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Coimbatore Railway Station - platinum rating

- ❖ The Coimbatore Railway Station has received the 'platinum' rating from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- ❖ It is the only railway station in Southern Railway and the sixth railway station in India to receive this level of green certification.
- ❖ Apart from Coimbatore, the five other railway stations in Indian Railways with IGBC's 'platinum' certification are Secunderabad, New Delhi, Jaipur, Visakhapatnam and Asansol.
- ❖ IGBC with the support of the Environment Directorate of Indian Railways developed the 'Green Railway Stations Rating System'.
- ❖ This is to facilitate adoption of 'green concepts' in railway stations.
- ❖ This helps in reducing the adverse environmental impacts due to station operation and maintenance.



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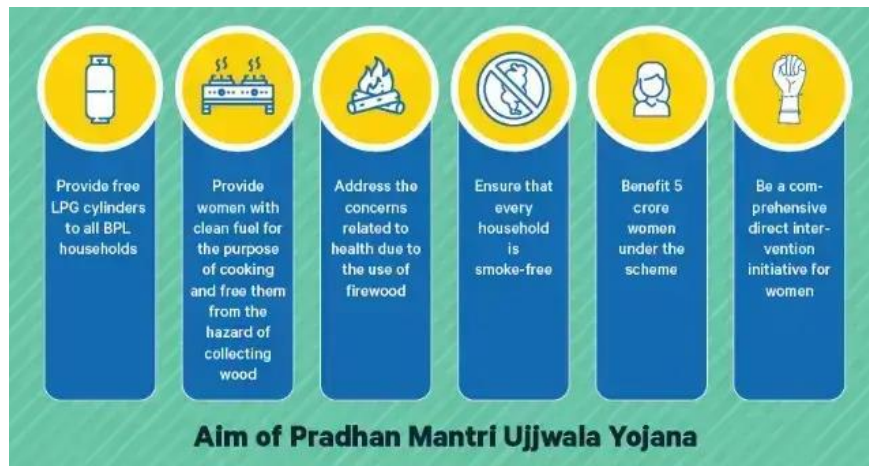
Zayed Talwar 2021

- ❖ The Indian Navy and UAE Navy conducted the bilateral naval exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' off the coast of Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ The main objective of this naval exercise was to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.

- ❖ Indian Navy participated with INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf.

Ujjwala - 2 Scheme

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the second edition of the government's free LPG connection scheme called Ujjwala.
- ❖ The Second edition of this scheme was launched from poll-bound Uttar Pradesh on August 10.
- ❖ First version of the scheme was launched in 2016 from Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Launch of Ujjwala - 2 scheme will be marked by handing over of one crore additional LPG connection by Prime Minister through video conferencing at Mahoba district in Uttar Pradesh.



PM-DAKSH





- ❖ The union minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar has unveiled a portal and mobile application named 'PM-DAKSH'.
- ❖ It aims to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups.
- ❖ The 'PM-DAKSH' stands for Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana.

Water villas in Lakshadweep

- ❖ Maldives style water villas will soon be set up in Lakshadweep in a bid to attract tourists to scenic beauty in the Union Territory.
- ❖ This project is first of its kind in India.
- ❖ These villas would be set up in Minicoy, Suheli and Kadmat islands in Lakshadweep.
- ❖ Villas would be constructed under public-private partnership model.

Note

- ❖ Lakshadweep is an archipelago of 36 islands in Arabian sea
- ❖ Kavaratti is the capital of Lakshadweep.
- ❖ It is having jurisdiction under the Kerala High Court.
- ❖ It originally comprised of 36 islands.
- ❖ But its Island called "Parali 1" has been submerged in water due to sea erosion.

Mixed Covid immunization

- ❖ A dose of Covishield followed by one of Covaxin is safe and produces a better immune response.
- ❖ This is according to the study of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ❖ The Study titled 'Serendipitous Covid-19 Vaccine-Mix in Uttar Pradesh, India: Safety and Immunogenicity Assessment of a Heterologous Regime' was led by ICMR scientist Rajni Kant.

Animal DNA Laboratory

- ❖ Delhi gets the first "Animal DNA Laboratory" set up at Forensic Science Laboratory in Rohini.
- ❖ The Wildlife forensics is a new field of criminal investigation.

- ❖ The animal DNA laboratory will be used by Delhi Police for timely disposal of cases of cow slaughter, illegal trade of animals and other such animal-related cases.

SPORTS

Tokyo Olympics 2020 and India

- ❖ The international multi-sport event was held from July 23 to August 08, 2021, in Tokyo, Japan.
- ❖ This was for the fourth time that Japan hosted the Olympic Games, after previously hosting the Tokyo 1964 (Summer), Sapporo 1972 (Winter), and Nagano 1998 (Winter) games.
- ❖ Apart from this, Tokyo is the first Asian city to hold the Summer Games twice.
- ❖ The United States has topped the overall medal table with 113 medals.
- ❖ Indian Contingent managed to win 7 medals comprising 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals.
- ❖ The country stood at the 48th position in the medal table out of 86 countries.
- ❖ It is the highest ranking in over four decades.
- ❖ Bronze-medallist Bajrang Punia was the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony of the event.

Countries		Athletes			
Country		1	2	3	
1	 United States	39	41	33	113
2	 China	38	32	18	88
3	 Japan	27	14	17	58
4	 Great Britain	22	21	22	65
48	 India	1	2	4	7

Note

- ❖ The Indian Women's Hockey team made history by reaching their first-ever semi-final at the Olympic Games.

- ❖ Aditi Ashok's finished fourth in Golf.
- ❖ Rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh became the first Indian double sculls pair to reach the semi-finals at the Olympics.
- ❖ Bhavani Devi became the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games.

Flame of hope

- ❖ Japanese capital passed the Flame of hope or the flag to Paris with the message of moving forward.
- ❖ It also remembered those who lost their lives to Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Flame of Hope was memorialized by Chicago Park District in 2018.
- ❖ Flame of Hope is the symbol of Special Olympics Games.
- ❖ Special Olympics is world's largest sports organization for children and adults with disabilities.

Third highest wicket-taker in Test cricket



- ❖ James Anderson overtook Anil Kumble's tally of 619 Test wickets to become the third-highest wicket-taker in Test cricket.
- ❖ His current wickets tally stands at 621 from 163 Tests.
- ❖ Anderson is currently the highest wicket-taker among the fast bowlers and is the only pacer in the 600 club.
- ❖ He achieved the milestone on the 3rd day of the Nottingham Test against India.

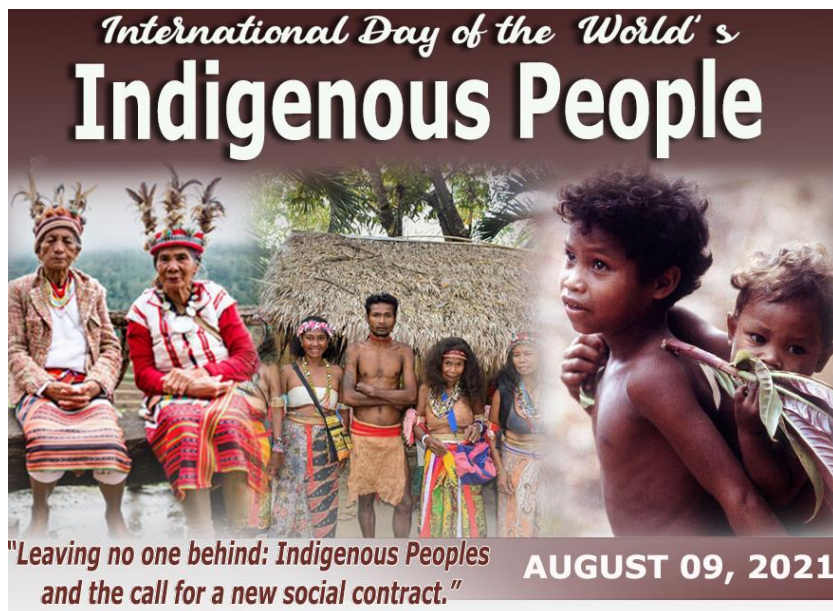
IMPORTANT DAYS

Nagasaki day - August 09

- ❖ Japan commemorates the 9th of August every year as Nagasaki day.
- ❖ On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.
- ❖ It was code-named "Fat Man".



International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - August 09



- ❖ The day is being observed to protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

- ❖ It is also observed to recognize the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- ❖ The theme for 2021 is “Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.”
- ❖ The day was recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994.

Quit India Day - August 09

- ❖ The 79th anniversary of the August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement is being observed this year.
- ❖ On 8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.
- ❖ After the failure of Cripps Mission, Gandhiji gave the call to “Do or Die” in his Quit India speech delivered at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai.

