020 Punjab Chief Minister(CM) **Amarinder Singh** launched mobile based app ‘**Ghar ghar nigrani**’ app through video conference to conduct **house-to-house surveillance** in the state to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key Points .The survey captures a person’s full medical conditions for the previous week and his / her co-morbidities(one or more additional conditions often co-occurring with a primary condition). This app enables the state to further develop a database for its COVID containment strategy and create targeted interventions for the community. The survey will be conducted by Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers and community volunteers
Note: An user-friendly app, **Isha Kalia**, has been developed and designed in-house by the health department.