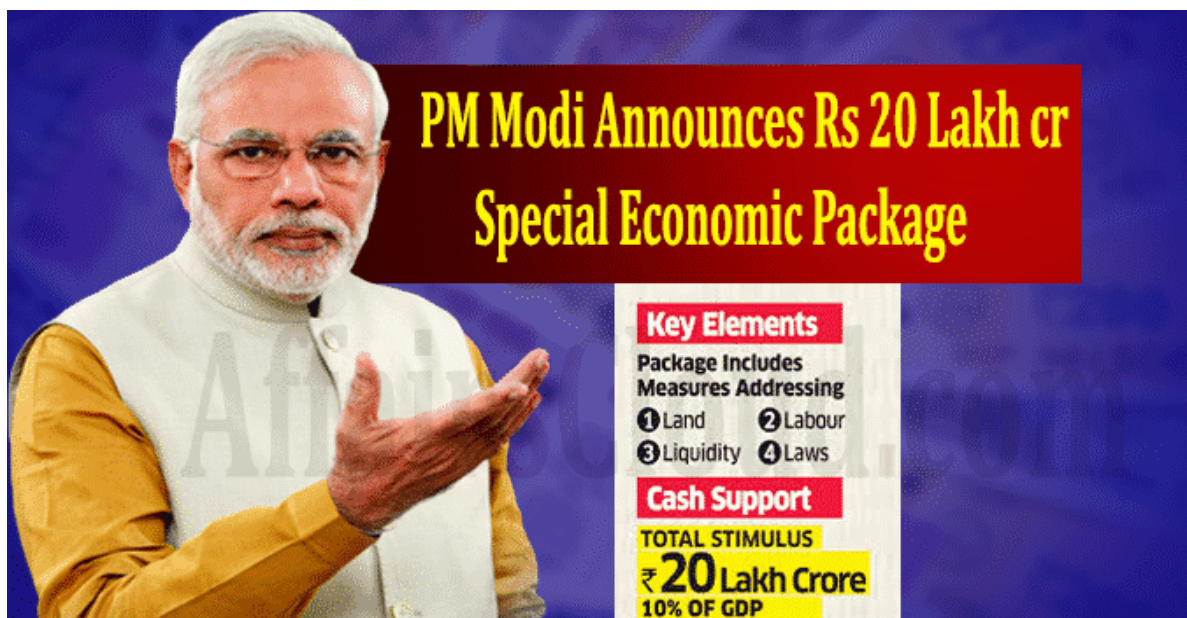


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PM Modi announces Rs 20 lakh cr special economic package and Lockdown 4.0



In continuation to PM Modi's announcement of Rs 20 lakh crore boost to the economy, the Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has made certain announcements for relief and credit support related to businesses, especially MSMEs to support the Indian Economy's fight against COVID-19. These are the announcements made on May 13, 2020. More such announcements will follow. These are mentioned below:

The Economic Package is called Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan

1. Rs 3 lakh crore Emergency Working Capital Facility for Businesses, including MSMEs
2. Rs 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSME
3. Rs 50,000 crores equity infusion through MSME Fund of Fund
4. Rs 30,000 crores Special Liquidity Scheme for NBFC/HFC/MFIs
5. Rs 90,000 crore Liquidity Injection for DISCOMs

Tax related measures- The due date of all Income Tax Returns for Assessment Year 2020-21 will be extended to 30 November, 2020.

The TDS rates for all non-salaried payment to residents, and tax collected at source rate will be reduced by 25 percent of the specified rates for the remaining period of FY 20-21. This will provide liquidity to the tune of Rs 50,000 Crore.

The date for making payment without additional amount under the "Vivad Se Vishwas" scheme will be extended to 31 December, 2020

4 new products from three states receive Geographical Indication (GI) tag



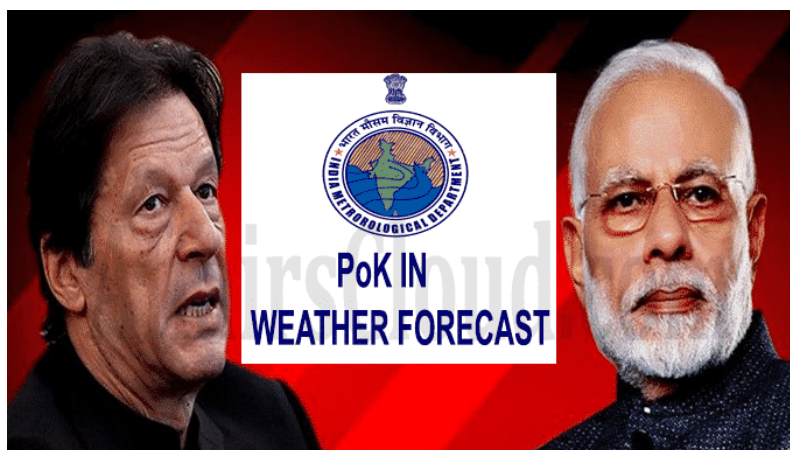
Geographical Indications Registry headquartered in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag for 4 new products from three states.

Jharkhand's Sohrai Khovar painting (a traditional and ritualistic mural art), **Telangana's Telia Rumal cloth** Pochampalli town in Telangana (an intricate handmade work with cotton loom)

Thanjavur Netti Works (pith works)

Arambavur Wood Carvings from village of Veppanthattai in Perambalur district of Tamil Nadu (TN) are the latest addition in the GI list.

In a 1st, PoK's Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad included in the meteorological forecast list of IMD



In the midst of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis, the Regional Meteorological Centre of the **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)**, has included the areas of Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad, which are parts of PoK (Pakistan-

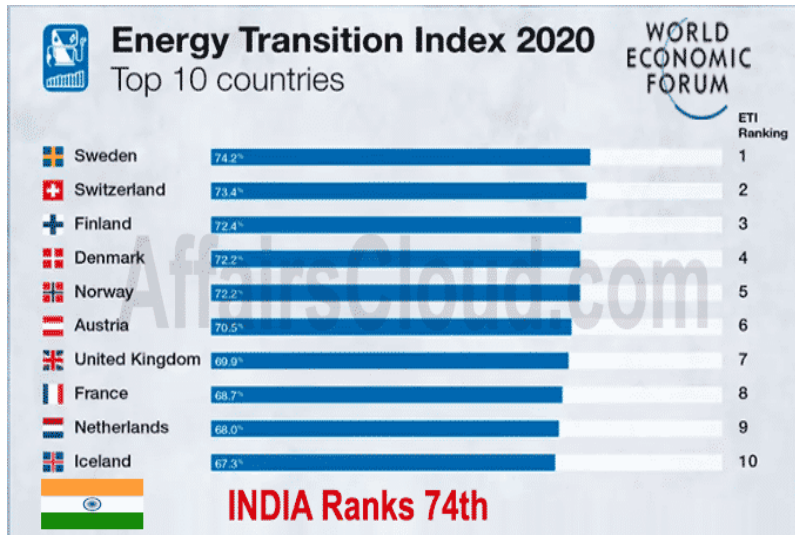
occupied-Kashmir) in its weather forecasting for the 1st time.

The department taken this decision as it says that it is a part of India and the country always maintains its position that PoK belongs to India.

About Indian Meteorological Department (IMD):

Headquarters– New Delhi
Parent organization– Ministry of Earth Sciences
Director General– Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

India ranks 74th, Sweden tops: WEF's global Energy Transition index 2020



According to the **World Economic Forum(WEF)**'s global **Energy Transition Index(ETI) 2020**, India has moved up two places from rank 76th(2019) to **74th** with a score of **51.5%**, **Sweden(74.2%)** topped for the **3rd consecutive time** followed by Switzerland(73.4%) and

Finland(72.4%). The index is a **composite score of 40 indicators**, benchmarks 115 countries on the current performance of their energy system, and readiness for transition to a secure, sustainable, affordable, and inclusive future energy system.

The scores of ETI are on a scale from 0% to 100%. **France (8th)** and the **United Kingdom (7th)** are the only G20 countries in the top ten.

About WEF:

Headquarters– Cologny/Geneva, Switzerland
Founder and Executive Chairman– Klaus Schwab

BRICS' New Development Bank provides USD 1 billion loan to India to fight COVID-19



In order to provide a financial aid to Indian economy which is facing human, social and economic losses due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, the **New Development Bank of the BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries has fully disbursed **USD one billion** emergency assistance loan to India.

The **'Emergency Assistance Program Loan'** to India was approved by the NDB Board of Directors on April 30, and it is aimed at supporting the Indian government to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to provide financial aid.

About NDB-Establishment– 2014 HQ–Shanghai, China Chairman-K V Kamath
About BRICS: Establishment– 2009 Members– 5
Theme for 2020– “BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth”.

World Airport Awards 2020: Bengaluru’s Kempegowda honoured as best regional airport in India & Central Asia



The **Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)** in Bengaluru (Karnataka) has won the **SKYTRAX Award 2020** for Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia. It ranks **68th in World’s Top 100 Airports 2020** list, which was **topped by Singapore Changi Airport**. Kempegowda International

Airport, Bengaluru also **ranked 8th in the “Best Airports 2020: 30 to 40 million passengers”** category.

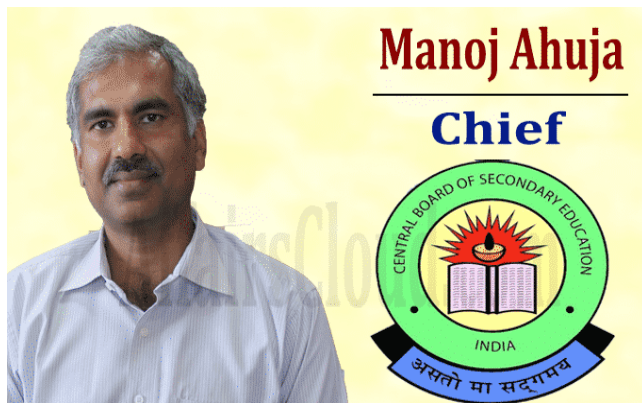
Centre sets up new body to promote rice exports- Rice Export Promotion Forum (REPF)

The Central Government has set up a new body – Rice Export Promotion Forum (**REPF**), under the aegis of the Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Development Authority (Apeda) to promote rice export.

REPF will monitor, identify and anticipate developments pertaining to production and exports and recommend necessary policy measures.

India is the second largest produce of rice in the world.

Manoj Ahuja Appointed as new Chairperson of CBSE



Manoj Ahuja, a 1990 batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre, has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE).

Before this, he was serving as special director at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration.

He replaces **Anita Karwal** who has been appointed as the secretary at the Department of School Education and Literacy.

Akhil Kumar re-inducted into NADA disciplinary panel



Former Commonwealth Games gold-winning Indian boxer Akhil Kumar, 39 years old, was re-inducted into the National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel. He was formerly in the panel from 2017 to 2019.

NADA was set up as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 on November 24, 2005

Motto– Play fair.

68.2% of under-5 deaths in India due to child, maternal malnutrition; UP topped: Global Burden of Disease Study 2000–17

PROPORTION OF TOTAL DEATHS IN UNDER-5 ATTRIBUTABLE TO MALNUTRITION AND ITS COMPONENTS, 2017

	BOYS	GIRLS	BOTH
Child & maternal malnutrition	69.1%	67.3%	68.2%
Low birth weight & short gestation	49.4%	42.7%	46.1%
Stunting, wasting, underweight	19.1%	23.7%	21.4%
Vitamin A deficiency	4.97%	5.62%	5.29%
Zinc deficiency	0.35%	0.48%	0.42%

In accordance with the two papers on child survival published by India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative titled “**Subnational mapping of under-5 and neonatal mortality trends in India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 2000–17**”, child and maternal malnutrition was the predominant risk factor in India as it attributed to 68.2% of under-5 deaths while low birth weight and short gestation led to 83.0% of neonatal deaths in 2017. On the other hand, 10.8% of under-5 deaths could be attributed to unsafe water and sanitation and 8.8% to air pollution.

The studies find that the **under-5 mortality rate (U5MR)** and **neonatal mortality rate (NMR)** in the first month of life have dropped substantially since 2000.

U5MR in India decreased from **83.1** in 2000 to **42.4** per 1000 livebirths in 2017.

NMR decreased from **38.0** to **23.5** per 1000 livebirths.

Highest number of under-five and neonatal deaths in 2017 were reported in Uttar Pradesh (UP) followed by Bihar