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1. Special powers under Article 142



Invoking special powers under Article 142, the Supreme Court has deemed all restrictions imposed on people from entering, attending or taking part in court hearings as lawful in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- These restrictions were in tune with the social distancing norms and best public health practices advocated to contain the contagion.
- Every individual and institution is expected to cooperate in the implementation of measures designed to reduce the transmission of the virus. The scaling down of conventional operations within the precincts of courts is a measure in that direction.
- This is not a matter of discretion but of duty. It is necessary that courts at all levels respond to the call of social distancing and ensure that court premises do not contribute to the spread of virus.

Access to justice is fundamental to preserve the rule of law in the democracy envisaged by the Constitution of India. The challenges occasioned by the outbreak of COVID-19 have to be addressed while preserving the constitutional commitment to ensuring the delivery of and access to justice to those who seek it. However, public health takes precedence over conventions.

2. Domicile rule for Jammu and Kashmir

J&K New DOMICILE rules



The centre redefined the domicile rule for Jammu and Kashmir to include people who have been living in the union territory for at least 15 years.

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- The centre in the latest gazette notification introduced Section 3A of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Order 2020 under J&K Civil Services (Decentralization and Recruitment) Act to define domicile of the Union Territory.
- Domicile is defined as a person who has lived in the Union Territory of J&K for at least 15 years or has studied there for at least seven years and appeared in Class X or Class XII examinations in any school in the region or who is registered as a migrant by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

3. MPLAD Suspended



The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an ordinance on April 6, 2020 reducing the salaries and pension of the members of Parliament by 30 percent for one year in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

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The announcement was made by HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar. The reduction will be applicable for one year and it was brought into effect from April 1, 2020.

- HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar also informed the press that the MPLADs (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) fund has been suspended till 2022. MPs' funds of Rs 10 crore each will be pushed towards nation-building. What is the consolidated fund?
- The Consolidated Fund is a term that is used to describe the total revenue collected by the government through the form of taxes or expenses incurred in the form of borrowings and loans.

4. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)



The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has said that around 11,077 undertrials have been released from prisons nationwide as part of the mission to decongest jails following the COVID-19 pandemic.

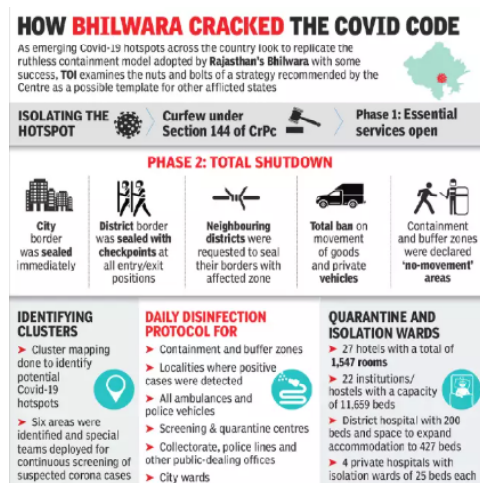
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NALSA has also been providing assistance to prisoners who were eligible to be released on parole or interim bail under the relaxed norms, through its panel lawyers.

- NALSA has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, to provide free legal services to weaker sections of society.
- The aim is to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reasons of economic or other disabilities.
- 'Nyaya Deep' is the official newsletter of NALSA.
- Composition:

As per section 3(2) of Legal Service Authorities Act, the Chief Justice of India shall be the Patron-in-Chief. Second senior-most judge of Supreme Court of India is the Executive-Chairman.

5. Bhilwara Model for COVID-19



With 14th April approaching, the Union Government has begun preliminary preparations for the lifting of the lockdown announced due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

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PM Modi has called for a staggered lifting of lockdown across the country and also directed Ministries and Departments to chalk out a 'business continuity' plan post 14th April. However, with the steady rise in the number of Coronavirus cases in the country, Modi Government needs to put in place a comprehensive strategy to restore normalcy in the country while also containing the spread of COVID-19.

- As part of this process, on April 6, 2020, the Union Health Ministry released a document titled 'Containment Plan for Large Outbreaks', hinting at replication of Bhilwara Model for aggressive containment of Coronavirus pandemic in COVID-19 hotspots. But what is the Bhilwara Model and will the Government use it post April 14 after the lockdown is lifted?
- What is Bhilwara Model?

According to details shared by the state government and the Rohit Kumar Singh, Rajasthan's additional chief secretary in charge of the medical, health and family welfare department; the simple way to describe the Bhilwara Model is 'Ruthless Containment'. The Bhilwara Model of Containment is centred around 6 key steps.

6. E-Gram Swaraj Portal for Gram Panchayat



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 24, 2020 launched two portals E-Gram Swaraj Portal & Swamitva Scheme for the upliftment of the rural areas of India.

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The portal was launched on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day 2020 through videoconferencing between PM Modi and Sarpanches of village panchayats.

- While launching the app, the Prime Minister stated that E Gram Swaraj marks the complete digitization of villages and rural areas. The portal can be accessed at egramswaraj.gov.in and is also available as a mobile app. Along with the portal, PM Modi launched the Swamitva Scheme for the mapping of properties in villages. E Gram Swaraj Portal & App: All you need to know
- The egramswaraj.gov.in portal will be the single platform to provide the Panchayat-wise work details and records of all the works of every village panchayat under Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

7. Anti-Narcotics Law

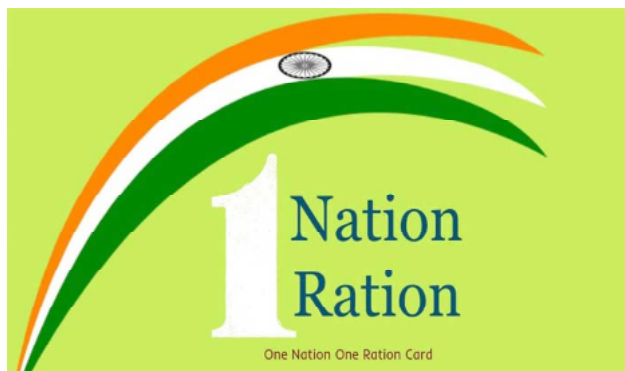


The Supreme Court in an important verdict has strengthened an anti-narcotics law. The apex court has stated that the punishment for drug possession will not depend on the quantity of drug present but even traces of an offending drug in the consignment will be sufficient to declare the entire quantity as an offending drug.

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- The court further explained that the amount of neutral substance in the mixture will be included along with the actual weight of the banned substance in order to determine whether it is a small or commercial quantity under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.
- Under the NDPS Act, the punishment for possessing the commercial quantity of banned drugs is higher than possessing a smaller quantity. The decision came in the wake of the increasing drug problem among young people in India.
- Judgement by 3-Judge bench:
- A 3-judge bench consisting of Indira Banerjee, Arun Mishra, and MR Shah stated that in case of seizure of mixture narcotics drugs with one or more neutral substances, the quantity of the neutral substance must also be taken into consideration along with the weight of the offending drug in order to determine the small or commercial quantity.

8. One Nation, One Ration Card



Supreme Court in an order passed on April 27 has asked the centre to consider the adoption of 'one nation, one ration card' scheme during the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown.

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- The scheme will be beneficial for the migrant workers and economically weaker sections to get the benefit of subsidized food. The scheme was to be launched by the Central Government in June 2020.
- The direction from the Supreme Court will help the migrant workers and other beneficiaries who have been stranded in other states and cannot access basic facilities without the local identity cards.
- A bench of justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, NV Ramana, and B R Gavai passed an order stating that the Union of India must consider the implementation of 'one nation, one ration card scheme' and check whether it will be feasible to apply this scheme in present circumstances.

9. MHA allowed Inter-State Movement

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has revised lockdown guidelines to allow inter-state movement of stranded people including migrant labourers, tourists and students amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

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- The MHA issued the revised consolidated guidelines on April 29, 2020, which have to be followed by the concerned departments of the states and union territories.
- The Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla announced that buses shall be used to transport the groups of stranded people to their destinations. These vehicles will be properly sanitised and the people will be required to follow safe social distancing norms in seating.

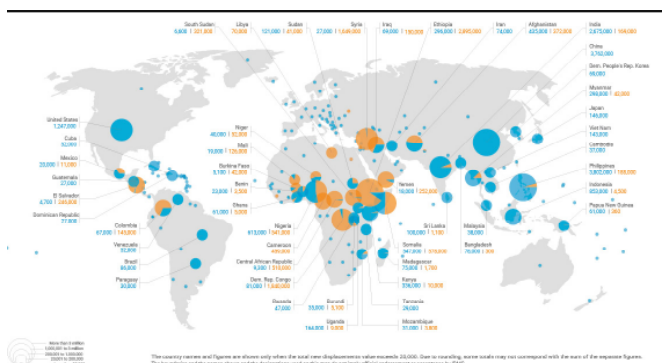
Due to sudden announcement of lockdown on March 24, 2020 and suspension of public transport to combat COVID-19, thousands of people including migrant workers, students, pilgrims, tourists and other people got stranded at different places across the country. The centre has now allowed the movement of these stranded people by road, bringing a huge relief to such people.

10. The United Nation Security Council

The United Nation Security Council (UNSC) met for the first time through closed video-conference session with Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the issues that fall under the UNSC's mandate.

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- During the video meet, UNSC has supported all the efforts of UN Secretary-General Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres and also underlined the need for unity and solidarity with those affected by the COVID-19.
- It should be noted that Antonio Guterres warned the UN Security Council that COVID-19 is threatening international peace and security. UNSC is UN's most powerful body, which has been silent on COVID-19 since the latter started circling the globe. This was for the first time that UNSC shared its view on COVID-19 impact.

11. The Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2020)

The Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2020) has been released by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC). The centre is a part of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

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Nearly five million people were displaced in India in 2019 — the highest in the world so far. The displacements in India were prompted by increased hazard intensity, high population and social and economic vulnerability.

- More than 2.6 million people suffered displacement due to the southwest monsoon. 2019 was the seventh warmest year since 1901 in India; its monsoon was the wettest in 25 years. Eight tropical storms hit in the year fuelling further destruction. These include Maha and Bulbul.
- In addition to displacement due to natural disasters, over 19,000 conflicts and violence also prompted the phenomenon. Unrests and communal violence triggered displacement in the second half of the year. For example, political and electoral violence, especially in Tripura and West Bengal, led to the displacement of more than 7,600 people.

12. The World Press Freedom Index 2020

The rank of India has decreased by two places to 142nd from 140th position with a score of 45.33 in the "The World Press Freedom Index 2020" which has analysed 180 countries.

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This decline in rank is showing an improvement in the security of Indian media as in 2019 there was no murders of journalists were recorded as against six in 2018. However, constant press freedom violations still remain, including police violence against journalists, ambushes by political activists, and reprisals instigated by criminal groups or corrupt local officials.

- The World Press Freedom Index is compiled by Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF), or Reporters Without Borders.
- The index has been topped by Norway with a score of 7.84 while North Korea stood at last rank of 180 with a score of 85.82.
- Since 2002 it is published annually by RSF to rank 180 countries according to the level of freedom available to journalists.
- It is a non-profit organisation that works to document and combat attacks on journalists around the world.

13. 2020 Tokyo Olympics & World Athletics Championship

The World Athletics Championship of 2021 has now been postponed to 2022 to accommodate the change in the schedule of Tokyo Olympics 2020. The championship was originally scheduled to held in Eugene, Oregon from August 6-15, 2021.

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The decision has come due to the change in Tokyo Olympics dates, which was earlier scheduled to be held from July 24- August 9, 2020.

- The Olympics has been postponed to July 23-August 8, 2021 in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak across the globe.
- In a statement, the World Athletics Federation supported the decision of Japan's Olympics organizers mentioning and appreciating that the extended time period will give athletes enough time to get back into the training and practice. It stated that everyone needs to be flexible and compromise.
- The World Athletics Championship was earlier scheduled to be held from August 6 to August 15, 2021. But the shift in the dates of Tokyo Olympics due to Coronavirus Pandemic has resulted in the postponement of the World Athletics Championship to 2022.

14. Wimbledon Tennis Championship



Wimbledon Tennis Championship of this year has been canceled due to Coronavirus Pandemic. The tournament was set to begin from June 29 but the decision to cancel it was taken in the light of a rising number of COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom.

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Before the announcement, tournament organizer the All England lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (AELTC) held an emergency meeting on April 1 to go through the other possible options. The possibility of playing the tournament behind closed doors was already ruled out.

Wimbledon announced this momentous decision of tournament cancellation through their official twitter handle.

Other Major Sports Championships

- French Open: Due to be held on May 18 has already been pushed back until September. While other professional tennis tournaments have been suspended until further notice.
- US Open: Set to start on August 24 in New York, the organizers of the tournament are monitoring the situation and still plan to hold the tournament.
- World Athletic Championship: Earlier to be held in 2021, the Athletic championship has now been shifted to 2022.
- Tokyo Olympics: The Olympics has now been postponed to July 23- August 8, 2021 due to the COVID- 19 outbreak.

15. FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup 2020 Postponed

As per the latest update, FIFA has decided to postpone the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup which was to be held in India in November, due to COVID-19 outbreak.

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- According to the statement issued by Federation Internationale de Football Association football's world governing body, along with the event organizers confirmed that revised dates for the football sporting event will be identified and conveyed to all the stakeholders later.
- Decision Taken By FIFA Confederations Working Group
- The decision to postpone the under 17 FIFA Women's World Cup was taken by the FIFA Confederations Working Group, which was formed recently to evaluate and form strategy for FIFA sporting events lined up near future in the backdrop of global health emergency due to COVID-19. In addition to postponing FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup 2020, which was to be held in India, the Group has also deferred FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup 2020 which was to be hosted in Panama/Costa Rica 2020.

16. Global Billionaires 2020



On April 9, 2020 Forbes published the 34th annual list of Global Billionaires 2020

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Global Billionaires 2020 topped Amazon Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jeff Bezos for the 3rd time, followed by Microsoft co-founder and chairman of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates. The chairman & managing director of Reliance Industries Mukesh Ambani (17th) topped the Indian list, followed by The founder of Avenue Supermarts Radhakishan Damani & family (65th).

- The co-founder of Hindustan Computers Limited (HCL), Shiv Nadar (116th) is positioned in 3rd in Indian list followed by the founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank Uday Kotak (136th) with net worth of USD 11.0 billion.
- Alice Walton (11th) only daughter of Walmart founder Sam Walton tops the women's list with a net worth of USD 54.1 billion, followed by Francoise Bettencourt Meyers (17th) the granddaughter of L'Oreal's founder (She & her family own 33% of L'Oreal stock) with USD 52.8 billion, and Julia Koch who is positioned in 42nd (she and her 3 children inherits & of stake in Koch industries) with USD 41.7 billion.

17. World Trade Organisation



On April 8, 2020, World Trade Organisation (WTO) has released Annual Trade Statistics and Outlook Report has projected that the global trade is to fall by 13%-32% due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as it disrupts the normal economic activity and life around the world.

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A 2021 recovery is expected but it depends on the duration of the outbreak and the effectiveness of the policy responses.

- This decline will exceed the trade slump brought by the global financial crisis of 2008-09.
- Nearly all regions will suffer double-digit declines in trade volumes in 2020, with exports from North America and Asia hit hardest.
- The developing economies will need assistance as the crisis has hit almost all sectors. Trade in sectors with complex value chains, especially in the electronics and automotive products will fall abruptly.

- India's exports have increased after 6 months before the coronavirus. Total exports for the first 11 months (FY 20) of FY 2019-20 were USD 292 billion, following a modest 2.91% growth in February & Imports fell in 9 of 11 months for FY20, which leads to a 7.3% drop at USD 436.03 billion over the period.

18. 36th Siachen Day



On April 13, 2020, The Indian Army observed the 36th Siachen day to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives while protecting the frontiers of the country in Ladakh at the Corps Headquarters in Leh and Siachen base camp, the world's highest and coldest battlefield.

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- The 76.4 km long Siachen Glacier located in the Karakoram Range in the Himalayas of North-West India and covers about 10,000 sq km of uninhabited terrain.
- On April 13, 1984, the Indian Army launched 'Operation MEGHDOOT' to secure Bilafond La and other passes on the Saltoro Ridgeline from the Pakistani invasion and repulsed the enemy.
- Since then, fearless soldiers have been camping in Siachen, proving that no one can defeat the courage of the Indian Army. At temperatures below minus 50 degrees, the soldiers are protecting the borders by facing challenges like icy storms and avalanches.

19. Defence Research and Development Organisation



On April 7, 2020, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), an agency of the Government of India charged with the military's research and development, has partnered with private firm Wipro 3D to create a full face shield, which is meant to be helpful for doctors and nurses who are treating patients infected with coronavirus (COVID-19).

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- This would prove effective in protecting healthcare personnel from direct infection. DRDO has earlier made masks, full-body suits and many PPE (personal protection equipment) for medical staff including doctors having a specific type of fabric with coating.
- It is to be known that earlier, scientists working in different laboratories of DRDO have jointly created Bio Suite which will work like PPE for medical personnel.
- DRDO is also working on a multi patient-ventilator to handle shortage of key equipment for corona victims.

20. Air Evacuation Pod



Indian Navy's Southern Command, Kochi has developed an air evacuation pod (AEP) to airlift COVID-19 infected patients safely from remote areas such as islands and ships in a fully sealed patient transfer capsule.

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The evacuation pod was designed under guidance of Principal Medical officer of the naval air station, INS (Indian Naval Ship) Garuda, Kochi, in consultation with specialists from the naval hospital INHS (Indian Naval Hospital Ship) Sanjivani and Headquarters of Southern Naval Command.

- About AEP: The pod is made up of aluminium, nitrile rubber and perspex. It weighs only 32 kg and has incurred a manufacturing cost of Rs 50,000 which is only 0.1 percent of cost of an imported equivalent (Rs 59 lakh).
- The trials of patients inside AEP were undertaken on board Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and Dornier aircraft of Indian Navy at Southern Naval Command. Twelve AEPs are planned for distribution across Southern, Western, Eastern and Andaman and Nicobar Naval commands.
- The successful induction of the AEP will vastly increase the Indian Navy's abilities in its relentless efforts towards aiding COVID prevention across the nation.

21. SpaceX



On April 18, 2020, For the first time since July 21, 2011, a human mission from American Earth will go into space. That is after 9 years, the US space agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) & SpaceX will send two veteran astronauts –Bob Behnken & Doug Hurley- from the Florida's Kennedy Space Centre in indigenous 23-story Falcon 9 rockets to the International Space Station (ISS) on May 27, 2020.

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- This mission is named Demo-2 mission & will lift off from the historic launch pad 39A complex on May 27, 2020. In the Demo-1 mission, the Dragon Spacecraft successfully transported goods to the space station
 - Both of the astronauts will spend as long as 110 days in space and they will return on Crew Dragon Capsule.
- In this mission, Behnken will determine the docking of the spacecraft, the attachment to the space station, the undocking, the separation from the space station and determine its path. At the same time, Hurley will be the commander of the Dragon spacecraft & will be responsible for the launch, landing and recovery.

22. Novel blood plasma therapy for COVID-19



India has taken a bold step to provide innovative treatment to patients suffering from COVID-19 disease- plasma therapy. Technically called “convalescent-plasma therapy”, the treatment aims at using the immune power gained by a recovered person to treat a sick person.

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When a pathogen like novel coronavirus infects, our immune systems produce antibodies.

- Like the police dogs, the antibodies span out to identify and mark the invading virus.
- White blood cells attach the identified intruders, and the body gets rid of the infection.
- Antibodies are one of the front-line immune response to an infection by a microbe. They are a particular type of proteins secreted by immune cells called B lymphocytes when they encounter an invader, such as a novel coronavirus.
- The immune system designs antibodies that are highly specific to each invading pathogen. A particular antibody and its partner virus are made for each other.

23. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)



In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has decided to provide rental waiver to IT companies housed in STPI premises in the country from March to June, i.e., for 4 months period as of now.

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- It is an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India.
- It was established in 1991 with the objective of encouraging, promoting and boosting the export of software from India.
- The STPI's Governing Council's Chairperson is the Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology.

24. SunRISE mission



NASA has selected a new mission to study how the Sun generates and releases giant space weather storms – known as solar particle storms – into planetary space.

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Overview of the mission- the Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE):

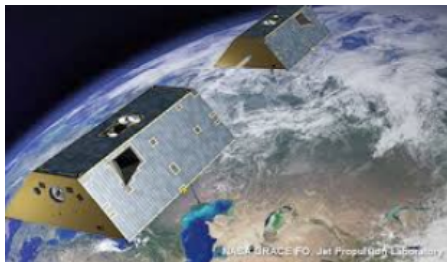
It is an array of six CubeSats operating as one very large radio telescope.

NASA has awarded \$62.6 million to design, build and launch SunRISE by no earlier than July 1, 2023.

Objectives of the mission:

1. To study how the Sun creates and releases giant solar particle storms.
2. To help scientists understand the workings of the Solar System.

25. GRACE-FO mission



New satellite-based, weekly global maps of soil moisture and groundwater wetness conditions were developed by US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

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Data available from NASA and German Research Center for Geosciences' Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Follow On (GRACE-FO) satellites was used to derive these global maps.

- The satellite-based observations of changes in water distribution were integrated with other data within a computer model that simulated water and energy cycles.
- The model then produced — among other outputs — time-varying maps of the distribution of water at three depths: Surface soil moisture, root zone soil moisture (roughly the top three feet of soil) and shallow groundwater.
- The maps have a resolution of up to 8.5 miles, providing continuous data on moisture and groundwater conditions across the landscape.

26. World Health Day



World Health Day is observed annually on April 7, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization (WHO), to spread about equal healthcare facilities worldwide, the importance of Health and Wellness and to kill myths around Health.

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Theme of the year 2020: Support nurses and midwives.

- The theme celebrates the work of nurses and midwives and reminds world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.
- The WHO designated 2020 as International Year of Nurse and Midwife in honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale and this year highlights the current status of nursing around the world.
- On this day, WHO launched the first-ever State of the World's Nursing report 2020.
- WHO held the First World Health Assembly in 1948 and the Assembly decided to celebrate April 7 of each year, with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day.

27. India's 1st quarantine centre for animals



On April 14, 2020, Jim Corbett National Park, the India's oldest forested wildlife sanctuary located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand, has become the India's 1st quarantine centre for animals with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

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At least 10 quarantine centers are being set up within the complex to handle the corona virus prey animals & Cameras will be installed in the park to monitor the cold and cough symptoms of animals.

- Background: After humans, the threat of COVID-19 is now hovering over wildlife. The NTCA (National Tiger Conservation Authority) has alerted the officials of country's sanctuaries, forests and zoos after the Coronavirus infection was detected in the Malayan tiger 'Nadia' in the Bronx zoo of US (United States).
- Named after tiger hunter turned conservationist Jim Corbett, this national park is one of the famous tiger destinations in India.
- It has rich biodiversity including around 110 tree species, 50 species of mammals, 580 bird species. The park covers more than 1288 sq km over 3 districts of Uttarakhand, Pauri Garhwal, Nainital, and Almora.

28. Earth day

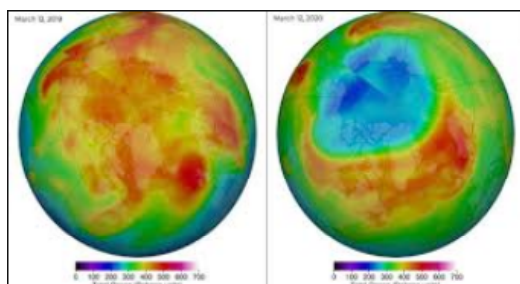


Earth day is observed on April 22 of every year in order to create awareness about pollution and to celebrate the environment of our planet. This year is a special occasion as it marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and events was coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries.

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- The theme for Earth Day 2020 is "Climate Action". The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Earthday.org-PRESS RELEASES
- The first Earth Day took place in 1970. Outraged by oil spills, smog and polluted rivers, 20 million people took to the streets, protesting what they recognized as an environmental crisis. It was the planet's largest civic event at the time and compelled governments to take concrete actions, including passing environmental laws and establishing environmental agencies.

29. Ozone Hole



Largest Ozone Hole Ever Recorded over North Pole Has Now 'Healed Itself' and Closed. This was announced by Scientists who were tracking the hole at Copernicus' Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS).

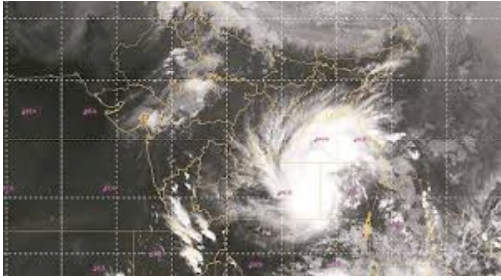
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The cause of the formation of the hole is attributed to the unusual weather at the poles.

The polar vortex has been recorded to be extremely powerful, and temperatures inside it have been very cold.

- The unique cocktail of the powerful vortex and low temperatures generates Stratospheric clouds that react with CFCs and destroy the Ozone layer in the process.
- According to the scientists the closure of the hole is not due to the reduced pollution levels due to COVID-19 lock down.
- The closing was because of a phenomenon called the polar vortex.
- It is described as a whirling cone of low pressure over the poles that is strongest in the winter months due to the increased temperature contrast between the polar regions and the mid-latitudes, such as the US and Europe.

30. IMD releases new list of cyclone names



The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has released a new list of names of tropical cyclones over north Indian Ocean including Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

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- The new list comprises of 169 names including 13 from India such as Gati, Tej, Aag, Neer, Vyom, Jhar, Jaladhi, Murasu, Probaho, Prabhanjan, Ghumi, Ambud and Vega.
- The new list starts with Nisarga (shared by Bangladesh), Gati (India), Nivar (Iran).

Any tropical cyclone that hits the region is known by a name given in the list. Since the earlier list of 2004 is left with only one name - Amphan (shared by Thailand), the IMD being one of the six RSMCs in the world to provide tropical cyclone and storm surge advisories finalised the new list of 169 names.

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