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History of 16th August

- ◆ **1904** : Freedom fighter, poet, storyteller **Shubhadra Kumari Chauhan** was born.
- ◆ **1886** : The great **sant** and thinker **Ramakrishna Paramahansa Dev** died.
- ◆ **2010** : AR for the **Commonwealth Games** to be held in New Delhi. The theme song composed by **Rahman** was approved.
- ◆ **2018** : **Former Prime Minister** of India and Bharat Ratna awardee **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** passed away.

Current Affairs Related to 16th August 2024

- ◆ **The central government has approved eight new railway lines.** Ease of engine rail travel, reduction in price of Malwa as well as contact assistance between the states. Remote states including Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bengal and Maharashtra will get maximum benefit from it. While giving information to the media after the cabinet meeting, Broadcasting and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that the new concept of PAT budget in the Central Guest Hall is in favor of Purvodaya.
- ◆ **The Union Home Ministry has amended a provision in the rules of the Citizenship Act 2019,** under which applicants seeking citizenship will have to submit a document issued by any government authority. According to the new rule, Schedule 1A of the Act has been expanded to include any document issued by a state or central government or any quasi-judicial authority in India. Under Schedule 1A of the CAA, applicants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan will have to submit documents to prove their nationality.
- ◆ **Customs Cooperation Arrangement signed by India and New Zealand to facilitate trade** between the two countries. A formal customs arrangement was signed, which will further strengthen relations between New Zealand and India to facilitate trade and enhance enforcement cooperation. Both countries also agreed to exchange best practices in the field of traditional medicine through the Global Center for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar.
- ◆ **Some medicines are not easily available in India due to regulatory requirements under** the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, even though they have already received approval from regulatory bodies in countries like the US, UK and EU. These regulatory requirements include conducting local clinical trials and generating local safety and efficacy data before obtaining marketing authorization in India. Local tests are no longer required for these medicines.
- ◆ **RBI has reduced the frequency of sending bank reports to credit information companies.** Now the Reserve Bank of India has reduced the frequency of reporting by banks to credit information companies from one month to one fortnight. This will be beneficial for both borrowers and lenders. Borrowers will benefit from faster updation of information, especially after they have repaid the loan. Lenders will be able to better assess the risk of borrowers and will also reduce the risk of borrowers over-borrowing.
- ◆ **The Andhra Pradesh government decided to scrap the rule barring persons with more than two children from contesting local body elections** amid concerns over the low fertility rate in the state. The decision to scrap the two-child norm for people contesting local body elections was taken by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu during the state cabinet meeting. According to reports, the fertility rate in Andhra Pradesh is 1.5.
- ◆ **Chhattisgarh, focusing on Save Tiger Mission, notified Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve,** the third largest in India. Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve is spread over an area of 2829.38 square kilometers. The new tiger reserve has been created by integrating areas of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Sanctuary.
- ◆ **The central government has formed a committee to keep an eye on the border amid unrest** in Bangladesh. The Home Ministry gave this information. This committee will be headed by ADG, Eastern Command of Border Security Force. This committee monitors the situation on the India-Bangladesh border and ensures the safety of Indian citizens amid the crisis. The committee will have six members. After violent protests and coup in Bangladesh, India has increased surveillance on the borders.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India has reformed the check credit system,** which currently settles checks with a clearing cycle of up to two days.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will India open a consulate recently to strengthen diplomatic relations?

- (A) Auckland (B) Norway
(C) Finland (D) America

(A) India will soon open a consulate in Auckland to further strengthen diplomatic ties with New Zealand. Indian immigrants have played an important role in the development of New Zealand. According to the 2018 census, there are 2,50,000 members of the Indian diaspora in New Zealand. People of Indian origin constitute six percent of New Zealand's population.

2. Where will the first global women's Kabaddi league start recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Rajasthan
(C) Punjab (D) Haryana

(D) Global Women's Kabaddi League will be organized for the first time in Haryana. Global Overseas Women's Kabaddi League will start in Haryana in September. Female athletes from more than 15 countries will participate in this tournament. It will be organized by the Holistic International Overseas Sports Association in partnership with World Kabaddi. Teams from different countries including England, Poland, Argentina, Canada and Italy will participate in this tournament.

3. Recently India and which country have signed up for payment through UPI?

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

(B) UPI i.e. Unified Payment Interface, developed by the National Payments Corporation of India, is a system that provides the facility of instant payment from one account to another using mobile. Soon this facility will also be available in the neighboring country Maldives. NPCI and Maldives have signed an agreement for this.

4. Recently, the book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India' written by whom has been released?

- (A) Dr. Bhim Singh (B) Vikas Lakhera
(C) Harish Dudani (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Hariवंश released a book titled 75 Great Revolutionaries of India, written by BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Bhim Singh. The inauguration ceremony was organized at the Constitution Club, Delhi. In this book, the patriotism of the revolutionaries and their struggle and sacrifice for the country in the Indian freedom struggle has been underlined in great detail.

5. Recently, the Government of India has constituted a five-member committee to monitor the border of which country?

- (A) China (B) Pakistan
(C) Russia (D) Bangladesh

(D) The Government of India announced the formation of a five-member committee to monitor and assess the current situation along the India-Bangladesh border. The decision was taken through a formal order by the Border Management Division of the Home Ministry. According to the order, the committee has been tasked with maintaining open communication channels with its counterparts in Bangladesh to ensure the safety of Indian nationals as well as minority communities living in Bangladesh.



6. Recently UNICEF and which state government have partnered to involve fathers in breastfeeding?

- (A) West Bengal (B) Karnataka
(C) Kerala (D) Andhra Pradesh

(A) Recently, the Government of West Bengal and UNICEF have played an active role in promoting breast milk among the new facilities to the collective fathers. The aim of this initiative is to enhance the family support of the child in the first six months and improve his/her life. West Bengal Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare is partnering with UNICEF to engage fathers in breast support.



7. Recently, America has released 3.5 billion dollars for military procurement of which country?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Israel
(C) बांग्लादेश (D) Bhutan

(B) The United States State Department will release \$3.5 billion to Israel in a move aimed at strengthening Israel's defense capabilities. These funds are designated for the purchase of American weapons and military equipment. The decision to allocate these funds follows a previous commitment made by the US Congress during the conflict in Gaza.



8. Who has recently been appointed member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission?

- (A) Anupam Kapoor (B) Harish Dudani
(C) Vikas Lakhera (D) None of these

(B) Recently the Ministry of Power announced the appointment of Harish Dudani as member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. A power ministry statement said Dudani will be administered the oath of office and secrecy as a member of CERC by the power minister. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission was established by the Government of India under the provisions of the Electricity Regulatory Commission Act, 1998.



9. Who has recently been appointed Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office?

- (A) Amit Negi (B) Satish Jha
(C) Praveen Rai (D) None of these

(A) The Central Government has appointed senior litterateur Amit Singh Negi, who holds an important position at the top level, as Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office. Shri Negi, a 1999 Bank Registrar of Uttarakhand cadre, is currently Joint Secretary in the Department of Expenditure under the Union Finance Ministry. Amit Negi was appointed additional secretary.



10. Who has topped the recently released Forbes Billionaires list?

- (A) Mark Zuckerberg (B) Jeff Bezos
(C) Elon Musk (D) None of these

(C) According to the recently released Forbes Real Time Billionaires List, Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk has become the richest person in the world, leaving behind Bernard Arnault and Jeff Bezos. Musk's net worth has reached \$210.7 billion, giving him the top spot, while Bernalt is in second place with \$201 billion, and Bezos is in third place with \$197.4 billion.

