

Daily Current Affairs- 09/12/20

1. Central Zoo Authority recognition to zoo in UP and Bihar

- CZA has given recognition to shaheed Ashfaq ullah khan prani udyan which is located in Gorakhpur and Rajgir Zoo Safari in Nalanda.
- It is the second largest zoo in UP after the Kanpur zoological park.

2. India Mobile Congress 2020

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020 on 08 December 2020. IMC 2020 was organised by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). It is scheduled for 8th -10th December.
- The theme for IMC 2020 is "Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable".
- **About IMC 2020:** It aims to promote Digital Inclusivity, Sustainable development, entrepreneurship & innovation. It also aims to drive foreign and local investments, encourage R&D in the telecom and emerging technology sectors.
- IMC 2020 will see the participation from various Ministries, the telecom CEOs, global CEOs, and domain experts in 5G, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Data Analytics, Cloud and Edge computing, Blockchain, Cyber-security, Smart Cities and Automation.

3. FM Nirmala Sitharaman releases the 'Smuggling in India Report 2019-20'

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 63rd Founding Day Celebrations of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
- On the occasion, Mrs Sitharaman released the Smuggling in India Report 2019-20 which analyses organised smuggling trends on Gold and Foreign Currency, Narcotic Drugs, Security, Environment and Commercial Frauds.
- On the occasion, Bravery Awards were conferred upon Najimudheen T S of DRI Cochin Zonal Unit and Sumer Sen, an independent witness of a case booked by DRI, Jaipur.
- The DRI Utkrisht Seva Samman, 2020 was awarded to B. Sankaran, an officer of the Indian Revenue Service.

4. Akash missiles test fired successfully

- The Indian Air Force has successfully test fired the Akash Missiles at Suryalanka test firing range in Andhra Pradesh during the Combat Guided Weapons Firing 2020 exercise.
- This exercise was aimed at practising different scenarios during conflicts to shoot down enemy planes.
- **Note:** Designed and developed by the DRDO, Akash is one of the most successful, indigenously-made missiles inducted into the Indian Army and Air Force.



5. Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of AYUSH decides to set up an AYUSH Export Promotion Council (AEPC)

- This decision was taken recently in a joint review of AYUSH trade and Industry by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Shri Shripad Naik, Minister of AYUSH.
- **Note:** The entire AYUSH sector will work together to achieve price and quality competitiveness to boost AYUSH exports.
- AYUSH will figure appropriately in the “Brand India” activities being presently undertaken.

6. Global Terrorism Index 2020

- 1st rank- Afghanistan
- 2nd rank- Iraq
- 3rd rank- Nigeria
- **8th rank- India**
- **Note:** The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) is a report published annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- The GTI is based on data from the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) which is collected by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland. It covers 163 countries.

7. India vs Australia cricket (2020)

- **T20 International series**
India won the 3-match series 2-1
- **One Day International series**
Australia won the 3-match series 2-1

8. Radhakrishnan Nair appointed as chief coach of Indian athletics

- Athletics Federation of India (AFI) appointed Radhakrishnan Nair as its full-time chief coach, filling the post left vacant after the resignation of Bahadur Singh in July.
- **Note:** Nair, who is also a certified Technical Official and World Athletics Level-5 coach, has been instrumental in enhancing the coaches education system in India.
- He is the first Indian to have an International Coaching Enrichment Programme Certificate of the International Olympic Committee.

9. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presented the first copy of his book “Pioneer of Humanity: Maharshi Arvind” to President Ram Nath Kovind

- Shri Arvind was a person fully devoted to Indian culture, Indian values, Indian nationalism and Indian philosophy.
- The book is in Hindi with the title ‘Manavta ke Praneta: Maharishi Arvind’.



10. December 9, International Anti-Corruption Day 2020

- The theme of this year is 'United Against Corruption'.
- As per UN statistics, every year USD 1 trillion is being paid as bribes while USD 2.6 trillion are stolen due to corruptive measures. As per the United Nations Development Programme, it is estimated that there are 10 times of funds lost due to corruption in the developing countries.
- **Note:** The United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption on October 31, 2003. The General Assembly also designated December 9 as World Anti-Corruption Day to raise awareness about corruption and of the role of the Convention in battling and preventing it. The Convention came into force in December 2005.

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