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### National News

#### 1. Monsoon Session: Lok Sabha passes National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021

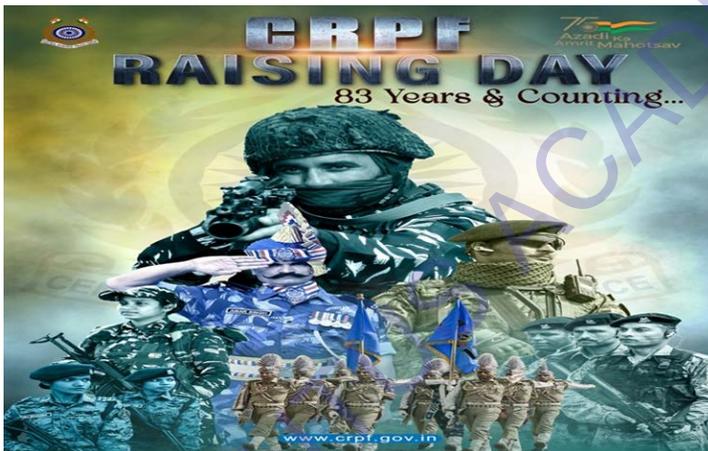


- The Lok Sabha has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021 by voice vote. The bill provides for constitution of the National Anti-Doping Agency- NADA for regulating anti-doping activities in sports.
- Its functions include planning, implementing, and monitoring anti-doping activities as well as investigating anti-doping rule violations.
- It also seeks to give effect to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation International Convention against doping in sports and compliance of such other obligations and commitments.
- The legislation prohibits athletes, athlete support personnel, and other persons from engaging in doping in sports.
- Under the new legislation, violation of anti-doping rules may result in disqualification of results including forfeiture

of medals, points, and prizes, ineligibility to participate in a competition or event for a prescribed period, and financial sanctions.

- The Bill also proposes to establish the National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports with a view to make recommendations to the government on anti-doping regulations and compliance with international commitments on anti-doping.
- The Board will oversee the activities of NADA and issue directions to it.

## 2. 83rd Raising Day of CRPF being celebrated today



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted CRPF personnel and their families on the Raising Day of the paramilitary Force.
- In a tweet, Mr Modi said, CRPF has distinguished itself for its unflinching courage and distinguished service.
- He said, the role of CRPF, be it in addressing security challenges or humanitarian challenges is commendable.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has greeted the personnel of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on their Raising Day today. Mr Shah said, with their bravery, CRPF personnel have not only made an unique contribution in keeping the security of the country intact but has also

created a proud history of valor, which every Indian is proud of.

- He saluted their service and dedication to the nation.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has congratulated the bravehearts of Central Reserve Police Force on the 83rd Raising Day.

### 3. Russia to withdraw from International Space Station project after 2024



- Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station after 2024.
- Moscow's space agency Roscosmos ' newly-appointed chief Yury Borisov announced the decision yesterday. President Vladimir Putin was also briefed about it.
- The announcement comes as tensions rage between the Kremlin and the West over Moscow's military operation in Ukraine and several rounds of unprecedented sanctions against Russia.
- Russia and the United States have worked side by side on the space station which has been in orbit since 1998.
- Yury Borisov also told Putin that in spite of this decision, space programme will continue to get top priority and Russia will start putting together a Russian orbital station before 2024.

- **Sending the first man into space in 1961 and launching the first satellite four years earlier are among key accomplishments of the Soviet space programme and remain a major source of national pride in Russia.**
- **NASA has made no immediate comment on Russian decision to quit the International Space Station after 2024.**

#### **4. World Nature Conservation Day being observed today**

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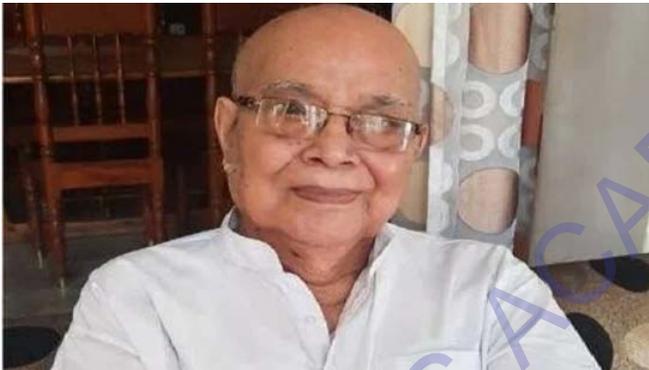
- **Today is World Nature Conservation Day. The day is observed to create awareness the importance of protecting our natural resources. Conservation of resources has an important role in protecting the Mother Earth.**
- **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has emphasized for concerted efforts to conserve the limited natural resources, reduce the carbon footprint and protect our planet.**
- **He said, everyone should work towards creating a world where man can live in harmony with nature.**
- **Mr Naidu said, the world should wake up to the loss of biodiversity, embrace conservation of ecosystems and resources for future of the planet.**
- **According to the United Nation Food and Agriculture Organization, 90 per cent of the Earth's precious topsoil is likely to be at risk by 2050.**

**5. Commonwealth Games 2022: Manpreet Singh and PV Sindhu named India's flag-bearers for opening ceremony**



- **India men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh and shuttler PV Sindhu have been named as the nation's flag-bearers for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022.**
- **The opening ceremony will be held on July 28, 2022, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. She was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, where she won silver in the women's singles event.**
- **Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, who was also the defending champion in the Commonwealth Games having won the gold in Gold Coast four years ago, was expected to be the flag-bearer.**
- **But a groin injury following his silver medal at the World Championships forced him to pull out and the Indian Olympic Association picked Sindhu to be the flagbearer from a three-member shortlist.**

**6. Atulananda Goswami, eminent Assamese writer, passes away at 87**



- **Veteran Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award, Atulananda Goswami, has passed away.**
- **He was 87. Goswami was known as a short story writer, a litterateur and a novelist par excellence.**
- **He was awarded the Sahitya Academy award in 2006, for his novel 'Seneh Jorir Ganthi' in 2006.**
- **Some of his other notable works include 'Namgharia' 'Hamdoi Pulo Jon', 'Rajpaat', 'Polatok' and 'Ashray'.**
- **He had translated many English, Bengali and Odia works into Assamese, and also Assamese texts into English.**

## 7. EU approves smallpox vaccine for use against monkeypox



- European Commission has given permission for the Imvanex vaccine to be marketed as protection against Monkeypox, as recommended last week by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).
- Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries. This vaccine is developed by Danish biotechnology company Bavarian Nordic.
- In the current outbreak in countries and amongst the reported monkeypox cases, transmission appears to be occurring primarily through close physical contact, including sexual contact.
- Transmission can also occur from contaminated materials such as linens, bedding, electronics, and clothing, that have infectious skin particles.
- Imvanex is a non-replicating smallpox vaccine developed in collaboration with the U.S. government to ensure the

**supply of a smallpox vaccine for the entire population, including immunocompromised individuals.**

- **The vaccine gained regulatory approvals in Canada (marketed as Imvamune) and the U.S. (marketed as Jynneos) where the approvals have been extended to include the monkeypox indication as the only vaccine obtained this to-date.**
- **The vaccine was approved by the European Commission in 2013 for immunization against smallpox in adults aged 18 years and older.**

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