



# SUNBEAM LAHARTARA'S QUIZZARDS OF OZ

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## Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2020

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, annually awarded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is the highest sporting honour of India. It is awarded to sportspeople for their outstanding performance in the field of sports over a period of four years.

The following have been the awardees this year:-

- **Rohit Sharma**:- He is an international Indian cricketer who debuted against Ireland. His performance has kept on getting better since then and he has a total of 39 centuries in his kitty. He was given this award because of his stupendous performance last few years specially in the **2019 World Cup**, having scored 5 centuries consistently.
- **Manika Batra**: She is the top-Ranked Indian female Table Tennis player, ranked 47th in the world. The fact that at the **Gold Coast 2018 CWG** she led India to women's team success and later on emerged as women's singles gold medallist was the main reason she was given this award.
- **Mariyappan Thangavelu**: He is an Indian Paralympic high jumper. His triumph at the **Rio Paralympics** in 2016 made him receive this award.
- **Vinesh Phogat** :- She is an Indian freestyle wrestler who is the first Indian athlete to be nominated for **Laureus World Sports Awards**. Her consistent performance in the Asian Games and CWG 2018 gave her a push and she was awarded with the Khel Ratna.
- **Rani Rampal**:- She is an Indian field hockey player. She is the current captain of the Indian Women's Hockey team. She had scored a crucial goal in the **FIH Olympic** qualifier in a tough competition against USA which helped India secure a berth at the Tokyo Olympics.

~ Divyanshu Ghosh(X-A)

## CURRENT AFFAIRS (SEPTEMBER)



- ▶ Yoshihide Suga elected as New PM of Japan
- ▶ Polish President Andrzej Duda won the 2020 Presidential Election of Poland
- ▶ Turkey discovered large natural gas reserves in the Black Sea coast, announced by the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
- ▶ Israel successfully conducted a flight test of the Arrow-2 interceptor.
- ▶ Russia's Energia space corporation has announced that it is to take the first tourist on a spacewalk in 2023.
- ▶ Astronomers have recently found a potential sign of life in the atmosphere of Venus. This has given a hint that there may be bizarre microbes living in the sulfuric acid-laden clouds of Venus
- ▶ The Africa Regional Certification Commission, the independent body, has declared Africa free from wild polio.
- ▶ Two US astronauts, Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley, returned from the International Space Station (ISS)
- ▶ UN named Indian teenager Udit Singhal to 2020 Class of Young Leaders for SDGs
- ▶ India has ranked 116th position in the latest edition of the World Bank's annual Human Capital Index 2020.

## Worldwide Vaccine Progress !

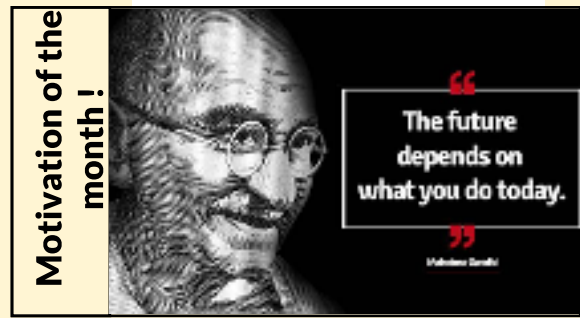
The novel coronavirus had brought the entire world to a period of stagnation. In a situation where the the cases have crossed the mark of 35 million cases and the death toll has already crossed the horrific mark of 1 million , vaccines are the only solution .

Here is the status of all the major vaccines that have reached trials in humans or still being tested in cells or animals.

- CanSino Biologics (**China**) - Phase 3 (Approved For Limited Use)
- Gamaleya Research Institute (**Russia**) - Phase 3 ( Approved For Early Use)
- The Wuhan Institute of Biological Products (**China**) - Phase 3 ( Approved For Limited Use)
- Sinovac (**China**) - Phase 3 ( Approved For Limited Use)
- Johnson & Johnson (**USA**) - Phase 3
- Novavax(USA) - Phase 3
- AstraZeneca , University of Oxford (**British - Swedish**) - Phase 2 , Phase 3(Combined Phase)
- Moderna , National Institutes of Health(United States of **America**) - Phase 3
- The Murdoch Children’s Research Institute(**Australia**) - Phase 3
- Bharat Biotech , Indian Council of Medical Research , The National Institute of **Virology(India)** - Phase 2
- Zydus Cadila (**India**)- Phase 2
- CureVac (**Germany**) - Phase 2
- Imperial College London , Morningside Ventures (**United Kingdom**) - Phase 1, Phase 2(Combined Phases)



~ Nirmitt Chaurasia (IX-C)



## CURRENT CHARADES

1. The golden girl of Banaras  
All set to touch the sky  
With the glorious golden wings of rafale  
And daunt the hearts of enemies  
[ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. He became the messiah of the needy  
Felt their pain as his own  
The example of humanity he set  
Is now appreciated by the SDG  
\_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_
3. The undoubted queen of “suras”  
The maestro of Hindustani music  
Celebrated her 91 years of legacy  
With many more in thequeue  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_
4. He gave his best  
Off and on the field  
Professor Dino you'll be missed  
By the talents you refined and the fans you made  
\_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_
5. The daunting inswingers of Ishant  
Sizzling strokes of Madhurima  
And the aces of Divij  
Their valour on the battlefield of sports  
Is now felicitated  
[ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. His mastermind saved the sovereignty of india  
From the beastly envies all around  
His honesty helped him reign the longest in the parliament  
Which lad of mother india?  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_
7. The man who was beyond the hatred of politics  
The man who was accepted as dearest “Dada”  
He won everyone’s heart not only with his deed  
But the affinity he had for one and all  
Which true gem of india?  
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Now join all the words fitted in the brackets together and see what you get :-

[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] :- literally meaning “the lord of moon”, the beautiful temple was ransacked by Muslim-Arab invaders, Mahmud of Ghazni plundering it 17 times, followed by Allauddin Khilji demolishing the temple and many more in the list. The current temple was built in 1950, thanks to the efforts of Sardar Vallabhai Patel

~ Aayushman Dubey (X-A)

## Atal Tunnel

Atal Tunnel ( also known as **Rohtang Tunnel**) is a highway tunnel built under the Rohtang pass on **Leh - Manali** highway in Himachal Pradesh.

The construction of this tunnel was operated by "Border Roads Organisation". Tiger construction of this tunnel started on 28th June 2010 , it took around one decade to complete the construction of this important tunnel for **defence** purposes. This tunnel opened on 3rd October 2020.

At 9.02 km length , it is the longest tunnel above 10,000 feet ( 3,048 ) in the world and is named after the former Prime minister of India **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee**



~ Harit Mishra (X-C)

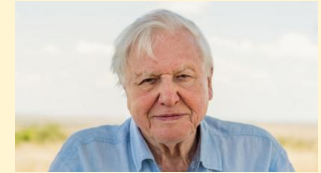
Spaaghetto, confetto, and graffito are the singular forms of spaghetti, confetti, and graffiti

*Did you know?*

Koalas are the only animals with a unique fingerprint pattern, like humans.

*Did you know?*

## CURRENT AFFAIRS (SEPTEMBER)



- ▶ PM Narendra Modi, Sundar Pichai, Ayushmaan Khurana, HIV researcher Ravinder Gupta are among the 100 most influential people of 2020.
- ▶ Legendary singer SP Balasubrahmanyam passed away on 25 September after a long battle with the coronavirus
- ▶ British broadcaster David Attenborough was conferred the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize by Former PM Manmohan Singh at a virtual event on 7th September 2020.
- ▶ Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for the second time.
- ▶ India is elected as the Member of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.
- ▶ Kerala Tourism's internationally-acclaimed 'Human by Nature' campaign has bagged one of the three PATA Grand Awards 2020.
- ▶ Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed the World's Largest Solar Tree at Durgapur, West Bengal.
- ▶ Kerala topped the list of the most literate state in India in the National Statistical Office (NSO) survey.
- ▶ PM Modi digitally launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) on 10 September.
- ▶ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar assumed charge as the Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) in Panchsheel Bhawan

## Agri-reforms Bill - All you need to know !

The Rajya Sabha on 20th September passed two agricultural sector bills amid protests from the opposition. The three bills, however, have been viciously protested by the opposition who claim that the Centre is trying to do away with the minimum support price (**MSP**). Not only the opposition but BJP's oldest ally Shiromani Akali Dal has also protested against the bills and said that it will review its membership in the ruling NDA.

### Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020:

The central government has informed that this bill allows intra-state and inter-state trade of farmers' produce beyond the physical premises of **APMC** markets. The Centre has said that this bill will also permit the "electronic trading of scheduled farmers' produce". The state govt will also be prohibited from levying any market fee, cess or levy on farmers.

### Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020:

This bill talks about creating a framework for contract farming through an agreement between a farmer and a buyer before the production or rearing of any farm produce.

### Essential Commodities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020:

This bill will allow to regulate the supply of certain food items only under extraordinary circumstances (such as war and famine).

### How these Bills will benefit farmers?

Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** clarified that these Bills will bring revolutionary changes in the lives of farmers. The farmer will get attracted towards comparatively good crops, and if the farmer produces costly crops his income will automatically increase and he will also support agriculture growth. These Bills will also help in agriculture export and will not affect the (MSP) and that these will help in making the farmers more advanced. Through these reforms, farmers will connect directly with the big traders and exporters, bringing profit to agriculture. The Minister clarified that these bills do not affect the State **APMC** Act.

~ Devesh Rai (X-A)

## Pranab Mukherjee : The stalwart of politics

Pranab Mukherjee is an Indian politician and has served as the **13th President** of India, from 2012-2017. A **veteran** in Indian politics, he has the rare distinction of having served as **Foreign, Defence, Commerce** and **Finance** Minister at different times over his long and illustrious political career spanning several decades.

In 1997, he was voted **Outstanding Parliamentarian**. Active in West Bengal politics, he was the president of the state's unit of Congress since 1985, but resigned in July 2010. Well-respected by politicians of all parties, Pranab Mukherjee is the **Congress** party's main troubleshooter and has often been called upon to guide the party through difficult situations.

In 2008, he was honored with the Padma Vibhushan.

He was admitted in a hospital to remove a clot in his brain when it was discovered he also had Covid-19. He died 21 days after it was confirmed that he had tested positive.

The varied talents of president Mukherjee were well demonstrated during his career spanning over **6 decades**. He was a cerebral politician with his astute institutional understanding and a grip on working the government, key ministries, Parliament, Constitution and the political system. He and his philosophies would be always kept alive in the heart of every Indian!



~ Govind Mishra (IX-D)