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PM Addresses Nation on International Day of Yoga



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the nation on the occasion of International Day of Yoga via video conference. Prime Minister said, International Yoga Day is a day of solidarity. This is the day of universal brotherhood. Due to COVID-19 global health emergency, this year International Yoga Day is being observed through the electronic and digital platform.

Prime Minister said, People are practising Yoga at their homes with their entire families. The Huge participation of people in 'My Life - My Yoga' video blogging competition from across the globe reflects the growing popularity of yoga, he said.

"Yoga boosts immune system of the body. You must include Pranayama in your daily life. Pranayama Yoga or breathing exercises strengthens our respiratory system. It is more relevant in the current times as it is the respiratory system of the body that is most adversely affected by the Covid19 virus", Prime Minister said.

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Celebration of 6th International Day of Yoga at Ha Long Bay

Embassy of India joined hands with the Government of Quang Ninh province in Vietnam to celebrate the 6th International Day of Yoga at the iconic world heritage site of Halong Bay on 21 June 2020.



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IDY Celebration in Other Provinces in Vietnam

In the series of celebration of the International Day of Yoga-2020, Embassy of India joined celebrations organized by four more provinces of Vietnam - Vinh Phuc, Thanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan and Phu Yen, in addition to the main IDY-2020 event in Ha Long Bay on 21 June 2020.



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COVAXIN: First Potential Covid-19 Vaccine Developed in India



The Central Drug Standard Control Organisation, the National regulatory body for Indian Pharmaceuticals and medical devices, has granted approval to conduct human clinical trials for Corona Vaccine called 'COVAXIN', first potential COVID-19 Vaccine developed in the country. The potential vaccine has been developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, in association with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

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IIT Guwahati Develops Affordable Diagnostic Kits for Covid-19

Accurate testing is important to get out of the clutches of novel coronavirus. Stepping up efforts in this regard, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, in association with RR Animal Healthcare Ltd and Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), has developed low-cost diagnostic kits. These are Viral Transport Media (VTM) kits, RT-PCR kits, and RNA isolation kits.



The VTM kits are the first-stop source used to collect nasal and oral swab specimens from an individual source to a laboratory safely for culture and testing. During this period, the virus, if present, in the sample specimens should remain intact until the testing procedure is completed. The kit consists of a comprehensive solution specially formulated for the collection and transport of SARS-CoV-2.

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Immunity Booster Herbal Tea From Niper Mohali



National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) have introduced many innovative products like safety devices, sanitizers and masks to fight COVID epidemic. At the same time it has also come up with an immunity booster Herbal Tea to strengthen physical resistance to infection.

As no new effective drug and vaccine is available yet to treat covid-19, it is important for people to have a strong immunity system so that they can fight any kind of infection easily and keep themselves safe. Keeping this in mind Department of Natural Products, NIPER at SAS Nagar, Mohali has developed immunity booster Herbal Tea. This Herbal Tea is aimed at modulating immune response in body so that it may be used as a preventive remedy against covid-19 viral infection. This Herbal Tea is a combination of 6 locally available herbs like Aswagandha, Giloe, Mulethi, Tulsi and Green Tea that are mixed in carefully selected proportion keeping in mind their action as immunity enhancer, sensory appeal, ease of preparation and acceptable palatability.

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India's AI Enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk Bagged Two Awards at Global Leadership Summit And Festival of AI & Emerging Technology, COGX 2020

Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk bagged two awards under categories (1) "Best Innovation for Covid-19 – Society" and (2) "People's Choice Covid-19 Overall Winner", at the recently held CogX 2020, which is a prestigious Global Leadership Summit and Festival of AI & Emerging Technology held annually in London. The awards were won by Technical Partner of Mygov, JioHaptik Technologies Limited.

MyGov is the world's largest citizen engagement platform, which facilitates two-ways communication between the Government and Citizen and facilitates participatory governance in India, the world's largest democracy. In the fight against Covid-19, MyGov, JioHaptik Technologies Limited and WhatsApp team collaborated to develop AI enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk in the record time of 5 days including weekend.



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PM Launches Auction Process of Coal Blocks for Commercial Mining

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the auction process of 41 coal blocks for commercial mining through video conference on 18 June 2020.



It was part of the series of announcements made by the Government of India, under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The Coal Ministry in association with FICCI launched the process for auction of these coal mines. A two stage electronic auction process is being adopted for allocation of the coal mines.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Narendra Modi said that India will overcome the COVID -19 Pandemic and the nation will turn this crisis into an

opportunity. He said that this crisis has taught India the lesson of becoming AatmaNirbhar, i.e. Self-Reliant. He said an AatmaNirbhar Bharat means reducing dependency on imports, and saving foreign currency on imports. It entails that India develop resources domestically so that the country does not have to rely on imports. It also means becoming the biggest exporters of the commodities that we now import.

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Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive employment -cum- rural public works Campaign named 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' to empower and provide livelihood opportunities in areas/ villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19. The Abhiyaan was flagged off from village Telihar, Block Beldaur, district Khagaria, Bihar on June 20 (Saturday) through Video-Conference attended by the CMs and Representatives of the 6 Participating States Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Jharkhand, Various Union Ministers and others.

Empowering Migrants to be Self-Reliant

Focus Implementation of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan in 6 States



State Name	Districts	Aspirational Districts
Bihar	32	12
Uttar Pradesh	31	5
Madhya Pradesh	24	4
Rajasthan	22	2
Odisha	4	1
Jharkhand	3	3
Total Districts	116	27

PM expressed satisfaction after his interaction and pointed out how rural India stood its ground in the fight against COVID-19 and how it is providing an inspiration to the whole country and the world in this moment of crisis. PM said that both the Center and the State Governments were concerned about the welfare of the poor and the migrants.

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Historic Decisions Taken by Cabinet to Boost Infrastructure Across Sectors



The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met on 24th June, 2020 and took several landmark decisions, which will go a long way providing a much needed boost to infrastructure across sectors, which are crucial in the time of pandemic.

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Historic Reforms in Space Sector



Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 24th June approved far - reaching reforms in the Space sector aimed at boosting private sector participation in the entire range of space activities.

The decision taken is in line with the long-term vision of the Prime Minister of transforming India and making the country self-reliant and technologically advanced.

India is among a handful of countries with advanced capabilities in the space sector. With these reforms, the sector will receive new energy and dynamism, to help the country leapfrog to the next stages of space activities.

This will not only result in an accelerated growth of this sector but will enable Indian Industry to be an important player in global space economy. With this, there is an opportunity for large - scale employment in the technology sector and India becoming a Global technology power-house.

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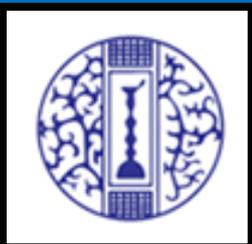
Government Bans 59 Mobile Apps

The Ministry of Information Technology, invoking its power under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009 and in view of the emergent nature of threats has decided to block 59 apps (see Appendix) since in view of information available they are engaged in activities which is prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.

Over the last few years, India has emerged as a leading innovator when it comes to technological advancements and a primary market in the digital space. At the same time, there have been raging concerns on aspects relating to data security and safeguarding the privacy of 130 crore Indians. This move will safeguard the interests of crores of Indian mobile and internet users. This decision is a targeted move to ensure safety and sovereignty of Indian cyberspace.



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Cabinet Approves Declaration of Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh as An International Airport

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for declaration of Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh as an International Airport.

Kushinagar Airport is located in the vicinity of several Buddhist Cultural Sites like Sravasti, Kapilvastu, Lumbini (Kushinagar itself is a Buddhist cultural site). A revered pilgrimage site for Buddhists the world over, Kushinagar is believed to be the place where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana after his death. Now with Kushinagar airport given the International status, pilgrims from across the globe will have ease of access.

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Textile Industry



India is among the world's largest producers of Textiles and Apparel. The domestic textiles and apparel industry contributes 2.3% to India's GDP and accounts for 13% of industrial production, and 12% of the country's export earnings.

The textiles and apparel industry in India is the second-largest employer in the country providing employment to 45 million people. It is expected that this number will increase to 55 million by 2020.

India has also become the second-largest manufacturer of PPE in the world. More than 600 companies in India are certified to produce PPEs today, whose global market worth is expected to be over \$92.5 bn by 2025, up from \$52.7 bn in 2019.

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Inauguration of Overpass Bridge at Tan Long Village, Xuan Son Nam Commune, Dong Xuan District of Phu Yen under Quick Impact Project



On 27 June, 2020, Ambassador Pranay Verma and the Provincial Party Secretary of Phu Yen province H.E. Mr. Huynh Tan Viet jointly inaugurated an overpass bridge at Tan Long Village, Xuan Son Nam commune, Dong Xuan District of Phu Yen, constructed with Government of India's grant assistance of US\$50,000 under the Quick Impact Project (QIP) programme. The project was completed within a short span of three months and is helping to connect the two communes of Xuan Son Bac and Xuan Son Nam of Dong Xuan District, which were earlier regularly disconnected during the rainy season.

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