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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. The National Commission for Women (**NCW**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (**BPR & D**) for Gender Sensitisation of Police personnel across India. To bring changes in **attitude & behaviour of police officers** dealing with **crimes against women**.
2. Minister Rajnath Singh launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered **grievance management** application called '**CPGRAMS** (Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) **app**'.
  - it was developed by the Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) along with the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**)-Kanpur.
3. The **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** (MeitY) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MapmyIndia, thereby enabling map services in 'UMANG App'.
  - UMANG stands for **Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance**.
  - This collaboration is on the lines to enhance the initiatives of Digital India Programme under the theme of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
4. Union Minister for Power, R K Singh inaugurated '**Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021**', which is a set of 6 new initiatives aimed at improving energy efficiency in the building sector.
  - The new initiatives were launched virtually by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). It was inaugurated by R K Singh as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' (Celebration of 75 years of India's Independence).
  - The new initiatives will help in enhancing energy-efficiency levels in residential buildings across India, which will lead to sustainable habitation.
5. Convergence Energy Services Ltd (**CESL**) and the World Resources Institute (**WRI**) **India** entered into a partnership to devise strategies for India's transition path towards a **net-zero emission**.

- Under the partnership, WRI India will support CESL to build adaptive business models to support state governments to decentralise renewable energy, realise their targets, and improve battery storage capacities.
  - The partnership would also support CESL to streamline India's efforts under transition to electric vehicles (EV).
6. The '**monk fruit**' which is native to China was introduced for field trials in Himachal Pradesh (HP) by Palampur-based Council of Scientific Research and Industrial Technology-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (**CSIR-IHBT**) in Kullu, **Himachal Pradesh**. It is the 1st ever monk fruit cultivation exercise in India.
7. India's 1st Pod taxi service to be launched in Uttar Pradesh (UP) between the upcoming '**Noida International Airport**'(NIA) (Jewar airport) and the proposed '**Film city**' in Uttar Pradesh (**UP**).
- '**Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority**' (**YEIDA**) has reported about the final Detailed Project Report (**DPR**) about the Project.
8. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized the second edition of Digital Conference & Exhibition '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Self-Reliance for Renewable Energy Manufacturing**' virtually in collaboration with **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** (MNRE) under its RE-INVEST agenda and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
9. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** led bench has initiated a secure electronic transmission mechanism namely **FASTER (Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records)** that will fast forward the process of bail i.e. instantaneous delivery of Supreme Court (SC) orders to concerned prisons, District Courts, High Courts through a secure communication channel in order to save time and efforts.
10. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is set to build **India's 1st 'Green Hydrogen' plant** at Mathura refinery, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Through this, it aims to cater to the growing demand for cleaner forms of energy.
- It will be India's 1st Green Hydrogen Unit. Previous projects have been announced to produce 'green hydrogen' using fossil fuels such as natural gas.
  - Green Hydrogen will **replace the carbon-emitting fuels used in Mathura refinery** to process crude oil into value-added products like petrol and diesel.



11. The Central Government has decided to set up a **world class Indian Institute of Heritage** at Noida, **Gautam Buddha Nagar** (Uttar Pradesh) to focus on conservation and research in India's tangible heritage.
12. Cisco Networking Academy & the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have announced a partnership for Digital Upskilling of the Indian workforce.
- **To upskill the existing talent** in emerging technologies to drive innovation, accelerate growth, and transform **India into a Digital Talent Nation**.
13. The Vice President Venkaiah Naidu virtually addressed the World Universities Summit 2021 (**WUS 21**) organised by **O.P. Jindal Global University**, Sonapat, Haryana.
- **Theme** – "Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact".

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## STATES AFFAIRS

14. Conrad K Sangma, Chief Minister of **Meghalaya**, has launched a face recognition mobile app 'Pensioners' Life Certificate Verification' to help the pensioners of Meghalaya to get a life certificate.
- The app was developed by the National Informatics Centre(**NIC**) in collaboration with the Finance Department, Government of Meghalaya.
15. **Shravan Harela festival** 2021, an important folk festival celebrated across the **Kumaon** region of **Uttarakhand** on 16th July which marks the beginning of the monsoon. The word Harela means "**Green Leaves**".

16. Agriculture Minister of **Rajasthan**, launched a **mobile** application named– '**Raj Kisan Organic**' to enable the farmers and the consumers of the state to make online purchases and sale of **organic products** in the state.
17. Bollywood actor **Yami Gautam Dhar** partnered with the launch of **Himachal Pradesh (HP)** government state's initiative, '**Digital Saathi-Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara**', India's **1st** state-led phone donation campaign for online learning.
18. The **Andhra Pradesh** government plans to launch a flagship startup promotion scheme to '**Accelerate Startups in AP**' (ASAP) for early-stage **startups** to offer plug-and-play office space and access to a network of investors and mentors.
19. The government of **Maharashtra**, with the help of **LegitDoc**, a blockchain startup, plans to implement the **world's largest** blockchain-powered educational credentialing system by issuing tamper-proof digital diploma certificates under the blockchain system.
- Through such initiative, the Govt of Maharashtra became the **1st** state in India to implement a blockchain-based educational document registry, and around the globe, India (Maharashtra Government) became the **4th country** to achieve such registry after **Malta, Singapore, and Bahrain**.
20. Punjab became the 1st State in India to launch **SOHUM – Automated Auditory Brainstem Response System (AABR)** under Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Programme. The system will help in effective management of hearing loss in newborn and young children.
21. The **High Court (HC) of Gujarat** became the first court of India to **formally start live streaming of proceedings on its YouTube channel** to ensure transparency and openness in the Indian judiciary.
- It was launched on the eve of the 101st birth anniversary of Late Former CJI (16th) Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Nuthalapati Venkata (NV) Ramana**.
22. The State Government of **Haryana** is all set to launch the '**One Block, One Product**' scheme to encourage and promote **small industries in the rural areas**. It was announced by the state's Deputy Chief Minister (CM) Dushyant Chautala.
23. Telangana Chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has announced to launch Telangana **Dalit Bandhu**, also known as Dalit empowerment scheme.

24. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of **Madhya Pradesh** has virtually launched the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(**UNESCO**)'s '**Historic Urban Landscape Project**' for the city of Gwalior and Orchha.

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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

25. Defence Officials from India, **Sri Lanka and the Maldives** participated in a virtual Trilateral Tabletop Exercise 2021 (**TTX-2021**), '**Exercise Shield**' on **Maritime Security**.

- TTX-2021 was organized by Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai from July 14-15, 2021.

26. Recently, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in coordination with Sri Lankan Navy & Airforce executed 'Operation Sagar Aaraksha II' to fight a major fire onboard the **MV X-Press Pearl**, a chemical laden container vessel anchored off Colombo.

27. BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Labour & Employment Ministers' (LEMM) Meeting was held under the India's Presidency which was chaired by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour and Employment.

- During the meeting, BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Declaration 2021 was adopted.

28. European Commission (EC), the executive branch of European Union (EU) proposed plans to impose **World's 1st 'Carbon Border Tax'** from **2026** on imports of carbon-intensive goods, including steel, cement, fertilisers and aluminium as part of a programme to meet its new climate target (**Reducing emissions by 55% from 1990 levels by 2030**).

- It aims to protect European industries from competitors abroad not subject to the same carbon levies.

- During the transitional phase from 2023-25, Importers will monitor and report their emissions.

29. Under the **Africa Open DEAL initiative**, a complete collection of accurate, comprehensive digital land use data was collected across the African Continent, making **Africa** the **1st Continent in the World** to have complete **digital land use data**.

- This survey is an initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) and the African Union Commission (**AUC**), and conducted by 2018 to 2020.
- The data also revealed that Africa has over 7 billion trees outside forest area, indicating the continent has increased crop land by over 25% compared to 2018.
- Land use data can be used to study the potential of various countries in Africa and can be used in the fight against hunger.

30. India's External Affairs Minister (**EAM**) **S Jaishankar** paid a visit to Tajikistan (13-14th July) & Uzbekistan (15-16th July) to participate in regional forum meetings.

- He visited Tajikistan to participate in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation – Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (**SCO-FMM**) & the Contact Group on Afghanistan held at Dushanbe, Capital of Tajikistan.
- Jaishankar visited Uzbekistan to participate in the **Central-South Asia Conference 2021**.

31. **Singapore** implemented one of the world's largest **floating solar panel farms**, spanning an area equivalent to **45-hectare (111.2 acres)** and producing electricity to power the island's 5 water treatment plants.

32. Russia successfully test-fired the **Zircon (also known as Tsirkon)** Hypersonic Cruise Missile from Russian Navy's Admiral Gorshkov warship in White Sea.

- The missile successfully hit a target situated more than **350 Kms (217 miles)** away.

33. China has unveiled a new Maglev transportation system, which is capable of achieving a maximum speed of **600 kph or 372 mph**, in Qingdao, the coastal city in Shandong province of China.

- The Maglev train developed by China and manufactured in Qingdao is reported to be the world's fastest ground vehicle available.



34. On July 20, 2021, '**New Shepard**' Rocket System built by Blue Origin (a Company owned by Amazon's Founder, Jeff Bezos) successfully completed its **1st human spaceflight** with 4 people on board. It was launched from a private launch site near Van Horn, Texas.
35. **China's** National Carbon Market, the **world's largest Emissions Trading System (ETS)** began its trading on July 16, 2021.
- China has replaced European Union (EU) as the largest Carbon Market.
  - China is the world's biggest emitter of Greenhouse gases; the scheme is part of China's efforts to **decarbonize its economy by 2060**.
36. **Rasmi Ranjan Das**, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance (**FinMin**), Government of India has been appointed as a member of the **UN Tax Committee**, formally known as the United Nations (**UN**) **Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**.
- He is one of the 25 tax experts from across the globe who were appointed by António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN, for a period of 5 years from **2021 to 2025**.
  - The committee will promote International cooperation on domestic and international tax matters.

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## REPORTS & INDICES

37. According to a recent review '**Energising Commonwealth Trade in a Digital World: Paths to Recovery Post-COVID**' released by the Commonwealth Association, due to COVID-19 commonwealth countries lost trade worth **USD 345 billion** worth of trade in 2020, including USD 60 billion in intra-Commonwealth trade.

- Among the developing nations, only India recorded higher overall Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in 2020. FDI inflows increased by more than USD 13 billion in 2020, a 29.5% increase over the average annual inflows for 2017-19.
- Globally, COVID-19 has impacted all Commonwealth members' economies and led to USD 1.15 trillion in past GDP in just one year.

38. According to the mid-2021 edition of '**Electricity Market Report**' released by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the demand for electricity is growing faster than the production of Renewable Energy (RE). This is leading to an increase in usage of heavily polluting coal, threatening the efforts made by countries to reach Carbon neutrality.

- **Electricity demand is expected to grow by 5% in 2021**, which is 1% more than the drop experienced in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- **Renewable power production increased by 7% in 2020**. IEA expects RE production to grow by 8% in 2021 and by more than 6% in 2022.

39. In July 2021, the High -Level Political Forum (**HLPF**) on Sustainable Development Goals (**SDG**) conducted the review meeting on the 2030 Agenda for attaining the 17 SDGs.

- The meeting was hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**). During the review meeting, ECOSOC mentioned that, COVID-19 crisis has pushed 119 million to 124 million people into extreme poverty.
- Countries across the World shall enact Gender-responsive policies to build back a better future and refocus on attaining SDGs by 2030.

40. In accordance with the report titled '**India Inequality Report 2021: India's Unequal Healthcare Story**' by Oxfam India, there are sharp inequalities across different caste, religious, class and gender categories on various health indicators.

- As per report general category is better than the SCs (Scheduled Caste) and STs (Scheduled Tribes), Hindus are better than Muslims, rich are better than the poor, men are better than women, and the urban population is than the rural population on most health determinants, interventions and indicators.
- Notably, it named **Kerala** as a success story in handling the pandemic.

41. India's efforts in streamlining the assessment and clearance of shipments to ease and boost cross-border trade have fetched fruitful results as India's Trade facilitation score has increased to 90.32% from 78.49% in 2019 in the United Nations (UN) **4th Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021**.
- It tracked **143** economies on **58** parameters related to the WTO's **Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)**, Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA), among others over a two-year period.
  - India was among the best-performing countries in South and South West Asia, and the Asia Pacific region.
42. In accordance with the "**Sustainable Recovery Tracker**" by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**, the global greenhouse gas emissions will raise to record levels by 2023 as governments are providing fiscal support (\$16 trillion) to stabilize their economies affected by coronavirus pandemic, but only about 2% (roughly **\$380 billion**) of this spending has been allocated to clean energy measures.
- Both public and private funds towards clean energy measures are well below the level to attain international climate goals.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & PROGRAMMES

43. On July 16, 2021, Education Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan**, and Tribal Affairs Minister, **Arjun Munda**, jointly launched a training program for **school teachers** named '**School Innovation Ambassador Training Program**' (**SIATP**).
- The program is formed by the Ministry of Education's (MoE) Innovation Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education), and AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education).
  - Under the training module of SIATP, **50,000** school teachers will be trained online in the field of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Intellectual property rights (IPR), Idea generation, etc.
44. India is target of attaining over **Rs 100 billion Blue Economy** through Deep Ocean Missions (**DOM**) and conducting deep sea explorations.

45. In order to promote and facilitate investments in the Indian Dairy sector, the **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)** of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying on July 19, 2021 has setup Dairy Investment Accelerator under its **Investment Facilitation Cell**.

- The Investment Accelerator is a cross functional team to act as **intermediary** with investors.
- Accelerator will work with DAHD to organize events with international & local industry participants to facilitate direct interactions with government officials and other players in the industry.

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## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

46. The digital platform '**Kisan Sarathi**' was jointly launched by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw to help farmers get 'right information at the right time' in their desired language.

- The portal was launched virtually on the occasion of **93rd Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** Foundation Day i.e 16th July, 2021.
- The initiative will help in **addressing the location specific information** needs of the farmers as well as Agricultural Extension, Education and Research activities of ICAR.
- The portal is powered by Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS), Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

47. The Asian Development Bank's (**ADB**) Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021 Supplement has reduced India's GDP growth forecast for FY22 by 1 percent to **10 percent**, from its earlier projection of 11 percent due to COVID-19.
- The GDP growth estimation for FY23 was increased by ADB to **7.5 percent** from its earlier projection of 7 percent.
  - India's Inflation forecast for FY21 was increased by ADB from 5.2 percent to 5.5 percent, whereas the forecast for FY22 was kept unchanged at 4.8 percent.
  - ADB's projection towards inflation indicated successive inflation for 3 years at the range of 6 percent (The inflation target set by RBI was 2-6 percent).

## FINANCE & BANKING

### 48. **RBI Restricted MasterCard; RBL Bank tie-up with VISA to Issue Credit Cards**

- The restriction imposed by the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) on **MasterCard** from onboarding new domestic customers (debit, credit or prepaid) onto their card networks from July 22, 2021, have imposed a higher impact on the card issuer's (bank) business growth.
- **RBL Bank**, which has issued credit cards only on the Mastercard payment network, has now entered into an agreement with **Visa** Worldwide Pte Ltd to issue credit cards on Visa's payment network.
- YES Bank, and Bajaj Finserv, that have all their credit card business with MasterCard also got affected. HDFC Bank has 3 co-branded cards with Mastercard while State Bank of India (SBI) has 2.
- RBL Bank is the **5th** largest credit card issuer in India.

49. **FEDDY**, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered virtual assistant was launched by **Federal Bank** to provide 24\*7 assistance to its customers on banking related queries. FEDDY is a State-of-Art tool that can also be integrated and accessed through Alexa, Google Assistant and WhatsApp. Notably, Federal Bank previously launched

- "**FedSelfie**"- a user-friendly tool that allows users' to open a bank account by taking selfies.
- "**Federal 24\*7**" - Users can open bank accounts through Video Call



50. 'Pension Funds Regulatory and Development Authority' (**PFRDA**) has made amendments over the PFRDA (Pension Fund) Regulations, 2015 and **modified** the Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI**) **limit** in the pension fund management under the National Pension System (NPS) to **74 percent** from **49 percent**.
51. In July 2021, the Bank of Maharashtra (**BoM**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 'National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development' (**NABARD**) to foster the existing developmental initiatives that are linked to **Priority Sector Lending (PSL)** in Maharashtra.
52. To protect the interest of investors in securities, the 'Securities and Exchange Board of India' (**SEBI**) has devised a certain new standardised rating scale viz. **Expected Loss (EL) based RatingScale** for the **Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs)**.
- The EL based RatingScale has to be used by the CRAs while rating projects/instruments associated with the infrastructure sector.
  - The EL-based rating symbols and their definitions provided by the CRAs were divided into a scale of **7 levels**, spanning from lowest to highest expected loss.
53. Paytm enabled its **Paytm Payments Bank's (PPB)** customers to make instant payments across online platforms through its all-in-one payment gateway using balances available in their **Fixed Deposit (FD)** account, which is held with **IndusInd Bank**, the partner bank of Paytm.
54. Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) launched a non-linked, non-participating, regular premium, individual, health insurance plan named – '**Arogya Rakshak**' to provide fixed benefit health insurance cover against certain specified health risks.
55. **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** amended the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016 to enhance the discipline, transparency, and accountability in corporate insolvency proceedings.

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

56. Two communities from India viz, **Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited** and **Snehakunja Trust** won the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) **Equator Prize 2021**– for their exceptional achievement in showcasing local, innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity loss and climate change and achieving their local development goals.

## PERSON IN NEWS

57. Internet and Mobile Association of India (**IAMAI**) has appointed **Google India** Vice President and Managing Director **Sanjay Gupta** as its Chairman for **2021-23** by succeeding Amit Agarwal, Amazon Senior Vice President and India Country Manager.

58. Indian photojournalist and Pulitzer prize winner **Danish Siddiqui** (38 years old), was killed by the Taliban militants in Spin Boldak district of Afghanistan's Kandahar province.

- He was killed while covering the fighting between Afghan security forces and the Taliban. He hails from Delhi, India.

59. **Bimal Jalan**, Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) and Member of Parliament (**MP**), has authored a new book titled "**The India Story: An Epic Journey Of Democracy And Development**" based on extensive research and data, and his experience as RBI Governor.

- The book published by **Rupa Publications India** focuses on the economic history of India and provides lessons for the future of the political economy.

## OBITUARIES

60. Veteran Theatre and television actress **Surekha Sikri**, 3-time national Award winner passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- She was born on 19th April 1945 in New Delhi, British India.
- She was well known for her role in **Badhaai Ho**, starring Ayushmann Khurrana.

61. **Gautam Benegal**, National Award-winning animation filmmaker and cartoonist passed away.

- He was born in 1965 in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- He won the National award (**Rajatkamal**) – Best Animation Film for 2010 for his film “The Prince and the Crown of Stone”.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

62. The United Nations (UN)'s **Nelson Mandela International Day** is annually observed across the globe on **18th July** to recognise the contributions of Nelson Mandela towards justice, peace and dialogue and his role in Africa's struggle for liberation and unity.
- The day also marks the birth anniversary of **Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela** who played a major role in creating a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa.
  - The day is also known as “**Mandela Day**”.
  - The 2021 Mandela Day marks the **103rd** birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela. The theme of the 2021 Nelson Mandela International Day is “**One Hand Can Feed Another**”.
63. The United Nations (UN)'s **World Chess Day** is annually observed across the globe on **20th July** to highlight the role of the World Chess Federation or International Chess Federation (**FIDE**) towards international cooperation for chess activity and improving harmony among the people across the globe.
64. The **Pi Approximation Day** is annually observed across the globe on **22nd July (22/7)** to honour the concept of pi, represented using the Greek alphabet – ‘**π**’ and the approximation of pi values to 3.14 in a mathematically pleasing way.

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## SPORTS

65. **Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland** were inducted as Members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) during ICC's 78th Annual General Meeting.
- With this, the total number of ICC members stands at 106 (12 Full Members, 94 Associate Members).
66. Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton (Britain)** won the British Grand Prix 2021 held at Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, United Kingdom (UK). This is Hamilton's 8 victory at the British GP (his victory coming in 2008) & overall **99th GP victory**.
67. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the honour of hosting the Games of the 35th Olympiad or **2032 Summer Olympics** to **Australia's Brisbane city**.
- Brisbane was selected unanimously by the IOC's 15-member executive board as the host city for the 2032 Olympics.
  - This will be the **3rd time** Australia will host an Olympic game, after the Melbourne games in 1956 and Sydney games in 2000.
  - Notably, Australia's Queensland has recently hosted the 2018 Commonwealth Games
68. The **32nd Edition of Olympic Games** is set to take place in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021 – 8th August, 2021.
- As many as 204 countries are participating in the games.
  - The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be held from 24th August – 5th September, 2021
  - Summer Olympic Mascot – '**MIRAITOWA**'; Paralympic Mascot – Someity.
  - The 2020 Games mark the 2nd time that Japan is hosting the Summer Olympic Games, the 1st one also took place in Tokyo in 1964. It is the 1st City in Asia to host the Summer Games Twice (Including Winter Games, it is the 4th Olympic Games in Japan).
  - **Karate, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Surfing, and 4x400m mixed relay** are set to make their Olympic debut in the 2020 Olympics.
  - The Olympics are organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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