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Topic: Government Welfare Schemes.

News:-" Captain Smart Connect Scheme" set to take off.

- The scheme would be undertaken and monitored by the Department of Sports and Youth affairs.
- The scheme has been notified for the girl students of government schools studying in classes 11th and 12th.
- In the first phase of the scheme, 1.6 lakh smartphones would be distributed to the girls who do not possess the device free of cost.
- The students in the final year of government Industrial Training Institutes and colleges can also be a part of the scheme.
- Smartphones of LAVA company would be distributed to the needy students. (The company was decided through an open bidding process).
- The government is spending around ₹ 5000 on every phone.

Two apps named: -

1. CM Connect
2. CMs Dashboard

- Would be uploaded on the so that the students can read about various schemes of the government.

The smartphones will come with the following features: -

- Touch screen and Camera.
- Applications to access Social media.
- One time 12 GB data.
- 600 local minutes talk time free with one – year validity to the beneficiaries.

(Source:- The Tribune)

Topic:- Important Personality of Punjab

News:- Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced his government's decision to install a statue in the memory of Baba Sohan Bhakna, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter.

About Baba Sohan Bhakna:-

- As the prevalent custom would require, is the first child of his parents, he was born (in January 1870) in his maternal village, Khotre Khurd, not far from his ancestral home, Bhakna, District Amritsar.
- In 1913, in Portland, a representative and dynamic organization 'Indian Association of the Pacific Coast', with Headquarters at Yugantar Ashram, came into being with the avowed object of liberating India by means of an armed revolt. Baba Sohan Singh was elected its first President. He showed organizing skill of a high order. To propagate its ideals, a multi-lingual paper 'Ghadar' with L. Hardyal, the General Secretary as its Editor, was started for free distribution among Indians in all countries under the British rule. The 'inflammatory material' of this paper proved to be so popular that the organization itself came to be known as the Ghadar Party. Selfless service, supreme sacrifice and anti-British sentiments were the catch-words of the Ghadar Party.
- However, on a technical flaw in the prosecution story, pointed out by the eminent Jurist, Pandit Moti Lal Nehru that they were arrested from ships and had not set foot on the Indian soil, and on intervention by the nominated members of the Viceroy's Council, the death sentence of 17 of the 24 accused was commuted to life imprisonment. Providence, thus, saved Baba Sohan Singh from the gallows, but worse fate awaited him in the form of the Andaman Jail, which was, as he stated, "a living hell let loose on earth." Here, scant regard was shown for human dignity. The prisoners were treated worse than animals. Their most elementary demands were haughtily ignored. To protest against such high-handedness on the part of authorities, the fellow-prisoners, led by Baba Ji, went on hunger strike thrice. The Government was ultimately compelled to appoint an Enquiry Commission,

and then, in 1920, prohibited the use of this Jail for political prisoners. For other categories of prisoners, serving life-terms, many reforms were introduced. Baba Sohan Singh considered it a unique achievement of the Ghadar Party Leaders.

(Source:- Government News)

Topic:-Government Welfare Schemes.

News:- In order to provide a congenial environment to the 'Divyang' people, website <http://:sswcd.punjab.gov.in> has been made 'Divyang' friendly with many state-of-the-art features to help Blind/Partially Blind to access the information regarding the various schemes of the department easily. Also, websites of other departments would soon be equipped with the 'Divyang' friendly features under the 'Accessible India Campaign'.

(Source:- Government News)

Topic:- Award to District for Open Free Defecation

News:- Rural area of Moga district has bagged the first rank

at the national level in Swachhata Darpan Rural Ranking-2019 under the Swachh Bharat Mission, scoring 100 points out of 100 on three parameters.

What are these 3 Parametres?

1)ODF (open defecation-free).

2)IEC (information, education, communication and capacity building).

3)SLWM (solid and liquid waste management).

(Source:-Government Website)

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