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**Atal Pension Yojana completed 5 years on May 9, 2020 with 2.23 crore enrolment**



The total enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) stood at 2,23,54,028 which has completed its 5 years on the same date. The scheme has been implemented comprehensively across the country covering all states and Union Territories (UTs).

- i. The male to female subscription ratio of APY is **57:43**.
- ii. The scheme has been administered by **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.
- iii. In the financial year 2019-2020, almost 70 lacs subscribers were enrolled under the scheme.

### **About APY:**

Launched on **9th May 2015** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, its objective is to deliver old age income security particularly to the workers in the unorganised sector and Government providing guarantee of minimum pension after 60 years of age.

- It can be subscribed by any Indian citizen in the age group of 18-40 years having a bank account.
- It provides a minimum guaranteed pension ranging from Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 on attaining 60 years of age.

### **About PFRDA:**

It is the statutory Authority established by an enactment of the Parliament, to regulate, promote and ensure orderly growth of the National Pension System (NPS) and pension schemes to which this Act applies.

- As on 30th April 2020, the total number of subscribers under NPS and Atal Pension Yojana has crossed 3.46crore and the Asset under Management (AUM) has grown to Rs 4,33,555crore.
- **Chairman**– Supratim Bandyopadhyay

## WHO released first “State of the World’s Nursing Report – 2020” stating a global shortfall of 5.9 mn nurses



World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with the **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** and **Nursing Now** has released the first “**The State of the World’s Nursing 2020**” report amid COVID19 pandemic. In

accordance with the report, there are **28 million nurses** worldwide but still, there is a global shortfall of **5.9 million**.

i. Countries facing the greatest shortfall of nurses are in Africa, South East Asia and the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region as well as some parts of Latin America.

ii. Globally, there are roughly 36.9 nurses per 10,000 people, with variations within and across regions. For example, America has 10 times more nurses than African region. There are 83.4 nurses per 10,000 population in the former, there are 8.7 nurses per 10,000 population in the latter.

## Indian Tennis ace Sania Mirza becomes 1st Indian to win Fed Cup Heart award 2020 for Asia/Oceania zone



**Indian professional tennis player Sania Mirza (33)** has created new history by becoming the **1<sup>st</sup> Indian** to win **Fed Cup Heart Award 2020** for **Asia/Oceania** zone. She beats Indonesia’s 16-year-old Priska Madelyn Nugroho for this category & received the award for

her successful return to the court after becoming a mother.

### About Fed cup:

It is the world’s largest annual international team competition in women’s sport with 108 nations entered in 2019 was launched in 1963.

### About Fed Cup Heart Award:

It is an International Tennis Federation(ITF) initiative established in 2009 to recognise players representing their countries in the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas.

### About ITF:

**Headquarters**– London, United Kingdom

**President**– David Haggerty

### **MP becomes 1st in the country to launch ‘FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana’**



Madhya Pradesh(MP) Home Minister **Narottam Mishra** launched the country’s 1st ‘First Information Report(**FIR**) **Aapke Dwar Yojana**‘ (FIR at your doorstep) at the new Police Control Room, Bhopal

to enable people to file FIRs from their homes instead of visiting police stations.Launched helpline ‘**Dial 112**’ to facilitate immediate availability of ambulance, police and fire fighting services wherever needed.

This makes, **Madhya Pradesh the first state in the country** to implement such an innovative initiative to alleviate the problems of people in the times of the coronavirus pandemic.The ‘**FIR Aapke Dwar**’ scheme has been started as a pilot project in 23 Police Stations, which includes one urban and one rural Police Station at 11 Divisional Headquarters.

### **China launches two satellites to test space-based communication technology**



On 12th May 2020, China launches two satellites **Xingyun-2 01 and 02** into the orbit by **Kuaizhou-1A(KZ-1A)** carrier rocket from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center** in the Northwest China at 9.16am(Beijing Time), to test the space-based Internet of Things(IoT) communication technology.

The Rocket is developed by an affiliated company of Sanjiang Group under the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC) used to launch low-orbit small satellites.

**About CASIC:**

i. In 1999 July, the China Aerospace Corporation was divided into two organizations, China Aerospace Machinery and Electronics Corporation (CAMEC) and China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC)

ii. In 2002 CAMEC renamed as China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC)

**Chairman-** Gao Hongwei

**Location-** Haidian District, Beijing, China

**FIFA U-17 World Cup to be held in India from 17 Feb 2021**



The **All India Football Federation** (AIFF) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the **FIFA** (Federation Internationale de Football Association) **U-17 Women's World Cup** confirmed that the tournament will be held

from **February 17 till March 7, 2021**. The U-17 Women's World Cup was originally scheduled to be played across 5 host cities – Navi Mumbai, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Bhubaneswar.

**FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup:** It is an international association football tournament for female players under the age of 17. It is organized by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (**FIFA**). The tournament is held in even-numbered years, starting in 2008. The current champion is Spain, which won its first title at the 2018 tournament in Uruguay.

**About FIFA:**

**Headquarters**– Zurich, Switzerland.

**Motto**– For the Game. For the World.

**President**– Gianni Infantino.

## Indian Journalist Siddharth Varadarajan Conferred with Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award



Indian journalist Siddharth Varadarajan is among the 17 recipients of the 2020 Freedom of Speech Award presented by German public news outlet Deutsche Welle on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day on 3rd May 2020.

The award was presented to journalists worldwide who have disappeared or been arrested or threatened because of their reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic.

17 journalists from 14 countries have been given the award, on behalf of all media professionals around the world, for showing “outstanding commitment to human rights and freedom of expression in the media”.

## Morgan Stanley projects India GDP growth for 2020 at 0%; For 2021 at 7.7%



American multinational investment bank, Morgan Stanley has projected India’s GDP growth for 2020 at 0% and for 2021 at 7.7%.

For the global GDP growth, Morgan Stanley has made a projection of -3% in 2020 and 5.9% in 2021.

## SRS Bulletin released: National infant mortality rate at 32, MP worst performer; Kerala achieved SDG target

Registrar General of India has released its Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin based on data collected for 2018 (reference year) which has presented the estimates of Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) for the year 2018 for India and its States/UTs.

## National Infant Mortality Rate

|                  | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------|------|------|
| National average | 33   | 32   |
| Madhya Pradesh   | 47   | 48   |
| Assam            | 44   | 41   |
| Chhattisgarh     | 38   | 41   |
| Odisha           | 41   | 40   |
| Kerala           | 10   | 7    |



- The rates are calculated per one thousand of the population.
- The current sample is based on the 2011 Census frame. The SRS sample

is replaced every ten years based on the latest census frame.

| Category                            | State/UT   |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Maximum IMR                         | Madhya Pradesh (MP)- 48  |
| Minimum IMR                         | Nagaland (4)   |
| State with largest decline of IMR   | Mizoram (from 15 to 5)   |
| Best performer among larger states  | Kerala (7)   |
| Best performer among smaller states | Nagaland (4)   |
| Best Performer among UTs            | Andaman and Nicobar islands (9)                                      |
| Maximum urban rural differential    | Madhya Pradesh with the rural IMR at 51 while the urban IMR is at 32 |

## MSME Ministry Launches CHAMPIONS Portal



The Union Ministry of MSME has launched CHAMPIONS portal [www.Champions.gov.in](http://www.Champions.gov.in).

The CHAMPIONS stands here for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the

Output and National Strength.

The portal will work to make the smaller MSME units big by solving their grievances, encouraging, supporting, helping and handholding.

## ICMR-NIV, Pune Makes Country's First Indigenously Developed ELISA Based Antibody Tests Kit



National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, one of the major institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has successfully developed the country's first indigenous anti-SARS-CoV-2 human IgG ELISA test kit for antibody detection of COVID19.

The indigenous test is named as “**COVID KAVACH ELISA**”.

**The ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay)** Test kit will play a critical role in large scale surveillance of proportion of the population exposed to SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection. ICMR has partnered with Gujarat-based Pharma firm Zydus Cadila for mass-scale production of the ELISA test kits.