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## International Day of Cooperatives 2020 – 4th July (First Saturday of July)



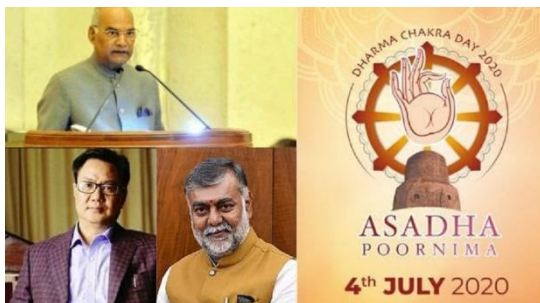
# International Day of Cooperatives

The United Nations International Day of Cooperatives is annually celebrated on **the first Saturday of July** which falls on **4th of July in 2020**. The day is celebrated to create awareness on the importance of cooperatives and to highlight the goals and objectives of the United Nations and the cooperative movements.

The theme of the 2020 celebration is **“COOPS 4 Climate Action”**, is chosen to support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 on Climate Action and to focus on the contribution of the cooperatives in the combat against climate change.

Since 1923 the first Saturday of July is marked as the international day of Cooperatives to celebrate the cooperative movement. The United Nations General Assembly declared the first Saturday of July as the International Day of Cooperatives on the resolution adopted on 16 December 1992. The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and the United Nations (UN) has been setting the theme of the celebration since 1995.

## President Ram Nath Kovind Inaugurates Dharma Chakra Day 2020 Celebrations On July 4



On July 4, 2020, President of India **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** has virtually inaugurated the celebrations for the **Dhamma Chakra Day 2020** Organized by International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Culture, from the

Rashtrapati Bhawan at New Delhi on the occasion of Asadha Poornima.

i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the youth of the country to adopt the Buddha's thoughts through video message.

ii. Before Asadha Poornima, Buddha Poornima or Vesak day (May 7, 2020) and Global Prayer Week from May 7- 16, 2020 have been celebrated.

### **French President Macron Appoints Jean Castex as new Prime Minister**

French President Emmanuel Macron appointed a public Servant, **Jean**



**Castex(55)** as the new Prime Minister of government reshuffle, replacing Edouard Philippe.

#### **Jean Castex:**

- He is known for his role in drafting the strategy to lift lockdown measures

in the country in the French Media.

- He is known as Mr Deconfinement of French Media.
- He has worked as an advisor to former French President Nicolas Sarkozy.
- He has several years of work experience in the health Ministry of France.

### **Tourism Sector Could Lose 1.2 Trillion USD Due To Covid Pandemic: UNCTAD Report**

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published the report, **COVID-19 and Tourism: Assessing the Economic Consequences** stating that the World Tourism sector could lose around 1.2trillion USD or 1.5% of the Global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) because of the 4months lockdown due to global pandemic situation.



**Impacts of COVID-19 on Tourism sector:**

**i.**It is estimated that the global loss could rise to \$2.2 trillion or 2.8% of the world’s GDP if the current situation in international tourism continues for eight months.

**ii.**A 12 months break in international tourism is estimated to create a loss of 3.3trillion UDS or 4.2% of Global GDP in the worst case scenario.

**iii.**It is estimated that for every \$1 million lost in international tourism revenue, a country’s national income could decline by \$2 million to \$3 million.

**About UNCTAD:**

**Secretary-General–** Mukhisa Kituyi  
**Headquarters–** Geneva, Switzerland

**Record 53.6 mt of E-waste Dumped Globally in 2019; China Tops: UN Global E-waste Monitor 2020 Report**



**i.**In accordance with “The Global E-waste Monitor 2020 report-Quantities, flows, and the circular economy potential” report, the world dumped a record 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste in 2019, an increase of 21% in 5 years.

**ii.**China is the biggest contributor to e-waste with 10.1 million tonnes

(mt) followed by the **United States** (US) with 6.9 mt and **India** with 3.2 mt at 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.

**iii.**This report is jointly prepared by the Global E-waste Statistics Partnership (GESP), formed by UN University (UNU), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), in close collaboration with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Static Points:**

-E-waste is a health and environmental hazard because it contains toxic

additives or hazardous substances such as mercury which damages the human brain and / or coordination system.

–**India** is the only country in South Asia to draft legislation for e-waste.

### **M.V Asiatic Moon : A New Shipping Service b/w Kolkata Port & Chattogram Begins to Ease Indo-Bangla Trade**



Amid frequent disruption of cross-border trade via the Petrapole-Benapole land ports, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) [erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)] has started a new shipping service

between **Kolkata Dock System (KDS)** and **Chattogram (Bangladesh)** through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route to transport containers with the aim to increase the Indo-Bangla trade. The Container Ship ‘**M.V Asiatic Moon (Singapore Flag)**’ is expected to transport 300 containers of Indian exports to Bangladesh.

### **ISRO’s Mars Orbiter Mission captures image of Mars’ biggest moon ‘Phobos’**



The **Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)**, also known as **Mangalyaan mission**, of the **ISRO**, has captured the image of the closest and **biggest moon of Mars**, named **Phobos**.

The image was taken on July 1, 2020, by the **Mars Colour Camera (MCC)** onboard MOM, when the MOM was about 7,200 km from Mars and 4,200 km from Phobos. The Spatial resolution of the image is 210 m.

Phobos is largely believed to be made up of carbonaceous chondrites.