

## 20 Aug 2021 Current Affairs | Daily Current Affairs | Today GK & Current Affairs updated on Jan 2025

### Today's Event – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

- 1191 – Richard I of England started the Massacre at Ayyadieh, which left behind 2,600–3,000 Muslim hostages dead.
- 1858 – Charles Darwin published his theory of evolution through natural selection in The Journal of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society of London, along with Alfred Russel Wallace's same theory.
- 1882 – Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture debuted in Moscow, Russia
- 1920 – First ever commercial radio station, 8MK (now WWJ), started in Detroit
- 1960 – Senegal declared independence from Mali Federation
- 1962 –, World's first nuclear-powered civilian ship NS Savannah embarked on its first voyage.
- 1975 – NASA launched Viking 1 planetary probe on the surface of Mars.
- 1977 – NASA launched Voyager 2 spacecraft.

### National Events-

- Johnson and Johnson sought approval for vaccine trials for the age group 12-17
- India has reported a daily rise of 36k cases and 540 deaths in 24 hours
- PM Modi and other leaders paid their tribute on Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary
- Two terrorists were killed in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir
- President Ram Nath Kovind gives consent to the OBC bill

### International Events-

- As per the report, the US is testing the Moderna vaccine for heart inflammation risk
- US VP Kamala Harris visited Vietnam in the middle of Afghanistan strife
- Australia extended lockdown till September 2021 due to Delta variant outbreak
- UNESCO called for the preservation of Afghan culture and heritage
- A study in the UK has stated that vaccines are less effective against Delta variant

### Job alerts-

- CSIR NBRI Jobs for Jr Secretariat, Assistant and other posts. Last date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- NLC Jobs for Apprentice and other posts. Last date 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- NIELIT Jobs for Staff, Car Driver and other posts. Last date 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- DSE Odisha Jobs for Online Teacher and other posts. Last date 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- HPNLU Shimla Jobs for Non-teaching and other posts. Last date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Sports-

- Legend P.T. Usha's coach Om Nambiar passed away
- Afghan footballer Zakir Anwari dies after falling from a plane
- New Zealand cricket team to go through security clearance in Pakistan after Taliban takeover in Afghanistan
- Wrestler Bipasha wins silver at Junior Wrestling World Championships
- Four Arsenal footballers tested covid positive

#### **Awards and honours-**

- Students of Amrita University wins Best Design Award at IDC 20201, TokyoTech University
- Teacher Umesh Khose of Aurangabad was chosen for national awards for searching 51 offline apps for study
- Teacher Khurshid Sheikh has chosen for a national award from Maharashtra

#### **Technology-**

- As per reports, Steve Jobs wanted to launch iPhone nano, a cheaper version of iPhone 4
- Facebook beta test of Facebook's Horizon Workrooms to build a futuristic metaverse
- Vivo Y21 launches two variants prized Rs. 13,990 and Rs. 115,490 respectively
- India ranked second in adopting crypto-currency payment formats
- 20% rise in prices of flagship products by Microsoft

#### **Economy –**

- Petrol stands at Rs.101.84; diesel stands at Rs. 89.27
- Sensex stands at 55,135; Nifty falls at 16,419
- Jet Airways files case against NCLAT over compensation issues
- ONGC bid to privatise 43 oil fields
- N.K. Singh appointed Chairman of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)

#### **Environment –**

- Delhi University's Institute of Eminence gathers a pool of talent to tackle climate health, public health and governance
- 3.6 earthquake hits Katra, Jammu and Kashmir

#### **Local –**

- 42 doctors charged for issuing fake diplomas in (Mumbai) Maharashtra
- Karnataka schools have reported parents are reluctant to send children to school due to covid 19
- Vilathikulam peripheral hospital is the first hospital to get a centralised oxygen supply
- Thieves who stole RS. 1 lakh in BJP rally in Thane, Maharashtra

- 36k weddings registered in West Bengal in six weeks despite covid fears

**Person in News –**

- TBA

**GK –**

**With which country, the Indian navy has signed a 'Joint Guidance' for naval cooperation?**

- [A] Australia
- [B] Japan
- [C] the United States
- [D] South Korea

**Recently, with which country's navy, the Indian Navy has carried out joint drills in the South China Sea?**

- [A] Thailand
- [B] Japan
- [C] Cambodia
- [D] Vietnam

**In which State/UT, Ministry of Textiles has inaugurated an international exhibition on Folk & Tribal Art Paintings "Reetiyon se Kalakritiyon ka Safar?"**

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Goa

**With which country, the Union Cabinet has given approval for India to partner in the field of Disaster Management?**

- [A] South Korea
- [B] Switzerland
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Nepal

**Which organization has conducted the pilot run of the International Bullion Exchange (IBE)?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India
- [B] World Bank
- [C] World Trade Organization
- [D] International Financial Services Centres Authority