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### Current Affairs

- The Dutch author who has been awarded the **2020 International Booker Prize** for her book *The Discomfort of Evening* – **Marieke Lucas Rijneveld**.
- The **new Election Commissioner** appointed to replace Shri Ashok Lavasa who has resigned to join Asian Development Bank – **Shri Rajiv Kumar**.
- The former Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir who has been appointed new **Comptroller and Auditor General** of India succeeding Shri Rajiv Mehrishi – **Shri Girish Chandra Murmu**
- The new Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir appointed to replace Shri GC Murmu – **Shri Manoj Sinha**.
- The **Japanese Prime Minister** who has announced his decision to resign from the post owing to poor health – **Mr. Shinzo Abe**.
- The well-known **Indian classical vocalist of Mewati gharana** (and recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award) who passed away on 17 August 2020 in New Jersey, USA – **Pandit Jasraj**.
- The place in West Bengal where the **world's largest solar tree** developed by CSIR-CMERI has been installed– **Durgapur**
- The city from which **submarine cable connectivity to Andaman and Nicobar Islands** was launched by the PM Shri Narendra Modi – **Chennai**
- The station in Maharashtra from where **India's first Kisan Special Parcel Train** or Kisan Rail was flagged off with its destination as Danapur in Bihar – **Devlali**
- The place in Kerala where a plane of Air India Express crashed resulting in death of several people – **Kozhikode**

- The new optical **remote-sensing satellite launched by China** from its Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre by a Long March-2D carrier rocket is named – **Gaofen-9 05**
- The **rover launched by NASA** to seek signs of ancient life and collect rock and soil **samples on Mars** as a part of its Mars 2020 Mission is named – **Perseverance**.
- The **mobile app launched by Google for job seekers** in India is named – **Kormo Jobs**.
- The **COVID-19 vaccine** developed by Gamaleya Research Institute and Russian Defence Ministry and launched by the **Russian President Vladimir Putin** is named – **Sputnik V**.
- **The nuclear power plant in Abu Dhabi** which became operational on 01 August making **UAE the first Arab country to use nuclear power – Barakah Nuclear Power Plant**
- **Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World** book written **By Dalai Lama**.
- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** observed on **09 August 2020**. Designated by: United Nations General Assembly. First observed in 1995.
- **“Earth Overshoot Day”** was observed on **22nd August**.
- ‘Nuakhai Juhar’ festival has been celebrated in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and areas of other neighbouring states.
- **Karnataka** is going to be the **first state in India to implement the new National Education Policy 2020**.
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** honored South African all-rounder **Jacques Kallis**, and Australian all-rounder **Lisa Sthalekar** and **Zaheer Abbas** of Pakistan in the **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame**.
- **Guwahati** has earned the **longest river crossing ropeway in India** across the Brahmaputra river.
- **Niti Aayog’s Export Preparedness Index of 2020** has been released. **Gujarat topped** the list and followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

- **Kerala will set up India's first international women's trade centre (WTC)**, at Angamaly (a city in Kochi, Kerala).
- Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agriculture University is located in Jhansi.
- **Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan** programme has been launched to popularize science among school students of Class 6th to 11th.
- **Govt of India gave nod to IPL 2020 in UAE**
- Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated as Sadbhavana Diwas or Harmony Day on 20th August every year.
- Indian Railways is constructing the world's tallest pier bridge across river Lajai in Manipur
- "One Arranged Murder" book written by Chetan Bhagat.
- The Dragon Endeavour is the spacecraft of SpaceX.
- India will host the ICC Men's T20 World cup 2021.

➤ **RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD-2020**



- **Panjab University Chandigarh has won the annual Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.** The **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) award** is given annually to

the university/institutions for their all-around top performance in **Inter-University Tournaments.**

➤ **Swachh Survekshan 2020**



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RANK	CITY NAME	SCORE
#1	<u>Indore</u>	5647.56
#2	<u>Surat</u>	5519.59
#3	<u>Navi Mumbai</u>	5467.89
#4	<u>Vijayawada</u>	5270.32

➤ **National Recruitment Agency (NRA):** a Multi-Agency Body to encompass the first level test by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and the Institute of Banking Service Personnel (IBPS).

- CET: A computer based online Common Eligibility Test (CET) for the Graduate, the Higher Secondary (12th pass) and the Matriculate (10th Pass) candidates.
- Examination Centre: in every district of the country.
- CET Score to be valid for three years, no bar on attempts. Also, it would be available in a number of languages.
- NRA will have representatives of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Finance/Department of Financial Services, the SSC, RRB & IBPS.

➤ **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**

- **President from July 2012 to July 2017**
- **Portfolios hold: Finance Minister, Defence Minister, External Affairs Minister, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission.**
- Awards: Padma Vibhushan (2008) and **Bharat Ratna (2019).**
- **Books written: Thoughts and Reflections; The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years; The Turbulent Years: 1980–1996; The Coalition Years: 1996–2012.**
- He was the **only Finance Minister to have presented seven budgets.**
- He was also the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha from 1980 to 1985. Leader of the Lok Sabha from 2004-2012.
- Mukherjee won a **Lok Sabha (the popularly elected lower house of Parliament) seat for the first time in 2004 from Jangipur Constituency** in West Bengal.

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➤ **Economy Current Affairs**

- Indian multinational banking and financial services provider **ICICI Bank** has announced that it is going to **use the satellite data-imagery from earth observation satellites to assess the creditworthiness of the farmers** seeking loans.
- The **Reserve Bank of India has decided to transfer Rs 57,128 crore as dividend to the central government** accounting year 2019-20.
- The National Stock Exchange of India jointly developed and launched Platform for Investor Education (PIE), an online investor education resource Centre with IIM Bangalore.
- **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** is going to launch **India's first bullion index named "Bulldex"**.
- As per the "Framework for authorisation of pan-India Umbrella Entity for Retail Payments" released by RBI **Rs 500 crore should be the minimum paid-up capital of the umbrella entity**.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank has launched 'DigiGo', a digital initiative to enable the opening of savings account instantly.
- **The National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)** was funded by **Government of India and World Bank (WB)**.
- The Ministry of Defence has announced to ban import of 101 weapon systems and platforms from abroad to boost "Atmanirbhar Bharat."
- As per the revised Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, listed entities will get 3 years to meet criteria of minimum public shareholding of 25 per cent.

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