

## PM announced extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana till November, 2020



i. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended from July, 2020 till the end of November 2020, with an outlay of more than Rs 90,000 crore.

ii. In this regard, more than 80 crore people will be provided 5 kg free wheat or rice per month along with 1 kg free whole chana (pulses) to each family per month.

iii. Centre has provided a total of **116.34 lakh metric tonne (LMT)** food grains for the April-June period. Notably, Government of India is bearing 100% financial burden of approximately Rs. 46,000 crores for food grains and approximately Rs 5,000 crore for pulses under PMGKAY.

## India, Japan Hold PASSEX Naval Exercise to Promote Understanding in Indian Ocean



i. In order to promote mutual understanding, Indian Navy and Japanese Navy (Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force) have conducted a day long Naval Exercise for tactical and communications training, towards the Malacca Strait in

the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

ii. The overall content of this PASSEX (passing exercise) was goodwill training

and to promote understanding.

**iii.Participants:** The exercise consisted of four warships viz. Rajput-class destroyer **INS** (Indian Naval Ship) **Rana** and Kora-class missile corvette **INS Kulish** of Indian Navy and **JS Kashima** (TV 3508) and **JS Shimayuki** (TV 3513) of JMSDF’s training squadron.

### Government Declares Entire Nagaland ‘Disturbed Area’ for 6 more Months Under AFSPA Act 1958



The Government of India declared the entire Nagaland as a “disturbed area” for another six months from 30 June, 2020 to 31, December, 2020 by exercising the

powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (No.28 of 1958).

#### Key Points:-

- Nagaland was under Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) for almost 6 decades, and was not withdrawn even after a framework agreement was signed in August 2015.
- AFSPA is slammed by civil society groups as “draconian” came, among deteriorating law and order situation.
- The AFSPA gives powers to the armed forces to arrest, and to open fire if it is necessary for maintaining public order.

#### About Nagaland:-

**Capital:** Kohima

**Chief Minister:** Neiphiu Rio

### Giriraj Singh Launches the 1st Edition of “Matsya Sampada” – Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter



On 30th June 2020, Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, launched the 1st edition of “Matsya Sampada” – newsletter fisheries and aquaculture published by the Department of

Fisheries and the operational guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

### PMMSY:

The PMMSY flagship scheme was launched by the Government of India in May 2020 with Rs.20050 crore as investment.

The scheme focuses on the sustainable and responsible development in the sector of Fisheries and aquaculture.

PMMSY is the largest investment in the fisheries sector with more than 100 activities.

## Government to release commemorative stamp to honour former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao



On June 29, 2020 Government announced that it will release **commemorative stamp** to honour former Prime Minister **PV Narasimha Rao**. He is regarded as the ‘Father of Indian Economic Reforms’. He was born on June 28, 1921 in Warangal.

### Key info about PV Narasimha

#### Rao

- i. PV Narasimha Rao served as 9th prime minister from 1991 to 1996.
- ii. He is the only non-Gandhi who completed a full term as prime minister. He was also the 1st prime minister of the country to hail from South India.
- iii. His 100th birth anniversary was celebrated on June 28, 2020.

### What is a commemorative stamp?



It is a limited-issue postal stamp to commemorate a place, event, person, or object of historical importance. This stamp is owned by collectors and sold privately through auctions and online

## UNGA President Tijjani Muhammad-Bande Launched ‘Alliance for Poverty Eradication’; India Joins as Founding Member



On 30 June, India became a founding member of the United Nations (UN)'s 'Alliance for Poverty eradication' launched by Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

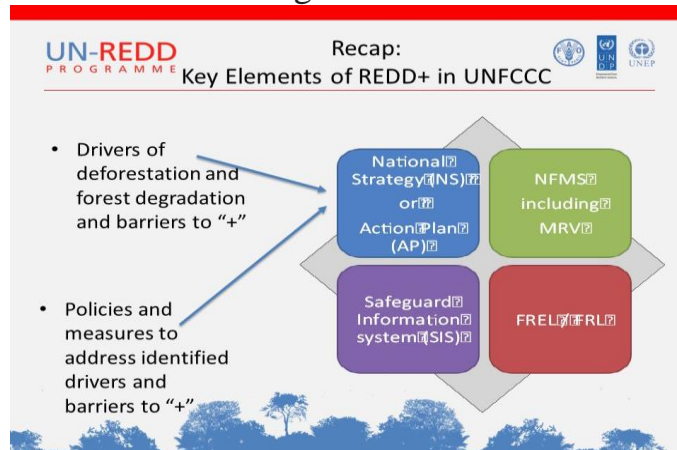
**Objective:** – It aims to focus on efforts to boost the global economy and eradicate poverty

after COVID 19 pandemic.

**Key Points:-** Over 271 million people of India have moved out of poverty between 2006 to 2016, according to the United Nations Development Programme. Approximately 2.1 billion people are classified as poor across the globe, among which 767 million are living in extreme poverty.

## Uganda, First African Country to Submit Results of REDD+ to UNFCCC

On 24th June 2020, Uganda became the first African country to submit the results for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest



Degradation (**REDD+**) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**), which has opened the way for potential results based payments to Uganda.

The submitted documents will help Uganda to claim the funds

through the **Green Climate Fund's** forest conservation scheme

**REDD+ results:**

In the documents prepared by the Ministry of Water and Environment, the REDD+ Secretariat and National Forestry Authority, Uganda claims that Uganda has reduced the carbon dioxide emission by 8070694 tonnes for 2015-2017. Deforestation was reduced from an average of 50,147 hectares(ha) per year over the 15-year reference period (2000-2015) to 28,095 ha per year over the 2-year results period (2015-2017).

**About REDD+:**

UNFCCC developed the Redd+ mechanism to reduce the emissions due to deforestation and forest degradation.

**About UNFCCC:**

**Executive Secretary**– Patricia Espinosa (Mexico)

**Headquarters**– Bonn, Germany

**World Bank Approves USD 750 Million MSME Emergency Response Program for India**



**i. The World Bank** approved a **USD 750 million** Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) **Emergency Response Program** to support severely impacted MSMEs in India due to COVID-19

crisis.

**ii.** The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) will provide the loan.

**iii.** This program will address the immediate liquidity and credit needs of around 1.5 million applicable MSMEs.

**iv. Maturity Period of the loan**– The loan has a maturity of 19 years including a 5-year grace period.

## Fitch Slashes India's Growth Forecast For FY22 to 8%; Projects Contraction at 5% For FY21



**Fitch Ratings Inc** in its June 2020 update of **Global Economic Outlook (GEO)**, has lowered India's growth forecast for **FY 2021-22** to **8%** from 9.5 % projected in may 2020 due to the toughest lockdown imposed by

the central government to prevent the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). However, Fitch has not made any change in its previous estimate of a 5% decline in the economy during the current financial year (FY 2020-21).

## All Rounder Ravinder Jadeja Named the Most Valuable Player of India by Wisden



Spin bowling all rounder, 31 years old Ravinder Jadeja, was named **India's Most Valuable Player(MVP)** of the 21st century by Wisden for his contribution in both batting and fielding.

Jadeja's MVP rating is around **97.3** which is second only to

Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka making him the **second most Valuable Test Player** of the 12th Century.

## Ravinder Bhakar Assumes Charge as CEO of Central Board of Films Certification

**i.** Ravinder Bhakar, a 1999 batch officer of Indian Railway Stores Service(IRSS), assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Central





Board of Films Certification(CBFC). He succeeds Anurag Srivastava.

ii.Prior to this appointment Ravinder Bhakar served as the Secretary & Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railways. He also served as an Indian Engineering Services officer.

#### **About CBFC:**

**Headquarters**– Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Chairperson**– Prasoon Josh

### **Shrikant Madhav Vaidya Assumes Charge as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation**



On July 1, 2020 Shrikant Madhav(S M) Vaidya assumed charge as the chairman of Indian Oil Corporation(IOC). He succeeds Sanjiv Singh who has superannuated.

#### **About Shrikant Madhav Vaidya** **Other additional post**

i.In addition to the post, he will serve as the Chairman of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, refining subsidiary of IndianOil, and Indian Oiltanking Ltd, a joint venture.

ii.He will also be on the Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Ltd board, a joint venture setting up fertiliser plants.

iii.He is on the board of Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd, will take over as its Chairman. He will also be a Director on the Board of Petronet LNG Limited.

#### **Key info**

i.Prior to this elevation he had been Director (Refineries) on the IndianOil Board since October 2019.

ii.He has a decade-long association with the Panipat Naphtha Cracker Complex, India's largest cracker plant.

## Hindi Literature Writer Priyamvad's New Book, 'Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhwaniyan' to Release in 2021

Hindi literature writer **Priyamvad** to release his new book, '**Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhwaniyan**' in **2021**. The book is published by Penguin Random House India's Indian language publishing division, **Hind Pocket Books**.

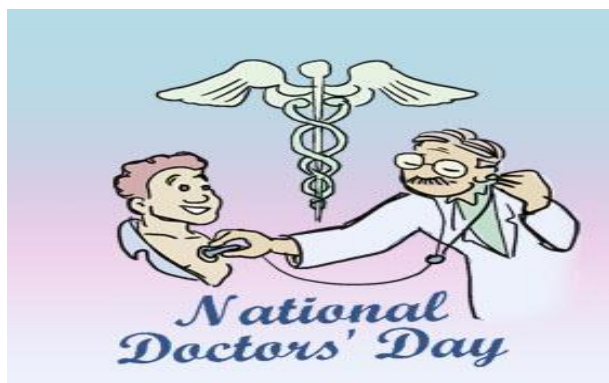
### Essence of the book

- i. The book focuses on post-independence India & traces the country's political disruption at the time.
- ii. The book covers the events in 2 parts as follows, 1st part- from January 26, 1950 to June 12, 1975; 2nd part- from June 12, 1975 to January 14, 1980.
- iii. It tries to portray the voices, events and persons, through which the present democratic scenario is reached.

### About Priyamvad

i. His best known Novel, Story collection and History are as follows:  
Novel- They Are Imprisoned There, Shadow Dance, Holiday Chorus; Story Collection- An Unholy Tree, Rabbit, A Story of Falgun, Mirror and History- The Tale of the Partition of India

## National Doctors Day 2020 – July 1



i. India Celebrates July 1st as the National Doctors Day to honour the doctors and physicians and to recognise their 24×7 service to the society and to express gratitude towards the professionals of the medical sector for their service.

ii. Indian Medical

Association(IMA) observed the first National Doctors Day on 1st July 1991.

iii. The theme of 2020 Doctors Day is “**Lessen the Mortality of COVID-19**” India marks July 1st as the National Doctors Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Chief Minister of West Bengal **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, the pioneer of the medical practice in India and to recognise his contribution to the health care sector who was honoured with the **Bharat Ratna** in 1961.