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JULY 2020 CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Jugnauth** jointly inaugurated the **new Supreme Court building in Mauritius** through video conference on 30 July.
2. The Union Cabinet led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi **approved the National Education Policy 2020 on 29 July 2020**
3. **International Tiger Day is observed on 29th July** every year
4. **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has launched its innovation contest '**Dare to Dream 2.0**' on 27 July 2020, the 5th death anniversary of former President and noted scientist Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
5. Indian Railways is planning to **radio-frequency identification tags (RFID) Tag all wagons by the end of 2022**. Indian Railways is expected to complete this process of fitting RFID in all the wagons by December 2022.
6. **China successfully launched a rover to Mars on 23 July 2020**, which is another milestone for its space programme.
 - ◆ China's Mars probe was launched from the **southern island of Hainan**, China. ◆
 - The Mars mission was named **Tianwen-1** meaning "Questions to Heaven" in a nod to a classical Chinese poem that has verses about the cosmos. ◆
 - Under the mission, the probe aims to go enter into **Martian orbit**. It will land on the planet Mars.
7. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) awarded **Kannan C S Warriar, Senior principal of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB)** scientist, the **National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Research in Forestry for the year 2019**.
8. The Indian armed forces successfully test-fired the **helicopter-launched Nag Missile Dhruvastra anti-tank guided missile, erstwhile called Helina**, indirect and top attack mode

- HELINA is a third-generation fire and forget class anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) system. It is mounted on the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH).**
- 9. South Korea launched its first-ever military communications satellite "ANASIS-II" by private operator SpaceX.**
 - 10. The Air Force Commanders' Conference (AFCC) was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh at Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi.**
 - 11. Union Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy, Shri R.K Singh, inaugurated India's first public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging plaza at Chelmsford Club in New Delhi on 20 July 2020.**
 - 12. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has launched its first mission to Mars on 20th July 2020. The UAE is striving to develop its scientific and technology capabilities and move away from its reliance on oil. The Hope Probe was launched from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center on 20 July for a seven-month journey to Mars.**
 - 13. India and the United States to conduct PASSEX (passing exercise) between the two navies. These exercise have built interoperability through a series of Malabar and other exercises**
 - 14. India and Israel have signed an agreement to expand cooperation in cybersecurity.**
 - 15. Secretary Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the Mobile Application of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) on 17 July 2020. The aim is to provide a user-friendly digital interface for Lending Institutions (LIs) and their field functionaries for sourcing and processing loan applications of street vendors under the Scheme.**
 - 16. World Day for International Justice is observed on 17 July across the world.**
 - 17. FIFA has announced that the match schedule for World Cup 2022 will be held from 21 November to 18 December 2022 at the Al Bayt Stadium, Qatar.**
 - 18. World Youth Skills Day is observed on 15 July every year.**
 - 19. Polish President Andrzej Duda won the 2020 Presidential Election of Poland.**
 - 20. The Ministry of Railways has announced mission mode with the goal of transforming Indian Railways into Green Railways by the year 2030. It has taken a number of major initiatives towards mitigation of global warming and combating climate change**
 - 21. 63rd National Fish Farmers Day India celebrates 10th July every year as the "National Fish Farmers Day" to honor the fish farmers,**

22. The Fifteenth summit between **India and the European Union (EU)** will be held via video conference. The summit is aimed to deliver concrete **benefits for the people in the EU and India.**
23. Senior bureaucrat **Injeti Srinivas** was appointed as the **first chairman of the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)** for the Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City.
24. The **Himalayan butterfly named Golden Birdwing** has become **India's largest butterfly** and broke the record set by an unknown specimen, which was held for 88 years.
25. **International Day of Cooperatives is observed on 4 July**
26. The Delhi government will organize a **mega tree plantation drive** under the campaign '**Paudhe lagao, Paryavaran Bachao**'.
27. **National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually on 1 July.**
28. **2011 Pulitzer Prize winner Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee and Harvard University Economics Professor Raj Chetty** were listed among the 38 immigrants to be honoured as the '**2020 Great Immigrants**' by the **Carnegie Corporation.**
29. **Department of Science and Technology's (DST's)** Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has launched a scheme named '**Accelerate Vigyan**' The scheme was launched with the objective **to provide a single platform that will encourage high-end scientific research in the country** by providing a common forum for conducting workshops. Internships and capacity building
30. Board of Executive Directors of the **World Bank Group** has approved a loan of **USD 400 million for the rejuvenation of the Ganga River under the NAMAMI Gange** Program of the Government of India.
31. A new **free trade agreement** between the **United States, Mexico, and Canada comes into effect from 1st July 2020 onwards.**
32. International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), the Union Ministry of Culture will be organizing the celebrations for the **Dhamma Chakra Day on Asadha Poornima on the 4th of July 2020 at New Delhi**
33. In the presence of **P.V Sindhu** (Olympic Silver Medalist) and **Sunil Chhetri** (all-time top goalscorer of Indian National Football team), '**Fit Hai to Hit Hai India**' **program** was launched.
34. **All households** in the state of **Himachal Pradesh** have access to **LPG Gas Connection**, making **Himachal Pradesh the first state in the country** to achieve the

goal set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the **launch of Ujjwala Yojana** for providing a cooking gas connection to every household in the country.

35. The State Government of Odisha has launched a scheme for the landless farmers in the state under which loans will be provided to around 7 lakh landless farmers or sharecroppers in the state. **The scheme is named as 'Balaram Yojana'**. The scheme was launched with the objective **to provide financial support to the landless farmers**
36. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the **750 MW Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Plant on 10th July 2020**. This was informed on 5th July 2020 by the Chief Minister of **Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
37. From Central **Israel's Palmachim Airbase Israel has successfully launched its intelligence satellite 'Ofek-16' into the Low Earth Orbit (LEO)**. This is the 12th Satellite launched by Israel under its Ofek family of satellites
38. **India's & Asia's Largest and World's Second Largest Uptime Tier IV Designed Data Centre was inaugurated virtually**. The Data Centre is named **'Yotta NM1 or NM1'** is located inside the 600-Acre Hiranandani Fortune City at Navi Mumbai's Panvel region. Inside the **Hiranandani Fortune City, a Data Centre Park**
39. The formal notification to the United States Congress was provided by **President Donald Trump-led Administration on the decision of ending the United States relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)**:
40. **'Security and Growth for All in the Region'** –Following this vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Indian Navy began **'Mission Sagar'** to extend **India's helping hand across the Indian Ocean**.
41. **Samudra Setu'** meaning **'Sea Bridge'**, In an effort to **repatriate Indian Citizens** from overseas, the **Operation Samudra Setu** was launched by the Indian Navy.
42. To monitor all Government lands in the state capital Bhubaneswar, **web and mobile-based solution named 'BLUIS'- Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligence System** was launched.. BLUIS was launched due to the lack of adequate transparency and accountability in the current manual mode of mechanism
43. The **first earth observation satellite** to be entirely developed by **Brazil will be launch by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**. The satellite is known by the name **'Amazonia-1'**.

44. Inspired by the ‘**The Day of Five Billion** (observed on **11th July 1987** as an approximate day when the world population crossed 5 billion)’, **the World Population Day was established in 1989**
45. The statistics for the number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects in the Financial Year 2019-20 in the United Kingdom was released on 10th July 2020 by the United Kingdom Government’s Department for International Trade (DIT). As per the Figures provided by DIT, **India is the second-largest source of FDI in the United Kingdom**
46. **World Youth Skills Day is celebrated on July 15**
47. **Vallarpadam terminal at Cochin.** The terminal accommodates **India’s first trans-shipment hub.** A **Trans-Shipments Hub handles containers and stores them temporarily.** Later it transfers them to other ships for onward destination
48. **Ashok Lavasa** was appointed as the **vice president of Asian Development Bank.**
49. **India and Bhutan** opened a **new trade route between Jaigon in West Bengal and Pasakha in Bhutan.**
50. **The Federation Internationale de Football Association announced that the 2022 World Cup is to be held in Qatar.**
51. Every year **Nelson Mandela International Day** is marked **all over the world on July 18.** The day was officially declared by the United Nations in 2009 and the **first UN Mandela day was observed in 2010.**
52. **International Trade Union Confederation** released its **ranking of 144 countries** on degree of respect for workers’ rights. Unfortunately, **India was among the least performing 10 countries in the list**
53. The US Navy carrier **USS Nimitz** conducted **maritime drills with Indian warships in the Middle East.** The USS Nimitz (world’s largest aircraft carrier) was on its way from South China Sea.
54. **Shri Arun Kumar** was nominated as the **Vice-Chairman of the International Union of Railways.** **Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav is the chairman.**
55. **The 75th United Nations General Assembly is to be conducted virtually in 2020 for the first time in its history.** The 2020 session is to begin on September 15.
56. **Rajasthan Government** is to set up the **first plasma bank** of the state in Jaipur. **The first ever plasma bank of India was established in Delhi.**
57. the Union Minister of Human Resources and Development has set a committee under the chairmanship of **UGC Chairman D P Singh.** The committee is to frame

guidelines to ensure that **more students stay in India and continue their higher studies.**

58. The first batch of Rafael Jets flew out of France. The jets are to reach India on July 29, 2020.

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