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8th September - 14th September

Targeted Examinations:

**CSE, ESE, PSUs, State Exams,
SSC and Banking Exams**

Current Affairs MADE EASY

(8th September to 14th September 2020)

8th September 2020

First World Solar Technology Summit

The first World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) was organized by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on 8th September virtually.

Key Highlights:

The summit had five sessions focusing on the following:

- Global CEO Session
- Vision 2030 and beyond
- Towards a decarbonized Grid
- Disruptive Solar Technologies
- Solar Beyond power sector

About International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- The ISA has 121 countries mostly located between Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, that work to tap benefits of solar power and promote clean energy applications. It was proposed at the Paris Climate Change Conference that was held in 2015.
- The first ISA assembly was held in 2018.
- It is headquartered at Gurugram, Haryana.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah

The 3rd Rashtriya Poshan Maah is being celebrated during the month of September 2020. Every year the Poshan Maah is celebrated under POSHAN Abhiyaan, which was launched in 2018.

Key Points:

- Ministry of Women and Child Development, being the nodal Ministry for POSHAN Abhiyaan, is celebrating the Poshan Maah in convergence with partner Ministries and departments, at National, States/UTs, Districts, and grass root level.



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- The objective of the Poshan Maah is to address malnutrition amongst young children, and women and to ensure health and nutrition for everyone.

9th September 2020

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019

- English broadcaster and a historian David Attenborough has been awarded the prestigious Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2019.
- The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize is awarded in recognition with efforts in peace, disarmament and development.
- The Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust awards individual or organisation every year since 1986. It consists of a monetary award of Rs 25 lakhs.
- The award recognizes efforts of organizations and individuals working to create international economic order and ensure that scientific discoveries are used for larger benefit to humanity.
- **Previous recipient (2018):** Center for Science and Environment (CSE).



Real Mango Software

- Real Mango software is an illegal notorious software developed for booking Tatkal tickets over the IRCTC website.
- This illegal and commonly banned software makes the complete process of Indian Rail ticket booking at a fly speed.
- The software is mainly used by the ticket booking agent who by illegal means books the tatkal ticket and sells to the customer at a high rate.
- **Context:** The Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently obstructed the use of Real Mango software.

10th September 2020

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

- The Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana which focuses on sustainable development of fisheries in India.
- The scheme will be implemented between 2020-21 and 2024-25.
- The funds allocated to fisheries under the scheme is Rs 20,050 crores.

Key Features:

- The scheme aims to enhance fish production to 70 lakh tonnes by 2024-25.
- The scheme will also aim at establishing hatcheries, construction of biofloc ponds, ornamental fish culture units, ice plants, installation of cages, fish feed plants, etc.

Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) Model

- The Union Government has approved asset monetization of subsidiaries of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) through infrastructure investment trust model.

About InvIT Model:

- An Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvITs) is a Collective Investment Scheme similar to a mutual fund.
- It enables direct investment of money from individual and institutional investors in infrastructure projects to earn a small portion of the income as return.
- The InvITs are regulated by the SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.
- InvITs are listed on exchanges just like stocks.

11th September 2020

Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM)

The Union Government has launched the pan-India Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) in electricity.

GTAM is an alternative new model introduced for selling off the power by the renewable developers in the open market without getting into long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

Advantages:

It will lessen the burden on renewable energy-rich states and incentivize them to enhance renewable energy capacity.

The GTAM platform will lead to an increase in the number of participants in the renewable energy sector.

SAROD Ports

Union Ministry of Shipping has launched 'SAROD-Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports) which will resolve the disputes in fair manner while saving a huge amount of legal expenditure and time.

SAROD-Ports is established under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

It consists of members from Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association (IPTTA).

SAROD-Ports will advise and assist in settlement of disputes through arbitrations in the maritime sector, including ports and shipping sector in Major Port Trusts, Non-major Ports, including private ports, jetties, terminals and harbours.

12th September 2020

Five Star Villages Scheme

The Department of Posts has launched Five Star Villages Scheme, which aims to provide postal products and services, especially in interior villages.

The initiatives covered under the scheme include:

1. Savings Bank accounts, Recurrent Deposit Accounts, NSC / KVP certificates.
2. Sukanya Samridhi Accounts/ PPF Accounts.
3. Funded Post Office Savings Account linked India Post Payments Bank Accounts.
4. Postal Life Insurance Policy/Rural Postal Life Insurance Policy.
5. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana Account / Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana Account.

If a village attains universal coverage for five schemes from the above list, then that village gets five-star status; if a village completes four schemes, then that village gets four-star status and so on.

Ganga Expressway

The Uttar Pradesh government is geared up to launch construction of the 594-km Ganga Expressway.

The state government is working to start the construction of the expressway in the current financial year and to open it for public by 2023.

The expressway will connect Meerut with Prayagraj.

It will pass through 12 districts –Meerut, Bulandshahar, Hapur, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjhanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Raebareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj.

13th September 2020

Doorstep Banking Services

The 12 public sector banks (PSBs) in the country have forged an alliance to launch Doorstep Banking Services (DBS) at 100 top deposit centres across the country.

This move is part of the EASE (Enhanced Access & Service Excellence) Reforms for PSBs.

Key Highlights

The non-financial services include pick up of cheque, demand draft, new cheque book requisition slip, IT / GST challan, request for account statement, etc.

The Financial services like cash pick-up and delivery will be available from October 2020.

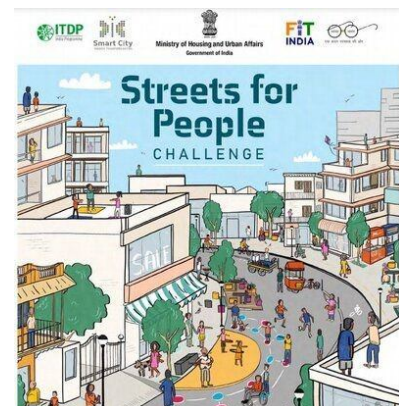
Customers can also track their service request through call centre, web portal or mobile apps.

Streets for People Challenge

The Streets for People Challenge has been launched on the advisory issued by MoHUA for the holistic planning for pedestrian-friendly market spaces.

It is the response to the need for making our cities more walkable and pedestrian friendly.

Fit India Mission, which works under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Institute for Transport Development and Policy (ITDP) have partnered with the Smart Cities Mission to support the challenge.



The areas of Challenge may include creating pedestrian-friendly streets, re-imagining under-flyover spaces, creating walking links through parks and institutional areas, etc.

14th September 2020

Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) Project

The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) has developed Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) app which aims to enhance road safety.

The project will be implemented by the National Informatics Centre.

Key Highlights

The iRAD app will enable police personnel to enter details about a road accident, along with photos and videos, following which a unique ID will be created for the incident.

The collected data will be analysed by a team at IIT-M, which will then suggest if corrective measures in road design need to be taken.

Yoshihide Suga: New PM of Japan

Japan's longest-serving Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga was elected president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) ensuring his position as new Prime Minister of Japan.

He succeeds Shinzo Abe, the country's longest-serving PM so far, who resigned recently.

Suga has promised to continue his predecessor's economic policy "Abenomics" that focused on Japan's economic revival and combined structural reform, monetary easing and fiscal expansion, with the goal to increase domestic demand.

Note: On May 1, 2019, Japan entered a new era after Emperor Akihito stepped down to make way for his son, Naruhito.

