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Today's Event – 16th August 2021

- 1891- Basilica of San Sebastian, Manila, Asia's first all-steel church, officially inaugurated and blessed.
- 1896- gold discovered in a tributary of the Klondike River in Canada by Skookum Jim Mason, George Carmack and Dawson Charlie, starting the Klondike Gold Rush
- 1930- Fiddlesticks, the world's first color sound cartoon released
- 1930- First Commonwealth Games held in Hamilton, Ontario (Canada)
- 1946- Mass riots in Kolkata killed more than 4,000 people in 72 hours.
- 1960- Cyprus becomes free from UK
- 1989- Solar particle event halts Toronto Stock Exchange
- 2008- The Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago became the world's highest residence above ground level before Burj Khalifa
- 2020- August Complex Fire in California burned millions of acres of ground

National Events-

- India has recorded 32k cases of covid-19 and 417 deaths
- Sabrina Lall, sister of Late Jessica Lall, passed away due to suffering from cirrhosis of the liver
- Indian military intelligence has warned ISI's seeking of RAW operatives' details in Jammu and Kashmir
- PM Modi claims that India is the only G20 nation close to meet climate goals
- Minor Dalit girl raped in UP; an accused couple in custody

International Events-

- Afghanistan taken over by Taliban
- Indian diaspora in UK celebrates 75th Independence Day with the slogan "Resign Modi"
- IPL founder Lalit Modi in legal trouble in the UK after representation of prominent figures
- 84 Afghan servicemen crossed the Uzbekistan border to escape the Taliban
- The rate of adults admitted to US hospitals is becoming high

Job alerts-

- AIESL Jobs for Executive, Supervisor, and other posts. Last date 28th August 2021
- PFRDA Jobs for Group A officer and other posts. Last date 16th September 2021
- Rayagada Court Jobs for clerk, stenographer and other posts. Last date 13th September 2021
- NTPC Jobs for Assistant Officer and other posts. Last date 2nd September 2021
- HPSC Jobs for Group A, Group B and other posts. Last date 15th September 2021

Sports-

- Indian U-18 archers won two Gold and three bronze medals in the Youth World Championships on Sunday
- Young Indian Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani on Sunday won the 19th Spilimbergo Open
- PSG fans congratulate Messi after 4-2 win against Strasbourg
- Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova to face Italy's Camila Giorgi in Montreal final 2021
- Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane keeping odds in favour for the Indian Men's Test team in the 2nd Test against England

Technology-

- Realme Book Slim to be launched at Rs. 55k in India
- Accidentally leaked news of Redmi 10 launch by Xiaomi
- WhatsApp to feature 3 new features View Once, Joinable Calls, and Android to iOS or vice-versa

Economy –

- A survey by CII stated that faceless tax assessment will improve efficiency and remove unwanted practices of tax officials
- Above Rs. 2k crores invested by FPIs in August
- Over 50 lakhs investor registrations witnessed by NSE since April
- Finance Minister Nirmala to meet CEOs of public sector banks to review performance post 2nd wave of corona pandemic
- Sensex drops at 55,416.37 while Nifty drops to 16,517.60

Environment –

- 4.0 magnitude earthquake recorded in Andhra Pradesh
- Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms to occur in West Bengal

Local –

- Delhi AIIMS becomes first hospital to have fire station on campus
- Gujarat extended night curfew till August 28th 2021
- Bomb found in Jalpaiguri station; security tightened in West Bengal
- Assam bans sale of beef within 5km radius of any temple, passing Cattle Preservation Bill
- Khela Hobe Diwas celebrated by TMC in West Bengal

GK –

Which ministry has launched the brand – 'SonChiraiya' – for marketing of Urban SHG products?

- [A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development

- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Women and Child Development

Bhindawas has been recognized as a Ramsar site. In which state is it located?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Haryana

In which state/UT, Investor Summit 2021 is being organized?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Delhi

Which bank has launched an MSME mentoring program in West Bengal?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] ICICI Bank
- [C] Indian Bank
- [D] HDFC Bank

Which state/UT's, the police department has launched an e-FIR initiative?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Andhra Pradesh