

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 2020

- Lebanon's explosion was caused by 2,700 tons of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$
- **Virat Kohli** is Ranked first in the ICC player Ranking for ODI Batsmen 2020.
- finance track for the G20 leaders' summit 2020 is to be hosted by **SAUDI ARABIA** country at the end of 2020
- **Ammonium Nitrate**, the chemical compound that caused a huge explosion in Beirut, Lebanon on Aug 4, 2020 killing hundreds and injuring thousands.
- **Lebanon**, Capital was rocked by a massive explosion in August 2020.
- **Apple Inc**, company removed 29,800 apps from its Chinese app store, including more than 26,000 games.
- **UAE** is going to host the 6th annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in 2021.
- The Police Martyrs Day is observed on **4<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.
- federal cabinet approved a new political map of Pakistan, which includes the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJ&K) and other disputed areas on **4<sup>th</sup> August**.
- Nine-year-old Pakistani girl **Natalia Najam** beats Indian professor, sets world record in chemistry by arranging all elements of periodic chart in just 2 minutes and 42 seconds.
- **Dr Faisal Sultan** is Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on health.
- Current Hijri Year is **1442 AH**.
- "Tiger Force Day" was celebrated on **9th August 2020**.
- **China** has provided 12 T16 high-tech drones to help Pakistan combating locusts.
- **Wasim Shahzad** is the Current Leader of the House in Senate of Pakistan.
- **Brig (r) Shujah Hassan** is the Current CEO of Pakistan Steel Mills
- **Zahid Hafeez** has been appointed as new Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- President Alvi confers **Nishan-e-Pakistan** to Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani on 14th August 2020.
- The handing over ceremony of the Al Khalid-I tank was held at **Heavy Industries Taxila (HIT)**
- Battle tank Al Khalid-I has been developed in collaboration with **China and Ukraine**
- The Pak Army has upgraded the version of Al Khalid tank known as **Al Khalid-I**
- The current test series being played between Pakistan and England in Aug, 2020 is the **27th** test series between the two countries
- Pakistan observed 'Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir' (Day of Exploitation in occupied Kashmir) on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
- Rizwana Yasmeen is current Captain of Pakistan women's Hockey Team.
- The first Pakistani born American female astrophysicist **Nergis Mavalvala** is

appointed as Dean of school of science at MIT in 2020.

- **China** sells most Advanced Warship to Pakistan.
- **Imran Khan** was declared "Man of the Year" by the Muslim 500
- According to the Reports by Energy Policy Institute at the university of Chicago, **Bangladesh** Country is the Most Polluted Country Globally
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Announced that the 1st International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste will be observed on **29th September 2020**.
- Walter Roger Martos Ruiz, becomes new Prime Minister of Peru.
- The current Islamic year is **1142 AH**.
  1. The Islamic Year also called the Hijri Year or Arabic Year, The First Islamic month called Muharram. the founder of Hijri Year? Second Khalifa Umar ibn Al-Khattab, is the creator of the Hijri calendar.
- **1200** Pakistanis released from UAE jails in July 2020.
- Govt announces to observe 'Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir' on 5 August.
- Pakistan Post issues special postage stamp Rs. **58** to mark Youm e Istehsal.
- Prime Minister Imran inaugurated Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on: **August 13, 2020**
  - The project, built at a cost of Rs70 billion, is a **27.5 kilometre-long** corridor track with 31 stations and seven feeder routes stretching **62km with 146 stops** to

facilitate thousands of passengers every day, BRT start in **October 2017**.

- Pakistan's deforestation rate is **second** highest in Asia
- President Alvi confers **Nishan-e-Pakistan** to Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani on 14th August 2020, Syed Ali is the 27th foreign recipients of Nishan-e-Pakistan.
- President Dr. Arif Alvi conferred Pakistan's civil awards to **184** Pakistanis and foreigners in recognition of their services to Pakistan on 14 August 2020.
- Prime Minister Imran Khan on August 4, 2020 unveiled a "new political map" of Pakistan which also included occupied Kashmir.
- The federal government celebrated 'Tiger ForceDay' on August 9, and a tree plantation drive was held across Pakistan.
- Zaheer Abbas, has become the sixth Pakistani cricketer to join the International Cricket Council (ICC) Hall of Fame as on Aug 23, 2020.
- Pakistan has recently acquired an advanced war ship named 05A/P, from China.
- The police Martyrs Day is observed on August 4th across Pakistan, aimed to pay homage to services of police department.
  - 1 The Martyrs Day was observed for the fourth consecutive year on the death anniversary of Shaheed Safwat Ghayur, the commandant of Frontier Constabulary KhyberPakhtunkhwa Police who was martyred in a suicide attack on his vehicle on 4th August, 2010.

- Hasil Bizenjo passed away recently. He belonged to Balochistan.
  - 1) Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo (3 February 1958 – 20 August 2020). He was the President of the National Party of Pakistan, Died at the age of 62 years.
- Jordan-based publication has declared Prime Minister Imran Khan 'Man of the Year' in the Muslim world while US Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib has been declared 'Woman of the Year'. In its 11th annual issue, 'The Muslim 500: The World's 500 Most Influential Muslims' has selected Mr Khan because of his various initiatives before and after becoming prime minister, including his efforts for long-lasting peace with India.
- Renowned Seraiki folk singer Shifauallah Khan Rokhri passed away on 29 August.
- Prime Minister Imran Khan on August 26, 2020 constituted the National Coordination Committee on Tourism to implement the National Tourism Strategy, for boosting tourism and creating employment.
- The Foreign Office on August 5, 2020 notified Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri as its new spokesman. Zahid Hafeez replaces Aisha Farooqui as FO spokesperson.
- Eminent artist Shahid Jalal passed away at the age of 72 on 17 August.
- CPEC Internship Programme was recently launched on 15 August.
- The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) will partially resume its flights to the United Kingdom from Aug 14, 2020 with a hired plane. Abdullah Hafeez is the current spokesman of PIA.
- The UN Security Council (UNSC) held an urgent meeting on August 5, 2020 to review the situation arising out of the Aug 5, 2019, siege of Kashmir by India.
- The World Bank (WB) on August 3, 2020 announced appointed Najy Benhassine as new country director for Pakistan.
- Dr. Faisal Sultan, On August 3, 2020 has been appointed as special assistant to PM on health after resignation of Dr. Zafar Mirza.
- Pakistan's former ambassador Abdul Salak Khan has been appointed as the Chairman Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC) for five years, as on July 30, 2020.
- Current Secretary General of SAARC "Esala Ruwan Weerakon" belongs to Sri Lanka.
- **PUBG** app has temporary banned by PTA on 1st July 2020
- **China** to help Pakistan set up phytosanitary facility.
- **Major Gen Nigar Johar** has been promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant General and Appointed as Surgeon General,
- **Muhammad Javed Ghani** is the Current Chairman of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)
- **USA** has donated 100 ventilators to support Pakistan in its fight against Covid-19.
- **Pakistan** became permanent member of SCO Youth Council in July 2020
- **Punjab Government** introduced "Bakar Mandi" online mobile application to facilitate cattle purchase process on Eid-ul-Azha between buyer and seller.

- **Asifa Akhtar** Pakistan born scientist who became the first international female vice president of the biology and medicine section at Germany's prestigious Max Planck Society.
- The Senate Committee for Human Rights on July 14 approved the upcoming Pakistani movie **Zindagi Tamasha** for screening, dismissing all objections raised against the film.
- **Etihad Airways** announced to increase its flights operations for Pakistan from July 16, 2020.
- Pakistan aims to generate 30% of clean energy by **2030**
- **PM Imran Khan** has been inaugurated the facility of country's first-ever indigenously made ventilators at National Radio and Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC) in Haripur?
- **Pakistan** will host Asia cup cricket in 2022.
- **Captain (retd) Arif Nawaz Khan** is the current IG of New Railways Police.
- **Pakistan** will Host the World Tourism Forum 2021
- **19<sup>th</sup>** is the rank of Pakistan, according to the NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative) nuclear security index 2020.
- **Senior journalist Matiullah Jan** was abducted from Islamabad on 21st July 2020 & released after 12 hours
- **Maj.Gen Aamer Ikram** is current Executive Director of National Institute of Health Islamabad.
- Pakistan has signed an agreement with China for **700 MW Azad Pattan hydropower Project** in July 2020
- **Bilawal Latif Dawar** wrote the book "Pashtoon Heroes"
- According to the UN data, **5<sup>th</sup>** is population wise rank of Pakistan in 2020
- Pakistan has found new deposits of oil and gas in exploratory well Mamikhel South-01, located in Tal block in **KPK**.
- Pakistan has achieved the UN Sustainable Development Goal for protecting the environment and holding off climate change **10 years** before the deadline
- Renowned Pakistani magician Iqbal Hussain, who entertained his fans for decades, passed away on Thursday July 16 after suffering a fatal cardiac arrest. He was from **Peshawar**
- Pakistan allows Afghanistan's exports through the Wagah border with India Under the 2010 **bilateral trade agreement between Pakistan and Afghanistan**
- **Arshad Nadeem** of the Javelin thrower who has become the first Pakistani to directly qualify for Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on 23-July-2020 ordered sealing of the Navy Sailing Club on the **Rawal lake**
- Pak Army inducted Al Khalid-I main battle tank in Armoured Corps Regiment on 28 July 2020
- **The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and The United Nations (Security Council) (Amendment) Bill, 2020** FATF-related bills were passed through National Assembly on 29-July-2020
- Recently **Munir Akram** Pakistani ambassador has been elected as the President of the UN Economic & Social

Council, **6<sup>th</sup>** times Pakistan has been elected as the president of the UN Economic & Social Council.

- Ra'ad-II, which was tested recently, is a nuclear-capable cruise missile of **Pakistan**
- **US President** has signed an order to protect its monuments and memorials.
- **United Nations** organization has launched the "Alliance for Poverty Eradication" amid Covid-19 pandemic
- **Myanmar** allowed commercial farming of endangered species in June 2020.
- **Torture: a crime against humanity** is the theme of International Day in Support of Victims of Torture for year 2020
- **Iran** has issued an arrest warrant for US President Donald Trump and 35 others over the killing of its top General.
- the Russian private space agency **Energia** that aims to send the two private tourists, one of them will be the first in history to perform a space walk, to International Space Station in 2023
- Two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan has retired from badminton. He hails from **China**.
- **Colombia** army fire 31 members for alleged sex abuse against minors in July, 2020.
- **Jean Castex** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France
- **Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN** the theme of 36th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit
- The New Strain of Swine Flu Virus is named as 'G4 EA H1N1 (commonly called G4 virus) having Human Pandemic Potential Discovered in **China**.

- **Fugaku** is termed as the fastest Computer in the World recently in June 2020.
- Pakistan population is equivalent to 2.83% of the total world population. Pakistan ranks number 5 in the list of countries (and dependencies) by population.
- On 10th July 2020, Turkey reconverts Istanbul's Hagia Sophia museum into a Masjid.
- **UAE** become first Arab country to launch Mars probe
- **Dr. Marcus Pleyer** is the Current President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) ? Which is founded in 1989, having 39 members and headquartered in Paris.
- **USA** has formally notified the United Nations that it is withdrawing from the World Health Organization
- **Israel** has successfully launched Ofek **16** reconnaissance (spy) satellite into orbit on 5th July 2020
- **Japan** participated in PASSEX naval exercise at Malacca Strait with India to promote understanding in Indian ocean
- New Zealand planned to host 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit Virtually
- **Uganda** the 1st African country which submits results for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) to UNFCCC.
- In July, 2020 The United Kingdom ordered all Huawei technology to be stripped out of the UK's 5G network by **2027**
- Zindzi Mandela, the youngest daughter of South Africa's first black president Nelson Mandela died on 13th July 2020, she was  
Prepared and complied by MK

South Africa's current **Ambassador to Denmark**

- US tech giant Google announces \$10 billion 'digitization' fund for India
- Identify the term that has been coined by the researchers to refer to the Covid-19 induced lockdown period in human history. (**Anthropause**)
- The cable TV operators of **Nepal** country have banned all the news channels of India, except Doordarshan.
- Sri Lanka will host Asia Cup 2020, which has been postponed and will be rescheduled to June 2021
- On 10th July, 2020 **Lt. J.G. Madeline Swegle** became the U.S. Navy's first Black female Tactical Aircraft pilot.
- Researchers in **Australia** have devised a test that can determine novel Coronavirus infection in about 20 minutes using blood samples in what they say is a world-first breakthrough.
- World's first e-pilgrimage held at Lourdes shrine in **France**
- UK has banned its telecom companies from sourcing 5G equipment from Huawei.
- **Twitter** social media verified Accounts of the world's top business magnates and politicians got hacked on July 15, 2020
- Google has been receiving backlash for allegedly deleting **Palestine** nation from Google Maps.
- Chile police train dogs to sniff out Covid-19.
- **73th** is Pakistan's Rank according to the 11th edition of the 'Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2020' released by US

based property consultant Jones Lang LaSalle's

- **Iran** has dropped India from Chahbahar Rail Project.
- Russia has become the world's first to successfully complete human trials of its COVID vaccine.
- **Juma Prayer** took place at Hagia Sophia Mosque in Turkey after its conversion from Museum to Mosque.
- After 86 years span of time, the Muslim prayers have been resumed for the first time in the iconic Hagia Sophia Mosque in Turkey
- **Turkmenistan** became the 25th country to receive observer status in the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- **Greta Thunberg** has won Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.
- **Tianwen-1** of China's first Mars exploration mission which is successfully launched on 23rd July 2020
- **Bangladesh** has banned free internet services for social media
- NASA has postponed the launch of James Webb Space Telescope till **October 2021**.
- **Russia Parliament** has begun the process of banning same-sex marriage.
- World Hepatitis Day celebrated on 28 July.
- The United Arab Emirates has successfully launched an orbital probe named **Hope** to Mars on 20th July 2020
- On July 30, 2020 **Huawei** smartphone manufacturer became the top smartphone selling company in the world

- **Perseverance** was the name of the rover launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral Florida on July 30, 2020 on a mission to find life on Mars.
- In July 2020, The United States of America had offered a reward of \$5 millions for the capture of chief justice of **Venezuela**
- In July 2020, The first active leak of Methane gas from the sea floor was revealed by scientists in **Antarctica**.
- **India-Israel** countries collaborate to develop rapid testing for COVID-19 under 30 seconds
- South Korea's first-ever military communications satellite has been successfully launched by private operator SpaceX, its name is **ANASIS-II**
- **Mark Honigsbaum** is the author of the recently released book 'The Pandemic Century'
- the Turkish President and founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, transformed the Hagia Sophia building into a Museum in 1935.
- **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** was the first president of Turkey who issued presidential decree to transform the Hagia Sophia Mosque into a Museum.
- Originally, in **1453** the Turks conquered Constantinople (Istanbul) and the Hagia Sophia was converted to a Mosque.
- UAE is going to host the 6th annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in 2021
- SABIC's Polycarbonate facility in Spain is set to become the world's first large scale chemical production plant which will run entirely on renewable power.
- 'Lee Teng Hui' has died at the age of 97 on 30 July 2020 was the former president of **Taiwan**.
- Identify the European satellite system to be launched by German Manufacturers to monitor carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere across the globe (CO2M)
- Barakah, Arab world's first nuclear power plant, was launched on Aug 1st, 2020 on the Gulf coast by UAE
- India will host the next edition of Men's T20 world cup in 2021
- Israel authorities have turned 15 mosques into Jewish synagogues.
- **USA** has launched 'Operation Legend' in July 2020
- **Russia** has successfully tested the Zircon missile
- The theme of World Water Day 2020 is **Water and Climate Change**
- Which country has recently pledged 5 Million US dollars to COVID-19 SAARC emergency fund **Sri Lanka**
- Sindh Govt. has imposed a provincewide lockdown for 15 days in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 on **Mar 23, 2020**
- Who is the Current Prime Minister of Italy **Giuseppe Conte**
- Scientists at which US University have found that cold plasma can kill 99.9% of airborne viruses **University of Michigan**
- Which country hosted the inaugural G20 finance ministers' and central bank governors' meeting **Saudi Arabia**



- Recently Huntington disease is in news. Which body part gets affected by Huntington disease **Brain**
- Which country has recommended the use of Bear bile as a cure of COVID-19 **China**
- The theme for Global Recycling Day 2020 was **Recycling Heroes**
- 7th World Cities Summit 2020 to be held in which country from July 5 to 9 **Singapore**
- Which organization has announced USD 6.5 billion package for developing member countries for COVID-19 **ADB**
- Which is NASA's mission to study Giant Solar Particle Storms **SunRISE**
- First virtual G20 summit 2020 was held on **March 26<sup>th</sup>**
- The first G-20 virtual summit held on March 26, 2020. It will be held under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia's King Salman. The summit is bring together the world's 20 major economies to discuss measures to respond to COVID 19 pandemic.
- Which country was world's second largest arms importer in 2015-19 according to a report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) **India**
- Who is the current head of World Health Organization (WHO) **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**
- The theme for International Day of Forests 2020 **Forests and Biodiversity**
- Which city will host the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) session in 2023 **Mumbai**
- Denys Shmygal became the new Prime Minister of which country **Ukraine**
- World Future Energy Summit 2020 was held in which country **Abu Dhabi**
- The theme for this year's World Future Energy Summit 2020 **Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment**
- Tsai Ing-wen has won the second presidential term, she belongs to which country **Taiwan**
- After years the United States & Taliban signed historic peace agreement in Doha, Qatar **18**
- The name of Pak-Bahrain joint exercise held in National Counter Terrorism Center Pabbi in February 2020 **Al-Badar IV**
- The Rising Blue mural at Centre point in Karachi has been designed by artist Giuseppe Percivati from **talian**
- Hantaviruses are spread to humans through contact with certain animals. Animals are Deer mice, New World rats, White-footed mice
- What group(s) of people has/have a higher risk of developing severe disease and death due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) **60 years old or above and people already underlying medical conditions**
- Which from the following is NOT a common symptom of Covid-19 infection **Headache**
- US President Donald Trump was acquitted from abuse of power and obstruction of Congress (impeachment) charges on **5 Feb 2020**
- The Coronavirus causes **respiratory infections**
- The recent leap year, where February has/had 29 days, is/was **2020 (Ring of Fire)**



- Gunmen attacked on Sikh temple on 25 March 2020 in **Afghanistan**
- Summer Olympics 2020 has been postponed for one year that was planned to be held in **Japan**
- On 21 December 2019 Justice Gulzar Ahmed took oath as \_\_\_\_\_ chief justice of Pakistan, **27<sup>th</sup>**
- On 10 January 2020, PM inaugurated Dry Port in which district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa **Nowshera**
- been selected for UN peacekeeping force, What is her name **Gull Nisa**
- A video conference of SAARC leaders on CoronaVirus was held on **15 March 2020**
- Muhammad Qasim Khan has sworn in as new Chief Justice of \_\_\_\_\_ on 19 March 2020 **Lahore High Court**
- Which Pakistani scientist has been elected as Chair of Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change **Arif Goheer**
- PM Imran Khan recently wrote an article in **New York Times**
- Pakistan will send first astronaut into space in 2022 with help of **China**
- Which Government has Launch Helicopter Service to Promote Tourism **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**
- Rahat Fateh Ali Khan awarded honorary doctorate degree by **Oxford University**
- How many medals won by Team Pakistan in World Memory Sports Council's UK Open Championships 2019 **5 Medals**
- First Pakistani to climb seven peaks of over 8,000 metres in the world is **Ali Sadpara**
- Who has recently been nominated as Prime Minister of Iraq by President Barham Salih **Adnan Jurfi**
- **German** nation's leader called 'Coronavirus' its biggest challenge since World War II. Members of Quadrilateral group are US, Pakistan, China and **Afghanistan**.
- What is the rank of Pakistan in the (EIU) Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index 2019 **108**
- Which university in Pakistan developed testing kits for detecting Covid-19 **NUST**
- Noman Akram was PAF's **Wing Commander** who embraced martyrdom in F-16 crash on 11<sup>th</sup> march 2020
- Which billionaire donated 500K coronavirus test kits and 1 million face masks to US **Jack Ma**
- IMF announces \_\_\_\_\_ program to fight Coronavirus outbreak **\$50 billion**
- Which Global organization says it's ready to mobilize its \$1 trillion lending capacity to fight coronavirus **IMF**
- The name of PAF's Wing Commander who embraced martyrdom in F-16 crash in Islamabad on 11th march 2020 **Noman Akram**
- The theme for World Wildlife Day 2020 was **Sustaining all life on Earth**
- The 43rd session of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was held in was held in **Rome, Italy** city from 11-12 Feb 2020
- Who is the Current IG of National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) **Dr Syed Kaleem Imam**

- Which country has successfully launched its first sea-based space rocket from Yellow Sea **China**
- Recently which African country has been listed in FATF's Grey list **Mauritius**
- First Muslim Hijab woman elected as Member of Israel Parliament in March 2020 elections is **Iman Khatib-Yasin**
- Which city hosted the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety **Stockholm**
- Number of Supporting Countries in Heart of Asia – Istanbul Ministerial Process are **17 Supporting Countries**
- A robotic junk collector Will be launched into space under ClearSpace-1 mission by which Space Agency **ESA**
- Pakistan will host next South Asian games in 2021. In which year Pakistan hosted these games last time **2004**
- Which nation has blocked its border for nearly 10000 migrants from Turkey **Greece**
- A 2000 years old statue was found at the ancient site of in **Mound Dillu Roy** Kot Chutta, Dera Ghazi Khan District
- Current Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh is **Mushtaq Ahmed Mahar**
- USA and Taliban signed a historic peace deal on **29th February 2020**
- Saudi Arabian government banned its citizens and other residents of the kingdom from performing the pilgrimage in Makkah on **4th March 2020**
- Pakistan had won EU's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Plus status for **Two years**
- Women's day was celebrated on **8th March 2020**
- On 10th March 2020 who is appointed as new chairmen of Pakistan International Airline Corporation Limited (PIACL) **Aslam R. Khan**
- National Assembly approved amended Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Bill, 2019, on **11th March 2020**
- World Health Organization (WHO) declared Coronavirus (COVID-19) as pandemic on **11th March 2020**
- Pakistan Air Force F-16 aircraft crashed in Shakarparian on **11th March 2020**
- Who represents Egypt in 56th Munich Security Conference 2020 **Sameh Hassan Shoukry**
- According to the recent estimates published by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which economy is most affected by the coronavirus outbreak **European Union**
- RekoDiq has large gold and copper reserves in which district of Baluchistan **Chagai**
- What was the theme of 74th Session of UNGA of 2019 Climate Action and Inclusion, Quality Education, Galvanising Multilateral Efforts for Poverty Eradication
- Pakistan's first ever street library opened in which city **Karachi**
- Which country has resumed a military training program with Pakistan **USA**
- Pakistan has been selected as the President of Asia Pacific Group of **UNESCO**
- The parliament passed the **Zainab Alert** bill, Response and Recovery Act, 2020 which aims to protect and raise alert when a child goes missing or is abducted

- Pakistan's 16-year-old **Naseem Shah** has become the youngest player to take a hat-trick in Test cricket
- Pakistan and which country, on 13th feb 2020 started their joint counter terrorism exercise "Samsam VII" **Saudi Arabia**
- Islamabad High Court bans corporal punishment for children under the age of **12**
- How many times Pakistan has won the Kabaddi World Cup **1**
- Who won the 15th Cholistan Jeep Rally 2020 **Nadir Magsi**
- Who is the first and only Pakistani so far selected as one of the six finalists for the prestigious Lexus Design Award 2020 for designing a sewing machine for the visually impaired **Aqsa Ajmal**
- Who has been appointed as new Attorney General for Pakistan, replacing Anwar Mansoor Khan **Khalid Jawed**
- How many Awards are awarded there in PSL for best Performers **3**
- Which country has become the first G20 country to launch a Gender Gap Accelerator **France**
- The theme for International Women's Day 2020 **I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights**
- Which of the following is the first country to develop an antibody test to identify the novel corona virus (COVID-19) **Singapore**
- When Pak-Africa Trade Development Conference 2020 held in Nairobi **30-31 Jan**
- Which country has national emergency to tackle the attack of locust swarms **Pakistan**
- On 1st February 2020, Pakistani female army officers awarded UN Medal for exemplary services in **Congo**.
- How many times Turkish President "RecepTayyip Erdogan" addressed a joint session of Parliament of Pakistan **4 times**
- Sultan Azlan Shah Cup tournament is associated among which of the following games **Hockey**
- The Earth shot Prize was introduced by **Prince William**
- Name the current President of the European Central Bank **Christine Lagarde**
- Name the British MP who took oath in Urdu **Afzal Khan**
- According Researchers from South China Agricultural University, \_\_\_\_\_ animal has been identified as potential link for novel Coronavirus spread **Pangolins**
- Which country has signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and has authorised the establishment of Space **US**
- Which country has recently successfully test-fired Ra'ad-II Cruise Missile **Pakistan**
- The Minister For Law and Justice is **Farogh Naseem**.
- The legislative term of the Parliament is **15<sup>th</sup>**
- The Minister For Maritime is **Ali Haider Zaidi**
- The Minister for interior is **Aijaz Ahmed shah**
- The Defence minister is **Parvaiz Khatak**
- The Minister For Energy **Umar Ayub khan**
- The Minister for Planning, development, reforms and Special Initiative is **Asad Umar**
- **Makhdoon Khusro Bakhtiar**-Economic Affairs Minister

- **Hammad Azhar**- Industries Minister
- **Azam Sawati**- Narcotics Control
- **Babar Awan**- PM's Advisor on Parliamentary Affairs
- **Omar Hameed**- New Secretary Ministry of National Food Security
- **Amin-ul-Haq** is new Minister of Telecom
- Who is the Leader of the Labor Party in UK **Jeremy Corbyn**
- Who is the US Secretary of Defense **Mark T. Esper**
- Where Afghan-Peace-Deal was signed **Doha**
- Who signed the peace accord on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan **Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar**
- Who won the first Match of PSL 5 2020 **Quetta Gladiators**
- Kabaddi World Cup 2020 Final was played in which City **Lahore**
- Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of Air Launched Cruise Missile "Ra'adII" on 18th February 2020 with a range **600 kilometres**
- Govt of Pakistan seeks help from which UN organization to combat locust problem **FAO**
- The new Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan is **Sikandar Sultan Raja**
- The current President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is **Masatsugu Asakawa**
- Who was appointed as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / Senior General Manager (SGM) of Pakistan Railways (PR) on 24th January 2020 **Mr. Dost Ali Leghari**
- When did the World Health Organisation (WHO) declare Corona Virus as an

International Health Emergency **30th January 2020**

- New Prime Minister of Malaysia is **Muhyiddin Yassin**. A former Interior Minister & President of Bersatu Party. He become 8th Prime Minister of Malaysia. King of Malaysia **Abdullah** made him PM and take oath from him on March 1st, 2020.
- Presidential Elections in Iran took place on **21st February 2020**
- On 21st February, FATF placed Iran on **Black List**
- On 21st February, FATF decided to keep Pakistan on Grey list until **July 2020**
- Recep Tayyip Erdogan addressed a joint session of the parliament on **14th February 2020**
- UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, visited Pakistan on **16th February 2020**
- A Pakistani Cricketer was sentenced to 17 months of imprisonment in UK on 7<sup>th</sup> February **Nasir Jamshaid**
- Who is the current Chief of the Naval Staff of Pakistan **Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi**
- PM Imran khan was interviewed on 22nd February 2020 by which country's news Channel **VRT News Belgium**
- The 2020 Olympics will be held in **Tokyo**
- In 2019, in which country there was a widespread protest against an Extradition Amendment Bill **Hong Kong**
- The US President Donald Trump announced his Middle-East Plan on **28 January 2020**
- Amazon rainforest spans over 9 countries. In August 2019, in which country deadly fire broke out in the amazon forest **Brazil**

- US President Donald Trump was acquitted from abuse of power and obstruction of Congress (impeachment) charges on **5 February 2020**
- The deadly "Coronavirus outbreak" in January 2020 was started from which city of China **Wuhan**
- Which country will host the 13th COP (Conference of Parties) on conservation of migratory species of wildlife **India**
- Identify types of coronavirus, 229E alpha coronavirus, NL63 alpha coronavirus, OC43 beta coronavirus
- Name the Pakistani Canadian scientist who makes historic invention on human brain chips in March 2019 **Dr. Naweel Syed**
- The Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering has placed Pakistan on its enhanced monitoring list for **1 year** on 23 August 2019
- Three Persian Gulf islands, Abu Musa, The Greater and Lesser Tunbs, are disputed between **Iran and U.A.E.**
- Who was elected as the 7th executive President of Sri Lanka on 17 Nov, 2019 **Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa**
- Who has been appointed as the First head (Ambassador) of future EU diplomatic mission to the UK after Brexit **Joao Vale de Almeida**
- The theme for "World Thinking Day" was **Living Threads**
- Which city has been Selected as the Host for the 22nd Edition of Commonwealth Games to be held in 2022 **Durban, South Africa**
- Which country agrees to end use of coal by 2038 **Germany**
- In which country Google Wing launches home delivery drone service **Australia**
- Recently US hands over first Apache Guardian attack helicopter to **India**
- Comedian Zelensky is President of which country **Ukraine**
- Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja was a **Retired Civil Servant**
- Which holy shrine recently unsealed after 36 years of closure in Sindh on January 25, 2020 **Luari Sharif shrine**
- Who is the youngest Pakistani Taekwondo star **Ayesha Ayaz**
- Pakistan celebrated which Day on 27 February 2020 as a tribute to the retaliatory attack by the Pakistan Air Force after India's botched Balakot airstrike **Surprise Day**
- Naeem-ul-Haque, recently died, was Special Assistant to PM on **Political Affairs**
- PTI Senior leader Naeem-ul-Haque died at the age of 70, due to **Cancer**
- Who won the Kabaddi World Cup 2020 **Pakistan**
- Who is the Current President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) **Peter Maurer**
- Which country will host the UN Climate Summit 'COP26' **UK**
- According to the Police report released on 31 Jan 2020, As many as \_\_\_\_ women fell victim to 'honour killings' in Sindh over the past year **108**
- The next WTO Ministerial Conference will take place from 8 to 11 June 2020 in **Astana**

- Which country will host the 13th COP (Conference of Parties) on conservation of migratory species of **India**
- The newest member of the Eurozone is **Lithuania**
- Secretary General SAARC Amjad Hussain Sial belongs to which country **Pakistan**
- The UNSC conducted a vote on resolution supporting ceasefire in **Libya**
- Which country revealed that it has 'neutralised' 101 Syrian troops **Turkey**
- Name the organization that released World Employment and Social Outlook **ILO**
- Nokia Mobile business was acquired by Microsoft in 2014. Now in 2020, the business is owned by **HMD Global**
- The "2020 Year" meeting of World Economic Forum was held in **Davos**
- The World Snooker Championship 2019 was won by **Judd Trump**
- Which country rejoined Commonwealth as 54th member **Maldives**
- Who is the Current Director General of WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) **Francis Gurry**
- Which Pakistani famous personality has won UN human rights prize 2018 **Asma Jahangir**
- When PM Imran Khan inaugurated the "Clean & Green Pakistan" campaign **8-oct-2018**
- Secretary General of United Nation Antonio Guterres belong to which country **Portugal**
- Total Members of Saudi Led Islamic Military Alliance are **41**
- Universiade is an international student and youth competition. The 2019 Winter Universiade were held in **Krasnoyarsk**
- After UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020. The European Union has now \_\_\_\_ member states **27**
- In which US state there was a massive wildfire in 2019 **California**
- The current Vice President of the United States is **Mike Pence**
- According to the World Health Organisation, the cases of \_\_\_\_\_ disease can rise to 81 percent by 2040 **Cancer**
- Which Parliament has deferred its vote on anti-CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act Resolution) **European Parliament**
- Which nation has decided to provide formal education to Rohingya refugee children's **Bangladesh**
- Sheikh Khalid has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of **Qatar**
- Who is the King of Bahrain **Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**
- Who is lawyer in case of Kalbhushan Yadave in ICJ followed by arguments from the Pakistan team led by Attorney General Ashtar Ausaf **Khawar Qurashi**
- Who has been recently appointed the Prime Minister of Iraq **Mohammed Allawi**
- Which of the following country has not been recognised by Pakistan **Armenia**
- SARS Corona Virus (SARS-CoV) was first discovered in which year **2003**
- Which country announced world first hyper loop system **India**
- First Lady of the United States is **Melania Trump**

- Where was The China And Pakistan Sixth Bilateral Exercise sea Guardians held 2020 **Pakistan Dockyard**
- Pakistani was named in "Asia 21 young leaders", her name is **Sana Mir**
- Country which signed agreement with UNDP to help reform Pakistan's electoral processes **Japan**
- Two Pakistan Navy ships PNS Dehshat and PNS Rahnaward paid a friendly visit to Iranian Navy, on which port of Iran were these docked **Bandar Abbas**
- Which city of UAE recently announced visa on arrival within 30 minutes **Abu Dhabi**
- The 8th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia Istanbul Process held on December 9th, 2019 under \_\_\_\_\_ theme **Peace, Partnership, Prosperity**
- Which of the following won UN human rights award 2018 **FRONTLINE DEFENDERS**
- The Current President of Brazil is **Jair Bolsonaro**
- James Peebles, Michel Mayor, and Didier Queloz won Nobel prize 2019 in Physics for their contributions in **Understanding of the evolution of the universe and Earth's place in the cosmos**
- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics was won by ? **Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer**
- The 2019 Nobel Prize in literature was won by **Peter Handke**
- The FIFA World Cup 2022 will be held in **Qatar**
- The Best FIFA Football Awards 2019 (Women) was won by **Megan Rapinoe**
- The Best FIFA Football Awards 2019 (Men) was won by **Lionel Messi**
- The opening match in FIFA World Cup 2018 was between Russia and **Saudi Arabia**
- In January 2020, Iranian military shot down a passenger plane with 176 people aboard. The plane belonged to which **Ukraine**
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session was held from 17 September 2019 to 30 September 2019 in New York, United States. It was the **74<sup>th</sup>** session of the UNGA
- Abiy Ahmed Ali who won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize is **Prime Minister of Ethiopia**
- In retaliation on 7 January 2020, Iran targeted two US military bases in **Iraq**
- Name the only player to score a century on Test Match and ODI debut **Abid Ali**
- Who bowled Super Over for England in ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 **Jofra Archer**
- When did Indian Government abolished article 370 and 35A of the constitution which guarantees special status to Jammu and Kashmir **August 2019**
- Name the Pakistani lady who left Google to join Digital Pakistan initiative **Tania Aidiros**
- In Pakistan, how many cases of polio have been reported in 2019 **144**
- Name the current Chairmen Of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) **Ehsan Mani**
- The Solar Eclipse of 26th December 2019 was named as **Ring of Fire**
- NASA founded which new planet, 100 light years away from Earth **TOI 700 d**
- According to the Corruption Perception Index 2019 released by Transparency International, Pakistan ranked at **120**



- COAS Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa inaugurated **Electro-nic Warfare (EW) and Ground Surveillance Radar (GSR) testing laboratories** at the National Radio Telecommunication Corporation, Haripur on 25 Jan, 2020 ?
- Who is the Current Captain of Pakistan Woman Cricket Team **Bisma Maroof**
- Which country has elected Katerina Sakellaropoulou as its first woman President **Greece**
- Google Wing launches home delivery drone service in which country **Australia**
- Which company has announced the world's largest-ever IPO **Saudi Aramco**
- Which country accounted for most number of global malaria cases, as per World Malaria Report 2019 **Nigeria**
- Which global institution recently released World Investment Trends Monitor- 2019 report **UNCTAD**
- Which nation had filed a suit against Myanmar for its alleged role in the Rohingya genocide case at the ICJ **The Gambia**
- Jabbar Bhatti became the 3rd Pakistani who has conquered the Mount **Aconcagua** on Jan 17, 2020
- Which country plans to knock three zeros off currency amid hyperinflation **Venezuela**
- Current Deputy Secretary General of UNO is **Amina J. Muhammad**
- World Anti-Doping Agency banned which country in 2019 for four years **Russia**
- Which USA newspaper listed Imran Khan for Peace Noble Prize **Christian Science Monitor**
- Radio Pakistan wins which position in World Radio contest 2019 **1<sup>st</sup>**
- Which former Chief Justice of Pakistan is honorary member of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) **Justice Tassaddq Hussain Jilani**
- TIME magazine's person of the year for 2019 **Greta Thunberg**
- Miss Universe 2019, Zozibini Tunzi, belongs to which country **South Africa**
- India's lunar lander, which crashed on its final approach to the moon's surface in September 2019, was named **Vikram**
- NATO's 70th anniversary summit in December was held in **London**
- The first Muslim country to take over the G20 presidency **Saudi Arabia**
- Frank-Walter Steinhilber is current president of **Germany**
- Who is Japan's longest serving Political leader **Shinzo Abe**
- Which nation has recently banned the 'reef toxic' Sunscreen **Palau**
- Which country has developed a laserbased aerial defense **Israel**
- The first penumbral lunar eclipse of 2020 on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**
- Donald Trump become third President in US history to be impeached by the House of Representatives. The other two presidents to be impeached by the House of Representatives are **Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton**
- Pakistan and \_\_\_\_\_ country agree to launch joint diplomatic effort to restore peace in region **Russia**

- Which bank received the Best Bank Award for 2019 **Bank Alfalah**
- The name of Iran's only woman Olympic medalist who recently announced to leave the country is **Kimia Alizadeh**
- Sultan Qaboos, who died recently, belongs to which country **Oman**
- All powers to the Soviets" is the slogan given by \_\_\_\_\_ personality **Vladimir Lenin**
- Current Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee is **17<sup>th</sup>**
- Current Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee is **Lt Gen Nadeem Raza**
- Which province of Pakistan became the first to acquire Federal Government's license for establishing a provincial power grid company **Sindh**
- Current Chief Justice of AJK High Court is **Justice Ch. Muhammad Ibrahim Zia**
- For how many years Pakistan was placed on FATF's Grey List for the first time **3 years**
- Who is current DG ISPR **Major General Babar Iftikhar**
- Saudi Arabia will invest \_\_\_\_\_ billion dollar in Oil Refinery and Petro-Chemical Complex in Gawadar **\$10**
- Who is current special UN envoy to Syria **Geir Pedersen**
- Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated \_\_\_\_\_ Dry Port in Nowshera on 10 January 2020 **Havelian Dry Port**
- The task force established by Pakistan Navy to protect CPEC is called **Task Force 88**
- Which Country Launch First-Ever Arctic Weather Satellite **Russia**
- Which is the rank of Pakistan in the united nation e-commerce index 2019 **114<sup>th</sup>**
- Which organisation published "Global Risk Report" **World Economic Forum**
- Dakar Rally 2019 held in which Country **Peru**
- Who won the 2019 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix which was held on 1st December 2019 **Lewis Hamilton**
- Current Permanent Representative of Pakistan to World Trade Organization (WTO) **Shahid Bashir**
- Tehran University of Iran has created a Robot that can understand, speak and translate different 100 languages. It is named as **Surena**
- The newly appointed Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is **Kristalina Georgeiva**
- President Donald Trump offered to buy which country/Island **Greenland**
- Which country has launched the World's biggest transport space ship for space station **Japan**
- Which combination of following SouthAsian countries are represented by female head of state/government **Bangladesh & Nepal**
- G7 45th Summit 2019 held in which country **France**
- First Female Pakistani umpire of the Cricket **Humaira Farah**
- Cricket My Style' is the book of **Kapil Dev**
- FIFA's World Cup 2022 Security Deal signed between Qatar and **France**
- Sabakzai Dam is being constructed under WAPDA vision 2025 in Balochistan on which river **Zhob River**
- 8-Year-old girl \_\_\_\_ is Pakistan's youngest climate change activist **Emaan Danish**

- Which Article of Constitution of Pakistan gives Power to Supreme Court for Suo Motu **184(3)**
- According to WHO report 2019 'Pakistan is at \_\_\_\_ number of breast cancer patients in Asia **1<sup>st</sup>**
- Which Country will host AFC Asian Cup 2023 **China**
- The Pakistani Woman honoured with IBM's highest prestigious award "Best of IBM 2019 **Asma Zaheer**
- Recently satellite 'Raavana-1' marks the entry of Which country into space **Sri Lanka**
- The New President of South Africa who sworn oath on 26 may 2019 is **Cyril Ramaphosa**
- Babri Mosque which was demolished on December 22, 1992. It was/is situated in which state of India **Utar Pradesh**
- Who is the Foreign Minister of Malaysia **Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah**
- Pakistan's first female taxi driver and a local legend **Zahida Kazmi**
- What is the name of The Indian Coast Guard anti-hijacking exercise 2019 at the Kochi Port **Apharan**
- Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has discovered gas, hydrocarbon reserves an exploratory well Margand X-1 in **Kalat, Balochistan**
- Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has discovered gas, hydrocarbon reserves an exploratory well Bistrol-1 in which district of Sindh **Khairpur**
- Which country was badly affected by Hagibis Typhoon in the month of October 2019 **Japan**
- Which of the following scientists did not share Nobel Prize 2019 in Chemistry **Frances Arnold**
- Three member Special Court in Musharif's High Treason case headed by **Chief Justice of Peshawar High Court**

