



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### Today's Important News

Chhattisgarh The Cleanest State,  
Indore Creates Record by Winning Title  
of Cleanest City Fourth Time in A Row.



### 1. World Senior Citizen Day: 21 August

- World Senior Citizens' Day is celebrated on 21 August every year. It is observed to raise awareness about the issues that older people face and to acknowledge the importance of senior citizens in society.
- It also recognises and acknowledges the contributions of older people to society.
- The day was first proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 14, 1990, while the first celebration was marked on October 1, 1991.
- The World Senior Citizen's Day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan.



#### Foot Notes:

**About UNGA(United Nations General Assembly):**

**President:** Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

**Headquarters:** New York, United States

**Founder:** United Nations

**Founded:** 1945, New York, United States

## 2. Abhijit Paul's 'Am I' wins first prize in Online Patriotic Short Film Contest

- A Short film titled 'Am I?' directed by Abhijit Paul won the first prize and a cash award of one lakh rupees in the Online Patriotic Short Film Contest organized by the Ministry Of Information and Broadcasting along with National Film Development Corporation, NFDC.
- 'Ab India Banega Bharat' directed by Debojo Sanjiv got the second prize and a cash award of 50 thousand rupees and '10 Rupees' directed by Yuvraj Gokul got the third prize and a cash award of 25 thousand rupees. Eight short films have got Special Mention Certificates.
- The contest went live on 14th July on MyGov portal and ended on the 7th of August. The contest was hosted on the [www.MyGov.in](http://www.MyGov.in) website for receiving the entries. The theme for the entries revolved around patriotism, equating it to Atmanirbharta, self-reliance as the new Mantra of progress for the nation.



### Foot Notes:

**Information and Broadcasting Minister:** Prakash Javadekar

**About NFDC(National Film Development Corporation of India):**

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

**Key person:** Anupama Chopra

**Founded:** 1975, Mumbai

## 3. Chandrayaan-2 Completes a Year in Moon Orbit, has Adequate Fuel for 7 Years More: ISRO

- Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 22, 2019 and inserted into lunar orbit on August 20, exactly one year ago on Thursday.
- "Though the soft-landing attempt (of the lander carrying the rover) was not successful, the orbiter, which was equipped with eight scientific instruments, was successfully placed in the lunar orbit. The orbiter completed more than 4,400 orbits around the Moon and all the instruments are currently performing well," ISRO said.



### Foot Notes:

**About ISRO:**

**Headquarters:** Bengaluru

**Founder:** Vikram Sarabhai

**Founded:** 15 August 1969

**Director:** Kailasavadivoo Sivan

#### 4. India Ranked 57th in Digital Quality of Life Index 2020

- In accordance with the 2nd edition of global research “Digital Quality of Life (DQL) Index 2020” released by online privacy solutions provider SurfShark, India ranked 57th out of 85 countries in terms of overall category “Digital Quality of Life 2020” with 0.5 index points which has been topped by Denmark with 0.79 points.
- The DQL Index 2020 analyzes 85 countries around the world covering 6.3 billion people or 81% of the global population in terms of five core pillars: internet affordability, internet quality, e-infrastructure, e-security, and e-government, and results are premised on 12 different factors.



#### About SurfShark:

**Headquarter:** British Virgin Islands, United Kingdom (UK)

**CEO:** Par Kaz

#### 5. Keith Rowley Becomes Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago for a 2nd Consecutive Term

- Keith Rowley sworn in as Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for a 2nd consecutive 5-year term at the President’s House, following victory in general elections held on August 10, 2020. In addition to him, his new cabinet ministers were also sworn in. He is from the ruling People’s National Movement (PNM).
- The new cabinet sworn in was delayed due to requests for recounts of ballots.
- As per the preliminary result PNM won 22 of the 41 electoral seats, while the opposition United National Congress (UNC) led by former Prime Minister Kamla Persad -Bissessar won 19 seats. Keith Rowley’s cabinet consisted of young and experienced politicians like ColmImbert, Finance minister; Franklin Khan, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries; Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Planning and Development and Attorney General Faris Al-Rawi.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:**

**Capital:** Port of Spain

**Currency:** Trinidad and Tobago dollar

**President:** Paula-Mae Weekes



**6. Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat tests positive for coronavirus**

- Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has tested positive for coronavirus. In a tweet he informed that he has tested positive for coronavirus infection and was hospitalized on the advice of doctors.
- He is a member of parliament from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) representing Jodhpur in the Lok Sabha. The Ministry of Jal Shakti was formed in May 2019 under the second Modi ministry.
- This was formed by merging of two ministries; Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.



**Foot Notes:**

**Ministry of Jal Shakti:**

**Founded:** May 2019

**Ministers responsible:** Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Cabinet Minister; Rattan Lal Kataria, Minister of State



## **7. Dr Harsh Vardhan launches interactive first-of-its-kind video game 'Corona Fighters' to spread awareness**

- Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched an interactive first-of-its-kind game on COVID-19, the Corona Fighters.
- The Minister also launched two new videos urging adherence to key COVID Appropriate Behaviours.
- The game presents a new and extremely creative way to teach people the right tools and behaviours to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. The game was designed to influence the players' actions in the real world, reminding them to take the right precautions and escape infection.



### **Foot Notes:**

**About Ministry of Health:**

**Founded:** 1976

**Headquarters:** New Delhi

**Officeholders:** Harsh Vardhan (Minister), Fagga Singh Kulaste (Minister of State)

## **8. Shri Arjun Munda Virtually Launches TRIFOOD Project of TRIFED in Raigad, Maharashtra and Jagdalpur**

- Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda virtually launched the tertiary processing centres under the 'TRIFOOD' project at Raigad in Maharashtra and Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh. The TRIFOOD Project aims at enhancing the income of tribals through better utilization and value addition to the Minor Forest Produce (MFPs) collected by the tribal forest gatherers.
- Under the project, two Minor Forest Produce (MFP) processing units will be set up.
- The unit at Raigad in Maharashtra will be used for value addition to traditional tribal drink mahua, amla, custard apple and jamun and will also produce mahua drink, amla juice, candy, jamun juice and custard apple pulp.
- The multi-commodity processing centre at Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh, will be used for the processing of commodities like mahua, amla, honey, cashew, tamarind, ginger, garlic and other fruits and vegetables. The project will help promote tribal entrepreneurship.



**Foot Notes:**

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs:**

**Officeholder:** Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor (Minister of State); Arjun Munda (cabinet minister)

**Founded:** 1999

**9. Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment launches Logo of Labour Bureau**

- Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment launched the official logo of the Labour Bureau. The newly launched logo displays the three goals of the Labour Bureau i.e. Accuracy, Validity, and Reliability.
- It also indicates the Labour Bureau as a data-based organization that deals in data pertaining to workers and work.
- The logo of the Labour Bureau also comprises “Blue wheel”, a cog wheel that represents work.
- The blue colour indicates that the Labour Bureau deals with the blue collar workers.



**Foot Notes:**

**Minister of State for Labour and Employment:** Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar

**10. Chhattisgarh The Cleanest State, Indore Creates Record by Winning Title of Cleanest City Fourth Time in A Row**

- Chhattisgarh has been declared as the cleanest state of the country as per the Cleanliness Survey 2020 organized by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry. Chhattisgarh has bagged 14 national awards in various categories. The state had taken many initiatives to achieve this success
- In Chhattisgarh, 100% door to door garbage collection was ensured.
- All 166 municipal bodies are ensuring collection of waste from every household and 100% disposal of the same in SLRM center.
- 3R Principle- Residue, Reuse and Recycle was implemented in all the urban bodies through innovations such as Neki Ki Diwar, Bartan Bank, Home Composting. Waste pickers were given employment under the Mission Clean City Scheme.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Chhattisgarh**

**Chief Minister:** Bhupesh Baghel

**Governor:** Anusuiya Uikey

**Capitals:** Bilaspur, Raipur



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