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Today's Important News

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Joshi took oath as Chairman of Union Public Service Commission.

1. India Observes 77th anniversary of August movement or Quit India movement

- The 77th anniversary of Quit India movement, also known as August Kranti Diwas, was observed on August 8, 2019. The Quit India movement began with Mahatma Gandhi's clarion call of "Do or Die" to end the British rule in India.
- In July 1942, the Congress Working Committee met at Wardha and a resolution was passed which was termed The Wardha Resolution.
- It is also known as Quit India Resolution which demanded, The British Rule in India must end immediately. The British had refused to grant India total independence but later they agreed to give independence after World War II ended. World War II ended in 1945 and India gained independence in 1947.



2. PM inaugurated Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra in New Delhi on 8th August

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra' near Raj Ghat in New Delhi. It is an interactive experience centre on the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- A tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra



(RSK) was first announced by the Prime Minister on April 10 2017 on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Gandhiji's Champaran 'satyagraha'. The visitors will experience a unique 360 degree audio visual immersive show, which will narrate India's Swachhata Story.

- The installations at Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra will introduce future generations to the successful journey of the world's largest behavioural change campaign, the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- A balanced mix of digital and outdoor installations in Kendra will impart information, awareness and education on Swachhata and related aspects.

Foot Notes:

About New Delhi:

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

Lt. Governor: Shri Anil Bajjal

3. Mauritius declares state of environmental emergency after oil spill

- Mauritius' Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth declared a state of environmental emergency on August 7, 2020 after a shipreck caused massive fuel spill.
- A Japanese-owned ship, which ran aground on July 25, has been leaking tons of oil into the Indian Ocean. The ship is reportedly carrying nearly 4000 tons of fuel oil and 200 tons of diesel on board.
- The Mauritius PM made the brief statement by tweeting that Mauritius does not have the skills and expertise to refloat stranded ships, so he has asked for help from France.
- Mauritius' Ministry of Environment has set up a committee to identify how best to orchestrate the cleanup. The ministry warned the public to stay away from the affected area because of toxic fumes.



Foot Notes:

About Mauritius:

Capital: Port Louis

Currency: Mauritian rupee

Prime Minister: Pravind Jugnauth

4. Dr.Pradeep Kumar Joshi took oath as Chairman of Union Public Service Commission

- Dr. Pradeep Kumar Joshi took oath as Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).Prof.
- Joshi joined the Commission as a member in the year 2015.He succeeded Arvind Saxena who completed his term as UPSC chairman.
- He served as Director of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration.
- During his career, Dr. Joshi taught more than 28 years at postgraduate level and held many important positions in various policy making, academic and administrative bodies.



Foot Notes:

About UPSC:

Headquarters location: New Delhi

Founded: 1 October 1926

5. Odisha cadre IPS officer, P S Ranipse has been appointed as IG, in CRPF

- Odisha cadre IPS officer, P S Ranipse has been appointed as Inspector General (IG), in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- He will hold the post on Central deputation for a period of five years from the date of joining.
- IPS officer P S Ranipse belongs to the 1995 batch and was serving as Additional Director General (Vigilance) in Odisha.
- He held the position of Inspector General of Police (Odisha) in 2013.



Foot Notes:

About Odisha:

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Governor: Ganeshi Lal

Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

About CRPF(Central Reserve Police Force):

Headquarters: New Delhi


Motto: "सेवा और निष्ठा"

Director General: Dr. A.P. Maheshwari

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6. India will hosts T20 World Cup in 2021, Australia to host in 2022

- India will remain hosts of the 2021 Twenty20 World Cup while Australia will host this year's postponed tournament in 2022.
- The ICC also confirmed the women's 50-over World Cup that was scheduled to be held in New Zealand in February-March next year has been postponed to 2022.
- This year's T20 World Cup was scheduled to be held in Australia in October-November but the tournament was postponed due to the logistical challenges of staging the 16-team event amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions in place.



Foot Notes:

About ICC:

CEO: Manu Sawhney

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Chairman: Imran Khwaja

Founded: 15 June 1909

About Australia:

Prime minister: Scott Morrison

Capital: Canberra

Currency: Australian dollar

7. Focussing on MSMEs, Gujarat launches new Industrial Policy 2020

- On August 7, 2020, the Gujarat State Government launched the “Industrial Policy 2020”. The policy aims to provide Rs 40,000 subsidies to the industries in the state in the next five years.
- The policy will help to lease lands to industrialists and also provide incentives to industrial parks. Under the policy, the Gujarat State Government will appoint dedicated “relationship managers” to host Vibrant Gujarat Summit in January 2021. The Gujarat Industrial Policy, 2015, came to an end in 2019 and the government had extended it till 2020.
- Gujarat stands first in terms of number of Industrial Entrepreneurship Memorandum (IEM). This is 51% of total IEMs filed in the country. The subsidies being allocated to the current policy is three times as that of the previous policy.
- The policy will help industries willing to relocate from China through “Relocation Incentives”. The Gujarat State Government has held joint meetings with countries such as Japan, Germany, USA and UK in this regard.



Foot Notes:

About Gujarat:

Capital: Gandhinagar

Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

8. CM Arvind Kejriwal launches Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, says it will boost economy

- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched ‘Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy’. Under this the Delhi government will waive registration fee and road tax, and provide incentives for new EVs in the national capital.
- It will give incentive of up to Rs 30,000 for two-wheelers, autos and e-rickshaws while for cars, it will give incentive of up to Rs 1.5 lakh.
- The policy aims to boost the economy, create jobs and reduce pollution levels.
- Also, it aims to constitute 25% electric vehicles by 2024. Currently, constitution of electric vehicles in capital is 0.29%.



Foot Notes:

About Delhi:

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

Governor: Anil Bajjal

9. Airtel Payments Bank, Bharti AXA partner to offer 'shop insurance' for retailers

- Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer "Smart Plan Shop Package Policy" for the financial protection of the bank's retailers and merchants. The policy will provide financial protection in case of damage to assets inside the shop due to fire and allied perils and burglary, among others, as covered in the product.
- This policy covers assets inside the shop against burglary, fire and allied perils such as flood, earthquake, landslide, rockslide, riots, strike and malicious damage, among others.
- It also covers the loss of money in safety because of an accident. The policy has a flexible sum insured option, starting from Rs 2 lakh up to Rs 25 lakh.



Foot Notes:

About Airtel Payments Bank:

Headquarters: New Delhi

CEO: Anubrata Biswas

Founded: January 2017

About Bharti AXA:

CEO: Sanjeev Srinivasan

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 2008

10. Bangladesh to construct monument for Indian soldiers martyred in 1971 Liberation War

- Bangladesh will construct a memorial for the Indian soldiers martyred during the country's liberation war in 1971. The memorial will be constructed coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bangladesh.
- Liberation War in Bangladesh, was a revolution and armed conflict sparked by the rise of the Bengali nationalist and self-determination movement during the 1971 Bangladesh genocide. It resulted in the independence of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.



- The war began after the Pakistani military in West Pakistan launched Operation Searchlight against the people of East Pakistan on the night of 25 March 1971.

Foot Notes:

About Bangladesh:

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi taka

Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina



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