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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### National Monetisation Plan

- The **Union Budget for 2021-22**, had made a lot of significant announcements regarding asset Monetisation and stressed on the fact that the government is looking at innovative ways to **raise finances**.
- **Infra assets worth ₹ 6 lakh crore** across rail, road, power sectors to be **monetized over 4 years**.
- **National Monetisation Pipeline** talks about **brownfield assets** where investment is already being made, where there are assets either **languishing or not fully monetized or under-utilized**.
- By bringing in **private participation**, we are going to **monetize** it (assets) better and with whatever resource that you obtained by monetization, you can put in for further **investment into infrastructure building**.
- **Is Govt selling away the lands? No: National Monetization Pipeline** is talking about brownfield assets that need to be better monetized
- **Ownership of assets remains with the government**. There will be a mandatory hand back. **Private sector partners** will have to give it back after a certain time.



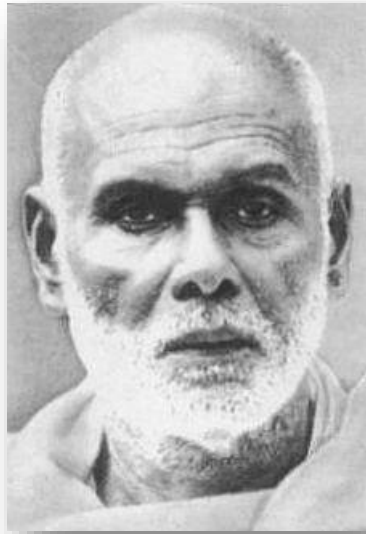
## Bhuvan “Yuktdhara” Launched

- New portal under **Bhuvan “Yuktdhara”** will facilitate planning of **new MGNREGA assets** using Remote Sensing and GIS based information: Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh
- “This platform will serve as a **repository of assets** (Geotags) created under various national rural development Programmes, i.e., MGNREGA, Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Per Drop More Crop and Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc., along with field photographs”.
- **ISRO’s Geoportal Bhuvan** and its rich information base, satellite images and analytical capabilities etc. shall be used in this process.



## Sree Narayana Guru Remembered on his Jayanti

- **Sree Narayana Guru** (22 August 1856 – 20 September 1928) was a philosopher, spiritual leader, and social reformer in India.
- His family belonged to the **Ezhava caste** and was considered ‘**avarna**’ (**Doesn’t belong to one of the four varnas**).
- He gave the famous slogan “**One Caste, One Religion, One God for All**” (Oru Jathi, Oru Matham, Oru Daivam, Manushyanu).
- In 1888, he built a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva at Aruvippuram which was against the caste-based restrictions of the time.
- In one temple he consecrated at Kalavancode, he kept mirrors instead of idols. This symbolized his message that the **divine was within everyone**.
- Narayana Gurudeva provided the impetus for **Vaikom agitation** which was aimed at temple entry in Travancore for the lower castes. It drew nationwide attention and appreciation from **Mahatma Gandhi**.



## PM Congratulates Athletes on Winning Medals

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated **wrestlers** on winning medals at the **Junior World Wrestling Championships 2021**.
- At the Junior World Wrestling Championships 2021, our Men's and Women's contingent comes back with a total of 11 medals including 4 Silvers.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has also congratulated athletes on winning the medals at **World Athletics Under 20 Nairobi-2021**.
- He congratulated our athletes for bringing home **2 Silver medals and a bronze medal** at @WAU20Nairobi21.

## Shri Shakti Challenge 2021

- The basic aim of this challenge is to further **Nari Sashaktikaran**, which is to empower women to help them achieve their full potential.
- The primary focus area of this challenge is to **encourage technology solutions** developed by **women entrepreneurs** that facilitate **women's safety and empowerment**.
- The **Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Innovation Challenge** is a platform where women tech entrepreneurs and start-ups can showcase their products **designed by women, for women**.
- Hosted by the **MyGov platform**, Shri Shakti Challenge 2021 will accept entries till **September 17, 2021**.

- After the registration and listing process, **10 nominees** will be shortlisted and supported through a mentorship programme.
- Simultaneously, each nominee will be awarded a grant of **INR 1,00,000** to develop the Proof of Concept of their ideas.
- Following a rigorous screening process, five winners will be selected by a Jury in November 2021. The winners hence will be **awarded INR 5,00,000 each** to develop, market and implement their solutions.

## Kalyan Singh Cremated with Full State Honors

- Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister **Kalyan Singh** was cremated with senior leaders, party workers and many local people attending the Cremation ceremony.
- The **two-time CM**, who had also been the **Rajasthan Governor**, died at a Lucknow hospital on Saturday after spending weeks in the ICU.
- A Hindutva icon, Singh was the Uttar Pradesh chief minister when “**Kar sevaks**” demolished the **Babri Masjid** in Ayodhya on **December 6, 1992**.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. India had adopted the concept of 'Planning' from**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Canada
- D. USSR

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Which of the following is not Envisioned for NITI Aayog to strive for**

- A. Bottom - Up approach
- B. Maximum Governance, Minimum Government
- C. Cooperative Federalism
- D. None of Above

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Who is the current Chairperson of NITI Aayog?**

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Dr Rajiv Kumar
- C. Arvind Panagariya
- D. Narendra Modi

**ANSWER: D**

**4. The Regional Councils of NITI Aayog to address specific regional issues shall comprise of \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Chief Ministers
- B. Lt. Governors
- C. Prime Minister or his nominee
- D. All the Above

**ANSWER: D**

**5. NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by Prime minister for a fixed tenure, in rank of**

- A. Cabinet Minister
- B. Minister of State
- C. Secretary to GOI
- D. Cabinet Secretary

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Which among the following is not the document which NITI Aayog planned to come out with**

- A. 3-year action agenda
- B. 7-year medium-term strategy paper
- C. 15-year vision document
- D. India Vision 2050

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Initially Bhuvan was launched by ISRO in**

- A. 2009
- B. 2010
- C. 2015
- D. 2016

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Sree Narayan Guru belonged to which caste**

- A. Mahar
- B. Ezhava
- C. Madiga
- D. Banjara

**ANSWER: B**



9. Narayana Guru organized an All-Region Conference in \_\_\_\_\_ at Alwaye Advaita Ashram

- A. 1923
- B. 1924
- C. 1925
- D. 1926

**ANSWER: A**

10. \_\_\_\_\_ is observed as Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi in Kerala.

- A. 20<sup>th</sup> September
- B. 21<sup>st</sup> October
- C. 5<sup>th</sup> March
- D. 19<sup>th</sup> April

**ANSWER: A**







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