



## 1. Government blocks 40 websites of pro-Khalistan group, stops 'Referendum 2020'

- The Government on July 5, 2020 blocked forty websites of pro-Khalistan group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) and foiled its attempt to register voters to support its cause. The Home Ministry had recommended blocking the websites.
- The "Sikhs For Justice" is an unlawful organisation that was set up under the UAPA 1967. The pro-khalistan group was registering supporters for its case. On Home Ministry's recommendation, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology issued orders under Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000 to block the 40 websites.
- The group was registering supporters for 'Referendum 2020' to support its demand for Khalistan, a separate state for Sikhs.



### Foot Notes:

**About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology:**

**Minister:** Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

## 2. India and Afghanistan inks 5 MoUs for the development of educational infrastructure

- India and Afghanistan signed five Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) on July 5, 2020. The MoUs between the two countries have been



signed for the development of educational infrastructure in 4 provinces of Afghanistan namely Farah, Nooristan, Kapisa, Badakhshan.

- The five MoUs were signed by Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar, Higher Education Minister Abdul Tawab Balakarzai, Afghan Economy Minister Mustafa Mastoor, and Deputy Education Minister Abdul Subhan Raouf.
- As per the Indian embassy, the government of India remains committed to taking forward the India-Afghanistan Development Partnership based on the people of Afghanistan and the national priorities of the government.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Afghanistan**

**Capital:** Kabul

**President:** Ashraf Ghani

**Currency:** Afghan afghani

**3. India overtakes Russia, records world's 3rd highest COVID-19 cases after US, Brazil**

- India overtook Russia to record the world's third-highest COVID-19 cases on July 5, 2020. India surpassed Russia's coronavirus case count as new infections rose by almost 25000 during the day, which is a record high. India also recorded 425 new deaths, taking the total death toll to 19693.
- India's total coronavirus case tally currently stands at 697413, which is only behind the COVID count of the United States and Brazil, which have recorded 29,32,047 and 16,04,585 coronavirus cases so far.
- In the first five days of July itself, India's COVID-19 case count crossed another lakh with new infections touching record high everyday.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Russia:**

**Capital:** Moscow

**President:** Vladimir Putin

**Prime Minister:** Mikhail Mishustin

**Foot Notes:**

**About Brazil:**

**Capital:** Brasilia

**President:** Jair Bolsonaro

**Currency:** Brazilian real

**4. Madhya Pradesh tourism started campaign 'IntzaarAapKa' to attract tourists**

- In Madhya Pradesh, in order to attract tourists to the tourist places of the state; 'IntzaarAapKa' campaign has started on social media platforms.
- The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has been inviting tourists by describing the characteristics of each tourist destination in an attractive way with that tagline on social media platforms.
- Madhya Pradesh Tourism board is inviting tourists for safe outing during the monsoon season at various religious, natural and



archaeological tourist places of the state like Mahakaleshwar, Pachmarhi, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Amarkantak and other tourist places.

**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Capital:** Bhopal

**Governor:** Lalji Tandon

**Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**5. PM Modi to Inaugurate Asia's Largest Solar Plant in Madhya Pradesh on 10th July**

- Through video conferencing, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the 750 MW Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Plant on 10th July 2020. This was informed on 5th July 2020 by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan. To date, the 750 MW Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project is the largest single-site solar power projects in India and also in Asia.
- The Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project is located in Gurh Tehsil of Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district. It is spread over 1,590 acres of land. For the successful implementation of the Power Project, a Joint Venture Company between Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikash Nigam Limited (MPUVNL) was set up. The name of the Joint Venture Company is Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL).



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**6. More than 25 Cr saplings to be planted in UP under 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020'**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020' in Kukarel forest in the capital city Lucknow.
- Under this programme, more than 25 crore saplings will be planted across the state.
- Notably, medicinal, fruit yielding, environmental, shady, fodder, and other important plants of more than 201 species were planted in a day through extensive public participation and interdepartmental



coordination.

- The plantation drive also focuses upon prevention of malnutrition, biodiversity conservation and plantation along the banks of Ganga and tributaries.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Uttar Pradesh:**

**Capital:** Lucknow

**Governor:** Anandiben Patel

**Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath

**7. CBSE partners with Facebook to launch free training program for teachers, students**

- The Central Board of Secondary Education-CBSE has partnered with Facebook to launch a free and comprehensive training program for teachers and students of its affiliated schools.
- The program will cover teacher training on augmented reality and student training on digital safety and online well-being.
- The training program will be of three weeks in which 10 thousand teachers will be trained on augmented reality while 10 thousand students will be trained on digital safety and well-being.
- The participants will also receive a joint e- certificate from CBSE and Facebook on successful completion of the course.



**Foot Notes:**

**About CBSE:**

**Headquarters location:** Delhi

**Founded:** 1962

**Chairperson:** Manoj Ahuja, IAS

**About Facebook:**

**Founder:** Mark Zuckerberg

**CEO:** Mark Zuckerberg

**Headquarters:** California, United States

**CFO:** David Wehner

**8. A New Shipping Service b/w Kolkata Port & Chattogram Begins to Ease Indo-Bangla Trade**

- Amid frequent disruption of cross-border trade via the Petrapole-Benapole land ports, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) [erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)] has started a new shipping service between Kolkata Dock System (KDS) and Chattogram (Bangladesh) through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route to transport containers with the aim to increase the Indo-Bangla trade.
- The Container Ship 'M.V Asiatic Moon (Singapore Flag) is expected to transport 300 containers of Indian exports to Bangladesh.
- The new service was launched by Zim Integrated Services in association with Bengal Tiger Lines and inaugurated by S Balaji Arunkumar, deputy chairman, SPMP.
- The shipping line is also in consultation with FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organisations) to make aware of the new service to all exporters.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Bangladesh:**

**Capital:** Dhaka

**Currency:** Bangladeshi taka

**President:** Abdul Hamid

**Prime Minister:** Sheikh Hasina

**9. Airtel's Ajai Puri to chair COAI, Jio's PK Mittal appointed vice-chairman**

- Telecom industry body COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India) announced the appointment of Bharti Airtel chief operating officer for India and South Asia, Ajai Puri, as its new chairman and Reliance Jio president P K Mittal as vice-chairman for 2020-21.
- Puri has replaced Vodafone Idea CEO RavinderTakkar as the chairman of the COAI on rotation basis. Puri has been with BhartiAirtel since 2004.
- Mittal was senior Deputy Director General in the Department of Telecommunications previously.
- This is the first time Reliance Jio has got a leadership position in the industry body.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Airtel:**

**Headquarters:** New Delhi, India

**CEO:** Gopal Vittal

**Founder:** Sunil Bharti Mittal

**10. Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel's Book on Indian Banking's NPA Crisis to release soon**

- Urjit Patel, who resigned as governor of the Reserve Bank of India in December 2018, will release a book later in July.
- Titled 'Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver', Patel's book focuses on Indian banking's bad loans crisis, its causes and how he dealt with it as the RBI governor.
- Patel, under whose governorship demonetisation was carried out, resigned from the RBI in December 2018.
- The resignation came at a time when relations between the government and the central bank had soured, with the former threatening to invoke a never-before used clause to give directions to the monetary authority.



**Foot Notes:**

**About RBI:**

**Founded:** 01 Apr 1935

**Headquarters:** Mumbai, India

**Governor:** Shaktikanta Das

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