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History of 13th August

- ◆ 1795 : India's heroine **Ahilyabai Holkar** died.
- ◆ 1887 : India's famous **revolutionary Narendra Mohan Sen** was born.
- ◆ 1814 : An agreement was reached between Britain and **Holland** to end the **slave trade**.
- ◆ 1977 : The first glide test of the **Space Shuttle** was conducted.
- ◆ 1936 : The famous Indian woman **revolutionary Bhikaji Cama** passed away.

Current Affairs Related to 13th August 2024

- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued regulatory guidelines for the treatment of bad and indebted loan reserves (BD godowns) in co-operative institutions, with the objective of ensuring uniformity in recording and prudent treatment of non-performing assets (NPAs). This will be applicable with immediate effect on national cooperative institutions, state cooperative institutions and central cooperative institutions. A one-time transition measure has been introduced for the change marked in the new letters.
- ◆ **According to the Finance Ministry**, Pakistan has paid more than **US\$3.6 million in interest** over the last 40 years. This was revealed recently during the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Economic Affairs. The meeting detailed the history of the country's rise and fall, and highlighted important statistics and events.
- ◆ **Sthapatya M., Minister of Communications and Development of North-Eastern Region**, Minister of Training and Union Youth Affairs and Sports and Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Labor and Employment released a set of commemorative postage stamps in the storm of the 33rd Paris Olympics. The event was held at All India Radio's Rang Bhawan in New Delhi and featured the participation of iconic puppets and famous athletes, an important part of India's support towards the Olympic Games.
- ◆ **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Radha)** has raised its rating for India's **GDP growth in FY2025** to 7.5% from the previous estimate of 7.1%. This is more than the estimate of 6.5-7% of the Ministry of Subsidy and Finance. The growth area is attributed to sector recovery in government enterprises and stock market-driven consumer demand.
- ◆ **India has been chosen as the flag bearer** in the closing ceremonies of two Olympic Games at the Paris Olympics. The closing ceremony will take place on August 11 in the French capital. Manu has created Catholic history by winning two bronze medals in the same Olympics.
- ◆ **RBL Bank** has announced the launch of its proprietary **RuPay Credit Card services** on Uni Patriailles Offer (U Vysya) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC). This offer is a single card from multiple payment companies. RBL Bank has said that the new RuPay credit card will be facilitated to make "seamless and secure" UPI payments, while hassle-free quantum facility will be provided through NCMC facility.
- ◆ **The 14th India-Vietnam Defense Policy Dialogue** was held in New Delhi, focusing on strengthening minor defense cooperation. Key discussions covered new cooperation areas such as cyber security and military medicine, culminating with the signing of a working paper to enhance training launch support.
- ◆ **National Institute of Education, Calicut (NITC)** has played an important role in data management with the launch of its separate web portal 'Nivahika'. Inaugurated by Professor Prasad Krishna, Director, NITC, at a function held at the Senate Hall, the portal changes the way data is assessed and reported at the institute.
- ◆ **In a display of growth**, **India's space technology sector**, which has reached the new ministry, has secured a record-breaking \$126 million funding for 2023. According to the latest Traxon Space Tech Geo Report 2024, this represents a growth figure of 7% from 2022 and an impressive jump of 235% from 2021.
- ◆ **In a feat**, serving Indian Army officer **Lieutenant Colonel Kabilan Sai Ashok** has become the youngest Olympian to represent India at the Paris Olympics 2024. This achievement belies his distinctive qualities, professionalism and integrity, which defy the high standards of the Indian Army.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Organ Donation Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10th August (B) 11th August
(C) 12th August (D) 13th August

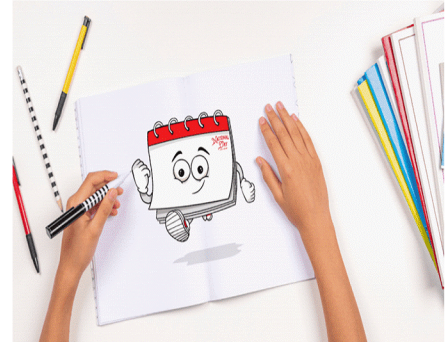
(D) World Organ Donation Day is celebrated globally every year on 13 August to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and to make people aware of the misconceptions related to organ donation. The sole aim of the organizations involved in these great events is mainly to encourage and educate people about the importance of organ donation after death so that more and more lives can be saved.



2. When is International Left Hand Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 13 August (B) 14 August
(C) 15th August (D) 16th August

(A) International Left Handed Day is celebrated every year on 13 August to celebrate the uniqueness and difference of left-handed individuals. The day was first celebrated in 1976 by Dean R. Lee, founder of the Left Handers Club. Was observed by Campbell. The day was established primarily to raise awareness about the challenges and experiences faced by left-handed people in a predominantly right-handed world.



3. Recently, by how much percent has India's renewable energy capacity increased in a decade?

- (A) 28% (B) 71%
(C) 100% (D) 165%

(D) Minister Prahlad Joshi said that India's installed cultural energy capacity has increased by 165 percent of central productivity in the last decade. It increased from 76.38 GW in 2014 to 203.1 GW in 2024. Responding to the debate in the Rajya Sabha on grants related to the Ministry of New and Cultural Energy, Joshi said that India now ranks fourth globally in cultural energy capacity.



4. Recently, wrestler Vinesh Phogat was out of Paris Olympics due to her weight of how many grams?

- (A) 50 grams (B) 100 grams
(C) 150 grams (D) 200 grams

(B) Vinesh Phogat has been disqualified from the Paris 2024 Olympic wrestling competition due to being overweight in the women's 50 kg category. Each weight class is held over two competition days. Vinesh Phogat was eligible to compete on the first day, but on the second day her weight was a little more than 50 kg.



5. Who has been appointed the new president of SBI recently?

- (A) Manoj Mittal (B) Vikas Lakhera
(C) CS Shetty (D) None of these

(C) Recently, CS Shetty will replace the current chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, whose tenure is ending this month. His appointment will be effective from August 28. The Central Government has appointed CS Shetty as the new Chairman of State Bank of India. His tenure will be for 3 years.



6. Recently, which ministry has issued guidelines for the transportation of living human organs for the first time?

- (A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (C) Ministry of Road Transport
- (D) None of these

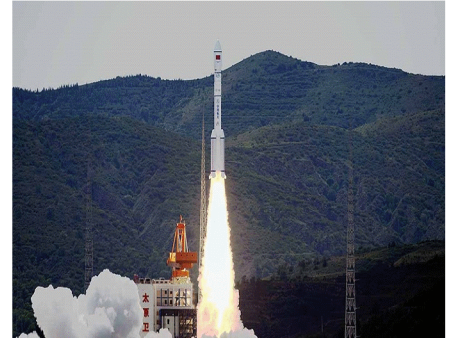
(B) Recently, for the first time, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued guidelines for transportation of living human organs. The objective of the transport protocol is to ensure prompt movement of life-saving organs from the point of collection to their destination through effective use of the available infrastructure.



7. Which country has recently launched the first satellite constellation network to compete with Starlink?

- (A) Russia
- (B) Japan
- (C) France
- (D) China

(D) China is close to launching the first batch of its own satellite, which aims to compete with American SpaceX's Star Link internet network. According to Xinhua report, state-owned Shanghai Spacecom Satellite Technology has launched the first project on the network. Jazz's group has been named Thousand Sales.



8. Where was the Global MedTech Conference 2024 held recently?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Kanpur
- (D) None of these

(B) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, while addressing the Global MedTech Summit 2024 in New Delhi, said that India is emerging as a global pharma leader for affordable world-class healthcare services. He said that better healthcare is part of India's Vision 2047. It is the priority of the nation. Dr. Singh enumerated the achievements of the Department of Biotechnology in promoting research and development in translational health sciences.



9. Who has recently become the most affordable housing market of India?

- (A) Pune
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Kolkata
- (D) Ahmedabad

(D) According to a recent Knight Frank India report, Ahmedabad city has emerged as the most affordable housing market among the top eight cities in the country with a respectable EMI to income ratio of 21%, followed by Pune and Kolkata, Where this ratio is 24-24%. Mumbai was the only city that remained slightly above the 51% limit.



10. Which company has topped the recently released Fortune Global 500 list?

- (A) Walmart
- (B) Amazon
- (C) State Grid
- (D) None of these

(A) Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd has retained its position as the top-ranked Indian company in the 2024 Fortune Global 500 list. Nine Indian companies have been included in the 2024 list, with RIL's rank rising from 86 to 88.

