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'Swasthya', an 'e-portal' on tribal health and nutrition launched

- Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the e-portal on tribal health and nutrition named 'Swasthya'.
- The portal provides all health and nutrition related information of the tribal population of India on a single platform.
- It is aimed to **curate innovative practices**, **case studies**, and **best practices** collected from different parts of India to facilitate the exchange of evidence, expertise and experiences.

The launch of the portal is a first step towards the much bigger goal of serving the tribal population of the nation.

• The **initiatives of the Ministry in partnership with Facebook** through the **Going Online as Leaders (GOAL) Programme**. It_aims to mentor five thousand tribal youth across India and enable them to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities.

MS Dhoni, Suresh Raina quit International Cricket

- Former Indian Cricket Team Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni announced his retirement from International Cricket.
- Under his captaincy, India won the 2007 ICC World Twenty-Twenty, the 2010 and 2016 Asia Cups, the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup and the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy.
- Note: MS Dhoni is the only captain to have won all ICC trophies -- T20 World Cup in 2007, ODI World Cup in 2011 and the Champions Trophy in 2013. A right-handed middle-order batsman and wicket-keeper, Dhoni is one of the highest run scorers in One Day Internationals (ODIs) with a formidable score of more than 10 thousand runs.
- Suresh Raina, another Indian Cricketer has also announced his retirement from International Cricket.

Nation-wide initiative of Fit India Youth Clubs launched

- Union Minister of Youth and Sports Kiren Rijiju launched a nation-wide initiative of Fit India Youth Clubs to promote fitness among every citizen on the occasion of Independence Day.
- The Fit India Youth Club which is a part of the Fit India Movement envisioned by the Prime Minister, endeavours to harness the power of youth to create mass awareness about the importance of fitness.
- This initiative brings together fitness and voluntarism in a unique way.
- Under this **initiative**, **75 lakh volunteers** of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and National Service Scheme, along with Scouts and Guides, National Cadet Corps and other youth organizations will come together to register as Fit India Youth Clubs in every block in the country, under the aegis of a district unit.
- The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police**, **ITBP** has launched a **fit India freedom** run at all its **border posts and formations** in the country.
- The campaign is **aimed at generating awareness** among the masses for fit India.



National archery camp to resume on August 25

- The Sports Authority of India (SAI) informed that the national archery camp for Olympic hopefuls will resume at the Army Sports Institute in Pune on August 25th.
- The **camp was called off midway in March** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A total of 16 recurve archers -- eight men and as many women, along with four coaches and two support staff will report for the camp on August 25th and undergo the mandatory 14-day period inside the ASI campus before starting their training sessions.
- All the top recurve archers of the country, including Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das, B Dhiraj, Pravin Jadhav, Jayanta Talukdar, Sukhmanu Babrekar, Kapil, Vishwas, Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat, L Bombayla Devi, Ridhi, Madhu Vedwan, Himani, Pramila Baria and Tisha Sancheti have been called for the camp. Souvagya/1610

Digha- Gopalpur coastal highway to act as economic corridor

- Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan informed that the National Infrastructure Pipeline will not only revolutionize the creation of infrastructure in the country but also would pull India out of the economic impact of COVID-19.
- Digha-Gopalpur coastal highway under construction in Odisha, the Minister act as an economic corridor between the two major ports of Paradip and Dhamra.
- Besides facilitating transportation of agri goods and fishery products, the coastal highway would play a crucial role in the supply chain during natural calamities like cyclones and floods.
- In addition, the 451-kilometre long coastal highway would be a gamechanger in transforming the fortunes of coastal Odisha besides making it one of India's prime tourist attractions.

Rakesh Asthana appointed DG of Border Security Force

- An Indian Police Service Officer belonging to 1984 batch of Gujarat cadre Rakesh Asthana has been appointed as the Director General of Border Security Force, BSF. He will be in the post up to 31st July, 2021, the date of his superannuation.
- Mr Asthana is presently working as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, BCAS. He will continue to hold the additional charge of DG, Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Another IPS officer belonging to 1986 batch of Andhra Pradesh cadre, V. S. K. Kaumudi will be Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Home Ministry.
- He is presently working as DG, Bureau of Police research and Development. He will be in the post till **30th November**, **2022**, the date of his superannuation.
- Uttar Pradesh cadre IPS officer Md Jawed Akhtar has been appointed the DG, Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard. He will hold the charge of the post for a period up to 31st July 2021, the date of his superannuation. Mr Akhtar is presently working as Special DG, Central Reserve Police Force.

HRD Ministry officially renamed as Ministry of Education



- President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to the change in name of the Ministry of Human Resource Development as Ministry of Education.
- A **gazette notification** published notified that the **President** had given his nod to **change the name of the Ministry.**
- The name change was among the key recommendations of the draft new National Education Policy, NEP which was cleared by the Union Cabinet last month.

Chetan Chauhan, former cricketer and Uttar Pradesh Minister passes away

- Former Indian cricketer and Uttar Pradesh minister Chetan Chauhan passed away following multiple organ failure. He was 73. Chauhan was Minister of Sainik Welfare, Home Guards, PRD and Civil Security in the UP Cabinet.
- During his 12-year-long cricket career, Chauhan played 40 Tests scoring 2084 runs with 16 half-centuries and two wickets. With Sunil Gavaskar, Chauhan formed a potent opening partnership for India with the duo scoring over 3000 runs, including 12 century stands.
- He was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 1981. Chauhan was twice elected to the Lok Sabha from Amroha in Uttar Pradesh, in 1991 and 1998.

Renowned classical singer Pandit Jasraj passed away

- Renowned classical singer **Pandit Jasraj** passed away following a cardiac arrest at his home **in New Jersey**. He had turned 90 in January this year.
- **Sangeet Martand Pandit Jasraj** was an incredible artist who enriched Indian classical music with his magical voice. He was one of the most prominent singers of Indian classical music.
- In the year 2000, Pandit Jasraj was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian honour.
- He was also a recipient of various prestigious awards and honours including Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan. He represented the last of a generation of classical vocalists, which includes 83-year-old Kishori Amonkar, the doyenne of the Jaipur Atrauli gharana.