

Today's Event – 19th August 2021

- 1909 – The Indianapolis Motor Speedway opened for racing. Wilfred Bourque and his mechanic were killed on the first day
- 1920 – The Tambov Rebellion broke out, responding to the Bolshevik policy of Prodravzyorstka
- 1934 – First ever All-American Soap Box Derby was held in Dayton, Ohio
- 1936 – The Great Purge of the Soviet Union started when the first of the Moscow Trials was convened
- 1960 – Sputnik program: Korabl-Sputnik 2: The Soviet Union launched the satellite along with dogs Belka and Strelka, 40 mice, two rats, and a variety of plants
- 1964 – Syncom 3, the world's first geostationary communication satellite, launched that enabled live coverage of the 1964 Summer Olympics
- 1965 – Japanese PM Eisaku Satō became the first post-World War II sitting prime minister to visit Okinawa Prefecture
- 2005 – first-ever joint military exercise between Russia and China, Peace Mission 2005 started

National Events-

- 12 ATS units to be formed by the UP government to tackle terrorism
- Muslim clerics in Deoband criticizes UP CM Yogi Adityanath's set up of ATS Centre
- Nirajan Shah, drug kingpin and former aide of late scamster Harshad Mehta, was arrested in Maharashtra by the ATS
- Controversial godman Nithyananda appoints himself as Madurai Aadheenam S 293rd pontiff
- Maharashtra announced soft loans for flood-affected people at 5 to 6 percent rates

International Events-

- British government announces evacuation of unaccompanied Afghan children not possible
- Delta outbreak in New Zealand slows down vaccine defense
- Biden administration is taking actions to boost vaccine drive and mask rules to tackle Delta variant outbreak
- Taliban congratulated by AL Qaeda in Yemen for Afghanistan takeover
- Turkey increases border restrictions for fear of refugee influx

Job alerts-

- DHFWS Jobs for MO, Nurse, Technician, and other posts. Last date 7th September 2021
- UP Anganwadi Jobs for Anganwadi worker and other posts. Last date 8th September 2021
- NIT Warangal Jobs for Registrar, Assistant, and other posts. Last date 23rd September 2021

- WB Postal Circle Jobs for branch postmaster, assistant branch post manager and other posts. Last date 22nd August 2021
- Allahabad High Court Jobs for Computer Assistant and other posts. Last date 16th September 2021

Sports-

- Principal Singh became the first Indian to lift an NBA trophy
- Steve Smith and Aaron Finch declared fit for the T20 World Cup 2021
- Japan's tennis Naomi Osaka says mental health damaged due to conversation with reporters
- Olympic medallist Maria Andrejczyk auctioned a silver medal to fund an infant's operation
- Kevin Pietersen says that Test Cricket is everything to Virat Kohli

Awards and honors-

- Chandana Dutta and Haridas Sharma were selected for the National awards for Teachers
- D. Lalith, principal of Modakurichi Government Girl's Higher Secondary School, was selected for national award
- Konathala Phani Bhushan Sridhar selected for best teacher National Award

Technology-

- Amazon Alexa to get the voice of actor Amitabh Bachan
- Google will remove Assistant Driving Mode from Android 12

Economy –

- Fresh fruits to be implemented with 5% GST
- Taliban regime sets eye on deals with Indian business entities
- Petrol price at Rs. 101.84; petrol stands at Rs. 89.47
- Sensex topped at 56k but dropped at 55.6k; Nifty at 16,700
- 8.8 billion dollars raised in IPOs by startups

Environment –

- Southwest monsoon to return in Northern India by August 19, 2021
- Mumbai, Chennai and 10 more cities witness rising sea levels
- A deficit of 47% rainfall has occurred in Karnataka

Local –

- Maharashtra to start covovax trials on children very soon
- Overgrown grasses in Salt Lake City parks to be cleaned before Durga Puja in Kolkata
- Odisha becomes 12th state to give 2 crore vaccines
- Madhya Pradesh's Patalkot unaffected by sun and Covid

- 35-year-old woman raped in Delhi; both the culprits in police custody

Person in News –

- Raj Kundra has given relief till August 25th, 2021 for his involvement in illegal porn production

GK –

In collaboration with which organization, has NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) launched Student Entrepreneurship Program 3.0?

- [A] Dassault Systemes
- [B] Google
- [C] Tesla
- [D] DRDO

Which state/UT government will provide Rs 6000 to landless laborers under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana scheme?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Chhattisgarh
- [D] Haryana

Which organization has launched a new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund?

- [A] Asian Development Bank
- [B] European Central Bank
- [C] Reserve Bank of India
- [D] World Bank

Which organization has set up a specialized lab for camera innovation in Hyderabad?

- [A] Xiaomi
- [B] Oppo
- [C] Apple
- [D] Samsung

Which state/UT has launched the Dalit Bandhu scheme?

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Chhattisgarh