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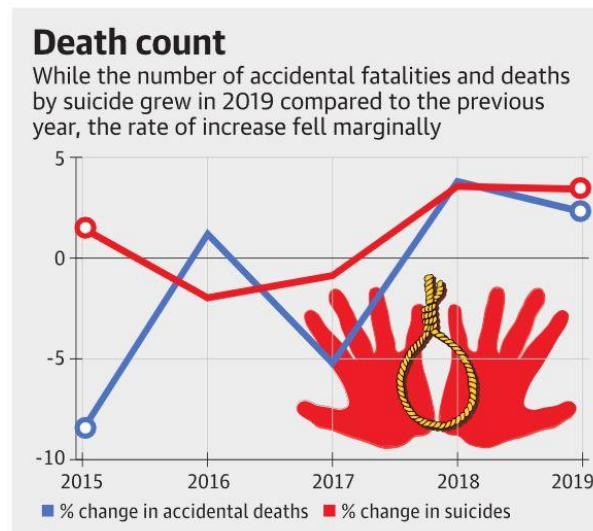
## NATIONAL

### MEDBOT- medical trolley

- ❖ Indian Railways has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named 'MEDBOT' to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients.
- ❖ It is providing service in the Central Hospital of the Diesel Rail Engine Factory of Indian Railways.
- ❖ During Corona crisis, apart from providing transport facilities and essential items like food grains to people, Indian Railways has also provided facilities for COVID-19 patients.

### Report on accidental deaths, suicides

- ❖ This report was released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- ❖ According to the report, the number of suicide cases and accidental deaths registered an increase across the country last year from the 2018 figures.



### Suicides

- ❖ India reported an average 381 deaths by suicide daily in 2019
- ❖ Suicides in the country went up slightly from 1,34,516 to 1,39,123.
- ❖ Suicides in the farm sector have steadily declined over four years.
- ❖ Most suicides by unemployed persons were in Kerala at 14% followed by Maharashtra (10.8%), Tamil Nadu (9.8%), Karnataka (9.2%) and 6.1% in Odisha.

- ❖ Most suicides by those in business activities were in Maharashtra followed by Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The suicide rate in cities (13.9%) was higher compared to the all-India average.
- ❖ Most cases of mass/family suicides were reported from Tamil Nadu (16), followed by Andhra Pradesh (14), Kerala (11) and Punjab (9) and Rajasthan (7).

### Accidents




- ❖ Accidental deaths in the country increased by 2.3%.
- ❖ Maharashtra reported the highest deaths (70,329), amounting to nearly one-sixth of the total.
- ❖ The major causes were 'traffic accidents' (43.9%).
- ❖ Most deaths (400) due to lightning was reported each from Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, followed by Jharkhand (334) and Uttar Pradesh (321).

### **Mission Karmayogi**



**MISSION KARMAYOGI:  
POLICY FRAMEWORK  
OF NPCSCB**

**Transforming, Strengthening & Promoting  
Transparency**

-  To complement the physical capacity building approach with **online learning**
-  Enable **adoption** of modern technological tools such as digital platforms, **Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Analytics**
-  To calibrate all civil service tasks to a **Framework of Roles, Activities and Competencies**
-  To **create and deliver relevant content** through online, face-to-face and blended means
-  Civil servants to get an opportunity to **build capacity along their chosen and mandated career-paths**
-  Enabling access to training content in **Hindi, English & other regional languages**

- ❖ Union Cabinet approved Mission Karmayogi for Civil Services Capacity Building scheme.
- ❖ It aims to focus on capacity building of individual civil servants as well as institutional capacity building.

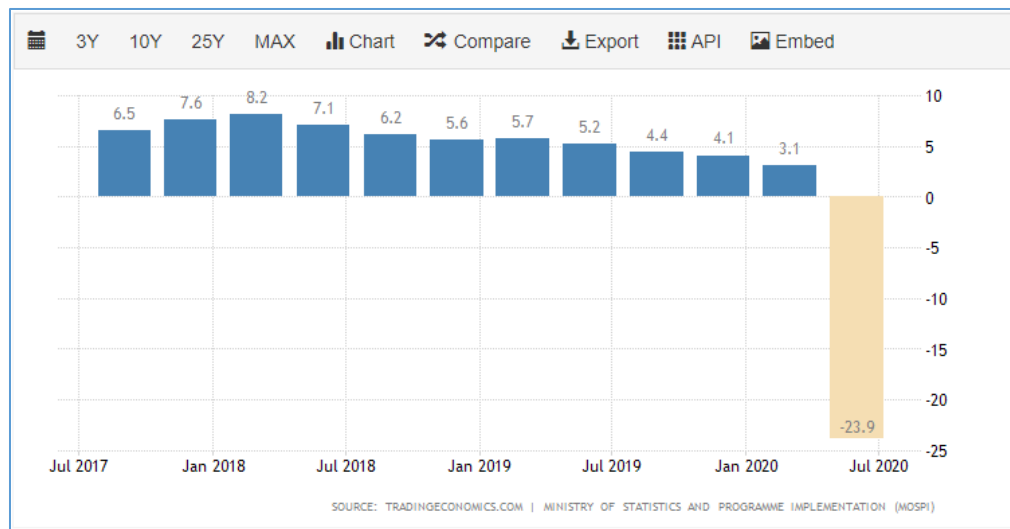


- ❖ The mission is being set up to build future ready civil servants, who will have the right attitude, skills and knowledge that will be in line with the vision of New India.
- ❖ The main objective of Mission Karmayogi is to prepare Indian Civil Servants for the future by enabling them to become more creative, innovative, professional, progressive, constructive, imaginative, transparent, proactive, energetic and technology-enabled.

## ECONOMY

### Indian GDP trend

- ❖ According to the data of National Statistical Office India's gross domestic product (GDP) contract by 23.9% (-23.9%) in April-June period quarter of 2020.
- ❖ India's real GDP fell to 26.9 lakh crore in constant terms, 23.9% lower than a year ago.
- ❖ Nominal GDP fell to Rs 38.08 lakh crore, 22.6% lower than the same period last year.
- ❖ The June quarter GDP data is the worst contraction in the history of the Indian economy since Independence.
- ❖ This is India's fourth recession since independence and the first since liberalisation.
- ❖ The economy last contracted in Financial Year of 1980.
- ❖ This is the first contraction since India began releasing GDP growth data on a quarterly basis in 1997-98.





## **Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments report**

- ❖ It has been jointly developed by the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)'s Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and PayPal Payments Pvt. Ltd. (PayPal).
- ❖ The report gives a glimpse of growth of frauds and payment scams.

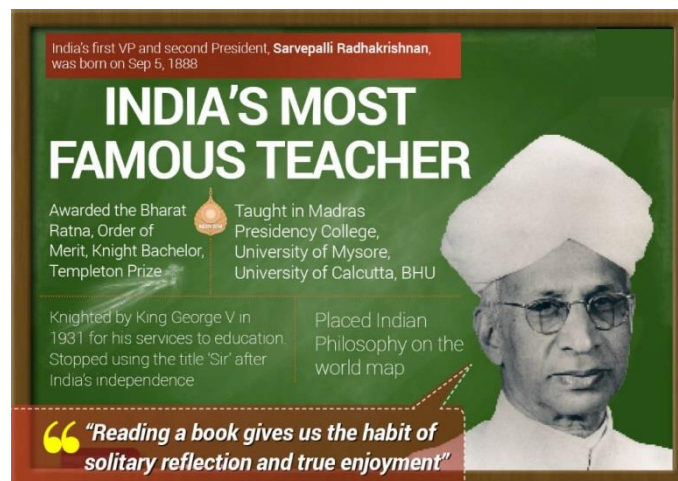
### Key Findings

- ❖ The E-commerce market is expected to grow from USD 50 billion (in 2018) to USD 200 billion by 2026.
- ❖ It is expected that the internet user base will grow to 835 million by 2023 from 560 million in 2018.
- ❖ As of March 31, 2019, 925 million debit and 47 million credit cards have been issued in India, 2nd to China.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Teachers Day - September 05**

- ❖ It commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- ❖ He was born on September 5, 1888, in Thiruthani, Tamil Nadu
- ❖ He was a renowned scholar, recipient of Bharat Ratna (1954), first Vice-President and second President of independent India.
- ❖ He was the first Indian to hold a chair at the University of Oxford (1936-1952).
- ❖ He was elected chairman of UNESCO's executive board in 1948.
- ❖ The National Teachers' Awards are given to the meritorious teachers by the President of India.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Inscription from Renati Chola Era

- ❖ A rare inscription dating back to the Renati Chola era has been unearthed in a remote village of Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The inscription was found engraved on a dolomite slab and shale, which are part of a fragmentary pillar.
- ❖ The inscription was written in archaic Telugu.
- ❖ It was assigned to the 8th Century AD, when the region was under the rule of Chola Maharaja of Renadu.
- ❖ The inscription seems to throw light on the record of a gift of six Marttus (a measuring unit) of land to a Brahmin Priest.
- ❖ Some lines are indicative of the priority given to morality in those days.

### Renati Cholas

- ❖ The Telugu Cholas of Renadu (also called as Renati Cholas) ruled over Renadu region, the present-day Kadapa district.
- ❖ The earliest of this family was Nandivarman (500 AD).
- ❖ These kings claimed that they belonged to Karikala Chola's dynasty.
- ❖ They are said to be the first kingdom to use Telugu in administration and inscriptions, instead of Sanskrit.

