

## Current Affairs

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### Today's Important News

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award  
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Khel Ratna Award

#### 1. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the renaming of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (the country's highest sporting honour) after hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand.
- Major Dhyan Chand (1905–79) was known for his extraordinary goal-scoring feats, in addition to earning three Olympic gold medals, in 1928, 1932 and 1936, during an era where India dominated the field hockey.
- The prestigious award carries prize money of Rs. 25 lakh.

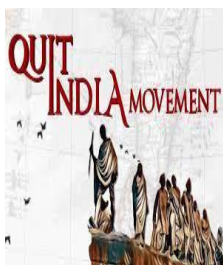


#### Foot Notes:

About Sports Minister: Anurag Thakur

#### 2. Quit India Day 2021: 8 August

- Every year, the Quit India Day (or August Kranti Day) is observed on 8 August to commemorate the anniversary of Quit India Movement, launched by Father of Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, on 8 August 1942 at the All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay.
- In 2021, we are celebrating the 79th anniversary of Quit India Day.



- Quit India Movement also known as Bharat Chodo Andolan and August Kranti Movement was a 'do or die' call to the people of India initiated by Gandhiji to demand an end to the British rule in India.

### 3. SEBI allows payments banks to act as investment bankers

- SEBI has allowed Non-scheduled payments banks to carry out the activities of investment bankers to provide easy access to investors to participate in public and rights issues by using various payment avenues.
- This is subject to fulfilment of the conditions stipulated in the BTI rules.
- They will also be permitted to act as self-certified syndicate banks, subject to the fulfilment of the criteria laid down by the SEBI in this regard from time to time.



#### Foot Notes:

##### About SEBI:

**Founded:** 12 April 1992

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

**Chairperson:** Ajay Tyagi

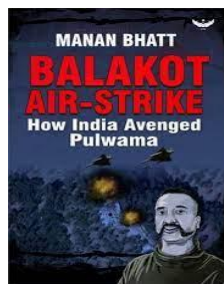
### 4. Wrestler Bajrang Punia bags Bronze Medal in 65 kg category

- India's Wrestler Bajrang Punia beat Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov 8-0 to win the bronze medal in the men's 65kg freestyle event.
- He becomes the sixth Indian wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics.
- Young Indian golfer Aditi Ashok narrowly missed the chance to win the bronze medal.



### 5. New book offers insights into 2019 Balakot air strikes

- Manan Bhatt has come up with a new book titled as 'Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama'
- The book is published by Garuda Prakashan.
- It has captured the real-life events surrounding February 2019 Pulwama suicide bombing attack, and India's strong hit-back in the form of Balakot airstrikes twelve days later
- Manan Bhatt is a Retired non-commissioned officer of the Indian Navy who participated in Kargil War and Operation Parakram.



### 6. Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Javelin Throw at Tokyo Olympics

- India's Javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra (23-years) created history by winning the first-ever Gold Medal in the Olympic track and field event.
- Chopra won the country's seventh medal and first gold in this Olympics and joined shooter Abhinav Bindra (2008 Beijing Games) as India's individual gold winner in the showpiece.
- Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana.
- He was educated at DAV College, Chandigarh.



### 7.J&K LG Manoj Sinha flags off Cyclothon event 'Pedal for Dal' from shores of Dal Lake

- J&K LG Manoj Sinha flagged off Cyclothon event 'Pedal for Dal' from the shores of the Dal Lake in the run-up to the Independence Day celebrations.
- The cyclothon witnessed the enthusiastic participation of more than 200 boys and girls from different age groups along with professional cyclists.
- Mr. Sinha said that activities like 'Pedal for Dal' mark the celebrations of 'Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' and also give hope to the entire humanity of a prosperous future.



### 8.Karnataka becomes first state to issue order implementing NEP-2020

- Karnataka has become the first state in the country to issue the order with regard to the implementation of National Education Policy-2020, State Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan claimed.
- The state government has issued an order on Saturday on the implementation of NEP-2020 with effect from the current academic year 2021-2022.
- Earlier on July 29, on the first anniversary of NEP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched SAFAL (STRUCTURED Assessment For Analysing Learning), a competency-based assessment for grades 3,5, and 8 introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).



### 9.Indian Navy undertakes bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' with UAE Navy

- Indian Navy undertook bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' with UAE Navy on Saturday off the coast of Abu Dhabi.
- INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf, participated in the exercise.



- UAE participated with UAES AL – Dhafra, a Baynunah class guided missile corvette and one AS – 565B Panther helicopter.
- As part of the exercise, the ships undertook tactical manoeuvres, Over the Horizon Targeting, Search and Rescue and Electronic Warfare exercises to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.
- Helicopters were extensively used all through the exercise ranging from Search and Rescue serial to passing of targeting data to ships for simulated missile engagement drills

**Foot Notes:**

**About Indian Navy:**

**Founded:** 26 January 1950

**Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS):** Admiral Karambir Singh

**Commander-in-Chief:** President Ram Nath Kovind

**About UAE:**

**Capital:** Abu Dhabi

**Currency:** United Arab Emirates dirham

**President:** Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**10.PM Modi interacts with beneficiaries of PMGKAY in Madhya Pradesh**

- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) in Madhya Pradesh today via video conferencing.
- An intensive campaign to create more awareness about the scheme is being conducted by the state government so that no eligible person is left out.
- The state is celebrating 7th August, 2021 as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Day.
- Governor and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh were also present on the occasion. About 5 crore beneficiaries are benefitting through the scheme in Madhya Pradesh.
- While addressing the programme, Prime Minister expressed his concerns about the flood situation in many districts of MP.



**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Capital:** Bhopal (Executive Branch)

**Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel

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