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Niti Aayog Launches Campaign "Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan" to protect senior citizens during COVID-19



The Government think tank NITI Aayog has launched a campaign titled "Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan" to ensure well-being of senior citizens of the country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The campaign has been launched in association with

Piramal Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Piramal Group.

Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan will create awareness about various aspects of health and lifestyle of senior citizens, focusing on behaviour change, access to services, early detection & tracking of COVID19 symptoms, preventive measures etc.

MP becomes first state in country to provide Mid-Day Meal ration

The Central Government appreciated that Madhya Pradesh (MP) has become



the first state in the country to provide a **mid-day meal ration**. Manoj Shrivastava, Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural

Development, informed that this information has been given in the review meeting conducted by the Central Government.

Amidst Corona crisis, an amount of **Rs. 117 crore** has been transferred online by the state government in the bank accounts of the parents of **total 66 lakh 27 thousand** students of primary and secondary school. **Midday Meal Scheme was launched in 1995**

Former intelligence chief Mustafa Al Kadhimi sworn in as 6th Prime Minister of Iraq



governmental protests.

Mustafa al-Kadhimi (53), former head of Iraq's intelligence agency, was sworn in as the country's **6th Prime Minister (PM)**. This has ended the leadership crisis that had been going on in the country for 6 months. Mustafa has become Iraq's 1st proper PM after Adel Abdul Mahdi resigned in November 2019 due to massive anti-

World Athletics Day 2020: May 7



World Athletics Day (WAD) was introduced by the **IAAF** (International Association of Athletics Federation) to increase awareness about athletics and to encourage youth to take up sports.

Although this day is celebrated in the month of May every year, in 2020, the IAAF marked May 7 as the World

Athletics Day.

i. History of the day: WAD was celebrated for the **first time in the year 1996** and was launched by **Primo Nebiolo**, former president of IAAF.

ii. IAAF: IAAF was founded on **17 July 1912** in **Stockholm, Sweden** as the international governing body for the sport of field athletics and track. The WAD is sponsored and organised by IAAF.

International No Diet Day: 06 May

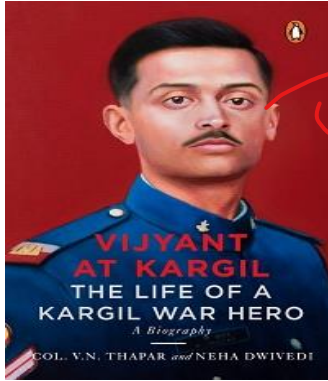


International No Diet Day is observed on **May 6**, and its symbol is a **light blue ribbon**.

It is an annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity. It means recognising that your body is beautiful exactly as it is and worry less about your weight, body shape and more about being healthy and

active. The day is dedicated to promoting a healthy life style with a focus on health at any size and in raising awareness of the potential dangers of dieting and the unlikelihood of success.

Biography of Captain Vijyant Thapar Titled 'Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero' to be Released on May 15



The biography of Captain Vijyant Thapar, a fourth-generation army officer, who was **martyred in the Kargil war in 1999** at the age of just 22, is soon to be released on 15 May 2020. The e-book titled "Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero" has been **penned by Vijyant's father Colonel VN Thapar and writer Neha Dwivedi, a martyr's daughter herself.** The book has been published by Penguin Random House.

Delhi Top State in Internet Penetration Followed by Kerala: IAMAI Report

Delhi has emerged as the top most state with the highest Internet penetration rate among all the other states of India, according to a study titled 'Digital in India' by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). The study has been curated by Nielsen and based on IRS data.

Delhi is followed by Kerala at second position in terms of internet penetration, means the number of internet users.

In terms of cities, **Mumbai has registered highest number of Internet users**, which is estimated to be 13 million. Delhi is ranked second with 11.3 million, followed by Bengaluru (6.6 million), Kolkata (6.3 million) and Chennai (6 million) respectively. Overall, India has a **total of 504 million active Internet users** (accessed Internet in the last one month), who were five years and above as of November 2019.

Donald Trump Nominates senior Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as US envoy to OECD



On 5th May 2020, United States President Donald Trump nominated senior Indian American diplomat Manisha Singh, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs at the State department as his envoy to the **(OECD)** with an Ambassador rank

About OECD:

Established as the Organisation of European Economic Cooperation(OEEC) in 1948 and Canada and the US joined OEEC signing the new OECD Convention on 14th December 1960.

Secretary-General– Angel Gurría

Headquarters– Paris, France

OECD official establishment– 30th September 1961

Members– 37 Countries

UNEP extends Bollywood actress Dia Mirza’s term as Goodwill ambassador till 2022



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has extended the Bollywood actress & environmentalist Dia Mirza’s term as its National Goodwill Ambassador for another two years till the end of 2022.

i. Dia Mirza from Hyderabad (Telangana), was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador in 2017. She is also a United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) Advocate.

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Headquarters– Nairobi, Kenya

Executive Director– Inger Andersen

Himachal Pradesh to Launch Awareness Programme ‘Nigah’ to aware family members of migrant returnees

The state government of Himachal Pradesh has announced its plan to launch a new programme called Nigah to sensitize and educate the family members of the people coming to the state from other states of the country.