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## Most Important Current Affairs | IBPS SO Prelims 2020

### PM Modi launched 3 projects in Gujarat

PM inaugurated three projects in **Gujarat**, one each related to farmers' welfare, healthcare, and tourism development.

#### 1) Kisan Suryodaya Yojna

- An **Agri scheme** aims to provide power supply during daytime from **5 am to 9 pm (16 hours)** for irrigation purposes to farmers.
- State govt. allocated a budget of **Rs 3,500 crores**.
- Initially, **Dahod, Patan, Mahisagar, Panchmahal, Chhota Udepur, Kheda, Tapi, Valsad, Anand and Gir-Somnath districts** covered under the scheme for 2020-21.

#### 2) India's biggest cardiac hospital in Ahmedabad

- The Paediatric Heart Hospital inaugurated at **U.N Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre at Civil Hospital** campus in Ahmedabad.
- New facilities set up at the cost of **Rs. 470 crore** and will be India's biggest hospital for cardiology.

#### World's longest temple ropeway project at Girnar in Junagadh

- **Girnar hill ropeway at Junagadh** is **Rs. 130 crores** project.
- The **2,320 metres long ropeway** has a capacity of carrying **1,000 passengers every hour**.

### Bangladesh govt orders 'no mask, no service' policy

**Bangladesh government** decided that **no service** will be provided to people who **don't wear a mask**. Cabinet meeting chaired by PM **Sheikh Hasina** decided that no one will be allowed to enter offices without the mask.

### Indian Army launches indigenous mobile application SAI

**Indian Army** launched a secured messaging application platform named '**Secure Application for the Internet (SAI)**.'

It will support end-to-end secure voice, text and video calling services. It is similar to applications like Telegram and WhatsApp.

It is vetted by CERT-in empanelled auditor and Army Cyber Group.

MoD informed that SAI will be used by pan Army to ensure securing messaging.

DM Rajnath Singh praised Col Sai Shankar for his skill and ingenuity for developing the application.

### 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delhi

**India** is hosting the third **India-US two plus two Ministerial Dialogue** at Hyderabad House in **New Delhi**.

DM **Rajnath Singh** and External Affairs Minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** leading the Indian delegation.

US Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** & Secretary of Defence **Mark Esper** are leading the US delegation.

1<sup>st</sup> two plus two dialogue held in **New Delhi** & 2<sup>nd</sup> in **Washington DC in 2019**.

### GoI sets up committee to commemorate 400th anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur

Centre has set up a high-level committee headed by PM **Modi** to commemorate the **400th** birth anniversary of **Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur**.

Union Home Secretary **Ajay Kumar Bhalla** will be the member secretary of the **70-member high-level committee**.

Committee will look into the approval of policies, plans, programmes and supervision and guiding the commemoration, as well as for deciding dates for detailed programmes of celebration.

### 14th Asian Film Awards 2020 announced

14th edition of **Asian Film Awards** organized by the **Asian Film Awards Academy**.

Indian Movie **Gully Boy** received the award for the Best Original Score at 14th Asian Film Awards. The award went to **Karsh Kale** and The Salvage Audio Collective.

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**14th Asian Film Awards Winners List:**

Award	Name Winner
Best Actor	Lee Byung-hun – The Man Standing Next (South Korea)
Best Actress	Zhou Dongyu – Better Days (China)
Best Director	Wang Xiaoshuai for So Long, My Son (China)
Best Film	Parasite (South Korea)
Best Original Music	Karsh Kale, The Salvage Audio Collective – Gully Boy

**PM Modi launches India’s first seaplane service in Gujarat**

PM launched the country’s first seaplane service between the **Statue of Unity** near **Kevadiya** in Gujarat’s Narmada district and **Sabarmati** Riverfront in **Ahmedabad**. The **19-seater** seaplane will be managed by private airline **SpiceJet**. The service will cover the **200km** distance between Sabarmati and Kevadia, in just **45 minutes** by flight, which usually takes 4 hours.

**PM Modi inaugurates ‘Arogya Van’ in Gujarat’s Narmada district**

PM Modi inaugurated the **‘Arogya Van’** in the Narmada district of Gujarat. He also inaugurated **Arogya Kutir, Ekta Mall, and Children Nutrition Park**. Arogya Van is set up on 17 acres of land in Kevadia for spreading awareness on Yoga, Ayurveda and Meditation. It features around 380 species of plants and trees with rich medicinal values. Arogya Kutir has a traditional treatment facility named Santhigiri wellness centre which will provide healthcare based on Ayurveda, Siddha, Yoga and Panchakarma. About Ekta Mall | Displays a diverse range of handicrafts and traditional items from all over India symbolizing unity in diversity and is spread over 35000 sq ft. About Children Nutrition Park & Mirror Maze | Spread over an area of 35000 sq ft, it is the world’s first-ever technology-driven nutrition park for children.

**Shaktikanta Das Chairs 40th SAARC Central Bank Governors Meet**

**40th Meeting of the SAARCFINANCE Governors’ Group** was held virtually, under the Chairmanship of Shri **Shaktikanta Das**, Governor, RBI. The meeting was attended by the Governors from **SAARC central banks**. Mr Das also inaugurated the **SAARCFINANCE Sync**, a closed user group secure communication network.

**About SAARCFINANCE Sync:**

- SAARCFINANCE is a network of central bank governors and finance secretaries of the SAARC region.
- RBI is the current chair of SAARCFINANCE.
- SAARCFINANCE Established– September 9, 1998.
- SAARCFINANCE Current Chair– RBI (Reserve Bank of India)

**UNESCO allots India’s Panna Tiger Reserve ‘Biosphere Reserve’ status**

In **Madhya Pradesh**, the **Panna Tiger Reserve** included in the **‘World Network of Biosphere Reserves’** list of the **UNESCO**. This is the **12th** biosphere reserve from India to be included in the **‘World Network of Biosphere Reserves’**, and third from Madhya Pradesh, after **Pachmarhi and Amarkantak**. Currently, Panna Tiger Reserve is home to **54 tigers**.

**PM Modi Chairs Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020**

PM **Modi** chaired the **Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020 Conference**, aimed at attracting investment in the country. Indian side included business leaders, financial market regulators, finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and RBI governor **Shaktikanta Das**. The conference focused on discussions around India’s economic and investment outlook, structural reforms and the government’s vision for making the country a **\$5 trillion economy**. The Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) was organised by the Ministry of Finance and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund.

**Finance Minister announces ‘Aatmanirbhar’ Package 3.0**

Let’s discuss the Important Points

1. **Boost for Employment**
2. **Rs. 3 lakh crore existing Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS 1.0)**
3. **Rs 1.46 lakh crore boost for Atmanirbhar Manufacturing Production-linked incentives for 10 Champion Sectors**
4. **Rs 18,000 crores additional outlay for PM Awaas Yojana (PMAY) –Urban**
5. **Support for Construction & Infrastructure – Relaxation of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Performance Security on Government Tenders**

6. Demand booster for Residential Real Estate Income Tax relief for Developers & Home Buyers
7. Rs 1.10 lakh crore Platform for Infra Debt Financing - Rs 6000 crores Equity infusion in NIIF Debt Platform
8. Support for Agriculture Rs 65,000 crores for subsidised Fertilisers
9. Boost for Rural Employment - Enhanced outlays under PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana
10. Boost for Project Exports - Rs 3000 crore to EXIM bank for Lines of Credit
11. Capital and Industrial Stimulus
12. R&D grant for COVID Vaccine Development

### Joe Biden wins the US presidential election

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. has defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th U.S. president.

Biden will become the oldest president-elect in U.S. history and the first to oust a sitting commander-in-chief after one term since Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Biden's electoral-college vote to 290, surpassing the 270 needed to win the White House.

California Senator Kamala Harris, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president.

### Azim Premji tops Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020

Founder-chairman of Wipro Ltd, Azim Premji has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020.

75-year-old made the highest contribution of Rs 7,904 crore between April 2019 and March 2020 towards philanthropic causes.

Shiv Nadar, founder and chairman of HCL Technologies, ranked second (Rs 795 crore) on the list.

The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020 is compiled by the EdelGive Foundation and Hurun Research Institute. It is the seventh edition of the annual list.

It ranks individuals from India who donated Rs 5 crore and above between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020, towards philanthropic contributions.

### Mumbai Indians wins IPL 2020 trophy

Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals in the final of Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 to lift their fifth IPL trophy.

- Kings XI Punjab skipper KL Rahul bags the Orange Cap.
- Game Changer of the Season: KL Rahul.
- Delhi Capitals' Kagiso Rabada wins the Purple Cap.
- Emerging Player of the season: Devdutt Padikkal (RCB).
- Rajasthan Royals speedster Jofra Archer emerges as the Most Valuable Player.

### National Education Day: 11 November

In India, the National Education Day or Rashtriya Shiksha Diwas is celebrated on 11 November every year. The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.

### RBI puts Lakshmi Vilas Bank under moratorium

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has placed cash-strapped Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) under a moratorium for a period of one month and restricted withdrawals at Rs 25,000 for depositors, owing to a serious deterioration in the lender's financial position.

The central bank also superseded the board of directors of LVB for a period of 30 days owing to a serious deterioration in the financial position of the bank.

### RBI creates Reserve Bank Innovation Hub to boost financial inclusion

RBI created a Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). The aim of Innovation Hub is to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging on technology and creating an environment which would facilitate and foster innovation.

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) would be managed by a Governing Council (GC) consisting of 10 members (including a chairperson).

Shri Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan, co-founder and former co-Chairman, Infosys, has been appointed as the first Chairperson of the RBIH.

**PM Modi Virtually Attends 12th BRICS Summit**

PM **Modi** virtually addressed the **12th (BRICS) Summit**. Summit was held under the Chairmanship of Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.

**India** will be taking over the Chairmanship of the **BRICS in 2021** and host the **13th BRICS Summit** in 2021.

Theme of the 12th edition of BRICS Summit was **“Global stability, shared security and innovative growth”**.

**PM Narendra Modi unveils Swami Vivekananda’s statue on JNU**

PM **Modi** unveiled a **statue of Swami Vivekananda** in **Jawaharlal Nehru University Campus, New Delhi** through video conferencing.

It took renowned sculptor **Naresh Kumawat** seven months to complete this statue.

**SpaceX launches 4 astronauts into space**

**SpaceX** launched **Four Astronauts (3 Americans, 1 Japanese)** to the International Space Station on the first full-fledged taxi flight for **NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** by a private company.

They were launched by **Falcon Rocket** from the Kennedy Space Center.

The capsule has been named as **“Resilience”**.

The crew was led by Commander **Mike Hopkins**, **Shannon Walker**, **Victor Glover** (First Black Astronaut on a long-term space station) mission and **Japan’s Soichi Noguchi** (First person in 40 years to launch on three types of spacecraft).

**Cabinet approves RBI’s proposal to merge Lakshmi Vilas Bank with DBS Bank**

Union Cabinet has approved the merger of capital-starved **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** with **DBS Bank India**.

RBI on 17 November proposed the merger of the lender with the Indian arm of **Singapore’s DBS Bank**.

The 94-year-old LVB will now cease to exist and its equity completely wiped out. Its deposits will now be on the books of DBS India.

DBIL will infuse fresh capital of **Rs 2,500 crores** into LVB. This also marks the first instance when India has turned to a foreign entity to bail out a struggling domestic bank. Under the deal, DBS got **563 branches, 974 ATMs and a \$1.6 billion franchise in retail liabilities**.

**Delhi Crime bags Best Drama Series at the International Emmy Awards**

The Netflix show, **Delhi Crime** has won the Best Drama Series award at the **48th International Emmy Awards 2020**.

Delhi Crime is the **first web-series from India** to win an **International Emmy Award**. The show is written and directed by **Richie Mehta** and features actress **Shefali Shah** as the main character.

**2020 International Emmy Awards | Important Winners List:**

- **Best Drama Series:** Delhi Crime (India)
- **Best Comedy Series:** Ninguem Ta Olhando (Nobody’s Looking) (Brazil)
- **Best Actress:** Glenda Jackson, Elizabeth Is Missing (United Kingdom)
- **Best Actor:** Billy Barratt, Responsible Child (United Kingdom)

**Department of Fisheries presents first Fisheries Awards**

**Department of Fisheries** presents **Fisheries Sector Awards** for the first time on the occasion of the ‘World Fisheries Day’, to recognise their accomplishments in the field and their contribution into the growth of the sector.

**Top States**

- Marine states – Odisha
- Inland states – Uttar Pradesh.
- Hilly and NE states – Assam.

**Top Organisations**

- Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd. (for Marine).
- Telangana State Fishermen Cooperative societies Federation Ltd (for Inland).
- Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Ltd. (for Hilly region).

**Top Districts**

- Best Marine District – Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.
- Best Inland District – Kalahandi, Odisha.
- Best Hilly and NE District – Nagaon, Assam.

**Indian Constitution Day: 26 November**

In India, **26 November** is celebrated as **Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas**. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into **force on January 26, 1950**, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.

### Martyrdom Day of 'Guru Tegh Bahadur'

Every year, **November 24** is celebrated as **Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur**, the ninth Guru of Sikhs of Sikh religion. The day is celebrated as **Shaheedi Divas** of Guru Tegh Bahadur across the country.

### Thaawarchand Gehlot e-launches National Portal for Transgender Persons

Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has e-launched a '**National Portal for Transgender Persons**' and e-inaugurated a '**Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons**' in Vadodara, Gujarat.

This highly useful Portal would help a transgender person in applying for a **Certificate and Identity card** digitally from anywhere in the country.

The most important benefit is that it helps the transgender person to get the I-Card without any physical interface and without having to visit any office.

**'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons'**

**'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons'** will be run in association with Lakshya Trust, a Community based organisation entirely run by the Transgenders.

The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational facilities.

Nodal Ministry has taken the first step in improving the conditions of Transgender persons and has identified 10 cities to set up the **13 Shelter Homes** and extend the facilities to Transgender persons, in association with selected **13 CBOs** in the country on a pilot basis.

### Banking Current Affairs

- **State Bank of India** with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** | Loan agreement of up to **\$1 billion** | Loan will facilitate the operations of Japanese car companies in India.
- **ICICI Bank** | Shut down his operations in **Sri Lanka** after getting approval from **Sri Lankan monetary authority**.
- RBI | barred Payment System Operators (PSOs) from launching any new proprietary QR code for payment transactions| Two interoperable QR codes: UPI QR & Bharat QR. | Decision made on the recommendations of the committee which was set up by RBI under the chairmanship of Deepak Phatak to review the current system of such codes in India.

- **BharatPe** launched **digital gold on its platform**.
- RBI | Imposed monetary penalty on **DCB Bank & Jio Payments Bank** | various rule violations | Penalty of Rs **22 lakh** on **DCB Bank** for non-compliance with certain provisions on marketing/distribution of mutual fund/insurance etc.
- **ICICI Bank** | Launched comprehensive banking programme for its **millennial customers** (18to 35 years) | '**ICICI Bank Mine**' | **1st one** to offer a mobile-first, highly personalised & experiential led banking experience.
- **NPCI** allowed Facebook-owned messaging platform "**WhatsApp**" to roll out its payments service in the country in a "graded" manner.
- **WhatsApp** | partnered with five Indian banks to process its payment services. These are **State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank & Jio Payments Bank**.
- RBI will evaluate the impact of multi-media public awareness campaign '**RBI Kehta Hai**', which was launched in **14 languages** to educate the public about safe banking & financial practices.
- **HDFC Bank** launched | "**SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0**" for **Small & mid-size enterprises** | Will allows merchants & self-employed professionals to instantly open a current account & start accepting payments in-store, online, & on-the-go.
- **Paytm** launched "**Payout Links**" for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees & vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** conducted a meeting in New Delhi. It approved the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020**. This opens the way for making rules for the various aspects of banking operations that would be permissible at the IFSC.
- RBI banned the **Manta Urban Cooperative Bank** in **Jalna district of Maharashtra** for **six months** for payment of money & loan transactions.
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** launched a low-cost insurance scheme '**Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**' for its customers to bring large sections of the underserved & unserved population into the financial mainstream. IPPB has collaborated with **PNB MetLife India Insurance Company** for this.

- **SBM Bank India**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of **State Bank of Mauritius** partnered with Fintech **PayNearby** to launch a **neo banking platform**.
- **Reserve Bank of India** imposed a penalty of **Rs 1 crore** on **Punjab National Bank** for violating the **Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** launched a women-centred product '**Eva**'. **Smriti Mandhana** appointed as the brand ambassador for its newly launched product '**EVA**'. **Eva** is unique **savings account for women**.
- **Karnataka Bank** launched **CASA (current account, savings account)** mobilisation campaign which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021. It intends to mobilise over **4.10 lakh current & savings accounts** with an accretion of **650 crores of business**.
- **HDFC Bank & IndusInd Bank** put in the '**red flag list**', a system used for monitoring **foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits**. FPIs can invest up to 74% in both HDFC Bank & IndusInd Bank.
- **National Statistical Office (NSO)** released the estimates of GDP for the second quarter (**July-September**) Q2 of 2020-21. The GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 of 2020-21 is estimated at Rs 33.14 lakh crore, as against Rs 35.84 lakh crore in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of **7.5%** as compared to **4.4% growth in Q2 2019-20**.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** launched a digital application for agents for onboarding to get a life insurance policy. The Digital Application is called "**ANANDA**", which is an acronym for **Atma Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application**. It is a tool for the onboarding process to get the life insurance policy through a paperless module with the help of the agent or intermediary.
- **Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** enhanced the investment limits for Mutual Fund companies for overseas investments. **Mutual Funds** can make overseas investments subject to a maximum of **US \$ 600 million** per Mutual Fund, within the overall industry limit of **US \$ 7 billion**. Earlier it was **USD 300 million**.
- **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** | handed over the **Lucknow airport** to the **Adani group** on lease for a period of **50 years**. Apart from this, the Adani group has taken over/will take over operations of 5 more airports.
- **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** | approved the acquisition | General Insurance Business of **Bharti AXA** General Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA) by **ICICI Lombard** General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard) under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**.

### Economy/Financial/Business Current Affairs

- Investment bank, **Goldman Sachs** revised upwards the growth forecast for India in **FY21** to **-10.3%** from its earlier projection of **-14.8%** in **September 2020**.
- **Moody's** Investors Service has revised **India's GDP growth** forecast to **-10.6 per cent** for the current **fiscal 2020-21 (FY21)**, in its November 2020 update, from its earlier estimate of **-11.5 per cent** in September 2020. For next fiscal 2021-22, Moody's projected India to grow at **10.8 per cent**.
- **Barclays** revised down its GDP forecast for India in the current fiscal year **2020-21 (FY21)** to **- 6.4%** from its earlier estimate of **- 6%**. However, Barclays has raised its **FY22 (2021-22)** growth forecast to **8.5 per cent** from **7 per cent**.
- **Forecasting firm Oxford Economics** predicts that India's post-COVID-19 scars could be among the worst in the world. It expects India's growth equilibrium to worsen substantially over the medium term, with potential growth averaging just **4.5%** over **2020-2025**, from its pre-pandemic projection of **6.5%**.
- Rating Agency Moody's projected the GDP of India at **-8.9%** for the calendar year 2020. Earlier this was projected at **-9.6%**. Apart from this, India's GDP growth for Calendar year 2021 is projected at **8.6%**.

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### Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings

- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) with Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ICCI) | Signed Agreement | To support small & medium enterprises (SMEs) & start-ups, & promote their listing on the exchange.
- IIT Jodhpur & National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) |MoU | to share expertise for the betterment of highway infrastructure.
- Indian Posts & US Postal Service | Agreement | For the electronic exchange of customs data related to postal shipments. Enable to transmit & receive electronic data of international postal items prior to their physical arrival.
- SBI Card in association with DMRC | launched a contactless multi-purpose card that can function as a credit card & as a metro smart card.

### New Appointments: National | International

- **Bimal Julka**, Chairman, **Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS)** | Replaced **John Loffhagen**.
- MD & CEO, **HDFC Bank**, **Aditya Puri** stepped down, after **25 years** | **Sashidhar Jagdishan** appointed as the new MD & CEO w.e.f. **27 October 2020**.
- **Rajiv Jalota**, Chairman, **Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT)**.
- **PVG Menon**, CEO, **Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI)**.
- **AK Gupta**, the new **Managing Director & CEO of ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)**.
- **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** Chairman, **Dilip Rath** unanimously elected to the board of global dairy body **International Dairy Federation (IDF)**.
- Manipur's **Gyanendro Ningombam** elected unopposed as the **President of Hockey India**, while former President **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad**, **Senior Vice President, Hockey India**.
- Union government extended the tenure of **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** Director **Sanjay Kumar Mishra** by a year.
- Indian diplomat, **Vidisha Maitra** elected to the **UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative & Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**.
- **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** director-pipelines **Akshay Kumar Singh** will be the new **MD & CEO** of the country's biggest gas importer, **Petronet LNG Ltd**. He will replace **Prabhat Singh**.

- Auckland-based commercial lawyer & director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) **Greg Barclay** elected as the new **chairman** of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.
- **Lt Gen Harpal Singh** has appointed new **Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army**.
- **Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary** appointed as the new Director-General of the **Border Roads Organisation**. Note: BRO is responsible for the construction & maintenance of roads along the borders with China & Pakistan.

### Awards & Recognition

- India-assisted **Mangdechhu Hydroelectric project in Bhutan** | Awarded **Brunel Medal-2020** | Conferred by the **UK's top engineering body**, Institute of Civil Engineers.
- **National Academy of Medical Sciences (India)** | selected the Principal Scientist, Division of Molecular Parasitology & Immunology, (CSIR-CDRI)-Lucknow, **Dr Satish Mishra** | "**Dr.Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020**" | For his research work on Malaria parasite's life cycle.
- Bangladeshi boy, **Anzar Mustaeen Ali (6 year old)** won a special prize of USD 1000 for his artwork in the global art competition organised by the **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)**.
- Late Indian actor, **Om Puri** was honoured with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the third edition of the **India International Film Festival of Boston (IIFFB 2020)**. Another highlight was a conversation with chef **Vikas Khanna**, recipient of the "**Pride of India Award**".
- Noted Malayalam writer, **Paul Zacharia** | 2020 **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**, Kerala government's highest literary honour.
- Noted filmmaker **Hariharan** | **JC Daniel Award**, the state government's highest honour for **lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema**.
- Malayalam author, **S Hareesh** | **JCB Prize for Literature 2020** | for his novel **Moustache**.
- **Ruskin Bond**, one of India's most cherished authors was conferred **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020**. He has a substantial body of work, close to 100 books – across genres for children & adults.
- **VP M Venkaiah Naidu** presented the 2nd National Water Awards (NWAs) for 2019. Tamil Nadu bagged the **Best State Award**, followed by Maharashtra & Rajasthan.

- **Sadat Rahman** from **Bangladesh** awarded the prestigious **International Children's Peace Prize 2020**. He was awarded for his involvement in setting up his social organization & mobile app '**Cyber Teens**' to stop cyberbullying.
- **Dr Susanta Kar** | Honoured with "**Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020**" by **Society of Biological Chemists (India)**, Bengaluru | For his contribution towards defining the survival tactics of **Leishmania Donovanii**.
- Union Education Minister, **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** | conferred with the **Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award** for writing, poetry & other literary works.
- Scottish writer **Douglas Stuart** | **2020 Booker Prize for Fiction** | For his debut novel, "**Shuggie Bain**".
- **North Police Station in Kohima** | awarded **ISO 9001:2015 certification for Quality Management System**. It is the first government agency of the state that has received such recognition.
- Veteran actor **Naseeruddin Shah** | Honoured with the **2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar** at annual **Sangit Kala Kendra Awards**. **Neel Choudhary & Irawati Karnik** awarded the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalakiran Puraskars. "**Theatre**" is the central theme, for this year's awards.
- Karnataka Governor **Vajubhai Vala** presented Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman **K Sivan**.
- **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR)** & the **Uttar Pradesh Forest department** bagged the first-ever international award, "**TX2**" for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years. TX2 stands for '**Tigers times two**', signalling the goal to double wild tigers. In 2014, PTR had **25 tigers** which went up to **65 in 2018**.

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## Special Offer

### RAJBHASHA ADHIKARI (SCALE I) PRELIMS

20 TOTAL TESTS

### Summits | Events | Festivals (National/International)

- **6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** | held virtually | under the chairmanship of **Vyacheslav Volodin**, the Chairman of **Russian Parliament** | Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker, **Om Birla**.
- **19th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Ministers of Foreign Economy & Foreign Trade hosted by **India** | Under the Chairmanship **Piyush Goyal** (Union Minister of Commerce & Industry). **Note** | Secretary-General of SCO **Vladimir Norov**
- 2nd Meeting of **India-Central Asia Dialogue** held | Under the Chairmanship of EAM **Dr. S Jaishankar**. **Note**: Foreign ministers of all 5 Central Asian countries- **Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, & Kyrgyzstan**- participated | India extends \$1 bn credit line to Central Asian countries.
- **4th High-Level Meeting of OPEC-India Dialogue** hosted by **OPEC Secretariat** | Co-chaired by HE **Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo**, SG-OPEC & **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** (Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Minister of Steel)
- 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State held | Chaired by Russian President **Vladimir Putin** | **PM Modi** led the Indian delegation.
- **India** extended financial contribution of **USD 1 million** to the **COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund** | Announced by **PM Modi** at the **17th ASEAN-India Summit 2020**.
- EAM **Dr S. Jaishankar** represented India | At **15th East Asia Summit (EAS)** | Chaired by PM of **Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc** because Vietnam is ASEAN Chair in 2020 | **Note**: All the 18 EAS countries participated.
- **8th BRICS Science, Technology & Innovation Ministerial Meeting** for Science & Technology cooperation held | Under the Chairmanship of **Russian Federation**. (Russia is the Chair for 12th BRICS Summit). **Note**: Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Dr Harsh Vardhan** represented India.
- 15 Asia Pacific countries signed the world's biggest free trade deal led by China | On sidelines of the **37th ASEAN Summit** | Deal called as '**Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)**', is the world's largest trading bloc, comprising of 10 Southeast Asian countries, as well as **South Korea, China, Japan, Australia & New Zealand**.

- PM **Modi** addressed | **3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum** | It witnessed discussions on refuelling the economy & charting a course for the future.
- PM **Modi**, & PM of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, **Xavier Bettel** | Held 1st -ever **India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit** | Both parties agreed for enhanced cooperation in areas of **trade, finance, steel, space, ICT, innovation, manufacturing, automotive, sustainable development**
- **15th G20 Summit** held|Under the chairmanship of **Saudi Arabia** | King **Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud** of Saudi Arabia chaired the Summit| Theme: **“Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All”**.
- **2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting** held|Under the Chairmanship of Malaysian PM **Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin** | Theme: **“Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress”** | APEC Summit 2021 to be hosted by New Zealand | Note: 2nd time Malaysia hosted.
- PM Modi inaugurated | **3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting & Expo (RE-Invest 2020)** |Organised by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy | Theme was **‘Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition’**.
- 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference | Organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs | Inaugurated by Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (IC) Housing and Urban Affairs | Theme: **“Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility”**

### Committees in News

- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting constituted a four-member committee, to assess the existing Television Rating Points (TRP) of TV channels. The committee will be chaired by Prasar Bharati CEO, Shashi S Vempati.

### Obituaries (National/International)

- Chairman of Samsung Group (South Korea’s largest company)| **Lee Kun-hee**.
- Famous Gujarati film musician, singer & former Parliamentarian | **Mahesh Kanodia**
- Veteran Gujarati film star-turned-politician | **Naresh Kanodia** (Younger brother of Gujarati singer **Mahesh Kanodia**).

- Author & Longtime editor at The New Yorker & Random House | **Daniel Menaker**
- Former CM of Gujarat | **Keshubhai Savdasbhai Patel** (Served in **1995** & from **March 1998 to October of 2001**)
- Veteran Politician & former PM of Turkey | **Mesut Yilmaz**.
- Scottish actor (Best known for his portrayal of **James Bond**) | **Sean Connery**.
- Noted actor, filmmaker & voiceover artiste|**Ashish Kakkad**, has passed away.
- Noted violin maestro & Padma awardee| **TN Krishnan** (**Tripunithura Narayanaier Krishnan**)
- Former Chief Minister & Socialist of Bihar| **Satish Prasad Singh**.
- Bollywood actor | **Faraaz Khan**.
- Bollywood filmmaker | **Sudarshan Rattan**.
- American television editor, writer & producer | **Ken Spears** (co-created animated series **Scooby-Doo**)
- Author & Gujarati columnist | **Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ**.
- **Bahrain’s PM** | **Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa** (Longest-serving PM of Bahrain & world’s longest-serving PM (Since 1971).
- Bollywood actor | **Asif Basra**.
- Former Sikkim CM | **Sanchaman Limboo** (Fourth CM of **Sikkim from June to December 1994** from **Sikkim Sangram Parishad Party**).
- Noted journalist & writer | **Ravi Belagere** (From Karnataka)
- Bengali actor & Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient | **Soumitra Chatterjee**
- Former Lt Governor of Pondicherry | **Chandrawati** (1st MP (1977), 1st MLA, 1st minister & 1st leader of Opposition in Haryana assembly).
- Physicist | **Masatoshi Koshiha** (Shared **2002 Nobel Prize** for the detection of cosmic neutrinos).
- Rajasthan Social Justice & Empowerment Minister | **Bhanwarlal Meghwal**.
- Former Governor of Goa & veteran BJP leader | **Mridula Sinha** (**1st woman Governor of Goa**).
- Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter, & Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner | **Shaik Khaja Hussain**, popularly known as **Devi Priya**.
- Three-time Assam Chief Minister from Congress | **Tarun Gogoi** (Between **2001 & 2015** | Longest-serving CM of Assam).

- Senior Congress leader & Rajya Sabha MP representing **Gujarat | Ahmed Patel**
- Television actor | **Ashiesh Roy**.
- Greatest footballers of all time | **Diego Maradona** (Captain when **Argentina** won the **1986 World Cup**).
- Founder of **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) | Faqir Chand Kohli (Father of the Indian IT industry)**.

**List/Indexes (Ranks & Reports)**

- National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) | Featured on the top on the list of Indian PSUs under the 'World's Best Employer 2020', published by Forbes.
- South Korea based electronics company, Samsung Electronics | Topped the list of 'World's Best Employer 2020' published by Forbes'. Amazon, IBM, Microsoft & LG are among the top 5 in the list. From India, HCL Technologies is the top industry, at 30th position globally. In Banking sector, HDFC Bank is top from India at 176th position.
- As per Department of Science & Technology (DST), Indian supercomputer, Param Siddhi achieved 63rd rank in the list of 500 most powerful supercomputers in the world.
- As per the TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020 | India placed at 77th position | Bhutan scored better than India & got 48th place in the list.
- Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released its biannual 'Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)' report of the World's Most Expensive Cities in 2020, based on their cost of living. Hong Kong (China), Paris (France) & Zurich (Switzerland) share top spot as the most expensive cities in the list. Damascus (Syria), Taskent (Uzbekistan), Lusaka (Zambia) ranked the last three spot as the most cheapest cities.

- The Indian national team moved up a spot to 104 in the latest FIFA Rankings. The Indian team were ranked 108th in the October 2020 rankings. In two months, India has climbed 5 spots after being 109th in September. Belgium continues to lead the rankings followed by France, Brazil.

**Important Days (October to March)**

- 24th October | Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) | 59th raising Day
- 27th October | World Day for Audiovisual Heritage | Raise awareness of the significance & preservation risks of recorded sound & audiovisual documents| Theme: "Your Window to the World".
- 28th October | International Animation Day
- 29th October | International Internet Day
- 29th October | World Psoriasis Day | Theme: INFORMED
- 31st October | World Cities Day| Theme: Valuing Our Communities & Cities.
- 31st October | In India| Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day| To commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel | 145th anniversary this year
- 1st November | World Vegan Day | To spread benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, & the natural environment.
- 2nd November | International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
- 5th November | World Tsunami Awareness Day
- 6th November | International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War & Armed Conflict
- 7th November | National Cancer Awareness Day
- 8th November | International Day of Radiology | Motton for 2020 was: 'Radiologists & radiographers supporting patients during COVID-19'.
- 9th November | "National Legal Services Day"
- 8th November | World Urbanism Day or "World Town Planning Day"
- 10th November | World Science Day for Peace & Development | Theme was "Science for & with Society".
- 12th November | World Pneumonia Day
- 12th November |Public Service Broadcasting Day | Celebrated to commemorate the first & only visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.

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- 13th November | World Kindness Day | Theme for 2020 | Kindness: The World We Make – Inspire Kindness.
- 13th November | National Ayurveda Day(5th) | Potential role of Ayurveda in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic will be the focus.
- 14th November | World Diabetes Day | Theme was "The Nurse & Diabetes."
- 16th November | "International Day for Tolerance"
- 16th November | National Press Day
- 18th November | National Naturopathy Day
- Third Sunday of November | World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims | Theme: "First Responders".
- 17th November | National Epilepsy Day, to create awareness about epilepsy | Month of November is observed as 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'.
- 19th November | World Toilet Day (WTD) | Theme remarks on the importance of "Sustainable sanitation & climate change"
- Third Thursday of November | World Philosophy Day | 19 November 2020.
- Third Wednesday of November | World COPD Day | Raise awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) & improve COPD care throughout the world | Theme: Living Well with COPD-Everybody, Everywhere.
- 20th November | World Children's Day
- 20th November | Africa Industrialization Day
- 21st November | World Television Day
- 21st November | World Fisheries Day
- National Newborn Week 2020 | From 15 to 21 November | Theme: 'Quality, Equity, Dignity for every newborn at every health facility & everywhere'.
- 59th National Pharmacy Week (NPW) | 16 to 22 November | Theme: "Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals".
- Airports Authority of India observing| Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020 | 23 to 27 November 2020.
- 25th November | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women | Theme: "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!".
- 26th November | National Milk Day | To commemorate the birthday of the father of India's White Revolution, Dr Verghese Kurien (also nicknamed as Milkman of India).

## Books & Authors

- "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984" | By Sarbpreet Singh
- World's 1st scientoon book entitled "Bye Bye Corona" | By 'scientoonist' Dr Pradeep Srivastava
- "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" | By Tamal Bandyopadhyay
- "Till We Win" | By AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria & co-written by Chandrakant Lahariya & Gagandeep Kang
- Sasindran Kallinkeelpenned | novel named "Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender"
- Actor Anupam Kher's latest book | "Your Best Day Is Today!"
- "Thavaasmi: Life & Skills through the lens of Ramayana"| By Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar & Amara Sarada Deepthi.
- 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) | By former Maharashtra Minister of Education Rajendra Darda
- 'Boskiyana'| Hindi book on Gulzar, veteran Indian poet-lyricist | Edited & compiled by Yashwant Vyas. 'Boskiyana' is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai.
- Actor, producer & humanitarian, Sonu Sood's Autobiography titled "I Am No Messiah" | Co-authored by Meena Iyer.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh | unveiled two books 'The Republican Ethic Volume III' & 'Loktantra Ke Swar' | Collection of selected speeches of President Kovind during the third year of his presidency.
- Book on the life & ideals of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism & first of its ten gurus released | Penned by Kirpal Singh Ji.

## Science & Technology

- Indian astronomers collaborated with the 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez for the design of back-end instruments & possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project. The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) is a proposed extremely large telescope (ELT) which is planned to be installed at Maunakea on the island of Hawaii.

### Current Affairs Related to States in India

- India's first sand dune parks & interpretation centres | To be developed in Goa | World Bank sanctioned around Rs.3 crore under the programme.
- Uttar Pradesh Government | To establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations in each & every district in a major step towards the security of women & children. These Police Stations will be given enough powers to register the case & investigate the matter independently.
- Young Advocates Welfare Fund | Launched in Tamil Nadu. Young Advocates Welfare Scheme | Aimed at helping fresh candidates to withstand the initial challenges. To provide monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3000 each for two years to the lawyers who just come out of law colleges.
- Kerala | 1st state in the country to fix the floor price for vegetables. It will be 20% above the production cost of the vegetable. If the market price goes below the floor price, the product will be procured at the floor price from the farmers. 1st time in the country that the floor price is being fixed for vegetables produced in the state.
- Kolkata | To feature India's first "Tyre Park" | Artworks made from scrap & defective parts will be on display. West Bengal Transport Corporation to launch this Tyre Park.
- India's first of its kind solar energy-driven miniature train inaugurated at the Veli Tourist Village, Kerala by CM Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Laid foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Vegetables Protected Cultivation at Khetri on the outskirts of Guwahati | Set up at an investment of Rs 10.33 Crores.
- ADB approved USD 132.8 million loan to Meghalaya. To improve & upgrade the power distribution network in the state.
- Chief of Janata Dal (United), Nitish Kumar | Taken an oath as CM of Bihar. Began his 7th term from 16th November 2020. Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office. BJP legislature party leader Tarkishore Prasad & Deputy leader Renu Devi | New Deputy Chief Ministers.
- MP government, led by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | To set up a 'Gau Cabinet'. Aim | For the protection, conservation & promotion of cows in the state.
- World heritage site of Hampi, the erstwhile capital of the Vijayanagar empire, will soon be part of a new district. Karnataka Government approved to carve out Vijayanagara as a new district of the state. Vijayanagara will be the 31st district of the State. The new district would be carved out of Ballari & named after the Vijayanagara empire.
- Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Arunachal Pradesh | Become the first in the eight-State northeast to provide insurance cover against Covid-19 for "green soldiers". Eight-State northeast includes Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura.
- Nagaland govt | To celebrate Hornbill Festival virtually this year. Also called the Festival of Festivals. Held every year from December 1 to 10, showcases the culture, heritage, food & customs of Naga tribes.
- India's longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. The Dobra-Chanti Jhula (suspension) bridge inaugurated by cm Trivendra Singh Rawat to mark the 20th foundation day of the state on 9th November 2020.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 'Secha Samadhan', a bilingual mobile application, to address the irrigation problems faced by farmers without them having to visit the offices concerned.
- MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a roadmap to "Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh 2023" through a virtual event. Under the roadmap, a special focus will be on health & education in the state.
- India's first Sandalwood Museum | Established in Aranya Bhavan in Ashokapuram, Mysuru, Karnataka. Set up | to educate farmers about the significance of cultivation of sandalwood.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur & Sonbhadra districts of Vindhya region in Uttar Pradesh. Total estimated cost of the projects is around Rs 5,555.38 Crore.
- 5th India International Cherry Blossom Festival cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. It is held every year in Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya.
- Union Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar | Virtually inaugurated the Rs 107.83 crore mega food park at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab. 37 mega food parks have been sanctioned| of which 20 have started functioning.
- Uttarakhand forest department dedicated the newly-built Moss Garden to the people, claiming that it is the country's first such garden, spread over 10 hectares in Kumaon's Nainital district.
- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet cleared the proposal to rename the Ayodhya airport as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

### Schemes Launched By Union & State Governments

- Himachal Pradesh government launched | ‘Him Suraksha Abhiyan’. Aim | to sensitize the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic & to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like TB, Leprosy, sugar & blood pressure by the door to door campaign throughout the State.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Virtually unveiled ‘Project Air Care’ | To combat rising Air Pollution in Gurgaon. 65 Wing Augmentation Air Purifying Units (WAYU) would be set up at areas with high Air Quality Indices (AQI) in Gurgaon to improve the air quality.
- Kerala Govt. | Launched a pioneering eco-sustainable programme called ‘Parivarthanam’. Purpose| To improve the livelihood of the fishing community. Aim | Improving the livelihood skills of youngsters along the coastline & also enable socio-economic uplift of the fishermen community.
- Dehradun Municipal Corporation (DMC) | Launched an initiative | Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO. Aim | To fight against the menace of plastic waste & contain the spread of Covid-19. Distributed 5000 face masks in exchange for plastic waste.
- Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik launched two web portals | ‘Odisha State Scholarship Portal’ & ‘Sumangal Portal’. ‘Odisha State Scholarship Portal’ | To help eligible students of the state to avail scholarship benefits in a seamless & transparent manner, while the latter one is to help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives. ‘Sumangal Portal’ | To help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives.
- Telangana CM, K Chandrasekhar Rao | Launched web portal ‘Dharani’ | For land & property registrations.
- State government will now undertake all the property transactions, including registrations & mutations, through a web portal.

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### Sports Current Affairs

- **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** | won the **2020 Portuguese Grand Prix** | Hamilton’s **8th win** of the season & 92nd career race victory.
- **Tanmay Manoj Srivastava** | announced his retirement from all forms of domestic cricket.
- **BCCI** | announced **Jio** as the Title Sponsor of the **2020 edition of the Women’s T20 Challenge**.
- Indian boxers **Amit Panghal, Sanjeet & Ashish Kumar** | Won gold medals at **Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament** held in **Nantes, France** | 1st International event that Indian boxers were a part of since lockdown.
- **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** | won the **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020** held in Italy.
- Australian all-rounder **Shane Watson** | Announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- West Indies batsman **Marlon Samuels** | Announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- Russian, **Daniil Medvedev** won Paris Master 2020 title in tennis when he beat **Alexander Zverev** | 4th Russian to capture the **Rolex Paris Masters title**.
- World number one **Chen Meng** beat Chinese compatriot **Sun Yingsha** to win her maiden **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Women’s World Cup table tennis title** held in **Weihai, China**.
- **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)** | Won the Turkish Grand Prix 2020 at Istanbul Park, Turkey.
- Serbian tennis star **Novak Djokovic** | given the **ATP Tour No. 1 trophy** on **15 November 2020**, for finishing 2020 as the year-end No. 1 | Become the only 2nd player in tennis history, after Pete Sampras, to receive the trophy 6th time.
- Indian cricketer, **Sudeep Tyagi** | Announced retirement from **all forms of the cricket**.
- **2021 U-17 Women’s World Cup** which was scheduled to be held in **India** cancelled due to the **Coronavirus pandemic** | India to host the **2022 edition of the World Cup** | **Costa Rica** to host **2022 U20 Women’s World Cup**.
- **BCCI** | announced its partnership with **Mobile Premier League (MPL) Sports** as the new kit sponsor & official merchandise partner for the Indian Cricket Team.
- **Daniil Medvedev (Russia)** beat **Dominic Thiem (Austria)** | Won **2020 ATP Tour Finals** held in London.
- Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** | Launched the **2nd edition** of the “**Fit India School Week**” program in the presence of **Fit India Mission**.

**Miscellaneous Current Affairs**

- **Plastic Premier League (PPL) tournament** | played in Indore, MP | to free the city from single-use plastic | **Note:** Indore has been awarded as the cleanest city in the country four times so far.
- **VP Naidu** | launched virtual festival of “**Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music & Dance**” organised by **Natya Tarangini** in partnership with **United Nations**.
- **Indian Railways** | introduced a new initiative called “**Meri Saheli**” to provide safety & security to women passengers during their train journeys | Launched by the **Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways**.
- **India’s border areas with Pakistan in Rajasthan** soon be illuminated with renewable energy | State government to ink an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) & Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to establish Ultra Mega Renewal Energy Power Park | Of 8,000 megawatts (MW) capacity.
- **Indian-origin New Zealand politician, Priyanca Radhakrishnan** | created history by becoming the first Indian-Kiwi woman to become a minister in New Zealand.
- **Iconic Indian superhero, Chacha Chaudhary** come forward to join hands with the **NamamiGangeProgramme**.
- **Syska Group**, has roped in actor **Rajkummar Rao** as the new face of the brand.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) & Russia’s Sirius (Scientific International Research in Unique Terrestrial Station)** | Jointly launched ‘AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0’ |A 14-day virtual programme for Indian & Russian schoolchildren.
- **Indian film ‘Natkhah’, starring & co-produced by Vidya Balan** | Won top prize at the third edition of Best Of India Short Film Festival 2020.
- **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** | Imposed a total ban on the sale & use of firecrackers in the Delhi-NCR region from 9 November to 30 November.
- **Former West Indies fast bowler, Michael Holding** | Appointed as a new patron of **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Foundation**.
- **Marathi film, Karkhanisanchi Waari (Ashes on a Road Trip)** directed by **Mangesh Joshi** | Will have its world premiere at the 33rd Tokyo International Film Festival (Only Indian entry).
- **Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** announced | **Assam’s Tezpur Litchi** |Given the **geographical indication (GI) tag**.
- **Nepal President, Bidya Devi Bhandari** | Released a **special pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi** | to mark the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi | Anthology is written in the Nepali language.
- **IRCTC to start ‘Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra’** | Will start from Hyderabad & Secunderabad | Theme will be ‘**Show India to Indians**’.
- **Lonar Lake in Buldhana district of Maharashtra** | Chosen as a **wetland site of international importance** under the Ramsar conservation treaty.
- **A first-of-its-kind in the world, library** on the tram for children | Launched in Kolkata| On the occasion of Children’s Day.
- **Keetham Lake, also known as Sur Sarovar, in Agra of Uttar Pradesh** | Added to the list of Ramsar sites.
- **PM Modi** | Unveiled the ‘**Statue of Peace**’ dedicated to **Jain Monk Acharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwarji Maharaj**. | 151-inch (12.6 ft) tall statue | Inaugurated on occasion of 151st birth anniversary of Acharya Shree Vijay Vallabhsuri at **Jetpura, in Pali, Rajasthan**.
- **First solar power-enabled Textile Mill in Asia** | **Jai Bhawani women’s cooperative textile mill** to be set up in **Parbhani district, Maharashtra** | Will operate entirely on solar power.
- **Mastercard & the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** collaborated under **Women’s Global Development & Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP) to launch ‘Project Kirana’ in India, to help women entrepreneurs grow & thrive**.
- **A cow shelter in Assam’s Dibrugarh inaugurated Northeast’s first-ever cow hospital. The hospital, Surbhi Aarogyashala, is set up by Shree Gopal Gaushala.**
- **Deep Depression over the South West Bay of Bengal** intensified into the **Cyclonic Storm “Nivar”**.
- **Malayalam film “Jallikattu”, directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery**|Selected as India’s official entry for the Best International Feature Film category for the 93rd Academy Awards.
- **SpiceJet** | launched **dedicated freighter services connecting Leh** with the rest of the country. This is the first time a civil airliner has started freighter services to Leh.
- **Infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** | Bagged an order worth over Rs 7,000 crore to **construct a part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR)**, also known as the **Bullet Train Project**.
- **Bowring & Lady Curzon Medical College & Research Institute in Bengaluru**| Named after former PM **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.

### Defense Current Affairs

- IAF | Test-fired an air-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter aircraft in the Bay of Bengal.
- Navies of India, the US, Japan & Australia | Began 1st Phase of the Malabar naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal. From the Indian side, destroyer Ranvijay, frigate Shivalik, off-shore patrol vessel Sukanya, fleet support ship Shakti & submarine Sindhuraj will be part of the drill.
- Second phase of Exercise Malabar 2020 | Organised in the Northern Arabian Sea | Exercise Malabar 2020 is the 24th edition of MALABAR.
- Enhanced version of PINAKA rocket system | Successfully flight tested by DRDO | From ITR, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha | This would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets | Mk-1 had a range of 40 km, the new variant having the range of 45 to 60 km.
- India receives the second batch of three Rafale Aircraft | Bringing total Rafale Jets with IAF to eight | Second batch landed in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted | Tri-Service Combat Exercise code-named "Bull Strike" | at Teressa Island in Nicobar Group of Islands | Focussed on interoperability & synergy among three services – Army, Navy & Air Force.
- Joint coastal security exercise, "Sagar Kavach" was launched at Paradip Coast, Odisha. The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha & West Bengal governments.
- A model of Anti Satellite (A-SAT) Missile installed inside DRDO Bhawan | Unveiled by DM Rajnath Singh.
- Indian Navy | Launched the fifth Scorpene submarine "Vagir" at Mazagon Dock of south Mumbai.
- India test-fired | Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system off the coast of Balasore in Odisha. System achieved a major milestone by a direct hit on to a Banshee Pilotless target aircraft at medium range & medium altitude.
- 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) held | Between the Indian Navy & the Royal Thai Navy.
- 2nd edition of India, Singapore & Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-20 conducted | In the Andaman Sea | 2020 edition hosted by Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).
- Indian Navy got its ninth Boeing P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance & anti-submarine warfare aircraft, part of the nearly \$1 billion deal with the US for four additional planes signed in 2016.

- 27th edition of India – Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 held in the Andaman Sea | Indian Navy (IN) is the host for the 2020 edition of SIMBEX.
- Indian Army successfully test-fired a land-attack version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands territory.
- DRDO Chairman G Satheesh Reddy | Flagged off the first Production unit of Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT), Varunastra | Designed & developed by Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL) of DRDO while Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Vishakhapatnam manufactured the torpedo.
- Konark Corps of Indian Army launched a 1971 kilometres cycling expedition in Gujarat & Rajasthan to commemorate the commencement of the Golden Jubilee Victory Celebrations of Indian Armed Forces in the Indo-Pak War of 1971.

### International Current Affairs

- Global terror financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) | Announced that Pakistan will continue to remain on its grey list till February 2021.
- Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan | Elected as the President of Seychelles | He defeated the incumbent Danny Faure.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance, plans to build a headquarters for space operations at its airbase in Ramstein in Germany, to counter a rising Russian & Chinese threat.
- Alpha Condé, the incumbent president of Guinea & leader of Rally of the Guinean People (Rassemblement du Peuple Guinéen – RPG) party won the 3rd term as the President of Guinea by winning the 2020 presidential elections.
- Luis Arce chosen as the President-elect of Bolivia, after winning a landslide victory in the 2020 Bolivian general election. He captured 55.1% of the total votes. He succeed Jeanine Anez.
- Japanese PM, Yoshihide Suga stated that the country will achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Super Typhoon Goni, claimed as the world's strongest typhoon of 2020 has hit the south of the Philippines' main island of Luzon.
- Portugal MP, Duarte Pacheco won the elections for the post the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The term of the Duarte Pacheco will be from 2020-2023. He will be the 30th President of the IPU & will succeed Mexican MP Gabriela Cuevas Barron.
- Incumbent President of Ivory Coast, Alassane Ouattara, has won a third 5-year term in a landslide victory.

- Bangladesh & US navies launched 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness & Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020' to expand relationships & broaden maritime awareness between the two countries.
- President of Tanzania, John Pombe Magufuli sworn for a second five-year term.
- United States officially withdrawn from the Paris climate accord on 04 November 2020. With this, the US has now become the only country to formally pull out of the deal.
- China sent into space the world's first 6G experiment satellite. It is developed by Argentinian company Satellogic.
- 2nd World Health Expo inaugurated | In Wuhan, the capital city of Central China's Hubei Province | Focus on displaying the most cutting-edge science & technology in the global health industry.
- Indian-American Kash Patel | Named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller | New appointment comes after Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper & designated Chris Miller, as the Acting Secretary | Kash Patel replaces Jen Stewart.
- Myanmar's ruling party led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi claimed a resounding victory. National League for Democracy (NLD) party won close to 400 seats | Around 38 million voted to select the National League of Democracy (NLD) Party for a second term.
- Japan & Australia | Signed 'landmark' defence pact | To counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea & over the Pacific island nations | Deal called Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) was signed between Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga & his Australian PM Scott Morrison.
- Maia Sandu won Moldova's presidential elections.
- China launched a historic mission 'Chang'e 5' to the moon to collect 'first lunar samples' | Mission aims at the investigation of the landing area to obtain the on-site analysis data related to the lunar samples, as well as systematic & long-term laboratory analysis of the lunar samples | World's first moon-sample mission in more than 40 years.
- US space agency NASA & the European Space Agency (ESA) | Launched 'Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite' | To monitor the rising global sea level | Satellite lifted off on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex in California.
- Russia | Successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile in the Arctic | Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile hitting a naval target 450 km away in the Barents Sea at a speed of over Mach 8.
- Cambridge Dictionary named 'quarantine' as Word of the Year 2020.

### National Current Affairs

- Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (I/C), Prahlad Singh Patel launched the "Life in Miniature" project, a collaboration between the National Museum, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, & Google Arts & culture.
- Department of Posts (DOP), Ministry of Communications released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75th anniversary of United Nations Organisations.
- Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 | Celebrated from 27 October to 2 November 2020 | Observed every year by CVC in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31 October) falls | 2020 Theme: Vigilant India, Prosperous India (Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat).
- Union Housing & Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri | Launched 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' | To integrate legacy drawings such as maps & lease plans in the management information system & make its geographic information system (GIS)-enabled.
- Every year, October 27 | Celebrated as Infantry Day by the Indian Army in Jammu & Kashmir (known by the nickname, Chinar Corps) | Chinar Corps celebrated the 74th Infantry Day on October 27, 2020, to honour the supreme sacrifice of the gallant soldiers in fighting the Pakistani invaders, in Jammu & Kashmir, in 1947.
- Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C), Mansukh Mandaviya | Inaugurated the 'Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility' of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust in Tamil Nadu | Will help in increasing Ease of Doing Business for the exporters.
- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda | Launched two Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Welfare in a collaboration between Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) & Art of Living (AoL) | 1st CoE launched in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra for training about 10000 tribal farmers in the field of sustainable natural farming.

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- Union Minister for Electronics & IT Ravi Shankar Prasad | Launched the UMANG mobile app International version in coordination with MEA for select countries that include USA, UK, Canada, Australia, UAE, Netherlands, Singapore, Australia & New Zealand.
- 2020 Afghanistan Conference | Organized in Geneva virtually| EAM Dr S. Jaishankar led the Indian delegation at the conference | India introduced a brand new section of over 100 high-impact neighbourhood initiatives in Afghanistan value USD 80 million (Rs 592 crores).
- Union Territory of Ladakh got the largest solar power project set up under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel & traditional methods of energy generation. The project namely 'Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW'.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated & laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highway projects in Uttar Pradesh. Construction cost of these infra projects is estimated to be around Rs 7477 crores.
- Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar | Launched "India Climate Change Knowledge Portal" |It will have all the major steps the Government is taking at both national & international levels to address the climate change issues.
- Union Minister of Science & Technology Harsh Vardhan | Launched the 'SERB - POWER' schemes | Aim to encourage & support emerging as well as eminent women researchers to undertake R&D activities in frontier areas of science & engineering | Note: SERB-POWER stands for Science & Engineering Research Board - Promoting Opportunities For Women in Exploratory Research.
- Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sharad Arvind Bobde & Justice DY Chandrachud of SC | Jointly inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre & the virtual court called "Nyay Kaushal" at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Nagpur.
- As a part of Mission Sagar-II, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Airavat reached Sudan with 100 tonnes of food aid | Under Mission Sagar-II, INS Airavat will deliver food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti & Eritrea amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ganga Utsav-2020 | Organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) jointly with Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Prahlad Singh Patel | Inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, in Kerala.
- Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan | Addressed the 33rd Stop TB Partnership Board meeting in New Delhi | Note: India is running the "TB Harega, Dosh Jeetega" campaign that targets to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal target related to TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target of 2030.
- PM Modi & Bhutan PM Lotay Tshering | Launched RuPay card Phase-II |To allow Bhutanese cardholders to access RuPay network in India.
- Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) recognised by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a part of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region. Note: India become the fourth country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system. Other three countries are the US, Russia & China.
- India | To host the Summit of the G20 Group in 2023 | Note: India was earlier slated to host the summit in 2022. India & Indonesia swapped their respective hosting year of G20 as Indonesia would also chair the ASEAN in 2023. G20 Summit be hosted by Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 & Brazil in 2024.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs Chairman M. Ajit Kumar, along with members of the Board inaugurated the GST Bhawan, Panchkula, Haryana.
- GOI, Meghalaya govt. & World Bank| Signed \$120-million project to improve & modernize the transport sector of Meghalaya | Will help Meghalaya to harness its vast growth potential for high-value agriculture & tourism | \$120 million loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 14 years including a grace period of six years.
- Union Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology & Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad released a "My Stamp on Chhath Puja". Note: My Stamp is an innovative concept initiated by the Department of Posts under which any common person or corporate organisation can now book order & get a personalised photograph or an image of a Postage Stamp.
- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Narendra Singh Tomar | Inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme)| PM-FME Scheme launched with an outlay of Rs 10,000 crores for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- Chief of Army Staff General, MM Naravane conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari.

- Ministry of Shipping is being expanded & renamed as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. PM announced this during a launch event of Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira & flagging off the Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira & Ghogha in Gujarat, which will reduce the 370-km road distance between the two places to 90-km by sea route.
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has issued a notification that FASTags will become mandatory for all four-wheelers, including old vehicles, from January 1, 2021.
- Digital/Online media brought under the purview of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Currently, there is no law or autonomous body governing digital content. Note: 2nd Schedule of Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules 1961 amended to include following entries viz. Films & Audio-Visual programmes, News & current affairs content.
- PM Modi inaugurated 4th India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK organised by HIS Markit | Theme was "India's Energy Future in a World of Change".
- Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat | launched India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) in Arunachal Pradesh | It is 'first of its kind' in the country, & has been commissioned at a cost of Rs 28.50 crores.

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