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**By Sujeet Sir**



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**2020**



## □ About Dr. Ambedkar

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 in Mhow, Central Province (now Madhya Pradesh).
- He founded Bahishkrit Hitkarni Sabha (1923).
- He led the Mahad Satyagraha in March 1927 to challenge the regressive customs of the Hindus.

- **In 1932 he signed Poona pact with Mahatma Gandhi.**
- **He participated in all three round-table conferences.**

- In 1947, Dr. Ambedkar accepted PM Nehru's invitation to become **Minister of Law in the first Cabinet of independent India.**
- On August 29, 1947, he was appointed **Chairman of the Drafting Committee** for the new Constitution.

- **Books: Thoughts on Pakistan, Annihilation of Caste, Mook Nayak (News Paper)**
- **He passed away on 6th December 1956.**



# NHRC asks govt. about steps taken to help the mentally ill

'Home Ministry must take steps to protect those on streets'

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NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Friday asked the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to address the concerns of the mentally ill on the streets during the lockdown to check the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The NHRC took cogni-

sary directions may be issued by them [the Ministry] to all the States and Union Territories to ensure that persons suffering from any kind of mental ailment under their jurisdiction are provided with proper counselling towards necessary precautions for their personal care and protection from the virus and not deprived of

vices during the crisis, some sections, like those suffering from mental illness, should be provided food, shelter and social security by the state.

## **Dependent on charities**

It said the complaint highlighted the issue of mentally ill persons dependent for food and shelter on chari-



# ❑ National Human Rights Commission of India



- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is a Statutory public body constituted on **12 October 1993** under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance of 28 September 1993.
- It was given a statutory basis by the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (PHRA).
- **The chairman of the NHRC is Justice H. L. Dattu.**

## ❖ Structure of the Commission:

- NHRC is a multi-member body which consists of a **Chairman and seven other members**. Out of the seven members.
- **President appoints the Chairman and members** of NHRC on recommendation of high-powered committee headed by Prime Minister.

- The Chairperson and the members of the NHRC are appointed for 5 years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948.
- Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December, which is the anniversary of the UDHR.

- In pursuant to **Paris principles(1991)** of **UN**, India has enacted the **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993**, with a view to bring about greater accountability and strengthening of the human rights in the country.

# Congo records second Ebola death in days

**REUTERS**

**BENI**

Democratic Republic of Congo recorded a second Ebola death in days following more than seven weeks without a new case, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Sunday.

Congo had been due on Sunday to mark an end to the second-deadliest outbreak of the virus on record, until a case was confirmed on Friday in the eastern city of Beni.

The outbreak has killed more than 2,200 people since August 2018. The latest victim was an 11-month-old girl, who was treated at the same health centre as the previous case, a 26-year-old electrician, said

- The 2014–2016 outbreak in West Africa was the largest Ebola outbreak since the **virus was first discovered in 1976.**
- The current 2018-2019 outbreak in the **Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo** is highly complex.



- The researchers team named the condition after the local Ebola river(Democratic Republic of the Congo, Capital and largest city: Kinshasa)

# Pharma units in limbo amid confusion over HCQ exports

Despite Ministry's nod, DGFT ban on drug sales continues

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A week after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that it would "license" the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and supply it to various countries on a "government to government basis", the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) maintains that the drug is still prohibited for export, causing some confusion in industry circles.

"There is huge capacity in our industry for both HCQ and paracetamol production. But our manufacturers, especially the MSMEs and SMEs are confused about the process, given the DGFTs notification banning exports," Dinesh Dua, Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India told *The Hindu*.

## Stuck in warehouses

"Some small exporters have tonnes of finished goods lying in their FG warehouses and some at ports which is not being exported because of lack of clarity on the procedure," he added.

"We are receiving many queries from various manufacturers due to this discrepancy; there is no transpa-



**Drug traffic:** The first shipment of HCQ landed at the Newark airport in the U.S. on Sunday. •AP

of Ministers had approved the release," the Press Information Bureau spokesperson said at the daily press briefing on COVID-19 in Delhi.

The first shipment of HCQ landed in the U.S.'s Newark airport on Sunday, a week after Mr. Trump had called PM Modi to ask for the release of the drug orders placed by the US.

However, a number of industry sources pointed out that the decision to allow the exports has not yet been notified by DGFT, even though it had uploaded its previous two notifications of March 25 (54/2015-2020) and April 4(01/2015-2020) which banned the export of

ports, at a time when global demand is at its highest.

Others said that none of the major markets in Africa, Latin America, and CIS countries had yet been cleared for the export of HCQ, at a time when demand from them is at its peak.

More confusion arose after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Mr. Modi for HCQ supplies, although Israel is not on the list of companies cleared.

## Global market

"The Indian pharmaceutical industry has ingeniously built on a market of \$2.5 billion

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# Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is a government body responsible for implementing the **country's foreign trade policy.**

- It is an attached body of **the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI.**
- It is headed by the Director General of Foreign Trade. He/she is at the apex position of the **Indian Trade Services (ITS).**

- **The DGFT was formed in 1991** when the LGP (liberalisation, globalisation, privatisation) policies of the government took off. Read more on the Economic Reforms of 1991.
- **Amit Yadav is DG of DGFT .**
- **Before 1991, the DGFT was known as the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports (CCI&E).**

# MGNREGA jobs crash to 1% of normal

With worksites closed, activists urge SC to ensure wages for all those registered

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Employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has collapsed to just over 1% of the usual rate this month due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Activists petitioned the Supreme Court demanding that the government pay full wages to all active job card holders during this time, following its own instructions issued to other employers.

## 1.9 lakh families

Data from the MGNREGA website show that less than 1.9 lakh families have been

## Livelihoods collapse

The number of families engaged for work under MGNREGA has dropped from about 1.6 crore in March to only 1.9 lakh families in April. Tamil Nadu was hit the most, with the count dropping from around 22 lakh in March to just 179 families in April.



households employed under more than 70,000 families,

these States, and also concerns about COVID infection being spread at worksites.

## Key source

The scheme, which guarantees 100 days of work per year at an average daily wage of ₹209, is key to providing livelihoods to poor villages and is a backbone of the rural economy in different times.

Overall, 7.6 crore families hold active job cards under the scheme, and almost 1 crore families found work under the scheme last year.

The crash in employment rates under the scheme

**During 2019-20, the Centre released Rs 72,162.13 crore for the MGNREGA, the highest ever amount, and substantially higher than the Rs 62,125.07 crore released in 2018-19.**



## ❑ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005:

- The Act aims at enhancing the **livelihood security of people in rural areas** by guaranteeing **hundred days** of wage employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members (at least 18 years of age) volunteer to do **unskilled work**.

- It is a demand-driven, social security and labour law that **aims to enforce the 'right to work'**.

- **The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)**, Government of India in association with state governments, monitors the implementation of the scheme.

- **Agriculture and allied activities constitute more than 65% of the works taken up under the programme.**

- Social inclusion, gender parity, social security and equitable growth are the founding pillars of MGNREGA.

## Chinese bank picks up 1% stake in HDFC

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MUMBAI

The People's Bank of China, the Chinese central bank, has picked up over 1% stake in HDFC Ltd., India's largest mortgage lender.

According to the March-end shareholding pattern disclosed by the mortgage lender to the stock exchanges, People's Bank of China has 1.75 crore shares, or a 1.01% stake, in HDFC.

The Chinese bank had some stake in HDFC prior to the January-March quarter, but the disclosure was made since the shareholding crossed 1% during the fourth quarter of 2019-20.

Domestic equities came under pressure in March, including that of HDFC, after the COVID-19 pandemic spread.

# Question No: 1

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ESIC का मुख्यालय कहा पर स्थित है?

- A. मुम्बई
- B. नई दिल्ली
- C. कलकत्ता
- D. राजकोट

Ans  नई दिल्ली

## Question No: 2

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ESIC संस्था किस अधिनियम के द्वारा बनाई गई है?

- A. ESI-Act 1950
- B. ESI-Act 1948
- C. ESI-Act 1975
- D. ESI-Act 1947

Ans  ESI-Act 1948

## Question No: 3

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ESIC संस्था किस मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आती है?

- A. कल्याण मंत्रालय
- B. व्यापार मंत्रालय
- C. श्रम मंत्रालय
- D. विदेश मंत्रालय

Ans → श्रम मंत्रालय



## Question No: 4

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दंड नाट किस राज्य का त्योहार है?

- A. मिज़ोरम
- B. ओड़िसा
- C. मेघालय
- D. त्रिपुरा

Ans  ओड़िसा

## Question No: 5

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दंड नाट त्योहार में होने वाली यात्रा के अंतिम पड़ाव को किस नाम से जानते हैं?

- A. मेरु दण्ड
- B. मेरु जात्रा
- C. रथ यात्रा
- D. पूजन यात्रा


Ans ➡ मेरु जात्रा

## Question No: 6

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तारातारिणी मंदिर किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- A. आंध्र प्रदेश
- B. असम
- C. बिहार
- D. इनमें से कोई नहीं

Ans  इनमें से कोई नहीं (सही उत्तर ओड़िसा)

## Question No: 7

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कलारीपायट्टु भारत के किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित है?

- A. नृत्य शैली से
- B. मंदिरों की शैली से
- C. युद्ध कला के क्षेत्र से
- D. इनमें से कोई नहीं

Ans ➡ युद्ध कला के क्षेत्र से

## Question No: 8

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नायर और एजहावा जनजाति कौन से राज्य में पायी जाती है?

- A. असम
- B. केरल
- C. कर्नाटक
- D. नागालैंड

Ans → केरल

## Question No: 9

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भारत में संगीत की कितनी शैलियाँ हैं?

- A.3
- B.2
- C.1
- D.4

Ans ➡ 2 ( हिंदुस्तानी शैली, कर्नाटक शैली)

## Question No: 10

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शांति हीरानंद किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित थी?

- A. गजल गायक
- B. नृत्य से
- C. लेखन से
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans ➡ गजल गायक



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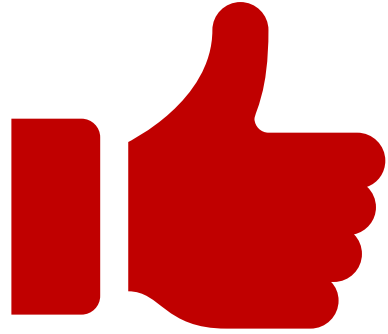
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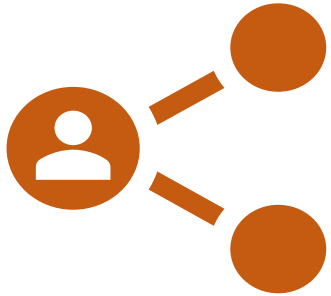


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