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Shri Sanjay Dhotre inaugurates BHARAT AIRFIBER , a last mile telecom connectivity solution based on Radio Network

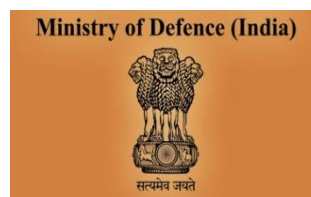


- **Shri. Sanjay Dhotre**, Union Minister of State for HRD, Electronics, Communication, and IT, Govt Of India, inaugurated “**Bharat Air Fibre Services**” at Akola in Maharashtra. With inauguration of Bharat Air Fibre services, residents of Akola & Washim district will get Wireless Internet Connections on demand.
- The Bharat Air Fibre services are introduced by BSNL as part of digital India initiatives by the Government of India and it aims of providing Wireless Connectivity in the range of **20 KMs from the BSNL Locations** and thus customers at remote places also will be benefitted as BSNL comes with cheapest services with support of Telecom Infrastructure Partners (TIPs).
- BSNL is providing the “Bharat Air Fibre Services” through local business partners of BSNL from Akola & Washim District and these services will give fastest internet connectivity in quick time. These services are special and different from other operators as BSNL is providing unlimited free voice calling.
- These Bharat Air Fibre services opens new way of fastest Wireless internet connectivity as well Voice services in reasonable cost. BSNL provides Bharat Air Fibre connectivity upto 100 Mbps speed. BSNL is offering attractive Broadband plans in Wireline & Wireless segments and during lockdown BSNL has come up as most reliable brand for Internet connectivity there by successfully implementing the Work From Home started by Government as well as many private firms.

About BSNL:

- CEO: Pravin Kumar Purwar
- Headquarters: New Delhi

Govt formulates draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020



- **Defence Ministry** has formulated a **draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020 (DPEPP-2020)**.
- The policy aims to provide impetus to self-reliance in defence manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Scheme.

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- The DPEPP-2020 is envisaged as overarching guiding document of Defence Ministry to provide a focused, structured and significant thrust to defence production capabilities of the country for self-reliance and exports.
- Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020 has marked out clear goals and objectives to be undertaken by the Defence Ministry.
- First and foremost amongst all is to achieve a turnover of Rs. 1 lakh 75 thousand Crore including an export of Rs. 35 thousand Crore in the Aerospace and Defence goods and services by the year 2025.
- Developing a dynamic, robust and competitive Defence industry, including Aerospace and Naval Shipbuilding industry to cater to the needs of Armed forces with quality products has also been clearly laid out in the new draft policy.
- The ministry has also laid emphasis on reducing dependence on imports and taking forward the Make in India initiatives through domestic designs.
- Efforts will be made to create an environment that encourages Research and Development, rewards innovation, creates Indian IP ownership and promotes a robust and self-reliant defence industry.
- Defence Ministry has solicited comments on the draft DPEPP-2020 policy from all stakeholders latest by 17th of August this year.

About Ministry of defence:

- Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence
- Constituency: Lucknow
- Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for Defence

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

Global Economy Could Lose \$108 Billion In Remittances: ADB



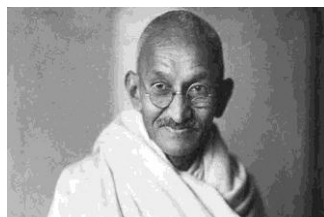
- **Global remittances** will fall by **108.6 billion dollars** if the Covid-19 economic impact persists throughout the year, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** stated.
- This is equivalent to **18.3 per cent decline** from what would have been expected without the impact of Covid-19, wrote economists James Villafuerte and Aiko Kikkawa Takenaka in a blogpost.
- Remittance receipts in Asia and the Pacific will fall by 54.3 billion dollars, equivalent to 19.8 per cent of remittances in 2018.
- By sub-region, remittances in South Asia are expected to fall furthest by 28.6 billion dollars (24.7 per cent of 2018 receipts) followed by remittances to Central Asia (3.4 billion dollars, 23.8 per cent), southeast Asia (11.7 billion dollars, 18.6 per cent) and east Asia ex-China and Japan (1.7 billion dollars, 16.2 per cent).
- Remittances to the Pacific will also fall (267 million dollars, 13.2 per cent), stated the ADB economists.
- The majority of the decline in remittance flows to the region is explained by a 22.5 billion dollars fall in remittances from the Middle East which accounts for 41.4 per cent of total remittance loss in Asia. This is followed by a 20.5 billion dollars slump in remittances from the United States (37.9 per cent of total).

- The fall in remittances from the European Union and the United Kingdom accounts for 6.3 per cent of the total or 3.4 billion dollars. The decline from Russian Federation amounts to 2.1 billion dollars of which 2 billion dollars reflects the decline in remittances going to Central Asia.
- By percentage, the Middle East and the Russian Federation experienced the sharpest decline -- over a third -- primarily reflecting the effects of low demand and oil prices on remittances.

About ADB:

- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
- President: Masatsugu Asakawa

U.K. to issue coin to honour Gandhiji



- Chancellor of the exchequer Rishi Sunak's office confirmed that **Mahatma Gandhi's image** on a coin is being considered as part of efforts to celebrate achievements of non-white individuals such as Indian-origin British spy **Noor Inayat Khan** and **Jamaican British nurse Mary Seacole**.
- Sunak has written to the **Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC)** that recommends themes and designs of coins, supporting a campaign called "**We Too Built Britain**," which seeks representation of non-white icons on British currency.
- The proposal to put Gandhi's image on a British coin was made by former chancellor Sajid Javid in October 2019. If the proposal now becomes reality, it would make the Indian independence hero the first non-White person to feature on a British coin.
- The chancellor's office confirmed that the RMAC is currently considering a coin to commemorate Gandhi, adding that Sunak is keen that British coins commemorate the work of the previous generations who have served the UK and nations that form the Commonwealth.
- Campaigners previously sought Noor Inayat Khan's image on a new £50 note, but the Bank of England announced that the new series to enter circulation in 2021 will have the image of computer pioneer and code-breaker Alan Turing.

About UK:

- Currency: Pound sterling
- Capital: London
- Prime minister: Boris Johnson

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

Bank of Baroda Credit Card offers EMIs on PoS Terminals in partnership with Innoviti



- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited** ties up with **Innoviti Payment Solutions**.

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- The Bank of Baroda credit cardholders pan India would be serviced at 70,000+ Innoviti PoS terminals across 1,000+ cities.
- Bank of Baroda Credit Card customers get another unique offering in terms of convenient and affordable EMI options.
- The proposed solution design has been kept simple in-line that offer great payment experiences. Customers wanting to opt for EMI, only need to notify the cashier during billing.
- The cashier can convert the payment into EMI over-the-counter on the POS terminal. Customers then enter their PIN to access the credit seamlessly right at the cashier point.

About BOB Financial Solutions Limited

- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (formerly known as 'Bobcards Limited') was established in the year 1994. It is a NonBanking Financial Company, wholly owned by Bank of Baroda, one of the top banks of India.
- MD & CEO: Mr. Shailendra Singh

About Innoviti Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd

- Innoviti Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has been a pioneer in the use of technology to add intelligence to payment transactions, helping merchants, banks and brands utilize the full power of digital payments to drive business growth.
- Chief Business Officer: Ms. Amrita Malik

IFSCA sets up panel to suggest ways for development of international retail business



- **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** announced setting up an **expert committee** suggest ways for the **development of international retail business**.
- The committee will be headed by **Pradip Shah** (Chairman, Indasia Fund Advisors Pvt Ltd.).
- At the same time, members include **G. Srinivasan** (Ex-CMD, New India Assurance Ltd.), **Siddhartha Sengupta** (Ex-DMD, State Bank of India), **Shyamal Mukherjee** (Chairman, PWC), **Prakash Subramanian** (Head – Strategy, Standard Chartered Bank), **Dipesh Shah** (Head - IFSC Dept., GIFT IFSC) and **Nitin Jaiswal**, (Head - Govt Affairs & Strategic relations, Bloomberg, Singapore).
- IFSCA has been mandated to develop and regulate the financial services market in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India.
- The Committee of Experts will suggest how to develop international retail business in IFSC along with potential strategies for making IFSC attractive for global financial services.
- It has been asked to provide a roadmap for the future growth of international retail business in IFSC The Committee will submit its report along with recommendations **within three months**.

About IFSCA

- Chairman– Injeti Srinivas
- Headquarters– Gandhinagar, Gujarat

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

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Tech Mahindra launches 'Mhealthy' to screen employees for COVID-19 risk factors at workplaces



- **Tech Mahindra** announced the launch of **Mhealthy**, a solution to enable workforce and community safety against COVID-19.
- **Mhealthy** is a comprehensive solution powered by **new generation technologies** including **artificial intelligence and machine learning to enable data driven digital diagnostics**.
- Tech Mahindra has rolled-out phase-wise screening starting with third-party vendors across its India offices and plans to extend the benefits to its employees, customers, and partner ecosystem.
- Tech Mahindra is also working towards safely reopening offices for a limited number of employees using the best available screening technology.
- **Mhealthy enables screening of the individuals** at the workplace on a regular interval to check for risk factors of COVID-19, such as comorbid conditions, immunity status, and biomarkers of infection.

About Tech Mahindra

- CEO: C. P. Gurnani
- Headquarters: Pune

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

UP to set up MSME industrial parks



- **Uttar Pradesh** government will set up **industrial parks for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in six** of its most **industrialised districts**, including Varanasi and Kanpur, and has invited proposals from consultants for it.
- The state government has also started work on a **detailed project report (DPR)** for the proposed **601km-long Ganga Expressway between Meerut and Prayagraj**.
- UP has decided to set up MSME parks in **Varanasi, Agra, Kanpur, Moradabad, Gorakhpur and Azamgarh**. The state has the largest number of MSM units in the country at 14%.
- UP already had the 302km-long Agra-Lucknow Expressway and has also started construction of the 340km-long Purvanchal Expressway, 296km-long Bundelkhand Expressway, and the 91km-long Gorakhpur Link Expressway.

About UP

- Capital: Lucknow
- Governor: Anandiben Patel

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- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Andhra CM launches e-rakshabandhan program for women safety



- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched an **e-rakshabandhan program**, to protect women and children from cyber and other crimes.
- Reddy stated that the launch of **4s4u.appolice.gov.in** web portal will provide information on various issues like how to deal with cybercrime, harassment, and other issues pertaining to women's safety.
- He further stated, Women welfare has been high priority and immediately after taking over, we have provided 50 per cent reservations to women in nominated posts and in government contracts besides implementing schemes like Amma Vodi, Vasati Deevena, Asara, Cheyutha and 30 lakh house sites being registered in the names of the women of the household.
- Home Minister M Sucharita, DGP Gowtham Sawang, additional DG Sunil Kumar, State Women Commission Chairperson Vasireddy Padma, MLA Vidadala Rajani, State Mala Corporation Chairperson, P Ammaji and others participated in the function.

About Andhra Pradesh:

- Capitals: Amaravati
- Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Chief Minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Rajasthan solar shines bright amidst gloom, adds max capacity in FY20 in India



- Solar sector continues to occupy a bright spot in the otherwise cloudy, overcast business environment in the state.
- According to a recent survey of states by **JMK Research and Analytics**, **Rajasthan** has added maximum capacity of **1,745 megawatt solar plants** in the country in 2019-20, followed by **Karnataka (1,443 MW)** and **Tamil Nadu (1,342 MW)**.
- The pipeline of projects also remains robust at 23,176 MW, which is within the striking distance of 30,000 megawatt, the five-year target announced in the solar policy 2019-20. While the state may have been dislodged from the number 1 position by Karnataka in about two years ago, it seems to be bouncing back aggressively. Karnataka currently has 7,045 MW installed capacity against Rajasthan's 4,932 MW.

About Rajasthan:

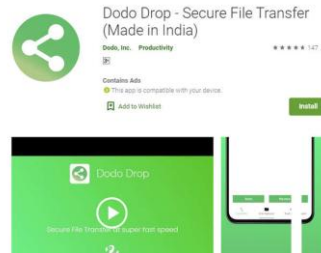
- Capital: Jaipur
- Governor: Kalraj Mishra
- Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPS AND PORTALS

Dodo Drop: The Indian 'SHAREit' developed by Kashmiri teenager

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- **Ashfaq Mehmood Choudhary**, a 17-year-old boy from Chattyear of **Jammu and Kashmir's** Rajouri district, has developed a file-sharing app '**Dodo Drop**' which would enable users **to share audios, videos, images, and texts between two devices without Internet access**.
- The 'Dodo Drop' application has a transfer rate of up to 480 mbps, which is faster than the SHAREit app and is "quite easy" to use.
- The Indian government has banned several Chinese apps due to data breaching, and among those apps was SHAREit which was used for sharing files. Users faced a lot of problems due to the ban, and so he decided to make this file-sharing app.

DNHDD launches E-Gyan Mitra mobile app for online education



- Union Territory of **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu** bordering Gujarat has launched **E-Gyan Mitra mobile app** for online education.
- The E-Gyan Mitra app launched by the Education Department of Daman Administration is becoming popular among the students and parents.

About Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu:

- Capital: Daman
- Administrator: Praful Khoda Patel

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Irfaan Ali declared president of Guyana



- The presidential candidate for the main opposition **People's Progressive Party/Civic, Mohamed Irfaan Ali**, was declared **president** elect of **Guyana**.
- He succeeds **David Arthur(A.) Granger**, a member of A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change (ANPU-AFC).
- The PPP won 33 of the 65 seats in the National Assembly with 233,336 votes, while the APNU-AFC earned 31 seats with 217,920 votes.

About Guyana

- Capital: Georgetown

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- Currency: Guyanese dollar

Sashidhar Jagdishan to take over as MD and CEO of HDFC Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as **Managing Director** and **CEO of HDFC Bank**.
- The RBI vide its communication dated August 3 has approved the appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as Managing Director and CEO of the Bank for three years with effect from October 27, the private sector lender stated.
- The bank's board will be meeting soon to approve the appointment of Jagdishan, who will take over from incumbent Aditya Puri who is set to retire on October 26.
- Jagdishan joined the bank in the year 1996 as a manager in the finance division. He became Business Head- Finance in 1999 and was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of HDFC Bank in 2008

About HDFC:

- CEO: Aditya Puri
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Tagline : We Understand Your World

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONORS

IIT Kharagpur researchers awarded for generating power from wet clothes



- A group of researchers from **IIT Kharagpur** has conferred the '**Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020**' for developing a mechanism for **generating electricity from wet clothes** left under sunlight to dry.
- **Prof Suman Chakraborty, Prof Partha Saha and Dr Aditya Bandopadhyay** from the Department of Mechanical Engineering have been awarded for their work - "**Electrical power generation from wet textile**".
- **Prof Sunando Dasgupta and his team** from the Department of Chemical Engineering have also been awarded for their work--- '**Smart, flexible, and multi-functional thermal and energy management systems for next-generation electronic devices**'.
- The device has been tested in a remote village where around 50 wet clothes were left for drying by washermen. These clothes were connected to a commercial supercapacitor which discharged electricity of around 10 volt. This stored energy is enough to glow a white LED bulb for more than an hour.
- Other Team achieved this by leveraging the unique properties of 'smart materials' materials that sense and react to environmental conditions or stimuli such as mechanical, chemical, electrical, or magnetic signals - infused with graphene, a form of carbon.

About GYTI

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- The 'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards' was instituted by the Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institution (SRISTI), a voluntary organization.
- GYTI Award celebrates the spirit of student innovation in all the fields of engineering, science, technology and design through extremely affordable/frugal solution or the ones pushing the technological edge.

Moothon, Run Kalyani win big at 20th New York Indian Film Festival



- **Malayalam films Moothon and Run Kalyani** have won big at the **20th edition of New York Indian Film Festival**, which went virtual this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Run Kalyani, directed by debutant Geetha J**, is about a young woman cook, who is trapped in the cycle of mundane routine while taking care of her bed-ridden aunty. **Garggi Ananthan**, who played Kalyani in Run Kalyani, **bagged the Best Actress award** at the festival.
- **Geetu Mohandas directorial Moothon**, which was the closing film of the 20th New York Indian Film Festival, won multiple awards, including **Best Film, Best Actor (Nivin Pauly) and Best Child Actor (Sanjana Dipu)**.

The other winners of the 20th New York Indian Film Festival are

- Best Documentary: Tailing Pond
- Best Feature Documentary: Son Rise
- Best Short (Narrative): Arabian Nights
- Best Screenplay: Knock Knock Knock
- Best Director: Achal Mishra, Gamak Ghar

Dalmia Bharat Group wins FICCI CSR Award for Environment Sustainability



- **Dalmia Bharat Group**, a leader in India's core manufacturing space since 1939, has won an award for **Environment Sustainability** at **18th FICCI CSR award ceremony**, organized by **FICCI**. The award recognizes efforts of companies in integrating and internalizing **Corporate Social Responsibility**.
- Shri Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India graced the ceremony as Chief Guest and presented the award to Mr. Mahendra Singhi, MD & CEO, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd. and Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head, CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO Dalmia Bharat Foundation, who represented the company at this virtual ceremony.
- Through this initiative, they have treated 25,000 hectares of land under Integrated Watershed Management Project and constructed more than 900 Water Harvesting Structures like Farm Ponds, Village Ponds, and Check Dams. It has touched the lives of over 2 Lakh people across 10 states, leading to 20 percent Increase in Crop Yield and 15 percent average Increase in Income.

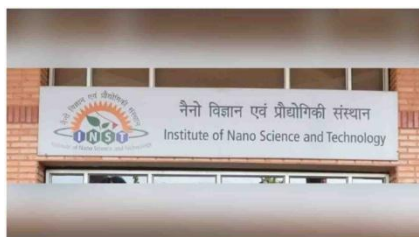
- So far, Dalmia Bharat Group has promoted more than 25,000 Solar Household Lighting Solutions and installed 535 Solar Streetlights, making night time commuting safer especially for women. Also, with the installation of fuel-efficient cook stoves, the company has successfully converted 8,000 kitchens to clean kitchen with shift to cleaner fuels and efficient fuel usage device. This has led to reduction in 41,724 tons of CO₂ Emission, annually.

About Dalmia Bharat Group:

- Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- Chairman: Sanjay Dalmia

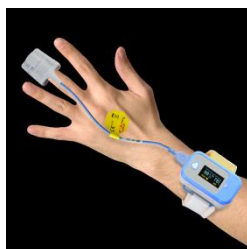
CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

INST scientists develop economical nonsurgical prevention of cataract



- A team of scientists from the **Institute of Nano Science & Technology (INST)** an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India has developed **nanorods** from the **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) Aspirin**, a popular medication used to reduce pain, fever, or inflammation and found it to be an effective non-invasive small molecule-based nanotherapeutics against cataract.
- Cataract a major form of blindness that occurs when the structure of crystallin proteins that make up the lens in our eyes deteriorates, causing damaged or disorganized proteins to aggregate and form a milky blue or brown layer, which ultimately affects lens transparency.
- Aspirin nanorods prevent the aggregation of crystallin protein and various peptides derived from its fragmentation, which play a crucial role in cataract formation. They prevent the protein/peptide aggregation through biomolecular interactions, which convert beta-turn like the structure of the crystallin peptides, responsible for amyloid formation into coils and helices, those fail to aggregate. These were found to prevent cataract formation by inhibiting aggregation of crystallin, and crystallin derived peptide aggregates. As with aging and under various conditions, the lens protein crystallin aggregates to form opaque structures in the eye lens, which impairs vision and cause cataract.

IIT Madras and Helyxon develop remote patient monitoring solutions for COVID-19



- **IIT Madras' Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC)** and **Helyxon**, a healthcare startup in IIT Madras Research Park have announced successful deployment of **remote patient monitoring solutions for COVID-19** that they have jointly developed.
- The device is a first-of-its-kind in the market that does clinically accurate continuous monitoring of four critical parameters – temperature, oxygen saturation, respiratory rate and heart rate.

- The device has already reached over 2,000 patients in public and private hospitals, and at homes, with another 5,000 devices in the pipeline. Production is being scaled up to meet the growing demand.
- The cost of the device ranges from **Rs 2,500 to 10,000** depending on the configuration and parameters. The device is completely self-contained, portable, wireless and can be clipped on to patient's finger and data is streamed to a mobile phone or central monitoring system.

SpaceX capsule and NASA crew make first splashdown in 45 years



- Two NASA astronauts returned to Earth in a dramatic, retro-style splashdown, their capsule parachuting into the Gulf of Mexico to close out an unprecedented test flight by Elon Musk's SpaceX company.
- It was the first splashdown by U.S. astronauts **in 45 years**, with the first commercially built and operated spacecraft to carry people to and from orbit. The return clears the way for another SpaceX crew launch as early as next month and possible tourist flights next year.
- Test pilots **Doug Hurley** and **Bob Behnken** arrived back on Earth in their **SpaceX Dragon capsule** named **Endeavour**, less than a day after departing the International Space Station and two months after blasting off from Florida. The capsule parachuted into the calm gulf waters about 40 miles off the coast of Pensacola, hundreds of miles from Tropical Storm Isaias pounding Florida's Atlantic coast.
- The astronauts' ride back to Earth was fast, bumpy and hot, at least on the outside.
- The spacecraft went from a screaming orbital speed of 28,000 kmph to 560 kmph during atmospheric re-entry, and finally to 24 kmph at splashdown. Peak heating during descent was 1,900 degrees Celsius. The anticipated top G forces felt by the crew- four to five times the force of Earth's gravity.
- The last time NASA astronauts returned from space to water was on July 24, 1975, in the Pacific, the scene of most splashdowns, to end a joint U.S.-Soviet mission known as Apollo-Soyuz. The Mercury and Gemini crews in the early to mid-1960s parachuted into the Atlantic, while most of the later Apollo capsules hit the Pacific. The lone Russian "splashdown" was in 1976 on a partially frozen lake amid a blizzard following an aborted mission; the harrowing recovery took hours.

About SpaceX:

- CEO: Elon Musk
- Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

India withdraws from women's world team squash championship



- **India** has **withdrawn** from the **women's world team championship** scheduled in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** from **December 15 to 20**.
- **Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)** has **decided** to withdraw from the championship due to uncertainties regarding guidelines for the safe travel of athletes and staff for national and international tournaments coupled with lack of preparation time and match readiness of athletes.

About SRFI

- President – Debendranath Sarangi.
- Headquarter – Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

HRD Minister, Sports Minister to launch 'Fit India Talks' to inspire school children



- The government's flagship program **Fit India** is launching a series of interactive sessions with some of the top sports persons of the country intended to inspire the school children.
- The sessions, titled **Fit India Talks**, will premiere in the presence of Human Resource Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** and **Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju** along with badminton star **PV Sindhu** and Indian football team skipper **Sunil Chhetri**.
- A host of leading sports celebrities will be sharing their experiences of childhood, stories on how they got inspired, their failures, struggles and their success. This will give the audience a very inspirational yet interesting account of their journeys - from common school students to world-class champions.
- There will be a total of six sessions which will go on till 14th of this month. The likes of badminton star Ashwini Ponnappa, Indian women's hockey team skipper Rani Rampal, table tennis star Manika Batra, shooter Apurvi Chandela and inspirational Paralympian Deepa Malik will join in at the sessions.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

John Hume: Nobel Peace Prize winner passes away aged 83



- **The Nobel Peace Prize winner** and prominent Northern Ireland politician **John Hume** has passed away aged 83.
- One of the highest-profile politicians in Northern Ireland for more than 30 years.
- He was a founding member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) in 1970 and led the party from 1979 until 2001.
- Mr Hume played a major role in the peace talks, which led to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

DAILY CA 2nd & 3rd AUG

- World Lung Cancer Day-1st aug
- World Sanskrit Day – 3rd aug

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- Housing minister Hardeep Puri launches digital platforms to market residential properties
- Narendra Singh Tomar releases booklet on Best Practices in Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates upstream carriageway of Mahatma Gandhi bridge over river Ganga in Bihar
- Government launches programme for artisans involved in manufacturing of agarbatti
- Amit Shah inaugurates international webinar on 'Lokmanya Tilak - Swaraj to Self-reliant India' organized by ICCR
- Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) moves towards 2nd phase, ODF-Plus
- Dr Harsh Vardhan launches 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21
- Northern Railway runs first-ever Vyapar Mala Express train
- Central Government to fund 112 startups to promote Agri Firms
- UAE becomes first country in Arab World to produce nuclear energy
- ISA amends framework agreement to enable UN member states to join grouping
- AIIB in talks with India for financing \$8 billion health infrastructure scheme
- Sebi to set up virtual museum of securities market
- Bangladesh Receives \$202 million from World Bank to Increase Food Security for 4.5 Million People
- Paisabazaar.com launches 'Paisabazaar Stack' - to offer completely digital lending solutions
- Amazon's Project Kuiper gets FCC approval for over 3,200 internet satellites
- Andhra Pradesh's three-capital bills get Governor's assent
- Telangana launches iMASQ mobile covid-19 testing centers
- Air Marshal V R Chaudhari takes over as chief of IAF's Western Air Command
- 11 women entrepreneurs chosen for Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment award
- Dr Harsh Vardhan Chairs Session Of Bureau Of WHO Executive Board
- Lewis Hamilton wins his seventh British Grand Prix
- Sehwal, Sardar in 12-member selection panel for National Sports Awards
- Tamil writer, filmmaker Sa Kandasamy passes away
- Former Goa Assembly Speaker Anant Shet passes away
- Uttar Pradesh minister Kamal Rani Varun passes away due to coronavirus

DAILY CA 4th AUG

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