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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Wrestler Bajrang Punia Bags Bronze Medal

- Wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won the bronze medal in the **men's freestyle 65 Kg** category at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- He defeated his opponent from **Kazakhstan** with 8-0 in the bronze medal match.
- This was India's **sixth medal** in the Tokyo Olympics thus equaling the **London Olympic (2012)** record of six medals.
- Started wrestling at the age of 7, the 27-year-old hails from **Sonipat, Haryana** has made the nation proud.

### Neeraj Chopra Scripts History at Tokyo 2020 Olympics

- The 23-year-old Javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** created history by winning gold medal in men's javelin throw at Tokyo Olympic.
- Chopra gave his best throw of **87.58** to bag the gold medal.
- With this, he has become the first Indian athlete to win gold ever and India's second ever individual Olympic gold medalist after shooter **Abhinav Bindra**, who bagged gold in Beijing 2008.
- He hails from Haryana and is a Subedar with **4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rajputana Rifles** in the Indian Army.
- This took India's medal haul to seven in the Tokyo Olympics - the country's highest ever, beating the tally of six medals won at the **London Games** in 2012.

### “PM-DAKSH” Portal & Mobile APP Launched

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** launched ‘**PM-DAKSH**’ Portal and ‘**PM-DAKSH**’ Mobile App.
- Through ‘**PM-DAKSH**’ Portal, all information related to **skill development** are available at one place for **Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis**.
- Skill development training has been imparted to **2,73,152 persons** of target groups in the last **five years**.

- During the year 2021-22, a target has been set to provide skill development training to approximately **50,000 persons** of the target groups.
- PM-DAKSH stands for **Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana**. This scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from the year **2020-21**.
- Some of the features of this portal are as follows:
- Availability of all information related to skill development at one place for Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis.
- Facility to register for the training institute and program of their interest.
- Facility to upload desired documents related to personal information.
- Facility to register the attendance of the trainees through face and eye scanning during the training period.
- Monitoring facility through photo and video clip during training etc.

## 79th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement

- India commemorates the **79th anniversary** of the **Quit India Movement** on **8<sup>th</sup> August**.
- Also known as the **August Kranti Din**, the mass civil disobedience movement is one of the most significant events in the history of India's freedom struggle.
- On **8<sup>th</sup> August 1942**, a meeting of the **All-India Congress Committee** in Mumbai was followed by the launch of the movement by **Mahatma Gandhi**.
- Attaching the clarion call, **"Do or Die"** to the movement, Mahatma Gandhi delivered a speech in **Gowalia Tank Maidan**, also referred to as **the August Kranti Maidan**. In it, he demanded that the British leave the country immediately and grant India freedom.
- In a bid for **co-operation** in the war, Britain was ready to offer distribution of power from the Crown. However, the talks held in **March 1942** failed as India wanted nothing but **complete freedom** from British rule.
- The call for mass agitation coupled with the **arrests of leaders** led to the **outbreak of violence** in various parts of the country.

## PM to Release Next Instalment of PM-KISAN on 9th August

- The next instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme will be on 9th August 2021.
- This will enable the transfer of an amount of more than **Rs. 19,500 crores** to more than **9.75 crores** beneficiary farmer families.

- Under the PM-KISAN scheme (Launched Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018), a financial benefit of **Rs. 6000/-** per year is provided to the eligible beneficiary farmer families, payable in three equal 4-monthly installments of **Rs.2000/- each**. The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. In this scheme, **Samman Rashi** of over Rs. 1.38 lakh crores has been transferred to farmer families so far.

## **Rail Madad: One-stop Solution for Customer Grievance**

- Several helplines that earlier existed on the Railways for various purposes have been merged into one helpline i.e., **139** which can be used for all enquiry needs and for complaint making. **139 helpline facility** is available round the clock in **12 languages**.
- 99.93% complaints received through 139 helplines get closed and 72% of the feedback given by complainants is **'Excellent'** or **'Satisfactory'** in FY 2020-21.
- Minister of Railways **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav** informed **Rajya Sabha** in a written reply to a question.

## **Over 1.12 cr houses sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**

- Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** said that more than **1 crore 12 lakh** houses have been sanctioned under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**, out of which in **50 lakh** houses have already been completed and the beneficiaries have moved in.
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (2015)** aims to provide affordable housing to the urban poor. It has a target of building **2 crore affordable houses by 31 March 2022**.

## **Mandatory Blood Sugar Test for Feto - Maternal Health**

- Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has advocated for **mandatory blood sugar test** for every pregnant woman, regardless of any symptoms for **Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)**.
- The call for an early detection for **GDM** in pregnant ladies is significant as in India alone, **GDM** complicates nearly **four million pregnancies** annually.
- **Gestational Diabetes Mellitus** is a medical condition in which a hormone produced by the **placenta** prevents the body from **using insulin effectively**.

**Placenta** is an organ that provides important nutrients and oxygen to the growing baby.

- When the body is unable to use the insulin effectively, the condition is called as **insulin resistance**. Thus, the glucose builds up in the blood instead of being absorbed by the cells, which can lead to high blood sugar level in the **expecting mother**.
- **Gestational diabetes** is different from **Type 1 diabetes**. GDM is not caused by the **lack of insulin**, but by other hormones produced during pregnancy that can make insulin less effective. **Gestational diabetic symptoms** disappear following delivery.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which movement is also called as “August Kranti”

- A. Non-Cooperation Movement
- B. Civil Disobedience Movement
- C. Quit India Movement
- D. Swadeshi Movement

**ANSWER: C**

2. The “Do or Die” slogan was first given at

- A. Bombay
- B. Kanpur
- C. Madras
- D. Calcutta

**ANSWER: A**

3. The Congress Working Committee authorized Gandhiji to take charge of the non-violent mass movement at \_\_\_\_\_ in 1942

- A. Wardha meeting
- B. Kanpur meeting
- C. Faizpur meeting
- D. Lahore meeting

**ANSWER: A**

**4. The Resolution of Quit India was ratified at the Congress meeting at Gowalia Tank, Bombay, on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. August 8, 1942
- B. August 12, 1942
- C. July 8, 1942
- D. July 12, 1942

**ANSWER: A**

**5. He was not a member in the cabinet mission (1946)**

- A. Stafford Cripps
- B. Pethick-Lawrence
- C. A.V. Alexander
- D. Mountbatten

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Sir Stafford Cripps belonged to which political party in Britain.**

- A. Conservatives
- B. Labour
- C. Scottish National Party
- D. Liberal Democrats

**ANSWER: B**

**7. After the \_\_\_\_\_ mutiny, the British realized that it could no longer hold on to India under them.**

- A. Meerut Mutiny (Revolt 1857)
- B. Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22)
- C. Quit India (1942)

D. Royal Indian Navy Mutiny (1946)

**ANSWER: D**

**8. \_\_\_\_\_ is widely remembered for hoisting the Indian National flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan, Bombay during a Quit India Movement in 1942.**

- A. J P Narayan
- B. Aruna Asaf Ali
- C. Sarojini Naidu
- D. Madam Bhikaiji Cama

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Who was the British Prime minister at the time of Cripps mission?**

- A. Clement Atlee
- B. Winston Churchill
- C. Anthony Eden
- D. Neville Chamberlin

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Who was the British Prime minister at the time of Indian Independence?**

- A. Clement Atlee
- B. Winston Churchill
- C. Anthony Eden
- D. Neville Chamberlin

**ANSWER: A**





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