

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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- Def Minister Rajnath Singh launched indigenisation portal SRIJAN; DPSUs inked contracts with industry partners and academia

- NITI Aayog's AIM & NASSCOM launch ATL (Atal Tinkering Lab) Artificial Intelligence Step-up modules for school students in collaboration with National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)

- European Union has launched project 'Nirmanshree' for enhancing the women skill (Maharashtra and Odisha women) towards housing

construction sector.

- Indian Railways' North East Frontier Railway zone is constructing world's tallest pier bridge, having height of 141 metres (111 km length), across river Ijai in Manipur**
- "Nasha Mukht Bharat" or "Drug-Free India" by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (SJE) in collaboration with state Governments and the 272 District Collectors**
- United Kingdom (UK) launched a £3 million "Innovation Challenge Fund 2020" in India to support scientists in academia and industry to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.**

- Google in association with the Central Water Commission(CWC) of India launched the flood forecasting initiatives across India for the past several months**
- President Ram Nath Kovind amended the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 hereby, changing the name of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) as Ministry of Education.**
- The President of India appointed Satya Pal Malik, Goa Governor as the Governor of Meghalaya; Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari given the additional charge as Governor of Goa.**

- Rakesh Asthana, Gujarat cadre IPS officer of 1984 batch appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force (BSF)

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) launched VedKrishi.com, an Online Farm to Fork Service

- On 11th August, 2020 Russel A. Kirsch, the computer scientist credited with inventing pixel passed away at the age of 91 at his home in Portland, Oregon, United States.

- Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology launched the “Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge- Innovate

Solutions for Aatmanirbhar Bharat to provide a strong ecosystem of startups, innovation and research in India.

- Fino Payments Bank Limited(Ltd) launched Jan Bachat Khata (JBK), an Aadhaar authentication based digital savings account for its customers. JBK will bring neo-banking experience to the consumers.

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