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History of 14th August

- ◆ **1947** : India was divided and Pakistan became a separate nation.
- ◆ **1941** : Famous Rajasthani poet and freedom fighter Kesari Singh Barhat passed away.
- ◆ **1862** : Bombay High Court was established.
- ◆ **2010** : The Government of India announced the award of Ashoka Chakra to Major L Jotin Singh of Martyr Army Medical Corps and Kirti Chakra to Vinod and Major Davindra Singh Jas on the 64th Independence Day in Kabul.

Current Affairs Related to 14th August 2024

- ◆ **Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari** said the government will allow mixing of up to 35 percent lignin in petroleum-based bitumen. Nitin Gadkari said that one tonne of stubble gives 30% bio bitumen, 350 kg bio gas and 350 kg biochar. The price of petroleum based bitumen is Rs 50 per kg while the price of bio bitumen from biomass is Rs 40 per kg. In India, 90% of the roads are being prepared through bitumen layers.
- ◆ **The government will introduce the Waqf Bill 2024 in the Lok Sabha.** This bill will be presented in the Lok Sabha by Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju. 40 amendments have been proposed in it. The objective of these amendments is to reduce the arbitrary power of the Waqf Board. The existing Waqf Act allows Boards to claim any property as Waqf without mandatory verification. In the 1995 Act, the word Waqf will be replaced by Integrated Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development.
- ◆ **Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi unveiled a document outlining his strategic vision** for the Navy's role in building a developed India. The document titled CNS Course to Steer 2024 outlined the key objectives of building a combat-ready, credible, cohesive and future-ready Navy.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Women and Child Development said that it has reconstituted the Executive Council and General Assembly of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development** after more than five decades. The restructuring was approved during a meeting chaired by Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi. NIPCCD, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, was established in 1966 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ◆ **Former Chief Minister of West Bengal and senior CPIM leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharya** passed away.
- ◆ **Government announces National Science Awards.** The National Science Awards recognize contributions in the field of science, technology and innovation in India. The objective of the National Science Awards is to recognize individual or team contributions made by scientists, technicians and inventors. The Science Team Award will be given to the ISRO Chandrayaan-3 team in recognition of their achievements in space research and technology. Professor in Biological Sciences G. Padyanabhan was selected to receive the Vigyan Ratna Award.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India in its Monetary Policy Committee maintained the inflation projection** for fiscal year 2025 at 4.5 percent. CPI inflation is estimated at 4.9 percent for Q2FY25, 4.4 percent for Q3FY25, 4.7 percent for Q4FY25 and 4.3 percent for Q4FY25.
- ◆ **The Finance Ministry said that India's fiscal deficit in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025** is estimated to be 8.1 percent of the entire year, which is much better than 25.3 percent in the same period last year. Government data revealed that at the end of the first quarter, the Centre's fiscal deficit target for the entire year has reached 8.1 percent.
- ◆ **The Home Ministry has given additional provision to Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Commandant (DG) Daljit Singh Choudhary** to command the Border Security Force (BSF) till further orders. He took possession of Albela. The move to take over as Lieutenant Director General came a day after the Lieutenant Director General was sent back to his state cadre.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the licenses of 78 urban co-operative banks (UCBs)** since 2014. The highest number of licenses have been canceled in Maharashtra, where 36 UCBs have lost their licenses, followed by Uttar Pradesh (14) and Karnataka (8). In 2024 alone, 10 UCB licenses were cancelled, affecting banks in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam and Andhra Pradesh.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. Recently, when will ISRO launch Earth Observation Satellite-8?**

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

(C) EORS-8 will be launched by Small Satellite Launch Vehicle D3. The main objective of the EORS8 mission is to design and develop a microsatellite and payload equipment compatible with the microsatellite bus. Electro Optical Infrared Payload, Global Navigation Satellite System Reflectometry Payload, and SIC UV Dosimeter are the payloads of this mission.
- 2. When is Partition Horrors Memorial Day celebrated every year in India?**

(A) 14th August (B) 15th August
(C) 16th August (D) 17th August

(A) Partition Horrors Memorial Day is celebrated every year on 14 August in India. This day is celebrated in the memory of the people who suffered the pain of displacement during the partition of the country on 14 August 1947. Partition Horrors Memorial Day is an opportunity to remember those Indians whose lives were sacrificed due to the partition of the country. This day also reminds us of the suffering and struggle of those who were forced to bear the brunt of displacement.
- 3. Recently, which state government has approved the logistics policy to create five lakh employment opportunities?**

(A) Karnataka (B) Maharashtra
(C) Kerala (D) Rajasthan

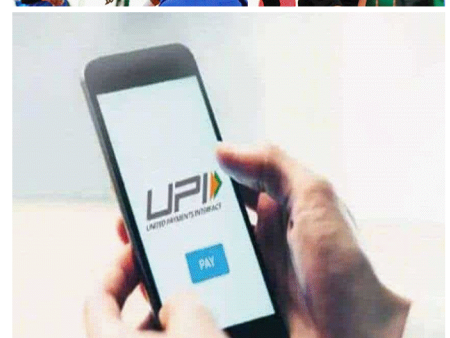
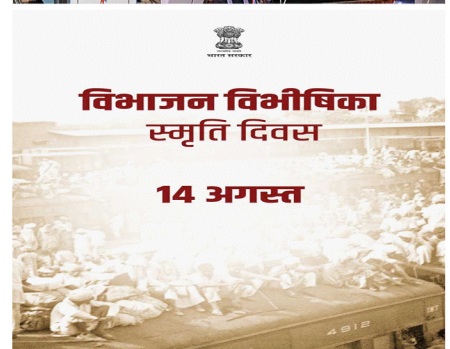
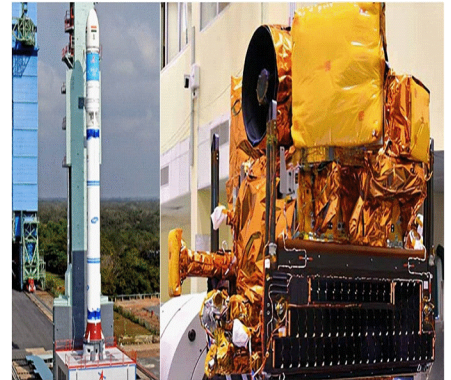
(B) Maharashtra Government has approved the Logistics Policy 2024. It is proposed to set up more than 200 logistics parks, complexes and truck terminals with integrated facilities. This will create approximately 5,000,000 new employment opportunities. The main objective of the policy is to develop over 10,000 acres of dedicated logistics infrastructure and 25 district logistics nodes.
- 4. Which country has recently won the second title of CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League?**

(A) India (B) Nepal
(C) Bhutan (D) Sri Lanka

(A) Recently, the Indian women's national volleyball team has won the fourth CAVA (Central Asian Volleyball Association) Women's Volleyball Nations League by defeating host Nepal by 3.2 sets in the final. The final was played at Dashrath Stadium located in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. This was the second Cava title for Indian women.
- 5. Recently RBI has increased the UPI tax payment limit to how many lakhs?**

(A) 3 (B) 4
(C) 5 (D) 6

(C) According to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, the Monetary Policy Committee has increased the maximum limit for using UPI to make payments to Rs 5 lakh. The current limit for Unified Payments Interface payment is Rs 1 lakh. According to the RBI Governor, the convenient features of UPI have made it the most popular payment method.



6. Which state has recently approved the Prison and Correctional Services Bill?

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

(A) Recently, the state cabinet approved the promulgation of the Maharashtra Prison and Correctional Services Ordinance, as the bill was recently introduced in the budget session but could not be passed. The purpose of the ordinance is to replace the pre-constitutional laws Prison Act 1894 and Prisoners Act, 1900.



7. In which country has President Draupadi Murmu recently addressed the International Education Conference?

- (A) Fiji (B) Japan
(C) New Zealand (D) Germany

(C) Noting recently the inclusivity and innovation in New Zealand's education system, President Draupadi Murmu said education remains one of New Zealand's top service exports. She was addressing the New Zealand International Education Conference in Wellington. Where this year India has been chosen as a respected country.



8. Where has the Indian Army conducted the mountain strike exercise recently?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Ladakh
(C) Jammu and Kashmir (D) None of these

(B) To focus on high altitude warfare and operations, the Indian Army conducted a strategic military exercise, Parvat Prahar in Ladakh. Mountain strike exercises focus on the hilly and rugged terrain found in areas such as eastern Ladakh. The area is located close to the India-China border, where it is important to maintain the readiness and effectiveness of military forces.



9. Where has Rajasthan's first aviation academy been started recently?

- (A) Ajmer (B) Jaipur
(C) Jodhpur (D) Udaipur

(A) Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has started Rajasthan's first Flying Academy in Kishangarh, Ajmer. Now students who dream of becoming pilots will be able to get training in Rajasthan only. For this they will not have to go to Delhi, Mumbai or abroad. This center will be operated by Airport Authority of India and Avanya Aviation Academy.



10. How many meters has Neeraj Chopra thrown in the qualifier round in the recent Paris Olympics?

- (A) 88.72 meters (B) 88.89 meters
(C) 89.34 meters (D) 88.99 meters

(C) Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has confirmed his place in the final of the javelin throw event in Paris Olympics. He achieved an important achievement by throwing 89.34 meters javelin in the qualification round. Chopra's performance in Group B went straight past the 84m mark required to enter the final. Chopra, who won the gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics, is now once again a strong contender for a podium finish.

