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Today's Important News

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1. Mirabai Chanu appointed as brand ambassador of Amway India

- Olympic silver medalist weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Amway India and its Nutrilite range of products.
- She will spearhead Amway's campaigns focused on product ranges such as Nutrilite Daily, Omega and All Plant Protein among others.
- Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the women's 49kg category.
- Amway: American multi-level marketing company that sells health, beauty, and home care products.



2. World Humanitarian Day 2021: 19th August

- World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed on 19 August every year to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- Theme for 2021 WHD: #TheHumanRace: a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with people who need it the most.
- It was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009, after it was



formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009.

3. Kotak Mahindra Bank introduces DIY Digital Repayment platform

- Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL) has tied-up with Creditas Solutions to introduce a secure, Do It Yourself (DIY) Digital Repayment Platform for missed loan repayments.
- Aim: To deliver a superior repayment experience for customers and increase efficiencies.
- It is powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).
- It is a 'Neo Collections' platform that will enable customers to manage their dues seamlessly on their own.



Foot Notes:

About Kotak Mahindra Bank:

CEO: Uday Kotak

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founder: Uday Kotak

Founded: February 2003

4. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank launches FRUITS portal

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), in association with Karnataka government has launched 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) portal.
- FRUITS portal is the first of its kind in India where in the land and other details of all the farmers in the State are being captured.
- Under this, all the farmers will be registered and given a FRUITS ID (FID) number.



Foot Notes:

About Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank:

Headquarters: Dharwad.

Sponsor bank of KVGB: Canara Bank.

5. Chhattisgarh launches Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana

- Chhattisgarh government has launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana', benefiting 12 lakh landless families.

- The scheme will have the provision of ₹200 crores.
- The amount has been included in the supplementary budget of the financial year 2021-2022.
- Aim: To support rural landless labourers with minimum wages so that they can access basic amenities.



Foot Notes:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister: Bhupesh Baghel

Governor: Anusuiya Uikey

Capitals: Raipur (Executive Branch), Bilaspur

6.Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launches smart health cards

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched smart health cards under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana which is expected to benefit around 3.5 crore people.
- Through this smart card, all beneficiaries can avail of treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh per annum.
- Women can also avail of benefits up to Rs 10 lakh every year.
- The move will transform the health service delivery system and create history in the health sector.



Foot Notes:

About Odisha:

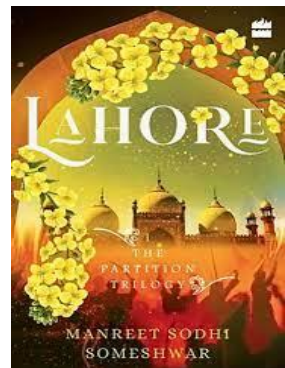
Governor: Ganeshi Lal

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

7.Manreet Sodhi comes up with Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy

- Manreet Sodhi Someshwar has penned down a book titled as 'Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy'.
- It has been published by HarperCollins.
- The book captures the frenzy of Indian independence, the Partition and the accession of the states, and takes readers back to a time of great upheaval and churn.
- Manreet Sodhi Someshwar is a bestselling writer of six books, including the award-winning The Radiance of a Thousand Suns.



8. Uttar Pradesh govt to set up ATS commandos training centre

- Uttar Pradesh govt has decided to set up a training centre for Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) commandos in Saharanpur's Deoband, known for its Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband.
- Over one and a half dozen ATS officers, selected from all over the state, will be deputed there.
- Govt has already allotted over 2,000 square meters of land for establishing the ATS training centre in Deoband.
- Deoband is on the Uttaranchal and Haryana border.



Foot Notes:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch)

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

9. Indian Army organises 'JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA' Relay Marathon in J&K

- Indian Army has organised 400 Km 'JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA' Relay Marathon in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- More than 300 troops participated in the marathon, carrying the Indian Tricolour all along the Line of Control (LoC).
- The run inculcated the spirit of brotherhood, as each soldier carried the symbolic National Flag of comradeship across Area of Responsibility (AOR), handing it over to other units which stand shoulder to shoulder in war.



10. Priyanka Chopra appointed as Chairperson of Jio MAMI Film Festival

- Priyanka Chopra has appointed as the Chairperson of Jio Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI) Film Festival with effect from August 17, 2021.
- She has replaced Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who stepped down from the position in April 2021.
- She was unanimously nominated by MAMI's Board of Trustees which has Nita M Ambani as Co-Chairperson.
- Tentative dates of the festival are March 11 to March 15, 2022.
- Festival Director: Anupama Chopra.



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