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History of 11th September

- ◆ **1803** : Battle of Delhi was started as part of the Second **Anglo Maratha War**.
- ◆ **1906** : **Mahatma Gandhi** started the Satyagraha movement in **South Africa**.
- ◆ **1961** : **World Wildlife Fund** was established.
- ◆ **1965** : During the **Indo-Pak war**, Indian Army achieved great success and captured the city of Burki near **south-eastern Lahore**.

Current Affairs Related to 11th September 2024

- ◆ **The Jal Sanchay Jan Bhaagidari Initiative** is linked to the ongoing **Jal Shakti Abhiyan Catch** the Rain campaign. The initiative aims to motivate Gujarati residents, local government agencies, businesses and other stakeholders to build rainwater harvesting structures. Under this program, about 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures are being built in Gujarat through community cooperation. These recharge structures will enable long-term water sustainability and better rainwater harvesting. Gujarat's community-based water conservation program has been a leading example in India.
- ◆ **The Bureau of Financial Services Institutions** interviewed **nine applicants** for the post of MD in SBI. SBI has four managing directors. Amara is currently working as Deputy Managing Director in SBI. Amara was MD and CEO of SBI Card before moving to SBI in July 2023. The government appoints managing directors of SBI after the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- ◆ **In the ranking of the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Kerala has emerged** as the leader in the country in two categories of business-centric reforms and seven categories of citizen-centric reforms. The ranking was announced at the conference of State Industry Ministers held in New Delhi. At the conference, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal presented the Trade Reform Action Plan 22 Award to Industry Minister P. Rajiv on behalf of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- ◆ **The Indian Coast Guard participated in the 20th meeting of the Chiefs of Asian Coast Guards** in the city of Indyeon, South Korea. The 20th HSG AIMS was hosted by the South Korean Coast Guard. On this, the Indian Coast Guard also held its 12th Annual Mission Meeting with the South Korean Coast Guard.
- ◆ **The first joint commanders conference of two divisions was held in Lucknow** to discuss the integration of the armed forces and organized theater command.
- ◆ **The Prime Minister said that India's solar energy capacity has increased 32 times** in the last 10 years and this speed and scale will help the country achieve 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030. Addressing the International Solar Festival, Prime Minister Modi said that India has taken many big steps in the field of green energy in the last few years and it is the first G-20 country to achieve Paris commitments in renewable energy.
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- ◆ **The Department of Telecommunications has notified the Telecom Rules 2024.** Its main objective is the management and implementation of the Digital India Fund initiative. The Digital India Fund was established under Section 24 (1) of the Telecommunications Act 2023. The Public Service Obligation Fund has been renamed as Digital India Fund. The Digital India fund will be used for projects to enhance telecom services in under-served and remote areas.
- ◆ **The Bureau of Financial Services Institutions has spoken to nine applicants** for the post of MD in SBI. SBI has four managing directors. One MD post fell vacant after Dinesh Khara's term ended last week and CS Setty took over as chairman. Amara is currently working as Deputy Managing Director in SBI. Amara was the MD and CEO of SBI Card before moving to SBI in July 2023.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Forest Martyrs Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10 September (B) 11 September
(C) 12 September (D) 13 September

(B) The date of 11 September has historical importance and hence this date was chosen as National Forest Martyrs Day. On this day in 1730, more than 360 people of Bishnoi tribe, led by Amrita Devi, objected to the felling of trees. Due to their protest to save trees, they were killed in Khejarli, Rajasthan on the orders of punishment.



2. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has announced to build 18 football stadiums in the state.

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (D) Rajasthan

(A) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced to build 18 football stadiums in 18 divisions of the state. The government has taken this decision to boost football infrastructure and encourage more tournaments. The Yogi government will build 18 football stadiums and 827 football grounds in Uttar Pradesh.



3. Recently which state government will invest Rs 33500 crore in IT and IT-S hub?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka

(A) Uttar Pradesh government is going to make significant investments of about Rs 33,500 crore in the next five years to boost growth in the information technology and IT-enabled services sectors. The scheme aims to boost growth in these sectors tenfold by developing technology hubs in five major cities, Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi and Prayagraj.



4. Recently which country has announced a new scheme (World Class Tour Operator Scheme) to promote tourism from India?

- (A) Japan (B) Singapore
(C) China (D) South Africa

(D) South Africa has announced a new trusted tour operator scheme with an initial focus on the Indian and Chinese tourism markets. The scheme is set to come into effect from January next year, the country's home ministry said. The scheme aims to reform the visa system and is expected to boost jobs in the tourism sector.



5. Who has recently launched Agrisure Fund?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(C) Nirmala Sitharaman (D) Amit Shah

(B) AgriSure Fund, formally known as Agri Fund for Startups and Rural Enterprises, is a Rs 750 crore mixed capital fund aimed at promoting innovation and growth in the agriculture and rural start-up ecosystem. With contributions from the Government of India, NABARD and private investors, the initiative is expected to revolutionise the agriculture landscape by supporting high-risk, technology-driven ventures.



6. Who has been appointed as the ambassador of ITTF Foundation recently?

- (A) Siddharth Agarwal (B) Sharath Kamal
(C) Vibhav Bhushan (D) None of these

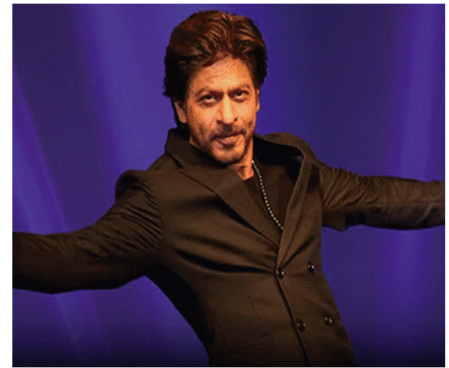
(B) An important announcement was made in the table tennis community on the 11th day of Ultimate Table Tennis season five at Indira Gandhi Indore Stadium. India's top paddler Sharath Kamal has been named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Players Foundation. Both Shaban and Dani serve as board members of the IT Mitra Foundation.



7. Who has topped the list of Indian celebs who pay the highest taxes recently?

- (A) Shahrukh Khan (B) Salman Khan
(C) Amitabh Bachchan (D) Hrithik Roshan

(A) Shahrukh Khan has recently become the highest tax paying celeb in India. He paid a tax of Rs 92 crore. Fortune India has released the list of Indian celebs who pay the highest tax in the financial year 2023-2024. After King Khan, Tamil superstar Thalapathy Vijay is in this list.



8. Which country has recently signed the United Nations' Hi Seas Treaty?

- (A) Nepal (B) Sri Lanka
(C) England (D) Maldives

(D) Recently, Maldives has signed the United Nations High Seas Treaty, also known as the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction. According to a post on social media platform X by Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy Thoriq Ibrahim, Maldives' Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ali Naseer Mohamed signed the agreement on behalf of the country.



9. Recently Tahir Zaman has been appointed as the head coach of which country's hockey team?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Bangladesh
(C) Pakistan (D) Russia

(C) Recently Tahir Zaman became the head coach of Pakistan hockey team. Karachi Former Olympian Tahir Zaman has been appointed the head coach of Pakistan hockey team. He will join the team in the Asian Champions Trophy in China. Zaman has been a member of the bronze winning Pakistan team in the 1992 Olympics, 1994 World Cup and Champions Trophy.



10. Where recently 129 people died while trying to escape from jail?

- (A) Sudan (B) Congo
(C) Japan (D) North Korea

(B) 129 people were killed in an attempt to escape from Congo's main prison, some of them shot dead while others died in a stampede in the overcrowded jail. Congo's Interior Minister Jacquemin Shabani said on 21 December that a provisional assessment showed that 24 prisoners trying to escape from Makala Central Prison in the capital Kinshasa were killed by warning shots fired by guards.

