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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

12th August 2021

August 7 Every Year Decided as National Javelin Day

- The **Athletics Federation of India** has announced that **August 7** each year would be celebrated as **National Javelin Throw Day** with competitions in all States and Union Territories to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's feat of winning the country's first athletics gold medal in the Olympic Games in Tokyo with a throw of **87.58m**
- The 23-year-old **Neeraj Chopra**, India's first Olympic medalist in track and field sport, said he was humbled by the announcement.

PM Addresses CII Annual Meeting 2021

- Addressing the Conference, he said that the major responsibility for the success of the **self-reliant India campaign** lies on **Indian industries**.
- India, which was apprehensive of foreign investment, is welcoming investments of all types today and countrymen is with the products **made in India**.
- Speaking about the reforms brought during his tenure he gave a call to strengthen the **trust between the government and the industry**.

Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA)

- CEC inaugurates **11th Annual Meeting** of the **Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA)** for 2021.
- ECI hands over **Chair FEMBoSA** role to **Election Commission of Bhutan** for 2021-22.
- Delegations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka participated in the day-long meeting.
- **ECI & India International Institute of Democracy & Election Management (IIIDEM)** to continue to organize capacity building courses for FEMBoSA members.

- **Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA)** was established at the **3rd Conference of Heads of Election Management Bodies (EMBs)** of SAARC Countries in 2012.
- The forum aims to increase cooperation in respect to the common interests of the **SAARC's EMBs**.
- The Forum has eight Member Election Management Bodies from **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka**.

UN's 6th Assessment report: A Code-Red Warning

- The United Nations' **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** has just published the first part of the much-awaited sixth assessment report (AR6).
- Prior to the latest report, the **fifth assessment report (AR5)** was published in 2013-14.
- The key findings and conclusion of the coveted report however show trends of not merely a grim future, but a **'code red'** warning for humanity with global temperatures likely to rise **1.5°C in 20 years**.
- It was unanimously concluded that humans are primarily responsible for the **"unequivocal"** warming of the planet and for causing **"widespread & rapid"** changes to Earth's oceans, ice, and land surface.
- The report further warned that the present state of changes in the climate system is **"unprecedented"** and **"irreversible"** and thus cannot be ruled out.

National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm

- Prime Minister has announced a new national initiative on palm oil production to help increase farm incomes.
- The scheme, called **National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**, for self-reliance in edible oil involves investment of over Rs. 11,000 crores (over a five-year period).
- The special emphasis of the scheme will be in **India's north-eastern states** and the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** due to the conducive weather conditions in the regions.
- Under the scheme, oil palm farmers will be provided financial assistance and will get remuneration under a price and viability formula.
- To harness domestic edible oil prices that are dictated by expensive palm oil imports.

- To raise the domestic production of palm oil by three times to **11 lakh MT by 2025-26**.
- This will involve raising the area under oil palm cultivation to **10 lakh hectares by 2025-26** and **16.7 lakh hectares by 2029-30**.

The General Insurance Business (Nationalization) Amendment Bill, 2021 Passed

- The bill seeks to amend **General Insurance Business (Nationalization) Act, 1972** to "provide for **greater private participation** in the **public sector insurance companies**".
- It seeks to enhance **insurance penetration** and **social protection** and "better secure the interests of policyholders and contribute to faster growth of the economy".
- The bill seeks to remove provision of the Act to remove the requirement that the Central Government holds not less than **51 per cent of the equity capital** in a specified insurer.
- The government hopes to achieve its **planned divestment** target of **₹1.75 lakh crore** for 2021-22 but the target has hit hurdles posed by the pandemic.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Voters Day is Celebrated on

- A. 24th January
- B. 25th January
- C. 26th January
- D. 27th January

ANSWER: B

2. Who is the Current Chief Election Commissioner of India

- A. Sukumar Sen
- B. Sushil Chandra
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Anup Chaudhry

ANSWER: B

3. Which of the following article provides for the ECI

- A. Article 368
- B. Article 324
- C. Article 356
- D. Article 315

ANSWER: B

4. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was established in

- A. 1995
- B. 1985
- C. 1987
- D. 1998

ANSWER: B

5. The SAARC Charter was signed in _____ on 8 December 1985.

- A. Delhi
- B. Islamabad
- C. Katmandu
- D. Dhaka

ANSWER: D

6. _____ became the newest member of SAARC at the 13th annual summit in 2005.

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

7. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC are at _____.

- A. Kathmandu, Nepal
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Islamabad, Pakistan
- D. Colombo, Sri Lanka

ANSWER: A

8. Which state is the largest producer of palm oil in India?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: C

9. _____ is the largest producer of palm oil in World.

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Thailand
- D. Vietnam

ANSWER: B

10. Current President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

- A. Rajesh Gopinathan
- B. O. P. Bhatt
- C. T. V. Narendran
- D. Chandrajit Banerjee

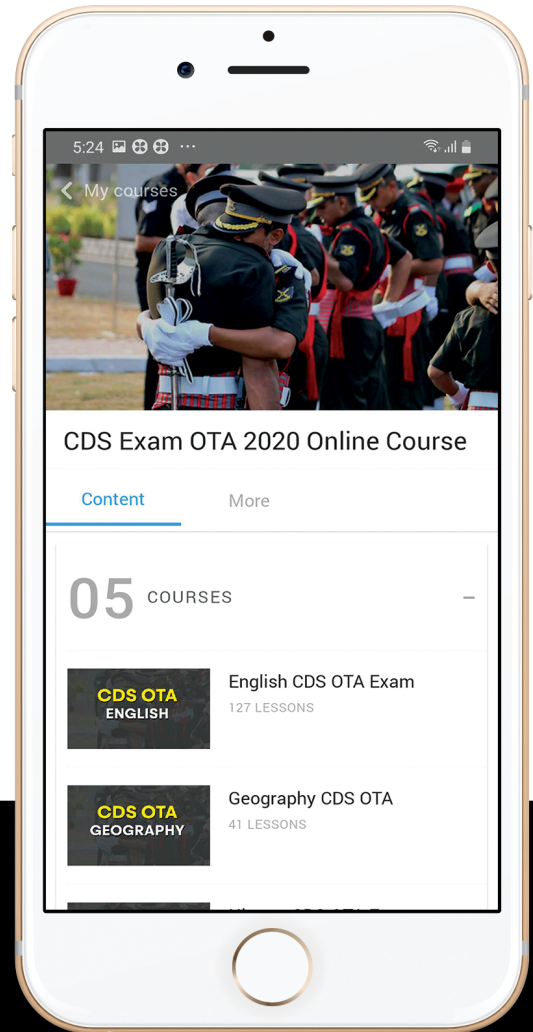
ANSWER: C



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