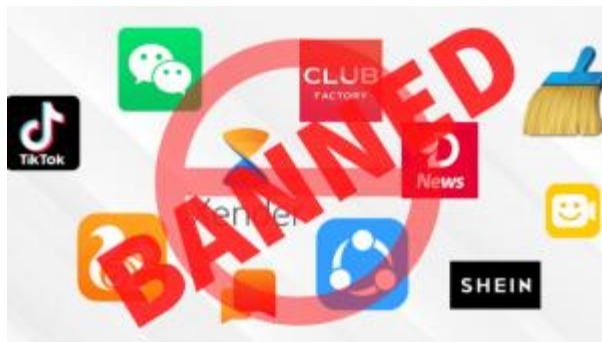


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Government bans 59 Chinese mobile apps prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India



The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), invoking its power under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the **Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of**

Information by Public) **Rules 2009** has decided to ban 59 apps due to their activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.

- It should be noted that all of the blocked apps are **Chinese** including popular ones such as TikTok, Helo, WeChat, UC Browser, Shareit and CamScanner.
- This move comes at a time of rising tensions between India and China following clashes at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- This decision also followed the exhaustive recommendations of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for blocking these malicious apps.

Background:

MEITY and Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) have received many complaints from various sources about misuse of some mobile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorized manner to servers which have locations outside India

5 years of PMAY (U), Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and AMRUT completed on June 25, 2020

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organized an online event to mark the 5th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana(Urban) (PMAY-U), Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). The event addressed by **Hardeep Singh Puri**,



Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs(I/C) organized to celebrate the achievements and boost implementation of the urban missions.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

Launched on June 5, 2015, AMRUT aims at ensuring universal coverage of drinking water supply and substantial improvement in coverage

and treatment capacities of sewerage across 500 cities, covering more than 60% of urban population.

Smart Cities Mission (SCM)

Launched on June 25, 2015, its objective is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens. ClimateSmart Cities and DataSmart Cities are two important programs under the Smart Cities Mission.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U)

Launched on June 25, 2015, the objective of PMAY-U is to provide pucca house to all eligible beneficiaries of Urban India by 2022 with the vision of ‘Housing for All’. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has received a validated demand of about 1.12 Cr houses under PMAY (U). Approvals for 1.05 Cr houses have already been sanctioned.

45.8 million Women Missing in India Over the Past 50 Years: UNFPA Report



According to the report, “State of World Population 2020: Against my will – Defying the practices that harm women and girls and undermine equality”, which focuses on gender biased sex selection (GBSS) and female genital mutilation (FGM), released by United Nations Population

Fund (UNFPA), India accounts for 45.8 million of the world’s 142.6

million “missing females” over the past 50 years & it has the highest number of missing women after China (72.3 million).

Former RBI Governor Chakravarthi Rangarajan Receives the First Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis Award on National Statistics Day



.On 29th June 2020, On account of National Statistics Day The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) presented the first Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis National Award in Official Statistics'2020 to Dr. Chakravarthi Rangarajan, Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India for his contribution to the National Statistical System(NSS).

Rangarajan received the Lifetime Achievement award for his contribution in providing solutions in the issues related to the estimation of national income..

KK Venugopal Reappointed as Attorney General of India for a Year & Tushar Mehta as Solicitor General for 3 Years



i.The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has approved the re-appointment of senior advocate **K.K. Venugopal** as **Attorney General of India** for a year, whose 3 year tenure ends in June 2020.

ii.Senior advocate **Tushar Mehta** as **Solicitor General** for a period of three years. K.K. Venugopal

succeeded Mukul Rohatgi on June 30, 2017. He is the 15th Attorney General of India.

Gudni Johannesson Re-elected as President of Iceland



Gudni Johannesson, president of Iceland was re-elected and won with **91% of votes** in the Presidential election.

Key Points:-

i) In 2016, Gudni became the **youngest president** of Iceland since Independence in 1944.

ii) He enjoyed a solid support from 76 to 86 percent throughout his first term.

iii) Iceland is the Second European country to hold polls during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Nitin Menon Becomes the 3rd Indian & Youngest Umpire to Enter ICC Elite Panel



i. **Nitin Menon** (36 years old) from India became the **youngest** member of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) **Elite Panel of Umpires**.

ii. He replaces Nigel Llong (England) for the upcoming 2020-21 season.

iii. He becomes the **3rd Indian umpire** to be

included in the ICC's after former captain Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Sundaram Ravi.

Liverpool wins the top-flight title in 2020 Premier League Championship



Liverpool won its 19th top-flight title of the 2020 Premier League Championship football tournament after Manchester City lost to Chelsea 2-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Key Points:

i. **Between 1973 and 1990** Liverpool won 11 Premier league championships and this is Liverpool's first title since 1989-90.

ii. On 24th June 2020, At Anfield, Liverpool won against Crystal Palace 4-0 moving within 2 points towards the title.

iii. Liverpool won the 19th title with the record of seven games left to play after Manchester City was defeated with a difference of 23 points.

iv. Liverpool won the title earlier than any other champions in the past breaking the record of five games by City and Manchester United.

v. The players of Liverpool including Alisson (goalkeeper), Virgil van Dijk (defender) and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (midfielder) celebrated together after the game.

International Day of Parliamentarism 2020: June 30



- i. United Nations (UN) **International Day of Parliamentarism** is observed annually on **June 30** to celebrate parliaments.
- ii. The day highlights the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the daily lives of people around the world. The year 2020 marks the **3rd edition** of the day.
- iii. The United Nations General

Assembly, in its resolution **A/RES/72/278** adopted the day. **The 1st International Day of Parliamentarism was celebrated in June 2018.**

International Asteroid Day 2020 – June 30



- i. United Nations International Asteroid Day is observed annually on 30th June of every year to create awareness about asteroids and the hazards of asteroid impacts and to organise events around the world to educate about the Near Earth Objects (NEO) and Asteroids.
- ii. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) designated 30th June as International Asteroid Day in the resolution A/RES/71/90 adopted in December 2016.

iii. June 30th is chosen to observe the international anniversary of the impact of "Tunguska" over Siberia, Russian Federation on 30th June 1908.