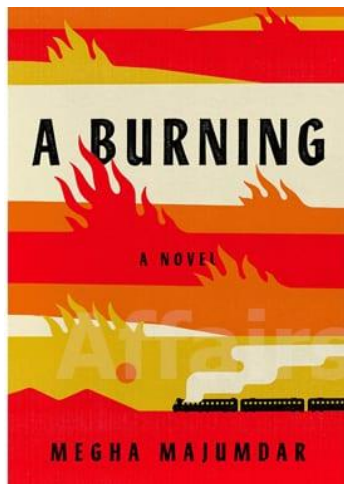


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Penguin Hamish Hamilton released, “A Burning”, the Debut Novel of Megha Majumdar



“A Burning”
Authored By

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On 15th June 2020, The Penguin Hamish Hamilton released the “A Burning”, debut novel of Megha Majumdar. The 32-year-old New York’s writer who was born and raised in Kolkata.

A Burning:

i. The book is about

the lives of three characters, Tommy Orange, Yaa Gyasi and Jhumpa Lahiri who want to rise to the middle class, to political power, to gain fame in the film industry and how their lives changed in Indian society.

ii. The book was published on 2nd June 2020 by Knopf Doubleday publishing Group.

About Megha Majumdar:

i. She moved to the United States and studied at **Harvard University** where she was a Truab Scholar.

ii. She did social anthropology at **John Hopkins University**.

iii. She works as an associate editor at **Catapult**.

Sustainable Gastronomy Day 2020 – June 18



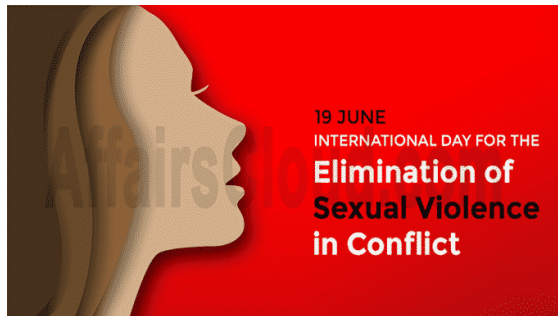
i. June 18th of every year is observed as the sustainable gastronomy day to celebrate seasonal ingredients and producers, preserve wildlife and culinary traditions.

ii. On this day, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) in collaboration

with the United Nations organisations and their member states works to create an awareness to the general public on their contribution in sustainable development.

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2020 – June 19

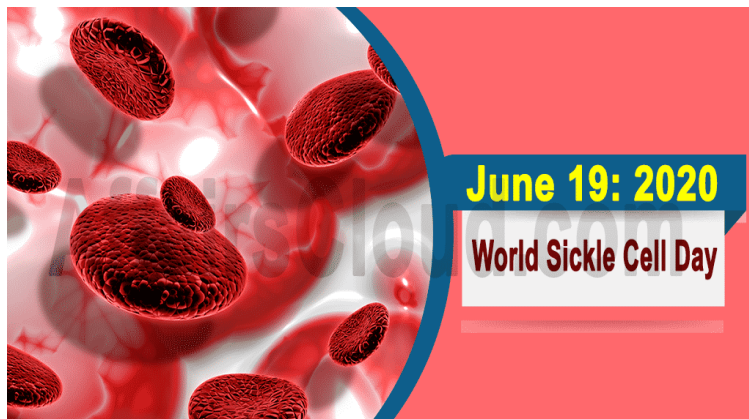
19th June 2020 marks the **6th international day for the elimination of sexual**



violence in conflict which is observed every year to create awareness about the conflict related sexual violence. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) in **2015**.

Note – There is no theme for International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2020. The 19th was chosen to commemorate the resolution 1820(2008) adopted by the Security Council on 19th June 2008 to condemn the sexual violence as an hindrance to peacebuilding.

World Sickle Cell Day 2020: June 19



Every year on June 19 the World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed to increase public knowledge & understanding about sickle cell disease. The day also aims to put forth the challenges faced by these patients, their families and caregivers.

Background

i.World Sickle Cell Day was 1st organised by the United Nation General Assembly in the year 2008 to recognise sickle cell disease as a public health problem.

ii.The 1st day was celebrated on June 19, 2009.

Formal Jobs in India Increases by 28.6% to 78.58 Lakh in 2019-20: EPFO



**Formal Employment
Rise by 28.6%
2019-2020**

According to the payroll data of EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation), an organization tasked to assist the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund, the formal employment in India saw an **28.6 %** increase at **78.58 lakh** in **2019-20** as

compared to only 61.12 lakh added in 2018-19.

India elected for 8th term as non-permanent member of UN Security Council for 2021 & 2022; will hold presidency in August, 2021



India was elected unopposed for an 8th term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for two years (i.e. 2021 & 2022) starting January 2021 by gaining 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Along with India, Mexico, Ireland, Kenya and Norway were also

elected. India was the only candidate for the lone seat from the Asia-Pacific category. India has previously been elected as a non-permanent member of the Council for the years 1950 & 1951, 1967 & 1968, 1972 & 1973, 1977 & 1978, 1984 & 1985, 1991 & 1992 and most recently in 2011 & 2012.

-India will serve as the **president** of the powerful 15-nation UN body for the month of **August, 2021** & once again it will serve as the president for 1 month in the year 2022. **List of 5 Countries whose 2 year term will end by December 2020:** Belgium, Dominican Republic, Germany, Indonesia and South Africa.

–**List of 5 Countries whose 2 year term will end by December 2021:** Estonia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, and Vietnam.

Also India's approach will be guided by "**Five S's**", as set out by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi viz:

- Samman (Respect)

- Samvad (Dialogue)
- Sahyog (Cooperation)
- Shanti (Peace), to create conditions for universal;
- Samriddhi (Prosperity).

Kubatbek Boronov Appointed as Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister



On June 17, 2020 **Kubatbek Boronov**(55) was appointed as **Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister**. Kyrgyzstan's President **Sooronbai Jeenbekov** signed an order to appoint him. He succeeded **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyiev** who resigned on June 15 following accusations

of corruption.

Key Points

- i. Kyrgyzstan's parliament approved the candidacy of Kubatbek Boronov with 105 votes out of 116.
- ii. Kubatbek Boronov has served as the first deputy prime minister (since April 2018) in the previous cabinet and also was the former Emergency Minister (from 2011 to 2018)
- iii. Kyrgyzstan parliamentary elections are expected to take place in October 2020.
- iv. Since 2010, the country had 9 different prime ministers including Kubatbek Boronov.

Volkan Bozkir Becomes the 1st Turkish to be Elected as the President of 75th UN General Assembly

Volkan Bozkir(69) from Turkey was elected as the **president** of the **75th United Nations(UN) General Assembly**. He is the **1st turkish** to hold this post. He will hold the post for 1 year. Volkan Bozkir will succeed **Tijjani Muhammad-Bande** when the annual session opens on September 15, 2020.



- He won unopposed with the support of 178 UN member states by secret ballot.

Gist about Volkan Bozkir:

i. Volkan Bozkir currently serving as a Justice and Development (AK) Party lawmaker from Istanbul and head of the Turkish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

ii. He was elected to the Turkish Legislature in 2011 after nearly 40 years in foreign service, including in Germany, Iraq, New York and Romania.

iii. He was Turkey's consul-general in New York between 1989 and 1992, permanent representative to the EU from 2005 to 2009.

iv. He also served as Turkey's Minister of European Affairs and Chief Negotiator.

India 2nd Major Driver of Global Energy Consumption in 2019 After China: 69th Edition of BP Statistical Review 2020



According to the 69th edition of “**Statistical Review of World Energy 2020**”, which collects and analyses energy data for 2019, released by UK (United Kingdom) based oil and gas company BP plc, **India** was the **2nd** major market after China to increase **primary**

energy consumption in the year 2019.

- Primary energy consumption comes under total energy consumption, which also includes oil, natural gas, coal, electricity, carbon emissions, renewables, hydro and nuclear energy.

India's position at total energy consumption: On the other hand, India's energy consumption in 2019 was the third largest (34.06 EJ-an increase of 2.3%) only after China (141.70 EJ) and United States (94.65 EJ). Despite, the rate of growth in energy consumption in the year 2019 has been slower than in 2018.

Indian Economy to contract by 4% in 2020-21: ADB Forecast

In accordance with the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) by Asian Development Bank (ADB), for FY20-21, Indian economy is projected to



contract by 4% in fiscal year (FY) 2020, ending on 31 March 2021, before growing 5.0% in FY2021.

- For Countries in ‘**Developing Asia**’, ADB forecasted growth of 0.1% in 2020. Excluding the newly industrialised economies of

Hong Kong, China; the Republic of Korea; Singapore; and Taipei, China, Developing Asia’s growth predicted at 0.4% this year and 6.6% in 2021.

- ‘Developing Asia’ refers to a group of over 40 countries that are members of the ADB.
- The growth of **South-Asia** is predicted to contract by 3% in 2020, in comparison to 4.1% growth predicted in April, 2020. For FY21-22, growth prospects revised down to 4.9% from 6%.