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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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Paralympics Games Set to Begin

- The **2020 Summer Paralympics**, branded as **Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games**, are a major international multi-sport parasports event governed by the International Paralympic Committee.
- Scheduled as the **16th Summer Paralympic Games**, they are currently ongoing in Tokyo, Japan between **24 August and 5 September 2021**.



Health Ministry's eSanjeevani Initiative Completes 1 Crore Consultations

- Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's **National Telemedicine Service- eSanjeevani** has rapidly shaped into country's most popular and the largest telemedicine service.
- eSanjeevani has been widely adopted by patients as well as doctors, and specialists across the country.
- In a record time the **National Telemedicine Service** has conducted more than 1 Crore (i.e., 10 million) tele-consultations across India.

- That **eSanjeevani** has been quickly adopted by patients, doctors and specialists across the country is evident from the fact that it has shown astounding growth of over 1000% in last 10 months.
- The **National Telemedicine Service** which was used for 160,807 tele-consultations in the month of September in 2020 enabled 1,650,822 tele-consultations in the month of July 2021.



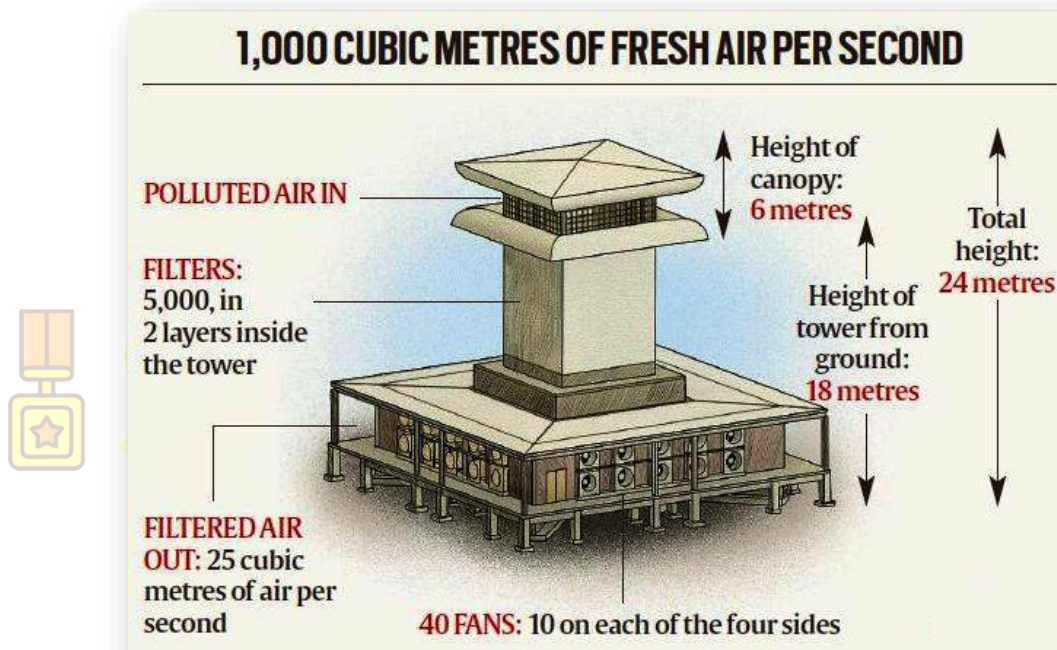
Mera Watan, Mera Chaman

- Union Ministry of Minority Affairs to organize “**Mera Watan, Mera Chaman**” **Mushaira** on 28th August 2021 in New Delhi under "Amrit Mahotsav" of 75 years of India’s Independence”.
- Renowned poets will present their poetry and couplets on the “**celebrations of India’s independence**” while remembering the sacrifices made by the great freedom fighters: **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**.



Delhi's New Smog Tower

- Chief Minister of Delhi inaugurated the country's first 'smog tower' in **Connaught Place**.
- It was inaugurated months before **the pollution level spikes** in the national capital due to burning of crop waste (stubble burning) by farmers.
- **Smog towers** are structures designed to work as large-scale air purifiers.
- They are usually fitted with **multiple layers of air filters**, which clean the air of pollutants as it passes through them.
- **China** has the world's largest smog tower.



FDIs rise to \$12.1 billion in May: Piyush Goyal

- **Foreign Direct Investment** in the country is on the rise, which has increased to \$12.1 billion in May this year and GOI aims to achieve the export target of USD 400 billion in 2021-22.
- India has achieved the highest ever FDI inflows in the financial year 2020-21. It grew by 10 per cent to USD 81.72 billion and during May 2021 to USD 12.1 billion, i.e., 203 per cent higher than May 2020.
- The top investors contributing to India's high FDI inflows in FY21 include **Singapore (29 per cent), followed by the US (23 per cent) and Mauritius (9 per cent)**.

- He said that exports are registering **good growth and outbound shipments** during August 1-14, which grew 71 per cent over 2020-21 and 23 per cent over 2019-20.

India is Now 2nd Largest Manufacturer of PPE Kits

- The country that once faced a shortage of personal protective equipment, is now the second-largest manufacturer of PPE kits in the world.
- India manufactures more than **5 lakh PPEs** and more than **104 lakh N-95 masks per day**. The PPE industry in India is a **Rs 7000 crore** industry in the making.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs)** are protective gears designed to safeguard the health of workers by minimizing exposure to any biological agent.
- It includes **goggles, face-shield, masks (Surgical/N-95), gloves (surgical/examination), coverall/gowns (with or without aprons), headcover, and shoe cover etc.**



Global Manufacturing Risk Index: Cushman & Wakefield Report

- **India** has emerged as a global manufacturing hub and effectively surpassed the United States to become the world's **second most desired manufacturing destination**.
- The Report is released by **Cushman & Wakefield** is a global commercial real estate services firm.

- In addition, **Ease of Doing Business** in India has gained significant traction and India climbed 14 positions to stand at 63rd now.
- Based on the most favorable locations for international manufacturing, Cushman & Wakefield's Manufacturing Risk Index report ranks countries based on a range of factors including:
- Risk and cost factors, Political and economic risk, Market conditions and labor costs, Market Access.
- The index ranks **47 countries** across Europe, the Americas, and the Asia Pacific.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who holds most Paralympic medals?

- A. Trischa Zorn
- B. Ragnhild Myklebust
- C. Béatrice Hess
- D. Reinhild Moeller

ANSWER: A

2. _____ has the world's largest smog tower.

- A. India
- B. China
- C. UK
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: B

3. The Central Pollution Control Board is a _____

- A. Constitutional Body
- B. Statutory Body
- C. Extra Constitutional Body
- D. None

ANSWER: B

4. The Central Pollution Control Board was constituted in _____

- A. September 1974
- B. October 1986
- C. August 1997
- D. February 1972

ANSWER: A

5. CPCB was established under the _____

- A. Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- B. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- C. Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- D. National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

ANSWER: C

6. Current Chairmen of CPCB is _____

- A. Naresh pal Gangwar
- B. Prashant Gargava
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Ramana Reddy

ANSWER: A

7. The ease of doing business index is released by

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. IMF
- D. UNDP

ANSWER: A

8. Simeon Djankov, Michael Klein and Caralee McLiesh are personalities associated with

- A. Sports
- B. Economics
- C. Medicine & Pharmacy
- D. Literature

ANSWER: B

9. Who is current President of The World Bank.

- A. David Malpass
- B. Anshula Kant
- C. Carmen Reinhart
- D. Gita Gopinathan

ANSWER: A

10. Tarana-e-hind was written by

- A. Faiz Ahmed Faiz
- B. Mirza Ghalib
- C. Allama Iqbal
- D. Firaq Gorakhpuri

ANSWER: C



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