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Today's Important News

Ravindra Jadeja named India's 21st century Most Valuable Player by Wisden.

1. PM Narendra Modi quits his account from Chinese microblogging website Weibo

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to delete his account on Chinese microblogging website Sina Weibo, which he had joined a few years ago. The move comes after the Indian government banned 59 Chinese apps including TikTok and Cam Scanner. PM Modi's account on Weibo went blank on July 1st after his profile photo, posts and comments were removed from the handle.
- Weibo is the largest Chinese microblogging site, similar to twitter. The site has a more complex procedure to quit for VIP accounts.
- The official process was initiated to delete PM Modi's account on the microblogging site and after much delay, basic permission was granted.



Foot Notes:

About China

Capital: Beijing

President: Xi Jinping

Currency: Chinese Yuan

2. Padma Awards-2021 nominations open till Sep 15

- The nominations for Padma Awards-2021 will be open till September 2020, as per the latest Home Ministry announcement, The Ministry stated that online nominations and recommendations for the Padma



Awards had begun from May 1st onwards. They will be announced on the occasion of Republic Day next year.

- The nominations for Padma Awards will be received online only on the Padma Awards portal www.padmaawards.gov.in.
- The Padma Awards- Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are the highest civilian awards of the country. The awards were set up in 1954.
- The civilian awards recognize outstanding work and exceptional achievements in all fields and disciplines including Literature, Art, Sports, Education, Medicine, Science and Engineering, Social Work, Civil Service, Trade and Industry and Public Affairs.

3. ICC condoles death of legendary WI cricketer Everton Weekes

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on July 2, 2020 extended its condolences following the passing of legendary West Indies' batsman Everton Weekes.
- Weekes, who was a part of the famous West Indies trio- the three Ws, passed away at the age of 95 years on July 1. He is also a part of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- Everton Weekes was a top batsman of his era, whose performances have been iconic.
- The Three Ws comprising Frank Worrell, Clyde Walcott and Everton Weekes had dominated the world cricket in the post-war era. Weekes was considered the best batsman among the three and was an integral member of one of the best test sides ever. Weekes had played a total of 48 tests from 1947 to 1958 and amassed a total of 4,455 runs.



Foot Notes:

About ICC:

Founded: 15 Jun 1909

CEO: Manu Sawhney

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

4. Pakistan Army appoints Nigar Johar as first female lieutenant general

- The Pakistan Army has appointed a woman officer as lieutenant general for the first time.
- Major General Nigar Johar, who got the coveted post of a three-star general, has been appointed as the first female surgeon general of the Pakistan Army.
- In 2017, she became the third woman officer in the Pakistan Army to attain the rank of major general.
- The other two women major generals were Shahida Badsha and Shahida Malik.



Foot Notes:

About Pakistan:

Capital: Islamabad

President: Arif Alvi

Prime Minister: Imran Khan

5. Shashank Manohar steps down as ICC Chairman's post

- India's Shashank Manohar stepped down as International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman.
- He announced this just one week before the election process for his successor was announced.
- Deputy chairman Imran Khwaja, formerly of Singapore Cricket Association, will be the interim head.
- As per the ICC rules, Manohar could have stayed for another two-year-term as a maximum of three terms is allowed.



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6. Ravindra Jadeja named India's 21st century Most Valuable Player by Wisden

- All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been named the Most Valuable Player for India in the 21st century by Wisden.
- The 31-year-old's MVP rating, which was calculated using the cricket data analysis tool CricViz, was 97.3. His rating is second only to Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka making him the second most Valuable Test Player of the 21st Century.
- Wisden used CricViz, a detailed analysis tool in cricket to analyse his performance.



Foot Notes:

About Wisden:

Editor: Lawrence Booth

First issue date: 1864

Headquarters: London, England

7. Ravinder Bhakar Assumes Charge as CEO of Central Board of Films Certification

- Ravinde Bhakar, a 1999 batch officer of Indian Railway Stores Service(IRSS), assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Central Board of Films Certification(CBFC). He succeeds Anurag Srivastava.
- Prior to this appointment he served as the Secretary & Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railways. He also served as an Indian Engineering Services officer.
- He has received many awards including the National award from Minister of Railways for outstanding service & General Manager Award both in Western Railways & Central Railways (CR) for exemplary service.



Foot Notes:

About CBFC:

It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, which regulates the public exhibition of films under the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952.

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairperson: Prasoos Joshi

8. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya Assumes Charge as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation

- Shrikant Madhav(S M) Vaidya assumed charge as the chairman of Indian Oil Corporation(IOC). He succeeds Sanjiv Singh who has superannuated.
- In addition to the post, he will serve as the Chairman of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, refining subsidiary of Indian Oil, and Indian Oil tanking Ltd, a joint venture.
- He is on the board of Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd, will take over as its Chairman. He will also be a Director on the Board of Petronet LNG Limited.



Foot Notes:

About IOC(Indian Oil Corporation):

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 30 June 1959

9. Defence Ministry Approves Purchase of 33 new Fighter Jets and Upgradation of existing 59 MiG- 29 Aircraft

- The proposal to acquire 33 new fighter aircraft was approved by the Ministry of Defence on 2nd July 2020. This will help the Indian Air Force in addressing the long-felt need for increasing its fighter squadrons. Along with the purchase of 33 new fighter aircraft, the existing 59 MiG 29 aircraft will also be upgraded. The entire purchase and up-gradation will cost Rs 18,148 crore.
- Among the 33 new aircraft, procurement of new 21 MiG-29 aircraft and up-gradation of 59 existing MiG-29 aircraft will be done by Russian Aircraft Corporation 'MiG' (also called Mikoyan) at Rs 7418 crore.
- Also the Su-30 MKI will be procured from HAL at an estimated cost of Rs 10,730 cr.



- Indian Air Force has already three Squadrons of MiG 29 fighter aircraft in service. Russian company Mikoyan is the manufacturer of MiG 29 aircraft. All equipment and radar of the newly procured fighter jets will be as per the latest standards.

Foot Notes:

Defence ministe: Rajnath Singh

10. Union Minister Giriraj Singh launches First Edition of ‘Matsya Sampada’

- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh has launched the 1st Edition newsletter “Matsya Sampada” fisheries and aquaculture published by the Department of Fisheries and the operational guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- From the first quarter of 2020-21, newsletter Matsya Sampada will be published on a quarterly basis.
- The operational guidelines for the PMMSY scheme have also been published in the first edition of the newsletter.
- The newsletter will serve as a means of communication for educating and providing the latest information and developments related to the fisheries and aquaculture sector to all the stakeholders involved in the sector.



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