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History of 1st August

- ◆ **1916** : Freedom fighter and Iron Lady, Mrs. Annie Besant, along with the support of **Bal Gangadhar Tilak**, started the Home Rule League movement.
- ◆ **1920** : **Mahatma Gandhi** started the non-cooperation movement.
- ◆ **1920** : **Mahatma Gandhi** returned a Hind Award to Saffron awarded by the **British Government**.
- ◆ **1947** : Powers were divided between **India and Pakistan**.

Current Affairs Related to 1st August 2024

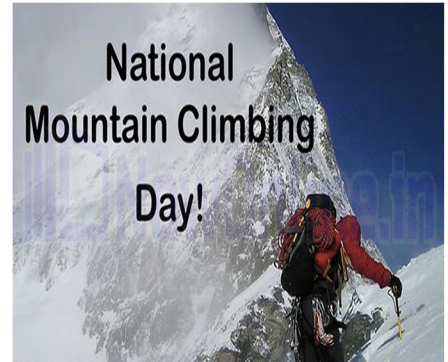
- ◆ **Salt Lake City** was formally awarded the title of host of the **2034 Winter Olympics** after a vote by the International Olympic Committee. This gave Utah its second Games to host the 2002 Winter Olympics. Salt Lake City US is the state capital and most populous city of Utah. Utah's capital city was the only candidate for the 2034 Winter Olympics.
- ◆ **The Home Ministry appointed senior Andaman and Nicobar Islands officer Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal** as the new Director General of Police. Prior to his new role, Dhaliwal, a 1997 batch officer, served as Special Commissioner of Police in New Delhi, where he looked after Traffic Zone-II. Shri Dhaliwal, a Bachelor of Defense Officer in 1997, has made many significant achievements in India's apex police service during his tenure of nearly three decades.
- ◆ **Nita Ambani has been re-elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee**. Nita Ambani was first appointed to join the IOC for the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games in 2016. Nita Ambani has since achieved significant progress for the IOC as the first woman from India to join the IOC. She is the founder and chairperson of Reliance Foundation. Reliance Foundation focuses on promoting a variety of sports across India, especially in remote areas.
- ◆ **Veteran filmmaker Shekhar Kapur has been appointed Festival Director for the International Film Festival of India**. He will lead the International Film Festival of India held annually in Goa. Shekhar Kapur has served as the Chairman of the International Competition Jury at the 54th IFFI. He was also the President of the Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India from 2020-2023. The International Film Festival of India was established in 1952 and is one of the film festivals of Asia.
- ◆ **Mankind Medicine can soon be purchased from a vaccine manufacturing company**. Mankind Medicine Complete Procurement of Bharat Serums & Vaccines from Advent International. For this, a deal of Rs 13,630 crore has been finalized. The company has issued a statement saying that Manmind Medicine will purchase Bharat Spectrum and vaccine for Rs 13,630 crore. The company has finalized a piece of spectrum in India worth about Rs 13,630 crore and a 100 per cent stake in the vaccine.
- ◆ **India's first integrated agricultural export facility will be set up at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai**. This will increase India's agricultural export and import capacity. The Government has approved the project for development of Export Import cum Agro Processing and Storage Facility at a cost of more than Rs 284 crore in Public Private Partnership mode. This facility will cater to the export of major commodities like non-Basmati rice, maize, spices, onion and wheat.
- ◆ **The board of AU Small Finance Bank has approved the proposal for transformation into a universal bank**. The decision follows the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines issued on August 1, 2016 and changes SBB's practical status as a universal bank. The Board appointed H.R. to examine the application for Universal Banking License. A Committee of Directors was appointed under the chairmanship of Khan.
- ◆ **Union Coal and Mines Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy launches Graduation Campaign 2024** at Bharat Coking Coal Limited. Part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, it was earlier held simultaneously at 300 locations in 47 coconuts of 11 coal/lignite producing states.
- ◆ **Official Language Gaurav Samman was awarded to Visakhapatnam based public undertakings**. This honor was given for excellent performance in the field of official language implementation. Hindi officers and coordinators of the concerned organizations were awarded the City Official Language Award.

National & International Current Affairs

1. **When is National Mountaineering Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 1st August (B) 2nd August
(C) 3rd August (D) 4th August

(A) National Mountaineering Day is celebrated every year on 1st August. It is said that this day was established in honor of the author's son Bobby Matthews and his friend Josh Madigan, who successfully climbed the 46 highest peaks of the Adirondack Mountains in New York State.



2. **Recently, Model Skill Loan Scheme was launched by the government to provide education and skill development opportunities to thousands of youth.**

- (A) 10,000 (B) 15,000
(C) 20,000 (D) 25,000

(D) The revised Model Skill Loan Scheme was launched in New Delhi by Shri Jayant Choudhary, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education. Its objective is to provide access to skill courses to the youth of the country without any financial constraints. These include higher level courses, which often require higher course fees.



3. **Which state government recently announced reservation for firefighters in the recruitment of state police, jail guards and forest guards?**

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Telangana
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana

(C) Rajasthan government announced reservation for Aggirs in recruitment of state police, jail guards and forest guards. The Rajasthan government has not yet disclosed the specific percentage of reservation allotted for Agniveer in these areas. The Rajasthan government's announcement is in line with the Agneepath scheme, which was launched by the central government in 2022. This also comes after the Arunachal Pradesh government announced a new initiative.



4. **Which bank has recently partnered with ICICI Lombard General Stores?**

- (A) Axis Bank (B) HDFC Bank
(C) RBI (D) Karnataka Bank

(D) Karnataka Bank has announced a partnership with Associate Lombard General Company, providing its customers access to a wider range of insurance policies. The collaboration aims to cater to various insurance needs across both health, motor, travel and home insurance. Karnataka Bank Executive Director Shekhar Rao highlighted that the bank is focusing on digital insurance solutions.



5. **Recently, the Center has approved Urban Manufacturing Management of Rs 2,514.36 crore for how many states?**

- (A) 3 (B) 5
(C) 7 (D) 9

(B) To meet India's vision as Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi criticized the disaster, the Ministry of Home Affairs has taken several steps under the guidance of Home Minister Shri Amit Shah to ensure effective management of disasters in the country. Several steps have been taken to strengthen the disaster risk reduction system in India to prevent any damage to property during disasters.



6. Who has recently launched the Model Skill Loan Scheme?

- (A) Chirag Paswan (B) Jayant Chaudhary
(C) Giriraj Singh (D) None of these

(B) Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary recently launched the Model Skill Loan Scheme in New Delhi. The objective of this scheme is to empower the future-ready workforce of the country. Under this scheme, 25 thousand youth across the country will be provided opportunities for education and skill upgradation.



7. Who has recently announced the launch of a four-year undergraduate course B.Tech in Design?

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Mumbai (D) IIT Bengaluru

(A) Recently, the Department of Design, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has announced the launch of a new four-year undergraduate program called B.Tech in Design. Which will start in the academic year 2025-2026. Only 20 places are available for each batch of this four-year programme. JEE Advanced ranking will determine admission to the B.Tech in Design department of IIT Delhi.



8. Who has recently made the record of the world's largest musical installation?

- (A) Amit Ahuja (B) Sachin Bajwa
(C) Akshat Sarin (D) None of these

(C) Recently, India's leading artist Akshar Sareen has registered his name in history by achieving an unprecedented feat at the confluence of technology, music and art. With Sonokinesis, Sarin transformed Royal Caribbean Cruises' Spectrum of the Seas, one of the world's largest passenger cruise ships, into a giant, playable music installation that visited Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.



9. Which country has recently eased the visa policy to boost the economy?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Pakistan
(C) Malaysia (D) Japan

(B) Recently, Pakistan has introduced a new visa policy to attract investors from all over the world with the aim of reviving its flagging economy. The decision was taken at a two-day consultation meeting held under the Special Investment Facilitation Council, a civil military hybrid body set up by the previous Shehbaz Sharif government to deal with the country's economic problems.



10. Recently appointed IFFI Festival Director.

- (A) Shekhar Kapur (B) Manoj Soni
(C) Vibhuti Bhushan Nayak (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Indian filmmaker Shekhar Kapur has been appointed as the festival director for the India International Film Festival to be held in Goa. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has given this information by sharing a post on social media. Along with this, it has also been mentioned in the notification that he is going to lead this festival.



Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur Appointed IFFI Festival Director