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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

7th August 2021

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

- The **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award**, the **highest sporting honor** of India, has been renamed **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**.
- The renaming recognizes the ultimate hockey hero and legend of the sport, **Dhyan Chand**.
- The Prime Minister said the move was based on the numerous requests he received from across the nation.
- Dhyan Chand, whose birthday is celebrated as **National Sports Day**, won three Olympic golds for the country.
- **Major Sports Awards in India:**
- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy (1956)**, is given to the **university** for "**top performance in the inter-university tournaments**" over the period of last one year
- **Arjuna Award (1961)** is given to sportspersons for "**consistent outstanding performance**" over the period of last four years.
- **Dronacharya Award (1985)**, it is given to **coaches** for "**producing medal winners at prestigious international events**".
- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna (1991–1992)**, is given to sportspersons for "**most outstanding performance by a sportsperson**" over the period of last four years.
- **Dhyan Chand Award (2002)**, It is given to individuals for "**lifetime contribution to sports development**".
- **Rastriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar (2009)**, It is given to **organizations** (both private and public) and individuals for "**playing a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development**" over the period of last three years.



Rajiv Gandhi
Khel Ratna
Award



Arjuna
Award



Dronacharya
Award



Dhyan Chand
Award



Rashtriya
Khel
Protsahan
Puruskar



Maulana
Abul Kalam
Azad Trophy

Plastic-Mixed Handmade Paper: KVIC

- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has secured Patent registration for its innovative **Plastic-mixed Handmade Paper** developed to reduce plastic menace from nature.
- The plastic-mixed handmade paper (which is recyclable and eco-friendly) was developed under **Project REPLAN** (Reducing Plastic from Nature). The project was launched in September 2018 as part of KVIC's commitment to **Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan**.
- It aims to make carry bags by mixing processed and treated plastic waste with cotton fiber rags in the ratio **20:80**.



Second Anniversary of Article 370 Revocation: J&K

- On 5 August 2019, the government of India revoked the special constitutional status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir under **Article 370** of the Constitution, and abrogated **Article 35A**.

- **Article 35A** had allowed J&K to define who its **'permanent residents'** are and what rights and privileges are attached to such residency.
- The former state was bifurcated into the Union Territories of Ladakh (without a legislature) and Jammu-Kashmir (with a legislature).
- Still the **militancy** continues to remain a major challenge in **J&K**.



Funds Lapsed in MPLADS

- The **Standing Committee on Finance** has criticized the decision of the **Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure)** for giving barely a week's time to the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** for funding ongoing MPLADS projects, owing to which **50% funds lapsed**.
- It would have hit several local area **development projects** under implementation across the country.
- MPLAD is a Central Sector Scheme which was announced in **December 1993**.
- The objective of the scheme is to enable the Members of Parliament (MP) to suggest and **execute developmental works** of capital nature based on locally felt needs with emphasis on creation of durable assets.
- Initially, it came under the control of the **Ministry of Rural Development**. Later, in October 1994, it was transferred to the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**.

Dire straits

Spending under MPLADS had already halved before the government suspended the scheme for two years on April 6, 2020 and diverted the funds to manage COVID-19

■ On March 16, 2021, the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) seeks funds to finish ongoing MPLADS projects. Department of Expenditure allots **₹2,200 crore** on the same day

■ On March 22, the amount was transferred to Statistics Ministry with a caveat that it be exhausted by March 31

■ **₹1,107.5 crore** utilised till March 31; balance of **₹1,092.5 crore** lapses

Unable to comprehend why ₹2,200 crore was allotted barely one week before the end of FY 2020-21
SCF REPORT

7th National Handloom Day to be Celebrated

- **Textile Ministry** will celebrate the 7th National Handloom Day. The handloom weaving community will be honored for their contribution in the socio-economic development of this country.
- It is a sector that directly addresses women's empowerment with over **70 per cent** of all weavers and allied workers being female.
- **August 7 (in 2015)** was chosen as the **Swadeshi Movement** (completed 110 years) which was launched on this day in **1905** in **Calcutta Town Hall** to protest the partition of Bengal by the British Government.

Task Force to Examine Correlation of Marriageable Age Submitted the Report

- In a written reply to Lok Sabha by **Women and Child development Minister Smriti Irani** said that task force set up to examine the correlation of marriageable age and related issues, has submitted its report to the Centre.
- She said the task force has also examined other issues like **motherhood, health, medical wellbeing, nutritional status of mother during pregnancy and childbirth.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech last year spoke about a panel formed to decide on the **"right age of marriage"** for women.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The National Sports Day is celebrated on Dhyhan Chand's birthday on _____ to honor the hockey legend.

- A. August 29
- B. September 14
- C. October 20
- D. November 17

ANSWER: A

2. The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, was launched in

- A. 1995
- B. 1991
- C. 1998
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

3. The first recipient of the Khel Ratna was

- A. Viswanathan Anand
- B. Rani Rampal
- C. Karanam Malleshwari
- D. P T Usha

ANSWER: A

4. MPLAD is a Central Sector Scheme which was announced in

- A. 1990
- B. 1993
- C. 1995
- D. 1998

ANSWER: B

5. In _____ MPLADS, was transferred from Ministry of Rural Development to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

- A. January 1998
- B. October 1994
- C. February 2000
- D. March 2002

ANSWER: B

6. "Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana" was launched on 11th October 2014 the birth anniversary of

- A. Morarji Desai
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. J P Narayan
- D. Babu Jagjivan Ram

ANSWER: C

7. The partition of the Bengal province came into effect on _____.

- A. 16th July 1905
- B. 16th August 1905
- C. 16th October 1905
- D. 16th December 1905

ANSWER: C

8. _____ was the Viceroy of India from 1899 to 1905.

- A. Lord Hardinge
- B. Lord Morley
- C. Lord Montagu
- D. Lord Curzon

ANSWER: D

9. Owing to mass political protests, the partition was annulled in 1911 by

_____.

- A. Lord Curzon
- B. Lord Minto
- C. Lord Morley
- D. Lord Hardinge

ANSWER: D

10. Who is the current Minister of Textiles in India?

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Anand Sharma
- D. Santosh Gangwar

ANSWER: B





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