

August 2020 Quick Points



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Important Days with Theme in August

Date	Observation Day with Theme
1st August	Earth Overshoot Day
1st August	National Mountain Climbing Day
1st August	World Lung Cancer Day
3 rd August	World Sanskrit Day
1 to 7 August	World Breastfeeding Week. Theme - "Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet"
6th August	Hiroshima Day
5th August	Friendship Day
7th August	National Handloom Day
8th August	World Senior Citizen Day
8th August	International Cat Day
9th August	Kranti Diwas (Quit India Day)
9th August	Nagasaki Day
9th August	International Day Indigenous Peoples of the World. Theme - "COVID 19 and indigenous peoples' resilience".
10th August	World Biofuel Day. Theme- 'Biofuels Towards Atmanirbhar Bharat'
10th August	World Lion Day
12th August	International Youth Day. Theme- "Youth Engagement for Global Action"
12th August	World Elephant Day
13th August	International Lefthanders Day
13th August	World Organ Donation Day
14th August	Independence Day of Pakistan
15th August	Independence Day of India
17th August	Independence Day of Indonesia
17th August	Independence Day of Gabon (Gabonese Republic)
19th August	World Humanitarian Day
19th August	World Photography Day
20th August	National Sadbhavna Divas (Harmony Day)
20th August	World Mosquito Day
21st August	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
21st August	World Senior Citizens Day
23 rd	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. Theme - 'Confronting Slavery's Legacy of Racism Together'
26th August	Women's Equality Day
26th August	World Sanskrit Day
29th August	National Sports Day
29th August	Telugu Language Day (Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam)
29th August	International Day Against Nuclear Tests

30th August

International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

Appointments

Name of Person	Designation
Air Marshal V. R. Chaudhari	Chief of Western Air Command of Indian Air Force.
Alexander Lukashenko	President of Belarus
Ashwani Bhatia	Managing Director of SBI
Cyril George assumes	Deputy Chairman of Cochin Port Trust
Deepak Shetty	Deputy CEO and MD JCB India
Francisco Asue	PM of Equatorial Guinea
Girish Chandra Murmu	Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India
GP Garg	SEBI's new executive director
Hamed Bakayoko	Prime Minister of Ivory Coast
Harbhajan Singh	Brand Ambassador of eBikeGO
Hardayal Prasad	MD & CEO of PNB Housing Finance
Hardik Satishchandra Shah	Private Secretary to PM Modi
Harsh Kumar Bhanwala	Executive chairman of Capital India Finance Limited
Jaideep Bhatnagar	Director General of All India Radio AIR News. He replaces Ms. Ira Joshi
Kaushik Khona	CEO of GoAir
Keith Rowley	PM of Trinidad and Tobago
Kishor Rungta	Chairman of Fertilisers Association of India
Luis Abinader	President of Dominican Republic
Mahinda Rajapaksa	Prime Minister of Sri Lanka (for 4th time)
Manoj Sinha	Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. He will replace Girish Chandra Murmu
Mohamed Irfaan Ali	President of Guyana
Mohamed Ould Bilal	Prime Minister of Mauritania
Navin Agarwal	MD and CEO of Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company
P S Ranipse	Inspector General (IG) in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
Pradeep Kumar Joshi	Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Pramod Bhasin	Chairman of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).
Rajiv Kumar	Election Commissioner of India.
Rakesh Asthana	Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).
Rohit Sharma	Oakley's brand ambassador in India
S S Mundra	Non-executive chairman of India Bulls Housing
Sashidhar Jagdishan	MD and CEO of HDFC Bank. replace Aditya Puri
Satya Pal Malik	Meghalaya Governor
Shahzan Mujeeb	National Brand Ambassador of Aligarh Municipal Corporation
SN Rajeswari	CMD of Oriental Insurance

Soma Mondal	Chairman of Steel Authority of India
Suhail Sameer	Group President of BharatPe
Suresh Raina & Harmanpreet Kaur	Brand Ambassadors of WTF Sports
Urjit Patel	Additional Director of Great Eastern Shipping
Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi	Director General Naval Operations (DGNO).
Walter Roger Martos Ruiz	Prime Minister of Peru

Resigns:

- Kevin Mayer resigns as CEO of TikTok
- The Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe resigns

Awards & Honors

Awards Name	Winner
SKOCH Gold Award	Ministry of Tribal Affairs India
International Booker Prize 2020	Marieke Lucas Rijneveld (Dutch Author). For novel 'The Discomfort of Evening'.
National Award to Teachers 2020	Ms. Sudha Painuli
Tomyas Award	Reshma Mohandas, a nurse with the Government Medical College (MCH), Kottayam.
Asian College of Journalism's (ACJ) Award 2019	Nitin Sethi for Investigative Journalism
K. P. Narayana Kumar Memorial Award	Shiv Sahay Singh for Social Impact Journalism
Tamil Nadu CM's special award	WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan
Dasaradhi Award for 2020	Tirunagari Ramanujam
Pallikkutam award	Nagaland school for innovation in education
Smart India Hackathon 2020	Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) Pune.
Food Vision 2050 prize	Naandi Foundation Hyderabad
MS Swaminathan award	RS Paroda
Indian Achievers Award 2020	Akshat Malik, Founder & CEO of ClickOnCare
Gramodaya awards	Sudha Murty and Sivakumar Surampudi
"CEO of the Year 2020" by IAF India	Gagan Arora, CEO & Strategic Growth Leader of Vertex Global Services
FICCI CSR Award	Dalmia Bharat Group for Environment Sustainability.
Prem Bhatia Award 2020	Dipankar Ghose

National Sports Awards 2020

A total of **60 athletes** were awarded in National Sports Awards 2020 in a different category. These are

- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna winner: **5 persons**
- Arjuna Award winner: **27 persons**
- Dronacharya Award winner: **13 persons**
- Dhyanchand Award: **15 persons**

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 winner list:

Sl.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Rohit Sharma	Cricket
2.	Shri Mariyappan T.	Para Athletics
3.	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
4.	Ms. Vinesh	Wrestling
5.	Ms. Rani	Hockey

Dronacharya Award 2020 winner list:

Life-Time Category:-

S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Shri Dharmendra Tiwary	Archery
2.	Shri Purushotham Rai	Athletics
3.	Shri Shiv Singh	Boxing
4.	Shri Romesh Pathania	Hockey
5.	Shri Krishan Kumar Hooda	Kabaddi
6.	Shri Vijay Bhalchandra Munishwar	Para Powerlifting
7.	Shri Naresh Kumar	Tennis
8.	Shri Om Parkash Dahiya	Wrestling

Regular Category:-

S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Shri Jude Felix Sebastian	Hockey
2.	Shri Yogesh Malviya	Mallakhamb
3.	Shri Jaspal Rana	Shooting
4.	Shri Kuldeep Kumar Handoo	Wushu
5.	Shri Gaurav Khanna	Para Badminton

Dhyanchand Award 2020 winner list::

S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Kuldip Singh Bhullar	Athletics
2.	Ms. Jincy Philips	Athletics
3.	Shri Pradeep Shrikrishna Gandhe	Badminton
4.	Ms. Trupti Murgunde	Badminton

5.	Ms. N. Usha	Boxing
6.	Shri Lakha Singh	Boxing
7.	Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu	Football
8.	Shri Ajit Singh	Hockey
9.	Shri Manpreet Singh	Kabaddi
10.	Shri J. Ranjith Kumar	Para Athletics
11.	Shri Satyaprakash Tiwari	Para Badminton
12.	Shri Manjeet Singh	Rowing
13.	Late Shri Sachin Nag	Swimming
14.	Shri Nandan P Bal	Tennis
15.	Shri Netarpal Hooda	Wrestling

Arjuna Award 2020 winner list:

S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson (Shri)	Discipline
1.	Shri Atanu Das	Archery
2.	Ms. Dutee Chand	Athletics
3.	Shri Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy	Badminton
4.	Shri Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty	Badminton
5.	Shri Vishesh Bhriguvanshi	Basketball
6.	Subedar Manish Kaushik	Boxing
7.	Ms. Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
8.	Shri Ishant Sharma	Cricket
9.	Ms. Deepti Sharma	Cricket
10.	Shri Sawant Ajay Anant	Equestrian
11.	Shri Sandesh Jhingan	Football
12.	Ms. Aditi Ashok	Golf
13.	Shri Akashdeep Singh	Hockey
14.	Ms. Deepika	Hockey
15.	Shri Deepak	Kabaddi
16.	Shri Kale Sarika Sudhakar	Kho Kho
17.	Shri Dattu Baban Bhokanal	Rowing
18.	Ms. Manu Bhaker	Shooting
19.	Shri Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting
20.	Ms. Madhurika Suhas Patkar	Table Tennis
21.	Shri Divij Sharan	Tennis
22.	Shri Shiva Keshavan	Winter Sports
23.	Ms. Divya Kakran	Wrestling
24.	Shri Rahul Aware	Wrestling
25.	Shri Suyash Narayan Jadhav	Para Swimming
26.	Shri Sandeep	Para Athletics
27.	Shri Manish Narwal	Para Shooting

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2020:

Sl.No	Category	Entity/Organization
1	Identifying and Nurturing of Budding/Young Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakshya Institute Army Sports Institute
2	Encouragement of sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd.
3	Employment of Sports Persons and Sports Welfare Measures	Air Force Sports Control Board
4	Sport For Development	International Institute of Sports Management (IISM)

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy, 2020:

This award is being conferred to the overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments.

- MAKA Trophy, 2020 winner-Panjab University, Chandigarh

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2019:

This awarded to recognize the spirit of Adventure among the people of the country.

Sl.No	Name of the Sportsperson	Category
1	Ms. Anita Devi	Land Adventure
2	Col. Sarfraz Singh	Land Adventure
3	Shri Taka Tamut	Land Adventure
4	Shri Narender Singh	Land Adventure
5	Shri Keval Hiren Kakka	Land Adventure
6	Shri Satendra Singh	Water Adventure
7	Shri Gajanand Yadava	Air Adventure
8	Late Shri Magan Bissa	Life Time Achievement

Books & Authors

Books	Name of Author/Released by
"Vishesh: Code To Win"	Nirupama Yadav
"One Arranged Murder"	Chetan Bhagat
"Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020"	Arjun Subramaniam
"Corona Kavithakal"	PS Sreedharan Pillai
"Amazing Ayodhya"	Neena Rai.
"RAW: A History of India's Covert Operations"	Yatish Yadav
"National Security Challenges: Young Scholars"	Released by General Manoj Mukund Naravane
"Connecting, Communicating, Changing"	Released by Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar
"Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World"	By Dalai Lama
"Running Toward Mystery: The Adventure of an Unconventional Life"	Tenzin Priyadarshi and Zara Houshmand . Co-written with Iranian American author and literary translator Zara Houshmand.
"Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World"	Released by Dalai Lama
'Connecting, Communicating, Changing,'	Released by Rajnath Singh

Sports

- Dream 11 wins title sponsorship rights of IPL 2020.
- Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton wins British Grand Prix 2020.
- Benedikt Howedes German footballer retires from football.
- India & Russia jointly wins FIDE Online Chess Olympiad.
- West Indies All-Rounder Dwayne Bravo becomes 1st bowler to scalp 500 wickets in T20 cricket.
- Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Spanish Grand Prix 2020
- Ronnie O'Sullivan wins World Snooker Championship 2020
- Former Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas retires from football
- Tharanga Paranavitana, Sri Lankan cricketer retires from all forms of International Cricket
- In tennis Men's doubles pair Bryan brothers (Mike Bryan and Bob Bryan) announces retirement from the sports.
- India plans to host BRICS Games in 2021.
- Jacques Kallis, Zaheer Abbas, Lisa Sthalekar inducted into ICC Hall of Fame.
- The Red Bull racer Max Verstappen wins 70th Anniversary Grand Prix.
- India's KN Ananthapadmanabhan promoted to ICC's panel of umpires.
- MS Dhoni and Suresh Raina announces retirement from international cricket
- Dream11 wins IPL title rights at 50 percent discount.
- INOX Group to sponsor Indian team for Tokyo Olympics: IOA

- India to host 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup and Women's ODI World Cup postponed to 2022.
- England all-rounder Laura Marsh announces retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Sports Ministry to organise 'Fit India Freedom Run' from Aug 15 to Oct 2.
- Lewis Hamilton wins his seventh British Grand Prix.
- India has withdrawn from the women's world team championship scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from December 15 to 20.

Summits & Conferences

- 6th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting was held under the presidency of Russia.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with the Department for Promotion of Investment and Internal Trade (DPIIT) organised "Easing Doing Business For Atmanirbhar Bharat" Conference.
- National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has organised the "World Urdu Conference" in New Delhi.
- India-Vietnam Joint Commission (17th meeting) on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation was held virtually.
- Loka Sabha Speaker Om Birla attends inaugural ceremony of 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament.

Agreements & MoUs

Country/Organization	Agreements for
Flipkart partners with the U.P. Government's One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme	To support offer various services to artisans, weavers and craftsmen.
A.P. government signs MoU with US Based IT Firm "Boston Group"	To set up an IT company in Visakhapatnam.
Google in association with the Central Water Commission (CWC)	For flood forecasting initiative.
India Nigeria	On space cooperation
Flipkart with Indian Institute of Technology Patna (IIT Patna)	To jointly create industry focused applied research in the areas of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML).
All India Football Federation (AIFF) with the International Professional Scouting Organisation (IPSO)	To deliver a number of courses and webinars with regards to scouting in India.
India and Israel	Cultural agreement for promote greater people to people exchanges.
L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering (LTHE), with NTPC	To build a CO ₂ to methanol demonstration plant in an NTPC power station.
Bihar Pollution Control Board with IIT, Delhi	For air quality management.

Science & Technology

- ❖ Sky root Aerospace successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine called “Raman”. It has become the first Indian private firm to exhibit the potential to build a homegrown rocket engine.
- ❖ UVGI-based room disinfection device 'UVSAFE' developed by IIT Ropar.
- ❖ Zydus Cadila launches India's cheapest remdesivir version Remdac.
- ❖ UV disinfection tower developed by DRDO for sanitising coronavirus-prone areas.
- ❖ SCTIMST & IIT Madras set up portable hospital infrastructure for COVID -19.
- ❖ NASA Researchers Track Slowly Splitting 'Dent' in Earth's Magnetic Field.
- ❖ IIT Kanpur Uttar Pradesh has developed indigenous seed balls named BEEG (Bio - compost Enriched Ecofriendly Globule)
- ❖ Defence Minister of India launches BDL's indigenised Konkurs missile test equipment.
- ❖ The Mumbai Division of Central Railway (CR) designs robot 'Rakshak' for health assistant.
- ❖ Scientists discover 37 active volcanoes on Venus.
- ❖ Helyxon and IIT Madras develop remote patient monitoring solutions for COVID-19 .
- ❖ A unique COVID prevention kiosk was inaugurated at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station by Bengaluru Division.
- ❖ A new species of pygmy grasshopper, discovered after 116 years by a group of foreign researchers in Sri Lanka, has been named after Indian orthopterist (one who studies grasshoppers) and conservation biologist Dhaneesh Bhaskar of Kerala.
- ❖ Godrej Appliances launches Godrej Viroshield, UV-C tech based sanitisation device in Kerala

Ranking and Index

- ✓ Bengaluru ranks 26th and New Delhi ranked 27th in Knight Frank Prime Global Cities Index Q2 2020. Mumbai is at 32nd position.
- ✓ India ranks first (1st) in number of organic farmers and ninth (9th) in terms of area under organic farming. Sikkim became the first State in the world.
- ✓ Digital Quality of Life (DQL) Index 2020 has been released by SurfShark. Denmark taking the leading position globally. India ranked **57th**

Apps And Portals

- The Sports Authority of India launches **Khelo India Mobile App** online training program for principals, Physical Education (PE) Teachers.
- Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani launches app for weavers on National Handloom Day.

- Delhi Airport Develops **Air Suvidha Online Portal** For International Passengers.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu bordering Gujarat has launched **E-Gyan Mitra** mobile app for online education.
- Dodo Drop: The Indian 'SHAREit' developed by Kashmiri .
- Indian Railways launched an OHE Inspection app which monitors technical snags in real-time and sends alerts eliminating delays caused by such defects.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the **Odisha Agni-Shama Seva** online portal To Issue Fire Safety Certificates
- Indian Railways launches "OHE Inspection app" for real-time monitoring.

Scheme, Programme & Campaign

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched "Parivar Pehchan Patras" to enable the citizens to get the benefits of various central and state government schemes.
- Haryana CM Khattar launches welfare schemes 'Mukhya Mantri Doodh Uphar Yojana' and 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana' for women, kids
- Andhra CM launches e-rakshabandhan program for women safety
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches of Project Lion and Project Dolphin for the conservation of the two endangered species in the country using modern technology.
- Govt launches 'Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge'- Innovate Solutions for #Aatmanirbhar Bharat" to provide further impetus to the strong startup ecosystem, and drive innovation and research in the country.
- Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda virtually launched the tertiary processing centres under the 'TRIFOOD' project at Raigad in Maharashtra and Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh.
- Nagaland Cm Launches E-Commerce Platform 'Yellowchain' to promote local business and entrepreneurship, a DIPR report informed.
- Chhattisgarh CM announces 'Padhai Tuhar Para' scheme for school students.
- Madhya Pradesh, a unique campaign 'Ek Sankalp - Bujurgo ke naam' to be boon for senior citizens amid corona pandemic.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a week long cleanliness campaign 'Gandagi, Bharat Chorho.
- Indian Traders Launch 'China Quit India' Campaign To Boycott Chinese Goods.
- Defence minister Rajnath Singh to launch Atmanirbhar Bharat Saptah to promoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a self-reliant India with increased local manufacturing.
- Chhattisgarh CM Launches Indira Van Mitan Yojana
- Gujarat Launches New Scheme Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana - will replace the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for this year only To Compensate Farmers For Crop Loss.

- Kailash Satyarthi Foundation launched a campaign 'Mukti Caravan' against child trafficking in Bihar.
- MP launched "Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi" public awareness campaign
- National Programme 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21' launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- "Bharat Air Fibre Services" inaugurated in Maharashtra.
- PM Modi addresses on New Education Policy 2020
- Delhi Govt launches new "Electric Vehicle Policy" which will waive registration fee, road tax, and provide an incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new cars.
- Union Environment Minister, Prakash Javadekar has launched National Portal on Human-Elephant conflict called "SURAKHSYA".
- Assam Govt to start "Orunodoi Scheme" for women's empowerment
- Chhattisgarh Government has launched the "Indira Van Mitan" Yojana.
- "Indira Van Mitan" Yojana will aim to make the forest dwellers of the state self reliant.
- PM Modi announces "One Sun, One World, One Grid" initiative will connect 140 countries through a common grid that will be used to transfer solar power.

Obituaries

Person Name	Associated Field
A.R. Lakshmanan	Former Supreme Court Judge Justice
Angela Buxton	British Tennis legend
Anil Murali	Malayalam actor
Arnold Meyer Spielberg	Computer designer
Ashok Mustafi	Cricket coach
Bhaskar Maity	Former India goalkeeper
Chadwick Boseman	'Black Panther' actor
Chetan Chauhan	Former Indian cricketer
Chunakkara Ramankutty	Malayalam poet lyricist
Dr B Siva Kumar	Carnatic musician & Veena artist
Gail Sheehy	Writer & journalist
GK Menon	Sports journalist
Gopalaswamy Kasturirangan	Former Indian cricketer
James Harris	Former wrestler. He was also known as "Kamala"
John Hume	Ireland politician and former Nobel Peace Prize winner
Lee Teng hui	Taiwanese President
Manitombi Singh	Former Indian footballer
Nishikant Kamat	Filmmaker
P K Muthusamy	Tamil film songwriter

Pandit Jasraj	Indian classical vocalist
Pascal Lissouba	Former Congo president
Purushotham Rai	India's Athletic coach
Pydikondala Manikyala Rao	Former Andhra Pradesh Minister
Rahat Indori	Urdu Poet
Ram Pradhan	Former Arunachal Pradesh Governor
Russell Kirsch	Computer scientist invented the "pixel"
Sadia Dehlvi	Author and activist
Sameer Sharma	TV actor
Shirley Ann Grau	Pulitzer Prize winning fiction writer
V Swaminathan	Tamil Producer
William Kirk English	Co-invented the world's first computer mouse