

CURRENT AFFAIRS MODULE JULY 2020 FOR
NDA/CDS/SSC/AFCAT/STATE GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. The new leaders' appointments

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>
IRELAND	Prime Minister	Micheal Martin
ICELAND	President	Gudni Th. Johannesson
FRANCE	Prime Minister	Jean Castex
RUSSIA	PRESIDENT	Vladimir Putin
SINGAPORE	Prime Minister	Lee Hsien Loong
POLAND	President	Andrzej Duda
GABON	Prime Minister	Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda
TUNISIA	Prime Minister	Hichem Mechichi
SURINAME	President	Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi

2. **Asian Development Bank** has joined the **Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System** as an observer.
3. **United States** has taken withdrawal from the **World Health Organization**.
4. **Ork 16** spy satellite has been successfully launched into orbit by using a locally-developed Shavit rocket from a launch pad at Palmachim airbase in central Israel.
5. **India** has become the second largest source of **foreign direct investment in the United Kingdom**.
6. **APSTAR-6D** telecommunication satellite via a **Long March 3B** carrier rocket from **Xichang Satellite Launch Center** has been successfully launched by **China**.

7. An agreement for the **700 MW Azad Pattan hydel power project** on the **Jhelum river in Sudhoti district of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir** has been signed in between **Pakistan and China**.
8. **Hope** mission has been launched to **Mars** by the United Arab Emirates.
9. **ANASIS-II** South Korea's first military satellite has been successfully launched by **SpaceX**.
10. **Turkmenistan** has been granted as **Observer status** at **World Trade Organization General Council**.
11. The **2020 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index: Charting pathways out of multidimensional poverty: Achieving the SDGs** was released by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative at the University of Oxford and the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme. It states that **India** recorded the **largest reduction** in the number of people living in poverty as around 273 million people moved out of the multidimensional poverty over 10 years (from 2005-2006 to 2015-2016).

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **\$750 million** has been approved by **World Bank** for **MSME Emergency Response** program in India to support increased flow of finance in Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.
2. **\$500 million** has been approved by **World Bank** for **Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States** Program which seeks to improve the quality and governance of school education in six Indian states.
3. **trifed.tribal.gov.in** new website of **TRIFED** has been launched. The website contains all important information about the schemes to the benefit of tribal communities.
4. **Elyments** India's first social media super application has been launched by **Vice President M. Venkiah Naidu**.
5. **Qudich Innovation Labs and Asteria Aerospace** has completed India's first **No-Permission No-Takeoff** compliant drone flight on the **A200 Remotely Piloted Aircraft System**.
6. **Asia's largest 750 MW Rewa** ultra mega solar plant in the **Rewa district of Vindhya region of Madhya Pradesh** has been unveiled by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.
7. **\$50 million loan** to **L&T Infrastructure Finance Ltd** has been released by **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**.

8. Five **AH64E Apache attack helicopters** has been delivered by **Boeing India** to the **Indian Air Force** at the Hindan Air Force Station.
9. India's first cable stayed Railways bridge **Anji Khad Bridge to connect Katra and Reasi** in Jammu and Kashmir has been announced by Railways Minister.
10. **NISHTHA** first on-line programme has been launched for 1200 Key Resources Persons of Andhra Pradesh. It would be conducted through **DIKSHA** and **NISHTHA** portals by the **National Council of Educational Research and Training**.
11. The **fourth edition of the All India Tiger Estimation 2018** has created the **Guinness World Record** for being the world's largest camera trap wildlife survey.
12. An e-Portal named **Automobile Solutions Portal for Industry; Research & Education** has been launched by the **International Centre for Automotive Technology**.
13. **India's first public EV charging plaza** has been inaugurated at Chelmsford Club in New Delhi.
14. **Manodarpan** is an initiative of **Ministry of Human Resource Development** launched to ensure mental well-being of the students.
15. **10 broad-gauge railway locomotives** has been handed by India to Bangladesh.
16. **Mausam** mobile application for weather forecasts has been developed by **International Crops Research Institute** for the Semi-Arid Tropics, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune and the India Meteorological Department
17. Department of Science and Technology in partnership with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises of the Russian Federation has launched **India Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Programme**.
18. Medical assistance worth about **USD 1 million** in the form of **anti-tuberculosis medicines** has been extended by **GoI to North Korea**.
19. The **Special liquidity scheme of Rs 30,000 crore** for Nonbanking Financial Company/Housing Finance Companies has been approved by **GoI**.
20. An agreement for two projects of worth **\$250 million** has been signed by **GoI, Government of Tamil Nadu and the World Bank**. These projects would be executed to help low-income groups in the state of Tamil Nadu get access to affordable housing.
21. An agreement for the formation of a **50:50 Joint Venture Company** have been signed in between **India and Bangladesh**. This has been formed for

- LPG business in Bangladesh and will help in reducing the import cost of LPG and provide it to the people of Bangladesh at an affordable price.
22. A loan agreement of **\$400 million** has been signed in between **World Bank and GoI** to enhance support for the **Namami Gange programme**. The agreement aims to make the Ganga a clean and healthy river, will stem the pollution levels in the iconic river and work towards strengthening the management of the river basin.
 23. In accordance with the **INFORM Report 2020: Shared evidence for managing crises and disasters** released by research centre operating under the European Commission **India Ranked 31st**.
 24. **Jones Lang LaSalle's** has released its biennial **Global Real Estate Transparency Index** and **India ranked 34th**.
 25. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has approved the launch of short-term **Corona Kavach** health insurance policies by General and Health Insurance companies.
 26. The **US-based property consultant Cushman & Wakefield** has released the annual report **Global Manufacturing Risk Index**, to rank the most suitable locations for global manufacturing among **48 countries in Europe, Americas, and the Asia-Pacific**. China and the United States retain the top two positions respectively in MRI 2020 and India was ranked **3rd in MRI 2020**.
 27. The **Consumer Protection Act, 2019** has been implemented in India since **20th July 2020**. The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 is being replaced by the same. The new act has been introduced to offer protection to buyers from traditional sellers as well as from the new e-commerce retailers/platforms. It will protect the consumer rights through its various notified Rules and provisions and will empower consumers and hence help them in protecting their rights.
 28. India has successfully conducted flight tests of its indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile **Dhruvastra**. It is a helicopter version of **Nag Helina**.
 29. The **National Education Policy 2020** has been approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister. The new policy will replace old National Policy on Education, 1986. It is based on the foundational pillars of **Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability** and Accountability and 50% Gross Enrolment Ratio by 2035 and provision for multiple entry and exits is being targeted under the new policy.
 30. A fleet of five **French-manufactured Rafale multirole combat jets** arrived in India. Jets landed at the Ambala Air Force base after covering a distance of 7,000 km from the Merignac airbase in French port city of Bordeaux. The

fleet would be inducted into the IAF as part of its Ambala-based No 17 Squadron, also known as the **Golden Arrows**.

31. **Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers** has launched four schemes for the **promotion of domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices parks** in the country.
32. The Indian quartet of **Mohammed Anas, M.R. Poovamma, Hima Das and Arokia Rajiv** has now become the first winner of the event 4×400 mixed. The Bahrain squad was disqualified as Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain has been handed a 4-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test.

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **NADA App** first mobile application of National Anti-Doping Agency has been launched. The application aims to bridge the gap between NADA and the athletes by offering easily-accessible information on various aspects of sport, prohibited substances as well as dope-testing.
2. **Ravindra Jadeja** has been named as India's most valuable Test player in the 21st century by the **Wisden magazine**. He was also rated as the second-most valuable Test player worldwide behind Sri Lanka legend Muttiah Muralitharan.
3. **Quinton de Kock** is named as the men's cricketer of the year and **Laura Wolvaardt** is named as the women's cricketer of the year at the **Cricket South Africa annual awards 2020**.
4. The **Austrian Grand Prix 2020** at Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria has been won by Mercedes's, **Valtteri Bottas**.
5. **G Akash** has become **India's 66th Chess Grandmaster**. Along with him, **Ameya Anji** has earned **International Master** title.
6. The **Styrian Grand Prix 2020** at the **Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria** has been won by **Lewis Hamilton**.
7. **Youth Olympic Games** to be hosted in **Dakar in 2022** have been postponed. Games will now be held in **2026**.
8. **Real Madrid** has been crowned **La Liga Champions for the 34th time** after defeating Villarreal 2–1 at Estadio Alfredo Di Stefano in **Madrid**.
9. **Senegal and the International Olympic Committee** mutually agreed to postpone the games to be held in 2022. Now the **Youth Olympic Games in Dakar** will be celebrated in **2026**.
10. The **Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2020** at **Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary** has been won by **Lewis Hamilton**.

11. The 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games in 2021 will be hosted by Haryana.
12. **Jamie Vardy** bagged the **Premier Leagues Golden Boot** football award. Manchester City's Brazilian keeper **Ederson** won the **Golden Glove** award.

DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **License Agreement and Transfer of Technology** has been signed by **Bharat Dynamics Limited** with **Defence Research and Development Organisation– Defence Research and Development Laboratory** for Indian Army Variant of **Akash Missile Weapon System**.
2. **Capital procurement powers** has been entrusted to Armed Forces by **Defence Acquisition Council**.
3. **P7 Heavy Drop System** has been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation. It is capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-ton weight class from IL 76 aircraft.
4. A contract for procurement of **1,513 Mine Plough for Tank T-90 S/SK** has been signed in between Acquisition Wing of Ministry of Defence and Bharat Earth Movers Limited.
5. A **Passage Exercise**, high end joint naval exercise with the US Navy in the Indian Ocean has been conducted by Indian Navy.
6. **Bharat** the drones to provide accurate surveillance along the Line of Actual Control in high altitude and mountainous terrains of Eastern Ladakh has been provided by **Defence Research and Development** to the **Indian Army**.