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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

## NEWS OF 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**Date - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Time - 8:30 am to 9:15 am**

**By Sujeet sir**



# Question No: 1

**Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan (GKRA) started from –**

- ☒ A. Khagria, Bihar
- B. Gorakhpur, UP
- C. Delhi
- D. Chattisgarh

**Ans. A**

संजीव चौक  
2018 - अर्जुन  
अवार्ड

# Question No: 2

How many states are to be involved in Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan ( GKRA ) ?

A. 7

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

125 days

Ans. D

# Question No: 3

When was the Sahitya Akademi Award started?

- A. 1960
- B. 1954
- C. 1964
- D. 1955

Ans. B

# Question No: 4

**Who is the writer of the book "AN ERA OF DARKNESS"?**

A. Sunanda Pushkar

B. K. Shrikant

C. Chinmoy Guha

D. Shashi Tharur



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**Ans. D**

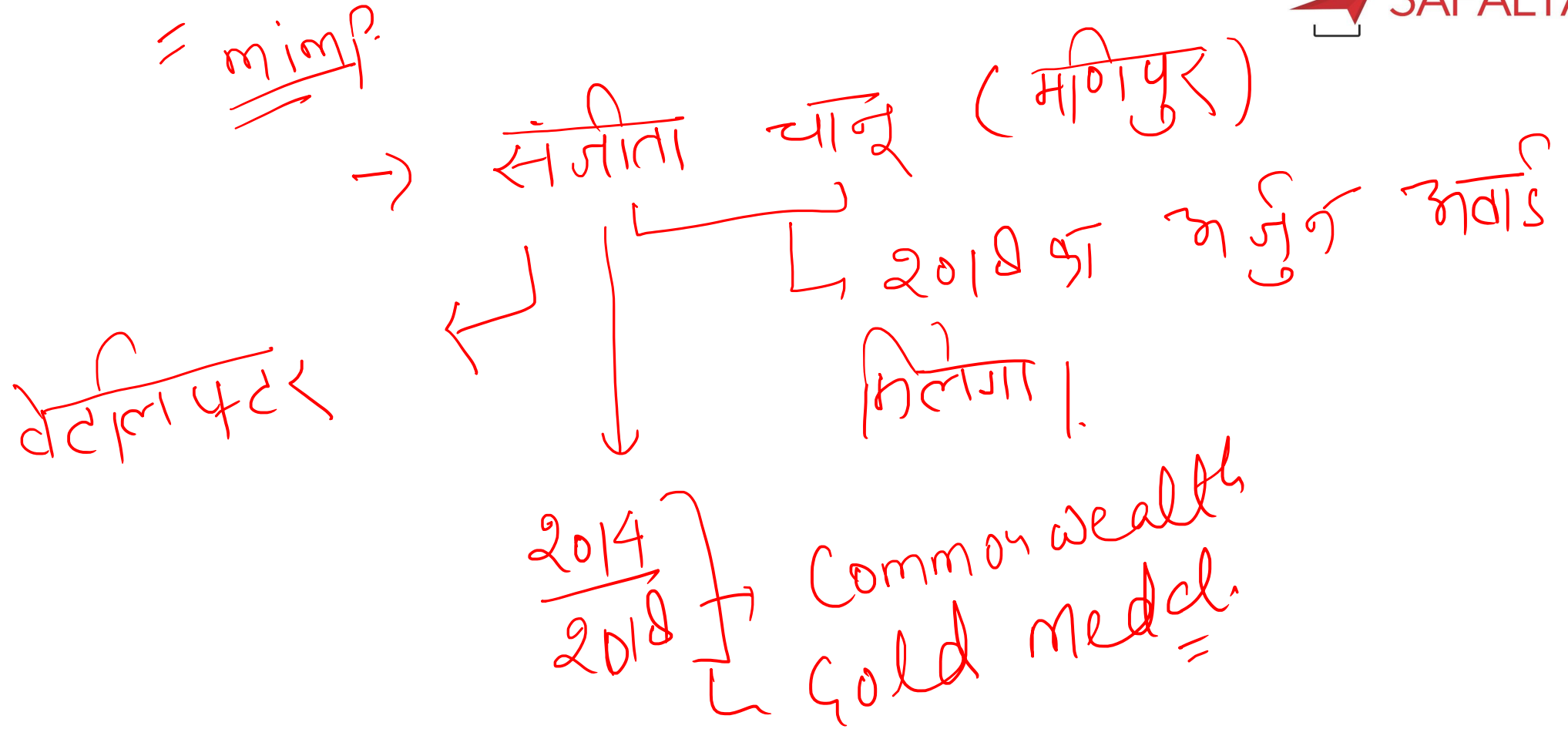
# Question No: 5

Who won the 55th Gyanpeeth Award ? ]

- ✓ A. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
- B. Krishna Sobti
- C. Amitav Ghosh
- D. Shankha Ghosh

(मर्यादा)  
=  
54<sup>th</sup> Gyanpeeth  
Jnanpith

Ans. A







## Connor to become MCC's first woman president

LONDON

Clare Connor has been named as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). The former England captain will become the first woman president in the Club's 233-year history. She will take over from Kumar Sangakkara in October 2021.

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→ oldest cricket club  
↳ mcc

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**Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)** is a cricket club founded in 1787 and based since 1814 at Lord's Cricket Ground, which it owns.

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# SNDP leader found dead in Kerala

STAFF REPORTER  
ALAPPUZHA

Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam Kanichukulangara Union secretary K.K. Mahesan was found dead on Wednesday in Kerala. Mahesan was a close aide of Yogam general secretary Vellappally Natesan.

Earlier, the police probing a microfinance fraud had recorded his statements. Mahesan had also held the post of manager of VHSS, Kanichukulangara. The school management had faced corruption allegations. The police said he was found hanging inside the union office.

ਜਾਨਿ ਮੁਥਾਰ ਭਾਂਡੋਲੀ

→ SNDP = ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਨਾਰਾਧਰਮ  
ਯੋਗ ਪਰਿਪਾਲਨ

→ ਕੇਰਲਾ = ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਜਾਨਿ

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The **Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam (SNDP)** is a charitable society founded in 1903 by Dr. Padmanabhan Palpu with the guidance and blessings of Sree Narayana Guru.

The SNDP works for the spiritual and educational upliftment of the Ezhava community.

# The litmus test was Nipah, says Shylaja

'It brought out gaps in health system'

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The first Nipah outbreak in 2018 was a litmus test of the resilience of Kerala's public health system, Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has said. The experience in managing the outbreak helped the State realise the weaknesses in its public health system and build a more sensitive and alert disease surveillance mechanism, she said at a webinar organised by the United Nations on Public Service Day, 2020, on Tuesday.

The UN marked the day to honour people who risk their lives to deliver essential public services amid the pandemic. Ms. Shylaja was the speaker from India, along with UN Secretary-General António Guterres and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreye-



K.K. Shylaja

sus, among a chosen few leaders.

Answering a question on how the State had primed itself for the response to COVID-19, she said two consecutive Nipah outbreaks and major floods in 2018 and 2019 had taught the State public health system the importance of disease surveillance and preparedness. When COVID-19 broke out in China, Kerala knew that there could not be any delay in taking pre-emptive measures.

[निपाह वायरस]

## United Nations Public Service Day

- Every year on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, since 2002, United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated as a tribute to the people who are associated with public service in all the counties of the world.



# OBC panel gets 6-month extension

It needs more time as its work has been affected by the pandemic, says Javadekar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a six-month extension to the commission appointed to examine sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes.

Headed by retired Delhi High Court Chief Justice G. Rohini, the commission will now have till January 31, 2021, to submit its report, the government said in a statement.

The commission had been appointed in October 2017 with the initial deadline of 12 weeks. It has received several extensions since then.



Prakash Javadekar

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi, had decided to give the extension. He said the work of the commission was ongoing but had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

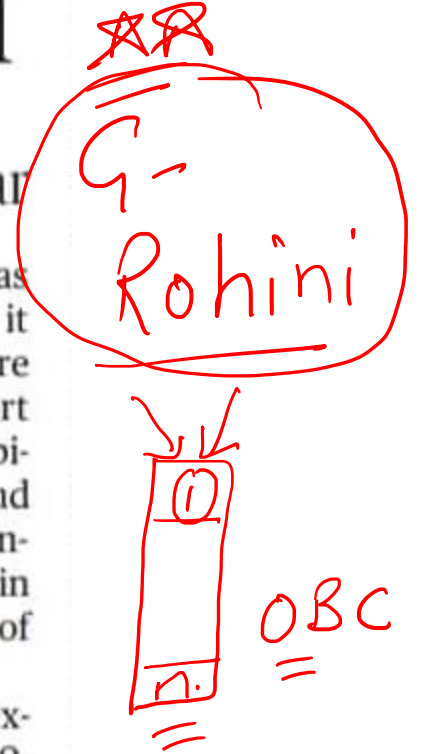
The statement said the commission was looking into the issues of communities that were not getting the benefits of reservation.

## ‘Rectifying anomalies’

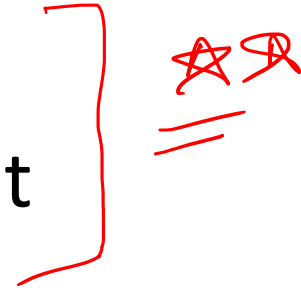
Mr. Javadekar said, for instance, certain castes were left out of the ambit because of a difference in the spelling in a State. He said the commission would address such “anomalies”.

“The commission has come to the view that it would require some more time to submit its report since the repetitions, ambiguities, inconsistencies and errors of spelling or transcription, etc. appearing in the existing Central List of OBCs need to be cleared.

“Hence it had sought extension up to July 31, 2020. However, due to the nationwide lockdown and restrictions on travel imposed on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, the commission was not able to perform the task assigned to it,” the statement read.



- **Headed by Justice (Retd.) G Rohini**, the commission was constituted under **Article 340** of **the Constitution** with the approval of the President on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**.



- The Commission consists of five members including a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other Members appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

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- The conditions of service and tenure of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members is determined by President.
- 102<sup>nd</sup> Constitution Amendment Act, 2018 provides constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

1 Statutory

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- It has the authority to examine complaints and welfare measures regarding socially and educationally backward classes.
- Previously NCBC was a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

# Background:

- Two Backward Class Commissions were appointed in 1950s and 1970s under Kaka Kalelkar and B.P. Mandal respectively.
- In Indra Sawhney case of 1992, Supreme Court had directed the government to create a permanent body to entertain, examine and recommend the inclusion and exclusion of various Backward Classes for the purpose of benefits and protection.

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- In pursuant to these directions parliament passed National Commission for Backward Classes Act in 1993 and constituted the NCBC.
- 123<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Amendment bill of 2017 was introduced in Parliament to safeguard the interests of backward classes more effectively.

Repeal.  
(रद्द कर) (वर्ग 141)

- Parliament has also passed a separate bill to repeal the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993, thus 1993 act became irrelevant after passing the bill.

## Fishing Cat



- हाल ही में ओडिशा के वन विभाग ने **केंद्रपाड़ा** (Kendrapara) ज़िले के **(भीतरकनिका नेशनल पार्क)** (Bhitarkanika National Park) में **फिशिंग कैट** (Fishing Cat) के लिये दो वर्षीय संरक्षण परियोजना (Conservation Project) की शुरुआत की।

✓ Olive Ridley Turtles → कर्ली बाड़ा

फिशिंग कैट (Fishing Cat), एक प्रकार की मछली पकड़ने वाली बिल्लियाँ हैं। इस प्रजाति को IUCN की रेड लिस्ट में 'लुप्तप्राय' (Endangered) श्रेणी में सूचीबद्ध किया गया है।

इसका मतलब यह है कि यह प्रजाति विलुप्त होने के एक उच्च खतरे का सामना कर रही है।


## श्वे Shwe Oil & Gas Project


→ (म्यांमार) ← OVL

- प्रधानमंत्री की अध्यक्षता में आर्थिक मामलों की मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति ने ओएनजीसी विदेश लिमिटेड (ONGC Videsh Ltd-OVL) द्वारा म्यांमार में श्वे तेल एवं गैस परियोजना (Shwe Oil & Gas Project) के ब्लॉक A-1 एवं A-3 में 121.27 मिलियन डॉलर (लगभग 909 करोड़ रुपए) के अतिरिक्त निवेश को मंजूरी दी।



## With space reforms, private sector to get level playing field

**IN-SPACE:**  → Regulator

- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPAC) is the new body that the government has formed which will act as a regulator and whose rulings would be bound by both the space agency as well as private firms in the country. 

IN-SPACe will hand-hold, promote and guide the private industries in space activities through encouraging policies and a friendly regulatory environment.

## New Space India Limited (NSIL):

- New Space India Limited (NSIL) was incorporated to carry forward the industry production of space systems and the ISRO's efforts in realising Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLV) from industry.



- It is the commercial arm of ISRO, which will be the interface to engage with startups and private companies for new applications and use the space infrastructure to build them

It differs from ISRO's existing commercial arm Antrix Corporation:

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- Antrix will handle ISRO's commercial deals for satellites and launch vehicles with **foreign customers**.
- NSIL will deal with capacity building of **local industry** for space manufacturing.

## RBI will supervise cooperative banks

(PMC)

- An ordinance bringing all urban and multi-State cooperative banks under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been approved by the Union Cabinet.
- Urban cooperatives and multi-State cooperative banks have been brought under RBI supervision process, which is applicable to scheduled banks.
- Currently, these banks come under dual regulation of the RBI and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

## Education gap widened: UNESCO

- Developed by an independent team and published by UNESCO, the Education For All Global Monitoring Report published from 2002–2015, aimed to sustain commitment towards Education for All.
- It published 12 Reports from 2002 until 2015.

- It was then **renamed, and re-launched** under a new mandate as the **Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report**, UNESCO, whose principal role is to monitor progress towards the education targets in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- In line with its mandate, the 2020 GEM Report assesses progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4).







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France  
- Paris =  
(HQ)

- UNESCO's **Headquarters** are located in **Paris**. 
- It has **193 Members and 11 Associate Members** (As of April 2020) and is governed by the General Conference and the Executive Board. 

- Three UNESCO member states are not UN members: **Cook Islands**, **Niue**, and **Palestine**.
- While three UN member states (**Israel**, **Liechtenstein**, **United States**) are not UNESCO members.

## Miss World 2019

- **Formation:** 29 July 1951, Founder: Eric Morley
- Miss World 2019, the 69th edition of the Miss World pageant, was held on 14 December 2019 at the ExCeL London in London, United Kingdom.
- Vanessa Ponce of Mexico crowned her successor (Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica) by the end of the event.





# India - Miss World

1. Reita Faria is the first Indian woman to win the Miss World beauty pageant in 1966.
2. India won the contest again as Aishwarya Rai was crowned Miss World in 1994.
3. Diana Hayden was crowned Miss World in 1997.
4. Yukta Mookhey won the Miss World pageant in 1999.
5. Priyanka Chopra was crowned Miss World in 2000.
6. Haryana's Manushi Chhillar was crowned Miss World in 2017



# Miss Universe 2019

Zozibini Tunzi, Miss Universe 2019, the 68th Miss Universe pageant, was held on December 8, 2019 at Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta, Georgia, United States.

**Catriona Gray** of the Philippines crowned her successor Zozibini Tunzi of South Africa at end of the event





1. An inspiration to today's modern women, Sushmita Sen was the first Indian Women to win the 'Miss Universe' title in 1994. 
2. The second Indian to win the 'Miss Universe' title, Lara Dutta was crowned in 2000. 



THE  
ABEL  
PRIZE

2020

- **Established:** 23 August 2001
- The **Abel Prize** Laureates **2020** announced.
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters named Hillel Furstenberg from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel and Gregory Margulis from Yale University, the USA as winners of the **Abel Prize 2020**.

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1<sup>st</sup> Woman



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## The Abel Prize Laureate 2019

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has decided to award the Abel Prize for 2019 to

**Karen Keskulla  
Uhlenbeck**

University of Texas at Austin, USA



**"for her pioneering achievements in geometric partial differential equations, gauge theory and integrable systems, and for the fundamental impact of her work on analysis, geometry and mathematical physics."**

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