

1-12 July 2020 Current Affairs



1) During June 2020 the Indian Railways (IR) created history as it joined and ran three trains carrying more than 1500 tonnes in an 'Anaconda' formation. Which zone of the IR carried out this formation? - [South East Central Railway](#)

(The South East Central Railway (SECR) a three-in-one freight service 'Super Anaconda' train that had 177 wagons and three electric locomotives with a 6000 HP capacity each. This train ran through the Bilaspur and Chakradharpur divisions. This achievement was a first of its kind in the entire world and will also boost the ambitious mission of Green India as a latest green initiative over Indian Railways)

2) Which 2 countries became the first from South-East Asia region to eliminate both rubella and measles, as was announced by the WHO during July 2020? – [Sri Lanka and Maldives](#)

(The World Health Organisation (WHO) on 8 July 2020 announced that Sri Lanka and Maldives have been successful in eliminating rubella and measles. The two countries thus became the first two countries from South-East Asia region to eliminate both the viral diseases. The WHO verified this as there is no evidence of endemic transmission of the measles and rubella viruses for over three years in the two countries)



3) Asia's largest solar power project was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10 July 2020. This 750-mw is situated at which place in Madhya Pradesh? – [Rewa](#)

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10 July 2020 dedicated Asia's largest solar power project, the Rewa solar power project in Madhya Pradesh, to the nation. The new 750 MW Solar Power plant Project has been set up at Rewa, in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The plant consists of three solar power generating units, each having a capacity of 250 MW and each located on a 500 hectare plot of land, which is situated inside a Solar Park)



4) Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister of France by President Emmanuel Macron during July 2020? - [Jean Castex](#)

(Jean Castex, a career civil servant who coordinated the strategy to ease France's coronavirus lockdown was on 3 July 2020 appointed new Prime Minister of France by President Emmanuel Macron. He was presently the Mayor of Prades and had served as an adviser on social affairs in former French President Nicolas Sarkozy's cabinet. He replaced Edouard Philippe who resigned from the post earlier)

5) Indian Railways achieved which milestone for the first time in its operation on 1 July 2020? - [100% punctuality in operations of passenger trains](#)

(For the first time in the history of Indian Railways (IR), all trains achieved 100% punctuality on 1 July 2020. IR disclosed that the previous best was 99.54% on 23 July 2020 with one train getting delayed)



6) Who was appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations during July 2020? - [Indra Mani Pandey](#)

(Senior diplomat Indra Mani Pandey was on 1 July 2020 appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and other International Organisations in

Geneva. Pandey, a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service officer is presently serving as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He succeeded Rajiv K. Chander)

.....

7) Which was the first Formula One Grand Prix event of the 2020 season, the final of which was held on 5 July 2020? – [Austrian Grand Prix](#)

(Austrian Grand Prix was the first F1 Grand Prix event of the 2020 season, as the season went into tail-spin due to the global covid-19 pandemic. Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas won the race with teammate and F1 defending champion Lewis Hamilton finishing at the fourth position. Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc finished second with McLaren's Lando Norris at third, his first podium finish)

.....



8) Which iconic aircraft will become history in 2 years as was disclosed during July 2020? – [Boeing 747](#)

(According to media reports, Boeing Co. will roll out the last 747-800 out of a Seattle-area factory in about two years. Boeing 747, the large long-range 4 engine aircraft was launched in 1970 and it shrank the world with its capacity and speed. But as airlines shifted their focus on more economical planes 747's demand plummeted due to high operational costs and affordability)

.....

9) Which state claimed that it has become the first state where all houses have LPG connections? – [Himachal Pradesh](#)

(Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on 6 July 2020 announced that Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India where cent per cent households have LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections. The state achieved this ambitious target with the help of the of Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojna that focuses on homemaker women that collect fuel wood and cooking food on traditional chullah thus affecting their health)

.....

10) Which company reported a net loss of Rs. 73,878 crore for 2019-20, the highest ever annual loss by any Indian firm? - [Vodafone Idea](#)

(India's third-largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea reported a net loss of Rs. 73,878 crore for 2019-20. This is the highest ever annual loss ever reported by an Indian company. However, the loss includes provision for Supreme Court-mandated statutory dues, which amount to Rs. 58,300 crore)

.....

13-21 July 2020 Current Affairs



1) The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 came into force from 20 July 2020. Among the highlights of the act is that it also brings e-commerce companies under the gamut of consumer protection. This new act replaced which act? - [Consumer Protection Act, 1986](#)

(The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 includes establishment of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers. CCPA will be empowered to conduct investigations into violations of consumer rights and institute complaints or prosecution, order recall of unsafe goods and services, order discontinuance of unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements, impose penalties on manufacturers or endorsers or publishers of misleading advertisements. The rules for prevention of unfair trade practice by e-commerce platforms will also be covered under this Act)

.....

2) India's first state-level e-LokAdalat was organized in which state during July 2020? – [Chhattisgarh](#)

(Chhattisgarh carved its name in history as the first state level 'E-LokAdalat' of India was conducted successfully here on 11 July 2020. The first-of-its-kind e-public court was inaugurated by Justice P.R. Ramachandra Menon, the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court. This was the third edition of LokAdalat in the state but was held in the electronic mode due to the restricted judicial functioning owing to Covid-19)

.....

3) India became the second-largest source of foreign-direct investment (FDI) in which major European country during 2019, as was announced during July 2020? – [United Kingdom](#)

(UK's Department of International Trade (DIT)'s inward investment statistics for 2019-20 found that India moved up from its third-largest spot to finish as the second-largest source of FDI in the country in 2019. During the year India invested in 120 projects and created 5,429 new jobs in the UK. The US remains the number one source of FDI for the UK, delivering 462 projects and 20,131 jobs followed by India, Germany, France and China and Hong Kong)



4) What is the name given to the Covid-19 test kit developed by the IIT Delhi that is billed as world's cheapest Covid-19 diagnostic kit and was launched officially during July 2020? – [“COROSURE”](#)

(“COROSURE” is the name given to the RT-PCR based COVID-19 diagnostic kit that was developed by scientists of IIT Delhi and launched on 15 July 2020. With a base price of just Rs. 399, it is billed as world's most affordable Covid-19 diagnostic kit. Corosure' has been commercially developed by a company NewTech Medical Devices after obtaining license from the IIT Delhi)



5) What is the name given to the affordable smartphone-operated ultraviolet (UV) sanitizing solution launched by IIT Kanpur that is capable to disinfect a 100 sqft room in about 15 minutes? – [SHUDH](#)

(SHUDH, which means (Smartphone-operated Handy Ultraviolet Disinfection Helper) is the name of the affordable and easy to use ultraviolet (UV)

sanitizing solution launched that was launched by a team of IIT Kanpur during July 2020. The SHUDH prototype comprises six UV lights of 15 watts each that can be monitored from a distance. It is designed to disinfect a 100 sq. ft. room in about 15 minutes. It can be used to disinfect hospitals, hotels, malls and other large establishments)

6) Which Indian bureaucrat was appointed a Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 15 July 2020? – [Ashok Lavasa](#)

(The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 15 July 2020 announced that it had appointed Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa as its vice-president for private-sector operations and public-private partnerships. Lavasa was next in line to become the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India in 2021)

7) India and Bhutan on 15 July 2020 opened a new trade route that connects which two places of the two countries? - [Jaigaon and Pasakha](#)

(On 15 July 2020 India and Bhutan opened a new trade route between Jaigaon in West Bengal and Pasakha in Bhutan. An additional Land Customs station has been opened at Ahllay, Pasakha by the Government of India. This new route is expected to facilitate movement of industrial raw materials and goods destined for Pasakha Industrial Estate in Bhutan)

8) During July 2020 who was appointed the African country Gabon's first woman prime minister? - [Rose Christiane OssoukaRaponda](#)

(Gabon President Ali Bongo appointed the country's first woman prime minister, Rose Christiane OssoukaRaponda, in a cabinet reshuffle on 15 July 2020. She was promoted from the post of defence minister and succeeded JulienNkogheBekale)



9) Who became the first cricketer to break the no-saliva rule during the fourth day of the second England-West Indies Test on 19 July 2020? - [Dominic Sibley](#)

(England opener Dominic Sibley on 19 July 2020 became the first cricketer to break the no-saliva rule. Sibley accidentally used saliva on the ball at the end of a Chris Woakes over. The umpires were informed about it by England players and Michael Gough rubbed a sanitized tissue on both sides of the ball. The England-West Indies Test is the first bilateral Test series to be held during worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. The ICC had banned the use of saliva on ball so as to increase its movement during bowling)

.....

10) In its fight against combating Covid-19 pandemic which state government started the unique “Roko-Toko” campaign in the state to focus against those not using face masks? – [Madhya Pradesh](#)

(The Madhya Pradesh Government on 13 July 2020 started the “Roko-Toko” campaign in the state to focus against people not wearing face mask amidst the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The wearing of the face mask has been mandatory in the state as in almost all the states in the country. Under the campaign the persons not wearing masks will be stopped and provided with a mask for Rs. 20 per unit by volunteers of several voluntary organizations)

.....

11) Who is poised to become the first Indian player to play in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL)? - [Pravin Tambe](#)

(Pravin Tambe, who was disqualified from IPL 2020, is set to become the first Indian player to play in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL). He was signed by Trinbago Knight Riders. 48-year old Tambe was bought by KKR in the IPL 2020 auction but was disqualified by the BCCI for playing in T10 league in Sharjah in 2018)

.....

12) Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won which F1 Grand Prix race for the eighth time on 19 July 2020 to equal Michael Schumacher's single-venue record? - [Hungarian Grand Prix](#)

(Six-time Formula 1 (F1) champion Lewis Hamilton (Britain) on 19 July 2020 won the Hungarian F1 Grand Prix race and thus equaled Germany's Michael Schumacher's single-venue record of eight wins)

.....

22-26 July 2020 Current Affairs



1) In a historic development, the first trial movement of container ships from Kolkata Port to Agartala in Tripura via which Bangladeshi port was flagged-off during July 2020? – [Chittagong](#)

(Marking a new landmark in maritime relations between India and Bangladesh on 23 July 2020 union shipping minister Mansukh Mandaviya virtually flagged off the first trial movement of container ships from Kolkata Port to Agartala in Tripura via Chittagong port in Bangladesh. This will cut transportation time and cost through land routes to India's North-Eastern region. It takes over 1,200 km for goods to reach from Bengal to reach to reach the north east. Access to the Chittagong port will cut down the distance by almost half)

.....



2) India's first ever EV (Electric Vehicle) charging plaza was inaugurated in which city during July 2020? – [Delhi](#)

(Union Power Minister R K Singh on 20 July 2020 inaugurated India's first public EV (Electric Vehicle) charging plaza at Chelmsford Club in Delhi. This plaza boasts 5 charging points, each with different specifications and has been established by the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC))

.....



3) What is the name given to India's anti-tank guided missile, the flight trial of which successfully conducted at the Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha during July 2020? - **Dhruvastra**

('Dhruvastra' is the name given to India's anti-tank guided missile, which was earlier known as HELINA, the short form of helicopter-launched Nag Missile. The flight trial of 'Dhruvastra' were conducted on 15 and 16 July 2020 at the Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha. Developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), this anti-tank guided missile meant to be launched from a helicopter. The name "Dhruv" in 'Dhruvastra' is derived from the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv, which will be equipped with the missile)

4) The Human Resources Ministry (HRD) during July 2020 constituted a committee to frame guidelines to ensure that more students stay in India and continue their higher studies. Who is heading this committee? - **DP Singh**

(UGC Chairman DP Singh is the Chairman of the committee constituted by the HRD Ministry to frame guidelines to ensure that more students stay in India and continue their higher studies. According to the HRD Ministry data in 2019 alone around 7,50,000 students travelled abroad to pursue higher studies)

5) What is the name of the first Mars probe of China that was launched on 23 July 2020? - **Tianwen 1**

(Tianwen 1 is the name of China's first mission to the red-planet Mars. It was launched on 23 July 2020 from Hainan Island's Wenchang Satellite Launch Center. It consists of an orbiter and a lander/rover duo, a combination of craft that had never before launched together toward the Red Planet. It is worth mentioning that China did launch an orbiter named Yinghuo-1 in November 2011 but it went into space with a Russian mission and the launch didn't succeed)

6) According to the announcements made by Railway Board Chairman Vinod Kumar Yadav during July 2020 Indian Railways is undertaking the mission to connect all capitals of North-Eastern states to the rail network by which year? - **2023**

(Indian Railways (IR) is working on connecting all capitals of North-Eastern states to the rail network by 2023. The capital connectivity of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya is under progress, while capitals of Assam, Tripura and Arunachal are already connected)

7) Which airline is poised to become the first Indian budget airline to operate flights to the United States? - **SpiceJet**

(During July 2020 Indian budget airline SpiceJet was designated as the Indian Scheduled carrier for flight services to the United States (US). It thus became the sole private Indian carrier and the first budget airline to operate services to the country. Currently, only the national carrier Air India is operating flights on India-US routes)

8) LaljiTandon, who passed away on 21 July 2020, was the Governor of which state? - **Madhya Pradesh**

(LaljiTandon, the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, passed away at the age of 85 on 21 July 2020. He was a former MP of Lucknow and was a very prominent BJP leader from Uttar Pradesh. Tandon was also a close aide of former Prime Minister AtalBihari Vajpayee)

27-31 July 2020 Current Affairs



1) The first batch of five Rafale fighter jets of the 36 ordered by India arrived at the Indian Air Force (IAF) Station in Ambala on 29 July 2020. These Rafales will become part of which squadron of the IAF? - **17 Squadron**

(The 5 Rafale fighter jets that arrived at IAF's Ambala station on 29 July 2020 will officially become part of the 17 Squadron which is nicknamed "Golden Arrows". The squadron is part of the Western Air Command of the IAF. The Rafales left the Merignac airbase in French port city of Bordeaux on 27 July 2020, and arrived in India after covering a distance of nearly 7,000 km. The aircrafts had a single stopover at Al Dhafra airbase in the UAE)



2) On 29 July 2020 the Union Cabinet cleared a new National Education Policy (NEP) proposing sweeping changes in school and higher education. The NEP 2020 has pitched in which new structure of school education in place of the 10+2 structure which is in place since 1986? - [5+3+3+4](#)

(The proposed 5+3+3+4 structure of school education in NEP 2020 corresponds to the age groups 3-8 years (foundational stage), 8-11 (preparatory), 11-14 (middle), and 14-18 (secondary). The mid-day meal programme will be extended to pre-school children. The NEP 2020 says students until Class 5 should be taught in their mother tongue or regional language. Other sweeping changes in NEP 2020 include overhauling the school curriculum, introduction of a four-year multidisciplinary undergraduate programme with multiple exit options, semester system for board exams, dismantling of the UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and discontinuation of the M Phil programme. Dr. K. Kasturirangan was the Chairman of the committee which had recommended changes in the education policies)

3) What is India's tiger population currently as was disclosed in the report of the fourth All India Tiger Estimation- 2018 that was released by Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on 28 July 2020? – [2967](#)

(The number of tigers in India has increased by 741 within a span of four years. From 2,226 in 2014 the tiger population in 2018 rose up to 2967)

4) Which tiger reserve has recorded the highest tiger density as well as highest number of tigers in India as reported in the 4th All India Tiger Estimation- 2018? - [Corbett Tiger Reserve](#)

(Corbett Tiger Reserve of Uttarakhand has recorded the highest tiger density amongst 50 tiger reserves in India. The reserve has 14 tigers per 100 square kilometers which is highest in India. Corbett Tiger Reserve also recorded the most number of tigers in the country, with 231 of the 2,967 tigers)

5) Indian Railways during July 2020 handed-over ten diesel locomotives to which neighbouring country? – [Bangladesh](#)

(India on 27 July 2020 handed over 10 broad gauge (BG) diesel locomotive engines to Bangladesh thus strengthening neighbouring country's railway infrastructure. All ten locomotives have a residual life of 28 years or more. These are WDM-3D type, a class of diesel-electric locomotive with 3,300 horsepower with a speed of 120 kmph)



6) United States' third mission and final to Mars was successfully launched on 30 July 2020. What is the name of the Mars rover that has been sent with this mission? – [Perseverance](#)

(Perseverance rover is the name of the wheeled robotic rover that was dispatched for Mars through United States' third and last mission to the red planet from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida on 30 July 2020. The mission is also carrying a four-pound helicopter called "Ingenuity". Perseverance Rover is expected to land on Mars' crater Jezero on 18 February 2021)