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NATIONAL

SAMVEDNA initiative

- ❖ SAMVEDNA (Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance) is a Toll-Free Tele counselling service.
- ❖ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched a toll-free tele-counselling helpline number for children affected during COVID-19 for providing counselling and psycho-social support.
- ❖ The toll-free tele-counselling helpline number is 1800-121-2830.
- ❖ The tele-counselling support will cater to children all over India in various regional languages also.



Operation My Saheli

- ❖ The South Eastern Railways (SER) has launched the project, “Operation my Saheli”.
- ❖ It aims to enhance the security of women passengers in the train throughout the entire journey from the originating point to their destinations.
- ❖ The pilot version of the project “Operation my Saheli” has been introduced in 3 trains Since 18th September 2020:
 - Howrah-Yesvantpur Duronto Special,
 - Howrah- Ahmedabad Special and

- Howrah-Mumbai Special.
- ❖ It is executed under the Framework of “Nirbhaya Fund” and no additional expenditure is provided by the Head of Railways.



Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission

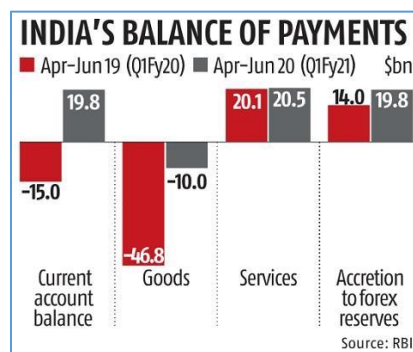
- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched the ‘Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM)’.
- ❖ It will be implemented by the Venture Capital Fund for Schedule Castes (VCF-SCs).
- ❖ Objectives:
 - To promote entrepreneurship among the SC Youth with special preference to Divyangs.
 - To support (1,000) innovative ideas till 2024 through a synergetic work with the Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) set up by the Department of Science and Technology.
- ❖ Under this, 1,000 SC youth would be identified in the next 4 years with start-up ideas through the Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) in various higher educational institutions.



ECONOMY

Current account surplus of India

- ❖ India's current account balance recorded a surplus of \$19.8 billion (3.9 per cent of GDP) in the first quarter of 2020-21 (FY21).
- ❖ This contrasts with a deficit of \$15 billion (2.1 percent of GDP) in April-June 2019.
- ❖ The surplus in April-June 2020 comes on top of a surplus of \$0.6 billion (0.1 per cent of GDP) in the preceding quarter.


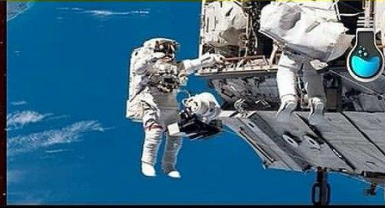





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ISRO's Venus mission

- ❖ ISRO is all set to launch its Venus Mission in 2025 along with participation from French Space Agency CNES (The National Centre for Space Studies).
- ❖ It will be the first time a French payload will be flown on an Indian exploration mission.
- ❖ India and France have also been working on ISRO's Human Space Mission Gaganyaan project.

After Chandraya 2 ISRO has announced it's next set of missoons.

 <p>Aditya L1 (2019-20) (To Study Suns Corona)</p>	 <p>Gaganyaan (2020-21) (To Send Astronauts into Space)</p>
 <p>Chandrayaan-3 (2023-2024) (To Send Indian Robot on Moon)</p>	 <p>Mangalyaan-2 (2024) (2nd Orbiter to Mars)</p>
 <p>Shukranyaan (2023-25) (To send Orbiter to study Venus)</p>	 <p>Indian Space Station (2030)</p>

Cat Que Virus

- ❖ The Indian medical team have noted the presence of antibodies against the Cat Que virus (CQV) in two human serum samples.
- ❖ This indicates that the CQV virus may become a public health pathogen and may lead to a pandemic if it spreads.
- ❖ CQV belongs to the Simbu serogroup virus of the genus Orthobunya virus.
- ❖ It was first isolated in 2004 from mosquitoes in northern Vietnam.
- ❖ It has also been reported in China.
- ❖ CQV comes under the category of Arthropod-borne viruses.
- ❖ Arthropods are a group of invertebrate animals including insects, spiders etc.
- ❖ It is found in pigs and Culex mosquitoes.
- ❖ Birds such as the Jungle Myna may also act as a host.



- ❖ Humans can be infected through mosquito bites.
- ❖ It can cause febrile illnesses, meningitis and paediatric encephalitis in humans.

STATES

New PDS shops to women

- ❖ Rajasthan government has decided to give 30 per cent of the new PDS shops to women.
- ❖ The decision has been taken by the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to empower the women in the state.
- ❖ The state has also approved an additional budget of Rs.11 crore to “Sahyog Evam Uphar Yojna”.
- ❖ In this scheme, there is a provision to provide financial assistance to the needy and eligible families for daughter's marriage.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Citizen Diplomacy Award

- ❖ India's Sehgal Foundation has been selected as a co-runner up of the prestigious Citizen Diplomacy Award.
- ❖ This is for its human rights and women's empowerment work in rural Indian communities.
- ❖ The fourth annual Citizen Diplomacy Award will be presented to Mohamed Amin Ahmed, founder, chairman and executive director of Average Mohamed.
- ❖ Sehgal Foundation, Tempe Sister Cities is the other co-runner up of the prestigious annual award.



Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away

- ❖ Syeda Anwara Taimur, the only woman chief minister of Assam passed away recently.
- ❖ She was also the only female Muslim chief minister of Assam and first female Muslim CM of any state.
- ❖ Taimur was four-time MLA and the member of Indian National congress.
- ❖ She was chief minister from December 6, 1980, to June 30, 1981.
- ❖ She served as public works department minister from 1983 to 1985.
- ❖ In 1988, she was nominated to the Rajya Sabha.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Space Week – October 4/10

- ❖ The World Space Week is the largest space event on the Earth.



- ❖ The World Space Week was launched on October 4, 1957.
- ❖ The date was selected to mark the launch of first human – made earth satellite, Sputnik 1.
- ❖ Sputnik was the first human made satellite that was launched into the space in 1957 by Soviet Union.
- ❖ This year the theme is “Satellites Improve Life.”

