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NATIONAL

14th Vice-President of India

- ✤ Jagdeep Dhankar has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India.
- ✤ He got 528 votes (72.8%) against Opposition Candidate Margaret Alva's 182.
- He bettered his predecessor Naidu's 2017 performance by 2%, who had secured 346 votes was the highest in the last six vice-presidential polls since 1997.
- The record for Vice Presidential win with highest margin remains with KR Narayanan, who won in 1992.
- He had secured 700 of the 701 votes cast against independent candidate Kaka Joginder Singh.
- ✤ He will take oath as India's Vice President by the President of India on 11th August 2022.
- ✤ He had earlier served as the Governor of West Bengal.



80th anniversary of Quit India movement

✤ India has completed 80 years on 'Quit India Movement' on August 8, 2022.





- This movement is also known as August Kranti.
- It is an important milestone in India's history of freedom struggle.
- The call for Quit India Movement was given on August 8, 1942 by Gandhi in a bid to end the British rule in India.
- The movement was launched at Mumbai session of the All-India Congress Committee.
- ✤ In the speech at August Kranti Maidan (Gowalia Tank maidan) in Mumbai, Gandhi made a called for "Do or Die for Independence".
- ✤ Failure of Cripps Mission was the immediate cause for Quit India.



New Central Administrative Tribunal Chairman



- The President appointed Justice Ranjit Vasantrao More to the post of Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal.
- ✤ He had served as former Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.





- ✤ It had been established under Article 323 A of the Constitution.
- ✤ It provides for adjudication of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services.
- In pursuance of Article 323-A, Parliament passed the Administrative Tribunals Act in 1985.
- The Act authorizes the Central government to establish one CAT and the state administrative tribunals.
- There are 19 Benches in the CAT all over India.



7th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meet

- Prime Minister presided the seventh NITI Aayog governing council meeting.
- The council held discussions over several issues such as crop diversification, urban development and implementation of the National Education Policy.
- The Governing Council of NITI Aayog is comprising Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories with legislatures and Lt Governors of other Union Territories.

Skylight Mega Exercise

The Indian Army recently conducted "Skylight Mega-Exercise" to enhance its space domain capabilities.





- ✤ It was first of its kind large-scale exercise.
- It was aimed at testing operational readiness of satellite communication assets and giving training to personnel manning these assets.
- * It was pan-India exercise, covering Lakshadweep and Andaman Islands.
- Indian Army is also working to have its own communication satellite called GSAT-7B.
- ✤ This satellite is an indigenous multiband satellite.
- ✤ It has been designed with advanced security features.

ECONOMY

Committee to Attract Foreign Investment

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a 15-member committee to increase foreign investment.
- The advisory committee constituted by SEBI is called the 'FPI Advisory Committee'.
- ✤ The former Chief Economic Advisor KV Subramanian is the chairman of this committee.
- It aims to ease ways for foreign investors to invest in the Indian markets by reviewing the existing processes.
- This committee will help in increasing participation in the domestic bond markets.
- ✤ It will suggest new ways to bring changes in the existing rules to attract investment and enhance transparency.
- The committee will also give recommendations on the issues related to custodians.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

dPal rNgam Duston Award

- Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award.
- ✤ It is the highest civilian honour of Ladakh.
- This is awarded for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.





The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.



First woman director general of CSIR



- Senior electrochemical scientist Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- ✤ It is a consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across the country.
- She was appointed for a period of two years.
- She is known for her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries.





- Kalaiselvi is at present director of the CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute at Karaikudi in Tamil Nadu.
- She is becoming the first woman scientist to head the Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI) in February 2019.

FIDE deputy president

- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand has been elected the deputy president of FIDE.
- Incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich was re-elected for a second term.
- ✤ The International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation, is commonly referred to by its French acronym FIDE.
- ✤ It is an international organization based in Switzerland.
- It connects the various national chess federations and acts as the governing body of international chess competition.



SPORTS

SAFF U20 Championship - 2022

- ✤ India beat Bangladesh and clinch the 2022 SAFF U20 Championship title.
- ✤ India was the host of the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 Championship.





✤ SAFF U-20 Championship is an international football competition for men's under-18 national teams organized by the South Asian Football Federation.



75th Grandmaster of India

- V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania.
- ◆ The 15-year-old had obtained his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021.
- ✤ Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Handloom Day - August 07

✤ It aims to highlight the contribution of the handloom industry in the socioeconomic development and create awareness about the sector.





- This day is celebrated across the country under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles.
- ✤ It was the same day the Swadeshi Movement was birthed in 1905.



2nd Javelin Throw Day - August 07

- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is celebrating the second 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 7, 2022.
- ◆ The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.
- ✤ He won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.
- It aims to attract more youth towards the sport and get champions ready for a bright future in athletics ahead.



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