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The Most Important Current Affairs August 2020

RBI's 2nd Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2020-21 Released

The Monetary Policy Committee of **the Reserve Bank of India** met on 4th, 5th and 6th August for its second meeting of 2020-21. During the second Monetary Policy meet, the MPC analysed the current & evolving macroeconomic and financial conditions and has decided to continue with the accommodative stance to revive growth as well as to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. With its decisions, MPC aims to keep inflation within the target and hence to preserve financial stability.

Also, for the year 2020-21, as a whole, real GDP growth is expected to be negative.

The key decisions taken in the Monetary Policy Committee meeting are:

- The repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) has been kept unchanged at **4.00%**.
- The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been kept unchanged at **3.35%**.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate have been kept unchanged at **4.25%**.

PM Modi addresses on New Education Policy 2020

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the nation on 7th August to deliver his speech on the **New Education Policy 2020**. PM's speech began with address at the conclave on '**Transformational Reforms in Higher Education under National Education Policy**' is being organised by the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Education.

Key highlights and updates on PM's speech:

- **National Research Foundation** will work closely with National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) to enable scientific steps to include technology in the education system.
- **K Kasturirangan**, an Indian space scientist who has played a crucial role in drafting the New Education Policy 2020.
- National Education Policy was approved after extensive discussions over **3-4 years and deliberation over lakhs of suggestions**
- New Education Policy is the foundation of strengthening **the 21st century India**. Every student will be future-ready and will contribute to nation-building.

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare launches "Krishi Megh"

- **Krishi Megh** (National Agricultural Research & Education System -Cloud Infrastructure and Services) has been launched. It will help in meeting the services and infrastructure requirements of Digital Agriculture of National Agricultural Research and Education System (**NARES**).
- The minister also launched the **KVC ALUNET** (Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Chhatr Alumni Network) and Online Accreditation System for Higher Agricultural Educational Institutions (**HEI**).
- The National Agricultural Higher Education Project has been funded by the **Government of India** and the **World Bank**.

Jal Shakti Minister launches Swachh Bharat Mission Academy

- The **Swachh Bharat Mission Academy** has been launched by the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- It has been launched as a **crucial part** of the **phase 2** of Swachh Bharat Mission (**Grameen**).
- It is a **phone-based academy** and offers a **60-minutes module**, which is an IVR based training course, covering a wide range of topics under Open Defecation Free sustainability (**ODF-S**) as well as Solid and Liquid Waste Management (**SLWM**).
- It will ensure behaviour change and promote the capacity building of the key stakeholders such as Swachhagrahis, PRIs members, community-based organizations, NGOs, SHGs etc.

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Raksha Mantri launches Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation

- Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) has been launched by the Raksha Mantri Shri **Rajnath Singh**.
- NIIO is a **three-tiered** organisation and it will enable its end users to interact with academia as well as industry for the promotion of innovation and indigenisation for self-reliance in defence, with the help of its dedicated structures.
- The twin aspects of **innovation** and **indigenisation** would be brought together by the Naval Technology Acceleration Council (N-TAC).

Forbes magazine released "The Highest-Paid Actors Of 2020" list

Forbes magazine has released "**The Highest-Paid Actors Of 2020**" list. Bollywood actor, **Akshay Kumar** is the only Indian star to be listed among the top 10 world's highest-paid actors of 2020.

Top 6 highest-paid actors in the list of Forbes Magazine 2020:

S. No.	Winner
1	Dwayne Johnson
2	Ryan Reynolds
3	Mark Wahlberg
4	Ben Affleck
5	Vin Diesel
6	Akshay Kumar

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Gramodaya Bandhu Mitra Puraskaras

- The awards recognise "**Yeoman service** rendered by **individuals** and **institutions** to provide succour and uplift the vast majority of our population dependent on agriculture and allied activities for livelihood".

Following is the list of **winners** of the **Gramodaya Bandhu Mitra Puraskaras**:

- Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, Sudha Murty; Group Head of Agri and IT Businesses of ITC Ltd, Sivakumar Surampudi; Padma Bhushan Vijay Bhatkar; Padmasri SP Verma; Vilas Shinde (Director, Sahyadri Farms); Koosam Rajamouli, Former Sarpanch of Gangadevipalli in Telangana; Brig Pogula Ganesham, Founder of Palle Srujana; and Govinda Rajulu Chintala, Chairman of the Nabard.

Cabinet approves setting up of National Recruitment Agency

The establishment of "**National Recruitment Agency**" has received the Union Cabinet's approval. The National Recruitment Agency (NRA) will result in transformational reform in the recruitment process for central government jobs. NRA will comprise of representatives of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Finance/Department of Financial Services, the **SSC, RRB as well as IBPS**. NRA is expected to be a specialist body which will offer the state-of-the-art technology and best practices to the field of Central Government recruitment. A sum of **Rs. 1517.57 crore** has been sanctioned by the Government of India for the National Recruitment Agency (NRA).

The National Recruitment Agency (NRA) would be a multi-agency body which be responsible to conduct a Common Eligibility Test (CET). Some important features of CET:

- The **CET** will be conducted to shortlist candidates for the **Group B and C (non-technical) posts**.
- The scores received by the candidate in CET shall be valid for a period of **3-years** from the date of declaration of the result.
- There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts to be taken by a candidate to appear in the Common Eligibility Test subject to the upper age limit.

- Separate CET each for the three levels of matriculate (**10th pass**), higher secondary (**12th pass**) and the graduated candidates.
- Based on the screening done at the CET score level, the final selection for recruitment shall be made via separate specialised **Tiers (II, III etc)** of examination which shall be conducted by the respective recruitment agency.
- Candidates will be able to reap the advantage of registering on a common portal and give a choice of Centres.
- CET would be available in a number of languages.
- CET is expected to significantly reduce the recruitment cycle.

IIT Madras Tops Atal Rankings (ARIIA) 2020

- The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has retained the top position in the '**Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements, (ARIIA) 2020** for being the best centrally funded institution in India. The 2020 '**Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA),**' was released by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, in presence of Union Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank,' in a virtual event on 18 August 2020.

The top five centrally funded institutions in the list:

S. No.	Winner
1	IIT Madras
2	IIT Bombay
3	IIT Delhi
4	IISc Bengaluru
5	IIT Kharagpur

For the first time, ARIIA 2020 rankings had a special prize category for women-only higher educational institutions. The winners of this category included:

S. No.	Winner
1	Avinashilingam Institute For Home Science And Higher Education For Women
2	Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2020 Announced

- **Swachh Survekshan 2020** awards have been announced and **Indore** became India's cleanest city for the fourth year in a row. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced the Swachh Survekshan 2020 result at the Award Ceremony '**Swachh Mahotsav**' in the national capital being organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoUHA).
- This is the fifth edition of the annual cleanliness survey of the country. A total of 129 awards will be handed out to the top-performing cities and states.
- Swachh Survekshan was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016.
- While **Mysuru** won the award for the cleanest city of India in 2016, Indore retained the top spot for three consecutive years in **2017, 2018 and 2019**.
- One city has been given only one Award. Cities population is as per 2011 Census.

List of winners across several categories are given below:

1. Cleanest city awards for cities with population above 1 lakh: – Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
2. Cleanest city awards for cities with population below 1 lakh: – Karad (Maharashtra)
3. Cleanest state with more than 100 cities: – Chhattisgarh
4. Cleanest state with less than 100 cities: – Jharkhand
5. Cleanest Ganga town: – Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
6. Maximum citizen participation in keeping city areas clean: – Shahjahanpur
7. Cleanest megacity with more than 40 lac population: – Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
8. Best self-sustainable cities with population above 40 lakh: – Bengaluru (Karnataka)
9. Fastest-moving city in terms of cleanliness: – Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
10. Self-sustainable city in terms of cleanliness (more than 10 lakh population) : – Rajkot (Gujarat)
11. Self-sustainable city in terms of cleanliness (less than 10 lakh population) : – Mysuru (Karnataka)
12. Cleanest small cities: – Ambikapur (Chattisgarh)
13. Cleanest city with population between 1 lakh to 3 lakh: – Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)

14. Cleanest capital city: – New Delhi (Union Territory of New Delhi) and the NDMC.
15. Fastest moving cleanest capital city: – Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
16. Fastest moving self-sustainable cleanest capital city: – Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
17. Cleanest Ganga towns: – Kanauj (Uttar Pradesh)
18. Cleanest city in the north Zone: – Gangaghat (Uttar Pradesh)
19. Cleanest city in the north Zone (pop. 25k – 50k) : – Nawashahar (Punjab)
20. Cleanest city in the north Zone (pop. below 25k) : – Awagarh (Uttar Pradesh)
21. Cleanest city northeast Zone: – Jorhat (Assam)
22. Cleanest city in the northeast Zone (pop. 25k – 50k) : – Mokukchung (Nagaland)
23. Cleanest city in the northeast Zone (pop. below 25k) : – Jiribam (Manipur)
24. Cleanest cities in the east zone: – Dhamtari (Odisha)
25. Cleanest cities in the south zone: – Palamaneru (Andhra Pradesh)
26. Cleanest cities in the western zone: – Ratnagiri (Maharashtra)
27. Cleanest cantonments in the country: – Jalandhar Cantt.
28. Cities awarded for citizen-led awareness towards cleanliness: – Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh)
29. Best performing state with more than 100 cities: – Maharashtra
30. Best performing state with less than 100 cities: – Madhya Pradesh

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National Sports Awards 2020 announced

National Sports Awards are conferred every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. The Government of India has announced the list of winners of the National Sports Awards 2020, as per the recommendation of the Selection Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) **Mukundakam Sharma** (former Judge of Supreme Court of India). Honourable President of India will confer the awards to the awardees at a specially organized function through virtual mode from **Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29th August, 2020.**

Here is the complete list of winners of the award:

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD: This award is being conferred for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years.

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1	Shri Rohit Sharma	Cricket
2	Shri Mariyappan T.	Para Athletics
3	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
4	Ms. Vinesh	Wrestling
5	Ms. Rani	Hockey

ARJUNA AWARD: This award is being conferred for consistent outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years.

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1	Shri Atanu Das	Archery
2	Ms. Dutee Chand	Athletics
3	Shri Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy	Badminton
4	Shri Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty	Badminton
5	Shri Vishesh Bhriguvanshi	Basketball
6	Subedar Manish Kaushik	Boxing
7	Ms. Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
8	Shri Ishant Sharma	Cricket
9	Ms. Deepti Sharma	Cricket
10	Shri Sawant Ajay Anant	Equestrian
11	Shri Sandesh Jhingan	Football

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
12	Ms. Aditi Ashok	Golf
13	Shri Akashdeep Singh	Hockey
14	Ms. Deepika	Hockey
15	Shri Deepak	Kabaddi
16	Shri Kale Sarika Sudhakar	Kho Kho
17	Shri Dattu Baban Bhokanal	Rowing
18	Ms. Manu Bhaker	Shooting
19	Shri Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting
20	Ms. Madhurika Suhas Patkar	Table Tennis
21	Shri Divij Sharan	Tennis
22	Shri Shiva Keshavan	Winter Sports
23	Ms. Divya Kakran	Wrestling
24	Shri Rahul Aware	Wrestling
25	Shri Suyash Narayan Jadhav	Para Swimming
26	Shri Sandeep	Para Athletics
27	Shri Manish Narwal	Para Shooting

DRONACHARYA AWARD: This award is being conferred to coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious international sports events.

Life- Time Category

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1	Shri Dharmendra Tiwary	Archery
2	Shri Purushotham Rai	Athletics
3	Shri Shiv Singh	Boxing
4	Shri Romesh Pathania	Hockey
5	Shri Krishan Kumar Hooda	Kabaddi
6	Shri Vijay Bhalchandra Munishwar	Para Powerlifting
7	Shri Naresh Kumar	Tennis
8	Shri Om Parkash Dahiya	Wrestling

Regular Category

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1	Shri Jude Felix Sebastian	Hockey
2	Shri Yogesh Malviya	Mallakhamb
3	Shri Jaspal Rana	Shooting
4	Shri Kuldeep Kumar Handoo	Wushu
5	Shri Gaurav Khanna	Para Badminton

DHYAN CHAND AWARD: This award is being conferred for the life time contribution towards the development of sports.

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1	Shri Kuldip Singh Bhullar	Athletics
2	Ms. Jincy Philips	Athletics
3	Shri Pradeep Shrikrishna Gandhe	Badminton
4	Ms. Trupti Murgunde	Badminton
5	Ms. N. Usha	Boxing
6	Shri Lakha Singh	Boxing
7	Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu	Football
8	Shri Ajit Singh	Hockey
9	Shri Manpreet Singh	Kabaddi
10	Shri J. Ranjith Kumar	Para Athletics
11	Shri Satyaprakash Tiwari	Para Badminton
12	Shri Manjeet Singh	Rowing
13	Late Shri Sachin Nag	Swimming
14	Shri Nandan P Bal	Tennis
15	Shri Netarpal Hooda	Wrestling

RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR: This award is being conferred to the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) as well as individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and its development.

S.No.	Category	Entity recommended for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2020
1	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	1. Lakshya Institute 2. Army Sports Institute
2	Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd.
3	Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures	Air Force Sports Control Board
4	Sports for Development	International Institute of Sports Management (IISM)

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD (MAKA) TROPHY: This award is being conferred to the overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments.

1. Panjab University, Chandigarh

TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARDS 2019: It is being awarded to recognize the spirit of adventure among the people of the country.

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Category
1	Ms. Anita Devi	Land Adventure
2	Col. Sarfraz Singh	Land Adventure
3	Shri Taka Tamut	Land Adventure
4	Shri Narender Singh	Land Adventure
5	Shri Keval Hiren Kakka	Land Adventure
6	Shri Satendra Singh	Water Adventure
7	Shri Gajanand Yadava	Air Adventure
8	Late Shri Magan Bissa	Life Time Achievement

Ministry of Culture announces 7 new circles of ASI

- The Union Minister of State for **Culture and Tourism** (IC), Shri **Prahlad Singh Patel** has announced **7 new circles** of **Archaeological Survey of India**.
- These new circles have been formed in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal and Gujarat.
- Along with the 7 new circles, the minister also added that the **Hampi Mini Circle** in Karnataka has been **converted** into a **full fledged circle**.

Here is the list of all 7 new circles:

- Trichy in **Tamil Nadu**
- Raiganj in **West Bengal**
- Rajkot in **Gujarat**
- Jabalpur in **Madhya Pradesh**
- Jhansi in **Uttar Pradesh**
- Meerut in **Uttar Pradesh**
- Hampi in **Karnataka**

NITI Aayog releases report on Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020

- NITI Aayog** has released the report on **Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020** in partnership with the **Institute of Competitiveness**.
- Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu** occupied the **top three ranks** in the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020.
- It evaluates the export preparedness and performance of Indian states.

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- It identifies the challenges and opportunities; improve the effectiveness of government policies; and promote a facilitative regulatory framework. Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu occupied the top three ranks in the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020.

The structure of Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020 comprises of **4 pillars**:

- **Policy**
- **Business Ecosystem**
- **Export Ecosystem**
- **Export Performance**

According to the report, **India faces** the following **three fundamental challenges** in the export promotion:

- i) intra- and inter-regional disparities in export infrastructure
- ii) poor trade support and growth orientation among states
- iii) poor R&D infrastructure to promote complex and unique exports.

GoI enhances prize money in National Sports Awards

The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Kiren Rijiju** has announced an enhancement in the prize money in four of the seven categories of the National Sports and Adventure Awards. He made this announcement on the occasion of the National Sports Day 2020. The prize money for the Sports Awards was last reviewed in **2008**.

Hike in prize money of National Sports Awards:

- The prize money for the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** has been increased to **25 lakh rupees** from the previous amount of **7.5 lakh rupees**.
- **Arjuna Award** has been enhanced to **15 lakh rupees** from **5 lakh**.
- The **Dhronacharya (Lifetime) awardees**, who were earlier given **5 lakh rupees** will now be given **15 lakh rupees** as cash prize, while Dhronacharya (Regular) will be given **10 lakh** instead of **5 lakh rupees** per awardee.
- **Dhyanchand Awardees** will be given **10 lakh rupees** instead of **5 lakh rupees**.

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has announced the launch of a two-month-long campaign called '**Kona Kona Umeed**' with huge offers and discounts to lift up hope and optimism among its customers in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic.

- **Axis Bank** has launched an Automated Voice Assistant '**AXAA**'. AXAA is an artificial intelligence-powered conversational voice BOT.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up an expert committee under veteran banker **KV Kamath** to suggest financial parameters for resolution of **Covid-19** related stressed assets.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced to introduce a mechanism of '**Positive Pay**' feature for all cheques of value **Rs 50,000** and above.
- **Punjab National Bank** has launched a campaign named '**DIGITAL APNAYEN**' to encourage customers to use digital banking channels.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched "**Shaurya KGC Card**" for Indian armed forces personnel. The card will offer agriculture loans for military and paramilitary professionals.
- **Fino Payments Bank** has launched **Jan BachatKhata (JBK)**, which is an **Aadhaar Authentication** based digital savings account that brings neo-banking experience to consumers.
- '**Loan against Securities**' is a unique digital solution launched by the YES Bank under its loan in seconds platform.
- **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** has launched **LVB DigiGo**, a digital initiative to enable the opening of savings account instantly.
- **Axis Bank** has launched a new initiative named '**Gig-a-Opportunities**'. The initiative aims to attract skilled talent that can work with the bank remotely, from anywhere in the country.
- **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company** and **Bharti AXA General Insurance Company** have announced the merger of their businesses. The merger would result in an entity with a combined annual premium of **Rs 16,447 crore** and a market share of nearly **8.7%**.
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- **SBI General Insurance** has launched a first-of-its-kind insurance product called ‘**Shagun – Gift an Insurance**’, which is a unique gift of Personal Accident policy. The policy can be gifted to anyone and is not necessary for the policy buyer to be related to the insured.
- **ICICI Bank** has become the **1st bank** in India to use **satellite data** to assess the creditworthiness of farmers.
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** has revealed a dedicated debt and credit guarantee product named as “**Structured Finance and Partial Guarantee Program** for Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC)-Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs)”. It will offer undisturbed flow of credit to the last mile in rural areas hit by the pandemic.
- **Axis Bank** has introduced ‘**Liberty Savings Account**’ for the Indian Youth, to address the ever-changing lifestyle needs of young and digitally interested Indians.
- **HDFC Bank** has announced a strategic partnership with **Adobe** to enhance the Digital Experiences of its Customers. The partnership will help HDFC Bank to deliver personalised digital experiences to existing as well as new customers, at any time and anywhere.

Business Current Affairs

- **National Bank of Bahrain (NBB)** has selected **Infosys Finacle** to digitally transform its transaction banking business.
- **Paytm** has launched India’s 1st Pocket Android POS (Point of Sale) Device named ‘**Paytm All-in-One Portable Android Smart POS**’ for contactless ordering and payments in India.

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- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the **Bombay Stock Exchange** with Akola, Maharashtra-based bullion trade and industry associations namely **Akola Sarafa Association** and **Akola Sarafa Va Suvarnakar Yuva Sangh**.
- The proposed combination filed by **Keihin Corporation, Nissin Kogyo Co., Ltd., Showa Corporation and Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd** has received the approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** will launch India’s first bullion index named “**Bulldex**”, on August 24, 2020.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **USD 1 billion (Rs 7,485 crore)** loan to construct the modern, high-speed 82-kilometre (**Delhi – Meerut**) **Uttar Pradesh Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)** in India.
- **Muthoot Finance** has tie-up with **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance** to offer **COVID-19** insurance cover of up to Rs 1 lakh against the gold loan.
- **Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL)**, wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited has acquired majority equity stake in Chennai-based **Vitalic Health Pvt. Ltd.** as well as in its subsidiaries.
- A “**Green Deposit Programme**” has been launched by the HSBC India. The “**green deposit programme**” has been launched exclusively for corporate clients.
- The proposed acquisition of **C&S Electric Limited** by **Siemens Limited** has received the approval of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.
- Acquisition by **Lightstone Fund S.A.**, for and on behalf of **Lightstone Global Fund (LGT)** of certain equity stakes of **91Streets Media Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (91Streets)**, **Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Ascent)**, **API Holdings Pvt. Ltd. (API)**, **Aahaan Commercials Pvt. Ltd. (Aahaan)** and **Lokprakash Vidhya Pvt. Ltd. (Lokprakash)** has been approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**.

International Current Affairs

- The **United Arab Emirates** became the first Arab country to open a nuclear power plant, when the Unit 1 of the **Barakah Nuclear Plant** in **Abu Dhabi**, got operational on **31 July 2020**

- Former Guyanese housing minister, **Mohamed Irfaan Ali** has been named as the President of the country. He is a member of the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP).
- Former Chief-of-Staff of the Guyana Defence Force, Brigadier (retired) **Mark Anthony Phillips** has been sworn in as Prime Minister of Guyana.
- The **United States Senate** has unanimously passed a bill banning the Chinese-owned video-sharing app **TikTok** on government devices.
- A "state of environmental emergency" has been declared by the island nation of **Mauritius**, as a Japanese bulk carrier "MV Wakashio" ran aground on a reef in Mauritius and began leaking oil into the ocean.
- Sri Lanka's former President, **Mahinda Rajapaksa** took oath as the country's Prime Minister for the fourth time.
- President of **Belarus**, **Alexander Lukashenko** has won his sixth consecutive term in the country's **presidential election**.
- **Mohamed Ould Bilal** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Mauritania**.
- **Walter Roger Martos Ruiz** has become the new **Prime Minister of Peru**.
- **Russia** has become the **first country** to register a coronavirus vaccine "**Sputnik V**" registered for use.
- Prime Minister of **Lebanon**, **Hassan Diab** and his entire government has **resigned**, in the wake of the major blast in Beirut.
- Malian President, **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** has resigned and dissolved parliament hours after mutinying soldiers detained him at gunpoint, plunging a country already facing an insurgency and mass protests deeper into crisis.
- **Luis Rodolfo Abinader Corona** has been sworn in as the 54th President of Dominican Republic.
- **Keith Rowley** sworn in as **Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago** for a 2nd consecutive 5-year term. He is from the ruling People's National Movement (PNM).
- **Francisco Pascual Eyegue Obama Asue** was reappointed as the Prime Minister of the **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** for 3rd consecutive term.
- The **Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC)**, an independent body set up by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, has certified the **African continent free from wild Polio virus**.

- **China** has successfully launched 5th Earth observation satellite, **Gaofen-9 (05)**, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- **Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe** has announced to **step down** from the post on 28 August 2020, because of the poor health conditions.

National Current Affairs

- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has launched one-stop knowledge portal named as "**MSMESaksham**" in association with TransUnion CIBIL.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** has launched '**Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, 2020-21**'. It is a national programme which has been launched to popularize science among school students of Class 6th to 11th.
- A two-day international webinar on '**Lokmanya Tilak - Swaraj to Self-Reliant India**' was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.
- In Himachal Pradesh, Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has laid the foundation stone of **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Dhaulta Kuan in Sirmour district**.
- The Indian railways begin its "**Kisan Rail**" services to transport perishable goods. India's first 'Kisan Rail' will run between **Devlali in Maharashtra's Nashik and will reach Danapur in Bihar**. The train will cover the journey of **1,519 km**.
- **Indian Railways** has launched an **Overhead Equipment (OHE) Inspection app** which will help in minimizing the train delays and long waits due to technical snags.
- **India** gives **USD 15.5 million** to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, under its commitment to supporting developing nations in their developmental priorities across all the **Sustainable Development Goals**.
- The **Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN)** is an innovative technological solution implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) by **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)**.
- **Line of Credit** of worth **18 million US dollars** has been extended by the Government of India to the Government of **Maldives**, with the primary objective of expanding the fishing facilities at Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company (**MIFCO**).

- **Bangladesh** has decided to construct a **monument** for the Indian soldiers who died in **1971** during the Bangladesh's struggle for independence from Pakistan.
- Submarine Optical Fibre Cable (**OFC**) connecting **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** to the **mainland** has been launched. The **2300 Kms** long submarine cable will boost the endless opportunities in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands by providing better internet & mobile connectivity.
- National Portal on Human-Elephant conflict called "**SURAKHSYA**" has been launched to collect real-time information and to manage conflicts on a real-time basis.
- **National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)** Online **Dashboard** has been launched. NIP will act as one stop solution for all stakeholders seeking for information on infrastructure projects in New India.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** rolled out the platform for "**Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest**". The new platform will carry forward the journey of direct tax reforms and will also reward the honest taxpayers.
- **Indian Railways** is observing "**Cleanliness Week**" from 10th August in order to mark the **Independence Day**.
- 2nd edition of **Student Entrepreneurship Programme (SEP 2.0)** has been rolled out by the Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (**AIM**) in collaboration with **Dell Technologies**. It will enable young innovators of Atal Tinkering Labs (**ATLs**) to work closely with Dell volunteers.
- **Reliance Foundation** has launched the "**W-GDP Women Connect Challenge**" across India in association with US Agency for International Development (**USAID**) and Women's Global Development and Prosperity (**W-GDP**).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the "**One Sun, One World, One Grid**" (**OSOWOG**) plan. Under this, there will be a trans-national electricity grid, for supplying solar power across the globe.
- A campaign on "**Ayush for Immunity**" has been launched by the Ministry of AYUSH. The webinar was streamed by the Ministry of AYUSH on its new digital communication platform **Ayush Virtual Convention Centre (AVCC)**.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Tribal Health and Nutrition Portal "**Swasthya**" and e-newsletter on health and nutrition "**ALEKH**". The ministry has also announced the opening of **National Overseas Portal and National Tribal Fellowship Portal**.
- An "**Innovation Challenge Fund**" of £3 Million has been launched by the government of **United Kingdom (UK) in India**. The newly launched fund aims to support research and development (R&D) proposals to address the challenges posed to the economy and the environment, by the **COVID-19 pandemic**.
- **Drone based surveillance system** has been introduced by the Indian Railways for Railway security. The **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has decided to employ large number of drones for the purpose of Railway security.
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has signed a joint communication with Ministry of Rural Development to promote sustainable livelihood opportunities. Through the joint communication, both ministries will together promote sustainable livelihood opportunities among tribal women **Self Help Groups (SHGs)** under **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unfurled the national flag and delivered his seventh consecutive Independence Day speech from the iconic Red Fort. In the 1 hour 26-minute speech, he focused on the themes of "**Aatma Nirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India)**", "**Vocal for local**" and "**Make in India to Make for World**".
- Union Minister for road transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari has launched a mobile app named '**Harit Path**' to monitor plantation along national highways.

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- An online system of **Registration and Renewal of Jewellers** has been launched along with the online system of recognition and renewal of the **Assaying and Hallmarking Centres**. These systems are expected to bring about ease of doing business for the jewellers as well as the entrepreneurs. **Hallmarking** of precious metals will become mandatory from **1st June 2021**.
- **"Tribes India Showroom"** has been e-inaugurated in Indian Globe Chambers of LIC Western Zonal Office, Fort, **Mumbai**. It is an initiative of TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote the livelihood of the tribal people marketing.
- **TRIFED** has launched the **"Tribes India on Wheels"**, a van which brings various kinds of immunity boosting products like wild honey, organic haldi, amla, ginger, black pepper etc. It will boost the sales and enhance tribal income in these challenging times.
- The **longest river ropeway of India** has been inaugurated in Assam. It is **1.8 Km long** and connects Guwahati and North Guwahati over Brahmaputra river.
- The India Component of the **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)-Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA)** will be launched by the **NITI Aayog**. It aims to set up a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform to decarbonize transport in India.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal has virtually launched the **"National GIS-enabled Land Bank system"**.
- **"Chunauti"**, a Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest has been launched to further boost startups and software products with special attention on Tier-II towns of India.
- Government of **India**, the Government of **Maharashtra**, **Mumbai** Railway Vikas Corporation and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has signed a loan agreement for a **\$500 million** Mumbai Urban Transport Project-III.
- **Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare** has decided to **integrate** the electronic Pension Payment Order (e-PPO) with **Digi Locker**.
- **Government of Dubai Authority** on commodities trade and enterprise, **Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)** has rolled out a technology-driven agri-commodity trading and sourcing platform **"Agriota E-Marketplace"**.

States Current Affairs

- **Madhya Pradesh** Urban Development and Housing Minister, **Bhupendra Singh** has launched a public awareness campaign **"Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi"** from August 1-15
- **Andhra Pradesh** government has launched an innovative virtual cybercrime awareness programme named as **'E-Raksha Bandhan'**.
- **"Bharat Air Fibre Services"** has been inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for HRD, Electronics, Communication, and IT, Govt Of India, Shri Sanjay Dhotre. The services were inaugurated at Akola in Maharashtra.
- The **"Thenzawl Golf Resort"** Project has been virtually inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel. The project has been implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel has launched a social security **scheme "Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana"** for tendu leave collectors in the state.
- **Maharashtra** government has tied up with **Google** to provide online education to students in the state. Maharashtra is the first state in the country that is launching such a project.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (**KVIC**) will open the **Silk Training cum Production Center** in the tribal village of Chullyu in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- A webinar with title **'AtmaNirbhar Madhya Pradesh: Health and Education'** was inaugurated by Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in New Delhi.
- **Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana** has been announced by the **Gujarat** for the current **Kharif season** and all farmers of the state will be covered under this scheme.
- **Chhattisgarh** Government has launched the **"Indira Van Mitan" Yojana** to make the **forest dwellers** of the state **self reliant**. Under this, government will form **groups of youth in 10,000 villages** of tribal areas and they will be responsible to conduct all forest based economic activities.
- **Assam** government would provide **Rs 830 per month** each to 17 lakh poor families under the ambitious **"Orunodoi" scheme**, to financially empower women.

- **Price Monitoring and Resource Unit (PMRU)** has been established in **Karnataka** by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, in association with Karnataka State Drug Control Department.
- Chief Minister of **Nagaland**, **Neiphiu Rio** has launched **"Yellow Chain"** a centralized e-commerce system to provide the people of the state integrated platform to build sustainable businesses either in products or services from their own locations for sustainable economic activity.
- **Chhattisgarh government** has announced to launch a student centric scheme named as **"Padhai Tuhar Para"**.
- Quality Control Lab has been set up by the **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** in **Porbandar, Gujarat**.
- The tertiary processing centres of **"Trifood Project"** of **TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has been virtually launched by the Union Tribal Affairs Minister **Arjun Munda**. The Trifood project has been launched in **Raigad, Maharashtra** and **Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh**.
- The Chhatarpur Police of Madhya Pradesh has been running a campaign **"Ek Sankalp-Bujurgo ke naam"** in the midst of corona infection in the state.
- **WWF-India Kerala** State Office is joining hands with the Society for Odonate Studies (SOS) and Thumbipuranam for the first-ever state **"Dragonfly Festival"** in Kerala, christened **"Thumbimahotsavam 2020"**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched the **NRI unified portal**. It will enable Overseas Indians and NRIs to get their issues resolved with the help of this portal in cooperation with local administration or the State Government.

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- Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan has commissioned the first-ever marine ambulance named **'PRATHEEKSHA'** at Vizhinjam village of Thiruvananthapuram district in Kerala.
- **Kerala** will establish the **first international women's trade centre (IWTC) of India** at **Angamaly**. The IWTC would be set by Kerala in consonance with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- **"Major Dhyani Chand Vijaypath Yojana"** has been launched by the **Uttar Pradesh government**. Under this scheme, 19 international players from the state of Uttar Pradesh will get road connectivity to their houses.
- The first-ever **"seaplane services in Gujarat"** will be commenced from **31 October 2020**. The seaplane service will offer seamless and affordable air connectivity from **Sabarmati Riverfront** in Ahmedabad to **Statue of Unity** in Kevadia in Gujarat. **Spicejet Airline** will operate the seaplane service to be commenced on the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

Schemes/Committees

- Unique employment generation program **"Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission"** has been approved by the Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari. The programme has been proposed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to make India Aatmanirbhar in Agarbatti production.
- **Dr V K Paul**, Member Niti Aayog has **chaired** the meeting of **National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration** for COVID-19.

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Reliance Power** and Japanese energy major **JERA** have signed an agreement with a group of banks for their new gas-fired thermal power generation project in **Bangladesh**. The signed agreement is for a new **745 MW natural gas** combined-cycle power project in **Meghnaghat** in Bangladesh.
- The **Department of Defence (DoD) Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG)** and **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK)**.

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Bharti AXA General Insurance** to offer “**Smart Plan Shop Package Policy**” for the financial protection of the bank’s retailers and merchants.
- **Boston Group** has signed an **MoU** with the **Andhra Pradesh government** to set up an IT company in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Flipkart** has signed an MoU with **One District, One Product (ODOP)** scheme of the Government of **Uttar Pradesh**. It will bring the artisans, weavers and craftsmen under the ODOP scheme into the scope of the “Flipkart Samarth” initiative.
- An Memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed by India’s homegrown ecommerce player “**Flipkart**” with **Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Patna**.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and Business Sweden** on behalf of India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre has signed a virtual Statement of Intent (SoI) to expand the culture of innovation in the country.
- **Ministry of Skill Development** has inked an MoU with **Ministry of Shipping to promote skill development in port and maritime sector**. The partnership between the two ministries seeks to skill, re-skill and up-skill the manpower for the growing maritime industry as well as development of coastal community.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K)** with the Switzerland-based **HELP Logistics**.
- **Uttar Pradesh government** has signed a ‘**plan of cooperation**’ with **Israel government** to resolve water crisis in Bundelkhand region.
- **Ministry of Tourism** has signed a formal MOU with the Travel Agents Association of India (**TAAI**) and **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)** with primary objective of **women empowerment**. The partnership aims to increase the participation of women in the tourism sector and make them an integral part of the tourism workforce of India.
- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) has signed **MoUs** with **AFC India Limited**, and National Cooperative Union of India (**NCUI**), Delhi, to synergize the activities in the interest of agriculture and allied sectors.

- **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**, Ministry of Electronics & IT has partnered with **CSC (Common Service Center) e Governance Services India Limited** to enable delivery of **UMANG** services to citizens through the network of 3.75 lakh CSCs.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the appointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank. He will replace **Aditya Puri**.
- The Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu Kashmir, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has **resigned** from his post. Murmu’s resignation on the first anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 which gave special status to the erstwhile state.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed former Union minister **Manoj Sinha** as the next Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Former Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been appointed as the new **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India**. **He is the 14th CAG of India**.
- Educationist Professor, **Pradeep Kumar Joshi** has been appointed as the **chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- Odisha cadre IPS officer, **P S Ranipse** has been appointed as **Inspector General (IG), in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**.
- **PNB Housing Finance** has announced the appointment of the former SBI Card head, **Hardayal Prasad** as its new managing director and chief executive officer.
- **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala** has been appointed as **executive chairman** of the **Capital India Finance Limited**.
- **Pramod Bhasin** has been appointed as a new **Chairman** of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (**ICRIER**).
- **Soma Mondal** has been selected by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) as the next **chairman** of Steel Authority of India Limited (**SAIL**).
- Former RBI deputy governor, **Subhash Sheoratan Mundra** has been appointed as **non-executive chairman** of Indiabulls Housing Finance (**IBH**).

- **Sameer Gehlaut** has become the **chief executive officer** of **Indiabulls Ventures Ltd.**
- Vice Admiral **Dinesh K Tripathi**, AVSM, NM has become the Director General Naval Operations (DGNO).
- **Kaushik Khona** has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of **GoAir Airline**. He will replace **Vinay Dube**.
- **Amritsar** based e-mobility start-up, **eBikeGO** has appointed Indian cricketer **Harbhajan Singh** as its brand ambassador.
- Government of India has appointed **Rakesh Asthana** as the new director-general of the **Border Security Force (BSF)**.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has appointed **GP Garg** as executive director (ED).
- **Ashok Lavasa** has stepped down as the Election Commissioner of India. He has submitted his resignation to President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has appointed **Satya Pal Malik** as the **Governor of Meghalaya** with effect from 18 August 2020. Prior to this, He was serving as the **Governor of Goa**.
- Sports eyewear brand **"Oakley"** has appointed Indian cricketer, **Rohit Sharma** as its brand ambassador for a period of two years in India.
- The **Government of India** has appointed **Rajiv Kumar** as the new **Election Commissioner of India**. He will be appointed as the election commissioner "with effect from the date he assumes the office."
- Government of India has appointed **Ashwani Bhatia** as the managing director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI). He will replace PK Gupta.
- Renowned Indian scientist, **G Satheesh Reddy** was given a two-year extension as the **chairman** of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Indian Energy Exchange (IEX), Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **Rajiv Srivastava** has resigned from the post. **Satyanarayan Goel** has been given the additional charges as the interim MD and CEO of the company.
- **TikTok CEO, Kevin Mayer** has **stepped down** from the post.

Ranks and Reports

- **India** has been **ranked 57th** in **Digital Quality of Life Index 2020** with overall score of **0.5**. **Denmark** has topped the index and was followed by **Sweden**.
- According to the data provided by Ministry of Finance to Rajya Sabha, Tamil Nadu has topped the list of **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** in availing loans to women. It was followed by **West Bengal** and **Karnataka**.

Sports Current Affairs

- Mercedes driver, **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Formula One **British Grand Prix 2020** held at the Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom.
- **India** has withdrawn from the **women's world team Squash championship** scheduled in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15th to 20th December**, due to lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of its players.
- **The Indian Government** has provisionally granted permission for the **13th edition of Indian Premier League's (IPL's) 2020 to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** from September 19 to November 10, 2020, due to COVID-19 outbreak. BCCI has also decided to host a Women's T20 Challenge to be held from November 1 to 10 in UAE.
- World Cup winner German footballer, **Benedikt Howedes** has retired from football.
- Former Real Madrid and Spain goalkeeper, **Iker Casillas** have retired from football.

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- The **International Cricket Council** has confirmed that the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020** that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in **Australia in 2022**. India will host the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021** as planned. ICC has also decided to postpone the **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021** in **New Zealand** till February-March 2022 because of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on cricket globally.
- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** will organise the "**Fit India Freedom Run**" from 15th August to 02nd October 2020 to mark the 74th Independence Day of India on August 15 to 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2.
- Red Bull racer, **Max Verstappen** has won the 70th Anniversary **Grand Prix**.
- Indian Umpire, **KN Ananthapadmanabhan** has been included in **ICC's international panel of umpires**.
- Former Indian Captain and the World Cup winner, **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has announced his retirement from the International Cricket. He represented India in 350 ODI's, 98 T20 Internationals (T20Is) and 90 test matches.
- Indian batsman **Suresh Raina** has announced his retirement from the International Cricket. He made his international debut against Sri Lanka in 2005 and represented India in 226 ODIs, 78 T20Is and 18 Tests in his cricketing career that spanned over 13 years.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Spanish Grand Prix 2020 held at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Spain. **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull-Netherlands) came second followed by **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) at third.
- "**Fit India Youth Club**" initiative has been launched by the Union Minister of Youth and Sports, **Kiren Rijiju**. Fit India Youth Club is a nation-wide initiative which has been launched to promote fitness among every citizen.
- **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** has launched the web platform "**E-Pathshala**" in partnership with the Sports Authority of India (SAI). It has been split into three parts: My Football Culture, My Skills and My Training.
- The title sponsorship rights of **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020** has been bagged by the fantasy gaming start-up "**Dream 11**". The fantasy gaming start-up has bagged the title sponsorship rights for Rs 222 crore.
- England World Cup winner all-rounder, **Laura Marsh** has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.
- The governing body for the Olympic Movement in India, **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** and **INOX Group** has signed a sponsorship agreement to support Team India for **Tokyo Olympics**, which was rescheduled to be held from July 23 to August 8, 2021.
- **Ronnie O'Sullivan** defeated **Kyren Wilson** with a score of **18-8** to win the **World Snooker Championship 2020**.
- Legendary **South African** all-rounder **Jaques Kallis**, **Pakistan** batting great **Zaheer Abbas** and Pune-born former Australian captain **Lisa Sthalekar** have been inducted into the **International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame**
- Australian all-rounder **Cameron White** has announced his retirement from all forms of professional cricket.
- German professional sports club, **Bayern Munich** has won the **UEFA Champions League 2019-20** title by defeating Paris Saint-Germain 1-0.
- German Golfer **Sophia Popov** has won the **Women's British Open 2020** title (rebranded as 2020 AIG Women's Open).
- Indian Table Tennis star, **Poulomi Ghatak** has announced **retirement**.
- England's **James Anderson** has become the first-ever fast bowler to take **600 wickets** in a **Test Match Cricket**.
- The most successful men's doubles pair in tennis history, **Mike Bryan** and **Bob Bryan** have announced their **retirement** from the sport.
- **India** will host the **BRICS Games 2021**, which will be aligned with the **Khelo India Games** scheduled for next year.
- West Indies All-Rounder, **Dwayne John Bravo** has become the first bowler to scalp **500 wickets** in **Twenty20 cricket**.
- **Sri Lankan** Opening batsman, **Nishad Tharanga Paranavitana** has announced **retirement** from all forms of International Cricket.
- **India and Russia** have become the joint winners of **FIDE online Chess Olympiad**. World chess governing body FIDE declared both the finalists as joint winners after at least two games in the second match were affected by internet connectivity issues.

Summits And Conferences

- The **6th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting** was held under the presidency of **Russia**. The **Environment Ministers of the Federative Republic of Brazil**, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa participated in the meeting. The meeting was preceded by the BRICS Working Group meeting. India will host the next meeting in **2021**.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the National Digital Conference on **"Easing Doing Business for Atmanirbhar Bharat"**. This conference is organized by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** with the **Department for Promotion of Investment and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** to improve the business environment of India.
- Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) has organised the **"India@75 Summit – Mission 2022"** focusing on 'reinventing technology in India'.
- Russia** chaired the **4th Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group**. The session which was held over video conference, featured the participation of delegates from Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa and India. **Rakesh Asthana**, Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau led the Indian delegation that participated in the meeting.
- The **13th Session** of the **India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation** was held to review the continuing growth of broad based cooperation between the two countries. The session was co-chaired by Dr. **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs of India and Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates.

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- 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP)** was held virtually. The **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, Geneva, and the **Parliament of Austria** jointly organized the two day Conference with the support of the United Nations (UN). Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** participated in the inaugural ceremony of the conference.
- The **17th meeting** of the **India-Vietnam Joint Commission** on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation was held virtually. It was **co-chaired** by External Affairs Minister Dr. **S. Jaishankar** and his Vietnamese counterpart **Pham Binh Minh**.
- National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has organised the **"World Urdu Conference"** in **New Delhi**.

Awards & Recognition

- SKOCH Gold Award** has been awarded to the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)** for its "Empowerment of Tribals through IT enabled Scholarship Schemes" project. The **66th SKOCH 2020 Competition** was held with name **"INDIA RESPONDS TO COVID THROUGH DIGITAL GOVERNANCE"**.
- Journalist **Nitin Sethi** has won the Asian College of Journalism's (ACJ) Award 2019 for **Investigative Journalism** for his six-part series titled **"Paissa Politics"** published by The Huffington Post India.
- Journalist **Shiv Sahay Singh** has won the **K. P. Narayana Kumar Memorial Award** for Social Impact Journalism for his story titled **"Death by digital exclusion: On faculty public distribution system in Jharkhand"** published in The Hindu.
- A total of **121 Police personnel** have been awarded the **"Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation"** for the year 2020.
- Government of India Navratna, **NLC India Limited** (NLCIL) has bagged the **"Swachhta Hi Seva award"** for transforming Neyveli Township into a plastic-free, clean and green campus.
- Hyderabad's, **Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash Jonnalagadda** has bagged the first-ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations World Cup (MCWC) by Mind Sports Olympiad (**MSO**).

- Dutch Author, **Marieke Lucas Rijneveld** has won the International **Booker Prize 2020** for her debut novel '**The Discomfort of Evening**'. The book was in Dutch in 2018 and was translated into English by **Michele Hutchison**. The £50,000 prize (\$66,000) will be split equally between the author and translator to give equal recognition to both.
- **Ms. Sudha Painuli** has been selected for **National Award to Teachers 2020**. She is the **first NAT Awardee** from the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) established under Ministry of Tribal Affairs. She is among the 47 outstanding teachers selected for the award.

Important Days

- **World Sanskrit Day**, (also known as Sanskrit Diwas), is celebrated every year on Shraavanapoornima, that is the Poornima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar, which is also marked as **Raksha Bandhan**. In 2020, this day is being observed on **3 August 2020**.
- The **World Breastfeeding Week** is marked every year in the first week of August, between 1 to 7 August to raise awareness on the importance of breastfeeding for mothers and infants. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2020 is "**Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet**".
- **Annually 6th of August** marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing in **Hiroshima during World War II**. The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named "**Little Boy**", on the town of Hiroshima in Japan.
- Nation observes "**National Handloom Day**" on **7th August** every year. This day is celebrated to honour the handloom weavers in the country and also highlight the handloom industry.
- The **78th anniversary** of the **August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of freedom struggle of our country, is being observed. After the failure of Cripps Mission, Gandhiji gave the call to "**Do or Die**" in his Quit India speech delivered at the **Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai**.
- United Nations observes the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** on **09th August** every year. The **theme** of day for 2020 is "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience".
- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas celebrates the **World Biofuel Day** on **10th August** every year. On the occasion, the ministry also organized the webinar with the **theme** "Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat".
- **International Youth Day (IYD)** is observed globally on **12th August** every year. The **theme** of International Youth Day 2020, "**Youth Engagement for Global Action**".
- **World Elephant Day** is celebrated every year on **August 12** to create elephant conservation and share knowledge for better protection of wild captive elephants.
- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed globally on **13th August** every year.
- **World Humanitarian Day (WHD)** is observed globally on **19th August** every year. This day is celebrated to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- Every year on 20th August, the birth anniversary of **Rajiv Gandhi** is celebrated as **Sadbhavana Diwas** or Harmony Day. This year on 20th August 2020, we are going to celebrate the 76th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- **Indian Akshay Urja Day** or Renewable Energy Day is observed on **20th August** every year. **Indian Akshay Urja** is observed to mark the importance of renewable energy resources in India.
- **World Photography Day** is celebrated every year on **August 19**. It is a day to recognise the importance of photography in our world.
- United Nations observes 21st August every year as **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism**.
- The **World Senior Citizen Day** is observed globally on **21st August** every year.
- United Nations observes **23 August** every year as "**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**".
- The **World Water Week 2020** is observed as the World Water Week at Home (WWWeek at Home) from **24th August to 28th August 2020** with the **theme** 'Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action'.
- The 100th anniversary of the **Women's Equality Day** is being observed in the United States on **August 26**, to commemorate American women getting the constitutional right to vote.

- **International Day against Nuclear Tests** is observed globally on **29th August** every year.
- **India** observes **29th August** every year as **National Sports Day**. The day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of **Major Dhyan Chand**, who was the star of Indian hockey team.
- United Nations observes **International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances** globally on **30th of August** every year.

Defence Current Affairs

- **India** will take part in the multilateral military "**Russian Kavkaz 2020**" strategic command-post exercise to be held in Astrakhan, Russia. The Indian contingent includes **150 Army personnel** and a smaller number of personnel from the Navy and Air Force.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has launched an **Interceptor Boat 'ICGS C-454'** in **Surat, Gujarat**. The Interceptor Boat 'ICGS C-454' has been built by Larsen and Toubro and it has a maximum speed of **45 nautical miles or 83 kilometers per hour**.
- Chief of the Air Staff, **Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria** has launched a mobile application named '**MY IAF**' to provide career-related information and details to the aspirants who wish to join the Indian Air Force.
- **India Pavilion** at the **Army-2020 International Military and Technical Forum** was inaugurated by Secretary (Defence Production) Raj Kumar and Indian Ambassador DB Venkatesh Verma at Moscow, Russia.
- The **14th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD)** was held virtually. Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore Mr Chan Heng Kee co-chaired the virtual dialogue.
- Directorate General National Cadet Corps (**DGNCC**) Mobile **Training App** has been launched to provide support in conducting countrywide online training of NCC cadets as it has been affected adversely due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

Science and Technology

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has launched "**Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission**" with **United Launch Alliance (ULA)** Atlas V rocket to the **Red Planet "Mars"**.

- **Skyroot Aerospace**, a Spacetech startup has successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine "**Raman**" and has become the **first Indian private firm** to exhibit the potential to build a homegrown rocket engine. "**Raman**" is a **3-D printed rocket engine** which has been named after Nobel laureate CV Raman.
- **Air Unique-quality Monitoring (AUM)** Photonic System has been indigenously developed with the prime objective of real-time remote monitoring of air quality. It has been developed by **Prof. Rao Tatavarti** along with the support of Department of Science and Technology's **Clean Air Research Initiative**.
- **Google and Central Water Commission(CWC) of India** have launched the flood forecasting initiatives across India for the past several months.
- **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, DIAT (DU)** has launched two products namely "**Pavitrapati**" & "**Aushada tara**" to fight against COVID-19.
- "**Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge- Innovate Solutions for #Aatmanirbhar Bharat**" has been launched by the Union Minister of Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad. It aims to invite innovators, startups and students to use two microprocessors namely "**SHAKTI (32 bit) and VEGA (64 bit)**" to develop various technology products. SHAKTI & VEGA microprocessors have been developed by **IIT Madras and Center for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC)** respectively.

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- **Indian Space Research Organisation** and Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), **Odisha**, have signed a MoU to set up the first of its kind innovation cum incubation centre, **VSSUT Space Innovation Centre** (VSSIC) to promote space research.
- **Indian Institute of Technology's Alumni Council** has signed an agreement with **Russia's Lomonosov Moscow State University** (MSU) and Russoft to build the world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India.

Books & Authors

- **Bihar** Chief Minister, **Nitish Kumar** has released a book titled "**Siyasat Mein Sadasyata**" authored by Bihar Assembly **Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary**.
- The book, titled "**Vishesh: Code To Win**", has been written by sportswoman-turned-author **Nirupama Yadav** and published by the publishing house **Bluerose**. The book is set to be released on August 29, the National Sports Day.
- The book, titled "**RAW: A History of India's Covert Operations**" has authored by investigative journalist and author **Yatish Yadav**.
- The book titled '**Amazing Ayodhya**' has been authored by **Neena Rai**. The book offers "**authentic information**" about the city, which will not only help understand the life and times of ancient Hindus but also the revered figures of Rama and Sita.
- **Dalai Lama**, will release a new book titled "**Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World**" on climate change with German environmental journalist, **Franz Alt** in November.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, **Prakash Javadekar** unveiled a book titled '**Connecting, Communicating, Changing**' that chronicles **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu's** three years in office as the **Vice President of India**.
- Retired Air Vice Marshal, **Arjun Subramaniam** has authored a new book titled, "Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020". It is the sequel to his 1st book, '**India's Wars: A Military History, 1947-1971**'.
- **Chetan Bhagat** has authored a book titled '**One Arranged Murder**'.
- Union Minister, **Jitendra Singh** has released a book on cancer named "**Gastric Cancer**" edited by **Dr Ashok K. Vaid**.

- A book titled "**Who painted my lust red?**" has been authored by **Sree Iyer**.
- A book title '**Cricket Drona**' on renowned coach **Vasudev Jagannath Paranjpe** or Vasoo Paranjape is written by his son and current national selector **Jatin Paranjpe** along with Cricket Journalist **Anand Vasu**.
- Indian Army Chief, General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** has released a book titled "**National Security Challenges: Young Scholars' Perspective**" penned by university students.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **Indian Market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** is planning to set up a **virtual museum** of the securities market to highlight achievements and milestones in the Indian capital market. Sebi has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) from agencies to develop the virtual museum.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), **Shri Nitin Gadkari** has launched the **Khadi's Gift Box of Silk Mask**. The Gift Box has been developed by **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
- The **Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel** has been launched by the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**. The channel is a new initiative by **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**.
- **E-Gyan Mitra** mobile app has been launched by the **Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**, to provide online education.
- A webinar series on "**Hydro-Meteorological Hazards Risk Reduction**" has been organised by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** in collaboration with **India Meteorological Department**.
- A sports gaming platform, **WTF Sports** has appointed cricketers **Harmanpreet Kaur** and **Suresh Raina** as its global brand ambassadors.
- **Delhi government** has launched the "**Electric Vehicle Policy**" for the national capital under which will waive registration fee, road tax, and provide an incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new cars.
- **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)** has developed a web portal named '**AIR SUVIDHA**' for India-bound international passengers.

- **Mumbai's Dadar** has become the **first city in India** to have **women symbols** on traffic signals and signage.
- **Goa's** traditional festive sweet dish '**Khaje**', spicy **Harmal Chilli** and **Myndoli Banana** (Moiri Banana) has obtained Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry.
- The **Union Territory of Puducherry** has celebrated its 59th anniversary of the "**De-Jure**" day on **16th August**.
- On the **2nd death anniversary of the former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that the Gwalior-Chambal Expressway will be named **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Chambal Progressway**.
- Minister of State (I/C), Housing and Urban Affairs, **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched a mobile application for **Urban Local Bodies (ULB) functionaries**.
- **Delhi Police** has signed an Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, an autonomous Institute under Ministry of AYUSH. The MoU will offer Ayurveda Preventive and Promotive health services in the residential colonies of Delhi Police through a mobile unit named '**Dhanwantari Rath**' and **Police Wellness Centres**.
- **India Post** has released a set of five commemorative **postage stamps and a miniature sheet** on **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in India on 15th August 2020 on the occasion of **74th Independence Day**.
- Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment, **Santosh Gangwar** has launched the official Logo of "Labour Bureau".
- Google has launched its employment application named '**Kormo Jobs**' in India.
- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched a game on COVID-19 titled as "**The Corona Fighters**".
- An innovative feature '**Open API Service**' has been introduced by **Aarogya Setu** to help the people, businesses and the economy in its efforts to return to normalcy.
- **Tata Group** is launching a new app named "**Super App**" purported to bring together the country's disparate sales sector to offer a range of consumer goods.
- **Baggage Sanitization & Wrapping machine** has been launched by the **Ahmedabad Railway Division** at Ahmedabad Railway Station, Gujarat. It uses ultraviolet radiation for 360 degree sanitization of the luggage.
- The **Agriculture Department of Jammu and Kashmir** has set up an e-auction portal to enhance trading of GI-tagged '**Kashmir Saffron**'. The portal will assure buyers to have access to quality 'Kashmir Saffron'.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has developed a "**Vendor Performance Evaluation System**" to create a transparent and comprehensive 'Performance Rating' System for its Consultants, Contractors and Concessionaires.
- **Delhi Government** has launched the Fitness Campaign "**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind**" fitness campaign, for the students who are confined in their homes amid COVID-19 pandemic.
- The **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)** celebrated its **Golden Jubilee Anniversary** on **28th August, 2020**. It was raised on 28th August, 1970, through a resolution of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- **51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will be held in **Goa**, from **November 20th to 28th**. This film festival is a hybrid film festival due to COVID 19, would screen films on the official digital platform along with the theatrical screenings.
- The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** has made an in-house mobile app "**Pensioners Corner**". The mobile app has been created by CISF to reach to the pensioners and to bring them on to the digital platform as a one stop solution.

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Obituaries

- Former Taiwanese President **Lee Teng-hui** passed away. He served as president of Taiwan from 1988 to 2000. He was also considered as the “**father of Taiwan’s democracy**”.
- Rajya Sabha MP and former Samajwadi Party leader **Amar Singh** passed away. He was undergoing treatment in Singapore since past few months.
- Cabinet Minister in the Government of Uttar Pradesh, **Kamal Rani Varun** passed away due to COVID-19.
- Former Andhra Pradesh Minister, **Pydikondala Manikyala Rao** passed away due to COVID-19.
- Theatre doyen and legendary teacher **Ebrahim Alkazi** passed away. He was the longest serving director of the National School of Drama.
- The prominent Northern Ireland politician and former Nobel Peace Prize winner, **John Hume** passed away. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, along with David Trimble, for his role in ending the conflict in Northern Ireland.
- The American computer engineer who co-invented the world’s first computer mouse, **William Kirk English** passed away.
- Former Arunachal Pradesh Governor **Ram Pradhan** passed away. The veteran IAS officer also served as a trustee of the Y B Chavan Pratisthan in Mumbai and also headed a two-member committee established in December 2008 to investigate the security forces’ response to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.
- Former Maharashtra Chief Minister, **Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar** passed away. He was a senior Congress leader, served as the Maharashtra CM between June 1985 and March 1986.
- Renowned TV actor, **Sameer Sharma** passed away. The 44-year-old actor committed suicide on 5 August 2020, by hanging.
- The famous fiction writer and Pulitzer Prize-winner, **Shirley Ann Grau** passed away. Shirley won the Pulitzer Prize for her fourth book, “**The Keepers of the House**” in 1965.
- Former Congress leader and eight-time parliamentarian from Telangana, **Nandi Yellaiah** passed away.
- Former wrestler **James Harris**, who was also known as “**Kamala**”, passed away.
- Former India defender and Mohun Bagan captain **Manitombi Singh** passed away.

- Noted Urdu poet **Rahat Indori** passed away.
- Veteran Tamil film songwriter, **PK Muthusamy** passed away.
- Veteran sports journalist, **GK Menon** passed away.
- Malayalam poet-lyricist, **Chunakkara Ramankutty** passed away.
- Former Indian cricketer and Uttar Pradesh minister, **Chetan Chauhan** passed away.
- Indian classical vocalist, **Pandit Jasraj** passed away.
- Director-actor **Nishikant Kamat** passed away. He made his directorial debut in 2005 with Marathi movie Dombivali Fast, which won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Marathi.
- Computer scientist **Russell Kirsch** who invented the “pixel” and scanned the world’s first digital photograph, passed away.
- Former British tennis player, two-time Grand Slam doubles champion and equal rights pioneer **Angela Buxton** has passed away.
- Former Cricketer, Administrator and Pitch Curator, **Gopalaswamy Iyenger Kasturirangan** passed away.
- Former President of the Republic of Congo, **Pascal Lissouba** passed away.
- Writer-journalist, Commentator and Pop sociologist, **Gail Sheehy** passed away.
- **Arnold Meyer Spielberg**, a pioneered computer designer & an innovative engineer passed away.
- Black Panther movie actor, **Chadwick Boseman** passed away. He made his acting debut in the TV series “All My Children” in 2003.
- Former Supreme Court judge Justice, **A.R. Lakshmanan** passed away.
- India’s former athletic coach **Purushotham Rai** passed away. The former coach passed away a few hours before receiving the **Dronacharya Award**, the highest sporting award for a coach in India.
- The former President of India, **Pranab Mukherjee** passed away at the age of 84. He was the president between **2012 and 2017**. He was awarded the **Bharat Ratna in 2019**. He was the fifth president to receive this **Bharat Ratna** award.

Static Takeaways

- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.

- President of Taiwan: Tsai Ing-wen.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- Capital of Guyana: Georgetown.
- The currency of Guyana: Guyanese dollar (GYD).
- President of Guyana: Mohamed Irfaan Ali.
- Tiktok is developed by ByteDance Company.
- Tiktok founded: 2012.
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarter: New Delhi, Delhi.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Headquarters of RAW: New Delhi.
- RAW founded: 21 September 1968.
- Capital of Bihar: Patna.
- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- King of Bahrain: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa;
- Capital of Bahrain: Manama; Currency of Bahrain: Bahraini Dinar.
- Headquarters of Infosys: Bengaluru.
- Comptroller and Auditor General Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Comptroller and Auditor General Founded: 1858.
- Headquarter of Squash Rackets Federation of India: Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Administrator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu: Praful Patel.
- Headquarters of CRPF: New Delhi.
- The motto of CRPF: Service and Loyalty.
- CRPF founded: 27 July 1939.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- PNB Housing Finance Head Office: New Delhi.
- PNB Housing Finance Tag Line: Ghar Ki Baat.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Island: Admiral D K Joshi.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- President of the Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- Capital of Maldives: Male; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Headquarters of Steel Authority of India Limited: New Delhi.
- Republic of Equatorial Guinea President: Teodoro Obiang.
- Republic of Equatorial Guinea Capital: Malabo.
- Republic of Equatorial Guinea Currency: Central African CFA franc.
- Dominican Republic Capital: Santo Domingo.
- Dominican Republic Currency: Dominican Peso.
- The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Capital: Port of Spain.
- The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Currency: Trinidad and Tobago dollar.
- The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago President: Paula-Mae Weekes.
- Republic of Mali Capital: Bamako; Currency: West African CFA franc.
- PNB Headquarters: New Delhi.
- PNB Founded: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We Understand Your World.
- Fino Payments Bank established: 13 July 2006.
- Headquarters of Fino Payments Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Headquarters of Lakshmi Vilas Bank: Chennai.
- Muthoot Finance Head Office: Kochi, Kerala.
- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- GoAir Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- GoAir Established: 2005.
- BSF formed: 1 December 1965; BSF Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Meghalaya National Park: Balphakram National Park, Nokrek National Park.
- President of UAE: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry: Kiran Bedi.
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.

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- Prime Minister of Israel: Benjamin Netanyahu.
- President of China : Xi Jinping; Capital: Beijing; Currency: Renminbi.
- Headquarters SBI General Insurance: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Jin Lique.
- Prime Minister of Singapore: Lee Hsien Loong.
- Headquarters of ISRO: Bengaluru, Karnat

• States and their Chief Ministers & Governors:

Sr. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
1	Andhra Pradesh	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	B. D. Mishra
3	Assam	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi
4	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
5	Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Anusuiya Uikey
6	Goa	Pramod Sawant	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
7	Gujarat	Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Acharya Dev Vrat
8	Haryana	Manohar Lal	Satyadeo Narain Arya
9	Himachal Pradesh	Jairam Thakur	Bandaru Dattatraya
10	Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Droupadi Murmu
11	Karnataka	B. S. Yediyurappa	Vajubhai Vala
12	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
13	Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Anandiben Patel
14	Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
15	Manipur	N. Biren Singh	Najma Heptulla
16	Meghalaya	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
17	Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
18	Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	R. N. Ravi
19	Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal
20	Punjab	Capt. Amarinder Singh	V.P. Singh Badnore
21	Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
22	Sikkim	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
23	Tamil Nadu	Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit
24	Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	Tamilisai Soundararajan
25	Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Ramesh Bais
26	Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Aditya Nath	Anandiben Patel
27	Uttarakhand	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Baby Rani Maurya
28	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

- Union Ministers in News in month of August 2020:**

Sr. No.	Ministry	Union Minister
1	Union Minister of Defence	Raj Nath Singh
2	Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports	Kiren Rijiju
3	Union Minister for Railways	Piyush Goyal
4	Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas	Dharmendra Pradhan
5	Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare	Harsh Vardhan
6	Union Minister of External Affairs	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
7	Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	Raj Kumar Singh
8	Minister of State (I/C) for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy	Shripad Yesso Naik
9	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs	Arjun Munda
10	Minister of State for Tribal Affairs	Renuka Singh Saruta
11	Union Minister for Rural Development	Narendra Singh Tomar
12	Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Mahendra Nath Pandey
13	Ministers of State (I/C) of Shipping	Mansukh L. Mandaviya
14	Union Minister of State for Tourism (I/C)	Prahlad Singh Patel
15	Union Minister of Home Affairs	Amit Shah
16	Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation	Hardeep Singh Puri

- Heads of various organizations in News in month of August 2020 :**

Sr. No.	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI	Mohammad Mustafa
2	Chairman of Reliance Power	Anil Ambani
3	Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Jim Bridenstine
4	Tiktok founder	Zhang Yiming
5	Airtel Payments Bank MD and CEO	Anubrata Biswas
6	Bharti AXA General Insurance MD and CEO:	Sanjeev Srinivasan
7	Chief of RAW	Samant Goel
8	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys	Salil Parekh
9	Chairman of SEBI	Ajay Tyagi
10	Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission	Vinai Saxena
11	CEO of ICC	Manu Sawhney
12	Chairman of ICC	Imran Khwaja (Interim)
13	Founder and Chairperson, Reliance Foundation	Nita M Ambani
14	Acting Administrator of US Agency for International Development	John Barsa
15	CEO of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog	Amitabh Kant
16	Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes	Pramod Chandra Mody
17	Director & Chief Executive of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations	Dr Rajat Kathuria
18	Managing Director of Capital India Finance Ltd	Keshav Porwal
19	Chairman of The Boston Group	Subu Kota
20	Chairperson of Competition Commission of India	Ashok Kumar Gupta

Sr. No.	Head of Organization	Name of Person
21	Founder of Paytm	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
22	Secretary-General of United Nations	António Guterres
23	Chairman of TRIFED	Ramesh Chand Meena
24	Chief Executive Officer of Flipkart	Kalyan Krishnamurthy
25	Chairman of Fino Payments Bank	Mahendra Kumar Chouhan
26	Lakshmi Vilas Bank MD & CEO	S Sundar (Interim)
27	Muthoot Finance Chairman	M.G. George Muthoot
28	Muthoot Finance Managing Director	George Alexander Muthoot
29	Kotak Mahindra General Insurance MD and CEO	Mahesh Balasubramanian
30	Founder & CEO of Netmeds	Pradeep Dadha
31	GoAir Founder	Jehangir Wadia
32	Chief Election Commissioner of India	Sunil Arora
33	President of Asian Development Bank	Masatsugu Asakawa
34	Founders of Dream 11	Harsh Jain and Bhavit Sheth
35	Chief Executive Officer of Board of Control for Cricket in India	Hemang Amin (Interim)
36	President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India	Sourav Ganguly
37	UNESCO Head	Audrey Azoulay
38	CEO of Google	Sundar Pichai
39	Central Water Commission Chairman	Rajendra Kumar Jain
40	Director-General of Indian Coast Guard	Krishnaswamy Natarajan
41	PNB Founders	Lala Lajpat Rai, Dyal Singh Majithia
42	MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank	Rishi Gupta
43	MD & CEO of Yes Bank	Prashant Kumar
44	Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority	K S Srinivas
45	Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development	V.S.K. Kaumudi
46	Chairman of ISRO	K.Sivan
47	President of IIT Alumni Council	Ravi Sharma
48	Director General National Cadet Corps (NCC)	Lt General Rajeev Chopra
49	Managing Director, AFC India Ltd	B.Ganeshan
50	Chairman of NABARD	Govinda Rajulu Chintala
51	ICICI Bank MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi
52	SBI General Insurance MD and CEO	Prakash Chandra Kandpal
53	ICICI Lombard General Insurance MD & CEO	Bhargav Dasgupta
54	Chairman of State Bank of India	Rajnish Kumar
55	Director of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language	Dr Aquil Ahmed
56	Chairman of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority	Diwakar Nath Misra
60	Director General of Central Industrial Security Force	Rajesh Ranjan
61	Chief Executive Officer of Dubai Multi Commodities Centre	Ahmed Bin Sulayem
62	President of Squash Rackets Federation of India	Debendranath Sarangi