

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

Awards

The Indian animation director who has been posthumously chosen for the 'Legend of Animation' award instituted by the Toonz Media Group (TMG) as part of the Animation Masters Summit (AMS) 2020 - Digital Edition – **Arnab Chaudhary**

The Chairman of ISRO who has been chosen for the 2020 Von Karman Award by the International Academy of Astronautics, Sweden – **K Sivan**

Defence

The helicopter launched Nag Missile (Helina) which was successfully test-fired at the Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha has now been renamed – **Dhruvastra**

The country with which India conducted a day long joint naval exercise, PASSEX in the Strait of Malacca – **Japan**

Persons

The Stay in India and Study in India committee setup by HRD Ministry to form guidelines and recommend measures for students to study and stay in India is headed by – **D.P. Singh, Chairman UGC**

The eminent Indian danseuse (wife of dancer Uday Shankar) awarded Banga Bibhushan in 2011, who passed away on 24 July 2020 – **Amala Shankar**

The Governor of Madhya Pradesh (also former Gover of Bihar) who passed away on 21 July 2020 – **Lalji Tandon**

Indian election commissioner who has been appointed the Vice-President of Asian Development Bank succeeding Diwakar Gupta whose term ends on 31 August 2020 – **Ashok Lavasa**

The ruling People's Action Party leader who has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Singapore for the 4th term – **Lee Hsien Loong**

The veteran Bollywood actor and comedian who passed away on 08 July 2020 aged 81 years – **Jagdeep (Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jaffrey)**

The new Prime Minister of France appointed by its President Emmanuel Macron – **Jean Castex**

The renowned dance choreographer of Hindi cinema who passed away on 03 July 2020 at the age of 71 years – **Saroj Khan**

The 1990-batch IFS officer and an additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) who has been appointed as India's next Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva succeeding Rajiv K Chander – **Indra Mani Pandey**

Places

The place in Madhya Pradesh where an Ultra Mega Solar Power project was dedicated to the nation by the PM Shri Narendra Modi via video conference – **Rewa**

The place in Tamil Nadu where a boiler blast in a thermal power plant killed 13 people and injured several other – **Neyveli, Cuddalore**

Sports

The IPL Chief Operating Officer who has been appointed the interim CEO of BCCI following the resignation of Mr Rahul Johri – **Hemang Amin**

Space

The unmanned mission to Mars launched by China from Wenchang Launch Center aboard a Long March 5 rocket on 23 July 2020 is named – **Tianwen-1**

The unmanned space probe to Mars launched by UAE from Tanegashima Space Center in Japan on July 19, 2020 is named – **Hope**

The spy satellite launched by Israel using a Shavit-2 rocket from Palmachim air base is named – **Ofek 16**

Themes

The theme of India Ideas Summit hosted by US-India Business Council (USIBC) held virtually on 22 July 2020 – **Building a Better Future**

The theme of 36th Biannual Edition of ASEAN held virtually under the Chairmanship of Vietnamese PM Nguyen Xuan Phuc – **Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN**

The theme of National Doctors Day observed on 01 July 2020 to mark the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy – **Lessen the Mortality of COVID-19**

Miscellaneous

The initiative launched by HRD Ministry to provide psychosocial support to students for their Mental Health and Well-being is named – **MANODARPAN**

The short term health insurance policies launched by general and health insurance companies and approved by IRDA have broadly named – **Corona Kavach**

The former social networking platform Google+ has been relaunched by Google for Android and iOS system as – **Google Currents**

The rank of India in terms of generation of e-waste as per United Nations 'Global E-waste Monitor 2020' (China and US ranked at No. 1 and 2 respectively) – **Third**

Important Days of July

International Day of Co-operatives: 04 July 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1993 Theme: Cooperatives for Climate Action
World Population Day: 11 July 2020 Designated by: United Nations Development Programme First observed: 1989
World Youth Skills Day: 15 July 2020 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 2015 Theme: Skills for a Resilient Youth
Nelson Mandela International Day: 18 July 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2010
World Hepatitis Day: 28 July 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation First observed: 2008 Theme: Hepatitis-free future
International Tiger Day: 29 July 2020 Designated by: St Petersburg Tiger Summit First observed: 2010
World Day against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2014

United Nations Nelson Mandela Prize 2020

1. **Mrs. Marianna V. Vardinoyannis:** is a Greek philanthropist and world advocate for human rights and the protection of children's health and welfare. She is a Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO since 1999, founder and president of "Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation" and of "ELPIDA Friends' Association of Children with cancer".

2. **Dr. Morissanda Kouyaté:** He is a leading advocate on ending violence against women and girls in Africa. He initiated efforts to address violence against women with the African Union Commission, leading to the Maputo Protocol, Africa's regional instrument on ending violence against women.

Arrival of Rafale in India

Number of aircraft: **5**

Airborne from: Dassault Aviation Facility, **Merignac, France**

Stopover at: **Al Dhafra** airbase in the UAE.

Base arrived at: Air Force Station, **Ambala.**

First stage of flight: 5000 km

Second stage of flight: 2700 km

Squadron to be inducted into: **17 Squadron (Golden Arrows)**

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2020

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Sweden	48.	China
2.	Denmark	96.	Nepal
3.	Finland	109.	Bangladesh
4.	France	117.	India
5.	Germany	134.	Pakistan

Mohun Bagan Awards 2020

Bagan Ratna 2020: **Gurbux Singh** (Hockey) and **Palash Nandy** (Cricket)

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Ashok Kumar** (Hockey); **Pranab Ganguly** (Football) and **Monoranjan Porel** (Athletics).

Best Football Player (senior): **Joseba Beitia** (Spain)

Abbreviations in News

LEAD: Learning through E-Resources Made Accessible for Delhi

Books in News

Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver: Urjit Patel (former RBI Governor)

A Song of India: Ruskin Bond

Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India: Viral Acharya

The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World: S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister)

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