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Prakash Javadekar participates in 1st virtual 11th session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue 2020

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar participates in 1st virtual which is 11th session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue 2020 along with 30 other countries representatives & ministers. It was co-chaired by Germany and the United Kingdom(UK).

To discuss the ways and means to tackle the challenge to restore the economies and societies after COVID-19, enhance joint flexibility, catalyse climate action & support the most vulnerable in particular.

EAM Jaishankar participated in BRICS FMs' virtual meet on coronavirus; \$15bn loan support by BRICS

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Foreign Ministers meeting on coronavirus was held through video conferencing, which was opened by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. It should be noted that **Russia** is the Chair of BRICS for 2020.



Objective: Development of strategic partnership within the BRICS to speed up the **joint vaccine production** and to combat the virus and overcome the financial, economic, and social consequences of the pandemic.

Key Outcome of Meet: \$15bn loan support set up by BRICS
During the BRICS countries have agreed to set up a \$15 billion loan instrument to finance projects for the economic rebuilding of member-states impacted by COVID-19 crisis. The fund will be allocated through the New Development Bank (NDB).

About BRICS:

Establishment– 2009

Members– 5

Theme for 2020– “BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth”.

International Dance Day: 29 April



The International Dance Day is organised globally on 29 April to celebrate the value and importance of the art form dance. **The day was created in 1982**, by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO.

The day 29 April has been chosen as it marks the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the creator of modern ballet.

International Jazz Day: 30 April

The International Jazz Day is celebrated on 30 April every year. This Day was declared by the UNESCO in 2011. **Cape Town**, South Africa has been designated the **Global Host City for International Jazz Day 2020**. The day was introduced by jazz pianist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock.

Near-Earth asteroid 1998 OR2 to pass within 3.9m miles of Earth: NASA



According to the NASA **asteroid 1998 OR2** a large near-Earth asteroid, measuring about 1.5-mile-wide (2-kilometer-wide) will pass by earth within 3.9 million miles (6.3 million kilometers), which is about 16 times farther away than the moon. Near-Earth small **asteroid 2020 HS7**, estimated to be 13 to 24 feet (4 to 8 meters) in size, safely passed Earth on April 28.

India lost hosting rights of 2021 Men's World Boxing Championships to Serbia: AIBA



the **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** terminated an agreement with India, signed in 2017, which resulted in losing of hosting rights of 2021 men's world boxing championship by the latter to Serbia. **The reason** behind termination is the inability of **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** to pay the host fees of USD 4 million due on December 2, 2019. Now, India would have to pay a cancellation

penalty of USD 500. It should be noted that this event had to happen for the **first time in India** which will now be held in **Belgrade, Serbia**.

Padma Shri awardee and famous Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan passed away at 53

Famous Bollywood star **Sahabzade Irrfan Ali Khan** passed away at the age of

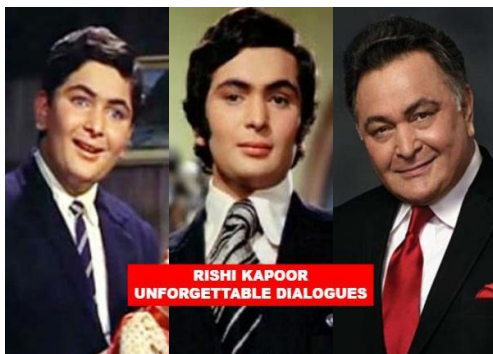


53 due to colon infection in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He had been battling neuroendocrine cancer since 2018. He was born on January 7, 1967, in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Irrfan made **his screen debut in the 1988 Mira Nair directorial Salaam Bombay**. After struggling for

many years, success finally came to him after he starred in Asif Kapadia's *The Warrior* (2001).

Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor, 67, dies of cancer in Mumbai

Veteran Bollywood actor **Rishi Raj Kapoor** passed away at the age of 67 in Mumbai, Maharashtra, after a 2 year battle with leukaemia (blood cancer). He was born on September 4, 1952, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



Autobiography: His autobiography *Khullam Khulla: Rishi Kapoor Uncensored...* was published by HarperCollins and launched at "The Hindu Lit for Life 2017". Rishi received the National Film Award for Best Child artist for his debut role in his father Raj Kapoor's 1970 film *Mera Naam Joker*. He had his first lead role as an adult in the film *Bobby* (1973)

and won the Filmfare Best Actor Award in 1974.

Moody's cuts India's GDP growth estimate for CY2020 to 0.2%; For 2021-6.2%

Moody's Investors Service has cut India's GDP growth forecast for the calendar year 2020 to 0.2% from its earlier estimate of 2.5%. For 2021, Moody's has predicted India's GDP growth rate to be 6.2%.

CRISIL pegs India's FY21 economic growth rate at 1.8% from 3.5%

Global company, a domestic rating agency had lowered its projections for the Financial progress price of India to 1.8% from 3.5%, its earlier prediction for the year 2020-21. The parent company of CRISIL, Standard & Poor's, predicts the world economy to contract 2.4% against its earlier estimated 0.4% growth.