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India to construct Rs 2.33 cr sanitation facility at Nepal's iconic Pashupatinath Temple



i. India has extended its financial aid by NR (Nepalese rupee) 37.23 million for the construction of the sanitation facility for the pilgrims at the Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal. In this regard, a MoU has been inked between the Indian Embassy, Nepal's Ministry of Federal Affairs and General

Administration and the Kathmandu Metropolitan City.

ii. With this the total outlay of the project reaches **Rs 2.33 crore** which will be constructed under the **Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership**.

About Nepal:

Capital– Kathmandu

Currency– Nepalese rupee

Prime Minister– Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

President– Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Ministry of sports to establish and upgrade state facilities into Khelo India State Centres of Excellence



i. On 17th June 2020, The Sports Ministry prepared to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme and identified 8 state owned sports facilities to upgrade as KISCE.

ii. The 8 facilities include 4 from the north east region and 4 from other regions.

India is 9th largest recipient of FDI in 2019 with \$51 billion; US topped: UN-World Investment Report 2020



i. In accordance with the “**World Investment Report 2020**” by United Nation’s (UN) trade body, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India has become the 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019 after receiving \$51

billion last year, an increase of 20% from the 42 billion dollars of FDI received in 2018.

ii. India is the **largest South Asian recipient** of FDI in 2019.

iii. The global FDI flows are forecast to **decrease by up to 40%** in 2020, from their 2019 value of \$1.54 trillion.

About World Investment Report:

It has been published annually since 1991 focusing on trends FDI worldwide, at the regional and country levels and emerging measures to improve its contribution to development.

About UNCTAD:

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Secretary-General– Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi

India Stands at 43rd Position in 32nd edition of IMD’s Competitive Ranking 2020, Singapore Tops



On June 16, 2020, According to the 32nd edition of edition of **World Competitiveness Index 2020**, which ranked performance of 63 economies across the globe, prepared by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management and Development (IMD)'s World Competitiveness Center (WCC),

the **Indian** economy remained at **43rd** position this year. While Singapore continues to occupy the first place in the list due to its strong economic performance comes from robust international trade and investment, employment and labor market measures.

About International Institute for Management Development (IMD):

Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland

Chairman– Michel Demaré

India Joined GPAI, 1st of its kind AI initiative as founding member



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

ii. With this, India became

the **15th founding member** of GPAI which also include the United States (US), the United Kingdom (UK), European Union (EU), Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, and Singapore for launch of GPAI.

About OECD:

Headquarters– Paris, France

Secretary-General– Jose Angel Gurría Trevino

Around 45 Million People Fall into Acute Food Insecurity Since February 2020 due to COVID-19: FAO Report

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GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY



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On June 16, 2020, According to the report titled “Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition” released by Italy based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), around **45 million** people were fall into acute **food insecurity** since February 2020 due to of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, of which a majority of 33 million people reside in South and Southeast Asia, and most of the remainder in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Key Points:

- i. As per the report, the pandemic likely to cost \$8.5 trillion in the next 2 years.
- ii. In addition, more than 49 million may pushed into extreme poverty as majority of being affected again resides in Sub-Saharan Africa, due to the lack of measures taken to curb the disease, including lockdowns affected entire food supply chains.
- iii. The report stressed to follow new models of food and nutrition distribution & requested to provide a cash-based assistance and live-saving food in the most fragile areas along with maintaining liquidity and financial inclusion in rural areas.

About Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):

Headquarters– Rome, Italy

Director-General- Qu Dongyu

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Approves 2nd Loan of USD 750 Million under COVID-19 CRF to India



- i. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved a **2nd loan of USD 750 million** to India under the bank’s USD 10 billion **COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (CRF)**; Till now India has received USD 1.25 billion dollar under the COVID-19 CRF.

ii. This loan is co-financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to assist India to fight against COVID-19 & its impact on the poor.

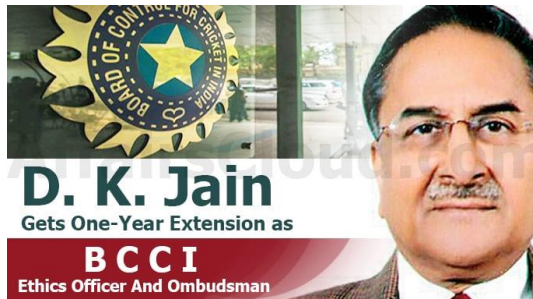
- iii. The loan aims to strengthen India’s economic aid for businesses, expand social safety nets for the needy & the health care systems.

About AIIB:

Headquarters- Beijing, China

President– Jin Liqun

DK Jain, BCCI's 1st Ever Ombudsman Gets a 1-year Extension as Ethics Officer and Ombudsman



The tenure of former supreme court judge DK Jain as the ethics officer and ombudsman of Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI) got a 1year extension in June 2020 due to the current covid-19 situation. He was the first-ever ombudsman of BCCI appointed by the

supreme court in February 2019.

Key Points:

- i.He was appointed as the He took additional changes as the ethics officer of BCCI.
- ii.His tenure as the ethics officer and ombudsman of BCCI ended on 29th February 2020 and he resumed office after the renewal of his contract in June 2020.

Cases handled by Jain:

- i.Suspension of KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya for their inappropriate comment in a talk show.
- ii.He also handled the conflict of interest between Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman and Sourav Ganguly.

Indian Railways installs Automated Ticket Checking and Managing Access Machine, 1st of its Kind at Nagpur station



- i.Indian Railways' Central Railway zone has installedAutomated Ticket Checking & Managing Access(ATMA) machine, 1st of its kind at Nagpur station.
- ii.The machine has been introduced at the station under the New, Innovative Non Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme(NINFRIS) policy to prevent

transmission of COVID-19.

- iii.This is an Innovative Earning Contract, implemented by Nagar(NGP) Central Railways(CR) for the prevention of COVID-19.

4th Asian Youth Para Games to be Held in Bahrain in December 2021



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4th Asian Youth Para Games



to be held in **Bahrain** in **December 2021**

- i.** The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that the 4th Asian Youth Para Games will take place in Bahrain from December (1-10) 2021.
- ii.** The event will be organised in partnership with the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Bahrain

with the support of the local government.

iii. This is the 1st time Bahrain will host a big para-sport event

About APC:

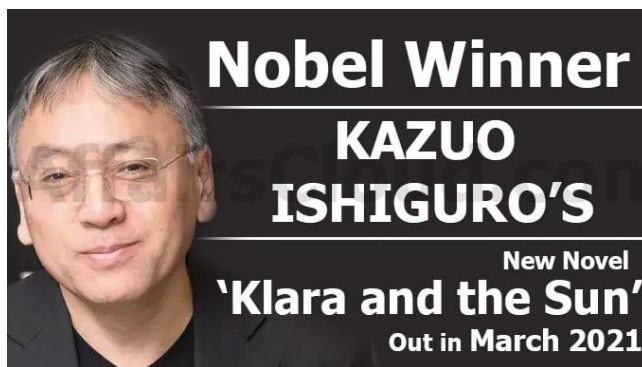
Headquarters– Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

President– Majid Rashed, UAE

About Bahrain Paralympic Committee:

President– Shaikh Mohammed bin Duaij Al Khalifa

Nobel Laureate Kazuo Ishiguro's New Novel 'Klara and the Sun' to be Released in March 2021



- i.** Nobel Prize winner (2017) Kazuo Ishiguro (Japan born British author) will release his new novel 'Klara and the Sun'.
- ii.** It will be published by **Faber & Faber** in the United Kingdom, **Alfred A. Knopf** in the United States and **Knopf** in Canada on March 2, 2021.

iii. This is the first novel by him since he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2020 – June 17



i. June 17th of every year since 1995 is observed as the World day to combat desertification and drought to educate the general public on the international efforts to fight against desertification.
ii. the United Nations Convention to Combat

Desertification's (UNCCDs) motto "**Healthy land = Healthy people**".
iii. The theme of World day to combat desertification and drought 2020 is "**Food. Feed. Fibre. – the link between consumption and land**"

About KFS:

Minister– Park Chong Ho

Headquarters– Daejeon, Republic of Korea

About UNCCD:

Executive Secretary– Ibrahim Thiaw

Headquarters– Bonn, Germany