



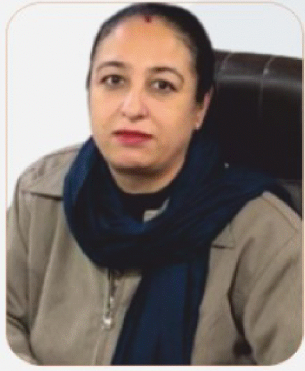
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History of 12th August

- ◆ **1919** : **Vikram Sarabhai**, the father of the Indian space program and **Indian physicist**, was born.
- ◆ **1602** : **Emperor Akbar's** minister **Abul Fazal** was assassinated.
- ◆ **1833** : The city of **Chicago** was **established** in America.
- ◆ **1908** : **Henry Ford's** car company created the first car model.
- ◆ **1962** : For the first time, **two people** went into **space** together.
- ◆ **1756** : The **Mughal ruler** made the East India Company a company that owned Bengal, Bihar and Orissa.

Current Affairs Related to 12th August 2024

- ◆ **India's first GI tagged automobile plant** was set up. **Purandar Highlands Farmers Private Limited** has achieved a significant milestone by exporting India's first GI tagged fig juice to Poland. Earlier, in February 2023, the first commercial consignment of GI tagged Purandar figs was successfully exported from India to Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Citizens of Japan, South Korea and UAE can now avail the Visa on Arrival facility** when visiting India for tourism, business, conference and medical purposes. These visas are valid for 60 days and have dual entry facility. Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai are the only six airports where this facility is available. Visa on arrival is a type of visa issued to a foreign national upon arrival in a country.
- ◆ **The decision to appoint the head of the interim government of Bangladesh was taken** during a meeting between President Shahabuddin and the coordinators of the anti-discrimination student movement. The final decision on the names of the remaining members of the interim government will be taken after talks with various political parties. Earlier, a 13-member team of anti-discrimination student movement had visited Bangabhaban to discuss the current situation in Bangladesh and the modalities of the interim government.
- ◆ **National Commission for Women inaugurated Digital Shakti Kendra to hunt women against criminals.** National Commission for Women in collaboration with Cyber Peace Foundation announced the inauguration of Digital Shakti Center in its campus. The center was officially inaugurated by Chairman Rekha Sharma. Digital Shakti Kendras are a dedicated facility aimed at targeting women in relation to crime and providing them the technical support necessary to access and trace awareness and training.
- ◆ **The Government has approved the continuation of the interest subvention scheme** for short-term loans up to Rs 3 lakh for agriculture and allied activities availed through Kisan Credit Card during the current financial year. Under this scheme, loans are provided to farmers at a concessional interest rate of 7%. Farmers who repay their loans on time get additional 3% annual interest subvention. According to RBI, lending institutions will get interest subvention at the rate of 1.5% in 2024-2025.
- ◆ **Life Insurance Corporation of India has launched four new term life insurance plans.** These plans include LIC Yuva Term, LIC Digi Term, LIC Yuva Credit Life and LIC Digi Credit Life. These plans are available online and offline. To cover loan liabilities for things like housing, education and vehicle, LIC has come up with a term insurance plan. LIC has started Yuva Term for online customers. Online customers can access LIC's DigiTerm.
- ◆ **A bill to provide representation to Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative Assembly** was introduced in the Lok Sabha. The ST community demands that out of 40 assembly seats, four seats should be reserved for them. The Cabinet had passed the draft bill in March. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal introduced the Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of Goa State Bill, 2024 in the Lok Sabha.
- ◆ **Lhamu Pasang Sherpa is the first Nepali woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.** Nepal celebrated the naming of a crater on the Moon's south pole in honor of Pasang Lhamu Sherpa.
- ◆ **The Central Government has declared Adichunnagiri in Karnataka and Chulannuar in Kerala as peacock sanctuaries.** The Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also established breeding and conservation centers for peacocks.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Youth Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 12th August (B) 13th August
(C) 14th August (D) 15th August

(A) International Youth Day is celebrated every year on 12 August. The youth of any country is a strong base for the development of that country, but when these youth forget their social and political responsibilities and waste their time in luxury activities, then the country starts moving towards destruction. International Youth Day was organized for the first time in 2000.



2. Recently Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan announced how many crores of rupees for 100 horticulture clusters.

- (A) 10,000 (B) 14,000
(C) 18,000 (D) 20,000

(C) To increase the income of farmers, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan announced an outlay of Rs 18,000 crore to set up 100 export-oriented horticulture clusters in the next five years. To boost domestic production and reduce imports of cooking oils, the government will launch Oilseeds Mission with an outlay of Rs 6800 crore.



3. Which country will recently build green highways with the help of the World Bank?

- (A) India (B) America
(C) Japan (D) China

(A) The Government of India and the World Bank have joined hands for the construction of the Green National Highway Project. The project aims to build 781 km long eco-friendly highways across four states with a focus on safety and climate change. The World Bank will offer a loan of US\$ 500 million for this project, the total cost of which will be US\$ 1288.24 million.



4. Recently, the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony of Tata Group's Rs 27,000 crore semiconductor assembly and testing facility was held in Jagiroad of which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Gujarat
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Tata announced in February 2024 that the Government of India has accepted Tata Electronics' proposal to build a state-of-the-art greenfield semiconductor assembly and test facility in Assam. This project is expected to create approximately 27,000 direct and indirect jobs in the area with an investment outlay of Rs. 27,000 crore.



5. Recently, India Rating and Research has estimated India's GDP growth rate to be what percent in the year 2025?

- (A) 6.8% (B) 7.1%
(C) 7.5% (D) 8.1%

(C) Recently, India Ratings has raised the GDP growth forecast for FY 2025 to 7.5% based on budget-driven optimism. Ashokmitran T. India Ratings has increased the GDP growth estimate from 7.1% to 7.5%, citing the boost to the pace of growth due to the announcements made in the Union Budget.



6. In which state of India has night curfew been imposed due to recent Bangladesh violence?

- (A) Manipur (B) Mizoram
(C) West Bengal (D) Nagaland

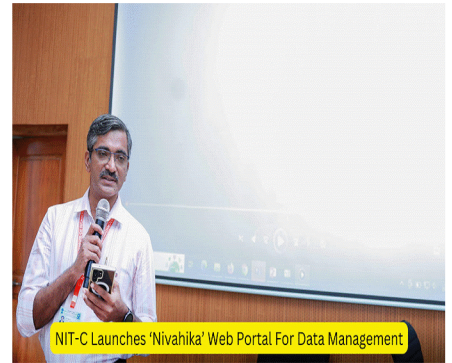
(A) The Manipur government imposed night curfew in the border districts of Pherjawal and Jiribam to prevent possible illegal immigration from Bangladesh, where large-scale protests turned into violence, leading to the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. District magistrates of Pherjawal and Jiribam districts of Manipur have issued prohibitory orders.



7. Who has recently launched Niwahika web portal for data management?

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) NIT Calicut (D) IIT Madras

(C) National Institute of Technology Calicut has taken a significant leap in data management with the launch of its state-of-the-art web portal Niwahika. Inaugurated by Professor Prasad Krishna, Director, NITC, at a function held at the Senate Hall, the portal will transform the way data is handled and reported in the institute.



8. Where has the Central Government recently announced a new peacock sanctuary?

- (A) Telangana (B) Karnataka
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

(B) The Central Government has declared Adichunnagiri in Karnataka and Chulannuar in Kerala as peacock sanctuaries. The Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also established breeding and conservation centers for peacocks. Adichunchanagiri Peacock Sanctuary will provide them protection. It was established as a sanctuary in 1981 in Mandya district of Karnataka.



9. Where has NCW recently started Digital Shakti Kendra to deal with cyber crimes?

- (A) Jaipur (B) Dehradun
(C) Kolkata (D) New Delhi

(D) The Center will provide expert guidance to ensure timely and effective resolution of cyber crime complaints, building on the success of Chhabra's Digital Shakti Abhiyaan launched in 2018. The campaign has reached millions of women, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to keep their digital spaces safe.



10. Who has recently launched India@100?

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Amit Shah (D) None of these

(A) Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal unveiled an important publication, which presents a blueprint for India's economic progress till 2047. The Union Minister was speaking at the launch ceremony of the book India@100 Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse, written by KV Subramaniam, former Chief Economic Advisor, ASSOCHAM.

