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International Day of Family Remittances 2020: June 16



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16 JUNE 2020



i. Every year on June 16 The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is celebrated across the country.

ii. The day recognises the **migrants' contributions** (about 200 million migrants) to improve their family members (800 million) lives back

home & to create a future of hope for their children.

iii. **Aim of the day**– To raise awareness about the contributions of migrants to their families' lives & their countries.

About IFAD:

Headquarters– Roma, Italy

President– Gilbert F. Houngbo

Global Wind Day 2020 – June 15



i. June 15th of every year is observed as Global Wind Day to discover, encourage and create awareness about the renewable natural form of energy.

ii. The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) established the Wind Day in 2007.

About EWEA:

CEO– Giles Dickson

Headquarters– Belgium

About GWEC:

CEO– Ben Backwell

Headquarters– Brussels, Belgium

India Builds First Ever Infectious Disease Diagnostic Lab



India builds the first ever Infectious Disease Diagnostic Mobile Laboratory with the support of the Department of Bio-technology as a part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

About the Laboratory:

- i. The Laboratory was built within 8 days on receiving the chassis from Bharat Benz.
- ii. The BSL-2 facility lab holds the Elisa, real-time Reverse Tranion Polymerase Chain Reaction(rRT-PCR) test and Bio chemistry analyser.
- iii. The laboratory is capable of testing around 200 Elisa tests and 50 rRT-PCR tests per day.

About Atma Nirbhar Bharat:

- i. The Indian government announced an economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore to achieve self-reliant India under the scheme Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan.
- ii. Atma Nirbhar Bharat health reforms and Initiatives, The National Institutional Platform for One health by ICMR will encourage research and enable setting up of Infectious Disease Hospital blocks in every district and strengthen the lab network.

India Joined GPAI as founding member



India has joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as a founding member to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

- With this, India has joined the league of leading nations and economies including the US, the UK, EU, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, and Singapore for launch of GPAI.

About GPAI:

GPAI is an international, multi-stakeholder initiative, and initiative first-of-its-type initiative for evolving better understanding of challenges and opportunities around AI. It was officially proposed by France and Canada at the Biarritz Summit in August 2019. The GPAI will initially be comprised of four working groups focused on responsible AI, data governance, the future of work, and innovation and commercialisation.

India ranked 6th as nuclear weapons increased since 2019; US tops: SIPRI's Yearbook 2020



i. In accordance with the “SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security” of Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), The number of nuclear warheads in the Indian arsenal pegged at 150 in

comparison to the 2019 report (on the basis of 2018) when India had 130-140.

ii. Following table shows the number of warheads of top rankers (as of January 2020):

Rank	Country	Nuclear Warheads
1	US	5800*
2	Russia	6375
3	UK	215
6	India	150

*The deployed warheads of the US are more than Russia that is why the former has been placed at 1st rank.

India's foreign exchange reserves cross \$500 bn for the first time



**Forex Reserves
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In accordance with the weekly statistical data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's foreign reserves crossed the \$500 billion mark as the nation had forex reserves of \$501.7 billion as of June 5, 2020 a rise of \$8.22 billion in a week.

- India's forex reserves comprise foreign currency assets (FCAs), gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs), and India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Key Points:

-The FCAs, the largest component of the forex reserves, increased by \$8.422 billion to \$463.630 billion. The value of India's gold reserves decreased by \$329 million to \$32.352 billion. SDR value climbed by \$10 million to \$1.442 billion, the reserve position of the country with the IMF rose by \$120 million to \$4.278 billion.

Deccan Development Society won the Biodiversity Award of Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation



**Hyderabad's
Deccan Development Society
Wins**

Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award

i. On 11th June 2020, The Deccan Development Society (DDS), Hyderabad Based non-governmental organisation won the Biodiversity award 2020 and a grant of 40000 Euros (approx.

Rs. 35 Lakhs) of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for the contribution of DDS women in rehabilitation of degraded lands and to promote biodiversity.

ii. The award was announced in a teleconference by Olivier Wenden, **Vice President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.**

About Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation:

President– **Prince Albert II of Monaco**

Vice President & CEO– **Olivier Wenden**

Headquarters– **Monaco**

Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyiev resigns

On June 15, 2020 Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyiev**(52 years) resigned, amid ongoing criminal investigation into whether the government illegally sold radio frequencies. He was appointed as prime minister by President **Sooronbai Jeenbekov** after succeeding Sapar Isakov in April 2018.

Key Points

- i.** Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyiev mentioned that the government may not work well due to the uncertainty caused by the investigation as there is compelling work due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii.** He took a 2 week leave on May 27 so as to avoid interference with a corruption investigation over radio frequency resources.
- iii.** Currently, First Deputy Prime Minister Kubatbek Boronov coordinates the work of the Government.

About Kyrgyzstan

Capital– Bishkek

Currency– Kyrgyzstani Som