

## Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF 08 to 14 December

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2020. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming IBPS, SBI and other competitive exams can make use of it.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

- International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 Observed On Dec 9 and the Theme is United Against Corruption
- International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime 2020 Observed on Dec 9
- World Human Rights Day on 10 December 2020 and the theme of 2020 is Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights.
- The International Mountain Day is observed on December 11 every year. Theme of 2020 is Mountain biodiversity
- Every year, UNICEF Day is observed on December 11 by the United Nations.
- **International Universal Health Coverage Day** is a United Nations' recognized international day celebrated every year on **December 12**. And 2020 Theme - **Health For All: PROTECT EVERYONE**
- **International Day of Neutrality** is a United Nations recognized day held on **December 12**.
- **December 14** is celebrated as **National Energy Conservation Day** every year, The India Energy Conservation Act was first implemented by the Energy Efficiency Bureau (BEE) in 2001.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL

- **IIT Bombay** Releases Urban Quality of Life Index **Mumbai** Bagged the **1 st Place**
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is set to inaugurate the phase one of construction of the **Agra metro project** via video conferencing on **7 th dec**.
- The Agra metro project comprises two corridors with a total length of 29.4 km and The estimated cost of the construction of the project is Rs 8,379.62 crore
- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**, has bagged the prestigious **International King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award** conferred by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), **Rome**.
- PM Modi to share his thoughts in Mann Ki Baat programme on Dec 27. It will be the 19th edition of Prime Minister's Mann ki Baat 2.0.
- Father of fiber optics & Sikh activist **Narinder Singh Kapany** passes away at 94. He received The Excellence 2000 Award from the USA Pan-Asian American Chamber of Commerce in 1998.
- The historical fort cities of Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been named in the list of World Heritage Cities by UNESCO
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention on 9th of Jan 2021 in virtual format and the theme is Contributing to Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- The central government has introduced a new digital platform called CO-WIN for COVID-19 vaccine delivery.
- Narendra Modi will address the International Bharati Festival, 2020 on Dec 11. Organised by Vanavil Cultural Centre to celebrate the 138th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharati.

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- Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building at Sansad Marg in Parliament Complex with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Varinderpal Singh, an agricultural scientist with the Punjab Agricultural University declines an award presented by a Union Minister to express his solidarity with the farmers agitating against the Centre's farm laws.
- The Union Education Minister proposed a new School Bag Policy 2020 and recommends that weight of the school bag needs to be monitored on a regular basis as per NCERT recommendation.
- The Central government's scheme is called the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) on 9th December 2020, and is being seen as an attempt by the government to elevate wireless internet connectivity in the country.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) and the Aim is To incentivise the creation of new employment opportunities.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy inaugurated National Centre for Divyang Empowerment (NCDE) at the CRPF Group Centre in Hakimpet near Hyderabad in Telangana on 10th December 2020.
- The Ministry of AYUSH and AIIMS have decided to initiate work on setting up a Department of Integrative Medicine at AIIMS.
- The **Ministry of Agriculture** has declared **Lakshadweep** as India's **first Union Territory** to become **100% organic** under the scheme of **Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana**
- The **5th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS)** began on 10th December 2020 virtually. The **five day programme** will conclude on 15 December 2020 and the theme is **Arth Ganga - river conservation synchronised development**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will deliver the inaugural address at FICCI's **93rd Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention via video conferencing** and also inaugurate the virtual FICCI Annual Expo 2020.
- The **Karnataka Legislative Assembly** passed the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and **Preservation of Cattle Bill-2020**.
- **BSE** (earlier known as Bombay Stock Exchange) has launched an electronic spot platform for **agricultural commodities** through its subsidiary BSE Investments Ltd.
- **Indian Railways** has launched the **Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** to provide better health care facilities to its work force with the help of information technology.
- The HMIS has been developed by Indian Railways in coordination with **RailTel Corporation Limited**.
- **NITI Aayog** releases a white paper Vision 2035 - Public Health Surveillance in India, The white paper was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman **Dr Rajiv Kumar**, Member (Health) Dr Vinod K Paul and CEO Amitabh Kant.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has declared **Invest India** as winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award.
- Invest India award ceremony took place at UNCTAD Headquarters in **Geneva on Dec 7**.
- Mount Everest is 8,848.86 metres tall, says Nepal and China after remeasurement. The new height is 86 cms more than the previous measurement

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- The United Kingdom will become the first country to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine.
- The World Economic Forum will hold its 2021 annual meeting in Singapore instead of its traditional home of Switzerland.
- S. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris were jointly named Time magazine's 2020.
- ADB launches \$9 billion Covid-19 vaccine scheme to procure, deliver vaccines
- The **UNESCO** has decided to launch an international prize in the field of 'creative economy' in the name of **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

- The government has launched the **Quarterly Return filing & Monthly Payment** scheme for small taxpayers under the Goods and Services Tax system With Turnover Up To **Rs 5 Crore**
- Punjab National Bank launched a tech-based loan management solution called LenS-The Lending Solution to speed up and maintain accuracy in online loan processing and sanctioning of credit proposals.
- ICICI Bank has launched a new version of mobile banking app, called iMobilepay, that offers payments and banking services to customers of any bank.
- On December 7, 2020 Kotak Mahindra Asset Management launched Kotak International REIT funds, which is India's first diversified REIT mutual fund (MF).
- The Manila Bades Multilateral lending agency ADB stated it has approved a USD 2.5 million (about Rs 18 crore) technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of The KaradJanataSahakari Bank Ltd, Karad, Maharashtra, because it does not comply with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Nomura Expects India to be the fastest growing Asian economy in 2021 gross domestic product GDP growth to average 9.9% in 2021 versus -7.1% in 2020.
- Fitch Ratings has raised India's GDP forecast to -9.4% in FY21
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the Atmanirbhar Women Scheme as part of its Baroda Gold Loan. Under the scheme, the bank is offering loans at 0.50% concession for women.
- **Asian Development Bank** expects Indian economy to contract at a slower pace of **8%**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

- The Ramnagar Forest Division in Nainital District, of Uttarakhand has constructed the state's first eco-bridge across KaladhungiNainital Highway.
- Uttar Pradesh government has recently launched a scheme to take the unique culture of the Tharu tribes across the world.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister NitinGadkari inaugurated the three lane 1.5 km long Koilwarbridge over Sone river in Bihar through Video Conferencing on 10 Dec 2020.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor **R K Mathur** virtually inaugurated the second edition of Ladakh Literature Festival, 2020, in Leh on Dec 10.

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- World Health Organisation has appointed Indian-origin **Anil Soni** as the Chief Executive Officer for the WHO Foundation.
- Kuwait Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has re-appointed Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah as prime minister.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONORS

- Writer and chief editor of The Indian Express, Raj Kamal Jha, has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2020 for his book, The City and the Sea.
- The Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2020 has been awarded to **Carolina Araujo**, Mathematician from the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA), **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, in a virtual ceremony on December 9, 2020.
- Wrestler Bajrang Punia has won the 2020 Male Sportsman of the Year award.
- Shooter Elavenil Valarivan has bagged the 2020 Female Sportsman of the Year award.
- World record-breakers Mondo Duplantis of Sweden and Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela have been named the male and female World Athletes of the Year respectively at the World Athletics Awards 2020.
- Ashraf Patel** won the **Social Entrepreneur of the Year award** instituted by the **Schwab Foundation and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

- On December 7, 2020 Germanwatch has released the 16th edition of CCPI. India ranked 10th in Climate Change Performance Index
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at 41 on Forbes 2020 list of 100 most powerful women
- Indian actor Sonu Sood has been named the number 1 Asian celebrity on the planet for 2020, which is published by UK based Eastern Eye newspaper.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

- NTPC inks MoU with IIFM-Bhopal for Narmada Landscape Restoration Project. Narmada Landscape Restoration project is a 4 year Project.
- State-run power producer SJVNL has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for green energy projects.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan H.E. **Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev** co-chaired a Virtual Summit between India and Uzbekistan on 11 December, 2020.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has inked a pact with **Austria** for technical cooperation in road infrastructure space.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the inaugural address at the virtual India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020. The title theme for IMC 2020 is Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a virtual summit

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- Rakshamantri Shri **Rajnath Singh**, attended the **14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus** organized online at **Hanoi, Vietnam** on **10 December 2020** that marked the 10th anniversary of ADMM Plus.
- The **5th India-Myanmar** Bilateral Meeting on **Drug Control Cooperation** was held virtually on December 10, 2020. The Indian delegation was led by **Shri Rakesh Asthana**, Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- HAL-IISc Skill Development Centre in Challakere of Chitradurga district in Karnataka launched its first training programme offering five courses in virtual mode.
- Global machine connectivity solutions company **Skylotech**India has partnered with **BSNL** to launch a satellite-based **narrowband IoT network** in India. This is the **World's first satellite based NB-IoT network**.
- **DRDO** designed **56x30 mm** Protective Carbine has successfully undergone the final phase of User trials on **7th December 2020** meeting all the GSQR parameters.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS

- **AurobindoPharma** has received final approval from the US health regulator for the generic of Precedex injection, used for sedation of patients.
- **AurobindoPharma** has received final approval from the **US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)** to manufacture and market **Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride** in **9% sodium chloride injection**

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCHEMES

- Special Assistance to States for **Capital Expenditure** scheme applicable for all states except **Tamil Nadu**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

- Sri Lanka to host Asia Cup in 2021, Pakistan in 2022 Stated PCB CEO Wasim Khan
- **JehanDaruvala** creates history, becomes first Indian to win F2 race at Sakhir
- Sports Minister KirenRijju has launched the second edition of Fit India Cyclothon via social media. The mega cycling event which started from 7 th Dec to till 31st December 2020 for 25 days.
- Former India wicketkeeper-batsman Parthiv Patel announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after an 18-years-long cricket career.
- The International Olympic Committee has registered Breakdancing as the newest entry into Olympics, with the aim to attract a new and younger audience.
- Zena Wooldridge has been elected as the new World Squash Federation (WSF) President following the WSF's 2020 Annual General Meeting.
- Annika Sorenstam was elected president of the International Golf Federation replacing the outgoing Peter Dawson.
- Madagascar has replaced the Maldives as the host of the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Max Verstappen** won **Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020**, held on 13 December 2020 in **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.
- Top Indian tennis player **Ankita Raina** won her third doubles title of the pandemic-hit 2020 season, clinching the Al Habtoor challenge with Ekaterine Gorgodze.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

- Veteran Hindi writer Madhukar Gangadhar passed away in National Capital Delhi. He Served in All India Radio (AIR) for 39 years and then he became an independent writer based in Delhi.
- Popular TV actress DivyaBhatnagar passed away on Dec 7 in Mumbai. She acted in hit serials like YehRishtaKyaKehlata and Udaan.
- **Paolo Rossi**, Italy's goalscoring hero from their victorious 1982 World Cup campaign, has died at the age of 64.
- Renowned Sanskrit scholar Vidyavachaspati Bannanje Govindacharya died at his residence at Ambalpady in Udupi. Govindacharya was the brand ambassador of India in World Conference on Religion.
- Chuck Yeager, the first person to travel at a speed faster than the speed of sound, has passed away at the age of 97
- Music composer **Narendra Bhide**, who composed many award-winning films, television soaps as well as plays, died of a heart attack at the age of 47 in Pune.