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PM Modi launched Rs 50,000 cr Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan to boost employment and livelihood for migrant workers



An employment -cum- rural public works Campaign for 67 lakh migrant workers titled “Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)” has been launched for 6 states viz. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh (UP), Madhya Pradesh (MP), Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the lines of the announcement made in Rs

20 Lakh crore Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The outlay of this campaign is **Rs 50,000 Crores** and the **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** is the nodal Ministry for its implementation.

- GKRA was launched via video conference from village Telihar, Block Beldaur, **district Khagariab Bihar** in the presence of Chief Ministers (CMs) of five states viz. Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh), Yogi Adityanth (Uttar Pradesh), Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan), Hemant Soren (Jharkhand) and a minister from Odisha, among others.

Difference between MGNREGS and GKRA

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) ensures 100 days of employment per household in a year whereas GKRA is a one-time scheme of 125 days for providing employment to migrant workers who returned during the lockdown near their villages.

SC on Writ Petition Concerning Rule of Law Index

The Supreme Court asked the government to treat a writ petition, for setting up expert panels to improve India’s performance in the Rule of Law Index, as a “representation” and to decide further action within 6 months’ time.I

India was Ranked 69th in the **WJP Rule of Law Index 2020**

Petitioners Argument

The petitioner had claimed that the nation’s ranking in the Index “confirms poor performance in eight sectors – constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, public order and security, regulatory enforcement and civil and criminal justice”.

Country	Overall Score	Global Rank
India	0.51	69
Denmark	0.90	1
Norway	0.89	2
Finland	0.87	3
Congo	0.34	126
Cambodia	0.33	127
Venezuela	0.27	128

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen wins 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade



Indian economist, philosopher and Nobel Laureate **Amartya Kumar Sen (86)** has been selected for **2020 Peace Prize** by the Board of Trustees of the Peace Prize of the **German Book Trade** for his decades-long work around issues of global justice.

Peace Prize of the German Book Trade :

- Every year since 1950, the German Book Trade Peace Prize has been given. In addition to the title, the winner is also given a cash prize of €25,000 euros (\$28,000).
- Its goal is to honor those individuals who, with their outstanding work in the fields of literature, science and art, make a big contribution in making the ideas of peace come true.

Tata's Natarajan Chandrasekaran Re-nominated as a Part-Time Non-Official Director on RBI Central board



On June 21, 2020 As per Reserve Bank of India(RBI)'s notification, **Chairman of the Board of Tata Sons**(since January 2017), **Natarajan Chandrasekaran** has been re-nominated as a **Part-Time Non-Official Director on RBI Central board** for 2 years from 3rd March 2020 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

The government had 1st nominated him as the Director on RBI Central board for 4 years from March 4, 2016.

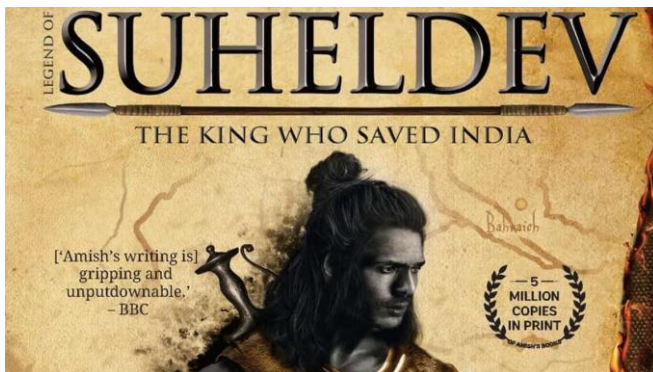
ISRO Receives Patent for Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment for Astronauts



The ISRO has initiated a 10,000 crore project- Gaganyaan to send humans to space by 2020, in accordance to which, ISRO has received a patent for its **Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment (LCHG)** for astronauts to use in space for protection from hot and **i.Design:**

It is designed for long term use without any impact on the wearer in terms of skin irritation or infection and is low in cost of manufacture according to specifications filed by the organisation with the **Patent office in 2016.**

Amish Tripathi Released the Book "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India"

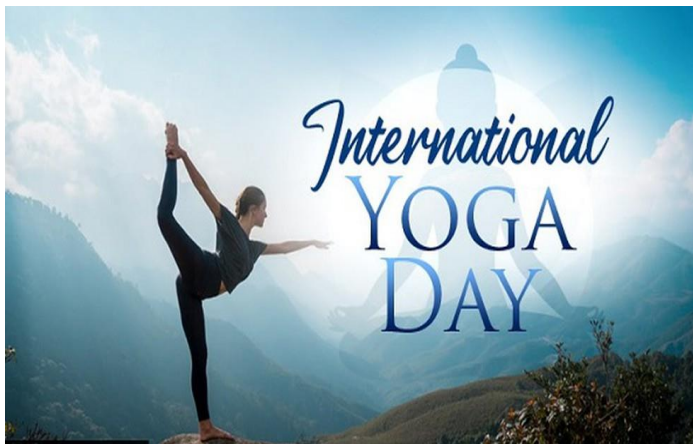


Best-selling author and the Director of Nehru Centre, London(since 2019) **Amish Tripathi** released his fiction book, "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India". The book is published by **Westland Publications Pvt Ltd.**

Essence of the book:

The book is about the **Indian King Suheldev** who struggles to defend his homeland, makes tremendous personal sacrifices, shows glorious leadership & unites everyone in the country irrespective of their religion, caste, region, or status in society. His 1st book is 'The Immortals of Meluha', which is also the 1st book of Shiva Trilogy.

International Day of Yoga 2020 – June 21



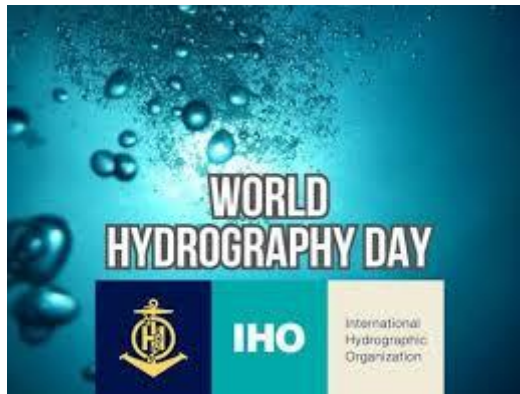
21st June 2020 marks the 6th annual United Nations(UN) International Day of Yoga (IDY) to raise awareness about the benefits of practicing yoga and to educate the public on the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle to achieve good health. The first IDY was celebrated on 21st June 2015. UN declared IDY

2020 theme as "Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home" Ministry of AYUSH in India is promoting IDY 2020 with the theme as "Yoga at Home – Yoga with Family"

Background: i. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 21st as International day of yoga by the resolution A/RES/69/131 on 11th December 2014.

ii. The proposal for establishing the IDY was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the opening of General Assembly's 69th session and 175 member states supported the proposal.

World Hydrographic Day 2020: June 21



- i. World Hydrographic Day is observed annually on June 21 to highlight the importance of hydrography & its relevance in our lives.
- ii. The day aims to increase the coverage of hydrographic information on a global basis, and urges all States to work with the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) to promote safe navigation.

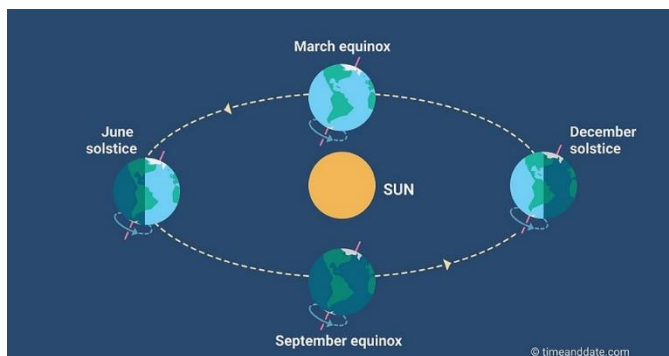
iii. **Theme of World Hydrographic Day 2020:** ‘Hydrography Enabling Autonomous Technologies’

About IHO:

Headquarters– Monaco

Secretary General– Mathias Jonas(Germany)

International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice 2020 – 21 June



- i. Every year, the United Nations (UNs) International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice is globally observed on 21st June to create awareness about the solstices and equinoxes and their cultural and religious significance.
- ii. The United Nations General

Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed the 21st June as the International Day of the Celebration of the Solstices in its resolution A/RES/73/300 on 20th June 2019.

World Music Day 2020: June 21



World Music Day (Fête de la Musique) is celebrated annually on June 21 around the world to honour amateur and professional musicians. The day aims to provide free music to everyone & to promote peace and spread goodwill through music.



Background

i. The Fête de la Musique, a music festival was launched in 1982, on the occasion of the Summer Solstice (21 June) to celebrate music through street performances and free concerts.

ii. Since then it has gradually spread to many countries and is now also known as World Music Day.

iii. The day is founded by France's Minister of Culture, Jack Lang; French composer, music journalist, radio producer, arts administrator, and festival organiser- Maurice Fleuret