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ICMED 13485 PLUS



- Quality Council of India (QCI) launched Indian Certification of Medical Devices (ICMED) Plus Scheme.
- The Quality Council of India (QCI), and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) have added further features to the ICMED the Scheme that had been launched for Certification of Medical Devices in 2016.
- The ICMED 13485 PLUS, as the new scheme has been christened, will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices.
- Quality Council of India (QCI) was set up in 1997 jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry represented by the three premier industry associations i.e. ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI, to establish and operate national accreditation structure.
- The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is the nodal ministry for QCI.
- The Council is independent and works under the directions of its Governing Body (GB) having equal representation of government, industry and industry associations.
- It does not get funded by the government and is a self-sustaining non-profit organization with its own Memorandum of Association (MOA) and Rules.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.

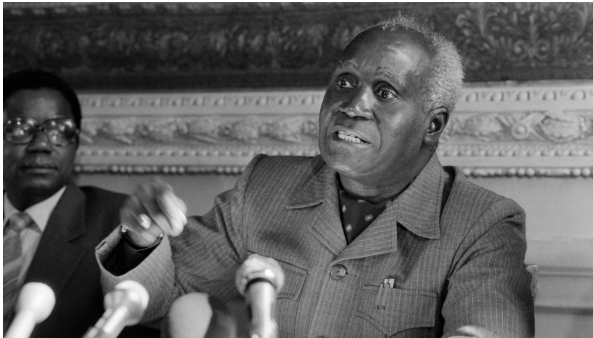
FLAG SATYAGRAHA



- The Minister for Culture and Tourism led the programme organised to observe the Flag Satyagraha in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- In India, Flag Satyagraha is a campaign of peaceful civil disobedience during the Indian independence movement that focused on exercising the right and freedom to hoist the nationalist flag and challenge the legitimacy of the British Rule in India through the defiance of laws prohibiting the hoisting of nationalist flags and restricting civil freedoms.
- Flag Satyagrahas were conducted most notably in the city of Jabalpur and Nagpur in 1923 but also in many other parts of India.
- On 31 December 1929 the Congress concluded the adoption of the Purna Swaraj declaration of independence with Congress President Jawaharlal Nehru hoisting the nationalist flag along the banks of the Ravi River in Lahore.

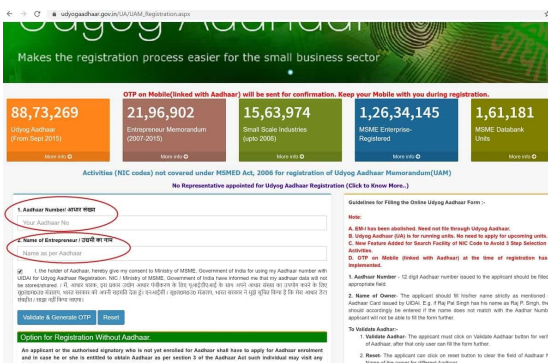
- Other notable flag satyagrahas were organised in Mysore (now in Karnataka) in 1938 known as Shivapur Dhwaja Satyagraha, under leadership of T.Siddalingaih president of Mysore Congress.

KENNETH KAUNDA-"Africa's Gandhi"



- Zambia's founding president Kenneth Kaunda died at the age of 97.
- Popularly known by his initials KK, Kaunda was nicknamed by some "Africa's Gandhi" for his non-violent, independence-related activism in the 1960s.
- Zambia is a landlocked country at the crossroads of Central, Southern and East Africa.
- Its neighbors are the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north, Tanzania to the north-east, Malawi to the east, Mozambique to the southeast, Zimbabwe and Botswana to the south, Namibia to the southwest, and Angola to the west.
- The capital city of Zambia is Lusaka.
- The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is headquartered in Lusaka.
- Zambia is drained by two major river basins:
 - the Zambezi/Kafue basin in the center, west, and south covering about three-quarters of the country; and
 - the Congo basin in the north covering about one-quarter of the country.
- Two of the Zambezi's longest and largest tributaries, the Kafue and the Luangwa, flow mainly in Zambia.
- The Zambezi falls about 100 metres (328 ft) over the 1.6 km (0.99 mi) wide Victoria Falls, located in the south-west corner of the country, subsequently flowing into Lake Kariba.

UDYOG AADHAAR MEMORANDUM (UAM)



- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Extends Validity of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum from 31st March, 2021 to 31st December, 2021.
- The Ministry for MSME in September 2015 notified Udyog Aadhaar to ensure ease of registration and wider coverage of MSMEs to avail the benefits under various Schemes of Central/ State governments.
- Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) can be filled online on the portal created by Ministry of MSME.
- UAM is a one-page registration form which constitutes a self-declaration format under which the MSME will self-certify its existence, bank account details, promoter/owner's Aadhaar details and other minimum information required.

- There shall be no fee for filing the Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum.
- On submission of the form, Udyog Aadhaar Acknowledgement shall be generated and mailed to the email address provided in the Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum which shall contain unique Udyog Aadhaar Number (UAN).

Cable TV network rules amended



- The Central Government issued a notification amending the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994.
- At present, there is an institutional mechanism by way of an Inter-Ministerial Committee to address grievances of citizens relating to violation of the Programme/Advertising Codes under the Rules.
- Similarly, various broadcasters have also developed their internal self-regulatory mechanism for addressing grievances.
- However, a need was felt to lay down a statutory mechanism for strengthening the grievance redressal structure.
- Some broadcasters had also requested for giving legal recognition to their associations/bodies.
- At present there are over 900 television channels which have been granted permission by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting all of which are required to comply with the Programme and Advertising Code laid down under the Cable Television Network Rules.

Significance of amendment:

- It paves the way for a strong institutional system for redressing grievances while placing accountability and responsibility on the broadcasters and their self-regulating bodies.
- This will bring the television's self-regulatory mechanism at par with that being set-up for OTT players and digital news publishers, as envisaged in the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

World's 1st electric flying race car tested: Australia's Alauda



- The world's first electric flying race car has been tested in Australia, ahead of a proposed series of remotely piloted races later this year, Australia-based Alauda announced.
- The Alauda Airspeeder Mk3, a four-metre-long multicopter, took its first unmanned test flights with Australia's Civil Aviation Safety Authority's approval.
- The Mk3 can accelerate from 0-100 kilometres/hour in 2.8 seconds.

International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2021



- International Yoga Day is an annual event that has its roots in an Indian context, but is commemorated every year on 21 June 2021.
- The idea of International Yoga Day was conceived by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who proposed the concept on September 27, 2014, during his speech at the UN General Assembly.
- The resolution to adopt June 21 as the International Yoga Day was introduced by India's Ambassador, Ashoke Kumar Mukerji.
- This resolution can be viewed as a triumphant moment for Indian soft power as it received support from 177 nations, the highest number of co-sponsors for any UN Resolution.
- Currently, countries ranging from Canada to the USA
- participate in this event.
- This year, the theme for the event is "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family", in line with global concerns around the Covid-19 pandemic, emphasising the importance of maintaining good health, but within constraints of social distancing.
- This can also be seen as a means to encourage people to find creative outlets during a monotonous situation.

India to host two day summit on Green Hydrogen Initiatives involving BRICS nations



- India will host a two day summit on Green Hydrogen Initiatives starting Tuesday involving the BRICS nations.
- The prestigious event offers a platform to share their respective Green Hydrogen initiatives and views on how to take it to the next level in their own countries.
- The online event will be anchored by India's largest power producer and one of the global energy majors, NTPC Ltd.
- The summit will bring the best brains, policy makers and major stakeholders from the BRICS nations deliberating and discussing at length the future of Hydrogen in the energy mix.
- Our correspondent reports, representatives from each country would be sharing respective initiatives undertaken by their countries on utilization of hydrogen and their future plans.
- The summit will also witness panel discussions on ideas integrating hydrogen in overall energy policy framework by different countries

India's Digital Vision: Prasar Bharati establishes 100% e-offices across the country



- Digitisation of Prasar Bharati began in 2017 and picked pace in 2019, continuing even as the nation was halted by the COVID19 pandemic.
- Currently, all the existing establishments, as well as the new ones, are working digitally as e-offices pan-India.
- With no physical movement of files, Prasar Bharati has processed around 9,98,594 e-files till date with an average of moving 1,21,793 e-files per month.
- Some 44,041 e-files have been created so far wherein on average 4,602 files are created every month.
- The achievement of 100% e-offices is an important development towards creating a Digital backdrop of the national broadcaster.
- With this, Prasar Bharati has been able to expand and deliver a plethora of diverse services to citizens of India in terms of e-education, e-health, the right information and dissemination of authentic news at all times.
- Prasar Bharati's steps towards digitalization through the mode of e-offices not only symbolizes the vision of Digital India but has also secured a safe working environment for all its employees.
- This initiative by Prasar Bharati will go a long way in achieving the Government's goal of providing education to all especially during the time COVID-19 pandemic when institutions are mainly moving towards online education.

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