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6th August 2021

Indian Men's Hockey Team Wins a Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympics

- In an historical win, Indian men's hockey team won the **bronze medal** in Tokyo Olympics 2020 today.
- It is the first Olympic medal win of Indian men's hockey team in the **last 41 years** which they secured with a 5-4 win over Germany in an interesting bronze medal match.
- This is India's first Olympic medal in hockey since they won the gold medal in the **1980 Olympics in Moscow**.

Wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya Bags a Silver Medal

- Wrestler **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** won **silver medal** in Tokyo Olympics today after losing to Russian two-time World Champion Zaur Uguev 4-7 in the men's freestyle 57kg final.
- The 23-year-old became the second male wrestler to win a silver for India in wrestling at the Olympics, after wrestler **Sushil Kumar**.
- This is India's **fifth medal** in Tokyo after medals from **Mirabai Chanu, P.V. Sindhu, Lovlina Borgohain and men's hockey team**.

TRIFED Celebrates its 34th Foundation Day

- **Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED)** was founded on August 6, 1987.
- It was founded to drive **tribal development** through marketing support for tribal products, both, handicrafts, and Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP).
- TRIFED will celebrate this day in a special manner, with due publicity, to raise awareness among one and all regarding the issues related to trade in tribal areas, and the need to ensure a fair deal for the tribes in the commerce of their products.
- The proposed event shall also recognize the achievements and contributions that the tribes and people working for them have made in this regard.

- The event will feature Presentation on TRIFED's journey, Announcement of Van Dhan Awards Etc.

Swinhoe's Softshell Turtle: World's Most Endangered Turtle

- The animal is also known as the **Hoan Kiem turtle** or **Yangtze giant softshell turtle**.
- In Vietnam, these animals have great cultural significance as people in Hanoi revere this creature as a living god.
- In recent years, a lot of efforts have been put by the conservationists to save the world's most endangered turtle, Swinhoe's softshell turtle from the brink of extinction.
- Native to **China and Vietnam**. The natural habitat for these turtles are wetlands and large lakes.
- They have been driven to the brink by hunting for its **meat and eggs**, as well as by destruction of its habitat.



Loss of Income to GOI in Toll Collection

- The Government said that the loss of income in toll collection since the Covid 19 pandemic had resulted in an estimated loss of Rs.3512 crore.
- In a written reply to the Lok Sabha Union Minister for Road transport **Nitin Gadkari** said that the Government has declared all lanes of fee plazas on National Highways as **FASTag lane** of the fee plaza from the midnight of **15/16th February** this year.

- The approximate user fee collections in 2019-20 and 2020-21 are Rs. **27,682 crore** and Rs. **28,548 crores**, respectively.

PMGKAY to Continue till Diwali

- **PMGKAY** to continue till Diwali (November), informs PM Modi during interaction with **15 crore beneficiaries**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana** is a food security welfare scheme announced in March 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic in India.
- The program is operated by the **Department of Food and Public Distribution** under the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**.
- The scheme aims to feed the **poorest citizens** of India by providing grain through the Public Distribution System, to all the priority households (ration card holders and those identified by the Antyodaya Anna Yojana scheme).
- PMGKAY provides **5 kg of rice or wheat** (according to regional dietary preferences) per person and **1 kg of dal** to each family holding a ration card.
- The scale of this welfare scheme makes it the **largest food security program in the world**.

Thailand Bans Sunscreens From all its Marine National Parks

- Thailand has banned sunscreens containing chemicals that damage coral from **all its marine national parks**.
- Concerns are growing that lotions tourists use for sun protection are harming **slow-growing corals**.
- The **Thai Department of Conservation** said four ingredients commonly found in sun creams were shown to destroy coral larvae, obstruct coral reproduction and cause reef bleaching.
- Anyone flouting the ban can be fined up to **100,000 baht (£2,100)**.
- However, officials have not said how they plan to enforce the new rule. The banned lotions are those containing **oxybenzone, octinoxate, 4-methylbenzylidene camphor or butylparaben**.
- Similar bans have been introduced by the **Pacific Island of Palau** and the **US state of Hawaii**.
- This is the latest attempt by the Thai government to protect its coral from the **tourism industry**.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Highways Authority of India was set up in

- A. 1994
- B. 1995
- C. 1996
- D. 1997

ANSWER: B

2. Current Chairmen of NHAI is

- A. R. K. Pandey
- B. Mahabir Singh
- C. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
- D. Atul Gadkari

ANSWER: C

3. The National Highways Development Project (NHDP) was launched in

- A. 1997
- B. 1998
- C. 1999
- D. 2000

ANSWER: B

4. Which of the following City is not a part of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ)

- A. Delhi (north)
- B. Kolkata (east)
- C. Mumbai (west)
- D. Chennai (south)
- E. None

ANSWER: E

5. _____ is a centrally sponsored and funded Road and Highways project of the Government of India

- A. Bharatmala Pariyojana
- B. Setu Bharatam
- C. Udaan
- D. Sagar Mala

ANSWER: A

6. It was launched with an aim to make all national highways free of railway crossings by 2019.

- A. Bharatmala Pariyojana
- B. Setu Bharatam
- C. Udaan
- D. Sagar Mala

ANSWER: B

7. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) works under the aegis of

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- D. Ministry of Finance

ANSWER: B

8. Current Chairmen of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is

- A. Dr. M. Angamuthu
- B. Smitha Sabharwal
- C. Shanmukham Aiyar
- D. Gopinath Krishnan

ANSWER: A

9. The Second Buddhist Councils was Held Under the Patronage of?

- A. Ramesh Chand Meena
- B. Pratibha Brahma
- C. Pravir Krishna
- D. Arjun Munda

ANSWER: A

10. The International Union for Conservation of Nature was Est in 1948 has its HQ at

- A. Germany
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Switzerland

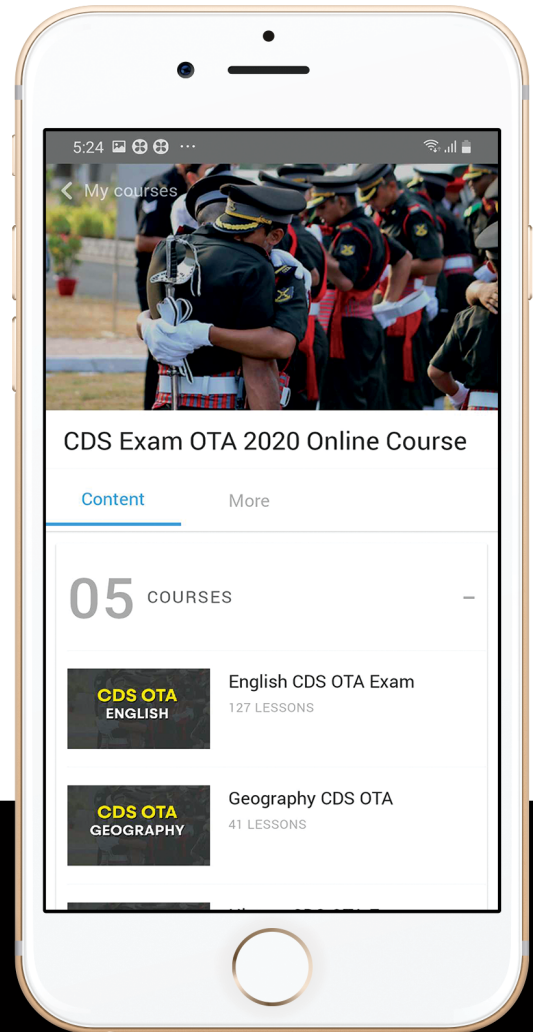
ANSWER: D



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