

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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Foot Notes:

About Indian Coast Guard:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Virender Singh Pathania

Founder: Parliament of India

Founded: 1 February 1977

2. India, Pakistan exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities

- India and Pakistan have exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities, covered under Agreement on Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities between India and Pakistan
- Agreement provides that India and Pakistan inform each other of nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under Agreement on 1st January of every calendar year.
- This is the 31st consecutive exchange.
- First one took place on January 1, 1992.



Foot Notes:

About Pakistan:

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Pakistani rupee

President: Arif Alvi

Prime minister: Imran Khan

3. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurates Arts and Science Colleges in Lakshadweep

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated two Colleges of Arts & Sciences in Kadmat and Androth islands on his first State visit to Lakshadweep Union Territory.
- Courses of two colleges will help the students of the islands, especially girl students to overcome the geographical constraints of the region and pursue quality higher education with employment potential.
- Both the colleges are affiliated to Pondicherry University.



Foot Notes:

About Lakshadweep:

Administrator: Praful Khoda Patel

4. Vinay Kumar Tripathi appointed as new Chairman, CEO of Railway Board

- Vinay Kumar Tripathi (1983 Batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers) has been appointed as new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board with effect from January 1, 2022.
- He is presently working as General Manager, Northeastern Railway to the post of Chairman of Railway Board.
- Indian Railway Board is the apex body of the Indian Railways, which reports to parliament through the Ministry of Railways.



Foot Notes:

Railway minister: Ashwini Vaishnaw

5. Centre notifies new rules for consumer commissions

- Centre has notified new rules for Consumer Protection (Jurisdiction of the District Commission, the State Commission and National Commission) Rules, 2021
- Revised pecuniary jurisdiction for entertaining consumer complaints shall be up to Rs.50 lakh for District Commissions, more than 50 lakh to 2 crore for State Commissions and more than 2 crore for National Commission.
- Consumer Protection Act, 2019 promulgates a three-tier quasi-judicial mechanism for consumer disputes



6. Union Minister launches 100 days reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'

- Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 100 days reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'.
- It is in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which emphasizes on promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring availability of age appropriate reading books.
- The campaign will focus on children studying in Balvatika to Grade 8.
- It will be organized for 100 days (14 weeks) starting from 1st January 2022 to 10th April 2022.



7. MoHUA opens 'Urban Geospatial Data Stories Challenge-2022'

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has announced opening of Urban Geospatial Data Stories Challenge to foster adoption of geospatial technologies, promoting innovation in India's urban ecosystem
- It has been organized with select Smart Cities that will be publishing high quality GIS datasets



- More than 1000 geospatial datasets have been made available to registered participants
- It will commence for registered participants on 1st Jan 2022 till January end 2022.

8. PM releases 10th installment of financial benefit under PM-KISAN Scheme

- PM Narendra Modi has released 10th installment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.
- More than Rs 20 thousand crore have been transferred to over than ten crore farmer families.
- Under PM-KISAN scheme, financial benefit of six thousand rupees per year is provided to the eligible family of farmers.
- The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- It is a centrally sector scheme, which was launched in 2019.



9. Amir Subhani appointed as the Chief Secretary of Bihar

- Amir Subhani (1987-batch IAS officer) has been appointed as the chief secretary of Bihar by Chief minister Nitish Kumar with effect from 31st December 2021
- He will replace Tripurari Sharan.
- He is Bihar's first chief secretary belonging to the minority community and will retire in April 2024.
- He was development commissioner of Bihar before his elevation at this post.
- Atul Prasad has been made development commissioner in place of Subhani.



Foot Notes:

About Bihar:

Governor: Phagu Chauhan

Capital: Patna

Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar

10. India defeat Sri Lanka by 9 wickets to lift U-19 Asia Cup 2021 title

- India lifted under-19 Asia cricket Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final in Dubai through Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.
- In the match, Sri Lanka opted to bat first and scored 106 for nine in the stipulated 38 overs.



- Raghuvanshi and Rasheed has stitched an unbeaten 96-run stand to take India home in the summit
- Earlier, opting to bat first, Sri Lanka got off to the worst possible start as the side lost two wickets

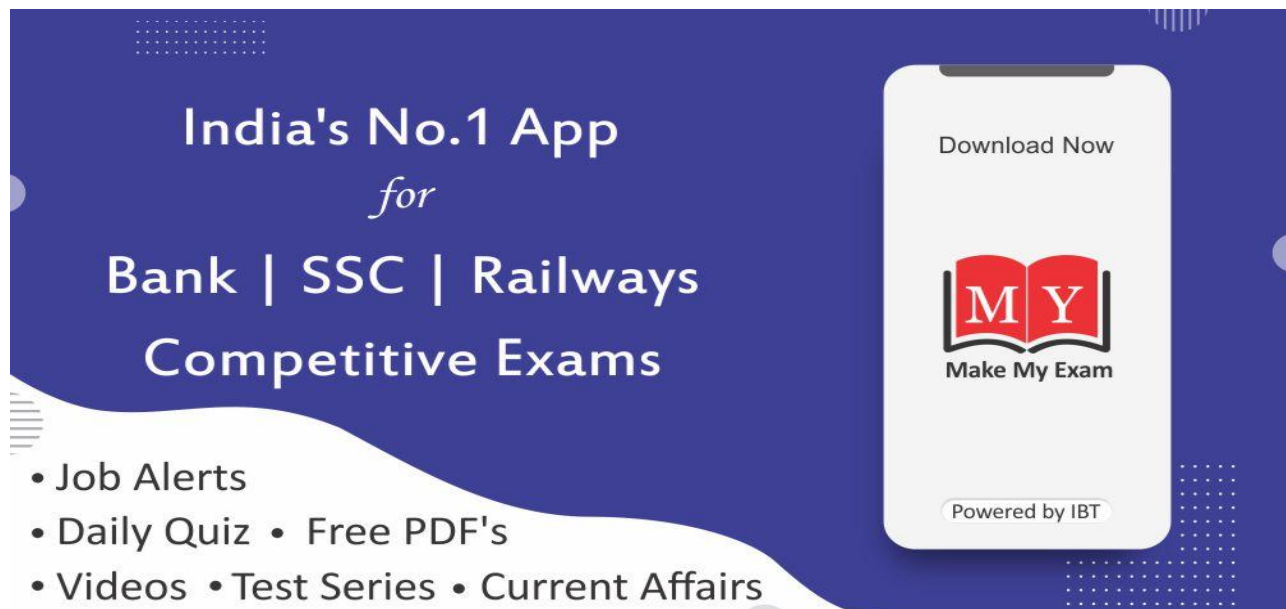
Foot Notes:

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee

President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa



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