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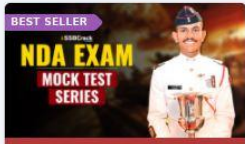
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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 16 August 2022

### India Steps Into Its 76th Year Of Independence

- The **Next 25 Years**, Will Be The Country's '**Amrit Kaal**'. The PM Highlighted **5 Pledges** That "**All 130 Crore Indians**" Need To Take And Laid Out The Roadmap That He Hopes Will Serve As A Guide For The Country Which Today Embarks On A Journey Toward Its Next **Big Milestone**.
- **Aspirational Society**: PM Modi Noted That India Is An Aspirational Society And That Is Its Biggest Asset. He Also Urged Citizens To Fulfill Their Duties So That India Can Meet Its Goals Faster.
- **Focus On 'Panchpran'**: First, To Aspire Big And Develop India. Second, Erase All Traces Of Servitude. Third, Take Pride In India's Legacy. Fourth, Forge Unity Because It Is Our Strength. Fifth, Fulfill One's Duties, From The Common Man To Those In Positions Of Power.
- **Appeal To Youth**: The Youth Of Today Will Be The Decision-makers Of Tomorrow. He Appealed To The Youth To Give 25 Years Of Their Life To Create A Fully Independent India By The Year 2047.
- **Stress On 'Viksit Bharat'**: He Implored Indians To Erase 'Ghulami' (Slavery) In All Senses. He Said India Does Not Need The "World's Certificate". If The Country Has Pride, The World Will Follow, He Said.
- **On Self-dependency**: The Thrust Of PM Modi's Speech Was On Self-dependency Or 'AatmaNirbhar'. "We Must Push Ahead With AatmaNirbhar Bharat Which Is A Social Agenda Rather Than Just A Scheme Of The Government," He Said In His Speech.
- **Digital India**: India Is Harnessing The Power Of Digital And Startups. Lauded The Growing Digital Transactions In The Country And Said That 5G And Chip Manufacturing Would Further Penetrate Digital India To The Grassroots.
- **COVID Vaccination**: Hailed India's "**Common Consciousness**" That Brought Them Together Especially At The Time Of The Pandemic And Helped Immunize Crores Of Citizens. And We Accomplished The Feat Of Administering 200 Crore Vaccine Doses.

- **Pledge To Respect Women:** Implored Indians To Stop Using Cuss Words That Denigrate Women, A Practice Common Across Cultures And Languages And A Vestige Of Casual Sexism.
- **Strength In Diversity:** “India Is The Mother Of Democracy That Can Cause Trouble For Even The Biggest Of Sultanates,” He Said. He Recounted The Various Challenges That India Faced In These 75 Years And How It Emerged Every Time, Proving Its Critics Wrong.
- **End Corruption And Dynastic Politics:** Corruption And Dynasty Politics Are The Two Big Hurdles In India’s Path Toward Progress.



## Govt Appoints 37 New High Court Judges

- The government has appointed 37 new High Court Judges.
- This is in continuation of the appointment of 26 High Court Judges in various High Courts. With the notification of the appointments of another 11 High Court Judges in the Punjab & Haryana High Court by the government this year so far 138 appointments in various High Courts of the country have been made.
- Thus, it has surpassed its earlier record of 126 High Court appointments in 2016.



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## RBI Against Harassment By Recovery Agents

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked financial institutions that their loan recovery agents should not intimidate or harass any person either physically or verbally for their debt collection efforts.
- RBI has also advised that agents should not humiliate publicly or intrude upon the privacy of the debtor's family members, referees, and friends.
- It has also barred recovery agents from sending inappropriate messages either on mobile or through social media, making threatening and/ r anonymous calls, repeatedly calling the borrower, and/or calling the borrower before 8:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m.
- These instructions will be applicable to all Commercial Banks including Regional Rural Banks, Co-operative Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies, Asset Reconstruction Companies and All India Financial Institutions. RBI has warned that, any violation in this regard by Recovery agents will be viewed seriously.
- It has clarified that, these guidelines will not be applicable to microfinance or collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income up to ₹3,00,000.



## India's Exports Rise By 11.51% In July

- The country's overall exports including merchandise and services exhibited growth last month. Exports registered growth of 11.51 percent over the same period of last year and estimated to be 61.18 billion US dollar.
- Overall imports also exhibited a growth of 42.90 per cent in comparison to the corresponding period of last year. The country's imports in the last month are estimated to be 82.22 billion US dollars.
- Commerce and Industry Ministry said, country overall exports including Merchandise and Services in the last April-July quarter are estimated to be 253.84 billion US dollar exhibiting a growth of 22.85 per cent over the same period last year.
- The Ministry said, Indian exports was 54.87 billion US dollar and import was 57.54 billion US dollar in July 2021.



## PV Sindhu Out Of World Badminton Championships

- India's star shuttler PV Sindhu has pulled out of the upcoming BWF World Championships owing to a stress fracture on her left foot. In a statement, Sindhu confirmed that she will be missing the 2022 World Championships.
- The World Championships will be held in Tokyo from August 21 till August 28. Sindhu has won the gold medal in the women's singles event at the recently-concluded Commonwealth Games and revealed that she had been playing through pain at Birmingham.
- Sindhu added a CWG singles gold to her wide array of medals with a convincing straight-game win over Canada's Michelle Li.



## Sri Lanka Grants Permission To Chinese Research Vessel

- Sri Lanka has granted permission to Chinese research vessel to dock at Hambantota port from August 16. Sri Lanka's Foreign Affairs Minister confirmed that the Chinese vessel 'Yuan Wang-5', widely believed to be a spy ship, has been given clearance to arrive at Hambantota Port on August 16.
- The Chinese vessel was earlier scheduled to dock at the Chinese-leased Hambantota port on August 11, but now will arrive on August 16 and will leave on August 22.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize is given for?
  - A. The best work in the field of politics
  - B. Environment Conservation
  - C. Peace, disarmament, and development
  - D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Who was the first woman to win the Jnanpith Award?**

- A. Pratibha Ray
- B. Ashapoorna Devi
- C. Mahasweta Devi
- D. Indira Goswami

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Who was the first Indian woman Awardee of 'Bharat Ratna'?**

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Sarojini Naidu
- D. Pratima Puri

**ANSWER: B**

**4. The Sahitya Akademi Award was instituted in the year \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. 1960
- B. 1954
- C. 1989
- D. 1992

**ANSWER: B**

**5. The medal of Bharat Ratna is designed like a leaf of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Banyan
- B. Peepal
- C. Sandalwood
- D. Banana

**ANSWER: B**

**6. The Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award is given in India for contribution to the field of**

- A. sports
- B. social work
- C. science and technology
- D. literature

**ANSWER: C**

**7. The first Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was given to whom?**

- A. Viswanathan Anand
- B. Geeta Sethi
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Dhanraj Pillai

**ANSWER: A**

**8. The highest peace time gallantry award is**

- A. Sena Medal
- B. Ashok Chakra
- C. Param Vir Chakra
- D. Vir Chakra

**ANSWER: B**

**9. 'Ramnath Goenka Award' is presented for which field of excellence?**

- A. Agriculture
- B. Science
- C. Technology
- D. Journalism

**ANSWER: D**

**10. The historic Chauri Chaura incident took place on**

- A. 4 February 1922
- B. 5 February 1923
- C. 4 March 1922
- D. 4 April 1923

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Which of the following Gallantry Awards belong to the category of Gallantry in the face of the enemy?**

- A. Ashok Chakra
- B. Shaurya Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**



**12. Which of the following awards were not among the first ones to be introduced after Independence?**

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. Shaurya Chakra

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Who was the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra?**

- A. Major Somnath Sharma
- B. Naik Jadunath Singh
- C. 2nd Lt Rama Raghoba Rane
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Who gives away the Gallantry Award to the Kins of those who receive it posthumously?**

- A. Defence Minister
- B. Prime Minister
- C. President of India
- D. Any of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Which of the following major movement by Gandhiji recently completed 91 Years**

- A. Dandi March
- B. Quit India Movement
- C. Non-Cooperation Movement
- D. Champaran Movement

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Which of the following is wrongly matched**

- A. Champaran Satyagraha (1917)
- B. Ahmedabad Mill Strike (1918)
- C. Kheda Satyagraha (1918)

D. None

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Gandhiji returned to India from South Africa on**

A. 9<sup>th</sup> January 1915

B. 19<sup>th</sup> March 1915

C. 9<sup>th</sup> June 1915

D. 17<sup>th</sup> April 1915

**ANSWER: A**

**18. \_\_\_\_\_ is observed as Martyrs' Day in India**

A. 23<sup>rd</sup> March

B. 30<sup>th</sup> January

C. 17<sup>th</sup> June

D. 14<sup>th</sup> August

**ANSWER: B**

**19. The Indian Constitution was drafted in**

A. 3 years, 11 months, and 19 days

B. 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days

C. 1 year, 10 months, and 10 days

D. 2 years, 11 months, and 20 days

**ANSWER: B**

**20. The National Flag of India was adopted on**

A. 26 Nov 1949

B. 22 July 1947

C. 09 Dec 1946

D. 26 Jan 1950

**ANSWER: B**

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