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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

29 January 2022

Lala Lajpat Rai Remembered on His Jayanti

- Lala Lajpat Rai (28 January 1865 — 17 November 1928) was an Indian author, revolutionary, and politician. He played a pivotal role in the Indian Independence movement. He was popularly known as Punjab Kesari. He was one of the three members of the Lal Bal Pal triumvirate.
- He was also associated with activities of Punjab National Bank and Lakshmi Insurance Company in their early stages in 1894.
- He died a few weeks after sustaining severe injuries during a baton charge by police when he led a peaceful protest march against the all-British Simon Commission, a commission constituted by the United Kingdom for Indian constitutional reform.



NIPER Research Portal Launched

- National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Research Portal has been created to disseminate the information about all the NIPERs and their research activities, patents filed and Publication information at one place so that industry and other stakeholders know about them.
- The purpose of this portal is to authenticate the availability of the research work that is ongoing.
- It will help other researchers and especially the industry to contact the relevant organization so that they can work together and make the research more

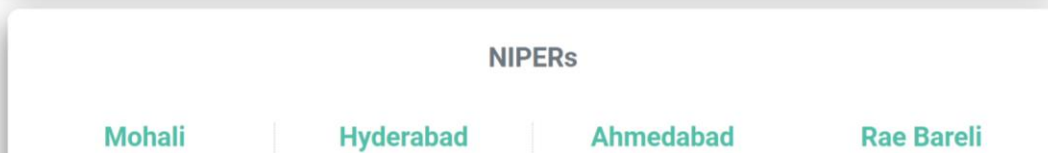
purposeful and meaningful. For long, research institutes have been working in silos or isolation.

- The research portal will try to bring together research institutions spread across different departments within government and these institutions with industries.
- The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers also requested all relevant research institutions like the Department of Biotechnology, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of AYUSH, ICMR, etc., and even DRDO, where a lot of pharmaceuticals sector-related research takes place to join this portal.



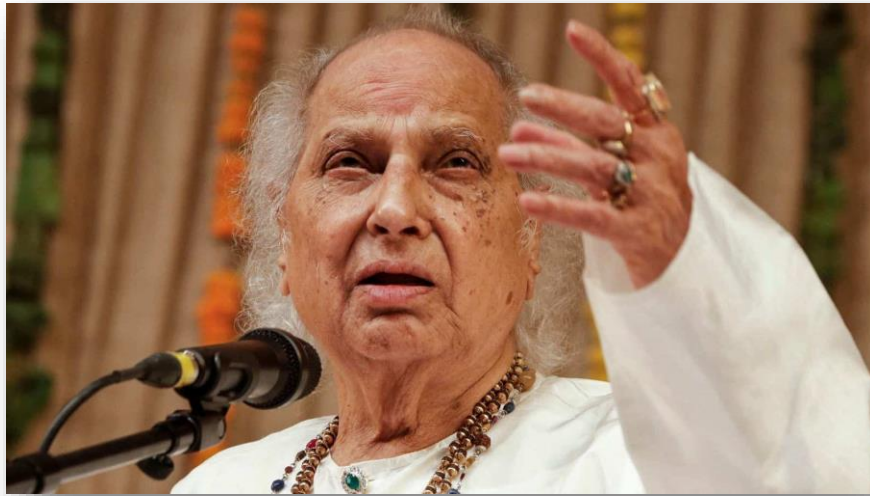
BRIEF ON NIPERs

National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) are institutes of National Importance imparting PG and Ph.D degree in pharmaceutical field. At present seven National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) are functioning under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India. While, NIPER, S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali) was the first NIPER established in 1998 as per NIPER Act, 1998 under the Act of Parliament, subsequently, in terms of amendment to NIPER Act 1998 in 2007 six new NIPERs were set up at Hajipur, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Rae Bareilly, Guwahati and Kolkata. Government gives annual Grant In Aid to run the Institutes



Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation Launched by PM

- Prime Minister said, "In today's era of globalization, Indian music should also make its global identity, create its impact globally, it is the responsibility of all of us. When the influence of technology is in every field, then there should be a revolution of technology and IT in the field of music too."
- Remembering Pandit Jasraj on his birth anniversary, Prime Minister congratulated the nation for the establishment of the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation.
- Pandit Jasraj, whose career in music spanned over 80 years, belonged to the Mewati Gharana. He received several accolades including the prestigious Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Vibhushan.
- The legendary classical vocalist passed away at the age of 90 on August 17, 2020.



V Anantha Nageswaran Appointed Chief Economic Advisor

- Government has appointed Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran as the Chief Economic Advisor who assumed charge on Friday. Before this appointment, Dr. Nageswaran has worked as a writer, author, teacher, and consultant. He has taught at several business schools and institutes of management in India and Singapore and has published extensively.
- Dr. Nageswaran was the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business and a distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at Krea University. He has also been a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021. He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, and a doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.
- **Functions of CEA:**
- The Economic Division examines domestic and international economic trends. It undertakes research studies focusing on economic policies and management of the economy. Based on the research it provides advice to the Government of India.
- The CEA is the ex-officio cadre controlling authority of the Indian Economic Service.
- Help prepare the government's annual Economic Survey preceding the Union Budget, which provides a glimpse into its economic hits and misses.
- Study and advice about financial market risks.
- To help with advice in times of global turmoil.

- To contribute to preparing the budget.



Vision Document of Capacity Building Plan for Ministry of Food Processing Industries

- Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras on Friday released the Vision Document of Capacity Building Plan of his Ministry under Mission Karmayogi in New Delhi on Friday. Objective of the Capacity Building Plan of the Ministry is to enable employees to be more creative, proactive, professional, technology-enabled, efficient, accountable, and citizen-centric by providing them training in domain areas relating to the Food Processing Sector.
- Nearly 150 employees of the Ministry will be given training to build and strengthen behavioral, functional and domain competencies.
- AIR Correspondent reports that the Vision Document of Capacity Building Plan of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been developed with the support of Capacity Building Commission. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is the first amongst all Ministries and Departments to develop and implement Capacity Building Plan under Mission Karmayogi. Officials of the Food Processing Industries Ministry and Capacity Building Commission were present on the occasion.



US Calls UN Security Council for Meet Over Ukraine-Russian Tension

- The United States said it has called for an open meeting of the UN Security Council next Monday to address the crisis around Ukraine. In a statement, Washington's United Nations envoy Linda Thomas-Greenfield said yesterday that more than 100,000 Russian troops are deployed on the Ukrainian border and Russia is posing a clear threat to international peace and security and the UN Charter. She said, the 15-member Security Council must squarely examine the facts and consider what is at stake for Ukraine, Russia, and for Europe. Diplomats said, originally the United States had hoped to hold the Security Council meeting on Friday. But they have deferred it to Monday so as not to interfere with a scheduled phone call between French President Emmanuel Macron and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin today.
- However, as one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, Russia has veto power over any United Nations resolution brought to the council.



Tropical Storm Ana in Southern Africa

- The death count from a storm that struck three southern African countries rose to 70 on Thursday as emergency teams battled to repair damaged infrastructure and help tens of thousands of victims.
- Packing torrential rains, Tropical Storm Ana made landfall Monday in Madagascar before plowing into Mozambique and Malawi. Rescue workers and authorities across the three countries were still assessing the full extent of the damage.
- In Madagascar, 110,000 had to flee their homes. In the capital Antananarivo, schools and gyms were turned into emergency shelters. In northern and central Mozambique, Ana destroyed 10,000 homes, dozens of schools and hospitals, and downed power lines.



Australia Announces Billion-dollar Package To Protect Great Barrier Reef

- Australia unveiled a billion-dollar package to protect the climate-ravaged Great Barrier Reef on Friday, hoping to prevent the vast network of corals from being removed from UNESCO's World Heritage list.
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the 1 billion Aus\$ (US\$700 million) nine-year plan, months after narrowly avoiding the reef being placed on UNESCO's in danger list.
- Morrison said that they are backing the health of the reef and the economic future of tourism operators, hospitality providers and Queensland communities that are at the heart of the reef economy.

- The move comes ahead of a general election expected in May, when Morrison will have to win key Queensland seats near the reef to remain in power.
- When the UN previously threatened to downgrade the reef's World Heritage listing in 2015, Australia created a Reef 2050 plan and poured billions of dollars into protection.
- The measures are believed to have arrested the pace of decline, but much of the world's largest reef system has already been damaged.
- A recent study found bleaching had affected 98 percent of the reef since 1998, leaving just a fraction of it untouched.
- Australians are overwhelmingly in favour of action to limit climate change, having experienced a string of global warming-worsened disasters such as bushfires, droughts, and floods.
- A 2021 poll by Sydney's Lowy Institute found 60 percent of Australians believed "global warming is a serious and pressing problem".
- Eight in 10 Australians supported a net-zero emissions target by 2050, which the government reluctantly adopted ahead of a landmark United Nations climate summit in Scotland last year.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. ____ was popularly known as Punjab Kesari

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Chandra Shekar Azad
- C. Lala Lajpat Rai
- D. Bal Gangadhar Tilak

ANSWER: C

2. Simon Commission gave its report in

- A. 1927
- B. 1928
- C. 1929
- D. 1930

ANSWER: D

3. ____ was not a part of the Simon Commission

- A. Sir John Simon
- B. Clement Attlee
- C. Harry Levy-Lawson
- D. Mahatma Gandhi

ANSWER: D

4. Dr. Manmohan Singh worked as CEA for_____

- A. P V Narsimha Rao
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Rajiv Gandhi
- D. Sonia Gandhi

ANSWER: B

5. Pandit Jasraj belonged to ____ Gharana of Indian Music

- A. Mewati gharana
- B. Marwari gharana
- C. Bindadin gharana
- D. Rajputi gharana

ANSWER: A

6. National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) is also known as

- A. Mission Karmayogi
- B. Mission Dharmayogi
- C. Mission Shramayogi
- D. Mission Udyogi

ANSWER: A

7. _____ is the world's largest coral reef system.

- A. Great Barrier Reef
- B. New Caledonia Barrier Reef
- C. Red Sea Coral Reef
- D. Rainbow Reef

ANSWER: A

8. Capital of Australia

- A. Sydney
- B. Canberra
- C. Melbourne
- D. Victoria

ANSWER: B

9. ____ is not a P5 Nation

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Russia
- D. Germany

ANSWER: D

10. UN Security Council held its first meeting on

- A. 1945
- B. 1946
- C. 1948
- D. 1952

ANSWER: B

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