

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - JULY 19, 2021

STATES

- Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal - launched a new scheme called 'Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana' recently, to provide monetary support to Covid-19 affected families in Delhi.



- ✓ During the launch event, the CM also launched an online portal to help in providing financial assistance to the affected families.
- ✓ The new scheme was notified by Department of Social Welfare recently.
- ✓ Under this scheme, Rs 50,000 ex gratia will be provided to every family who lost a member to Covid-19 infection.
- ✓ Further, an additional pension of Rs 2,500 per month will be provided to the family members, if the deceased was sole breadwinner of the family.
- ✓ Children who lost their both parents or one parent will also be provided Rs 2,500 per month till the age of 25 years alongwith the provision for free education.
- ✓ There is no income criterion to apply for financial assistance under the newly launched scheme.
- ✓ However, in order to get assistance, deceased & dependent should be from Delhi and death should be certified as Covid-19 death or death within one month of testing Covid positive.

- **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) - launched the country's first FASTag or Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based parking facility recently.**



- ✓ This facility was launched at Kashmiri Gate metro station, which can accommodate 55 four-wheelers and 174 two-wheelers.
- ✓ It aims to reduce time for entry and payment of vehicles into the parking lots
- ✓ Under the Multi-Model Integration (MMI) initiative, dedicated Intermediate Public Transport (IPT) lanes were also inaugurated for autos, taxis and r-Rickshaws at the metro station.
- ✓ In the station, entry and exit payment of 4-wheelers can be done through the FASTag.

NATIONAL

- **The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) - has approved 14 applicants under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for IT hardware products.**
- ✓ The PLI Scheme for IT hardware products was notified by the Government on 3rd March 2021
- ✓ Under the scheme, incentives in the range of 4% to 2% and 1% is provided on net incremental sales of goods under target segments that are manufactured in India
- ✓ The scheme is applicable for a period of four years (FY2021-22 to FY 2024-25)
- ✓ The target segments under the PLI Scheme for IT Hardware include Laptops, Tablets, All-in-One Personal Computers (PCs) and Servers.
- ✓ The companies selected under the category, IT Hardware Companies include Dell, ICT (Wistron), Flextronics and Rising Stars Hi-Tech (Foxconn).
- ✓ Under the category of Domestic Companies, 10 companies namely Lava International Limited, Dixon Technologies (India) Limited, Infopower Technologies (JV of Sahasra and MiTAC), Bhagwati (Micromax) Neolync, Optiemus, Netweb, Smile Electronics, VVDN and Panache Digilife have been approved

- ✓ The scheme will generate an additional direct employment opportunities of more than 36,000 in next 4 years
 - ✓ It is expected to bring additional investment in IT Hardware manufacturing to the tune of Rs 2,517 crore.
 - ✓ PLI scheme is an output-based scheme in which incentives are paid only if manufacturers make targeted quantity of goods.
 - ✓ The sectors covered under the scheme include networking products, automobile, advanced chemistry, food processing, and solar PV manufacturing
- **India – to divert excess water flowing to Pakistan under the Indus Waters Treaty to irrigate its own lands**
- ✓ India and Pakistan have signed the Indus Waters Treaty in 1960 after nine years of negotiations, in which World Bank was also a signatory.
 - ✓ The treaty facilitates information sharing on the use of six rivers—Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum.
 - ✓ At present, India is planning to stop the excess water of Ujh, which is one of the main tributaries of the Ravi river that flows into Pakistan.
 - ✓ The Ujh multi-purpose project is to provide a 186MW capacity for electricity generation and will also divert water to irrigate 16,743 hectares and 20 cusecs for drinking.
 - ✓ India is also expediting other strategically important hydropower projects in Jammu and Kashmir such as 850-megawatt (MW) Ratle, 800MW Bursar, 1,000MW Pakal Dul, 624MW Kiru and 540MW Kwar in the Union territory
 - ✓ Under the treaty, all waters of three eastern rivers - Ravi, Sutlej and Beas were allocated to India
 - ✓ On the other hand, waters of western rivers - Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab were allocated to Pakistan.
 - ✓ However, India was given exception to use waters of western rivers for specified domestic, non-consumptive and agricultural use.

PERSONALITIES

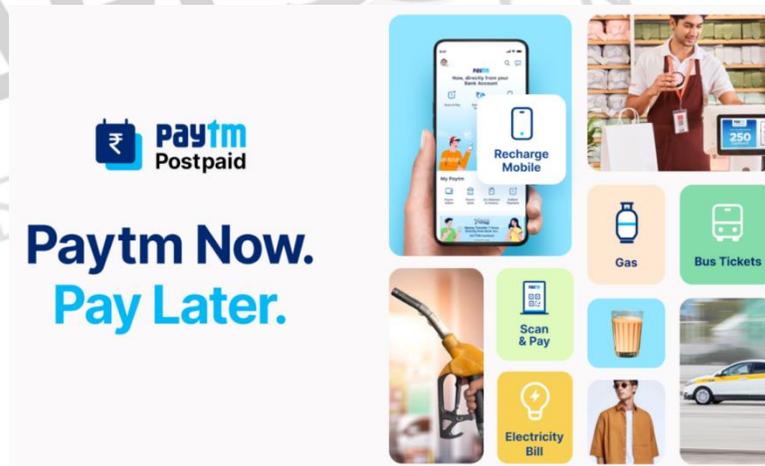
- **Indian Army - has named a firing range in Gulmarg, Kashmir after bollywood actress, Vidya Balan.**
- ✓ Vidya Balan has contributed to Indian cinema for over two decades after starting her career in 1995 with 'Hum Paanch' show on small screen.
 - ✓ She has been honoured with several awards in past years for her excellent work in film industry.
 - ✓ Apart from this, Vidya Balan has been invited to join Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which is the governing body behind Oscars.
 - ✓ Vidya Balan has also attended the Gulmarg Winter festival along with her husband Siddharth Roy Kapur which is organised by Indian Army.
 - ✓ To recognise her contributions to cinema, the firing range was named after her.



- ✓ Vidya Balan made her debut to Bollywood in Parineeta movie after appearing in Bengali movie Bhalo Theko
- ✓ She won a National Award of best actress for her role in the hindi movie, The Dirty Picture.

ECONOMY

- The online payment gateway company, Paytm – has recently introduced a ‘Postpaid Mini’ service on its platform to offer small-ticket instant loans to its users



- ✓ This feature is part of Paytm’s ‘Buy Now Pay Later’ (BNPL) services that help users to manage their monthly household expenses
- ✓ This service has been launched in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the company will offer loans ranging from Rs. 250 to Rs. 1,000, in addition to Paytm Postpaid’s instant credit of up to Rs. 60,000
- ✓ This will enable users to pay for their monthly expenses, including mobile and DTH recharges, gas cylinder booking, electricity and water bills, shop on Paytm Mall and more

- ✓ Customers can also make use of this feature across internet apps, chain outlets, pharmacies, petrol pumps, retail destinations as well as Kirana stores.
- ✓ Paytm Postpaid is offering a period of up to 30 days for repayment of loans at 0% interest.
- ✓ Apart from a nominal convenience fee, there are no additional activation charges or annual fees while availing of this service

SPORTS

- **The Ministry of Sports - has decided to recognise WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as a National Sports Federation (NSF)**



- ✓ The recognition aims to promote and develop kickboxing sport in the country.
 - ✓ WAKO India Kickboxing Federation is affiliated to World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) which is a world body for kickboxing.
 - ✓ WAKO has been a provisionally recognised member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since November 30.
 - ✓ Earlier, on June 10, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved the recommendation for WAKO to become a fully recognized member of the Olympic family
 - ✓ The full recognition of WAKO will be finally decided by the IOC Session in Tokyo in July 2021.
 - ✓ The Indian Association of Kickboxing Organisations (IAKO) is the national federation of kickboxing that controls kickboxing activities in the country.
 - ✓ IAKO is the first martial arts federation which has been recognised by School Games Federation of India.
 - ✓ The World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) is an international organization of kickboxing.
 - ✓ WAKO is the only organisation across the world which is recognised by GAISF (Global Association of Sports Federations) and IOC (International Olympic Committee).
- **Maana Patel - has become the first female swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics 2021**

- ✓ Maana Patel joins Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash to have qualified for the Olympics.
- ✓ A 21-year-old backstroke swimmer from Ahmedabad, Maana has won gold medals in 50 metre backstroke and 200 metre backstroke at the last National Games.
- ✓ She also won gold in 100 metre backstroke at 60th National School Games (2015) and broke the national record in backstroke.



- ✓ In 2018, she secured three gold medals at 72nd Senior National Aquatic Championships.
- ✓ In 2019, she won six medals (1 gold, 4 silvers, 1 bronze) at 10th Asian Age-group Championships, Bangalore.
- ✓ The 2020 Summer Olympics will start from 23rd July to 8th August 2021 in Tokyo, Japan.
- ✓ Tokyo has become the first city in Asia to host Summer Games twice, the first being in 1964 at Tokyo

