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3rd September 2021

Chandigarh Railway Station awarded 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI

- Indian Railways' **Chandigarh Railway Station** has been awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- This certification is granted by **FSSAI** to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices.
- The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.
- The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an **FSSAI-empaneled third-party audit agency** with ratings from 1 to 5.
- The 5-star rating indicates exemplary efforts by stations to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.
- The certification is part of the '**Eat Right India**' movement- a large-scale effort by FSSAI to transform the country's food system to ensure safe, healthy, and sustainable food for all Indians.
- **Eat Right India** adopts a judicious mix of regulatory, capacity building, collaborative, and empowerment approaches to ensure that our food is suitable both for the people and the planet.
- **Chandigarh Railway Station** becomes the fifth station in India to get this recognition.
- The other railway stations with this certification include **Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Station; (Delhi), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus; (Mumbai), Mumbai Central Railway Station; (Mumbai) and Vadodara Railway Station.**



India's Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage crosses 66 Cr landmark

- More than 81 Lakh doses administered in the last 24 hours
- Recovery Rate currently at 97.48%
- 47,092 New Cases reported in the last 24 hours
- India's Active Caseload (3,89,583) is 1.19% of Total Cases
- Weekly Positivity Rate (2.62%) less than 3% for last 69 days
- This has been achieved through 69,60,983 sessions

Shikshak Parv 2021

- In recognition of valuable contributions of our teachers and to take **New Education Policy (NEP) 2020** a step forward the Department of School Education & Literacy has decided to celebrate **Shikshak Parv-2021**.
- **Shikshak Parv 2021** will commence from 5th September 2021 till 17th September through virtual mode.
- There shall be **webinars** held across, **PM** to address the **teacher's community** and **President** shall confer "**National Award to Teachers**".
- GOI has also started **vaccination drive** to vaccinate more than **2 crore teachers**.

World Coconut Day Celebrated

- **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** celebrated **World Coconut Day (2nd Sept)** to commemorate the foundation day of the **International Coconut Community (ICC)**, an intergovernmental organization of coconut producing countries under the aegis of the **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)**.
- The **theme** for the **23rd World Coconut Day** celebrations this year is “Building a safe, inclusive resilient and sustainable coconut community amid Covid-19 pandemic and beyond”.
- **Coconut Development Board** celebrates Coconut Day every year to create increased awareness on the importance of coconut and focus national and international attention on coconut sector.
- The production of coconut in the country stood at **21207 million nuts** during 2020-21, which is **34% of the global production**. The productivity is **9687** nuts per hectare, which is the highest in the world. New coconut products and industries are growing, due to which farmers are getting employment.

UNSC Resolution 2593

- India-led **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** adopted a Resolution 2593 on Taliban.
- The resolution, sponsored by **France, UK, and the US**, was adopted with 13 members, including India, voting in favor, none against it.
- Two permanent and veto-wielding members **Russia and China** abstained.
- The adoption of the resolution is a strong signal from the **Security Council** and the international community on its expectations in respect of **Afghanistan**.
- Reiterates the importance of **combating terrorism** in Afghanistan, including those individuals and entities designated pursuant to resolution **1267 (1999)**
- Called for the Taliban to **facilitate safe passage for people wanting to leave Afghanistan**, allow humanitarians to access the country, uphold human rights, including for women and children and inclusive and negotiated political settlement.

India on Track of Sharp Economic Recovery

- **National Statistical Office** data has revealed that the Indian economy grew at a record pace of 20.1% in April-June 2021, as compared to the corresponding period last year.
- Last year, **Gross domestic product (GDP)** contracted 24.4% in the same period, when the national lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic had nearly halted all economic activities.



World Social Protection Report: 2020-2022

- **International Labour Organization** report titled 'World Social Protection Report 2020–22' has revealed that, globally **4.1 billion people** are living without any **social safety net** of any kind.
- The report highlighted that the **pandemic response** was uneven and insufficient. Thereby, Covid-19 has further underscored the critical importance of achieving universal social protection.
- **ILO** is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It is the only tripartite UN agency. It brings together **governments, employers, and workers of 187 member States**, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise Programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was formed in

- A. 2005
- B. 2006
- C. 2010
- D. 2011

ANSWER: D

2. Current Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is

- A. Rita Teotia
- B. Arun Singhal
- C. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D. Piyush Goyal

ANSWER: A

3. Which of the following is not true about Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- A. He was 2nd President of India
- B. He was 1st Vice President of India
- C. He received Bharath Ratna in 1964
- D. He was born in a Telugu-speaking Family

ANSWER: C

4. Who among the following was not the first recipients of the Bharat Ratna in 1954

- A. C. Rajagopalachari
- B. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C. C. V. Raman
- D. Dr. Zakir Hussain

ANSWER: D

5. Coconut Development Board (CDB) - a statutory body under the

- A. Ministry of agriculture
- B. Ministry of Small & Medium Enterprises
- C. Ministry of Commerce
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

ANSWER: A

6. Coconut Development Board was established in _____ with HQ at _____.

- A. 1981, Kochi
- B. 1988, Vijayawada
- C. 1990, Chennai
- D. 1995, Khazikode

ANSWER: A

7. The UNSC Chair for September 2021 is

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Ireland
- D. Kenya

ANSWER: C

8. When would India again Chair the UNSC for its membership 2021-2022

- A. Jan 2022
- B. March 2022
- C. Sept 2022
- D. Dec 2022

ANSWER: D

9. International Labour Organization was awarded Noble Peace Prize in

- A. 1954
- B. 1969
- C. 1977
- D. 1989

ANSWER: B

10. Current Director-General of ILO

- A. Guy Ryder
- B. Tedros Adhanom
- C. Qu Dongyu
- D. Achim Steiner

ANSWER: A



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