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**01-06-2020**

e-commerce marketplace Flipkart and Karnataka State Mango Department and Marketing Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), enabling mango farmers sell their fresh produce online through the Flipkart platform.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen agreed on the importance of international collaboration to deal with the present challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 fatality rate in India is among the lowest in the world at 2.87 percent, the Union government said.

Former president of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) Vimal Gandhi passed away. He was 75.

Fitch Ratings forecast a 5 per cent contraction of the Indian economy in the current fiscal (2020-21).

Indian space startup Vestaspac Technology will start launching over 35 satellites from September onwards to facilitate pan-India 5G service, with an aim to make the next-gen network operational by early 2021.

The second-largest national oil marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd announced a new customer-friendly initiative with the launch of cooking gas booking through Whatsapp across the country.

Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra constituted a three-member committee led by its vice president VD Navavati to nominate observers for the elections of IOA members for 2020-2021.

World football governing body FIFA has provisionally suspended the president of Haitian Football Federation Yves Jean-Bart from all football-related activities.

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has joined hands with ICICI Bank to offer retail financing schemes to its customers.



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**02-06-2020**

The National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology (DST) in association with Dr. Anamika Ray Memorial Trust, has brought out the Hindi version of the Popular Multimedia Guide for Mass Awareness carrying important information on A-to-Z of COVID-19 pandemic.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will operationalise its No.18 Squadron "Flying Bullets" at the Sulur Air Force Station near Coimbatore, equipping it with the fourth generation LCA Tejas aircraft.

GE Power India (GEPIL) said it has appointed Mahesh Palashikar as its Chairman.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria flew a Tejas single-seater light combat aircraft at the Sulur air force station.

The New Development Bank of the BRICS countries appointed Marcos Prado Troyjo, who served as Brazil's Economy Minister, as the new president of the Shanghai-based bank.

R Sreelekha will be the first woman Director General of Police in Kerala after the state government appointed her as Fire and Rescue Services DGP as part of a major reshuffle.

Japan's Cabinet approved a proposed 32 trillion yen (\$296 billion) supplementary budget to help fund \$1.1 trillion in measures to cushion the blow to the economy from the coronavirus pandemic.

The Indian Olympic Association constituted an 11-member committee led by Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwala to monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020-2021 cycle.

Nearly 4 lakh entrepreneurs from MSME sector attended a training session for rebuilding businesses post COVID-19 to create a Guinness World Record of the largest online business lesson, which was viewed for over 98 lakh minutes.

The Tamil Nadu government has inked pacts with 17 companies for bringing in fresh investments of over Rs 15,100 crore that will create job opportunities for about 47,150 people in the State.



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Stuttgart-based auto-maker Daimler said its Indian subsidiary, signing the second memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu government to invest Rs 2,277 crore, was designed to expand commercial vehicle production at its facility near here.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the instant Permanent Account Number (PAN) facility which uses Aadhaar number based e-KYC.

Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu administered the oath to retired bureaucrat B R Sharma as Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) at Raj Bhavan.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India rose by 13 per cent - the sharpest pace in the last four fiscals - to a record of USD 49.97 billion in 2019-20, according to official data.

M P Veerendra Kumar, the Managing Director of leading Malayalam daily 'Mathrubhumi' and a member of PTI's Board of Directors, died. He was 84.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a scheme under which loans will be given to the migrants returning to the state in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic for self-employment.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$177 million loan to upgrade 450 km of state highways and major district roads in Maharashtra.

Chinese auto major Great Wall Motor Company (GWM) has appointed James Yang as President for its Indian subsidiary.

Bharti Airtel and leading e-sports company Nodwin Gaming announced a partnership to further grow e-sports in India.

S&P Global Ratings said the Indian economy will shrink by 5 per cent in the current fiscal as it joined a chorus of international agencies that are forecasting a contraction in growth rate due to coronavirus lockdown halting economic activity.



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**04-06-2020**

India's economic growth slowed to 3.1 percent in the fourth quarter of the financial year 2019-2020, according to data released by National Statistical Office (NSO).

Senior bureaucrat Arun Singhal has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) data, the fiscal deficit for 2019-20 worked out to be 4.59 per cent of the GDP, while the revenue deficit was 3.27 per cent.

India's core sector output shrank by a record 38.1% in April due to the coronavirus lockdown, according to government data.

The Centre has approved 445 crore rupees for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Chhattisgarh during 2020-21.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has announced an inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce items in Minimum Support Price list.

Chhattisgarh's first Chief Minister Ajit Pramod Kumar Jogi passed away at the age of 74 years.

Famous astrologer Bejan Daruwalla died in Ahmedabad. He was 89.

Lyricist Yogesh Gaur, who wrote the lyrics of songs like 'Kahin Dur Jab Din Dhal Jaye' and 'Zindagi Kaisi Hai Paheli', passed away aged 77.

The world's largest electric plane 'eCaravan' took its first successful flight, that lasted for about 30 minutes.



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**05-06-2020**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved the International Weightlifting Federations' (IWF) revised Olympic qualifying system for Tokyo Games, which now extends the qualifying period to April 30, 2021.

rolific Indian-American inventor Rajiv Joshi has bagged the prestigious Inventor of the Year award in recognition of his pioneering work in advancing the electronic industry and improving artificial intelligence capabilities.

Cricket superstar Virat Kohli remains the only Indian in the Forbes' list of world's highest-paid athletes with total earnings of USD 26 million, jumping to the 66th spot from 100 in the 2020 standings.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has nominated Rohit Sharma for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 while Ishant Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan and Deepti Sharma have been nominated for Arjuna Awards.

South Africa limited-overs captain Quinton de Kock and fast bowler Lungi Ngidi have dominated the nominations for the 2019-20 Cricket South Africa (CSA) mens International Awards.

The RBI has imposed a ₹4-crore penalty on Citibank for not complying with norms.

Yes Bank Ltd acquired a 24.19% stake in direct-to-home service provider, Dish TV India Ltd.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee announced a ₹6,250 crore cyclone Amphan relief fund for rehabilitation efforts.

IT services major Wipro has appointed Capgemini Group veteran Thierry Delaporte as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, effective July 6, 2020.

Union minister and senior BJP leader Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a certificate e-course 'Understanding Good Governance'.



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**06-06-2020**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) launched Khelo India e-Pathshala in association with National Sports Federations (NSF) from June 1 with an aim to provide first--ever national-level open online coaching and education programme for grassroot-level athletes.

The government has launched a national Artificial Intelligence Portal, [www.ai.gov.in](http://www.ai.gov.in).

The book, "Narendra Modi - Harbinger of Prosperity & Apostle of World Peace", was released by justice (retd) K G Balakrishnan, former chief justice of India, to mark the completion of six years of Modi as the Prime Minister.

Treble Olympic gold medalist Bobby Joe Morrow -- who won 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay gold at the 1956 Melbourne Games, has died at the age of 84.

Markets regulator Sebi has imposed a penalty of Rs 3 crore on five entities, including former promoters, in the case of alleged insider trading in the shares of erstwhile Bank of Rajasthan.

Tokyo Olympics quota winner Yashaswini Deswal of India claims the 10m air pistol gold at fourth Online International Shooting Championship.

Celebrating the first anniversary of his government, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy launched his pet project "Rythu Bharosa Kendralu" (RBKs).

US President Donald Trump has announced that he would postpone the G7 Summit until September.

SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft successfully took off from Kennedy Space Center for the International Space Station (ISS), with two NASA astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley.

Roger Federer has become the first tennis player to top the Forbes list of highest-paid athletes.



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**07-06-2020**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has given its approval for Standard Short-Term loans upto Rs.3 lakh advanced for agriculture and allied activities by banks, which have become due or shall become due between 1st March, 2020 and 31st August, 2020.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the technology platform CHAMPIONS which stands for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.

Former India quick Tinu Yohannan was appointed as the coach of Kerala senior men's cricket team.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched a Special Micro-Credit Facility Scheme - PM SVANidhi (PM स्वनिधि ) - PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi, for providing affordable loans to street vendors.

Proposal for provisioning of Rs 20,000 crore as subordinate debt to provide equity support to the stressed MSMEs has been formally approved by the cabinet.

In a move aimed at providing relief to farmers, the Cabinet approved an increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for 14 kharif crops by 50-83 percent.

R K Chaturvedi, a 1987-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has assumed charge as Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

London-headquartered HSBC has appointed an Indian-origin strategy expert Chira Barua to chart the bank's growth plans in a post-pandemic scenario.

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.



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Energy trading platform Indian Energy Exchange launched the real-time electricity market (RTM) on its platform, a move that will help utilities buy and sell power just an hour before the requirement.





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**08-06-2020**

A nett 65.69 per cent Indian are satisfied with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, says IANS-C Voter State of the Nation 2020 Survey. At a time when the pandemic has plunged approval ratings of many world leaders, 58.36 per cent Indians across all states and union territories maintain they are "very satisfied" with the performance of Modi.

India women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal has been nominated for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award while Vandana Katariya, Monika and Harmanpreet Singh have been nominated for the Arjuna Award by Hockey India.

Innovative disinfection & sanitization solutions by common people selected in NIF's Challenge COVID-19 Competition (C3).

A COVID-19 testing laboratory has been established in the Jorhat campus of the North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST).

Billionaire banker Uday Kotak, who has had a long run-in with the Reserve Bank over his excess personal holding in Kotak Mahindra Bank, will be selling 2.83 per cent stake worth over Rs 6,800 crore in the lender.

The World Bank pledged to provide USD 188 million to Pakistan to address the risks relating to environmental degradation, deforestation and climate change in the country.

State-owned power giant NTPC has incorporated a Joint Venture Company with East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) for developing and operating waste to energy project.

Global ratings agency Moody's Investors Service downgraded India's sovereign rating to 'Baa3' from 'Baa2'.

Max India said the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the composite scheme involving merger of the healthcare assets of Max India into Max Healthcare and demerger of the residual businesses of the company into Advaita.

Bowler Jess Kerr and wicket-keeper Natalie Dodd have been offered New Zealand women's team's central contracts for the first time as part of a 17-player list for the 2020-21 season.



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**09-06-2020**

Power Minister R K Singh formally launches real-time power market. Power Minister R K Singh formally launched pan-India real-time market in electricity, which allows consumers to buy power just one hour before delivery.

Virendra Nath Datt, Director (Marketing), National Fertilizers Limited-NFL has taken over the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director of the Company.

Raveesh Kumar, seasoned diplomat and currently the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Finland.

The Ministry of Finance has said that around 42 crore poor people received financial assistance of Rs 53,248 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package.

The Athletics Federation of India confirmed recommending star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, country's highest sporting honour.

Basketball Hall of Famer Wes Unseld, who led Washington to its only NBA championship, has died at age 74.

Jacco Verhaeren is standing down as head coach of Australia's swim team, leaving Rohan Taylor to guide the Olympic squad in Tokyo next year.

Saregama has entered into a global deal with Facebook to license its music for video and other social experiences across products offered by the social media giant.

Apple has appointed former Hotstar President of Strategy and New Ventures, Ipsita Dasgupta, as the Country Manager for Apple Services in India.

Former Pakistan first-class cricketer Riaz Sheikh passed away due to coronavirus at the age of 51.



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**10-06-2020**

India and Australia signed seven agreements, including mining of minerals, mutual logistics support, cooperation in defence, science and technology, public administration and governance reforms, cooperation in vocational education and training, water resources management, and cooperation on cyber-enabled critical technology.

India and Australia announced a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries after the virtual summit. They have also jointly announced a declaration on a Shared Vision for Maritime Cooperation in the Indo- Pacific.

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has approved support for a study by the National Centre for Veterinary Type Cultures (NCVTC), ICAR-NRC from Hisar in Haryana, which will screen their library of 94 small molecule chemical inhibitors for antivirals against coronaviruses.

Veteran filmmaker Basu Chatterjee, known for his relatable, light as souffl brand of cinema with films such as "Rajnigandha" and Chitchor , died. He was 93.

Veteran lyricist Anwar Sagar, best remembered for his hit track "Wada Raha Sanam" from Akshay Kumar-starrer "Khiladi", passed away. He was 70.

International archer-turned-coach Jayantilal Nanoma died in Rajasthan. He was 34.

Sibi George, an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1993 batch, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.

Software major Adobe appointed Salesforce senior executive Nitin Singhal as its Head of Digital Experience Business for India.

Eight Indian institutes, including six IITs, were listed among the top 100 in Times Higher Education's (THE) Asia University Rankings 2020.

U.S. private space company SpaceX successfully launched a new batch of 60 Starlink internet satellites into orbit.



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**11-06-2020**

Cardiff half marathon became the latest big event to be postponed due to coronavirus pandemic that has wreaked havoc across the world. The marathon, which was initially scheduled for October 4, will now take place in March 2021.

South Western Railway (SWR) zone's headquarters, Hubballi station, is building a platform which will overtake India's and the world's largest one in Gorakhpur.

India skipper Virat Kohli emerged as the only cricketer in the world's top-10 list of highest-earning athletes through sponsored Instagram posts during the lockdown.

The Asian Football Confederation has awarded the hosting rights of the 2022 Women's Asian Cup to India for the first time since 1979.

Reliance Industries announced the sale of 1.85 per cent stake in its digital unit to Abu Dhabi-based sovereign investor Mubadala for Rs 9,093.60 crore.

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has commissioned a 5 mega watt (MW) solar power plant at Gurugram, in the national capital region.

Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro Ltd. has secured a large contract from the government of Telangana for an irrigation project.

The Gujarat government announced a relief package of Rs 14,000 crore to help revive the economy that has been battered by the lockdown imposed to curb the spread of coronavirus.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has introduced a new MoU Monitoring Mechanism to ensure swift implementation of investment proposals in the state.

HP Inc has partnered with Redington 3D in India to produce 1.2 lakh ventilator parts for AgVa Healthcare.



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**12-06-2020**

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson and Managing Director of Biocon Limited, has been named the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 (WEOY) at a virtual award ceremony.

Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar is the only Indian to secure a spot in Forbes list of the world's highest paid celebrities of 2020 with pre-tax earnings of \$48.5 million.

Former Governor of Mizoram, Manipur and Jharkhand, Ved Marwah, who had also served as the Delhi Police Commissioner in the 1980s, died in Goa. He was 87.

India has imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of from Malaysia for five years with a view to guard domestic players from cheap imports from that country.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated the Western Coalfields' Adasa coal mine near Nagpur via video conferencing.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched an online labour exchange program to facilitate the labourers searching for jobs in the state.

Former India players Anju Jain and Devika Palshikar were named in the support staff of the Baroda women's cricket team.

The Human Resource Development (MHRD) and Sports Ministry have collaborated to produce a series of special films promoting 10 indigenous sports of India.

Bollywood producer Anil Suri, who had backed films like Raaj Kumar-Rekha starrer 'Karmayogi' and 'Raaj Tilak', passed away. He was 77.

Former Santosh Trophy player Hamza Koya passed away in Kerala. He was 61.



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**13-06-2020**

President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated the two ordinances with an aim of giving a boost to the rural economy and to help farmers. These two ordinances are The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020.

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR has come together with Atal Innovation Mission, AIM to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in various sectors.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, DrJitendra Singh launched a Booklet and its e-version on one year achievements of the Ministry of Department of Development of North Eastern Region, MDoNER.

IIT-Hyderabad researchers claim to have developed COVID-19 test kit that can deliver results within 20 minutes.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has asked insurers not to grant loan renewals or enhancements if the borrowers do not get the LEI code from the Legal Entity Identifier India Ltd.

Business-to-business marketing veteran Tim McDonough has joined Intel as the Vice President and General Manager of marketing for consumer and business PCs.

The Trichy Railway Junction has been given the coveted Gold rating by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for implementing various environment friendly measures.

Government has constituted a task force to examine issues related to age of motherhood, lowering Maternal Mortality Rate and improvement of nutritional levels. The task force will be headed by Jaya Jaitly.

The board of Larsen & Toubro Ltd. has given its nod for reappointment of A M Naik as non-executive chairman for a period of three years.

Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian has resigned from the tech firm's board.



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**14-06-2020**

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced financial assistance of Rs 75 crore and Rs 25 crore, respectively, for coastal Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, affected by cyclone "Nisarga".

Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched 'COVID BEEP', the country's first indigenous wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for the affected patients.

The government has mandated a one cm green sticker, providing registration details, in all BS-VI compliant motor vehicles. The order will come into force from October 1, 2020.

Senior IAS officer Vikram Dev Dutt has been appointed as the principal secretary, Health and Family Welfare department of the Delhi government.

Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have topped an index that ranked states ensuring food safety in 2019-20, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said.

Promising Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja died in Bengaluru. He was 39.

Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar has won the 2020 Richard Dawkins Award for critical thinking, holding religious dogma up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values.

Capital markets regulator Sebi has barred Greencrest Financial Services, two of its executive directors and 15 others from capital markets for three years for fraudulent trading.

Irish professional mixed martial artist and boxer Conor McGregor has announced his retirement for the third time in four years.

Kurt Thomas, the first American to win a gymnastics gold medal at the world championships, died. He was 64.



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**15-06-2020**

The Indian Air Force has designed, developed and inducted an Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT). This pod will be utilised for evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases including COVID-19 from high altitude area, isolated and remote places.

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 18th Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh through a Video Conference.

In a significant move towards taxpayer facilitation, the Government has onwards allowed filing of NIL GST monthly return in FORM GSTR-3B through SMS.

India and Denmark have signed an MoU for developing cooperation in the power sector.

Madhya Pradesh has emerged the top state in the country in wheat procurement on support price by purchasing more than one crore metric tonnes from farmers.

The global economy, which has plunged into a severe contraction, will shrink by 5.2 per cent this year due to the massive shock of the coronavirus pandemic and the shutdown measures to contain it, the World Bank said.

India's economy will shrink by 3.2% in the current fiscal, the World Bank said as it joined a chorus of international agencies that are forecasting a contraction in growth rate due to the coronavirus lockdown halting economic activity.

S&P Global Ratings said the Indian economy will shrink 5 percent in the current fiscal, saying the fiscal stimulus worth 1.2 per cent of GDP will not be enough to provide significant growth support.

MG Motor India has joined hands with Tata Power to set up superfast chargers for electric vehicles (EV) at select MG dealerships.

Gairsain in Chamoli district was declared as the summer capital of Uttarakhand.



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**16-06-2020**

To make e-learning more constructive, NCERT and Rotary India digitally signed MoU for e-learning content telecast for class 1-12 over all NCERT TV channels in the presence of Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in New Delhi.

Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput has died at the age of 34.

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari announced further extension of the validity date of motor vehicle documents till 30th September, 2020.

Leading FMCG major Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) said its managing director and Chief executive Vivek Gambhir has resigned citing "personal reasons".

According to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey', Mumbai is the 60th most expensive city for expatriates globally, while it ranks 19th in Asia.

The Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT) and the Department of Agriculture of Himachal Pradesh government, have forged a strategic and implementation partnership, in a bid to increase the production of heeng and saffron in the country.

Bharti Airtel said its subsidiary has acquired an additional 6.3 per cent stake in Bangladesh's telecom operator Robi Axiata from NTT Docomo.

The Indian deaf cricket team is set to take part in the 'DICC Cricket ODI World Cup - 2021', scheduled to be held in UAE from October 19 to 29.

Hospitality firm OYO has appointed W Steve Albrecht as non-executive director on the company's board of directors.

Tyre maker Goodyear has appointed Sandeep Mahajan as the managing director of India operations with effect from June 1.



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**17-06-2020**

STIP 2020 Town Hall Meet, the Track-I public & expert consultation process for the formulation of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020 launched by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Professor K Vijay Raghavan and Secretary, DST Professor Ashutosh Sharma on June 12, 2020.

V. Satya Venkata Rao has taken charge as new Deputy Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

The former world light heavyweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk has retired.

Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza has died at age 56.

The Finance Ministry released Rs 6,195 crore revenue deficit grant to 14 states to enhance their resources during Covid-19 crisis.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings affirmed India's lowest investment grade (BBB-) credit rating with stable outlook holding that the country's economy and fiscal position will stabilize and begin to recover from 2021 onwards.

The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on 9th June every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy.

The coronavirus pandemic continued to take a toll on the international badminton calendar with the world body (BWF) cancelling the Swiss Open and European Championships after failing to find suitable slots to host the events this year.

After a contraction in the current financial year, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of 9.5 per cent next year provided it avoids further deterioration in financial sector health, Fitch Ratings said.

Panacea Biotec said it is setting up a joint venture firm in Ireland with US-based Refana Inc to develop a vaccine for COVID-19.



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The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has topped the list of higher education institutes in the overall category, in the National Institutional Rankings Framework list 2020, released by the Minister of Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal.

VST Mobility Solutions, a Startup headquartered at Cochin, has launched an automated mask disposal machine as part of efforts to develop products helping to combat the Covid-19.

Saqib Yousuf, an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer hailing from Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, has become the first local to assume charge as chief area manager, Srinagar.

IDBI Bank said its board has approved the appointment of Anshuman Sharma as government nominee director with effect from June 11, 2020.

Darjeeling and Kalimpong hills, Siliguri, Terai and Dooars region come into 'Consortium of Central Universities in Himalayan Studies'.

Tata AutoComp Systems has tied up with US-based Tellus Power Green to set up electric vehicle charging stations in the country.

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Executive Board has approved the minor change for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, which will now be held between July 28 and August 8.

Ride-hailing major Uber said Pradeep Parameswaran will take on an expanded role in the company as Regional General Manager for Asia Pacific.

Former Member of the Planning Commission Dr A Vaidyanathan died in Coimbatore. He was 88.

Actor Jagesh Mukati, known for TV serials like 'Amita ka Amit' and 'Shree Ganesh', passed away.



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**19-06-2020**

Eminent Indian-American soil scientist Rattan Lal was named this year's recipient of \$250,000 World Food Prize, with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lauding his research in soil science, saying he is helping millions of small farmers around the world with his work on increasing food production and recycling of nutrients.

Indian Railways creates a new world benchmark by commissioning 1st high rise Over Head Equipment(OHE), which has contact wire height of 7.57 metre and successfully run double stack containers in electrified territory on Western Railway.

Government of India has approved ₹1,829 Crore for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Maharashtra in 2020-21.

On the occasion of 'World Day against Child Labour', Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana under which financial assistance will be given to the children of workers so that there is no hindrance in their education process.

Fertiliser major IFFCO has signed an agreement with government's farm research institute ICAR for joint research, testing and validation of different products.

After a series of trials, the single emergency helpline number 112, which will connect people in distress with the police, has been made operational in five cities of Maharashtra.

The New Zealand city of Hamilton removed a bronze statue of the British naval officer for whom it is named — a man who is accused of killing indigenous Maori people in the 1860s.

State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, will divest over 2 per cent stake for at least Rs 1,522.50 crore in its subsidiary SBI Life.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the food processing sector increased by 44 percent to \$ 904.7 million in FY 2019-20. It was found in government data.

Former West Bengal minister and two-time Trinamool Congress legislator Abani Mohan Joardar passed away. He was 79.



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**20-06-2020**

In a relief to small taxpayers with turnover up to Rs 5 crore, the GST Council halved the interest on delayed filing of GST returns for February, March and April to 9 per cent, provided the returns are filed by September 2020.

Veteran Urdu poet Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi passed away. He was 93.

Vasant Raiji, who was India's oldest first-class cricketer passed away. He was 100.

Former New Zealand Test cricketer Matt Poore, who is remembered for catching a stray dog during a match in Bangalore in 1955, has died at the age of 90.

Second Lieutenant Anmol Narang created history by becoming the first observant Sikh to graduate from the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point.

Non-banking finance company Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd will raise up to Rs 100 crore by issuing bonds on a private placement basis.

Indian-American entrepreneur from Silicon Valley Ajay Jain Bhutoria has been elected as a delegate for Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden for the party's national convention in August.

The government imposed curbs on imports of certain new pneumatic tyres used in motor cars, busses, lorries and motorcycles in a move to promote domestic manufacturing.

In view of the lockdown, the government released only a part of the retail inflation data, which indicates that food prices have gone up by 9.28 per cent in May.

Supply chain solutions provider Redington India announced the appointment of Ramesh Natarajan as its chief executive officer.



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**21-06-2020**

Dr Reddy's Laboratories has entered into a non-exclusive licensing agreement with Gilead Sciences, Inc. that will grant the Indian drug maker the right to register, manufacture and sell Gilead's investigational drug, Remdesivir, a potential treatment for Covid-19, in 127 countries including India.

Centre has decided to immediately provide 500 railway coaches to Delhi in view of shortage of beds for Corona infected patients in Delhi.

UTI Asset Management Company (AMC) has appointed Imtaiyazur Rahman as the company's chief executive officer (CEO), after the position remained vacant for nearly two years.

Reliance Industries said it has sold a further 1.32 per cent stake in its digital arm Jio Platforms for Rs 6441.3 crore to TPG and L Catterton.

Busch won the NASCAR Trucks Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, his 58th career win on the circuit and his eighth victory in his last 10 trucks starts.

Former India pacer Ajit Agarkar's foundation, Agarkar Centre of Excellence (ACE), has launched a specially designed online math skills program, Cricket-Math in association with UnMath School.

SpaceX announced that its Falcon 9 rocket has successfully launched 58 more satellites for the Starlink constellation.

A new spider species has been named after Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg.

Automobile major Tata Motors said that JT Special Vehicles (JTSV) will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi by the state government.



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**22-06-2020**

The central government has allocated Rs 2,522 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme for Rajasthan in view of the drought and water scarcity problems and ground water pollution in the state, which is almost two-and-a-half times the amount given in the last fiscal.

A new housing estate being developed on Rockbank suburb of Melbourne will have streets named after Indian cricket greats including Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev and Virat Kohli.

Singapore-based real estate development firm Mapletree has entered into an agreement with KSH Infra Industrial Park to acquire over 7 lakh sq ft space in its logistics park in Pune for USD 40 million (around Rs 300 crore).

Former Lok Sabha MP and founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank Madhavrao Patil died in Maharashtra's Nashik district. He was 80.

Indian Grandmaster P Harikrishna finished second in the Sharjah online chess championship with a score of 6.5 points after losing the final round to Polish GM Radoslaw Wojtaszek.

The PepsiCo Foundation announced expansion of its water initiatives to cover 200,000 people in Maharashtra and West Bengal who will get piped water supply to their homes.

Airtel Payments Bank launched 'Suraksha Salary Account', an innovative salary account services for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

India's annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI, stood at (-3.21%) (provisional) for the month of May, 2020 (over May, 2019) as compared to 2.79% during the corresponding month of the previous year.

Mumbai-based Qyuki Digital Media's Co-founder and Managing Director Samir Bangara passed away at the age of 45.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the construction of Rs 220 crore airport project in his political bastion of Shivamogga.



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**23-06-2020**

Retirement fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a multi-location claim settlement facility to expedite member claims, moving away from the existing system of geographical jurisdiction for claim processing.

India has pledged to construct a Rs 2.33 crore sanitation facility at the iconic Pashupatinath Temple complex to improve the infrastructure in the holy shrine for the pilgrims.

Veteran journalists and freedom fighter Dinu Randive passed away in Mumbai. He was 95-year-old.

Former Goa minister Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar died. He was 92.

Maha Vir Chakra awardee Lt Col (retd) Raj Mohan Vohra has died due to COVID-19. He was 88.

Over 13 lakh differently-abled people in Tamil Nadu will get Rs 1,000 cash relief to help them during the ongoing lockdown phase, Chief Minister K. Palaniswami said.

India received \$51 billion in foreign investment in 2019 and was the world's 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2019, according to a report by the UN's trade body.

Students of a private school in East Burdwan district of West Bengal have built an 'ayurvedic sanitisation tunnel' to disinfect people entering the educational institute.

Cricket Australia CEO Kevin Roberts resigned and was replaced by T20 World Cup chief executive Nick Hockley in an interim role.

Veteran banker Pralay Mondal has resigned as executive director and head of retail banking at Axis Bank.



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**24-06-2020**

Beijing-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a USD 750 million (around Rs 5,714 crore) loan to India to help the government strengthen its battle against the adverse impact of Covid-19 on poor and vulnerable households.

The US handed over to India 100 ventilators, valued at about USD 1.2 million, as part of President Donald Trump's offer of assistance to New Delhi in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of efforts to provide reasonable health care to COVID-19 patients, some states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh have reached an agreement with the private sector, the Health Ministry said.

The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that the fourth Asian Youth Para Games will take place in Bahrain from December 1-10, 2021.

The MLA of Balasore Sadar constituency in Odisha and BJP leader Madan Mohan Dutta died. He was 63.

Car market leader Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has partnered with Karur Vysya Bank to offer simpler and flexible financing schemes for new customers.

State Bank of India has sold 2.1 per cent stake of its stake its subsidiary SBI Life Insurance Company through the offer for sale route to comply with shareholding norms.

Two-time World Rally champion Carlos Sainz was awarded the Princess of Asturias prize in the sports field.

Bayern Munich secured its eighth successive German Bundesliga title after beating Werder Bremen 1-0 with a goal from Robert Lewandowski.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended former skipper IM Vijayan for Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award.



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**25-06-2020**

US President Donald Trump has signed into law a legislation that condemns the gross human rights violations of Uyghur minority groups in China's restive Muslim-majority Xinjiang region, paving the way for imposing sanctions against senior Chinese officials.

India has been overwhelmingly elected as a non-permanent member of the powerful UN Security Council for a two-year term, in an unprecedented election.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration accorded sanction to adoption of the J&K Municipal Accounting and Budgeting Rules, 2020 to facilitate implementation of Accrual Based Double Entry Accounting System (ABDEAS) in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Fitch Ratings revised India's outlook to "negative" from "stable", stating that the coronavirus pandemic has significantly weakened the country's growth prospects for the year and exposed the challenges associated with a high public-debt burden.

The Asian Development Bank said countries in Developing Asia will "barely grow" in 2020, while India's economy is forecast to contract by 4 per cent this fiscal due to the adverse effect of the coronavirus pandemic.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings and his wife, Patty Quillin, are donating \$120 million toward student scholarships at historically black colleges and universities.

Samsung India has contributed Rs 2 crore to the Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority to support the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nepal's upper house of Parliament unanimously voted to amend the Constitution to update the country's new political map, laying claim over three strategically key areas along the border with it.

Former England all-rounder Tim Bresnan has decided to leave Yorkshire County Cricket with immediate effect, ending his 19-year long association with the Club.

Pakistan's first television male broadcaster Tariq Aziz passed away. Aziz was 84.



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**26-06-2020**

JSW Cement, part of USD 14 billion JSW Group, has roped in former Indian cricket captain and current president of Board of Control for Cricket in India, Sourav Ganguly and captain of Indias National Football Team & Bengaluru FC captain, Sunil Chhetri as its brand ambassadors.

India, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council, will serve as the president of the powerful 15-nation UN body for the month of August, 2021.

The Sports Ministry is set to establish 1000 Khelo India Centres (KIC) at the district level across the country with the help of sporting champions, who will be remunerated for providing their expertise.

Organisers of the 2022 European Championships added four sports to the program for the games in Munich. The nine-sport line-up now includes the Olympic events of beach volleyball, canoe sprint, sport climbing and table tennis.

Dame Vera Margaret Lynn, the Forces' Sweetheart whose songs helped raise morale in World War II, has died aged 103.

Noted Malayalam film director and scriptwriter K R Sachidanandan, died in Thrissur. He was 48.

Concrete pipe manufacturing company Indian Hume Pipe has bagged an order worth Rs 234.91 crore from the Uttar Pradesh government.

NASA has partnered with the European Space Agency (ESA) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) to unveil a global view of Covid-19 impacts.

Investments by global tech investors and a 'Rights Issue' has made Reliance Industry a net debt-free company.

Microsoft has acquired ADRM Software, a leading provider of large-scale industry data models, which are used by large companies worldwide as information blueprints.



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**27-06-2020**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive rural public works scheme, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, in six states. This Abhiyan will provide livelihood opportunities to the migrant workers and will help in the development of rural areas by creating local infrastructure.

Chief Master Sgt. JoAnne S. Bass was selected to become the 19th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, making her the first woman in history to serve as the highest ranking non-commissioned member of the U.S. military service.

The US Senate has confirmed eminent Indian-American scientist Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan as the Director of the National Science Foundation, a top American body supporting fundamental research in non-medical fields of science and engineering.

The World Bank has approved dollar 1.05 billion for three projects in Bangladesh to create quality jobs and accelerate economic recovery in the wake of the corona pandemic.

Tech Mahindra Ltd has been recognised amongst India's 50 best companies to work for in 2020 by the Great Place to Work Institute.

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as the chairperson of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).

Piramal Enterprises Ltd's pharma solutions business has entered into a pact with G&W Laboratories Inc to acquire its solid oral dosage drug product manufacturing facility at Sellersville in US for USD 17.5 million (over Rs 130 crore).

Mjunction has deployed an e-procurement platform for the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and it will be in operation for seven years, the B2B e-commerce company said.

Nestle India said it has received shareholders' approval to extend the tenure of its Chairman and Managing Director Suresh Narayanan by another five years.

Ian Holm, an acclaimed British actor whose long career included roles in "Chariots of Fire" and "The Lord of the Rings" has died. He was 88.



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**28-06-2020**

Actors Benedict Cumberbatch, Courteney Cox, Zac Efron, Shia LaBeouf and singer Kelly Clarkson are among 35 celebrities from the entertainment industry who have been selected to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2021.

The government has extended the Rs 50 lakh insurance scheme for about 22 lakh healthcare providers for another three months till September as there is no respite from COVID-19 pandemic.

Maj Gen (retd) Lachhman Singh Lehl, who commanded the 20 Mountain Division of the Army that exhibited courage and valour during the 1971 Indo-Pak war, has died. He was 97.

German luxury carmaker BMW has appointed Vikram Pawah as the president of BMW Group India with effect from August 1.

Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani has become the ninth richest person globally with a net worth of \$64.6 billion and the only Asian tycoon in the club of the world's top 10 richest, according to Forbes.

Wirecard CEO Markus Braun has resigned with immediate effect after the German payments firm admitted nearly \$2 billion in cash balances had gone missing.

The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) renamed its Sector 50 Metro station on Aqua Line as 'She-Man' to promote transgender rights.

Coal India Limited (CIL) has agreed to partner with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country.

Sumit Bali has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IIFL Finance to pursue other career opportunities, and Nirmal Jain, Executive Chairman, will take over the responsibilities of the CEO.

Mythological-fiction writer Amish Tripathi launched his new book "Legend of Suheldev: The King who Saved India", - a story about the adventures of the warrior king Suheldev.



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**29-06-2020**

Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences of O.P. Jindal Global University announced an agreement with global academic publisher Springer Nature Group Singapore for collaboration in co-publishing books, monographs, and edited books in its pursuit to develop into an institute of excellence and national importance.

The Minister of State for Shipping (Independent charge) and Chemicals & Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated India's one the largest 1st Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020. The Expo has been organised by FICCI.

The Summer issue of Town & Country, America's leading magazine, has featured Nita Ambani and the Reliance Foundation among the top philanthropists of 2020 who are saving lives amid coronavirus outbreak.

ICICI Bank has sold 1.5 per cent stake in its life insurance subsidiary 'ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company' for around Rs 840 crore with an aim to strengthen the balance sheet.

Bio-technology major Biocon has inked a pact with market expansion services provider DKSH for distribution of seven generic products in Singapore and Thailand.

Fitch Ratings has revised the outlook to negative from a stable of nine Indian banks, including State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank, following lowering of India's sovereign rating outlook due to impact of coronavirus pandemic on the economy.

India became the 12th largest holder of US government securities at the end of April, with holding worth \$157.4 billion, the data from the US Treasury Department showed.

India-born renowned Pakistani Shia scholar and author Talib Jauhari passed away. He was 80.

The highest wicket-taker in Ranji Trophy history, veteran Indian spinner Rajinder Goel passed away. He was 77.

Two-time major champion So Yeon Ryu closed with an even-par 72 to win the Korea Women's Open in her first tournament in four months because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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**30-06-2020**

Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu launched the e-application-cum-issuance of domicile certificate in Jammu and Kashmir, paving way for the first domicile certificate to be granted through online mode to Aaliya Tariq, a girl hailing from north Kashmir's Sopore town.

PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated two thousand crore rupees for the supply of 50 thousand 'Made-in-India' ventilators to government run COVID hospitals in all States and Union Territories.

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state to use the Railways' coronavirus isolation wards with coaches deployed at Mau station.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched paperless customs export processing, a move aimed at trade facilitation.

Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said India will transform into a middle-income country from a lower middle-income economy by 2030.

Former India opener and domestic stalwart Wasim Jaffer has been appointed head coach of the Uttarakhand cricket team for the upcoming domestic season.

Indian-American Gautam Raghavan has joined the transition team announced by the Biden campaign.

Fitch Ratings has revised the outlook on Bharti Airtel's Long-Term Foreign-Currency (FC) Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to negative from stable, affirming it at 'BBB-'.

Credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service has estimated the size of the Indian economy to decline by 3.1 per cent in 2020.

UTI Asset Management Company (AMC) has received markets regulator Sebi's go-ahead to raise a little over Rs 3,000 crore through its initial public offering (IPO).