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CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

International Equal Pay-Day



- **International Equal Pay Day**, celebrated for **the first time this 18 September**, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value.
- It further builds on the United Nations commitment to human rights and against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls.

World Bamboo Day



- **World Bamboo Day** is observed globally on 18 September every year.
- **World Bamboo Day** was officially established on **September 18** at the **8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok in 2009** and declared by the **Thai Royal Forest Department**.
- People and businesses from around the world use this day to raise awareness of the benefits of bamboo and to promote its use in everyday products.
- The theme for 11th edition of WBD 2020 is '**BAMBOO NOW.**'

International Coastal CleanUp Day



- During the **third Saturday in September**, **International Coastal CleanUp Day** encourages people to rid beaches of the garbage plaguing beaches.
- This year it falls on **19th September**.
- Awareness is also spread about preserving and protecting the world's oceans and waterways.

International Day of Peace

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- **Each year the International Day of Peace** is observed around the world **on 21 September**.
- The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.
- The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is **“Shaping Peace Together.”**

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL

India seeks Blue Flag eco-label for its eight beaches, launches its own tag ‘BEAMS’ for clean beach



- A national jury, composed of environmentalists and scientists, has recommended **India’s eight beaches for consideration** by **international jury** for the coveted International eco-label, the **Blue Flag certification**.
- The Blue Flag beaches are considered the cleanest beaches of the world.
- The eight beaches are Shivrajpur in Gujarat, Ghoghla in Daman & Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri beach in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden beach of Odisha and Radhanagar beach of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- **Total 4664 beaches, marinas and boats from 46 countries** have, so far, **got the Blue Flag certification** by international jury. **Spain has the highest number of Blue Flag tagged sites**. There is **none from India**.
- On the eve of **International Coastal Clean-Up Day** which is celebrated across 100 countries since 1986, India launched its own eco-label **“BEAMS” (Beach Environment & Aesthetics Management Services)** under its **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project**.
- The objective of BEAMS program is to abate pollution in coastal waters, promote sustainable development of beach facilities, protect & conserve coastal ecosystems & natural resources, and seriously challenge local authorities & stakeholders to strive and maintain high standards of cleanliness, hygiene & safety for beachgoers in accordance with coastal environment & regulations. This program promotes beach recreation in absolute harmony with nature.

Delhi's IGI airport gets India's first terminal for chartered planes, can handle 150 jets per day



- **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)**, a GMR Group-led consortium launched **India's first General Aviation Terminal facility for private jets** at **Indira Gandhi International Airport**.

- The event was organised while taking all social distancing protocols into consideration, given the pandemic.
- It was inaugurated by Union civil aviation minister **Hardeep Singh Puri**
- Equipped with 57 parking bays, this new terminal can cater to over 150 private jets per day. The newly-developed flight line or apron is spread over an area of 8 lakh square feet with 24/7 personal concierge services.
- The new General Aviation Terminal has been built to support the movement and processing of passengers flying through chartered flights from IGI Airport.

About MoCA

- Civil Aviation Minister of India and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs : Hardeep Singh Puri
- Constituency: Uttar Pradesh

Lok Sabha passes several bills including National Forensic Science University Bill 2020



- **Lok Sabha** has passed **The National Forensic Science University Bill 2020**. The Bill establishes National Forensic Science University as an institute of national importance. The proposed university would facilitate and promote studies and research and help achieve excellence in the field of forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioural science studies, law, criminology and other allied areas.
- The Lok Sabha also passed the **Rashtriya Raksha University Bill**. The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the **Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat**. The key objectives of the University include providing dynamic and high standards of learning and research, and providing a working environment dedicated to advancing research, education and training in the domain of policing.
- The **Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Bill** was also passed. The Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for bilateral netting of qualified financial contracts which are over the counter derivatives contracts.
- The Lok Sabha also passed **The Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2020**.

Govt launches Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan in 272 most affected districts



- **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has formulated and is implementing a **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for 2018-2025**. The Plan aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a multi-pronged strategy.
- The activities under the NAPDDR include awareness generation programmes in schools, colleges, Universities, workshop and provisioning of treatment facilities and capacity building of service providers.

- The Lok Sabha Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Rattan Lal Kataria stated that the Ministry has also initiated focused intervention programmes in vulnerable districts across the country with an aim to increase community participation and public cooperation in the reduction of demand for dependence-producing substances.
- He stated, the Ministry has also launched **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** in 272 most affected districts with focus on institutional support, community outreach and awareness generation.

About Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment:

- Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Cabinet Minister
- Constituency: Madhya Pradesh
- Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State

DPIIT extends date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 to 1st January 2021



- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** issued notification extending the date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 as **1st January 2021** in place of **1st September 2020**.
- This decision allows domestic manufacturers four months of extra time to make necessary arrangements for compliance of standards in view of difficulties arising out of COVID-19 pandemic.

About DPIIT:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is a central government department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It is responsible for formulation and implementation of promotional and developmental measures for growth of the industrial sector, keeping in view the national priorities and socio-economic objectives.

Govt sets up group under cyber security head to probe China Watching, will report in 30 days



- The Government set up an expert committee under the **National Cyber Security Coordinator** to study the revelations in China Watching, an investigation, that a **Shenzhen-based company**, with links to the Chinese government, is monitoring over 10,000 Indian individuals and entities.
- The expert committee, led by **Lt Gen (retd) Rajesh Pant**, India's chief coordinator on **cyber security**, will evaluate the "implications" of the digital surveillance by Data Information Technology Co. Limited and "assess any violations of law and submit its recommendations within thirty days."

FSSAI constitutes task force on vegan food



- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** constituted a task force to look into guidelines/provisions for vegan foods in the country. The task force comprises **seven members** including **Shankar Narayan**, founder-president, Satvik Vegan Society (formerly Indian Vegan Society), Bengaluru-Byndoor.
- Mr. Narayan founded the society in **2004** as a registered charitable trust. The society is a member of the **International Vegetarian Union** and **Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisation**.
- ICAR's retired principal scientist (food and nutrition) Sumedha S. Deshpande, Sangeeta Pandey, Head of Nutrition and Dietetics, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, Lalitha Appukkutan, NIMS Medicity, Thiruvananthapuram, Palak Mehta, Founder and CEO, Vegan First, Pune, a representative each from the Ministry of Commerce and the Industry and Quality Council of India are the other members of the task force.
- The terms of reference for the task force include a look into the definition of vegan foods available across the globe and to formulate a guideline/advisory/provisions for assessing/certifying vegan food in India.

About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India:

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Rita Teatonia

ICT challenge for developing smart supply measurement and monitoring system under Jal Jeevan Mission



- The government has launched an **information and communications technology (ICT)** contest to create innovative, modular and cost-effective solution to develop a smart water supply measurement and monitoring system to be deployed at the village level, according to an official statement.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission**, in partnership with the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, has launched the challenge and will be inviting proposals from Indian firms, including start-ups and micro, small and medium enterprises.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** aims at providing tap water connection to every rural household by **2024**.
- This necessitates the use of modern technology in systematic monitoring of the programme and to capture service delivery data automatically for ensuring the quality of services. Digitalisation of water supply infrastructure has the potential to solve some of the biggest societal problems facing the nation. More importantly, it will help anticipate and address future challenges, the statement stated.
- The challenge will provide support at ideation, prototype development and deployment stage.

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- Union Minister of the Law and Justice, Electronics and Information Technology and Communications: Ravi Shankar Prasad
- Constituency: Patna Sahib, Bihar

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

India extends 250 million dollars support to Maldives to overcome economic impact of Covid-19



- **India** has provided financial assistance of **250 million dollars** as budgetary support to the **Maldives government** to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. A handover ceremony was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives government to mark the occasion.
- The 250 million dollar budgetary support was a response to the request made by Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for financial assistance to overcome the difficult economic situation in the Maldives. India has provided substantial and continued assistance to the Maldives during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The budgetary support of 250 million dollars has been extended without conditions. Maldives government is at liberty to use the money in repairing the domestic economic situation in line with its own priorities. The financial assistance is being routed through **SBI, Male** so that it does not reflect in the external borrowings of the Maldives. Indian government has provided a sovereign guarantee to SBI for this financial assistance.
- The **soft loan** has a comfortable tenor of **10 years** and a **very low interest rate**. Since the principal payment is due only at the end of 10 years, it will not put any immediate debt servicing liability other than bi-annual interest payment. Maldives is the only country to which India has provided such assistance.

About Maldives:

- Capital: Malé
- Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

Gujarat CM Rupani announces subsidy schemes for e-scooters, rickshaws



- **Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** announced **subsidy schemes** for **electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws**, during a virtual programme on climate change to commemorate the founding day of the state climate change department.

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- The CM announced the subsidy as a **“Panchsheel gift”** of five development schemes in Gujarat to celebrate the 70th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The CM declared that **students will get a subsidy of Rs 12,000 each to buy e-scooters**. Under this scheme, the government will provide assistance to students **studying from Class 9 to college** to purchase **battery-powered two-wheelers**. The target is to provide this assistance to 10,000 such vehicles.
- The state government will also provide **assistance of Rs 48,000 for the purchase of 5,000 battery-powered e-rickshaws** for individual and institutional beneficiaries.
- The Climate Change department also signed virtual MoU with 10 organisations to work on mitigating the effects of climate change and increasing the use of renewable energy via the usage of space technology and geo-informatics.
- Another MoU, “Climate Change Risk Assessment of Mitigation”, was signed with the **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) for climate finance and climate policy matters** and with the **Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn)** on capacity building, research and enhancing the public utility of scientific information in the field of climate change and environment.
- An MoU was also signed with the **Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation and Gujarat Gas** to increase the usage of clean fuels like CNG in vehicle transactions and to formulate building codes on energy saving in houses with the chief town planner.

About Gujarat

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat
- Chief minister: Vijay Rupani

J-K LG Launches NGDRS For Online Registration In Sale Or Purchase Of Land



- **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha** launched the **National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)**, marking a major shift from the existing manual registration system to online registration for transactions in sale or purchase of land.
- "The NGDRS represents a major shift from the existing manual registration system to online registration of all transactions in sale-purchase/transfer of land and the stamp papers have been replaced by e-stamps which have been incorporated in coordination with Stockholding Corporation of India," an official statement stated.
- The overall intent is to ensure hassle-free service delivery and transparency in the registration process by online uploading of the document, appointment with the registration office, e-stamp and a one-time visit to the registration office.
- "The entire process has been reduced to 15 minutes, which earlier would take several days in view of multiple steps involved. Now, all five steps are under the digital process," the LG remarked.
- Apart from Srinagar district, four other districts -- Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur have also been included under NGDRS coverage.

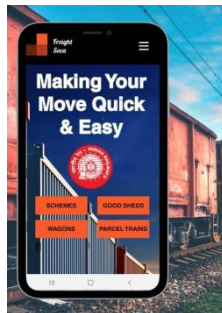
- "The Lieutenant Governor directed the officers to launch the system in the rest of the Union Territory before October 31, 2020. He remarked that the launching of NGDRS is a big step towards national integration and a leap towards 'One Nation, One Software'," the statement stated.

About Jammu and Kashmir:

- Capitals: Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)
- Lt. Governor: Manoj Sinha

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPS AND PORTALS

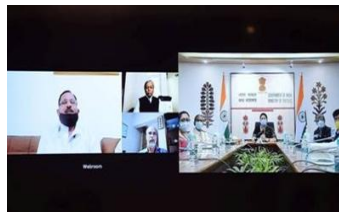
Southern Railway's Chennai Division launches Freight Seva app



- The **Chennai Division of Southern Railways (SR)** has launched an in-house mobile application - **Freight Seva** - to serve customers better.
- The app will be a one stop destination for information needs, and have requisite details for access by freight customers.
- This includes various incentive schemes of Indian Railways for freight customers; all goods sheds in Chennai Division; types of wagons and the various commodities that can be dealt in them and parcel cargo express trains with schedules, freight rates and parcel rates.
- The mobile app also facilitates customers to ask for an approximate quote for any commodity and to any rail destination.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

MoU signed between AYUSH Ministry and WCD Ministry for controlling Malnutrition as a part of POSHAN Abhiyaan



- A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between the **Ministry of AYUSH** and **Ministry of Women and Child Development** in **New Delhi** for **controlling Malnutrition** as a part of **POSHAN Abhiyaan**. The MoU will see some time-tested and scientifically proven Ayush-based solutions being adopted for controlling **malnutrition** in the country.
- On this occasion, Shripad Yesso Naik stated that Ayurveda and other AYUSH systems have much to contribute in dealing with mild and moderate mal-nutrition by way of many specific measures such as right intake of diet by the

pregnant women, feeding practices by lactating mothers, use of traditional products augmenting milk secretion and nutritional food for children.

About Ministry of Women and Child Development

- Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Cabinet Minister
- Constituency: Amethi ,
- Debasree Chaudhuri, Minister of State

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

Bandhan Bank sets up new vertical to serve unbanked customers



- **Bandhan Bank**, which recently completed five years of operations as a bank, has **set up a new vertical** called **Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)** to support the **emerging needs of the unbanked and underbanked segment of customers**.
- The vertical will focus on supporting this segment of customers in their journey to becoming entrepreneurs.
- In addition to micro loans, the vertical will also manage micro home loan, micro bazaar loan and micro enterprise loan.
- **The bank** has further **appointed Kumar Ashish** as the **Executive President and Head to spearhead EEB**.
- Ashish has over 26 years of experience in setting up and managing businesses of significant scale in retail and business banking, rural banking, microfinance, agri banking and treasury.

About Bandhan Bank

- Headquarters: Kolkata
- CEO: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

ICICI Home Finance launches home loan scheme 'Apna Ghar Dreamz' for skilled workers in Delhi



- **ICICI Home Finance** has launched a **new loan scheme "Apna Ghar Dreamz"**, with credit amount in the range of **Rs 2 lakh to 50 lakh**, for **skilled workers** employed in the informal sector **in Delhi**.
- The scheme is meant for skilled workers such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, tailors, painters, welders, auto mechanics, manufacturing machine operators, computer mechanics, RO repair technicians, small and medium business owners and grocery store owners in the city.
- The loan scheme is targeted at the informal segment of the population who wish to purchase their own home, but may not have all documents that a formal financial institution would require.
- Customers seeking to avail the special 20-year tenure loan would need to provide documents such as PAN and Aadhaar details, and bank statement of past six months.
- The customers should have a minimum account balance of Rs 1,500 for loan up to 5 lakh and Rs 3,000 for loan above 5 lakh.

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- Customers can also avail all the benefits of the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)** which is a credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) for Lower Income Groups/ Economically Weaker Sections (EWS/LIG) and Middle Income Groups (MIG – I & II).
- Under PMAY-CLSS, a borrower is eligible for maximum subsidy of **up to Rs 2.67 lakh**.

About ICICI Home Finance

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Anirudh Kamani

KVGB launches new gold loan scheme Vikas Laghu Suvarna



- The **Dharwad -headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** has launched a **special gold loan scheme -- Vikas Laghu Suvarna --** with a reduced interest rate of **7.25 per cent**.
- The bank has reduced the rate of interest to provide easy and affordable credit to needy customers at a cheaper cost considering the pandemic situation in the country.
- Under this scheme, the bank is giving 80 per cent of the market value of the gold subject to a maximum of Rs.,3200 a gram.
- A maximum loan of up to Rs.15 lakh will be provided. The loan is repayable within six months.

About KVGB

- Chairman: P Gopi Krishna
- Headquarters: Dharwad

Kazakhstan Financial Regulator Cancels Licence of PNB Subsidiary



- State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** stated the financial regulator of **Kazakhstan** has revoked licence of its associate for failure to meet prudential standards and other mandatory norms. PNB holds 41.64 per cent in **JSC Tengri Bank**, the bank stated in a regulatory filing.
- The financial regulator of Kazakhstan has revoked the licence of JSC Tengri Bank on account of failure to observe prudential standards and other mandatory norms and limits by the JSC Tengri Bank, it stated. JSC Tengri Bank has **nine** branches in Kazakhstan.

About Punjab National Bank:

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Former RAW chief Anil Dhasmana appointed as new chief of National Technical Research Organisation

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- **Former Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Anil Dhasmana** was appointed as the **new chief** of **National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**.
- He will take charge and serve till 65 years of age.
- Dhasmana would be the head of NTRO **for next two years**. He will **replace former Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer Satish Jha**.

About NTRO

- The National Technical Research Organisation is a technical intelligence Agency under the National Security Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office, India. It was set up in 2004.
- Headquarters: New Delhi

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

NSA Ajit Doval attends 10th BRICS' meeting on security issues



- The **10th meeting of the NSAs, hosted by** the current chair of **BRICS Russia**, was attended by China's State Councillor Yang Jiechi and senior security officials from Brazil and South Africa.
- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval attended a virtual meet.
- This is to discuss an anti-terrorism draft strategy which is likely to be approved at an upcoming summit.
- The meeting exchanged views on combating terrorism and extremism besides deliberating on global and regional security issues.

BRICS Communications Ministers' Meet



- Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Sanjay Dhotre appreciated field force who managed telecom networks during COVID-19, and shared technology initiatives taken by the government to curb the pandemic at a BRICS meeting.
- The BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting, was hosted by **Maxim Parshin**, deputy minister of digital development, communications and mass media of Russia.
- The meeting is held annually under the rotating chairship of member countries, and India will take over the chairmanship of the **next meeting to be hosted in 2021 by India**.

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- The minister also highlighted various initiatives taken by the Indian government for COVID-19 management, such as **AarogyaSetu app, Covid Quarantine Alert System (CQAS), CovidSavdhan and ICT solutions** to facilitate movement of migrant workers back to their homes.
- Dhotre also talked about the **BharatNet project** to connect 2,50,000 gram panchayats involving local people through innovative PPP models, and other projects to connect hilly regions of northeast and remote islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

About BRICS

- **BRICS** is the group composed by the five major emerging countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Founded: June 2006
- State Leaders: Jair Bolsonaro; Vladimir Putin; Narendra Modi; Xi Jinping; Cyril Ramaphosa

PM Modi to inaugurate and address VAIBHAV summit on 2nd October



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will inaugurate and address **Vaibhav (Vishwik Bhartiya Vaignaynik) Summit on 2nd October**.
- Vaibhav Summit is a **global summit of Resident and Overseas Indian scientists, academicians and researchers**.
- More than 5500 academicians of Indian origin are there in top 500 Global Education Institutions and about 600 are working in the professional R&D institutes.
- **Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit** is a collaborative initiative by **S&T and Academic Organisations of India** to enable deliberations on thought process, practices and R&D culture with a problem solving approach for well defined objectives.
- The VAIBHAV initiative aims to bring out the comprehensive roadmap to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researcher for solving emerging challenges.
- The aim of summit is to reflect in-depth on the collaboration and cooperation instruments with academia and scientists in India. The goal is to create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach.
- The virtual summit will be inaugurated by Prime Minister on 2nd October'2020 in the virtual presence of registered academia and researchers from across the world.
- This will be **followed by online month-long deliberation sessions** starting from 3rd October to 25th October 2020 among researchers through webinar mode. Concluding session is planned on 2nd November.

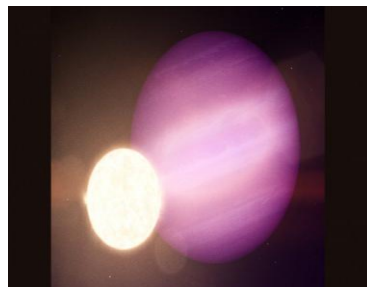
CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT-Bhubaneswar students make first-of-its-kind ventilation device “Swasner”to ease mild breathing issues



- A group of seven engineering students from **IIIT, Bhubaneswar** claimed to have developed a first-of-its-kind **helmet-like ventilation device “Swasner”** that benefits patients suffering from **mild respiratory distress**.
- It can also act as a comfortable alternative to the suffocating PPE kits, the students claimed.
- Shaped as a bubble enclosure for the head, the device works on the principle of hyperbaric oxygen therapy - mostly used for treating diving-related illness and some other medical conditions.
- These students - Tapaswin Padhy, Sai Sambit Nayak, Sidharth Nayak, Ananya Aprameya, Jivitesh Debata, Vitthal Gupta, Nand Kishore Gupta, Divyajyoti Dash and Shovit Mitra - took four months to design the device named **‘Swasner.’**
- These students have connected the device to an IoT-powered diagnostics monitoring system that allows doctors to check the patient’s vitals from remote locations.

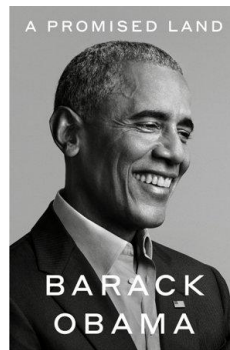
Jupiter-sized planet found orbiting a dead star — a first in space discoveries



- According to findings published in the journal Nature, a planet the size of **Jupiter** is in orbit around a white dwarf ,The white dwarf known as **WD 1856+534** is hosting the newly discovered planet named **WD 1586 b.** — the remnant after a star’s death — which is **80 light years** away from Earth. The planet takes merely 1.4 days to complete one orbit.
- Earlier it was thought that planets could not form around a white dwarf due to the violent nature of the white dwarf formation.
- However, this study supports the theory that massive planets can survive the creation of a white dwarf, migrate close to it and then resume orbit around the new remnant.
- The observations were made using **NASA’s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)** and retired Spitzer Space Telescope.
- The findings have implications for the survival of other kinds of planets during the death of a star, including Earth-like rocky planets.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Barack Obama's memoir 'A Promised Land' coming out in November



- **Former U.S. President Barack Obama** announced the publication in November of the **first half of his memoirs, A Promised Land.**
- Published by **Penguin Random House** and the book will be released in **25 languages** on November 17.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

Fed Cup renamed as Billie Jean King Cup to honour the legendary player



- The **Fed Cup** will be **renamed** as **Billie Jean King Cup**, the **International Tennis Federation** announced.
- The change of name is being done **to honour King** considered the greatest trailblazer in **women's tennis for her lifelong battle for equality and social justice.**
- **Almost six decades after King helped the US to win the inaugural Fed Cup**, the tournament becomes the **first tennis competition to be named after a woman.**

About ITF

- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
- President: David Haggerty

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

'Mini Gavaskar' Sachin Deshmukh passes away at 52 due to coronavirus complications



- 'Mini Gavaskar' in local cricket, **Sachin Deshmukh passes away** at 52 after coronavirus complications.
- The cricketer has been part of Mumbai and Maharashtra Ranji teams but could never find a place in playing XI of the team.
- Deshmukh was Superintendent Excise and Customs in Mumbai - known as GST and customs.

United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passes away at 87



- **US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** who has been regarded as an iconic champion of women's rights and history-making jurist **passed away** at the age of 87.
- Ginsburg, the **second woman appointed to the bench**, developed a rock star status during her career and was dubbed the 'Notorious RBG'.

DAILY CA 18th SEP

- World Patient Safety Day: 17 September
- PM Modi to dedicate historic Kosi Rail Mahasetu to the Nation
- Parliament passes Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill 2020
- Israel, U.A.E. and Bahrain Sign Accords, With an Eager Trump Playing Host
- Volvo Car India Partnered With HDFC Bank To Launch Volvo Car Financial Services
- Irda to develop standardised products for bridging protection gap
- IDFC Mutual Fund launches 'SIP in Fixed Income' campaign
- Canara Bank introduces i-Lead 2.0 to boost customer services
- HDFC Bank launches video KYC facility for savings, salary accounts and personal loans
- StanChart launches online remittance service
- ADB, JICA to fund ORR-Airport Metro rail connectivity
- Karnataka CM launches 'Arthika Spandana' loan disbursal scheme
- Govt launches road accident insurance scheme named after Balasaheb Thackeray
- UP govt decides to give cows to families with malnourished children
- HCL and Google Cloud expand partnership to deliver accelerated business intelligence platform
- ICICI Bank to seek approval to appoint Sandeep Batra as whole-time director
- Narendra Tomar replaces Harsimrat Badal as Minister of Food Processing Industries
- Rome's Fiumicino Airport awarded world's first five-star anti-Covid award
- Michelin-star Chef Vikas Khanna Honoured For Feeding Millions In India Amid COVID-19
- Indian teenager named by UN to 2020 Class of Young Leaders for SDGs
- 10th virtual meeting of BRICS NSAs to be held virtually
- AZADI Freedom. Fascism. Fiction by Arundhati Roy
- Ashok Leyland, Hindustan Zinc team up with IIT-M to develop Zinc air battery
- Indian Cities Slip In Global Smart City Index, Singapore On Top
- Lionel Messi Remains Ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo as World's Richest Footballer
- Neymar banned for 2 matches, Layvin Kurzawa banned for 6 matches
- Amitabha Ghosh, who served as RBI governor for 21 days, passes away at 90
- Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Gasti passes away



DAILY CA 19th , 20th & 21st SEP

- International Equal Pay-Day- 18th sep
- World Bamboo Day- 18th sep
- International Coastal CleanUp Day- 19th sep
- International Day of Peace – 21st sep
- India seeks Blue Flag eco-label for its eight beaches, launches its own tag 'BEAMS' for clean beach
- Delhi's IGI airport gets India's first terminal for chartered planes, can handle 150 jets per day
- Lok Sabha passes several bills including National Forensic Science University Bill 2020
- Govt launches Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan in 272 most affected districts
- DPIIT extends date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 to 1st January 2021
- Govt sets up group under cyber security head to probe China Watching, will report in 30 days
- FSSAI constitutes task force on vegan food
- ICT challenge for developing smart supply measurement and monitoring system under Jal Jeevan Mission
- India extends 250 million dollars support to Maldives to overcome economic impact of Covid-19
- Gujarat CM Rupani announces subsidy schemes for e-scooters, rickshaws
- J-K LG Launches NGDRS For Online Registration In Sale Or Purchase Of Land
- Southern Railway's Chennai Division launches Freight Seva app
- MoU signed between AYUSH Ministry and WCD Ministry for controlling Malnutrition as a part of POSHAN Abhiyaan
- Bandhan Bank sets up new vertical to serve unbanked customers
- ICICI Home Finance launches home loan scheme 'Apna Ghar Dreamz' for skilled workers in Delhi
- KVGB launches new gold loan scheme Vikas Laghu Suvarna
- Kazakhstan Financial Regulator Cancels Licence of PNB Subsidiary
- Former RAW chief Anil Dhasmana appointed as new chief of National Technical Research Organisation
- NSA Ajit Doval attends 10th BRICS' meeting on security issues
- BRICS Communications Ministers' Meet
- PM Modi to inaugurate and address VAIBHAV summit on 2nd October
- IIIT-Bhubaneswar students make first-of-its-kind ventilation device "Swasner" to ease mild breathing issues
- Jupiter-sized planet found orbiting a dead star — a first in space discoveries
- Barack Obama's memoir 'A Promised Land' coming out in November
- Fed Cup renamed as Billie Jean King Cup to honour the legendary player
- United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passes away at 87
- 'Mini Gavaskar' Sachin Deshmukh passes away at 52 due to coronavirus complications