

Top 15 Current Affairs of 8 May 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Energy efficiency initiatives by BEE led to savings worth Rs. 89,122 Cr. in 2018-19: Report by PwC



- i. India reduced energy intensity in 2018-19 by 20% as compared to 2005 level.
- ii. India has set a target to reduce the energy intensity by **33-35%** by 2030 compared to 2005 level.

MP becomes the first state in country to provide Mid-Day Meal ration



The Central Government appreciated that **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** has become the first state in the country to provide a mid-day meal ration. Manoj Shrivastava, Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development, informed that this

information has been given in the review meeting conducted by the Central Government

Harsh Vardhan & Shripad Yesso Naik launched Ayush Sanjivani app & interdisciplinary studies involving AYUSH interventions



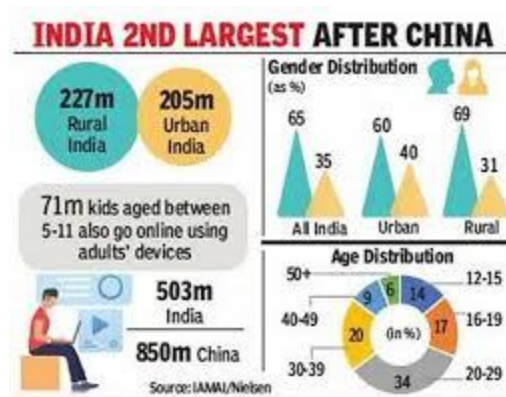
Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** and Minister of State for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy(**AYUSH**) **Shripad Yesso Naik** jointly launched **Ayush Sanjivani** application & **clinical research studies** on Ayurveda interventions as an addition to standard care to COVID 19 situation in New Delhi

India's unemployment rate shoots up to 27.11% amid COVID-19 crisis: CMIE



According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy(CMIE) the country's **unemployment rate** rose to **27.11%** for the week ended May 3 due to the COVID-19 crisis, up from the under 7% level before the start of the pandemic in mid-March

India for the 1st time has more internet users in rural areas than urban: IAMAI report



According to 'Digital in India' report by the Internet & Mobile Association of India(IAMAI) & Nielsen shows that for the **1st time** has **more internet users in rural areas than urban**, where rural India had 227 million active internet users, 10% more than urban India's about 205 million, as of November 2019

CSIR launches Compendium of Indian Technologies to tackle COVID-19 pandemic



On 6th May 2020, The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) working under the administrative control of the Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology. prepared a compendium of Indian Technologies for combating COVID-19 pandemic which is categorized as tracking, testing and treating was launched by Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General CSIR, Secretary, DSIR, Government of India

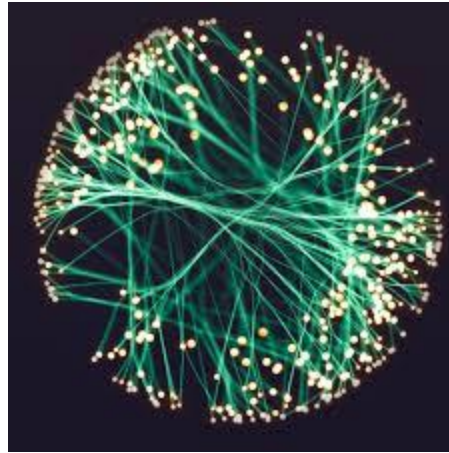
Govt to run awareness campaign in 1 lakh villages on balanced use of fertilisers for FY20-21



i. In this regard, **Soil Testing Labs** by youth having education in agriculture, Women Self Help Groups, FPOs (Farmer's Produce Organization) etc. will be set up at village level Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India's energy demand falls by 30% due to covid-19 lockdown: IEA-Global Energy Review 2020



In India, energy demand would **decline for the first time**, following on from low demand growth in 2019.

The decline in electricity and transport demand in India is highest among the globe.

Iran approves currency denomination bill to slash 4 zeros from Rial and covert to Toman



The parliament of Iran has approved a bill on **national currency denomination**, which allows to cutting four zeros from its national currency **Rial** & to rename it as

'Toman' which is equal to 10,000 rials. It has taken this major decision to prevent a major fall in currency due to US (United States) sanctions and to get its economy back on track

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

UNEP extends Bollywood actress Dia Mirza's term as Goodwill ambassador till 2022



The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** has extended the Bollywood actress & environmentalist **Dia Mirza's** term as its **National Goodwill Ambassador** for another two years till the end of **2022**. **i.** Dia Mirza from Hyderabad (Telangana), was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador in 2017. She is also a United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) Advocate

Former intelligence chief Mustafa Al Kadhimi sworn in as 6th Prime Minister of Iraq



Mustafa al-Kadhimi (53), former head of Iraq's intelligence agency, was sworn in as the country's **6th Prime Minister (PM)** after Adel Abdul Mahdi, who had resigned in November 2019 due to massive anti-governmental protests. i. The Iraq parliament also cleared Kadhimi's 15 cabinet ministers & rejected of 5 ministers

Donald Trump Nominates senior Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as US envoy to OECD

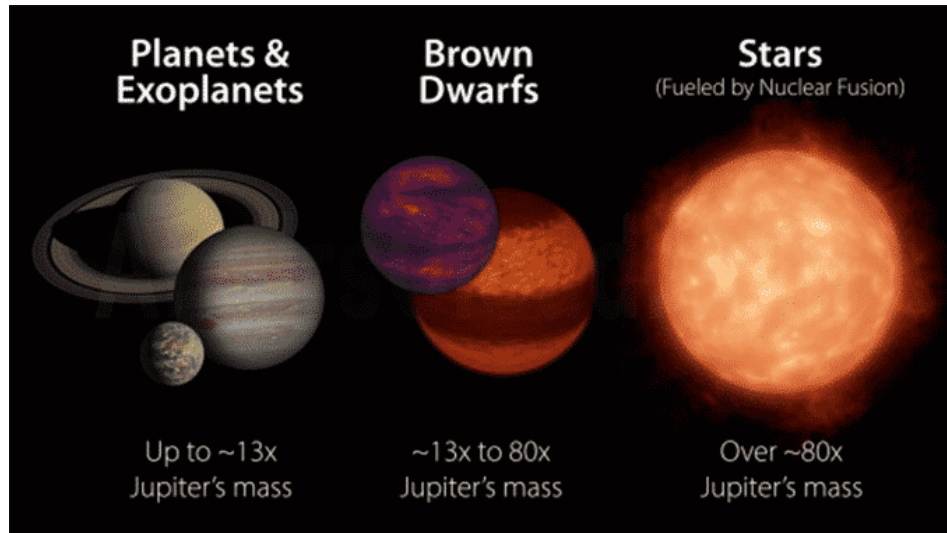


President Trump nominates Indian-American diplomat **Manisha Singh** as **OECD** envoy

On 5th May 2020, United States President Donald Trump nominated senior Indian American diplomat Manisha Singh, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs at the State department as his envoy to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development(**OECD**) with an Ambassador rank

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Jupiter like cloud bands on closest brown dwarf discovered by astronomers



On 6th May 2020, A team of astronomers discovered that the **Luhman 16A**, closest known brown dwarf showing signs of cloud bands similar to the Jupiter and Saturn using the technique of **polarimetry** to determine the properties of atmospheric clouds outside the solar system or typically

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Athletics Day 2020: May 7



World Athletics Day (WAD) was introduced by the **IAAF** (International Association of Athletics Federation) to increase awareness about athletics and to

encourage youth to take up sports. Although this day is celebrated in the month of May every year, in 2020, the IAAF marked May 7 as the World Athletics Day

STATE NEWS

Tripura CM launches national scholarship online portal under ‘Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana’



Tripura Chief Minister(CM) Biplab Kumar Deb launched a National Scholarship online portal website(<https://scholarships.gov.in/>) under ‘**Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana**’, an incentive scheme at the state secretariat so that students can apply for this scheme for the Academic Year 2019-20

Sanjeevani a unique vehicle developed at the local level in Madhya Pradesh

#मध्यप्रदेश के राजनगर प्रशासन की पहल 'संजीवनी वाहन' के द्वारा स्वास्थ्यकर्मी अब किसी भी कोरोना संदिग्ध के संपर्क में आए बिना स्क्रीनिंग कर पाएंगे। जीवनी वाहन में बाहर से एक कैमरा और एक इन्फ्रारेड टैम्परेचर सेंसर लगाया गया है जो संदिग्ध का फोटो लेगा और टैम्परेचर लेगा।
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On 6th May 2020, Sanjeevani, a unique vehicle developed at the local level in the initiative of Rajnagar administration of Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh to help the healthcare workers

AC GAZE

Pixar Director Rob Gibbs passed away

Veteran director, story artist and writer of many Pixar films Rob Gibbs passed away at the age of 55 years, who is well Known for successful Pixar films, including Toy Story 2, Finding Nemo, Monsters.Up, Wall-E, Inside Out to Onward.

