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Today's Important News

Mumbai's Dadar becomes the first city to have female icons on traffic signals.



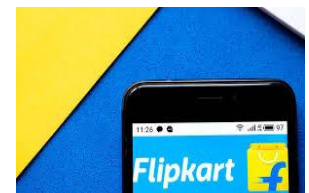
1. Every year 10th August is observed as World Biofuel Day

- It is observed to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by the Government in the biofuel sector.
- They are renewable, biodegradable, sustainable and environment friendly fuel. It can be seen as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
- Biofuels have the benefits of reducing import dependency on crude oil, cleaner environment, additional income to farmers and employment generation in rural areas.



2. Flipkart Signs MoU With UP Govt's One District, One Product (ODOP) Scheme

- E-commerce platform Flipkart signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uttar Pradesh Government's One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme.
- As part of the MoU, artisans, weavers and craftsmen under the One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme will be brought into the 'Flipkart Samarth' initiative. This partnership will enable the



under-served communities to showcase their specialised products and crafts in the e-commerce platform.

- Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs at Flipkart Group & Navneet Sehgal Additional Chief Secretary for Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Export Promotion were present during the signing of MoU.

Foot Notes:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Capital: Lucknow

About Flipkart:

Founded: October 2007, Bengaluru

CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Founders: Sachin Bansal, Binny Bansal

3. 1.5 lakh tele-consultations completed through 'eSanjeevani' and 'eSanjeevaniOPD'

- The initiative by the Union Health Ministry, eSanjeevani OPD, has registered 1.58 lakh online consultations within nine months of its inception. This telemedicine facility has been very much useful for the country and that is proved from the data released by the Ministry in this regard.
- Since November 2019, this platform has been operationalized in 23 states and the services now cover more than 75% of the population of the country. The rest of the states are also in the process of rolling this service out within a very short span of time. The platform has two types of teleconsultation facilities – doctor-to-doctor (eSanjeevani) and patient-to-doctor (eSanjeevani OPD).
- This scheme is being implemented under the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre Program. The program seeks to connect all 1.50 lakh health and wellness centres in the platform using the hub-and-spoke model. As of now, around 12000 health professionals, including 2800 doctors have been imparted training to offer consultations on the national e-platform through over 3000 Health and Wellness Centres across 10 states. 250 doctors are specialists are available on a daily basis on this platform, even during the lockdown situation. This service is available only for Android apps, as of now.



Foot Notes:

Health Minister: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

4. Railways Minister Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurates Railway Museum at Hubballi

- The Ministry of Railways has inaugurated a dedicated museum for railways in Hubballi, Karnataka, through video conferencing. This is the first of its kind museum in Northern Karnataka and second in South Western Railways after the historic railway museum at Mysore, Karnataka.
- The main objective of the museum is to preserve and portray the glorious heritage of various branches of Railways and displays the gradual evolution of advanced systems in all spheres of Railway.
- The artefacts have been arranged in three sections – Malaprabha, Ghataprabha and the outdoor section. There is a grand arch at the entrance of the museum that welcomes one to the bygone era. This will be embellished with emblems of forerunners of South Western Railway, that served this region, which is Southern Mahratta Railway, Mysore and Southern Mahratta Railway, etc. and will attract the visitors to explore the world of Railways.



Foot Notes:

About Karnataka:

Capital: Bengaluru

Chief minister: B. S. Yediyurappa

Governor: Vajubhai Vala

About Indian Railways:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 16 April 1853, India

Minister: Piyush Goyal

Chairman: Vinod Yadav

5. KVIC opened First Silk Training-cum-Production Center in Arunachal Pradesh

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has decided to open the first of its kind training and production centre of silk in Arunachal Pradesh. This centre will come up in Chullyu village in the state. The centre will be launched in the first week of September.
- KVIC has renovated an old school building in the village and converted it into a training-cum-production centre. The state government provided



that school building to the commission completely free of cost to develop the centre. There will be machineries such as Charkha, silk reeling machines and warping drums in the centre. The first batch of 25 artisans has also been selected for training in the initial phases.

- This centre was conceived just six months ago and it is the brainchild of the KVIC Chairman. The idea is to provide training and then employment to the local people of the village through silk production. This will create employment opportunities in the area and also the silk produced will be sold outside.

Foot Notes:

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Capital: Itanagar

Chief minister: PemaKhandu

Governor: B. D. Mishra

About KVIC:

Founded: 1956

Purpose: To plan, promote, facilitate, organise and assist in the establishment and development of khadi and village industries


Headquarters: Mumbai

Chairperson: Vinai Kumar Saxena

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6. Railways to observe cleanliness week to mark Independence Day

- Indian Railways has decided to observe 'Cleanliness Week' starting from August 10 till August 15 in order to give the message of the importance and significance of cleanliness for the national transporter.
- During this week, the Indian Railways has decided to launch a special cleanliness drive and also special focus will be provided to clean the tracks, station offices, colonies, worksites, the edge of stations and other areas near the premises of the railway stations, across the country. The Ministry has decided to focus mainly on the plastic waste collection from the tracks along with other waste products.



Foot Notes:

Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal

7. No Sale Of Junk Food Within 50 Metres Of School Campus: FSSAI

- With the aim to ensure safe and wholesome food for school children, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has restricted the sale of junk and unhealthy food in canteens of schools and other educational institutions.
- Besides this, the food regulator has prohibited the sale and advertisement of unhealthy food within 50 metres of the school premises.
- The idea is to provide safe food and a balanced diet for children in schools.
- Foods which are referred to as foods high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) cannot be sold to schoolchildren in school canteens or mess premises or hostel kitchens or within 50 metres of the school campus.



Foot Notes:

About FSSAI:

Founded: August 2011

Headquarters: New Delhi

Agency executive: Rita Teatonia

8. Mumbai's Dadar becomes the first city to have female icons on traffic signals

- Mumbai has become the first city in India to have women symbols on traffic signals and signage.

- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has installed traffic signals that display female icons sporting triangular frock, a shift from the default representation of men.
- Aditya Thackery, Minister for Tourism and Environment termed that the signage is “ensuring gender equality with a simple idea.”
- While a first in India, countries like Germany and Australia started marking female icons in traffic signage in 2014 and 2017, respectively.



Foot Notes:

About Maharashtra:

Capital: Mumbai

Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

Chief Minister: Uddhav Thackrey

9. Delhi Airport launches 'Air Suvidha', an online portal for international passengers

- The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has developed a first-of-its-kind web portal named ‘AIR SUVIDHA’.
- This portal is meant for India-bound international arriving flyers, to enable them to fill the mandatory self- declaration form.
- Eligible passengers can also apply online for exemption from mandatory institution quarantine process.
- The AIR SUVIDHA portal will make traveling contactless as the passengers won’t have to fill physical copies of self declaration and quarantine exemption forms when they arrive in India.



Foot Notes:

About DIAL:

Founded: 2006

Parent organization: GMR Airports Limited

10. Golfer Chawrasia tests positive for Covid-19

- Ace Indian golfer SSP Chawrasia has tested positive for Covid-19 and is in home quarantine.



- A four-time winner on the European Tour, including back-to-back Indian Open triumphs in 2016 and 2017, Chawrasia had started training at the Royal Calcutta Golf Course and was slated to fly to England this week.
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