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Rajnath Singh e-Inaugurated Rs 43 cr Six Strategic Bridges in J&K; Built by Border Road Organisation



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On July 9, 2020, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated six strategic bridges in the border areas close to the International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) through video conferencing, from

New Delhi. These were built in a record time by the **Project Sampark of Border Road Organisation (BRO)**. The total outlay of the following bridges is **Rs 43 crore**:

- Tarnah-I Bridge (160m)
- Tarnah-II Bridge (300m)
- Palwan Bridge (91m)
- Ghodawala Bridge (151m)
- Pahadiwala Bridge (61m)
- Panyali Bridge (31m)

Of the above, the two bridges are located on the Tarnah Nallah in Kathua District while the other four are on Akhnoor-Pallanwala road in Akhnoor/Jammu district .

Key Points:

-These bridges would facilitate the movement of the Armed Forces in strategically important sectors and also contribute towards the overall economic growth of remote border areas.

-They were constructed through the segmental technique of construction and it would be an alternate route to NH 44 from Pathankot, Punjab to Jammu benefiting four lakh people in 217 villages.



-The annual budget of the BRO raised to Rs 8,050 crore in 2019-2020 and for 2020-2021 it is likely to be **Rs 11,800 crore** in order to improve infrastructure in border areas.

Cabinet approvals on July 8, 2020

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the following proposals on July 8, 2020:

Cabinet approved Rs. 1 Lakh cr financing facility under ‘Agriculture Infrastructure Fund’

As a part of the Rs 20 lakh crore “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan” announced in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Union Cabinet has given its approval to a **10 years long** (FY2020 to FY2029) pan India Central Sector Scheme namely “Agriculture Infrastructure Fund” with an outlay of **Rs. 1 Lakh Crore** in order to support agri-entrepreneurs, start-ups, agri-tech players and farmer groups for infrastructure and logistics facilities. Under this, the total outflow as budgetary support from Government of India (GoI) will be **Rs.10,736 crore**.

All loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore for a maximum period of **7 years**.

- Rs. 1 Lakh cr will be disbursed in 4 years starting with sanction of Rs. 10,000 crore in the current year and Rs. 30,000 crore each in next three financial years.
- Cabinet approved Rs.12,450 crore capital infusion for 3 Public Sector General Insurance Companies – OICL, NICL & UIICL; their merger halted
- Cabinet approved extension of EPF contribution of 24% for another three months from June to August 2020 under PMGKY
- Cabinet approves developing of Rs 600 crore Affordable rental housing Complexes for urban migrants / poor
- Cabinet approved 3 months extension of “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana- Ujjwala” for beneficiaries w.e.f. 01.07.2020
- Cabinet approves extension of PMGKAY for 5 months; distribution of free of cost Whole Chana from July to November, 2020

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India Ranked 8th for Cancer Preparedness among 10 Asia-Pacific Countries; Australia Tops: EIU Report



i. In accordance with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report on “Cancer preparedness in Asia-Pacific: Progress towards universal cancer control”, India has been ranked eighth with an overall score of 51.6 for cancer preparedness among 10 Asia-Pacific countries.

ii. The report sponsored by Roche, examined the findings from the EIU’s Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) which was created upon the findings of the global ICP (evaluated 28 countries based on 45 separate indicators).

iii. The 10 Asia-Pacific countries included in this report were — Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

Global economy to contract by 5.2 pc in 2020: Report



In accordance with the Dun and Bradstreet’s (D&B) Country Risk and Global Outlook Report, which has covered 132 countries, the global economy is likely to contract by 5.2% in 2020. This is the biggest decline since the Second World War and a far stronger contraction than

the 1.7% recorded in 2009 during the global financial crisis. As per report, the global economy will not reach pre-pandemic levels of activity again before 2022.

Indian Front:

-India’s economy is expected to contract this fiscal year after four decades of positive growth.

-In March, 2020 D&B downgraded India’s rating to DB5c from DB4d, stating

the magnitude of downgrade and the risk level highest since 1994.

-DB5 means high risk and denotes that considerable uncertainty is associated with expected returns. Businesses are advised to limit their exposure and/or select high risk transactions only.

Veteran Actor-Comedian Jagdeep passed away at 81



Veteran Bollywood actor-comedian Jagdeep passed away at 81 in his Bandra residence, Mumbai. His real name is Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri. He is recognised for his role as Soorma Bhopali in the film “Sholay” and for his expression ‘khambha ukhadke’. He was born on March 29, 1939 in Datia, Madhya

Pradesh(MP).

Gist about Jadeep

Debut- Jagdeep debuted in cinema as a child artist in Afsana(1951), which is also the directorial debut of filmmaker B.R. Chopra.

Well known– He is famous for his comic timing in films.

Total films- In his career span he has worked in more than 400 films which include, ‘Ab Dilli Door Nahin’, K. A. Abbas’s ‘Munna’, Guru Dutt’s ‘Aar Paar’, Bimal Roy’s ‘Do Bigha Zamin’ and AVM’s ‘Hum Panchi Ek Dal Ke’ among others.

Memorable roles- His memorable roles include Purana Mandir(1984) and in Andaz Apna Apna(1994) as Salman Khan’s father and Subedar Ramaiyah in China Gate (1998), among others.

Direction- He directed Soorma Bhopali(1988), which is based on his own character from Sholay.