

Top 20 Current Affairs of 4 August 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Nitin Gadkari Approves the Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanribhar Mission Proposed by KVIC to Generate Employment and Achieve Aatmanribhar Bharat



On 2nd August 2020, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(**MSME**), approved the Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanribhar Mission proposed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(**KVIC**) to increase the production of Agarbatti (incense sticks) and to generate employment and to achieve the self-reliant India in the production of agarbatti.

Union Minister of Health, Harsh Vardhan: Completion of Pan-India 1000 Genome Sequencing of SARS-CoV-2



On 1st August 2020, Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare announced the completion of Pan-India Genome Sequencing of SARS-CoV-2. He reviewed the COVID-19 activities of Department of Biotechnology(**DBT**), Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (**BIRAC**) and DBT-Autonomous Institutions (**AIs**) in the meeting with **DBT**. He also launched the establishment of Five COVID-19 Bio Repositories by the DBT at Faridabad, Bhubaneswar, New Delhi, Pune and Bangalore

Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon (Software) 2020 Launched by Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' Virtually



Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** addressed the **Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon-SIH (Software) 2020** and interacted with the participants through video conference. Union Human Resource Development(HRD) Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the Grand Finale virtually in New Delhi. The Grand Finale was conducted online from 1st to 3rd August, 2020 over a specially-built advanced platform. **iv.**Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' chaired a high-level meeting on Smart India Hackathon on On July 27, 2020

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan launches 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21'



On August 01, 2020 Union Minister for Ministry of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, a national level programme for popularizing pure science among **school students of Class 6th to 11th**. Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan is an initiative to identify and nurture students who are interested in the field of science and to identify bright minds with a scientific aptitude among the student community. It is an initiative of **Vijnana Bharathi (VIBHA)** in collaboration with **Vigyan Prasar**, Government of India and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) an institution under the Ministry of Education (formerly known as Ministry of Human Resource Development).

About Organisers:

- Vijnana Bharathi (**VIBHA**) is a national movement for propagation and popularization of Science & Technology among the students and masses.
- Vigyan Prasar (**VP**) is a national institute for science and technology communication established in 1989 under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- National Council of Educational Research & Training (**NCERT**) was set up by the Government of India in 1961, to assist and advise the state and central governments on academic matters related to school education.

BANKING & FINANCE

BOB Financial Solutions Partnered with Innoviti Payment to launch the New Credit Card EMI offering on POS Terminal



BOB Financial Solutions Limited partnered with **Innoviti Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd** to launch the New Credit Card Equated Monthly Installments(**EMI**) **offering** on Point of Sale(**POS**) terminals. The association of Bank of Baroda(**BOB**) Credit Card with Innoviti Payment Solutions will enable BOB credit card holders to access EMIs that can be repaid **conveniently** through their credit cards. The Bank of Baroda credit cardholders pan India can receive the service from over 70,000 Innoviti POS terminals across more than 1,000 cities.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

IFSCA Set Up Expert Committee headed by Pradip Shah to Suggest Ways to Develop of International Retail Businesses



On 4th August 2020, The International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) announced the establishment of an expert committee **headed by Pradip Shah**, Chairman of Indasia Fund Advisors Pvt Ltd. to suggest on how to develop the international retail businesses in International Financial Services Centres(**IFSC**).

Mohamed Irfaan Ali becomes the President of Guyana



On August 2, 2020 Former Guyanese housing minister **Mohamed Irfaan Ali**(40 years old)became the President of the country after he was declared as the winner of the disputed March 2, 2020 general election following a recount. He is a member of the opposition People's Progressive Party (**PPP**). He succeeds **David Arthur(A.) Granger**.

- David A. Granger is a member of A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change (ANPU-AFC)
- The PPP won 33 of the 65 seats in the National Assembly with 233,336 votes, while the APNU-AFC earned 31 seats with 217,920 votes.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

UNICEF & ADB funds for Thermal screening at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport



Hyderabad's **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport** has received a mass fever screening system to enhance the screening process of passengers. There are two more scanners in the Airport.

About the Scanner:-

- The thermal scanner is a ceiling mounted one and is capable of scanning, detecting and tracking persons having fever or showing symptoms of fever and also persons with high skin temperature.
- The scanner automatically adapts to the room temperature without any human intervention.
- It has dual displays, day camera and infrared system.

Funding Agency:-=

- The thermal scanner has been provided by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in coordination with Asian Development Bank funded by the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**.
- Apart from domestic flights, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has also been handling international relief flights under Government's "Vande Bharat Mission". It has handled around 40,000 international passengers during the COVID -19 pandemic.

SPORTS

Formula One Champion, Mercedes Lewis Hamilton Won British Grand Prix 2020; won this title for 7th Time



On August 2, 2020 Formula One Champion Mercedes **Lewis Hamilton**(British) won **British Grand Prix(GP) 2020**(officially known as the Formula 1 Pirelli British Grand

Prix 2020) held at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom(UK). This is his **7th time** to win this title. He is the only racer to **win most** in British GP.

- Lewis Hamilton won this title despite a puncture on his last lap. He is a six-time Formula One World Champion.
- With this victory, Lewis Hamilton won 87 GP and is 4 short of ferrari Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91

Central Government gave nod to Indian Premier League 2020 in UAE



The Central Government has given the go ahead for Indian Premier League to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates from **September 19 to November 10, 2020**. The Board of Control for Cricket in India has got “verbal clearance” from the Government and will receive the official letter in a day or two.

Key Points:

- The squad size of each franchise is capped at 24 players.
- **Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah** will be the three venues of the tournament. No spectators to be allowed in the initial phase of the tournament.
- Final will be held on November 10, 2020, which will be the first-ever weekday final in the history of the tournament.
- **Women's T20 Challenge (Challenger series)** to be held from November 1 to 10.

- No call on Chinese Sponsorships taken, the BCCI has decided to stick with the present sponsorships.

OBITUARY

Former Samajwadi party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Amar Singh dies at 64 in Singapore



On August 1, 2020 former Samajwadi party leader and Rajya Sabha **MP** (Member of Parliament) Amar Singh, had passed away at the age 64, in Singapore due to Kidney ailments. He was born on January 27, 1956 at Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh. He had gone through kidney transplant in the year 2011.

Minister of Technical Education of U.P, Kamala Rani Varun died at the age of 62



Minister of Technical Education of Uttar Pradesh, Kamala Rani Varun had passed away at the age of 62 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh due to the infection of COVID-19. She was born on

3 May, 1958 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. She had been admitted in the hospital on July 18,2020 after testing positive on COVID-19 virus at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Former AP Minister P Manikyala Rao died at 59 due to COVID-19



On August 1, 2020 **Former** Andhra Pradesh(**AP**) **Minister** Pydikondala(**P**) **Manikyala Rao** passed away at the age 59 due to **COVID-19** infection in a private hospital in Vijayawada, AP. He was a Senior BJP leader. He was born on November 1, 1961 at AP.

- He was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Thadepalligudem of West Godavari district(May 2014 – May 2019) and served as the Endowment Minister in Chandrababu Naidu’s cabinet between 2014-2018.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Released a Book Titled “Siyasat Mein Sadasyata” Authored by State Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary

On August 2, 2020 Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** released a book titled, “**Siyasat Mein Sadasyata**” authored by Bihar Assembly Speaker **Vijay Kumar Choudhary**. The book is a compilation of the author’s views, three dozen articles on different important issues and his life journey. The book was published by Bihar Assembly Secretariat.

- The book is compiled and edited by senior journalist Arvind Sharma and its preface has been written by another senior journalist Vinod Bandhu.

A book, titled “Vishesh: Code to Win” authored by sportswoman-turned-author Nirupama Yadav: published by Bluerose

A book titled, “**Vishesh: Code to Win**” written by the sportswoman-turned-author **Nirupama Yadav** is expected to be put out for the public view on August 29, 2020, the National Sports day. The 130-page book is the biography of Vishesh Bhriguvanshi and will be published by the Bluerose publishers.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sanskrit Day 2020 – August 3



The World Sanskrit Day which is also known as Sanskrit Diwas or Vishvasamskritadinam is celebrated all over the world on the Shravana Poornima, full moon day of the hindu month Shravana, the day promotes the revival of the ancient Indian language and speaks about the importance of learning and knowing Sanskrit Language. The World Sanskrit Day 2020 is celebrated on 3rd August 2020.

First Muslim Women Rights Day Observed on August 1 2020



On 1st August 2020, Bharatiya Janata Party (**BJP**) observed the first anniversary of the passage of **Muslim Women Act** (Protection on Rights on Marriage Act) on **1st August 2019** which criminalised the act of triple talaq or talaq-e-biddat and help to achieve gender equality for Muslim women as **Muslim Women Rights Day**. 1st August 2020 was recorded as the first Muslim Women Rights Day across India.

STATE NEWS

Andhra Pradesh CM Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy launched cybercrime awareness programme 'E-Raksha Bandhan'



On July 3, 2020, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, **Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy** launched a one-month long virtual cybercrime awareness programme '**E-Raksha Bandhan**' in Amaravati. The **Aim** of the Programme is to create awareness among women, youth and children on Cyber Crimes across the state. It is organized by the Andhra Pradesh Police, CID, FM Radio, Cyber Crime Prevention Against Women and Children (**CCPWC**), Cyber Peace Foundation (**CPF**) and other organisations.

Government of Rajasthan Approves 5% Reservation in Judicial Service for MBC



On 2nd August 2020, The Government of Rajasthan approved the 5% reservations to the More Backward Classes(**MBC**) in the state judicial service. The Rajasthan government amended the Rajasthan Judicial Service Rules 2010 through the cabinet of Rajasthan on the initiative of Ashok Gehlot, chief Minister of Rajasthan to provide 5% reservation in the state judicial service

Rajesh Kumar appointed as Manipur Chief Secretary



Dr. **Rajesh Kumar**, IAS has been appointed as the next Chief Secretary of the state of Manipur by Manipur Governor Najma Heptullah. The current Chief Secretary J.Suresh Babu who retired on 31st July, 2020.

- Rajesh Kumar is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Manipur Cadre.
- Prior to this, he was serving as Additional Chief Secretary (finance) of Manipur.
- He was ranked 10th among the Manipur cadre officers of 1998 batch.

Students' long-pending demand :

- Student Bodies of Manipur reminded the Manipur Government of their long-pending demand for appointment of native IAS officers as New Chief Secretary.
- In 2018 various student organisations held a peaceful rally demanding appointment of native IAS officers as CS of Manipur. The All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (**ATSUM**), Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (**DESAM**), Apunba Ireipakki Maheiroi Sinpanglup (**AIMS**) has demanded that a native officer amongst senior most IAS officers of the same batch in the state be given a chance as new chief secretary
- A six-point MoU was signed between the state government and student organisations.

AC GAZE

India withdraws from Women's World Team Squash Championship 2020

Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has withdrawn from the Women's World Team Squash Championship 2020 ,due to lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of athletes, which is scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from December 15 to 20,2020.