

Weekly Current Affairs-5th To 10th August 2024 English

National News

India Approves Eight New National High-Speed Road Corridors

On August 2, 2024, the Government of India took a significant step towards enhancing the country's transportation infrastructure. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the construction of eight new national high-speed corridor projects. This decision marks a pivotal moment in India's ongoing efforts to modernize and expand its road network to meet current and future demands.

"VIRAASAT", 10th National Handloom Day Begins At Handloom Haat, New Delhi

"VIRAASAT", a fortnight long exhibition dedicated to celebrating 10th National Handloom Day began at Handloom Haat in Janpath on 3rd August, 2024. National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC) is organising the handloom expo under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India which will conclude on 16th August, 2024.

PM Marks 5 Years of Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A)

On the fifth anniversary of the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A), Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the decision as a pivotal moment in Indian history, marking the beginning of a new era of progress and prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh. He emphasized that the abrogation ensured the full implementation of the Indian Constitution in these regions, aiming to enhance security, dignity, and development opportunities for marginalized communities while reducing corruption.

Pilgrimage to Shri Baba Buddha Amarnath Commences in J&K

In Jammu and Kashmir, the 10-day pilgrimage to Shri Baba Buddha Amarnath in the Loran Valley of Poonch district began today and will conclude on the 19th of this month, coinciding with Sawan Purnima and Raksha Bandhan. The journey is marked by tight security and significant arrangements to accommodate the influx of pilgrims.

India's Renewable Energy Capacity Soars by 165% in a Decade

India's renewable energy capacity has surged by 165% over the past decade, increasing from 76.38 GW in 2014 to 203.1 GW in 2024, according to Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. This growth positions India as the fourth largest globally in renewable energy capacity, with significant advancements in solar and wind power.

Why Waqf Board Amendment Bill 2024 In News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government is all set to table the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the Lok Sabha on August 8. The new bill that proposes to amend the Waqf Act, 1995 will be introduced in the Lok Sabha by Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju. With over 40 amendments, the bill has proposed to revoke several clauses in the existing Waqf Act – the law governing Waqf boards. It has proposed far-reaching changes in the present Act, including ensuring the representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims in such bodies.

What is Broadcast Services Bill 2024?

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has prepared the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2024 which will replace the Television Network Act of 1995. According to reports the act will classify influencers or social media pages who make content or write about current affairs or any other news online as 'digital news broadcaster'.

UNICEF and Bengal Partner to Engage Fathers in Breastfeeding

The West Bengal government and UNICEF have teamed up to encourage fathers to play an active role in promoting breastfeeding among new mothers. This initiative aims to enhance family support for breastfeeding and improve the rates of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a child's life.

India Triumphs in 4th CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League 2024

The Indian women's national volleyball team has once again proven their mettle on the international stage by clinching the gold medal at the 4th CAVA (Central Asian Volleyball Association) Women's Volleyball Nations League. In a thrilling final match, India overcame the host nation Nepal with a score of 3-2 sets, marking their second CAVA title. This prestigious event took place at the Dasharath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal, culminating on August 7, 2024.

Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) Foundation Day Celebration

The Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) celebrated its Foundation Day in New Delhi with the theme 'ICoAS @ Viksit Bharat'. The event highlighted the crucial role of ICoAS officers in shaping the economic future of India by 2047. Dr. T. V. Somanathan, Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure), was the Chief Guest and emphasized the importance of ICoAS officers in realizing the vision of a developed India.

Govt. Approves Eight New Railway Line Projects

The Union Cabinet on August 9, approved eight new railway projects at an estimated cost of ₹24,657 crore to provide connectivity, facilitate ease of travelling, minimise logistics cost, reduce oil imports and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

International News**President Murmu's Six-Day Visit to Fiji, New Zealand, and Timor-Leste**

President Droupadi Murmu embarked on a six-day visit to Fiji, New Zealand, and Timor-Leste, marking significant diplomatic engagements. This visit is notable for being the first by an Indian Head of State to Fiji and Timor-Leste.

Jakarta Hosts 5th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting

The 5th AITIGA Joint Committee meeting, marking a significant milestone in ASEAN-India economic cooperation, took place in Jakarta from July 29 to August 1, 2024. The discussions aimed at reviewing and enhancing the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) were co-chaired by Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, India, and Ms. Mastura Ahmad Mustafa, Deputy Secretary General (Trade), Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry, Malaysia. Delegates from all 10 ASEAN countries and India participated in the meeting.

Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus To Lead Bangladesh Interim Government

Bangladesh's Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus will head the country's interim government after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and fled the country amid a mass uprising against her rule led mostly by students. The announcement early on August 7, came from Joyal Abedin, the press secretary of President Mohammed Shahabuddin.

India's First GI-Tagged Fig Juice Exported to Poland

Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd has achieved a significant milestone by exporting India's first GI-tagged fig juice to Poland. This follows the successful export of India's first commercial consignment of GI-tagged Purandar figs to Hong Kong in February 2023.

Australia Announces Maitri Grants For Research And Cultural Collaboration With India

The Australian government has unveiled the Maitri Research and Cultural Partnerships Grants. These grants, aimed at fostering Australia-India collaboration, encompass sustainable manufacturing, energy transition research, and artistic projects. Minister Penny Wong praised the initiatives for strengthening bilateral ties, emphasizing the importance of human connections in the relationship.

China to Launch Satellite Constellation to Rival Musk's Starlink

China is close to launching its first batch of satellites for a mega constellation aimed at rivaling US company SpaceX's Starlink Internet network. As reported by Xinhua, state-run Shanghai Spacecom Satellite Technology (SSST) launched the first components on the network. SSST's constellation has been named "Thousand Sails".

Tunisia's President Replaces Prime Minister Ahead of October Election

In a recent political shakeup, Tunisia's President Kais Saied has dismissed Prime Minister Ahmed Hachani and appointed Kamel Maddouri, the former Social Affairs Minister, to the role. This change marks the sixth prime ministerial appointment under Saied's administration. The announcement comes just before Tunisia's presidential election on October 6, amid growing social and economic unrest.

Bill Gates Foundation to set up FSTP at Sarovaram

The city of Kozhikode in Kerala, India, is set to receive a significant upgrade to its waste management infrastructure. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in collaboration with the Habitat Charitable Trust, has proposed the construction of a state-of-the-art faecal sludge treatment plant (FSTP) at Sarovaram. This development marks a crucial step towards improving sanitation and water hygiene in the region.

State News**Jharkhand Launches Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana**

The government of Jharkhand, led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, has unveiled a significant welfare initiative aimed at empowering women in the state. The Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana, set to be officially launched on August 16, 2024, represents a major step towards providing financial assistance to eligible women across Jharkhand.

Rs 920 Cr Namami Gange Mission 2.0 Projects In UP And Bihar

In a significant stride towards rejuvenating and conserving the sacred River Ganga, the Government of India has successfully completed and operationalized four major projects under the Namami Gange Mission 2.0 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25. These initiatives located across the mainstream of the river Ganga in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, are pivotal in the ongoing efforts to curb pollution and enhance the ecological health of the Ganga and its tributaries.

Madras High Court Strikes Down Section 77-A of Registration Act as Unconstitutional

In a significant judgment, the Madras High Court has declared Section 77-A of the Registration Act, 1908 unconstitutional. This ruling has far-reaching implications for property registration and ownership rights in Tamil Nadu. Section 77-A, introduced to the Central enactment by way of a 2022 State amendment, granted District Registrars the power to cancel documents related to immovable property if they were found to have been registered through fraud or on submission of forged revenue records.

Andhra Scraps 2-Child Policy For Individuals To Contest Local Body Polls

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to scrap the two-child norm for contesting local body elections in view of the declining fertility rate in the state. The decision was taken at the meeting of the state Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, on August 7.

Chhattisgarh Approves Country's Third Largest Tiger Reserve

With its tiger population plunging in recent years, Chhattisgarh on August 7, cleared a long-pending proposal to notify a new tiger reserve – the third largest in the country. The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, which integrates an existing national park with a wildlife sanctuary, is Chhattisgarh's fourth reserve for the big cats. It spans 2,829 square kilometres across four northern districts of the state.

Odisha Launches India's First 'Rice ATM'

Odisha has introduced India's first round-the-clock grain dispensing machine, known as the Annapurta Grain ATM, designed to transform the Public Distribution System (PDS) for ration cardholders. Officially launched by Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra, this innovative machine is located at a warehouse in Mancheswar and developed in collaboration with the World Food Programme.

Economy News**Govt Reverses Decision: Indexation Benefits Restored For LTCG Tax**

The government has reversed its controversial decision to remove indexation benefits for long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on property sales. Taxpayers now have a choice between a lower tax rate without indexation or a higher rate with indexation for properties bought before July 23, 2024.

RBI Hikes UPI Limit for Tax Payments to Rs 5 Lakh per Transaction

In a move aimed at boosting digital payments and facilitating larger transactions, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the upper limit for tax payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to Rs 5 lakh per transaction from the previous limit of Rs 1 lakh. This decision is expected to provide convenience to taxpayers, especially for high-value transactions, and is part of the RBI's ongoing efforts to promote digital payments and reduce reliance on cash transactions.

Rankings And Reports News**Top 10 Richest Global Central Banks in 2024**

Central banks are the backbone of a nation's financial system, playing a pivotal role in maintaining economic stability and fostering growth. Their primary responsibilities include implementing stable monetary policies and ensuring financial stability. As we delve into the rankings of the world's wealthiest central banks in 2024, we gain valuable insights into the global economic landscape and the financial prowess of various nations.

Business News**RIL Jumps Up 2 Places In Fortune's Global 500 List For 2024**

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has achieved a milestone by advancing two positions in the 2024 Fortune Global 500 list, securing the 86th spot. This marks the highest ranking ever attained by the conglomerate on the list, underscoring its growth and stability within the global business arena.

Tata Group Unveils ₹27,000 Crore Semiconductor Facility in Assam

The Tata Group has inaugurated a ₹27,000 crore semiconductor assembly and test facility in Assam, aiming to produce 15 billion chips annually. This landmark project, set to be operational by next year, aligns with the Indian government's semiconductor mission and is poised to transform Assam into a key player in the global semiconductor ecosystem.

Pine Labs-owned Setu Launches UPISetu in Partnership with Axis Bank

Setu, a Pine Labs-owned API infrastructure provider, has launched UPISetu in collaboration with Axis Bank. This new platform focuses on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) solutions, catering to businesses and developers with a variety of UPI products and advanced functionalities.

Agreement News

State Govt, SBI General Insurance Sign MoU For DRTPS

In a significant move towards disaster preparedness, the State Government and SBI General Insurance signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS). This makes Nagaland the first state in the country to implement this disaster management insurance.

Appointment News

DG SSB Daljit Singh Chawdhary Takes Over Additional Charge of Director General, BSF

Daljit Singh Chawdhary, the Director General of Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB), took over the additional charge of Director General Border Security Force on August 3. "On 03rd August 2024, Shri Daljit Singh Chawdhary, IPS Director General SSB took over the additional charge of Director General Border Security Force, the largest Border Guarding Force of the world.

Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera Assumes Charge as Assam Rifles Director General

On Thursday, a significant change in leadership took place as Lt General Vikas Lakhera assumed charge as the new Director General of the Assam Rifles, an organization fondly known as the "Sentinels of the Northeast". This transition marks a new era for the paramilitary force that has long been crucial to maintaining peace and security in India's northeastern region.

Dinesh Karthik, A New Ambassador for SA20 League

In a move that bridges the cricketing worlds of India and South Africa, former Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik has been named the brand ambassador for the SA20 League. This appointment marks a significant step in the league's efforts to expand its global reach and solidify its position in the competitive landscape of T20 cricket.

Government Appoints Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as SBI Chairman

On August 6, 2024, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI). Setty, currently the senior-most Managing Director (MD) of SBI, will assume the role on August 28, 2024, succeeding Dinesh Kumar Khara, who will retire upon reaching the age limit of 63 for the position.

Centre Reshuffles Senior Bureaucrats, Amit Negi Made Additional Secretary

The Centre has implemented a significant top-level reshuffle, appointing senior IAS officer Amit Singh Negi as additional

secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Mr. Negi, a 1999-batch IAS officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is currently the joint secretary in the Department of Expenditure under the Union Ministry of Finance.

SEBI Approves Praveena Rai as New MD & CEO of MCX

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Praveena Rai's appointment as the Managing Director and CEO of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), India's largest commodity exchange. This decision comes after a three-month vacancy in the position.

DBS Appoints Tan Su Shan As First Female CEO

Indian-origin top Singapore banker Piyush Gupta is set to step down as the Chief Executive Officer of the DBS Group in March 2025. He will be succeeded by Tan Su Shan, who was appointed Deputy CEO yesterday, in addition to being Group Head, Institutional Banking, at DBS.

Banking News

RBI Cancels Licenses of 78 UCBs Since 2014

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the licenses of 78 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) since 2014. Maharashtra has seen the highest number of cancellations, with 36 UCBs losing their licenses, followed by Uttar Pradesh (14) and Karnataka (8). In 2024 alone, 10 UCB licenses were canceled, affecting banks across Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam, and Andhra Pradesh.

RBI Revises NPA Provisioning Norms for Cooperative Banks

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued revised instructions for the treatment of Bad and Doubtful Debt Reserve (BDDR) across cooperative banks, aiming for uniformity in the accounting and prudential treatment of non-performing assets (NPAs). These new norms will apply to Urban Co-operative Banks, State Cooperative Banks, and Central Co-operative Banks, effective immediately. A one-time transition measure has been introduced to facilitate a smoother shift to the new accounting standards.

RBI August 2024 MPC Meeting: Repo Rate Unchanged at 6.5%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) concluded its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on Thursday, maintaining the benchmark interest rates at 6.5% by a 4:2 majority. This decision marks the ninth consecutive instance of unchanged rates, reflecting the central bank's cautious approach to monetary policy in the face of economic challenges.

RBI Shortens Frequency of Credit Reporting to Fortnightly

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a significant change in the reporting frequency for credit information from monthly to every 15 days. This update, effective from now, aims to enhance the accuracy and timeliness of credit data available to lenders and borrowers alike.

RBI Announces Continuous Clearing Of Cheques Under CTS

The Reserve Bank has revamped the cheque truncation system (CTS), which currently processes cheques with a clearing cycle of up to two working days, to improve the efficiency of cheque clearing and reduce settlement risk for participants, apart from enhancing customer experience.

Science And Technology News**ISRO's EOS-08 Satellite Launch: Marking 55 Years of Space Exploration**

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to celebrate its 55th foundation day on August 15, 2024, with a significant milestone – the launch of the Earth Observation Satellite-08 (EOS-08). This event not only commemorates ISRO's long-standing contribution to space science but also showcases India's growing capabilities in satellite technology and space exploration.

Schemes And Committees News**Update on Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and Related Schemes**

As of July 19, 2024, the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has achieved significant milestones with 52.81 crore accounts having a total deposit balance of Rs. 2,30,792 crore. Launched in August 2014, PMJDY aims to provide universal banking services to unbanked households with the core principles of banking the unbanked, securing the unsecured, funding the unfunded, and serving underserved areas.

Centre Forms Committee to Monitor Bangladesh Border Situation

In response to the volatile situation in Bangladesh, the Indian government has established a committee to monitor the Indo-Bangladesh border and ensure the safety of Indian nationals and minority communities in the neighboring country. The committee will maintain communication with Bangladeshi authorities and oversee security measures at the border.

Summits And Conference News**India To Host BIMSTEC Business Summit**

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India in association with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) will host the 1st BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi on August 6, 2024. The first edition of the Business Summit aims to foster greater regional collaboration through robust trade and investment relations among the member countries of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

PM Inaugurates The 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) at National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex, New Delhi on August 3. Around 1,000 delegates from around 75 countries took part in the conference.

Awards And Honors News**President Droupadi Murmu Conferred "Companion of the Order of Fiji" in the Capital Suva**

Indian President Droupadi Murmu embarked on a significant two-day state visit to Fiji, marking a milestone in the diplomatic relations between the two nations. The visit, characterized by ceremonial honors and high-level meetings, underscored the growing partnership between India and Fiji in various spheres of cooperation.

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 Announced: Check the Complete list

In a significant move to recognize and honor outstanding contributions to science, technology, and innovation, the Indian government has announced the inaugural Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskars. This new award system, replacing over 300 previous awards from various science departments, aims to celebrate the achievements of academics, technologists, and inventors across the country.

Important Dates News**Commemorating the 14th Indian Organ Donation Day**

On August 3, 2024, India observes its 14th Indian Organ Donation Day, a significant event in the country's healthcare calendar. This annual observance serves multiple crucial purposes: raising awareness about organ donation, honoring the selfless contributions of deceased donors and their families, and dispelling myths surrounding this life-saving practice.

National Javelin Day 2024: Celebrating India's Golden Moment in Athletics

On August 7, 2021, Neeraj Chopra etched his name in history by winning India's first-ever Olympic gold medal in track and field. His historic javelin throw of 87.58 metres not only secured the gold but also made him the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold, following Abhinav Bindra.

Nagasaki Day 2024: Date, Significance and History

Nagasaki Day is an annual observance that commemorates one of the most devastating events in human history – the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, during World War II. This solemn occasion serves as a powerful reminder of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear warfare and underscores the critical importance of global peace and disarmament efforts.

Hiroshima Day 2024: Commemorating the 79th Anniversary of World War II Atomic Bombings

Hiroshima Day, observed annually on August 6th, stands as a solemn reminder of one of the most devastating events in human history. This year marks the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during World War II. The city of Hiroshima, once reduced to ashes, now stands as a powerful symbol of peace, resilience, and the enduring human spirit.

Quit India Movement Day, Know the History of India's Freedom Struggle

Quit India Movement Day, also known as August Kranti Day, is a significant date in India's history that commemorates the launch of the Quit India Movement in 1942. This pivotal moment in India's struggle for independence from British colonial rule called for the immediate withdrawal of British forces from India. Led by Mahatma Gandhi, the movement mobilized millions of Indians in a non-violent civil disobedience campaign against British colonialism.

World Lion Day 2024, Date, History and Significance

World Lion Day, celebrated annually on August 10th, marks a crucial moment in wildlife conservation efforts. As we approach the 2024 edition, the urgency to protect these majestic creatures has never been more pressing. Lions, scientifically known as *Panthera leo*, are not just symbols of strength and courage but play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. This article delves into the significance of World Lion Day 2024 and the ongoing efforts to ensure the survival of these magnificent big cats.

Sports News**Celebration of Paris Olympics 2024: India Releases Commemorative Postage Stamps**

In a significant gesture to commemorate the upcoming Paris Olympics, the Department of Posts is set to release a special set of postage stamps. This event, scheduled for Monday, 5th August 2024, at 12:00 PM, will take place at the prestigious Rang Bhawan, All India Radio, in New Delhi. The occasion marks a celebration of sportsmanship, international unity, and India's enthusiastic support for the Olympic movement.

Novak Djokovic Clinches First Olympic Gold Medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics

Novak Djokovic of Serbia secured his first Olympic gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics. The 37-year-old tennis legend overcame Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in a gripping men's singles final at Roland Garros on Sunday, cementing his status in the annals of tennis history.

Star Shooter Manu Bhaker Set To Be India's Flagbearer In Closing Ceremony

Manu Bhaker, India's two-time Olympic bronze medallist, has been chosen to be India's flagbearer for the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics. According to sources from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Bhaker will represent India as the women's flagbearer during the event.

Vinesh Phogat Disqualified In Paris Olympic 2024

Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has been disqualified from the Paris Olympics after failing to meet weight requirement for her 50 kg gold medal. As per the report, Phogat was reportedly over the permissible weight limit by just 100 grams, which may lead to her disqualification. According to competition rules, she will not be eligible for a silver medal, leaving only gold and bronze winners in the 50 kg category.

Paris Olympics 2024: Vinesh Phogat Announces Retirement From Wrestling

Vinesh Phogat, one of India's most promising wrestlers, has announced her retirement from the sport following a devastating turn of events at the Paris Olympics 2024. The announcement came after a series of unfortunate incidents that unfolded during the final stages of the Olympic wrestling competition.

Neeraj Chopra Clinches Silver in Javelin at Paris 2024 Olympics

Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic champion, put on an impressive display at the Paris Olympics, winning the silver medal in the men's javelin throw event. Chopra's season-best throw of 89.45m earned him the runner-up position, but he was unable to defend his title, as Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem broke the Olympic record with a stunning throw of 92.97m.

India Men's Hockey Team Secures Bronze at Paris 2024 Olympics

In a thrilling encounter, the Indian men's hockey team secured the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics after defeating Spain 2-1 in the third-place match at the Yves du Manoir Stadium in Paris on Thursday. This victory marks a significant milestone for Indian hockey, as the team secured its first back-to-back Olympic medals since the 1972 Munich Games.

Sreejesh and Bhaker to Co-Flag Bear for India at Paris 2024 Closing Ceremony

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced that hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and pistol shooter Manu Bhaker will be the co-flag bearers for India at the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This decision highlights Sreejesh's illustrious career and Bhaker's recent achievements.

Obituaries News**Iconic Classical Dancer Yamini Krishnamurthy Passes Away**

On August 3, 2024, India lost one of its most revered classical dancers, Yamini Krishnamurthy, who passed away at the age of 83 at Apollo hospital in New Delhi. Known for her mastery over Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, and Odissi, Krishnamurthy was a luminary who helped elevate Indian classical dance to the global stage.

Former England cricketer Graham Thorpe Passes Away at 55

The cricketing world mourns the loss of Graham Thorpe, a former England cricketer and coach, who passed away on Monday at the age of 55. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced his death, marking the end of an era for English cricket. Thorpe's contributions to the sport, both as a player and coach, left an indelible mark on cricket history.

Gandhian Shobhana Ranade Passes Away at 99

The passing of Shobhana Ranade at the age of 99 in Pune marks the end of an era in India's social reform movement. A renowned Gandhian and Padma Bhushan recipient, Ranade dedicated her life to uplifting the underprivileged, especially women and children, leaving an indelible mark on India's social landscape.

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Former W.B Chief Minister, Passes Away

Former chief minister of West Bengal and veteran CPIM leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passed away on August 8, at his residence in Kolkata's Palm Avenue. Buddhadeb, who had been suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease for some years, was 80. He is survived by his wife Mira and daughter Suchetana.

Nobel Prize-Winning Physicist Tsung-Dao Lee Passed Away

Chinese-American physicist Tsung-Dao Lee, who in 1957 became the second-youngest scientist to receive a Nobel Prize, died on August 4, at his home in San Francisco at age 97. Prof. Lee, whose work advanced the understanding of particle physics, was one of the great masters in the field.

Defence News**ITBP To Get Russian KAMAZ Typhoon Vehicle For LAC**

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has successfully conducted a demonstration and trial of the formidable Typhoon vehicle at its Transport Battalion in Chandigarh. The event, attended by officials from Vehicle Factory Jabalpur, marks an important step in upgrading the force's vehicles.

Indian Army Conducts 'Parvat Prahaar' Exercise in Ladakh

The Indian Army has conducted a strategic military exercise, 'Parvat Prahaar', in Ladakh, focusing on high-altitude warfare and operations. This exercise is crucial for maintaining the readiness and effectiveness of the Army in the region, which is close to the India-China border.

Books And Authors News**Piyush Goyal Launches 'India@100': A Vision for India's Economic Future**

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, unveiled a significant publication that charts India's economic trajectory towards 2047. The book, titled "India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse", authored by Prof. K V Subramanian, was launched at a high-profile event in New Delhi. This launch marks a pivotal moment in India's discourse on economic development and its aspirations to become a developed nation by its centenary year of independence.

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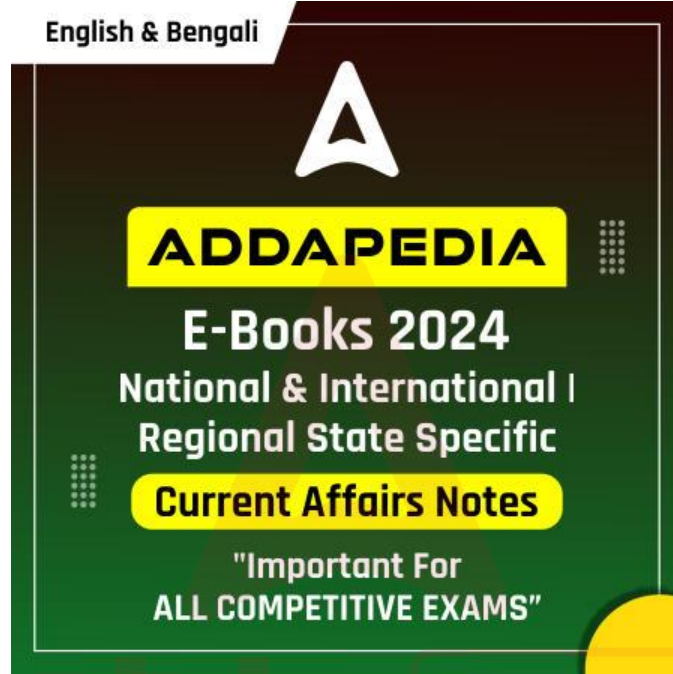
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