

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021

Awards

The Indian economist who has been conferred the Humboldt Research Award 2021 by Dr Hans-Bernd Schäfer of Bucerius Law School in Germany's Hamburg – **Dr. Kaushik Basu**

Defence

The venue of the 12th edition of Indo-Russia joint military Exercise INDRA 2021 held from 01 to 13 August 2021 – **Volgograd, Russia**

The maritime exercise conducted from 26.07.21 to 06.08.21 along the East Coast of Africa to promote national and regional maritime security in East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean with participation of 12 Eastern African countries, US, UK, India and various international organisations is named – **Exercise Cutlass Express 2021**

The operation launched by the Indian Army to provide assistance to people affected by rains and floods in Maharashtra has been named – **Operation Varsha 21**

The first batch of multi-role helicopters manufactured by Lockheed Martin, accepted by Indian Navy at Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego – **MH-60R**

The Tri-nation table top anti-narcotics and maritime search and rescue exercise conducted in virtual mode by Indian Navy, Sri Lankan Navy and Maldives National Defence Force on 14 and 15 July 2021 was named – **Exercise Shield**

Places

The state which has become the first in the country to provide 1% reservation for transgenders in Govt jobs – **Karnataka**

The city in Odisha which has become the first in the country to provide 24/7 quality drinking water supply (potable water directly from tap) – **Puri**

The Australian city which has been chosen by the International Olympic Committee to host 2032 Summer Olympics and Paralympics – **Brisbane**

The place in Haryana where India's first Grain ATM (Automated, Multi Commodity, Grain Dispensing Machine) has been installed under World Food Programme of the United Nations – **Gurugram**

The place in Maharashtra where the Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated India's first private LNG plant set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic group – **Nagpur**

Sports

The former badminton player and the first Indian to win a badminton title abroad who passed away on 28.07.2021 – **Shri Nandu Natekar**

The former Indian cricketer and part of 1983 World Cup winning team who passed away on 13.07.2021 – **Yashpal Sharma**

The Indian sportspersons who have been chosen to be flag bearers of the Indian contingent at 2021 Tokyo Olympics – **Mary Kom and Manpreet Singh**

The Indian para high jumper who has been chosen to be India's flag bearer at Tokyo Paralympics to be held in August 2021 – **Mariyappan Thangavelu**

The swimmer from Gujarat who has become the first woman from India to qualify for swimming at the Olympics (100 m backstroke) – **Maana Patel**

The athlete from Indian Navy who has become the first Indian male to qualify for the 400 m hurdles at the Olympics (Tokyo Olympics) – **MP Jabir**

The Indo-American chess prodigy from New Jersey who has become the youngest to qualify as a grandmaster, at the age of 12 years 4 months and 25 days, beating Sergey Karjakin's record of 2003 – **Abhimanyu Mishra**

Persons – Appointments etc.

The Minister of Home Affairs of Karnataka who has been chosen to be the new Chief Minister of Karnataka – **Shri B.S. Bommai**

The new Deputy Leader of Rajya Sabha succeeding Shri Piyush Goyal who has been appointed the leader of Rajya Sabha – **Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**

The Union Minister who has been appointed the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha succeeding Shri Thawarchand Gehlot – **Shri Piyush Goyal**

The political leader from Nepali Congress who has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Nepal replacing Shri KP Sharma Oli of CPN(UML) – **Shri Sher Bahadur Deuba**

The BJP MLA from Khatima constituency who has been appointed the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand succeeding Shri Tirath Singh Rawat – **Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami**

The Indian born aeronautical engineer who has been chosen to fly to the edge of the space in Virgin Galactic's SpaceShip Two Unity along with the company's founder Sir Richard Branson – **Sirisha Bandla**

Persons – Obituaries

The 2019 Nari Shakti Puraskar recipient from Kollam in Kerala famous for deciding to continue her education at the age of 105 years, who passed away on 23 July 2021 – **Bhageerathi Amma**

The National Award winning TV, theatre and film actress who passed away on 16 July 2021 – **Surekha Sikri**

The Pulitzer Prize winning Indian journalist from Reuters who was killed during a battle between the Taliban and Afghan Special Forces on 15.07.2021 – **Danish Siddiqui**

The renowned Ayurveda physician of Kotakkal Arya Vaidyashala, Kerala who passed away on 10.07.2021 – **Dr. P.K. Warriar**

The veteran Congress leader and six times (for 21 years) former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and former Union Minister who passed away on 08.07.2021 – **Shri Virbhadra Singh**

Official Cheer Song of India for Tokyo Olympics 2021

Title: Hindustani Way

Music Composer: AR Rahman

Performed by: Ananya Birla

Launched by: Shri Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

New Governors

State	Governors
Karnataka	Shri Thawarchand Gehlot
Madhya Pradesh	Shri Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
Mizoram	Shri Hari Babu Kambhampati
Himachal Pradesh	Shri Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar
Goa	Shri S. Sreedharan Pillai
Tripura	Shri Satyadeo Narayan Arya
Jharkhand	Shri Ramesh Bais
Haryana	Shri Bandaru Dattatreya
Tamil Nadu	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

Dilip Kumar (Mohammad Yusuf Khan)

11.12.1922 to 07.07.2021

Birth place: Peshawar

Debut film: Jwar Bhata (1944)

Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from 2000 to 2006

Awards

Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2015), Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1994)

Nishan-e-Imtiaz, the highest civilian award of Pakistan (1998), 8 Filmfare Awards for the Best Actor including the first in 1954 for his role in Daag

Copa America 2021

Organised by: **CONMEBOL**

Venue: **Brazil**

Winners: **Argentina**

Runners-up: **Brazil**

Best player: Lionel Messi

Fair play award: Brazil

UEFA EURO 2020

Organised by: **UEFA**

Venues: 11 cities in 11 countries

Winners: **Italy**

Runners-up: **England**

Best player: Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)

Golden Boot: Cristiano Ronaldo

Important Days of July

<p>International Day of Co-operatives: 03 July 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1993 Theme: Rebuild Better Together</p>
<p>World Population Day: 11 July 2021 Designated by: United Nations Development Programme First observed: 1989</p>
<p>World Youth Skills Day: 15 July 2021 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 2015 Theme: Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic</p>

<p>Nelson Mandela International Day: 18 July 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2010 Theme: One Hand Can Feed Another</p>
<p>World Hepatitis Day: 28 July 2021 Designated by: World Health Organisation First observed: 2008 Theme: Hepatitis Can't Wait</p>
<p>International Tiger Day: 29 July 2021 Designated by: St Petersburg Tiger Summit First observed: 2010 Theme: Their survival is in our hands</p>
<p>World Day against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2014 Theme: Victims' voices lead the way</p>

UNESCO: World Heritage Sites - New inclusions from India

Kakatiya Rudreshwara, popularly known as Ramappa Temple located in Palampet village of Mulugu district of Telangana.

Ancient city Dholavira, the southern centre of the Harappan Civilization, on the island of Khadir in Gujarat.

Cannes Film Festival Award 2021

Palme d'Or: **Julia Ducournau** for "Titane" (France)

Grand Prix: Shared by Ashgar Farhadi for "A Hero" (Iran) and Juho Kuosmanen for "Compartment No.6" (Finland)

Best Director: **Leos Carax** for "Annette" (France)

Best Actress: **Renate Reinsve** for "Worst Person in the World" (Norway)

Best Actor: **Caleb Landry Jones** for "Nitram" (US)

AIFF Awards 2020-21

AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year: **Sandesh Jhingan**

AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year: **Suresh Singh Wangjam**

AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year: **Bala Devi**

AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year: **Manisha Kalyan**

New Shepard – Space Vehicle

New Shepard is a vertical-takeoff, vertical-landing (VTVL), launch vehicle developed by **Blue Origin**, the aerospace manufacturer owned by Jeff Bezos.

It is a fully reusable, space vehicle composed of two principal parts: a pressurized crew capsule and a booster rocket.

The pressurized crew capsule has a volume of 15 cubic meters and can carry six people.

First crewed flight made on: **20 July 2021**

Passengers in the crew capsule:

1. Mr. Jeff Bezos,
2. Mr. Mark Bezos (younger brother of Jeff Bezos),
3. Ms. Wally Funk (American astronaut) and
4. Oliver Daemen (Dutch space tourist)

Launched from: Blue Origin West Texas launch facility

New Union Cabinet Ministers

Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home and Minister of Cooperation.
Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Minister of textiles
Shri Narayan Rane	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and Minister of AYUSH.
Dr Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.
Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia	Minister of Civil Aviation.
Shri Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Minister of Steel.
Shri Ashwini Vaishnav	Minister of Railways, Minister of Communication & Minister of Electronics and Information Technology.
Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras	Minister of Food Processing Industries.
Shri Kiren Rijiju	Minister of Law and Justice.
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
Shri Raj Kumar Singh	Minister of Power and Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.
Shri Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Minister of Health and Family Welfare.
Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of Labour and Employment.

Shri Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
Shri G Kishan Reddy	Minister of Culture, Minister of Tourism and Minister of Development of North East Region.
Shri Anurag Thakur	Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Ministry of Cooperation has been created for realising the vision Sahkar se Samridhhi. It will provide separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.

Wimbledon 2021

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Gentlemens Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Mattio Berritini (Italy)
Ladies Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
Gentlemens Doubles	Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic (Croatia)	Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
Ladies Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Elise Mertens (Belgium)	Veronika Kudermetova and Elena Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Neal Skupski (UK) and Desirae Krawczyk (USA)	Joe Salisbury and Harriet Dart (UK)

Books in News

The India Story by Bimal Jalan (former RBI governor)

Abbreviations in News

SAFAL: Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning levels

June Addendum

French Open 2021

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's Singles	Barbora Krejckova (Czech Republic)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)
Men's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (France)	Alexander Bublik and Andrey Golubev (Kazhakstan)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) and Iga Swiatek (Poland)
Mixed Doubles	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Joe Salisbury (UK)	Elena Vesnina and Aslan Karatsev (Russia)

2019-21 ICC World Test Championship

From 01.08.2019 to 23.06.2021

Winners: **New Zealand**

Runners-up: **India**

Participants; 9 (Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka)

Most runs: **Marnus Labuschagne** – 1675

Most wickets: **Ravichandran Ashwin** – 71

Final match played at Rose Bowl, Southampton

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