

Important One Liner Current Affairs of the Day (20 August 2021)

- **N K Singh** (Chairman of 15th Finance Commission) has been elected as the **President of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society**.
- Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** has launched '**Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC) 5.0**' under **Innovations for Defence Excellence - Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO)** initiative in New Delhi.
- **Apurva Chandra** (1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre) has been appointed as the **Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry** with effect from Sep 2021.
- **DRDO** has developed **Advanced Chaff Technology** to safeguard fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF) against hostile radar threats.
- **Union Minister of Heavy Industries** has inaugurated **Solar Electric Vehicle (SEV) Charging Station** at Karnal Lake Resort, Karnal
- **India** in collaboration with **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations** and **Dept of Operational Support** has launched tech platform titled as '**UNITE Aware**' for improving the safety and security of the UN peacekeepers.
- Health and Family Welfare Minister, **Mansukh Mandaviya** had organized an event **Aarogya Dhara 2.0** to mark the completion of 2 Crore treatments under **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**.
- **All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers July 2021** has been released with increase by **4 points** and 5 points to stand at 1061 and 1070 points
- Govt will set up separate **Civil Services Exam Centre for Ladakh** to be located at Leh.
- **Tamil Nadu Govt** has constituted seven member committee led by **Sultan Ahmed Ismail of the State Development Policy Council** to study the exploration of hydrocarbon projects.
- **Zila Panchayat of Aligarh** has passed a resolution to rename **Aligarh as Harigarh** and sent the proposal to CM Yogi Adityanath.
- New book titled as '**Operation Khukri**', based on one of **Indian Army's most successful UN Peacekeeping missions**, in the jungles of Sierra Leone in 2000 has been released.

Today in History

- **World Mosquito Day** is observed every year on **20 August** to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. Theme 2021: **Reaching the zero-malaria target**
- **Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day)** is observed every year on **20 August** to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.