

# Week 3 Current Affairs Update

15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

## EVENTS

### NATIONAL

#### POLICIES & SCHEMES

#### TWO SCHEMES LAUNCHED IN BIHAR FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN



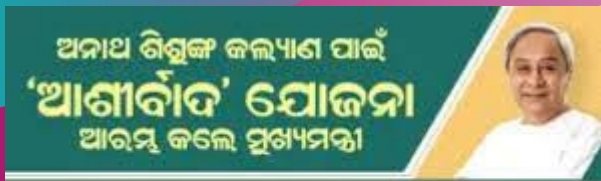
**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

The Chief Minister of Bihar Nitish Kumar launched two ambitious schemes to support the youth and women of the state.

#### Key points:

- The two schemes are: (1) 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna' (2) 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojna'.
- Main objective of both the schemes is to promote entrepreneurship among youth and women of all sections under the state's 'Mukhaya Mantri Udyami Yojna' scheme.
- Under the 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna', the unemployed youth of the state, will be granted Rs 10 lakh support to commence an enterprise or industry or business. Out of Rs 10 lakhs, Rs 5 lakh will be the subsidy amount and the remaining Rs 5 lakh will be the loan amount having the simple interest of 1% which is to return in instalments.
- Under 'Mukhaya Mantri Udyami Yojna', the unemployed women of the state will be granted Rs 10 lakh support to commence an enterprise or industry or business. Out of Rs 10 lakhs, Rs 5 lakh will be the subsidy amount that women do not have to return and the remaining Rs 5 lakh will be an interest-free loan.

## ‘ASHIRBAD’ SCHEME – ODISHA



### Odisha Ashirbad Yojana

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik launched the ‘Ashirbad’ Scheme.

#### Key Points:

- The scheme aims to provide financial support to the orphan children of the state who have lost either or both parents due to Coronavirus.
- Under the scheme, Rs 2,500 per month will be provided to the children who have lost both parents due to coronavirus and Rs 1500 per month to those who have lost a single parent due to the coronavirus on or after 1st April 2020.
- The amount will be transferred to the bank accounts of the guardians or caretakers of such children. The amount will be transferred till they attain the age of 18.
- Children will be able to avail benefits under the state’s green passage scheme for higher education, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana which will allow them to avail free medical services, central and state food security scheme.

## ‘MUKHYAMANTRI COVID-19 PARIWAR AARTHIK SAHAYATA YOJANA’



**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

The government of Delhi launched ‘Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana’.

## Key Points:

- The yojana aims to grant financial assistance to the families who lost a member due to Coronavirus.
- Under the scheme Rs, 50,000 ex-gratia will be given to such families along with additional Rs 2,500 per month if the deceased was the sole breadwinner.
- Also the CM of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal assured to provide free education and financial assistance to children who have lost one or both parents.
- Also, the government will consider a single member of the affected family to be enrolled as a civil defence volunteer.
- There is no income criterion to apply to get ex-gratia under this scheme, but the deceased and dependant must be from Delhi.

## EDUCATION

### TRIBAL MINISTRY PARTNERED WITH NCERT

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**Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has joined hands with NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training).

## Key Points:

- They have collaborated to fulfil the objective of the ministry to attain academic excellence in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs).
- Both the entities will attain excellence among 120 EMRS teachers and principals of 3 states which completed 40 days' NISHTHA programme called as National initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement Program.
- They will work for NISHTHA Capacity Building Programme for EMRS Principals and Teachers.
- They will also develop competencies among teachers and school principals and will work to improve the quality of education through Integrated Teacher Training.

## ECONOMY

### INDIA – 5TH LARGEST RECIPIENT OF FDI IN 2020



**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

As per the UN Report, named as World Investment Report 2021 which was released by UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India is the 5th largest recipient of inflows in the world for 2020.

#### Key Points:

- India received USD 64 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2020, and thus is placed at 5th position for the same.
- Also as per the report, there is an increase of 27% to USD 64 billion in 2020 from USD 51 billion in 2019. The increase is due to the acquisitions in the information and communication technology (ICT) industry.
- The global FDI has reduced by 35% in 2020 i.e. to USD 1 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion in 2019.
- The United States remained at 1st position for the largest recipient of FDI in 2020. The 2nd position was marked by China for being the largest recipient of FDI in 2020.

## HEALTHCARE

### ICMED 13485 PLUS



**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

The Quality Council of India (QCI) has launched 'Indian Certification of Medical Devices 13485 PLUS Scheme (ICMED 13485 PLUS)'.



## Key Points:

- It was launched to perform verification of medical devices in the areas like quality, safety and effectiveness.
- The latest scheme is the upgraded version of the ICMED scheme which was launched in 2016 to certify medical devices.
- The upgraded version was drafted by QCI and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD).
- Under the scheme, quality management systems and product certification standards are integrated to have regulatory norms.

## INTERNATIONAL

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### US-INDIA HYDROGEN TASK FORCE



**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

India and the United States jointly launched a Hydrogen Task Force.

## Key Points:

- The hydrogen task force was launched under their Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) to enhance India's energy security efforts.
- The announcement for the same was made by US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- The US-India Hydrogen Task Force was launched by the United States Department of Energy, Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the USISPF.
- The task force will be the representing platform for industries, stakeholders and will allow accessibility to the technology, innovative policy reforms and will allow recommendations as well.

## INDIA AND FIJI SIGNED MOU



**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

India and Fiji entered into an MoU agreement to develop cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

### **Key Points:**

- The MoU was signed by the Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar and Fiji's Minister of Agriculture, Waterways & Environment Mahendra Reddy in a virtual manner.
- The tenure of MoU is 5 years and will prove to be a milestone in strengthening the multi-faceted cooperation between both nations.
- The MoU will impart cooperation in the areas like dairy and rice industry development, root crop diversification, water resources management, coconut industry development, food processing industry development, agriculture mechanisation, horticulture industry Development, Agri research, Animal Husbandry, pest and disease, value addition and marketing, post-harvest and milling, breeding and agronomy.
- The execution of the MoU will be undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India and the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Republic of Fiji.



# PEOPLE

## NATIONAL

### AWARDS & HONORS

#### KK SHAILAJA



**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

**Why in news:** Awarded with the CEU open society prize 2021.

#### **Key Points:**

- The Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize for 2021 has been awarded to KK Shailaja, the former Health Minister of Kerala.
- The award was presented to her in recognition of “her determined leadership and community-based public health work, saving lives during the pandemic”.
- She demonstrates to the world that determined leadership, community-based public health and effective communication can save lives.
- The CEU’ Open Society Prize is awarded annually to an individual or organisation “whose achievements have contributed substantially to the creation of an open society”.

APPOINTMENTS

**EBRAHIM RAISI**



**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

**Why in news:** Won the 2021 Iranian presidential election.

**Key Points:**

- Ebrahim Raisi has won the 2021 Iranian presidential election, winning 62 per cent of the vote with about 90 per cent of ballots counted.
- The 60-year-old Raisi will succeed Hassan Rouhani in August 2021, to begin his four-year term.
- He is the Chief Justice of Iran since March 2019.





# ISSUES

## NATIONAL

### ENVIRONMENT

#### SEA LEVELS TO RISE AROUND LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING



**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

#### **Key Highlights:**

- Recently, a study has projected that sea levels will rise around Lakshadweep Islands due to the impact of global warming.
- This is for the first time that climate model projections were used to assess the potential areas of inundation over the archipelago of Lakshadweep Islands in the Arabian Sea.
- According to the report it will affect airport and residential areas that are quite close to the present coastline.
- The study estimated that smaller islands Chetlat and Amini are expected to have major land-loss.
- The larger islands Minicoy and the capital Kavaratti are also vulnerable to sea-level rise, and expected to experience land-loss along 60% of the existing shoreline.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### INDIA ABSTAINS FROM VOTING ON UN'S MYANMAR RESOLUTION



**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

#### **Key Highlights:**

- India recently abstained from voting on the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA's) resolution for an arms embargo against Myanmar.
- 119 countries voted 'yes', Belarus voted 'no' and 36 countries abstained, including Myanmar's neighbors China and India, along with Russia.
- India said its views were not reflected in the draft resolution before the Assembly passed it.
- India also said it does not believe that the tabling of this resolution for adoption at this juncture, is "conducive to aiding the country's joint efforts towards strengthening the democratic process in Myanmar."
- The UN's resolution demonstrated widespread global opposition to the Myanmar military and demanded that the country's democratic transition be restored.



# IDIEAS

## NATIONAL

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### PM NARENDRA MODI LAUNCHED M-YOGA APP



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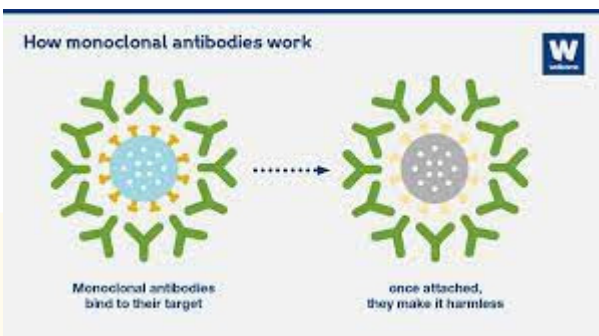
#### Key Features:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 7th International Yoga Day celebration has launched M-Yoga App.
- The app will consist of yoga training videos in different languages for people across the world.
- The app is launched by India in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Ayush.
- The videos will be based on the Common Yoga Protocol.

## INTERNATIONAL

### HEALTHCARE

#### MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES



**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

## Key Features:

- An experimental monoclonal antibody cocktail, REGEN-COV2, has been found to be a life-saving treatment for some of the most severely affected Covid-19 patients, results of a clinical trial in the UK have shown.
- Monoclonal antibodies are artificially created antibodies that aim to aid the body's natural immune system.
- They target a specific antigen — a protein from the pathogen that induces immune response.
- Monoclonal antibodies can be created in the lab by exposing white blood cells to a particular antigen.
- To increase the quantity of antibodies produced, a single white blood cell is cloned, which in turn is used to create identical copies of the antibodies.



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