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SEPTEMBER 2020 CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **World Tourism Day 2020** is observed on **27 September** every year.
2. The 4th edition of **Maritime bilateral exercise** between **India and Japan "JIMEX 20"** was held from 26 to 28 September 2020.
3. **World Maritime Day** is observed on **24th September 2020**.
4. **International Day of Peace** is observed on **21 September**.
5. **DRDO** successfully test-fired **Laser-Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** from **MBT Arjun Tank at KK Ranges, Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar** on 22 September 2020.
6. **Retd. Colonel Dr. Girija Shanker Mungali** has been appointed a member of the **Asian Football Confederation's task force**
7. **India** has ranked **116th position** in the latest edition of the **World Bank's annual Human Capital Index 2020**. Last year, India ranked 115 out of 157 countries.
8. **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** is observed on **16 September every year**.
9. India is elected as the **Member of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women**. The 54-member the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held the first plenary meeting of its 2021 session in the General Assembly Hall.
10. **India** has ranked **105th position** on the **Global Economic Freedom Index 2020**. India has fallen 26 spots as it stood at the 79th spot in last year's rankings. **Hong Kong topped the rankings. It was followed by Singapore.**
11. **Ayushmann Khurrana** is appointed as the **celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign - 'For Every Child' of UNICEF India**. Khurrana will promote and support UNICEF towards ending violence against children.
12. **Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh** has been elected as the **Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for the second time**.

13. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to digitally launch the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)** on **10 September**. He will also launch the **e-Gopala App**, which aims for a comprehensive **breed improvement marketplace and information portal** for the direct use of farmers.
14. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of a **new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar**.
15. **Kerala topped the list of the most literate state in India** in the National Statistical Office (NSO) survey. **The literacy rate of Kerala is 96.2%. Andhra Pradesh stood last with 66.4% literacy rate.**
16. British broadcaster **David Attenborough** was conferred the **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at a virtual event on 7th September 2020. **David Attenborough was awarded for revealing the wonders of the natural world, educating and entertaining generations of people through his films and books.**
17. **International Literacy Day is observed on 8 September.**
18. **Teacher's Day is celebrated in India on 5 September 2020.**
19. **India has ranked 48th position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020.** India has jumped to four places since 2019. The index was compiled by the **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)** along with Cornell University and the INSEAD business school, presents the latest global innovation trends and annual innovation ranking of 131 economies.
20. **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2021** has been released and under the overall category, **University of Oxford, United Kingdom, has topped the list.** From India, **the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has been placed in the 301-350 category in overall global rankings.**
21. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the launch of "**Mission Karmayogi**", a **National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB)**
22. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 29, 2020 will inaugurate six '**Namami Gange**' projects mostly relating to the **sewage treatment in Uttarakhand**. The Prime Minister will also dedicate a **museum on Ganga named- "Ganga Avlokan" located at the Chandi Ghat to the Nation.**
23. The World Bank (WB) has approved a **200 million dollar loan for Bangladesh** in order to improve access to safe water and sanitation services in the rural areas of the country.

24. **Google India** on September 30, 2020 announced the launch of its **nationwide campaign “Make Small Strong”** in order to help support **small businesses and drive demand through customer support.**
25. The Reserve Bank of India has introduced a **“Positive Pay System”** that will come into **effect from January 2021.**
26. The **National Medical Commission (NMC)** has come into existence from September 25, 2020. It has **replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI)**, as the **country’s apex regulator of medical education and profession.**
27. India successfully test fired the **Prithvi II missile which was developed indigenously.**
The test was conducted at the Chandipur Integrated Test Range, Odisha
28. **World Environmental Health Day** is being observed globally today on **26th September**
29. Fourth edition of **India-Japan Maritime bilateral exercise (JIMEX)** began in **North Arabian Sea** from September 26, 2020.
30. The **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - “SAUBHAGYA”** has completed three years since its inception on September 25, 2020. **The Scheme was launched on September 25, 2020** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The scheme ensures **electrification of all willing households in rural and urban areas of the country.**
31. The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has approved to set up **ten plastic parks** in the country under the **Plastic Park scheme.** The Scheme was launched in 2019. **The plastic parks will be set up in Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand.**
32. **Kritagya (Krishi-Raknik-Gyan) Hackathon** was launched by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICMR) on September 23, 2020 under the **National Agricultural Higher Education Project.** It was launched with an objective to promote **Farm Mechanisation specially women friendly equipment’s.**
33. The **World Maritime Day** is observed on **September 24** by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
34. **Indian Navy and the Australia navy** will be conducting a **two-days mega naval exercise** in the Indian Ocean commencing from September 23, 2020. This will include various anti-aircraft drills, complex naval manoeuvres, and helicopter operations. **India-Australia Naval Exercise** The exercise involve **advanced surface and anti-air exercises.**

35. The Lok Sabha passed the **Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020** on September 23, 2020. **Under the bill Dogri, Kashmiri, and Hindi will be the official languages in the Union territory of J&K besides Urdu and English.**
36. Defence Research and Development Organization conducted a **successful flight test of ABHYAS- High speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) vehicle at the Balasore test range in Odisha on September 22, 2020.**
37. **International Day of Peace is observed on September 21.**
38. The Union **Food Processing Industries Minister Shrimati Harsimrat Kaur Badal resigned** on September 17, 2020. Her resignation was to showcase her **protest against the three farm sector bills that was introduced to reform the agriculture sector.**
39. On September 17, 2020, the World Bank released the **annual Human Capital Index. India has ranked 169th position** in the annual Human Capital Index.
40. The **TATA Group of Companies recently won the bid to construct a new Parliament building for Rs 861.90 crores.** The project is expected to be completed in 21 months from the start of construction.
41. The **World Ozone Day** is also called the International Day for the preservation of the ozone layer. The day is being celebrated since 1994. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed **September 16 as World Ozone Day to commemorate the signing of Montreal protocol in 1987.**
42. On September 16, 2020, **Yoshihide Suga** was elected as the **new prime minister of Japan after Shinzo Abe resigned**
43. On September 6, 2020, **Kesavananda Bharti**, the head seer of Edneer Mutt in Kerala since 1961 passed away. He was famous for initiating the historic judgement of Supreme Court that **“Basic Structure of Constitution”** cannot be amended by the Parliament.
44. **The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is to be held on September 7, 2020.**
45. The **Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 includes 180** reform points that covers business regulatory areas such as **Single Window System**, Access to Information, Labour, Environment, etc. The top ten ranks under the State Reform Action, 2019 are as follows
1. **Rank 1: Andhra Pradesh**
 2. **Rank 2: Uttar Pradesh**

- 46. India is to host a summit of council of heads of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) on November 30, 2020.** India is in the plan of expanding its cooperation with the grouping.
- 47. India and Russia are to hold bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2020 in Andaman Sea, close to strategic Strait of Malacca.**
- 48. Union Government is planning to set up a new rocket launch pad near Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu.** At present, the Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO) has two launch pads at **Sathish Dhawan Space Centre (SDCC)** in Sriharikotta, Andhra Pradesh
- 49. Tamil Nadu has officially declared Tamil Yeoman (Cirrochroa thais) as the state butterfly to symbolise its rich natural and cultural heritage. This move aimed at boosting conservation efforts of attractive insects.**
- 50. Project Kannamma is the initiative of the Rotary Club of Madras North to provide sanitary napkins to the students.**

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