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STUDY CENTRE

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 21, 2018

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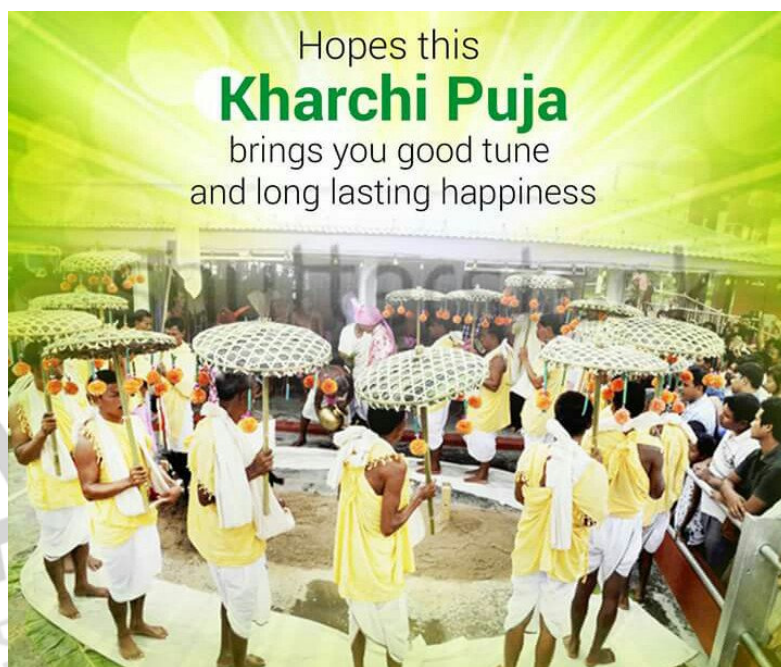
- **Tamil Nadu** – sets up 24-hour helpline – to investigate the issues faced by Inter-caste couples and to offer them necessary protection and assistance

STATES

- **West Bengal** – to organize a 'World class Exhibition' on 4 Eminent personalities of Bengal – at **National Library in Kolkata**
 - ✓ Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore
 - ✓ Netaji Subha Chandra Bose
 - ✓ Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
 - ✓ Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee



- **Punjab** – to develop ‘**Virasat-e-Khalsa**’, a museum of Sikhs – at Anandpur Sahib, Punjab – as per Mr Navjot singh sidhu, Min of Tourism and cultural affairs, Punjab
- **Uttar Pradesh** – launches the concept of ‘**Digital volunteers**’ in Police stations to check rumours and fake news
- **Tripura** – observes 7-day long ‘**Kharchi Puja**’, a traditional tribal’s festivity



- **Kerala - Cochin Port** – to develop the new state-of-the-art ‘**Cruise Terminal**’ at Ernakulam Wharf by Feb 2020
 - ✓ This terminal is designed to handle upto 5000 tourists at a cost of Rs 25.72 crores.

- **Maharashtra** – Top Beverage companies including PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Bisleri to initiate a **buy-back programme** for all Pet bottles sold in the State
 - ✓ The cost of buy-back set by the companies is Rs 15 per kg for PET bottles
 - ✓ The companies are working with 'Gem Enviro' for setting up of the Reverse vending machines and collection centres for the buy-back programme
 - ✓ Maharashtra – enforced single use plastic ban in March 2018
 - ✓ India – to eliminate all forms of single use plastic by 2022

SCHEMES

- **Bharatmala Scheme**
 - ✓ India – is planning to build **1,911 kms** of International Roads by 2022 – as per Mr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Min of State for Road Transport and Highways
 - * Bharatmala scheme – Established – 31 July 2015
 - * Target – 83,677 kms of Road highways at Rs 5.35 lakh crores budget
- **Student Police cadet programme** – launched nationally by Mr Rajnath singh, Union Home minister
 - ✓ The programme aims to build relationship between the police and the people through the school students, who will be trained in 'ethics and values' & 'Crime prevention and control'
 - ✓ The programme targets the school students in the classes 8 and 9, without affecting the regular studies

- ✓ The programme has a budget of Rs 67 crores from the Centre



NATIONAL

- **Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani** of Bombay High court – to be the new Chief justice of Madras high court



- ✓ Present Chief Justice of Madras High court, Indira Banerjee - is set to be one among the 3 new judges for Supreme court
- ✓ Others 2 judges recommended

- * Justice Vineer Saran, Present chief justice of Orissa high court
- * Justice K M Joseph, Present chief justice of Uttarakhand high court

➤ **27th No Confidence Motion**

- ✓ Moved by – Telugu Desam party
- ✓ Overall time taken – 12 hours
- ✓ Strength – Only 451 MP's out of 534 present in the floor (Majority Mark – 226)
- ✓ Final verdict – 325-126 in favour of NDA
- ✓ Parties that didn't participate in the NCM – Shiv sena and BJD; TRS didn't vote but participated

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

➤ **Supreme court verdict**

- ✓ No New vehicle to be sold from September 1 – without the Mandatory Third party insurance cover – for a 3 year and 5 year premium for Four wheel and Two wheel vehicles respectively
 - * **Background** – The verdict is based on the recommendations of the Justice K S Radha Krishnan committee on Road Safety
 - * The committee noted that only 6 crore vehicles out of 18 crore has the third party insurance, thereby making it 'Mandatory' for the accident victims to claim compensation

INDIA & NEIGHBOURS

- **Austin Fernando** – named as new Srilankan High commissioner to India
- ✓ He replaces Chitrangani Wagiswara



CONFERENCES/SUMMITS

- **28th Meeting of GST Council, New Delhi**
 - ✓ Chaired by – Mr Piyush Goyal, Min of Finance, Railways and Coal
 - ✓ Key points approved
 - * Exemption of Sanitary napkins from GST from the earlier 12% levy of tax
 - * Reduction of Slab for Lithium-ion batteries used in Electronic items from 28% to 18%
 - ✓ GST was rolled out on July 1, 2017



- **4th BIMSTEC summit** – to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal – from 30th to 31st Aug, 2018
 - ✓ BIMSTEC - Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation.
 - ✓ Formed - 1997
 - ✓ Countries - Bangladesh, Bhutan India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.
 - ✓ Current chair of BIMSTEC – Nepal
- **8th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting** - at Durban, South Africa



- ✓ India – to eliminate TB by 2025 – as per Mr J P Nadda, Union Health Minister

COMMITTEE

- **Prof R C Deka Committee** – Constituted by UGC – to regulate fee for Medical courses in Deemed Universities

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Meghalayan Age** – The Newest Phase in the History of Earth is named - after the discovery of the Stalagmite in a cave of Meghalaya
 - ✓ Other 2 New phases in the Earth's History are named as
 - * Middle Holocene Northgrippian Age
 - * Early Holocene Greenlandian Age
 - ❖ The Meghalayan Age – begins around 4200 years ago
 - ❖ Middle Holocene Northgrippian Age – began around 8,300 years ago
 - ❖ Early Holocene Greenlandian Age – began around 11,700 years
 - * All these 3 ages belong to a part of longer period known as Holocene Epoch – which began around 11,700 years ago
- **NASA** – launches '**Remote sensing Toolkit**' to promote Commercial use of Satellite data
 - ✓ NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - ✓ Headquarters – Washington DC, United States
 - ✓ Founded – 29 July 1958
 - ✓ Founded by – Dwight D Eisenhower
- **Athena** – The new satellite to be launched by Facebook in 2019
 - ✓ Objective – to provide broadband connections to rural areas



- **2-Wheeler Mode of Google Maps** – Launched in India in 2017 – now expands to other Asian countries, Indonesia, Singapore, Phillipines, Taiwan, Hongkong, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

ECONOMY

- **FICCI** – projects India's GDP growth at steady **7.5%** in the current FY
 - ✓ FICCI - Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
 - * It is the association of Business establishments in India
 - * Headquarters – New Delhi
 - * Established – 1927
- **'Shopper Audience Network'** – a New 'Video advertisement platform' started jointly by **Flipkart and Hotstar**
 - ✓ Objective – to provide personalized video advertisements in Hotstar targeting potential customers of Flipkart

APPOINTMENTS

- **Arman Ali** – appointed as Executive Director of 'National Centre for promotion of employment of Disabled people' (**NCPEDP**)
 - ✓ He succeeds Javed Abidi from Oct 2018
 - ✓ NCPEDP – Headquarters – New Delhi



AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Vivek Srivastava** - Co-Founder & CEO, Healthcare at HOME (HCAH) - Awarded "Entrepreneur of the year" Award - for healthcare services - at 8th Annual Entrepreneur India awards, New Delhi



➤ **26th Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards 2018 (ESPY), Los Angeles**

Category	Winner
Jimmy V Award for Perseverance	Jim Kelly, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback
Best Male Athlete	Alexander Ovechkin, Washington Capitals
Best Female Athlete	Chloe Kim, Snowboard
Best International Men's Soccer Player	Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid/Portuguese National Team
Best International Women's Soccer Player	Sam Kerr, Chicago Red Stars/Australian National Team
Best Male Tennis Player	Roger Federer
Best Female Tennis Player	Sloane Stephens

SPORTS

- **14th Women's World Cup Hockey Tournament** – starts in London – from July 21 to Aug 5, 2018
 - ✓ India – Last appeared in World Cup Hockey in 2010, Argentina and finished 9th
 - ✓ India – grouped in Pool B, along with England, Ireland and USA
 - ✓ India – currently ranked at 10th place in the overall rankings of the countries
 - ✓ Netherlands – Current World Champion
- **Alison Becker (Brazil)** – becomes the world's most expensive Goalkeeper in Football's history– after his record transfer amount of 56 million Pounds to Liverpool (England) from Roma (Italy)



- **Shubhankar Sharma** (India) – becomes the youngest Indian Golfer to ‘make the Cut’ in any Major Golf tournament at 147th Open championship, Scotland
- ✓ Making the cut – Golf – means ‘When the players exceed or match a certain score to remain in the final 2 rounds of a 4 round tournament’



- **IOC** – adds 7 new medal events to 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics



- ✓ 1 - Women's mono bob
- ✓ 2 & 3 - Big Air freestyle skiing (For men and women)
- ✓ 4 - Mixed team events in short track speed skating,

- ✓ 5 - Ski jumping,
- ✓ 6 - Ski aerials
- ✓ 7 – Snowboard cross

IOC – International Olympic committee

- * Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
- * Founded – 1894 in Paris
- * 2020 Summer Olympics – Tokyo, Japan
- * 2024 Summer Olympics – Paris, France

➤ **28th Shooting Hopes junior International Championship**, Pilsen, Czech Republic

✓ Indian Shooters gets 11 Gold medals

Player	Event
Manu Bhaker	10 m Pistol Junior Female
Manu Bhaker, Devanshi Rana, Shreya Agrawal,	10 m Pistol Junior Female team
Manu Bhaker , Anmol Jain	10 m air pistol mixed team
Manu Bhaker, Gaur, Muskan	25 m Pistol Junior female team
Elavenil Valarivan	10 m Rifle ISSF Junior Female
Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu	25 m Pistol Junior Male

Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu, Vijayveer Sidhu, Udhayveer Sidhu	25 m Pistol Junior Male (team)
Saurabh Chaudhary	10 m Pistol Junior male
Arjun Singh Cheema	50 m Pistol Junior male
Arjun Singh Cheema , Anmol Jain, Rana	50 m Pistol Junior male team
Elavenil Valarivan, Divyanish Singh Panwar	10 m rifle ISSF Mixed

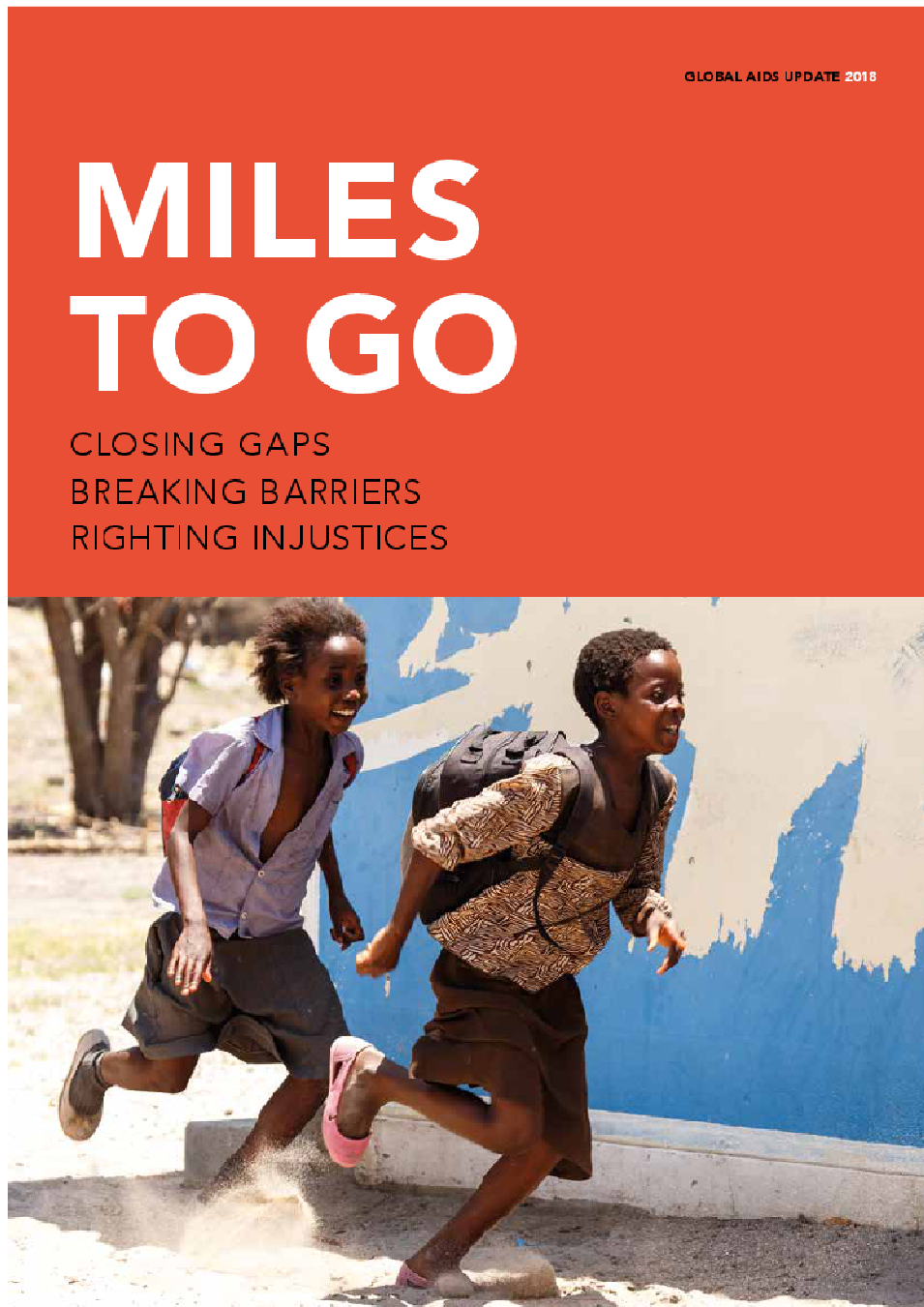
- ✓ **India's Manu Bhaker** won a record 9th International Gold medal in the span of One Year



RANKINGS

➤ The joint UN Agency on AIDS (UNAIDS) Report -

'Miles to go - closing gaps, breaking barriers, righting injustices'



✓ India – 2010 to 2017

- * New HIV infections - dropped from 1, 20,000 in 2010 to 88,000 in 2017
- * AIDS-related deaths - reduced from 1, 60, 000 to 69, 000 in the same time period
- * People living with HIV - decreased from 23,00,000 to 21,00,000 in the same time period.

✓ Asia

- * HIV infections – Increases in Pakistan and Phillipines
- * HIV infections - decreased in India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

✓ Global

- * New HIV infections – shows a decrease of 18% - from 2.2 million in 2010 to 1.8 million in 2017.

✓ UN Global Target – Less than 5,00,000 by 2020