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Today's Event – 18th August 2021

- 1492 – First grammar text for Spanish language (Gramática de la Lengua Castellana) is presented to Queen Isabella I
- 1612 – Pendle witch trials began at Lancaster Assizes.
- 1826 – Timbuktu was visited for the first time by a non-Muslim Major Gordon Laing
- 868 – Helium was discovered by French astronomer Pierre Janssen
- 1945 – Sukarno becomes the first president of Indonesia
- 1958 – Brojen Das from Bangladesh swam across the English Channel in a competition, becoming the first Bengali and the first Asian to do so. He came first against 39 other competitors.

National Events-

- India has recorded 35k cases and 440 deaths
- Centre allotted Rs.1.3k crores to Northeast states of India for covid management
- CBI took the investigation into the rape and some cases against Ex-CM of Kerala Oomen Chandy
- The BJP accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of pursuing “reckless” politics by revealing the identity of a minor rape victim’s family and that too with their consent
- 2 ISIS Operatives arrested by NIA in Kerala

International Events-

- Germany has stopped development aid for Afghanistan
- Taliban orders female government employees to return to work
- Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) congratulated the Afghan Taliban for victory over the Afghan government
- Russia is in no hurry to recognise the Taliban government
- Statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh vandalised in Pakistan

Job alerts-

- HPNLU Shimla Jobs for Non-Teaching and other posts. Last date 30th September 2021
- Punjab Haryana High Court Jobs for stenographer and other posts. Last date 7th September 2021
- UKMSSB Jobs for technician, receptionist and other posts. Last date 15th September 2021
- Nagaland University Jobs for and other posts. Last date 14th September 2021
- TN Wakf Jobs for Junior Assistant and other posts. Last date 27th August 2021

Sports-

- India beats England in the 2nd Test series at Lords

- Odisha government to sponsor Indian hockey team for next 10 years
- PM Modi encourages wrestler Vinesh Phogat to not be discouraged by defeat
- Celebrations take a toll on Neeraj Chopra's health, slightly down with fever
- Cristiano Ronaldo blasted rumours of returning to Real Madrid

Awards and honours-

- PM Modi wanted to honour hockey by renaming Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna to Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna

Technology-

- Ex-Uber exec Manik Gupta hired by Microsoft for consumer app business
- Battlegrounds India is available now on iOS
- 1st 5G platform for drones unveiled by Qualcomm
- JBL wave 100 launched at a price of Rs. 3499
- Google launched Pixel buds A-Series at Rs. 9,999 in India

Economy –

- Government to settle dues with exporters under schemes like MEIS and SEIS
- Sensex scaled 55,854 while Nifty sets at 16,614.60
- Rupee drops by 11 paise at 74.35 against the US dollar
- The market cap of BSE listed companies has recorded a lifetime high of Rs. 242 lakh crores
- WhatsApp featured Payments Backgrounds in India

Environment –

- California wildfire escalates due to heavy winds

Local –

- Husband and grandson tested delta negative after family member tested positive
- Odisha Bar Council identifying non-practising advocates
- Bihar government announced 43 spinning-weaving training centres for women
- Uttar Pradesh becomes the first state to cross 6 crore vaccines
- Goa to auction 2 million tonnes of iron ore

Person in News –

- Congress leader Shashi Tharoor cleared of charges related to the Sunanda Pushkar death case

GK –

In which State/UT, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Goa

Recently, Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has resigned. He was the prime minister of which country?

- [A] Afghanistan
- [B] the Philippines
- [C] Cambodia
- [D] Malaysia

With which bank, Tata Motors has partnered with to offer car loan facilities?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Bank of Maharashtra
- [C] Bank of Baroda
- [D] ICICI Bank

Recently, which organization has launched a digital onboarding for its Alternate Investment Fund (AIF), the first of its kind in the industry?

- [A] SBI Mutual Fund
- [B] Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund
- [C] ASK Investment Managers Ltd
- [D] JPMorgan Chase

Recently, which organization was given conditional permission by the Civil Aviation Ministry to use drones for various purposes?

- [A] Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- [B] Coal India
- [C] Steel Authority of India
- [D] Rashtriya Ispat Nigam