

# Current Affairs

21 July

**Important Day**

# Space Exploration Day

- **Space Exploration Day** is observed on **20 July**.
- The day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of **men's first historic landing on the moon**.



# National



# Mega Food Park in Mizoram

- Union Food Processing Minister, Harsimrat Kaur Badal has virtually inaugurated the “Zoram Mega Food Park” in Mizoram.
- This food park will provide direct and indirect employment to 5000 people and benefit around 25, 000 farmers.



# MANODARPAN

- A new initiative “**Manodarpan**” has been launched by **Union HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**.
- Manodarpan is launched to ensure mental well-being of the students. It will cover a wide range of activities to offer psychosocial support to students for their mental health & Well being amid the COVID 19 and beyond.
- It is a part of the “**Atma Nirbhar Bharat**” launched by **the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** in May 2020.



# Electric Vehicle Charging Plaza

- India's first public EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Plaza has been inaugurated by the Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy, R K Singh at Chelmsford club in New Delhi.



# President's Secretariat

- A 2001-batch, Indian Revenue Service officer, **P Praveen Siddharth** has been appointed as the new personal secretary to **the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind**. He will replace **Vikram Singh**, who has been appointed **joint secretary in the Ministry of Shipping**.
- Siddharth is already serving as **officer on special Duty (OSD) in the President's Secretariat**.





# Defence



# India-US conduct PASSEX Exercise

➤ The US Navy carrier USS Nimitz conducted



EX

ng

er

du

lf

e

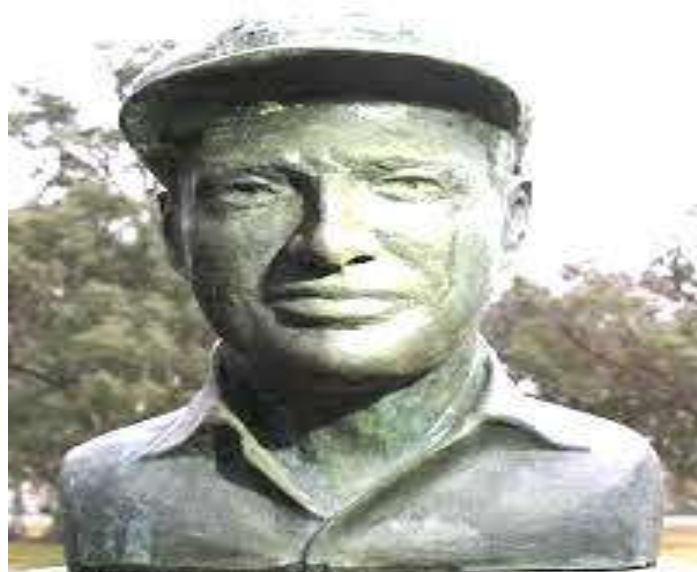
s.

# Orbituary



# Former Australian Cricketer

- Former Australian test wicketkeeper and ex-international Cricket council match referee, **Barry Jarman** passed away.



# MP Governor Lalji Tandon

- Madhya Pradesh Governor **Lalji Tandon** passed away.
- He has been undergoing treatment since June 11 and passed away after a prolonged illness.
- During his treatment period, **Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel** was given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh.

# John Lewis

- John Lewis, Civil Rights pioneer passed away.
- He was a long-time member of the U.S House of Representatives.
- He was a protégé of Martin Luther King jr. And kept the fight for civil rights and human rights until the end of his life.
- He was also awarded “Presidential Medal of Freedom in year 2011” the highest civilian honor by Barak Obama.

# Bijay Mohanty

- The **veteran Odia actor Bijay Mohanty** Passed away.

# Juan Marse

- The famous Spanish novelist Juan Marse passed away.



# Sports



# ICC Men's T20 World Cup

- ICC Men's T20 World Cup, scheduled to be played in Australia in October- November 2020, has formally been postponed to 2022 due to COVID 19. The decision is taken by International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Besides rescheduling the T20 World Cup, the ICC Board also decided to push the 2023 ODI World Cup in India from February- March 2023 to October- November 2023.



# Books Published

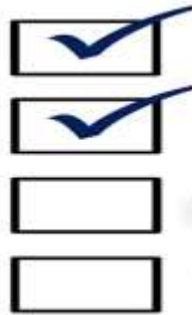


# Suraj Kade Marda Nahi

- **Baldev Singh Sadaknama**, sahitya Akademi Winner, has authored a book “**Suraj Kade Marda Nahi**”
- The book depicts various aspects of **freedom fighter Udham Singh**.



# Index



# International Trade Union Confederation

- The International Trade Union confederation released its ranking of 144 countries on degree of respect for Worker's rights.
- Unfortunately, India was among the least performing 10 countries in the list.

