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NATIONAL

1) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

The government has asked the banks to improve access of account holders in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana scheme to micro-credit and micro investment products, like flexi-recurring schemes. It is a National Mission for Financial Inclusion has completed seven years of successful implementation.

2) Hydropower Projects in Himalayas

The central government has said that no new Hydropower projects would be allowed in the upper reaches of the Ganga and those sanctioned would have to abide by environment regulations that prescribe a minimum flow in the river at all times of the year to preserve its health.

3) ICGS Vighraha

The Offshore Patrol Vessel Indian Coast Guard Ship Vighraha was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard. It is the last vessel in the series of seven OPVs built by Larsen & Toubro under an Ministry of Defence contract signed in 2015. It can attain a sustained speed of up to 26 knots.

4) Vande Bharat train sets

Indian Railways has floated a tender for 58 Vande Bharat train sets. Tender was floated in a bid to roll out 75 such trains during 75 weeks of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav". This Indian semi-high-speed, intercity, EMU train, also known as Train 18, was designed and manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at Perambur, Chennai.

5) e-GOPALA application

Web version of e-GOPALA application was launched. Web version of e-GOPALA has been developed by National Dairy Development Board. The e-Gopala App is a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal, directly used by farmers.

6) Thematic POSHAN Maah

The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has planned to organise and celebrate Thematic POSHAN Maah in September 2021. POSHAN Abhiyaan is the flagship programme of government of India to improve nutritional outcomes for pregnant women, lactating mother, children and adolescent Girls.

7) Fit India Mobile Application

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur, launched the Fit India Mobile Application on the occasion of celebrating second anniversary of Fit India Movement. It was launched as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) PhonePe to serve as Direct Insurance Broker

India's fastest growing Insurtech company, PhonePe, announced it has got an Insurance Broking license issued from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and it will now serve as Direct Insurance Broker. PhonePe entered the Insurtech sector in the year 2020 with a limited insurance 'corporate agent' license.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana, US. It is an extremely dangerous Category 4 storm and one of the most powerful storms ever to hit the US. Hurricanes are the biggest and most violent storms on the planet. Tropical cyclones or hurricanes use warm, moist air as fuel, and therefore form over warm Equatorial water.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) SpaceX

SpaceX launched shipments of ants, avocados, human-sized robotic arm toward the International Space Station. It will be SpaceX's 23rd mission for NASA in a decade. The Dragon is carrying more than 2,170 kilograms of supplies and experiments as well fresh food like avocados, lemons and ice cream for seven astronauts of the space station.

SPORTS

1) Yogesh Kathuniya

Discus thrower, Yogesh Kathuniya, clinched a silver medal in the men's F56 event in 2020 Paralympics. India picked up a silver in high jump and a bronze in discus throw, which is on hold because of a protest. Brazil's defending champion and world record holder, Claudiney Batista dos Santos, won the gold medal for best throw of 45.59m.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day against Nuclear Tests

Event of International Day against Nuclear Tests is held on August 29 each year. This event is organised with the aim of bringing about awareness regarding the harmful effects of testing nuclear weapons and calls to end such tests. United States Army had conducted the first nuclear test, called Trinity, in a desert site of New Mexico on July 16, 1945.