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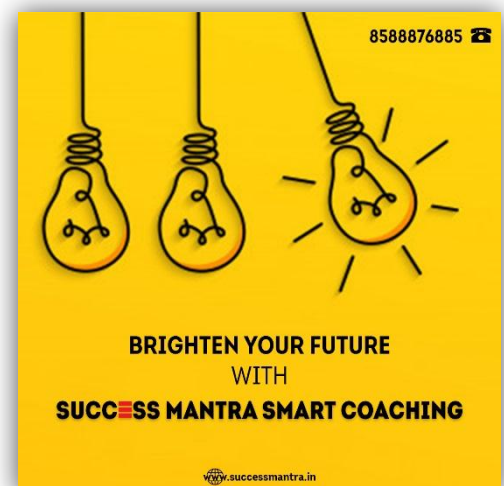
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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

## PUDUCHERRY BECOMES 'HAR GHAR JAL' UT

- ❖ Puducherry has achieved the **target of 100% piped water connection** in rural areas under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**. Earlier, Goa, **Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands** have provided tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- ❖ So, **Puducherry is the fourth State/UT** to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- ❖ **Jal Jeevan Mission** is being implemented in partnership with **States/UTs to provide safe tap water to every rural home by 2024**. The **State of Punjab and the UTs of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu** have covered over 75% of rural homes with assured tap water supply.



## INDIA & INDONESIAN NAVIES CONDUCTED NAVAL EXERCISE

- ❖ The **Indian and Indonesian Navies conducted Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** in the southern Arabian Sea with a focus on further improving their interoperability.
- ❖ The exercise was **aimed at improving interoperability** and understanding between both the friendly navies.
- ❖ From the **Indian Navy, INS Sharda, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)** with a Chetak helicopter participated in the exercise. From the **Indonesian Navy, KRI Sultan Hasanudin, a 90m Corvette** took part in the exercise.
- ❖ **About the PASSEX: PASSEXes** are regularly conducted by IN with units of Friendly Foreign Countries. **The last PASSEX between IN and the Indonesian Navy** was conducted on 13 Mar 21 between INS Kalpeni, IN Dornier and KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda.



## CYCLONE TAUKATE HITS MANY STATES OF INDIA

- ❖ **Cyclone Taukate has obtained its maximum intensity** in the wee hours of Sunday and has now become a **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (wind speed of 118 to 166 km/hr)**.
- ❖ The latest cyclone alert issued by the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has said that this storm would reach close to **Gujarat coast, Maharashtra, Goa**.



- ❖ Light to moderate intensity rainfall is expected to continue over coastal Karnataka and Kerala till Monday.

## HP GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED AYUSH GHAR-DWAR INITIATIVE

- ❖ **Himachal Government** has launched the 'Ayush Ghar-Dwar' program to keep the home isolated Covid-19 positive patients healthy by practising Yoga.
- ❖ This program has been **started by the Department of AYUSH** in collaboration with the **Art of Living organisation**. Yoga Bharti's instructors would provide their services in the program.
- ❖ During the launch, about 80 home isolated Covid positive patients from all over the state were also connected virtually.
- ❖ Under the program, approximately 1000 virtual groups on social media **platforms like zoom, WhatsApp and Google meet** will be formed to connect with COVID positive patients in home isolation.
- ❖ The initiative intends to provide a **holistic healthcare approach through AYUSH** to ensure not only physical but also mental, social and spiritual wellbeing.





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## HOSTILITIES ESCALATED B/W ISRAEL & HAMAS

- ❖ The **Israeli military has bombarded rockets in different areas in Gaza**. It is the most intense airstrikes in Gaza since 2014.
- ❖ **Hamas had red hundreds of rockets towards Israel on Monday**. After that, Israel has carried out **hundreds of airstrikes in Gaza**.
- ❖ The **Gaza-based Palestinian group, Hamas**, had red rockets towards Israel in protest of the clash between Israeli police and Palestinian protesters in the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Al-Aqsa Mosque is located in Jerusalem. It is the third holiest place for Muslims.



### *About the Hamas:*

- It was **founded in 1987**.
- It is a **Palestinian Sunni-Islamic fundamentalist organization**.
- It is active in the **West Bank and Gaza Strip region of the Palestine**.
- It opposes the **secular approach of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict**.
- Israel Capital is **Jerusalem** and the currency is the **Israeli shekel**.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** is the **Prime Minister of Israel**.

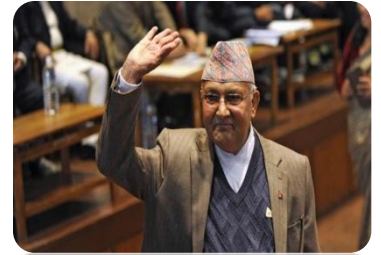
## NEPAL PM KP OLI LOST VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

- ❖ **Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli** has lost the **vote of confidence in the House of Representatives**. K P Sharma Oli got 93 votes in his favour while 124 voted against him.
- ❖ In the **275-member House of Representatives**, he required at least 136 Votes to win the **trust vote in the lower of the House of Representatives**.
- ❖ After the **NCP (Nationalist Congress Party)** withdrew its support from the government, PM Oli faced a vote of confidence. In January, **K P Sharma Oli** was expelled from the primary membership of the **Nepal Communist Party** for his decision to dissolve the Parliament.
  - **Nepal capital is Kathmandu** and the currency is **Nepalese Rupees**.
  - President of Nepal: **Bidya Devi Bhandari**



## KP SHARMA OLI RE-APPOINTED AS PM OF NEPAL

- ❖ In Nepal, KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime Minister of the country by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- ❖ Oli was administered the **oath of office by the President** on May 14, 2021. Now, he must prove that he has majority support in the House within 30 days. This **will be his third stint as Prime Minister**.
- ❖ The **decision to re-appoint Oli** was taken after none of the **opposition party could secure majority seats in the House to form a new government** or apply for it in the provided time frame (by 9 pm on 13 May 2021).
- ❖ As a result, Oli, who is the **leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML)**, the largest party in the **House of Representatives**, was **appointed for Prime Minister**, as per the provision of 76(3) of the **Constitution of Nepal**.
- ❖ It must be noted that, on 10 May 2021, Oli failed to obtain a **vote of confidence in the House of Representatives**, gaining only 93 of the total 232 votes cast, which was 43 votes short of reaching the 136-vote majority required to win the confidence vote. As a result, Oli was automatically relieved from his post.





# ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

## UNITED NATIONS PROJECTED INDIA'S GDP GROWTH

- ❖ The **United Nations** has projected that the **Indian economy** would **grow at 10.1 per cent** in the calendar year 2022, nearly double the 5.9 per cent growth forecast for the country in the January report.
- ❖ But cautioned that the **growth outlook of 2021** was “**highly fragile**” as the country was the “**new hotbed of the pandemic**.”
- ❖ The mid-year update said that India will register a **7.5-per cent growth rate** in the calendar year 2021, after an **estimated contraction of 6.8 per cent in 2020**.
  - United Nations Headquarters in **New York, USA**.
  - **Mr Antonio Guterres** is the **Secretary-General** of the **United Nations**.



## INDIA LOST FARZAD-B GAS FIELD OF IRAN

- ❖ India lost the **ONGC Videsh Ltd-discovered Farzad-B gas field** in the **Persian Gulf** after Iran awarded a contract for developing the giant gas field to a local company.
- ❖ The **National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC)** has signed a contract worth **USD 1.78 billion** with **Petropars Group** for the development of **Farzad B Gas Field** in the **Persian Gulf**.
- ❖ The field holds **23 trillion cubic feet** of in-place gas reserves, of which about **60 per cent** is recoverable. It also holds gas condensates of about **5,000 barrels** per billion cubic feet of gas.
- ❖ **ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL)**, the overseas investment arm of state-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)**, had in 2008 discovered a giant gas field in the **Farsi offshore exploration block**.



# APPOINTMENTS

## BILL NELSON SWORN IN AS 14TH NASA ADMINISTRATOR

- ❖ **Former Senator Bill Nelson** was sworn in as the **14th NASA administrator** tasked with carrying out the **Biden-Harris administration's vision** for the agency.
- ❖ **Nelson served in the U.S. Senate for 18 years** from Florida and as a payload specialist on space shuttle mission 61-C in 1986.
- ❖ **Nelson has served in public office over four decades**, first in the **state legislature and U.S. Congress**, then as **State Treasurer**. He was elected three times to the United States Senate, representing Florida for 18 years.
- ❖ His committees included the breadth of government policy from defence, intelligence and foreign policy to finance commerce, and health care.
  - Headquarters of NASA: **Washington D.C., United States.**
  - NASA Founded: **1 October 1958.**



## MARTIN GRIFFITHS APPOINTED UN HUMANITARIAN CHIEF

- ❖ **Veteran British diplomat Martin Griffiths** has been appointed as the new Chief at the **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)**, for a period of five years.
- ❖ **Griffiths will replace Mark Lowcock** as the new Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and **Emergency Relief Coordinator (USG/ERC)** of OCHA. He is currently serving as the **United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen**.
- ❖ The **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)** aims to strengthen the international response to complex emergencies and natural disasters.



## RBI APPOINTED JOSE J KATTOOR AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India** has appointed **Jose J Kattoor** as **Executive Director (ED)**. Prior to being promoted as ED, Mr Kattoor was heading Bengaluru Regional Office of the **Reserve Bank as Regional Director for Karnataka**.
- ❖ He will look after **Human Resource Management Department**, **Corporate Strategy** and **Budget Department** and **Rajbhasha Department**.



- ❖ **Mr Kattoor** has, over a span of three decades, served in communication, human resource management, financial inclusion, supervision, currency management and **other areas in the Reserve Bank**.
- ❖ He holds a post-graduate qualification from Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Bachelor of Law from Gujarat University, and **Advanced Management Program (AMP)** from Wharton School of Business, Pennsylvania, besides having earned professional qualifications, including **Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (CAIIB)**.

## UJJWALA SINGHANIA AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF FICCI FLO

- ❖ **Ujjwala Singhania** has been appointed as the **National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO)**, the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia.
- ❖ As the **38th National President of FLO Singhania** will focus on empowering women by facilitating an enabling environment that promotes entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic development of women.
- ❖ Under her leadership, FLO will carry out many interventions towards **fostering larger contributions of women in India's Industrial and economic growth story**.



## NEERA TANDEN APPOINTED AS SENIOR ADVISOR TO BIDEN

- ❖ **Indian-American Neera Tanden** has been appointed **senior adviser to U.S. President Joe Biden**. She is currently the president and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP).
- ❖ She withdrew her nomination as Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget **due to stiff opposition from Republican senators**.
- ❖ **Ms Tanden** previously served as a senior adviser for health reforms at the **US Department of Health and Human Services**.



## AWARDS & HONOURS

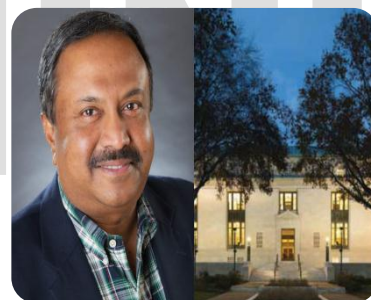
### 1ST INDIAN TO WIN ARAB WORLD NOBEL PRIZE

- ❖ **Mumbai born, Dr Tahera Qutbuddin**, a professor of Arabic Literature at the University of Chicago, recently became the **first person of Indian-origin to win the 15th Sheikh Zayed Book Award**.
- ❖ The award is considered to be the **Nobel Prize of the Arab world**. She won the award for her latest book, **"Arabic Oration – Art and Function"** published by Brill Academic Publishers of Leiden in 2019.
- ❖ In the book, she puts forth a **comprehensive theory of Arabic literature in its foundational oral period dating the seventh and eighth centuries AD**. She discusses its influence on modern-day sermons and lectures as well.



### SANKAR GHOSH ELECTED TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

- ❖ **Sankar Ghosh**, an award-winning Indian-origin immunologist, has been elected to the prestigious **National Academy of Sciences** in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. He was among the 120 newly elected members announced by the Academy.
- ❖ **Sankar Ghosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology** and Chair of the **Department of Microbiology & Immunology** at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.
- ❖ He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has a deep interest in deciphering the complexities of transcriptional regulation – **the ways by which a cell regulates the conversion of DNA to RNA** to better understand the mechanisms of the immune system and the pathological changes that occur to its pathways in many diseases.



### IREDA CONFERRED 'GREEN URJA AWARD'

- ❖ **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)** has been conferred with the **"Green Urja Award"** for being the Leading Public Institution in the Financing Institution for Renewable Energy this year by the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**.
- ❖ **IREDA** gets the award for the pivotal and developmental role it





plays in **Green Energy Financing**.

- ❖ Despite the pandemic time, IREDA has ended the year 2020-21 ended on a strong note and disbursed the **second-highest (from the date of inception)** amount of loan amounting to Rs. 8827 crore, which indicates that IREDA has the ability to translate this problem into an opportunity.
- ❖ The award recognises our immense contribution to the development of the Renewable Energy Sector in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.
  - IREDA Headquarters location: **New Delhi**
  - IREDA Founded: **11 March 1987**.

## NAGALAND'S NUKLU PHOM WON WHITLEY AWARDS 2021

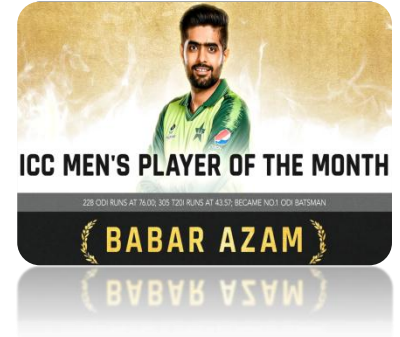
- ❖ An **environmentalist from Nagaland's remote Longleng district, Nuku Phom** has won this year's **Whitley Awards 2021**, also known as the **Green Oscar**.
- ❖ **Nuku Phom's name**, along with that of five others, was announced recently in a virtual award ceremony organized by the **UK-based Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)**. Nuku and his team want to offer alternatives that engage communities in conservation using the Amur falcon as a flagship.
- ❖ The award recognises Phom's efforts at establishing a new biodiversity peace corridor changing the fate of Amur Falcons, which come to roost in Nagaland each year, from being hunted by locals.
- ❖ **Worth £40,000**, the award is for creating a new network of **community-owned forests to protect Amur Falcons** and increase biodiversity in Nagaland.



# SPORTS

## BABAR AZAM NAMED AS ICC MEN'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH

- ❖ **Pakistani skipper Babar Azam** has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021 for his consistent and stellar performances across all formats in the recently concluded series against South Africa.
- ❖ The ICC Player of the Month Awards recognise and **celebrate the best performances from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket** throughout the year.
- ❖ Along with **Babar**, **Australian women's team wicketkeeper-batsman Alyssa Healy** also bagged the **ICC Women's Player of The Month** accolade for her incredible performances during the month of April.
- ❖ **Healy's consistency with the bat has played a significant role in Australia's dominance.** Healy has shown her class in all conditions and against all types of bowling in the recent series against New Zealand.



## MANCHESTER CITY CROWNED PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

- ❖ **Manchester City has crowned Premier League champions** for the third time in four seasons after Manchester United crashed to a 2-1 defeat against Leicester.
- ❖ United started the century **dominating English football**, now City is the force with five titles in 10 seasons and the biggest spenders on transfers and salaries.
- ❖ **City has now won three Premier League titles and eight major trophies under Guardiola**, who last year signed a new two-year contract to remain at the club until 2023.



## RAFAEL NADAL WINS 10TH ITALIAN OPEN

- ❖ Rafael Nadal beat **world number one Novak Djokovic** to win a 10th **Italian Open title**. Second seed Nadal won through 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in 2hr 49min against the defending champion in the 57th career showdown between the pair.
- ❖ The victory also earned Nadal a **36th ATP Masters 1000 crown**, equalling Djokovic's record since the series was established in 1990.
- ❖ In the women's category, **Polish teenager Iga Swiatek** crushed Czech





ninth seed Karolina Pliskova 6-0, 6-0 to win the Italian Open title. Swiatek, ranked 15, claimed her third WTA title.

## ASIA CUP T20 TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN SRI LANKA

- ❖ The Asia Cup T20 tournament, which was scheduled to be held in June in Sri Lanka, has been postponed indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The tournament which was originally scheduled to be held in September 2020 in Sri Lanka was moved to June 2021 due to COVID-19.
- ❖ With all the teams planning for their Future Tour Programs (FTP) for the next two years, the tournament is likely to happen only after the 2023 ICC 50-over World Cup.
- ❖ A formal statement from the Asian Cricket Council is, however, yet to come. Initially, **Pakistan was supposed to host it.** However, due to tensions between India and Pakistan, the tournament was moved to the island nation.



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# IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY OBSERVED ON MAY 12TH

- ❖ **International Nurse Day** is observed globally on **12 May every year**. This day is observed to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale**.
- ❖ She was also known as **Lady with the Lamp**. She was the founder of modern nursing and was a British social reformer and statistician.
- ❖ The theme of 2021 **International Nurses Day** is '**Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare**'.
- ❖ **Florence Nightingale** was put in charge of nursing British and allied soldiers in Turkey during the **Crimean War**.
- ❖ She is renowned for setting up the **Nightingale School of Nursing, at St. Thomas' Hospital in London (opened 1860)** in order to formalize nursing education. She was the **first woman awarded the Order of Merit (1907)**.
  - **International Council of Nurse's headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.**
  - **International Council of Nurses founded: 1899.**
  - **International Council of Nurses President: Annette Kennedy.**



## NATIONAL DENGUE DAY OBSERVED ON MAY 16TH

- ❖ In India, the **National Dengue Day** is observed every year on **16 May**.
- ❖ The day is an initiative by the **Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare**, to raise awareness about dengue and its preventive measures, and preparedness for control of the vector-borne disease before the transmission season begins.
- ❖ Dengue is spread through the **bite of the female mosquito (Aedes aegypti)**. Dengue is a mosquito-borne disease that is caused by the dengue virus of **four distinct serotypes – DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3 and DEN-4**.
- ❖ Dengue, which is spread by the **Aedes albopictus species of mosquitos**, can lead to flu-like illness such as **severe muscle pain and nausea** and can lead to death if not cured properly.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

- ❖ The **International Day of Living Together in Peace** is held on 16th May every year since 2018.
- ❖ The **UN General Assembly**, declared 16 May the **International Day of Living Together in Peace**, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity.
- ❖ The Day aims 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**.
- ❖ The **United Nations General Assembly** decided to celebrate **16th May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace** on 8th December 2017.



## WORLD'S AIDS VACCINE DAY: MAY 18TH

- ❖ **World AIDS Vaccine Day**, (also known as **HIV Vaccine Awareness Day**), is observed annually on May 18 to promote the continued urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
- ❖ The **first World AIDS Vaccine Day** was thus observed on May 18, 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech.
- ❖ The **concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day** was proposed on May 18, 1997, during a commencement speech at Morgan State University **made by then-President Bill Clinton**, which underlined the need for a vaccine to curb the spread of HIV.



## INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY 2021

- ❖ The **International Museum Day** is celebrated on 18 May, since 1977, to raise awareness about the fact that "Museums are an important means of **cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples**".
- ❖ The theme of International Museum Day 2021: "**The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine**". It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).



- President of International Council Of Museums: **Suay Aksoy**
- International Council Of Museums Headquarters: **Paris, France**.

# REPORTS AND INDEXES

## GLOBAL PRIME RESIDENTIAL INDEX BY KNIGHT FRANK

- ❖ **London-based property consultant Knight Frank** has ranked **New Delhi and Mumbai** in **32nd and 36th positions** respectively in the Global Prime Residential Index.
- ❖ While Bengaluru moved down by four places in Q1 2021 and is ranked 40; **Delhi and Mumbai dipped one place each in the same period.**
- ❖ **Three Chinese cities - Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou** lead the index this quarter. Shenzhen recorded the strongest performing world region with a growth of 18.9%, while New York was the weakest performing market with negative 5.8% growth.
- ❖ Some of the world's top metropolises, **New York, Dubai, London, Paris and Hong Kong** are seeing prices soften. **New York was the weakest-performing global city during the period.**



## INDIA LARGEST RECIPIENT OF REMITTANCE IN 2020

- ❖ India was the largest recipient of remittances in 2020, as per the report, **"Migration and Development brief"** released by the **World Bank**. India has been the largest recipient of remittances since 2008.
- ❖ However, the **remittance received by India in 2020 was over USD 83 billion**, which is a drop of 0.2 per cent from 2019 (USD 83.3 billion). Globally, the remittance flow was USD 540 billion in 2020, which is 1.9% lower as compared to that of 2019, when it was **USD 548 billion**.
- ❖ **Top Five Countries:** The top five remittance recipient countries in 2020, in current US dollar terms, were **India, China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt**.
- ❖ The **top five recipients in 2020**, as a share of **gross domestic product (GDP)**, were, by contrast, smaller economies: **Tonga, Lebanon, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and El Salvador**.
- ❖ The **largest remittance-sending country in 2020 was United States (USD68 billion)**. It was followed by the UAE (USD43 billion), Saudi Arabia (USD34.5 billion), Switzerland (USD27.9 billion), Germany (USD22 billion), and China (USD18 billion).
- ❖ From India, the **Remittances outflow in 2020 was USD 7 billion**, against USD 7.5 billion in 2019.



- World Bank Headquarters: **Washington, D.C., United States.**



- World Bank Formation: **July 1944.**
- World Bank President: **David Malpass.**

## WORLD'S 50 GREATEST LEADER'S LIST

- ❖ **New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern** has topped the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021, released by Fortune Magazine.
- ❖ The '**World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021** is the eighth edition of the annual list which celebrates leaders, some well-known and others who aren't so familiar, who made a difference amid the "**truly unprecedented times**" of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ From India, **Adar Poonawalla, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India (SII)** is the only Indian among the top 10 names. He is placed in the 10th spot.



### Top 10 Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders 2021

- Jacinda Ardern, **Prime Minister of New Zealand**
- **mRNA Pioneers**
- **Dan Schulman**, CEO of PayPal
- **Dr John Nkengasong**, director of Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Adam Silver; Michele Roberts; Chris Paul**, NBA Rescuers
- **Jessica Tan**, founder of Ping An Group
- **Justin Welby**, Archbishop of Canterbury for the Church of England/Anglican Church
- **Stacey Abrams**, founder of Fair Fight
- **Reshorna Fitzpatrick**, pastor for Proceeding Word Church, Chicago
- **Adar Poonawalla**, CEO of Serum Institute of India

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## ISRO DEVELOPS VENTILATORS & OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS

- ❖ The **Indian Space Research Organisation's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**, has developed three different types of ventilators and an oxygen concentrator at a time when a shortage of this critical medical equipment resulted in the deaths of many Covid-19 patients across the country.
- ❖ Based on designs, features and specifications, we have named them, **Prana, VaU and Svasta**. All three are user-friendly, fully automated and with **touch-screen specifications, meeting all safety standards**. **Technology transfer** will be done for the commercial production of these **three ventilators and the one oxygen concentrator** by this month itself.
- ❖ **About the Prana, VaU, Svasta and Shwaas**: Prana is meant to deliver respiratory gas to the patient by automated compression of an **Ambu bag**, **Svasta** is designed to work without electric power, and the VaU is a low-cost ventilator equivalent to commercially available high-end ventilators.



## CHINA'S ROVER 'ZHURONG' SUCCESSFULLY LANDED ON MARS

- ❖ China successfully achieved the feat of landing its **first Mars Rover 'Zhu Rong'** on the red planet, on May 15, 2021, becoming the only second nation to do so.
- ❖ Till date, only the **United States has successfully landed its rover on Mars**. All other countries that have tried have either crashed or lost contact soon after reaching the surface.
- ❖ The vehicle used a combination of a protective capsule, a parachute & a rocket platform to make the descent.
- ❖ **Zhurong, which means God of Fire**, was carried to **Mars on the Tianwen-1 orbiter**. China's Mars rover, called Zhurong after an ancient fire god in Chinese mythology, will part ways with the lander by driving down a foldable ramp. Once it has deployed, the rover is expected to spend at least 90 Mars days.
  - China National Space Administration Founded: **22 April 1993**
  - China National Space Administration Administrator: **Zhang Kejian**
  - China National Space Administration Headquarters: **Haidian District, Beijing, China.**





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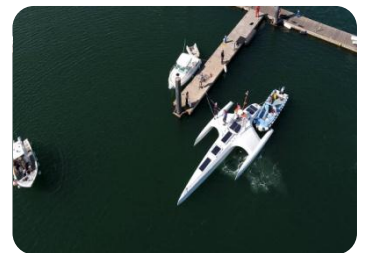
### CBSE LAUNCHED MOBILE APP 'DOST FOR LIFE'

- ❖ **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has launched a new mobile app for students and parents.
- ❖ The **new app 'Dost for Life'** is an exclusive psychological counselling app for students and parents of **CBSE-affiliated schools**. The new App will simultaneously cater to students and parents from CBSE-affiliated schools in different geographies across the world.
- ❖ The app will also provide students with other resource material such as suggestive course guides for after senior secondary education, **tips on mental health and well being, and a 'corona guide'** with information on daily safety protocol, learning from home and self-care.



### WORLD'S FIRST UNMANNED VESSEL 'MAYFLOWER 400'

- ❖ **World's First Unmanned Vessel named "Mayflower 400"** is set to Navigate Across the Atlantic. It has been built by the marine research organization **ProMare in collaboration with IBM**.
- ❖ It will begin its transatlantic voyage on May 15, 2021, to track aquatic mammals, analyze plastic in the water, and study marine pollution.
- ❖ **About the Mayflower 400:** **Mayflower 400** is a completely autonomous ship. It is a 15-m-long trimaran that weighs 9 tons. It is powered by Artificial Intelligence and the Sun's energy via solar panels.
- ❖ **ProMare invested \$1 million** along with global contributions in the form of technology from **India, the United States, and Switzerland** to **build the ship**.
- ❖ The ship, equipped with a smart captain, six high-tech cameras and radars, has been trained with audio data to avoid collisions, correct its course, detect marine animals, and gather information of the population of the aquatic animals.
- ❖ The **ship can also listen to whales with a self-activating hydrophone**. Currently, the ship is trained to handle 50 meters high waves. **Mayflower 400 autonomous ship** provides an edge to the scientists in exploring the rough seas as the ship will be unmanned.
  - IBM Chief Executive Officer(CEO): **Arvind Krishna**.
  - IBM Headquarters: **Armonk, USA**.



## Program Features & Key Benefits

	CLAT - 2022 (1 Year Online Program)	CLAT - 2023 (2 Year Online Program)
Program Name	Classic	Foundation
Course Structure	<p>Entire course is divided into 3 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coverage of fundamental concepts</li> <li>2. Quick revision sessions</li> <li>3. Series of Tests followed by test analysis and doubt clearing sessions followed by special classes of Rank Improvement Program (RIP).</li> </ol>	<p>Entire course is divided into 4 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coverage of fundamental concepts</li> <li>2. Quick revision sessions</li> <li>3. Series of Periodic &amp; Model Tests followed by test analysis and doubt clearing sessions</li> <li>4. Rank Improvement Program (RIP).</li> </ol>
Course Duration	<p>Total teaching hours 750+ Hours including 550+ LIVE Teaching Hours. However, the actual total input provided to the student is more than 800 hours which includes- YouTube Sessions, Concept Building Recorded Sessions, Test Discussion Analysis Sessions, Doubt Clearing Sessions, RIP etc</p>	<p>Total teaching hours 950+ Hours including 750+ LIVE Teaching Hours. However, the actual total input provided to the student is more than 1000 hours which includes- YouTube Sessions, Test Discussion Analysis Sessions, Doubt Clearing Sessions, RIP etc.</p>
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