

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2020

### NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

All domestic voice calls from which network will be free from January 1, 2021?	Reliance Jio
Who has been awarded DRDO's Scientist of the Year Award for his contribution in developing several herbal medicines?	Hemant Kumar Pandey
President of which country honoured PM Narendra Modi with the 'Legion of Merit' award for his leadership in elevating the strategic partnership between the two countries?	USA
How many Ramsar sites are situated in India?	42
Which wetland in India has been added to the list of recognised sites of international importance under the treaty of Ramsar Convention, taking the number of such wetlands in the country to 42, the highest in South Asia?	Tso Kar (Ladakh)
Who has been appointed as the new President of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)?	Vineet Aggarwal
India has lost its second retrospective taxation case against which company after the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in the Hague unanimously ruled in favour of the company? Earlier India lost its arbitration case against Vodafone also.	Cairn Energy
Which state has given the permission to hold the traditional bull-taming sport Jallikattu amid COVID-19 pandemic?	Tamil Nadu
The Indian Army has signed an MoU with which bank for Military Salary Package?	Bank of Baroda
Who will be the Chief Guest for Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2021?	UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson
Who was awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year award by Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani?	Ashraf Patel
What is the rank of India among 189 countries in Human Development Index 2020? The index is a measure of a nation's health, standards of living and education.	131st
Name the animal which was believed to be extinct, was spotted recently at Hurling village in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh?	Himalayan Seow
Who was honoured with the Ramanujan Prize for Mathematicians for the year 2020?	Dr. Carolina Araujo (Brazil)
Which State Government has recently issued advisory on Fungal infection called Mucormycosis, a serious but rare fungal infection that	Gujarat

has an overall mortality rate of 50 per cent?	
Which State government has fixed the maximum cost for Rapid Antigen Test conducted by private laboratories at Rs 100 within the state?	Odisha
On which day National Mathematics Day was observed?	December 22nd
Which State Government has decided to reimburse the COVID-19 related medical expenses made by government employees and their families?	Maharashtra
The 55-year-old Chilahati-Haldibari rail link is set to reopen between India and which country to enhance connectivity and transport? The link was cut off during the 1965 India-Pakistan War.	Bangladesh
In which State, ride-sharing company Ola will be setting up its first electric scooter factory worth Rs 2400 crore?	Tamil Nadu
On which day, Vijay Diwas is observed annually to commemorate India's historic victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war which eventually led to the liberation of East Pakistan and creation of Bangladesh?	December 16th
Which State's cabinet has approved a proposal to provide free COVID-19 vaccine to all people in the State?	Bihar
Name the freedom fighter whose 70th death anniversary was observed on December 15, 2020?	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
Which Indian telecommunication company launched the world's first Satellite-Based Narrowband IoT (Internet of Things) Network in partnership with Skylotech India on December 10, 2020?	BSNL
What was India's top most-searched word on Google in 2020 that even beat the term Coronavirus?	Indian Premier League (IPL)
Name the Indian journalist-author who has been honoured with the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2020 for his novel, The City and The Sea?	Raj Kamal Jha
Who created history by becoming the first-ever Indian to win a Formula 2 race during the Sakhir Grand Prix in Bahrain on December 6, 2020?	Jehan Daruvala
India was ranked at which position on the Climate Change Performance Index 2021?	10th
Which Union Territory has become the first one to become 100 percent organic?	Lakshadweep
Which Indian wicket-keeper batsman announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on December 9, 2020?	Parthiv Patel
Which vaccine manufacturer has become the first one to seek emergency use authorisation of its vaccine for COVID-19 in India?	Pfizer

On which day Armed Forces Flag Day was observed across India?	December 7
Who has been named as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for the year 2020-21 succeeding the incumbent President Sangita Reddy?	Uday Shankar
Who has directed the Centre and the State Governments to compulsorily install CCTV cameras with night vision facility at all police stations and offices of central investigation agencies such as CBI, NIA, ED, NCB, SFIO and DRI to prevent custodial torture?	Supreme Court of India
Mahashay Dharampal Gulati passed away on December 3, 2020 at the age of 98. He was the owner of which iconic spice brand?	MDH
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked which private bank to halt digital launch and selling of credit cards?	HDFC
Name the 29-year-old Indian, a co-founder and CEO of social enterprise Takachar, who is among the seven winners of the prestigious "Young Champions of the Earth" 2020 prize given by the UN environment agency to global change-makers using innovative ideas and ambitious action to help solve some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges?	Vidyut Mohan
Name the veteran Congress leader, a former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and former Governor of Uttar Pradesh who passed away on 21st December 2020 at the age of 93?	Motilal Vora
What is the name of new digital payment app that was launched by the Department of Posts (DoP) and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?	DakPay
Name the Administrator of Lakshadweep and former IPS officer who passed away on 4th December 2020?	Dineshwar Sharma
Name the Indian business group which has been chosen for the ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award 2020 for playing a key role in India's development?	Tata Group
Name the Indian origin child scientist who has been named the Kid of the Year by Time magazine?	Gitanjali Rao
Name the historical fort cities in Madhya Pradesh which have been included in the list of World Heritage Cities by UNESCO recently?	Orchha and Gwalior
What is the name of digital platform and mobile app launched by Central Government for real-time monitoring of coronavirus vaccine delivery?	CO-WIN
In how many ODI matches Virat Kohli scored 12,000 runs to break the record of Sachin Tendulkar who scored them in 300 matches?	242
Name the Indian-American physicist, also considered the Father of Fibre-Optics, who passed away on 4th December 2020?	Narinder Singh Kappany

## INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Which country's street food has been added to the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?	Singapore
A new mutated COVID-19 variant has been discovered in which nation?	United Kingdom
Which two planets merged with each other in the night sky on December 21, 2020?	Jupiter and Saturn
Which continent reported its first COVID-19 outbreak recently? Now all the seven continents are affected by the Covid pandemic.	Antarctica
Which nation will host the G7 Summit in 2021?	United Kingdom (UK)
Which country will host the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 from March 4 to April 3, 2022?	New Zealand
Which city will host the 2030 Asian Games?	Doha (Qatar)
Which country has been banned from using its name, flag and anthem at the Olympics, World Championships or any major tournament for the next two years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport?	Russia
The World Health Organisation (WHO) led team is expected to visit which country in the first week of January 2021 for investigating and examining the origins of the deadly Coronavirus?	China
Mohammad Amir has announced his retirement from International cricket. He played as a bowler for which country?	Pakistan
Which country topped the Human Development Index 2020 followed by Ireland at the second position and Switzerland at the third?	Norway
Which three countries held the first trilateral working group meeting on December 14 on the use of Chabahar port?	India, Iran, Uzbekistan
UNESCO has decided to launch an international prize, 'UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International prize'. The prize would be given in which field?	Creative Economy
Who has been named Time magazine's 2020 Person of the Year?	Joe Biden
Which dance form will make its Olympic debut in Paris Olympics in 2024?	Breakdance
Which country will host the World Economic Forum 2021?	Singapore
Who has been appointed as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the newly launched WHO Foundation?	Anil Soni
Which country has become the fourth Arab nation to normalise	Morocco

relations with Israel under a deal brokered with the help of the United States? Other three countries are the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Sudan.	
Name the CEO of Zoom video chat service who has been named as the 2020 Businessperson of the Year by the Time Magazine?	Eric Yuan
Which country will host the Indian Ocean Games in 2023 replacing original hosts Maldives due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic?	Madagascar
Name the veteran footballer from Italy who passed away at the age of 64 years? He was Italy's top-scorer during the 1982 Football World Cup?	Paolo Rossi
On which day Human Rights Day is observed across the world?	December 10
Which country has become the second country after the UK to approve Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine?	Canada
What is the new height of Mount Everest as announced jointly by Nepal and China on December 8, 2020?	8848.86 metres
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On which day International Anti-Corruption Day was observed?	December 9
On which day International Civil Aviation Day was observed?	December 7
Who has been named ATP Player of the Year 2020 for a record 6th time?	Novak Djokovic
Name the Formula One driver from Britain who has been chosen as the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020?	Lewis Hamilton
Name the English footballer who has been named the FIFA Women's Player of the Year 2020?	Lucy Bronze
Name the Polish footballer who has been named the FIFA Men's Player of the Year 2020?	Robert Lewandowski
Name the Venezuelan athlete who has been named the Female Athlete of the Year 2020 by World Athletics (formerly IAAF)?	Yulimar Rojas
Name the American born Swedish pole-vaulter who has been named the Male Athlete of the Year 2020 by World Athletics (formerly IAAF)?	Armand Duplantis