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### 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quit India Movement observed

- The **78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the **history of freedom struggle of our country**, is observed on **8 August 2020**.
- On **8 Aug 1942**, **Mahatma Gandhi** gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the **All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai**.
- After the **failure of Cripps Mission**, Gandhiji gave the call to “**Do or Die**” in his **Quit India** speech delivered at the **Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai**.

### Atmanirbhar Saptah

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** to inaugurate launch the Atmanirbhar Bharat Saptah, which is aimed at promoting a vision for a **self-reliant India** with **increased local manufacturing**.
- The move is meant to give **an impetus to domestic defence production**.
- Eventually, **India** will also **stop the import of 101 weapons and military platforms** like transport aircraft, light combat helicopters, conventional submarines, cruise missiles among others by **2024**.

### Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

- Under the **infrastructure scheme banks and financial institutions** will provide **one lakh crore in loans** to cooperative societies, farmer producer companies, self-help groups, entrepreneurs, startups and infrastructure providers.
- The fund was launched with **1,128 crore rupees** of new loans disbursed to more than **2,200 cooperative societies**
- The objective is to **provide medium to long-term debt financing** for setting up of **post-harvest infrastructure** and **community assets** for marketing of farm produce.

### World Tribal Day being observed

- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** or World Tribal Day is being observed on **9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020**.
- The date recognizes the **first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations** in Geneva in **1982**. **United Nations** observes the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** on **09th August** every year.
- **2019** observed as the **Year of Indigenous Languages**. This year the **World Tribal Day celebrations** were focussed on **preservation and documentation of tribal languages**.
- **Note:** In **India**, 500 tribes were identified with their own unique culture, way and view of life as well as dialects.  
Of these six - the **Thodas, Paniyars, Kattunaickars, Irulas, Kurumbas and Kothars** can be seen in the **Nilgiris district** that nestles in the **Western Ghats**.

### Pradeep Kumar Joshi becomes new chairman of UPSC

- **Pradeep Kumar Joshi** has been appointed as the **chairman** of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- He will succeed **Arvind Saxena** who completes his term as UPSC chairman.
- **Mr. Joshi**, has also served as the chairman of both **Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commissions**, joined the UPSC as member in **May 2015**.
- His tenure as the **chairman of the UPSC** will be till **May 12, 2021**.

### “OHE Inspection app” for real-time monitoring

- **Indian Railways** has launched an **Overhead Equipment (OHE) Inspection app**.
- It is aimed at minimizing the **train delays and long waits due to technical snags**.
- **Note: On 1 July 2020** for the first time in the history of Indian Railways, **100% punctuality of trains** was achieved as **201 trains arrived** at their destination at the right time. The previous best was **99.54%** on **23rd May 2020**.

### KV Kamath committee

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up an expert **committee** under veteran banker **KV Kamath** to suggest **financial parameters for resolution of Covid-19 related stressed assets**.
- The committee will submit its recommendations to the RBI, which will notify them along with modifications, **in 30 days**.
- The other members of the committee will be **Diwakar Gupta, T N Manoharan** and **Ashvin Parekh** will be strategy advisor and the **Indian Banks' Association CEO** will function as member secretary of the panel.

### Kavkaz 2020 exercise

- **India** will take part in the multilateral military “**Russian Kavkaz 2020**” strategic command-post exercise to be held in **Astrakhan, Russia**.
- The Indian contingent **includes 150 Army personnel** and a smaller number of personnel from the **Navy and Air Force**.
- The invitation for participation to **Kavkaz 2020**, also referred to as **Caucasus-2020**, has been extended to at least **18 countries** including **China, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey** apart from other Central Asian Republics part of the SCO.

### UP Govt partners with Flipkart for ODOP scheme

- **Flipkart**, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has signed an **MoU** with **One District, One Product (ODOP)** scheme of the Government of **Uttar Pradesh**.
- The MoU will bring the **artisans, weavers and craftsmen** under the ODOP scheme into the scope of the “**Flipkart Samarth**” initiative.
- This will provide **artisans, weavers and craftsmen** under the ODOP scheme a momentum to expand their **business online as they face social and economic challenges**.

### **‘Amazing Ayodhya’ authored by Neena Rai**

- The book titled **‘Amazing Ayodhya’** has been authored by **Neena Rai** published recently by **house Bloomsbury** and is set to release in **November 2020**.
- The book offers **“authentic information”** about the city, which will not only help understand the life and times of ancient Hindus but also the revered figures of **Rama and Sita**.
- The author compares **Ayodhya with the cultures of other ancient civilisations** so that the reader feels connected to the past and the content of the book appears contemporary.

### **Former MP Nandi Yellaiah passes away**

- Former Congress leader and eight-time **parliamentarian** from Telangana, **Nandi Yellaiah** passed away.
- He was first elected to **the Lok Sabha from Siddipet in 1979**. Also, he was elected to **Lok Sabha six times** and **Rajya Sabha twice** from **2002 to 2014**.
- He was **presently serving as the vice-president** of the **Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC)**.

### **Mahinda Rajapaksa elected as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**

- In **Sri Lanka**, Mahinda **Rajapaksa** took oath as the Prime Minister for the **fourth time** at a ceremony held at Kelaniya Mahaviharaya near Colombo.
- Mahinda Rajapaksa has served as **country’s President from 2006 to 2015** and his party has got **landslide victory at general elections held** recently.
- Mr. Rajapaksa is **credited with ending the decades long LTTE war in 2009** during his Presidency.

### **Shirley Ann Grau, Pulitzer Prize laureate passes away**

- Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction writer **Shirley Ann Grau (91 years)** passed away due to stroke, in United States.
- She won **1965 Pulitzer Prize** for her book titled **‘The Keepers of the House’**
- She wrote six novels and four short stories during her writing career, all of which were set in the Deep South, from New Orleans to north Louisiana and Alabama.
- Her work depicts both the **dark secrets and the beauty of Deep South**, Southern region of United States

### **‘Electric Vehicle Policy’ implemented in Delhi**

- **Delhi Govt** has launched **‘Electric Vehicle Policy’** for the capital that will create employment and boost Delhi's economy.
- Under the policy, Delhi government will waive registration fee, road tax, and provide an **incentive of ₹1.5 lakh for new cars** and **₹30,000 for two-wheelers, autos, e-rickshaws and freight vehicles**
- It will also reduce pollution level in Delhi
- **'EV Cell'** will be established to implement the Policy with low-interest loan on commercial vehicles

### ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 will be hosted by India

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has confirmed India's position to host **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021**
- The format of the T20 will remain the same as set for 2020 and all the team who qualified for that will participate
- ICC has also postponed **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020** which will be held in Australia in 2022 due to COVID-19 along with new qualification event
- **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021** to be held in New Zealand has also been postponed till February-March 2022

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