

# Current Affairs for September 2020

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Given below are the Current Affairs for September 2020 for CLAT divided into categories of National, International, Legal, appointment, obituaries, sports and awards.

## International

- September 7, 2020, observed as first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies
- Cate Blanchett appointed as the President of Jury for 77th annual Venice International Film Festival held in September 2020
- International Literacy Day was observed on the 8th of September.
- Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states released by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Andhra Pradesh tops the list.
- Pakistan's attempts to designate Indians as terrorists under its 1267 committees for counterterrorism sanctions, rejected by UN Security Council.
- Abraham Accord signed between Israel and the UAE.
- Faceless Income Tax appeals launched by the Income Tax Department.
- September 25 observed as World Pharmacist Day 2020.

## Legal

- Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 repealed by National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2019
- Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2020 passed by the Parliament.
- Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 notified under Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019
- Aircraft Act 1934 amended by Aircraft (Amendment) Bill 2020.
- Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020 passed in Lok Sabha
- Three bills for the transformation of Agriculture sector introduced in Lok Sabha

1. The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020
  2. The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020
  3. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020
- The Parliament passed Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 replacing the ordinance protecting the healthcare workers from violence.
  - National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2019 was passed by Parliament
  - The Parliament passed National Forensic Sciences University Bill, 2020 and Rashtriya Raksha University Bill, 2020.
  - Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020 passed by the Parliament. The languages declared as the official language of the state by the bill are Hindi, English, Kashmiri, Urdu, and Dogri.
  - The parliament passed Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Second Amendment) Bill 2020.
  - Geographical Indication (GI) granted to Dalle Khursani found in Sikkim and areas nearby. Dalle Khursani is one of the spiciest chillies in the world.
  - Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 passed by the Parliament
  - Central Motor Vehicles (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2020 notified by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
  - Social Security Code, 2020 passed by Parliament replacing nine laws on social security.
  - Industrial Relations Code, 2020 passed in Lok Sabha.
  - Under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor of NLU Delhi, a committee has been set up to suggest reforms in criminal laws.

## **National**

- 118 Chinese Mobile Applications banned by the Central Government in addition to 59 Chinese applications banned in June 2020.
- Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV) successfully flight-tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

- JIMEX-2020 which was a bilateral military exercise between the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and Indian Navy completed.
- e Goapala App launched by the Government for breed improvement marketplace and information portal for farmers.
- By 2030, Indian Railways aims to become 'net zero carbon emitter'.
- National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) implemented by the Government across the country.
- Construction of Kosi Rail Mahasetu connecting Nirmali and Bhaptiahi in Bihar during the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- Establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga approved by Union Cabinet,
- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana launched by PM Narendra Modi for the fisheries sector.
- Webley & Scott becomes the first foreign company to manufacture firearms in India.
- A statement of intent signed between UNICEF and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to establish YuWaah, Generation Unlimited (GenU), a global multi-stakeholder platform in India.
- New guidelines to regulate and control groundwater extraction in the country notified by Ministry of Jalshakti replacing the 2018 guidelines struck down by National Green Tribunal in 2019.
- National Education Policy 2020 announced by the Ministry of Education making significant changes in the education pattern of India.
- Gurudwara Harmandir Sahib or the Golden Temple is permitted to receive foreign donations now as registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).
- Foundation stone laid for National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR). The purpose of this academy is to mentor, monitor and build the capacity of Rural Self Employment Training Institutes staff.
- Launch of National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) approved by Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The main objective of this programme is to establish the foundation for capacity building for Civil Services and to make sure that civil servants are connected to their roots and Indian culture while learning from institutes across the world.

- Formal Induction of Rafale Air Fighter in Indian Airforce at Air Force Station, Ambala. The first five Rafale aircraft will be the part of 17 Squadron, the “Golden Arrows”.
- Indra 2020 – Bilateral Military exercise of Indian and Russian navies took place in the Bay of Bengal.
- Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project from Palwal to Sonipat approved by Economic Affairs committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- September 9 to be celebrated as Himalaya Diwas in Uttarakhand.
- ONGC, IOCL, HPCL, BPCL and GAIL India will be the corporate partners for International Solar Alliance (ISA)’s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action.
- Samagra Shiksha launched by Government of India in the school education sector.
- Immunity boosting products launched under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Yojna to be distributed at Jan Aushadi Kendras across the country. It was launched by DV Sadananda Gowda who is the. Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers.
- World’s Largest Solar Tree installed at Durgapur by CSIR- CMERI.
- An agreement between ‘Reciprocal Provision Supplies and Services’ signed between India and Japan

## **Sports and Awards**

- Sanju, midfielder of Indian Women Football team, awarded with All India Football Federation (AIFF) Footballer of the Year awards 2019-20.
- Air Force Sports Control Board was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2020.
- Dominic Thiem (Austria) won in the men’s single category in 2020 US Open (tennis).
- First AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020 presented by Ramesh Pokhriyal (Ministry of Education)
- Naomi Osaka (Japan) won in the women’s single category in 2020 US Open (tennis).
- The Italian Grand Prix 2020 (Formula 1 Gran Premio Heineken d’Italia 2020) held in September 2020
- Lifetime Achievement Award is given to Aditya Puri. Aditya Puri is the MD of HDFC bank.

## **Appointment and Obituary**

- Major Jaswant Singh who served as an Indian Army officer and a cabinet Minister, passed away.
- Shekhar Kapur appointed as the chairman of FTII (Film and Television Institute of India) Pune.
- Harivansh Narayan Singh re-elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
- Sripathi Panditaradhyula Balasubrahmanyam, the renowned singer in India passed away.
- Rajiv Kumar assumed the charge of Election Commissioner.
- Keasavananda Bharti Swamiji, the petitioner of the judgement dealing with the Doctrine of the basic structure, passed away.
- Swami Agnivesh, the founder of Arya Sabha and a social activist, passed away.
- Paresh Rawal appointed as the Chief of National School of Drama.
- A scholar of Indian Classical dance and art history, Kapila Vatsyayan passed away.