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National News

The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference for 2023 is set to begin in New Delhi.

- The second edition of the Naval Commanders Conference 2023 will commence on **04th September 2023** in the national capital, **New Delhi**. It is significant that this conference is a **biennial event**.
- The Mandan is aimed at reviewing the major **operational, logistical, material, training and administrative activities** undertaken by the **senior leadership of all the Indian Navy's** constituent units in the **last six months**.

The central government has set up an 8-member high-level commission to examine the practice of "One country, One election".

- It is notable that the central government has set up an **eight-member** high-level committee to examine the practice of **"One Country, One Election"**, and former president **Ram Nath Kovind** has been appointed as the **chairman of the committee**.
- Also, it has been mentioned in the notification issued by the government that **NK Singh**, the former chairman of the **15th Finance Commission**, and Union Law and Justice Minister **Arjun Ram Meghwal** will attend the meetings of this committee as a **special invitee**.
- It is seen as significant that elections to the People's Assembly and State Assemblies were held **almost simultaneously in India almost from 1951-52 to 1967**.

Launched India's first AI-powered anti-drone system

- A robotics company based in **Hyderabad**, the capital of **Telangana**, has recently launched a **state-of-the-art autonomous anti-drone system** powered by **artificial intelligence**.
- The system is said to be designed to protect not only major installations such as **oil rig fields, nuclear power plants** and the like, but also a

large area covering an entire city from multiple drones of any kind. It is significant that this is the **first time** such a system has been created in **India**.

The Union Government has initiated various capacity building initiatives to improve the Ministries, Civil Services.

- The **Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** and **Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL)**, in collaboration with the **Skill Development Commission (CBC)**, have designed and launched the **Annual Skill Development Program (ACBP)** with the objective of **future-proofing** the government officials and **improving the efficiency** of public service delivery.
- All these are part of the **Karmayogi scheme**, an official notification issued by the central government has said. The notification states that the **scheme** is designed to **empower government employees to modernize their thinking**.

President Murmu inaugurated the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi.

- **President of India Draupadi Murmu** inaugurated a **12 feet tall statue** of Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi** at **Gandhi Road near Rajghat** in the national capital **New Delhi** on **September 04 2023**.
- **Gandhi Vatika** is also designed in this area. It is significant that many figures of Mahatma Gandhi and his **sayings and values** are **depicted** in it.



A one-day conference titled 'Green Hydrogen Pilots in India' begins.

- A one-day conference titled 'Green Hydrogen Pilots in India' is scheduled to be held in the national capital New Delhi on **September 05 2023**. It is significant that this conference is organized by **NTPC**.
- The conference aims to **showcase** various types of **green hydrogen pilots** being implemented by private and public sector organizations in India.

ASI has launched an Indian Heritage app and e-permit website.

- Aiming to further enhance the learning and activity experience of visitors and customers and to bring ease of understanding and richness, **Archeology Department of India (ASI)** has launched the program "**Adopt a Heritage 2.0**" on **September 04 2023** at **IGNCA, Samvet Grounds** in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- It's strengthen the structure of the scheme, the app and website for the scheme have also been introduced at the event. It is significant that the **ASI organization** has protected nearly **3696 monuments** across the country and **showcases India's rich cultural heritage**.

The Union Education Minister has launched a new training program for all teachers in the country for UGC.

- **Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the **University Grants Commission (UGC) Malaviya Mission**, a special induction training program for new teachers on **September 05, 2023** at the **Kaushal Bhavan** campus in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- It is notable that this initiative has been developed in collaboration with the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** and the **Union Ministry of Education**. The project is designed to improve the capacity of teachers in colleges

and higher education institutions and to develop new skill sets.

The Union Tourism Minister launched the G20 Tourism Mechanism and SDG Portal.

- **The Union Ministry of Tourism** in collaboration with the **United Nations World Tourism Organization** has launched a **Portal(Dashboard)** on **Tourism Regulation Guidelines** and **Sustainable Development Goals** for the G20 on **September 05**.
- This organization was initiated by **Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy** and it will be a hub for global cooperation and global cultural exchange in the field of global tourism, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister inaugurated the Conference on "Emerging Trends in Medical Practice".

- **Union Minister for Personnel, Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh** has launched a chapter of **Association of Indian Physicians (API)** for **AFMC organization** on **September 05 2023** and at the same time launched **API-AFMS a conference named Emerging Trends in Clinical Practice for Continuing Medical Education (CME)**.
- The Union Minister has mentioned that this conference is being held with the objective of **providing excellent services** to the soldiers of the **three forces** and their **families** and to the **general public** and to **promote biotechnology**.

The DBT Organization has signed an MoU with the Armed Forces Medical Organization for research collaboration in biomedical sciences.

- **The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** under the **Ministry of Science and Technology**, Government of India has recently entered into an MoU with the **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)** of the **Ministry of Defence**.



- The MoU aims to create research collaborations in **Bio-Technology** and **Bio-Sciences** and to enhance and strengthen its scientific collaboration through **faculty exchange programmes**.

India Post and Shiprocket have entered into an MoU to develop the e-commerce export ecosystem.

- As part of its ongoing efforts to create and enhance the **export environment for e-commerce** in the country, the **Central Department of Posts** has entered into an MoU with one of the leading e-commerce enablement platforms, **Bigfoot Retail Solutions (Shiprocket)**.
- The MoU aims to enhance the **country's e-commerce exports** by creating and leveraging India Postal Department's comprehensive presence and **reliable shipping solutions**.

The world's tallest 28-foot Nataraja statue has been installed at the G20 campus.

- A **28-foot tall statue** of Nataraja has recently been installed at the **famous Bharat Mandapam** complex in the national capital, **New Delhi**, where the G20 Summit will be held. It is notable that it **weighs almost 19 tons**.
- It is also reported to have been crafted using the ancient "**lost wax technique**" of metal casting. The statue is said to be intended to symbolize the cosmic power of Shiva, the god of **creation** and **destruction**.

The central government has launched a central sector scheme called SVAMITVA.

- In September 2023, the central government launched a central sector initiative called **Survey and Mapping of Villages with Enhanced Technology in Rural India (SVAMITVA)** to bring financial empowerment to citizens in rural India by using their **small and large-scale assets** as a **financial asset for borrowing**.

- It is to be noted that this scheme has been launched with the aim of making it easier for eligible people to apply for various services like **loans, credits** and **financial benefits** from the **Government of India** by providing **asset cards**.

Amazon India has signed an agreement to create employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

- The economic and management teams at **Amazon** have entered into MoUs with the state governments of **Maharashtra, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka** to provide skills and employment opportunities to persons with disabilities at the required company operational sites.
- It is notable that these MoUs are aimed at enabling Amazon to implement infrastructural changes in its operational network and to enhance the **skills of PWDs** and provide **necessary assistance** in finding role fit.

The Department of Biotechnology, Union Ministry of Science and AFMS have entered into an MoU.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into on September 05, 2023 between the **Department of Biotechnology, Science and Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)**, and the **Ministry of Technology** to develop scientific research collaboration and enhance its collaboration.
- It is significant that this agreement has been entered into in the presence of union minister **Jitendra Singh** and with the main objective of promoting and **strengthening the country's scientific cooperation through faculty exchange events**.



Financial services provider Hitachi has launched 'India's first' UPI-ATM.

- Merchant payments and cash solutions provider **Hitachi Financial Services** has partnered with the Government of India's **National Payments Corporation (NPCI)** to launch the country's **first White Label UPI-ATM(WLA) In Mumbai.**
- Hitachi said the system aims to significantly **improve customer security** by eliminating the need for **bank cards.**

9,400 crore scheme for development of battery energy storage systems has been approved by the Central Government.

- The Central Government on September 06 approved Vibrating Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
- **Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur** has announced that the scheme aims to develop **nearly 4,000 MW of BESS projects with 40 per cent funding by 2030-31.** It is designed with an important objective to synthesize various issues related to battery and electricity in the country.

One Week One Lab program is planned to be conducted at CSIR.

- A flagship program of **One Week One Lab** at the campus of **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** is scheduled to be held from **11th to 16th September 2023.**
- The initiative aims to showcase each of the nearly **37 CSIR laboratories** spread across the country to showcase their achievements and research results and analyze and benchmark them accordingly.

India plans to conduct Bharat Drone Shakti - 2023 at Hindan Air Base.

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Drone Federation of India are planning to conduct the **Bharat Drone Shakti - 2023 at the Hindan Air Base in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh from September 25.**
- According to the Ministry of Defence, the use of **unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)** in India is increasing both in the military and in civilian areas and this exercise is aimed at promoting the development of unmanned aircraft technology and the event is said to be an important part of India's commitment to become a **global drone hub by 2030.**

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya has entered into a development MoU with Airbus.

- An MoU was signed on **September 07, 2023** in the presence of **Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav** between **Airbus** in the national capital **New Delhi** and **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) of Vadodara.**
- The MoU aims to implement programs for **regular students, sector-specific skills, courses and programs** for working professionals, professional experience and **collaborative research for teachers, placement, employment and scholarship programs** for students of colleges and schools.

India plans to host the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi.

- **2023 and India** has announced plans to host the **18th G-20 Summit** on **September 09, 2023** in the Indian capital, **New Delhi.** It is special that this conference is going to be held in **Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan.**
- It is considered important that the **World Bank leaders**, including the **Prime Minister of England, the Prime Minister of Japan, the President of the United States,** and other world



leaders, attend this conference. The central government has announced that this will showcase India's quality to the world stage.

Setting up of Integrated Command and Control Center NDMC

- In view of India's G-20 Summit, the **National Capital New Delhi Municipal Corporation** has set up an **Integrated Command and Control Center** under the NDMC, as per a recent notification issued by the **Central Government**.
- The control center set up by NDMC will monitor and provide information on **mechanical road cleaning vehicles, street lights, garbage disposal, parking and traffic movement, environmental sensors**, the notification said.

Avaada Group has entered into an MoU with TSSEZL to promote India's green hydrogen ambitions.

- **Tata Steel Special Economic Zone (TSSEZL)** and **Avada Group** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up an **Ammonia and Green Hydrogen Production Unit** at **Gopalpur Industrial Park, Ganjam District, Odisha**, according to a recent announcement by Avada Group.
- The MoU aims to create **1,600 direct and 4,000 indirect jobs, reduce CO2 emissions** by two million tonnes per annum and make India a **global green hydrogen hub**.

Tata AIA Group is ranked 5th globally and 1st in India. - Report by MDRT Advisors.

- **Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA)**, one of India's leading life insurance companies, has secured the highest number of ratings and **ranked 5th globally for qualified advisors and 1st in India** as per the **MDRT Advisors Company Rankings** in its September 2023 notification.

- This ranking list has been made considering the assessment of their **level of knowledge and expertise** in the field of life insurance. It is significant that an Indian company has entered the **top 10 of this world leader for the first time**.

Varuna naval exercise for 2023 begins.

- **Phase II** of the **bilateral naval exercise** between the **Indian and French navies** was recently conducted in the **Arabian Sea**, according to a statement issued by the **Indian Navy**.
- It is significant that this exercise is the **21st edition of Varuna** for this year and its initial exercise has been conducted from **January 16 to January 20** off the **western coast of India**.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing the combat capabilities of the **two navies**, enhancing their **ability to operate** in a **coordinated manner** and **ensuring peace and security in the region**.

A pavilion for Indian tribes has been set up in Bharat Mandapam.

- For 2023 and the **18th G-20 Leaders' Summit** on **September 9 and September 10**, the **Crafts Bazaar** is set up as part of the grand **Bharat Mandapam** in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- A pavilion named '**Tribes India**' showcases traditional tribal **artifacts, paintings, textiles, ceramics, natural products** and more. It is noteworthy that the **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** of the **Ministry of Tribal Welfare** has been implemented.



International news

The Prime Minister of Nepal has launched an initiative called 'Hello Sarkar'.

- **Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal on September 03, 2023** launched a 24-hour initiative called **'Hello Government' or 'Hello Sarkar' in three Shifts.**
- The Prime Minister of Nepal has announced that this initiative has been launched with the main objective of providing immediate services to the people from the **suffering elements** and **providing immediate solutions** to the people through the NCell network.

2023 and plans to host the 43rd ASEAN Summit in Jakarta.

- **The 43rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit** for the year 2023 is scheduled to be held on **September 5** in **Jakarta**, the capital of **Indonesia**. The conference is a **two-day conference** to be held from **September 5 to September 7.**
- It is significant that the conference is being organized with the aim of discussing **how this Summit should deal with the recent escalation of tensions in the South China Sea**, after China released a **new map** of large areas disputed by some ASEAN members.

The Union Minister has introduced a 3-year partnership Plan.

- **The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched a **3-year partnership agreement** titled **“Entrepreneurship: Developing a Generation of Educators and Entrepreneurs”** with the **Ministry of Education, Department of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development and META** on **September 04 2023** in the national capital, **New Delhi.**

- It is significant that **META** and **AICTE**, **NIESBUD** and **CBSE** have jointly designed the scheme.

Brice Oligui Nguema sworn in as interim president of Gabon.

- **In Gabon**, which has been mired in various disturbances in recent times, the head of its military junta, **Brice Oligui Nguema**, has taken over as the **country's interim president** on **September 04, 2023.**
- Notably, the decision comes as **Gabonese military officials** led by **Chief of General Nguema** seized power in the **Central African country** last week, hours after **Gabon President Ali Bongo** was declared the winner of a disputed election.

BITMAIN is planning to host the World Digital Mining Summit in 2023.

- **The World Digital Mining Summit 2023 (WDMS 2023)** is scheduled to be held on **September 22** this year. It is notable that the conference is a **two-day conference** to be held from **September 22nd to September 23rd.**
- The conference will be hosted by **Hong Kong's ANTMINER**, the world's leading cryptocurrency mining manufacturing and services company. This conference is going to be held with the theme **"Mining for the bull market"**. It is seen as special that this conference has great expectations worldwide when **Cryptocurrency** is seen as the money tool that will **rule the future.**

The UAE becomes the first Gulf or Arab country to legalize casinos.

- **The UAE Federation** has taken various initiatives to develop the **"Commercial Gaming"** power sector in the country. According to it recently relaxations have been given in the rules for setting up gambling and



casinos. Significantly, the **UAE has become the first Gulf or Arab country to legalize casinos through these measures.**

- Also, the **General Commercial Games Regulatory Authority (GCGRA)** will be created to promote such commercial games, according to a statement issued by the country's government on **September 03, 2023.**

IREDA has entered into an MoU with UBI to finance green energy projects in the country.

- **The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** and **Union Bank of India (UBI)** in September 2023 to strengthen and accelerate the development of **green and renewable energy in India.**
- It is notable that this MoU has been undertaken with the main objective of expanding the reach of energy especially in **tier-2 & tier-3 cities and rural areas.**

Papua New Guinea is the fifth country to open a foreign embassy in Jerusalem.

- **The Government of Papua New Guinea** officially opened its embassy in **Jerusalem**, the capital of **Israel**, on September 05, 2023. This marks Israel as the **fifth country** to establish a foreign embassy in Jerusalem.
- **Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu** said that it has **become the first country in the Asia-Pacific region** to open an embassy in the country's capital, **Jerusalem.**

The 48th Toronto International Film Festival kicks off in Canada.

- The 48th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is scheduled to take place on September 7 in Canada. It is significant that this festival will take place from **September 07 to September 17.**

- The Central Government has announced that India will participate in this function under the leadership of Union Minister Prithul Kumar. The Union Minister said that this festival will be an important center to showcase India's creative and technological strength to the world stage.

Japan has successfully launched a research satellite called XRISM.

- The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency has successfully launched the XRISM, a key new research satellite to unravel the evolution of the universe and the evolution of spacetime.
- The **X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM) satellite and the Main Lander for Earth Observation (SLIM)** were launched by an **H2A rocket** on September 6 at 8:42 a.m. from the Tanegashima Space Center in Kagoshima. Also notable is that **XRISM is a reconfiguration of the Hitomi service, a JAXA spacecraft launched in 2016.**

Rustem Umerov has been named the Minister of Defense of Ukraine.

- Ukraine's parliament announced on September 6 that former MP Rustem Umerov had been elected as the country's central defense minister, the most controversial post in the defense sector since Russia's invasion 18 months ago.
- The 41-year-old is expected to **replace Oleksii Reznikov** and defuse the tense atmosphere in the war-torn country, security experts said.

India and ASEAN have entered into a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement for various developments.

- **India and ASEAN** have entered into a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement with concrete steps to implement and operationalize the development partnership for peace, trust, progress and shared prosperity.



- The agreement was signed by **India** and the **10 member countries of ASEAN** on **September 07, 2023**. It is significant that this partnership agreement has been undertaken with the aim of increasing **cooperative cooperation** in various fields including **food security, blue economy and space research and ensuring seamless connectivity in the Indo-Pacific region**.

Mizoram participates in the 'North East India Festival' held in Milan, Italy.

- **Senhri Folk & Cultural Troupe of Mizoram, India** will participate in a special '**North East India Festival**' to be held in **Milan, Italy** on **September 9, 2023**, according to the notification issued by the Senhri organization.
- The festival will showcase the rich and **vibrant traditions, culture and music of the state of Mizoram**, the ensemble said. While it is significant that the Mizoram group is the only cultural group participating in the Northeast festival. The event is organized by the **North East Institute of Fashion Technology (NEIFT), Milan Italy** and the **Embassy of India**.

Introduction of Alif Pay in UAE.

- **Alif Financial Services**, a leading fintech company in the **Central Asian region**, has recently launched in the **UAE**.
- Business and economic experts have said that the launch of the **Alif Pay initiative** in the **UAE** has targeted the **Middle East region**. It is notable that this company was launched in **Tajikistan** in **2014**. It has been established with the aim of providing **quick and economical financial solutions** to the customers, the statement issued by the company stated.

A new strategic agreement has been signed between Singapore and the UK.

- **British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** signed a **new strategic partnership agreement** with the government of **Singapore** as part of the **G20 Leaders' Summit** held in **New Delhi**, the capital of India, on **September 09, 2020**.
- It is significant that this partnership agreement has been carried out with the aim of creating employment opportunities and its development between the economies of the **two countries**, increasing the **"new and modern" bilateral investment agreement**, and devising strategies for cooperation between the two countries related to security.

State news

Country's first solar city opens in Sanchi

- **Sanchi, the country's first solar city** in the state of **Madhya Pradesh**, was inaugurated by **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** on **September 06, 2023**.
- **Sanchi Solar City** is designed to reduce **carbon dioxide emissions** of nearly **13,747 tonnes** annually. It is notable that this practice equates to over **2 lakh trees grown**. In addition, the government and **citizens' energy-related expenses** will save more than **7 crore rupees** per year, according to Shivraj Singh.

The 'India Virtual Marathon' with the theme of water conservation begins in Chennai.

- **Indian Pipes Association (IPA)** organized a **virtual marathon** called **Neerathan** with the main objective of spreading **awareness** among the general public about ways to save water resources in the country and how to use it properly, on **September 03 2023** in **Chennai**, the capital city of **Tamil Nadu**.
- There they have been briefed on ways to conserve water. It is significant that this **virtual**



marathon started from **Alcott Memorial** in Chennai and ended at **MRC Nagar**.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into between Pondicherry University and SAS to enhance academic collaboration.

- **Pondicherry University** has entered into an MoU with **Sri Aurobindo Society Group (SAS)** on **September 03, 2023** to promote **cooperation in training, education and various fields**.
- It is notable that this Memorandum of Understanding has been undertaken with the objective of conducting and promoting a series of **discussions, workshops, seminars, sports events and discussion groups**.

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has launched a major initiative 'Sabal' for children with special abilities.

- **Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sugu** on **September 04 2023** launched a Major Initiative for Restructuring, Chief Minister Sports Skills, Aspirations and Livelihood (**SABAL**) in the key district of **Nadan**.
- It is also notable that the Chief Minister has also announced in the program that a body called 'Rajya Chayan Aayog' will be set up in place of the recently dissolved **State Examination Commission** in **Hamirpur** within the **next two months** to ensure fairness in the **selection criteria of the candidates**.

Various initiatives have been taken to improve the school education sector in the state of Rajasthan.

- Following the announcement that the state government will launch various **e-education initiatives** on the occasion of **Teacher's Day**, the **Rajasthan** state government is going to launch a major initiative called 'School After

School', according to **Naveen Jain, Secretary of the State School Education Department**.

- It is significant that this project has been undertaken with the aim of making **e-education available** in nearly **12,000 government secondary schools** and improving their capacity.
- It has been informed that under this scheme, the department will start e-classrooms (web facility) in the schools of the state with the help of all the currently available tools related to information technology.

An innovative educational program for school and college students has been launched in Telangana.

- **Shell and Smile Foundations** jointly launched a **major innovative education program** called '**NXplorers Junior**' on **September 04** in key districts of **Warangal** and **Khammam** in the state of **Telangana**.
- It is reported that in the first year of this scheme, nearly **70 schools** in these two districts will be included under this scheme and taking into account **its development**, more **schools** will be linked **under this scheme**.

Assam Chief Minister lays foundation stone for various development projects worth Rs 750 crore in Barak Valley.

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** will lay foundation stones for various development projects worth over **Rs 750 crore** in **Barak Valley**, a key development hub in the state, during his two-day visit beginning on **September 7**.
- The Chief Minister said that the important development projects include the bridge over Barak river in Silchar-Fulertal area worth **Rs 58 crore**, bridge worth **Rs 14 crore** on **Sonai-Dungripar road** and the bridge worth **Rs 87 crore** on Barrack river connecting Dutpati near Itkola Ghat area worth Rs 87 crore.



The 4th edition of Global FinTech Festival is taking place in Maharashtra.

- **The 4th edition of the Global FinTech Festival was held on September 06 in Mumbai**, the capital of Maharashtra, with the aim of disentangling the challenges and issues faced by FinTech. It is notable that Central Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has attended as a special invitee.
- The impact is aimed at ensuring that regulated companies operate within the boundaries set by their license conditions and address issues arising from data privacy breaches and unethical business conduct.

Maharashtra approves Rs 837 crore cybersecurity initiative.

- The Maharashtra State Cabinet on September 06, 2023 has approved a scheme for Cyber Crime Protection worth nearly Rs 837 crore to curb the rising cyber crime in the state.
- It is said that the project is designed with the objective of providing a **24-hour emergency service system for citizens to register complaints against cybercrime** and facilities for expeditious disposal of complaints that can be uploaded there.

An MoU has been signed to improve sewage treatment infrastructure in Meerut.

- A **tripartite agreement** has been signed between **Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam, National Commission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Meerut's Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)**.
- The plan is a new model called "**Hybrid Annuity PPP**" with an amount of nearly **Rs. 369.74 crores** and is scheduled to be completed by **December 2025**. It is reported that this MoU has been carried out with the main objective of **improving diversion and interception (I&D) structures, creation of I&D network** and

reduction of sewage problems in Meerut city and sewage pollution in the river.

The Telangana government has launched an initiative for French in state welfare schools.

- **The Telangana Government** in collaboration with the **French Institute in India (IFI)** has introduced "**French Language**" in major state schools run by **Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Association (TTWREIS)** and **Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Association (TSWREIS)**.
- The Telangana State Government said that the project is aimed at **promoting language learning** and more importantly **cultural understanding** among the students and thereby **increasing their multilingualism**.

A flagship program called "Safe City" will soon be launched in Haryana.

- Haryana Director General of Police (DGP) **Shatrujeet Kapur** has announced that the "**Safe City**" program will soon be launched in the state.
- It has been reported that this program will be started in the major cities of the state, **Rohtak and Gurugram**, and then it will be implemented in the entire state. It is also informed that this scheme will play an important role in maintaining the law and order situation of the state.

Chief Minister Dharam Singh has laid the foundation stone for various development projects in Haridwar.

- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dharam Singh** laid the foundation stone for various developmental projects worth nearly **Rs.941.39 lakh** at **Bhalla Stadium complex in Haridwar, Uttarakhand** on **September 08, 2023**.
- The Chief Minister mentioned that these development projects will be undertaken by the



Haridwar-Roorkee Development Authority (HRDA).

- Also, the chief minister said that the main objective of the development of the state sports department is to repair and improve the **cricket, football and tennis grounds, and the badminton court in the city sports complex.**

Appointments

R Madhavan appointed as new chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

- Popular actor **R Madhavan**, who recently won widespread acclaim for his performance in the film "**Rocketry**", has been appointed as the **new Chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in Pune, Maharashtra**, an official notification issued by the Government of India stated.
- It is significant that **Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur** has issued an important announcement regarding this appointment.

VS Hariharan appointed as CEO of Reddington Group.

- **The Redington Group**, a leading global distributor of technology products and services, has announced the appointment of **VS Hariharan** as **Group CEO** in a recent announcement.
- With **25+ years of experience** in marketing, sales and general management, he is said to strive for organizational excellence through **various initiatives.**

Major General Ignatius Flora, MNS to take charge as Additional Director.

- **Major General Ignatius Delos Flora** of the **Indian Army** has assumed charge as the **Director General of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) on September 01, 2023,**

according to a recent notification issued by the Indian Army.

- It is significant that during his career of 38 years of distinguished personal and military service, he held various important appointments in Armed Forces Special Medical Services Hospitals including Chief JDMNS (Trg & HS) Eastern Command, Chief Matron AICTS Pune, Brig MNS.

Rajesh appointed as Nasscom Group Chairman.

- **Rajesh Nambiar, Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India Group**, has been appointed as the Chairman of NASSCOM, the National Association of Software and Services Companies, according to a recent notification issued by the Central Government.
- Significantly, he is taking up this new role after **Anand Maheshwari**, the former head of Microsoft India, who was previously vice president. It is reported that he has experience in various fields and will improve the company through his continuous activities.

Mankind Pharma Appoints Tarun Kapoor as Vice President, Digital Transformation

- Mankind Pharma, India's largest pharmaceutical and healthcare services provider, has appointed **Tarun Kapoor** as its **new Vice President, Digital Transformation**, the company said in a company announcement.
- **Formerly head of technology delivery at BT Group**, he will play a major role in his new role in achieving the company's sustainability and transmission goals through his continued efforts.

Retired Lt. Gen. Dr. Rajesh appointed as Chairman of India Future Foundation.

- India Future Foundation (IFF), a non-profit think tank and foundation based in the Indian capital New Delhi, has appointed retired former **Lt. Gen. Dr. Rajesh Pant** as its **Chairman,**



according to a recent announcement by the organization.

- It is notable that prior to this appointment, he held the post of **National Cyber Security Coordinator in the Prime Minister's Office**, Government of India. This is the main organization that can work with the main objective of bringing the methods and its paths for the **progress of the country to the masses**.

Serinus Energy Appoints Vlad Ryabov as Chief Financial Officer

- Serinus Group, an international oil and related services provider, has appointed **Vlad Ryabov as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**, according to the company's latest announcement.
- It is to be noted that he has been promoted to this post since March 2023, when he held the position of **Group Financial Controller of the Group**. It is significant that he has already been appointed to this role with the objective of overcoming the financial problems of the company and balancing it.

Gayathri Raghuram appointed as Additional Director of Decipher Labs.

- **Ms. Gayathri Raghuram** has been appointed as Additional and Independent Director of Decipher Labs with effect from September 4, 2023, according to a recent notification issued by the company.
- It is reported that he will work well for the company's excellence through this appointment.

Amit S appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Guyana.

- **Amit S Telang**, a 2005-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as **India's next High Commissioner to Guyana**, the Union Ministry of **External Affairs** said in a recent notification.

- It is notable that he has previously served as the **Consul General of the Indian Embassy in Frankfurt**.

Ashish Shah appointed as the new CEO of Pepperfry.

- Following the untimely death of former CEO **Ambareesh Murty**, **Pepperfry** has appointed **co-founder Ashish Shah** as its **new CEO**, according to its latest announcement.
- Notably, Shah, who co-founded the company with **Murty in 2012**, held the position of **COO** of the company before taking up this new role.

Sundar Gupta takes charge as Principal Chief Operating Manager of Central Railway.

- **Shyam Sunder Gupta** has taken charge as **Principal Chief Operating Manager** of **Central Railway Division, Pune, Maharashtra** on September 05, 2023 as per the latest notification issued by **Central Railway Division**.
- It is also notable that this appointment has been made following the **retirement of Mr. Mukul Jain**, who was previously the **Chief Operating Manager** on **August 31, 2023**.

Appointed Sharmila Sherikar as Head of Organizational Development, Sonata Organization.

- The world's leading modernization engineering company, **Sonata Software**, has appointed **Sharmila Sherikar** as the **head of corporate development** and **corporate senior vice president**, the company said in a **September 2023** announcement.
- With more than three decades of industry experience at Sonata, he will drive organizational development through various initiatives.



Stewart appointed as new CEO of Express

- In a recent announcement, Express, the world's leading American apparel retailer, has appointed **Stewart Glendinning as its new president and CEO.**
- It has been mentioned that he has been appointed to this post from **September 15** and he succeeds the previous **Tim Baxter** in this post.

Gopal Aggarwal appointed as new CEO of Anupam Rasayan India.

- Anupam Rasayan India, a leading service provider to the country's specialty chemicals and chemicals manufacturing industry, has announced the appointment of **Gopal Aggarwal as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).**
- It is notable that he has assumed this responsibility from **September 11, 2023.** It is to be noted that this appointment has been made by the **Board of Directors** of the Company in its meeting held on **September 7, 2023.**

A major initiative 'Batting for Water' by 2023 has been launched

- WaterAid India has recently launched its flagship campaign "**Batting for Water**" for 2023.
- It is also notable that the campaign aims to **support women and children in urban and rural India in an effort to ensure full access to clean drinking water in every household in the country.**
- It forms part of the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** programme, which aims to provide adequate and safe drinking water to all rural households through individual household piped connections by 2024.

The RBI has approved the appointment of Deepak Gupta as the interim managing director of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

- India's **Kotak Mahindra Bank** said in a notification on **September 08, 2023** that the Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Deepak Gupta as interim CEO and Managing Director for two months.**
- Gupta's appointment comes after this latest RBI announcement. Notably, the appointment follows the appointment of **Uday Kotak**, the former CEO and founder of Kotak Mahindra, to Pan.

Ahmad Faraz appointed as Managing Director and COO of Endorphins Entertainment.

- Endorphins Entertainment, the world's leading content-led advertising and digital producer, has appointed **Ahmed Faraz** as its New Director and Chief Operating Officer, the company said in a recent announcement.
- He has also been appointed to oversee **India-based regional and global management** and operations, the announcement said.

Vivek Gupta appointed as MD & CEO of United Breweries.

- **United Breweries Company (UBL)**, a subsidiary or subsidiary of the world renowned **Heineken Company**, has appointed **Vivek Gupta** as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director in a recent announcement.
- The appointment will be effective from **September 25.** He will be responsible for the sustainable growth of the company along with the leadership team of **UBL and will lead the promotion and various administrative divisions,** UBL said in a statement issued on **September 07, 2023.**



Taj was appointed as Chairman and CEO of Gold Line.

- **Gold Line Resources Ltd**, a well-known Canadian company, has appointed Indian-origin **Taj Singh** as the **Director and Chief Executive Officer** in its latest announcement.
- He has more than **22 years of experience** in the mining and gold resources industry and prior to this appointment served in various key roles including **CEO and COO** at **Discovery Silver Corp** and **OA Lithium Brines**.

L'Oréal appoints Indian-origin Manashi as Regional Managing Director

- Global beauty services company **L'Oréal** has appointed Indian-origin **Manashi Guha** as the **CEO of Consumer Products** for its **UK and Ireland region** in a recent announcement.
- It is reported that he will take charge of this post on **October 1, 2023**. The **French-based company** said that through this appointment, it will ensure the **commercial development of the specific regional areas**.

Sumathi was appointed as President of Andhra Pradesh Masters Athletics Association.

- **Arikatla Sumati** has been appointed as the **President of the Andhra Pradesh Masters Athletics Association**, according to a recent notification issued by the organization.
- It is to be noted that this appointment has been made at the general body meeting of the **Indian Masters Athletics Organization** held in **Bangalore** on **September 6**. It has been announced that through this appointment, he has assured that he will remove the problems in the organization and take appropriate measures.

Awards

Asia and India-based CloudThat has won the Microsoft Superstars Award for 2023.

- **CloudThat**, a cloud training and cloud consulting development solutions provider, has received the **Microsoft Superstars Award for 2023** in the **Asia and India category**, according to a recent announcement by the company.
- It is significant that the company has bagged **six awards in six consecutive years** and the award is in recognition of **CloudThat's exceptional commitment** to talent and development and providing exemplary training programs.

The Assam Rifles Training Center at Shokhuvi has been awarded as the Best Educational Training Institute.

- The **Assam Rifles Training Center** located at **Shokhuvi, Nagaland State** has been awarded the **Union Home Minister's Trophy** for the **Best Education and Training Institute** for the year 2021-22.
- It is notable that this award was received by **Brig Suresh Kumar Sheoran** on **September 05, 2023** at the **53rd Foundation Day** in **New Delhi**. It is special that every year the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** conducts a national level analysis and survey of various **Central Police Training Institutes** in the country to select the **merits**.

Wildlife photographer Jack's film titled 'Crab the Bull by the Horns' won the award.

- Wildlife photographer **Jack Gee's** image titled **'Grab the Bull by the Horns'** has been selected as the overall winner of the **2023 Bird and Animal Photographer of the Year competition**, according to a recent announcement.
- Notably, **this photo of a female falcon attacking a brown pelican with great speed and agility** won the award. Along with this



award, **Zhi** also received a **winning prize of £5,000.**

The Manavta Sanman Award for 2023 has been awarded to the makers of Guru Nanak documentaries.

- The **Humanity Award** called the **Manavta Sanman Award** for for the year **2023** has been conferred by the **All India Pingalwara Foundation** on September 05 2023 to **Amardeep Singh** and **Vininder Kaur**, producers of **Guru Nanak documentaries.**
- It is significant that the **All India Pingalwara Foundation** was set up in **Punjab** in **1924** by a 19-year-old **Ramji Das**, popularly known as **Bhagat Puran Singh**, for the destitute.

NIPS Director Dr. Vivek has received the TIMES Bengal Icon Award for Hospitality Education 2023.

- **NIPS Hotel Management Company**, the leader in **hospitality education** in the state of **West Bengal**, has received the **TIMES Bengal Icon Award for Hospitality Education** for the year 2023, the company said in a recent announcement.
- The announcement mentioned that **Dr. Vivek Pathak**, the Managing Director of the company, has received this award. This award recognizes him for his **exceptional efforts, contributions and strong commitment to the industry.**

eDAS wins Best Digital Solutions for NBFC Awards 2023

- **Eureka Digitization and Automation Services(eDAS)** has won the award under the category "Best Digital Solutions Provider for NBFC" at the prestigious **NBFC Leadership Awards 2023** organized by **Crypton Business Media.**
- The **NBFC Leadership Awards** are presented every year to various institutions to celebrate the achievements in the **NBFC** and **Fintech** sectors

and recognize the **key stakeholders, thought leaders, regulators, entrepreneurs** and **investors** who have worked towards it.

Sports news

17-year-old Deshmukh has won the title of "Women's Rapid" champion at the Tata Steel Chess Tournament.

- India's 17-year-old chess player **Divya Deshmukh** has won the **Rapid Champion** title in the **women's category** of the **Tata Steel Chess Series** held at **Bhasha Bhavan, National Library of India in Kolkata, West Bengal** on **September 02.**
- It is significant that he has maintained his game in this game by showing his consistent performance.

India's Simran -Ritika have won the Lagos International Challenge title.

- **Ritika Thaker** and **Simran Singhi** from Maharashtra won the **women's doubles match** at the **Lagos International Classics Badminton Series** held in **Nigeria** on the night of **September 02, 2023** to clinch the series Challenge title with a **"walkover" win.**
- It is Significant that this sports series is organized under the **Badminton World Federation (BWF).**

The Indian men's team has won bronze in the 2023 Asian Table Tennis Championship.

- **The Indian men's team** finished with a **bronze medal** against **Chinese Taipei** in the semifinals of the **2023 Asian Table Tennis Championship** held in **Pyeongchang, Republic of South Korea** on **September 06.**
- It is notable that the Indian men's team consisting of **Harmeet Desai, Sharath Kamal** and **Sathyan Gnanasekaran** have lost their last four matches with **0-3 points** to retain this medal.



Important day

International Charity Day 2023

- **International Charity Day** is observed every year on **05th September** to commemorate the death anniversary of **1979 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mother Teresa**.
- The day is observed with the main objective of achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals** by **2030** with the help of all **public institutions worldwide**. The theme for this year is **Global Solidarity to Eradicate Poverty**.

Teacher's Day 2023

- **Teachers' Day** is celebrated in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Vice President **Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan** on **5th September**.
- The tradition of celebrating this day since **1962** on 5th September has been significant for eighty years. It is celebrated to celebrate the role teachers play in nation **building by guiding and educating the brightest minds of our country**.

Brazil Independence Day

- **Brazil Independence Day** is celebrated every year on **September 7** to commemorate Brazil's independence from **colonial rule Portugal** and **honor the sacrifices** of the soldiers who fought for that independence.
- It is significant that Brazil gained its independence on **September 7, 1822**. It is significant that **Brazil is the fifth largest country by area** and the **seventh most populous country in the world**.

International Literacy Day 2023

- Every year **8th September** is celebrated as "**International Literacy Day(ILD)**" to create awareness about the importance of literacy among the **general public across the world**.

- It is notable that this day was established by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966**. The day is observed with the theme of reminding the general public of the world that **literacy is a human right and empowering individuals and communities**.

World Physical Therapy Day 2023

- **World Physical Therapy Day** is observed on September 8 every year to raise **awareness** of the important role physical therapists play in making people around the **world healthier** and more **productive**.
- It is significant that this day is observed to honor the contribution of **physiotherapists** to society. It is significant that this day was established by the **World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) in 1996**. "**Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis**" is the theme for this year.

World First Aid Day 2023

- First aid is the immediate assistance given to a person in case of an accident or injury. Accordingly, every year the second Saturday of September is observed as "**World First Aid Day**".
- So the **second Saturday of September** this year falls on **September 9** and this day is widely observed. **First Aid** is a basic skill that everyone should be aware of and this day is observed with the primary objective of **providing awareness to the general public**.