

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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**21 July 2020**

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- Indian Railways to launch 1st set of private trains by 2023, all 151 by 2027**
  
- Maharashtra becomes the 1st State to use drones to inspect power lines and transmission towers**
  
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting virtually**
  
- Indian direct selling industry records USD 2.477 bn sales in 2019, ranked 15th globally: WFDSA's report**

- **Ashwini Kumar Tewari was appointed as MD & CEO of SBI Cards and payment services**
- **Hope Mission: UAE became 1st West Asian & Arab Nation to Launch Space Mission to Mars; Took off from Japan**
- **CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur Introduced COVID Protection System(COPS) with IntelliMAST, TouF & 360° Car Flusher for Workplace**
- **Prakash Javadekar hails KURMA mobile app as unique tool for conservation of Indian Turtles**
- **Formula One Champion, Mercedes Lewis Hamilton Won the Hungarian Grand Prix 2020; won this Title for 8th Time**

**- CS Seshadri, Padma Bhushan Awardee & Renowned Mathematician Passed Away at 88**

**- John Lewis, Civil Rights Movement Pioneer and Longtime Congressman of U.S, Dies at 80**

**- Sahitya Akademi Awardee Baldev Singh Sadaknama Authored a book 'Suraj Kade Marda Nahi' (sun never dies)**

**- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu Released the Book Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh**

**- 1st World Chess Day celebrated on**

**July 20, 2020**

**- Tamil Nadu Government Signed 8 MoUs worth Rs 10,399 crore with Industrial Groups for Employment Creation**

**- Harsimrat Kaur Badal E-Inaugurates First Operationalized Mega Food Park of Mizoram: Zoram Mega Food Park**

**- Odisha Government included Transgender Community under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana**

**- Yogi Adityanath launched “Navin Rojgar Chhatri Yojana” for Scheduled Castes**

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