

## Most Important News of the Month for Competitive Exams

SOCIAL	ECONOMY	POLITY
Himachal becomes first Indian state having 100% Household with LPG connections.	World Bank provides \$400 million to enhance support for rejuvenating river Ganga.	DST launches Indo-Russia Joint Technology Assessment & Accelerated Commercialization programme.
CDSCO announces to take up clinical trials of Covid-19 vaccine, COVISHIELD developed by Oxford University.	UNICEF India announces its partnership with FICCI for Reimagine Campaign.	PM delivers a keynote address virtually at High-Level Segment of the UN ECOSOC session in New York.
Bhumi puja of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will be on August 5. PM to lay the foundation stone of the Mandir at Ram Janmabhoomi.	Union Government in collaboration with World Bank decides to convert ravines in Gwalior-Chambal belt into cultivable land.	Sustainable Growth Pillar India Energy Modelling Forum Launched as part of India-US Strategic Energy Partnership.
World's most affordable RT-PCR based Covid-19 diagnostic kit - 'Corosure' developed by IIT Delhi and approved by the ICMR and DCGI.	Union Government plans to modify IIFCL into a DFI by increasing its equity capital by ₹ 15,000 crore.	Marathon meeting of the Lieutenant General-level commanders of India & China concludes indicating positive progress on troop- withdrawal & war-waging equipment from LAC.
According to Global Forest Resources Assessment report India ranked 3rd among Top 10 countries where forest cover has increased between 2010 - 2020.	India and European Union renewed their agreement on scientific and technological cooperation for the next five years. The agreement was signed in 2001 and renewed earlier in 2007 and 2015.	India establishes "air bubble" arrangements with US, France, Germany and UK.
DCGI gives approval to the first fully indigenously developed Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine developed by Serum Institute of India.	India's wealthiest woman Roshni Nadar becomes Chairperson of HCL.	First time the Indian Railways loaded special Parcel train beyond the country borders to Bangladesh.
Kerala becomes first state in country to confirm the community transmission of Covid-19.	India Ratings and Research predicts India's fiscal deficit to increase to 7.6% in financial year 2020-21.	Indian Army opens Siachen Valley for the civilians amidst LAC standoff.
The first set of 5 Rafale aircrafts landed in Ambala air base to join Indian Air Force.	NTPC wins CII-ITC Sustainability Award-2019.	MeitY, bans more than 100 Chinese mobile apps including TikTok, Shareit, Weibo, etc.
Union Cabinet approves National Education Policy 2020, paving way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country.	Qualcomm Ventures announces to invest ₹ 730 crore in Jio Platforms.	The 15th summit between India and the EU was held via video conference.
Total Covid-19 cases in the country crosses 18 lakh. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka are worst affected.	Swiggy-ICICI launches Instant Digital Wallet, 'Swiggy Money' as a 'single-click checkout experience' and industry- first instant digital wallet.	Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh tops Niti Aayog's delta ranking of Aspirational districts for Feb-June 2020. Ri-Bhoi (Meghalaya) and Bahraich (UP) placed at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

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