



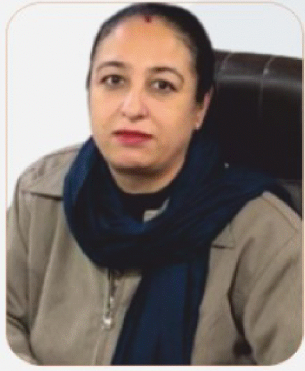
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History of 17th August

- ◆ **1916** : Novelist **Amritlal Nagar** was born in the literary world.
- ◆ **1947** : The first **British military** contingent left for home after **India's independence**.
- ◆ **1949** : The great freedom lover and revolutionary **Pulin Bihari Das** passed away.
- ◆ **2002** : **Russia** denied the **Dalai Lama** a visa to visit the country.

Current Affairs Related to 17th August 2024

- ◆ **The Bureau of Indian Standards** will create a new dedicated department for standardization of AYUSH practices. This has been announced by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Its main objective is to enhance the safety, efficacy and quality of AYUSH products. This department will cover Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homeopathy. The Department of AYUSH will constitute seven sectional committees, each of which will focus on a specific system within AYUSH.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has also approved the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin** during the financial year 2024-2025 to 2028-2029. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that three crore new houses will be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Of these, two crore houses will be built in rural areas and one crore houses will be built in urban areas. The budgetary provision on the scheme will be Rs 3 lakh 6 thousand 137 crore. Under PMAY U 2.0, the government will provide financial assistance to one crore urban poor and middle class families.
- ◆ **The Boeing Company has announced the appointment of influential aerospace industry veteran Kelly Ortberg** as its new President and CEO. Boeing has announced Robert Kelly Ortberg as its new CEO. The former Rockwell Collins executive, now part of Raytheon Technologies, is set to lead the company amid rising financial losses and ongoing quality cuts.
- ◆ **India has proposed names for three underwater geological formations located in the Indian Ocean.** Ashoka Seamount and Chandragupta Ridge are named after the rulers of the Maurya dynasty. Kalpataru Ridge is the third structure for which the International Hydrographic Organization and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO have recently approved the names proposed by India. All three named formations were discovered by oceanographers from the National Center for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved eight projects worth Rs 24 thousand 657 crore.** These projects will cover 14 districts of Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal. The development of aspirational districts and tribal areas will be promoted through these projects. These projects include Gunupur Therubali new railway line route and Junagadh Nabarangpur line, Malkangiri, Pandurangpuram line and Buramara Chakulia railway line.
- ◆ **Aaranyak has released Hathi App and a booklet** on solar powered enclosures. These have been released by Guwahati-based biodiversity conservation organization Aaranyak as an important step towards reducing human-elephant conflict. Hathi App has been developed in collaboration with SBI Foundation. It is a mobile application that acts as an early warning system to inform communities when wild elephants approach their habitat areas.
- ◆ **The Securities Exchange Board of India has approved the film starring Biji Rai** as the Managing Director and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange, India's largest commodity exchange. This decision has been taken after three months of vacancy on this post. BISA Rai, previously the Chief Executive Officer of National Petroleum Company Limited, brings to his new role extensive experience in payments and balance sheets spanning over 20 years.
- ◆ **The Central Railway Ministry is set to rapidly roll out the latest version of its indigenous anti-collision system Kavach 4.0** with plans to include it in 20,000 locomotives this year. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that the development of armor system is going on in the country by a scientific engineer. Kavach 4.0 work has been completed in every geographical location.
- ◆ **Aman Sehrawat defeated Darian Toi Cruz** of Puerto Rico by a score of 13.5.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, in which country three major petrol projects will be constructed in cooperation with India?

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

(A) Three major petroleum projects will be constructed in Nepal with financial assistance from India. Nepal's Industry, Commerce and Supply Minister Damodar Bhandari recently held a meeting with Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in New Delhi and discussed these projects in detail. In this meeting, it was decided to build Amlekhganj Chitwan, Siliguri Jhapa pipeline and storage tank in Jhapa with Indian cooperation.



2. Where has the 10th bilateral Mitra Shakti military exercise started recently?

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

(C) Recently the annual bilateral Mitra Shakti Sena exercise between Indian Army and Sri Lankan Army commenced on 12 August 2024 at Sri Lankan Army Training School, Maduru Oya. The week-long exercise from August 12 to August 25, 2024 is the annual joint training exercise of the armies of the two countries.



3. Which state government has recently launched Punjab Help Center?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Punjab
(C) New Delhi (D) Rajasthan

(B) Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has launched a free help center for the people of Punjab at Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport. This center aspires to act as a kind of help desk for Punjabis. Punjab has become the first state in India to set up an NRI Facilitation Centre, drawing up its own framework to assist its foreign community.



4. Which state has recently become the first state to give money to girl students to buy sanitary napkins?

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

(A) Madhya Pradesh government will give three hundred rupees annually to every girl student to buy sanitary napkins. Under the cleanliness and sanitation scheme, the amount will be transferred to the account of every student. About 19 lakh girl students from class VII to XII will benefit from this initiative. An amount of more than Rs 57 crore 18 lakh has been transferred to the accounts of more than 19 lakh girl students.



5. Who has recently launched Amrit Gyan Kosh and Faculty Development Portal under Mission Karmayogi?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah
(C) S. Jaishankar (D) Dr. Jitendra Singh

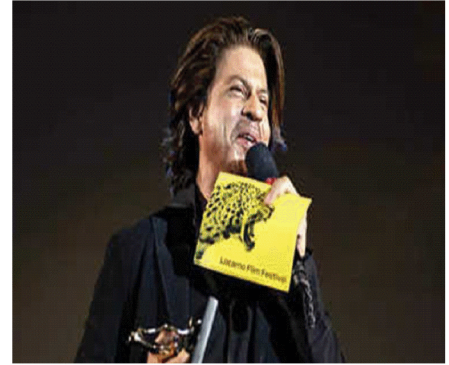
(D) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Amrit Gyan Kosh Portal and Faculty Development Portal at the Public Service Training Institute Conference at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. Jitendra Singh mentioned the visit of National Capacity Building Commission and Mission Karmayogi Bharat. He announced that under this, 31 lakh government employees will be trained every year.



6. Who has recently been awarded the Pardo alla Carriera Award at the Lokano Film Festival 2024?

- (A) Akshay Kumar (B) Ranveer Kapoor
(C) Aamir Khan (D) Shahrukh Khan

(D) Recently, Shahrukh Khan has a strong fan following not only in the country but all over the world. She was awarded the Pardo alla Carriera Award at the Locano Film Festival 2024. The film festival also screened his 2002 movie Devdas. King Khan will be given answers to the fans' questions in a session.



7. Who has recently been appointed as the next Cabinet Secretary of India?

- (A) TV Somanathan (B) Satish Jha
(C) Praveen Rai (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the Narendra Modi government appointed 1987 batch Indian Administrative Service officer TV Somanathan as Cabinet Secretary for a two-year tenure. He succeeds Rajiv Goba, a 1982 batch IAS officer who served an unprecedented five-year tenure as Cabinet Secretary.



8. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has inaugurated the IACC Center of Excellence for MSMEs.

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

(D) Recently, the Indo American Chamber of Commerce launched its first IACC MSME Center of Excellence at the KCG Auditorium of the I-Hub campus. On this occasion, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel took the responsibility of inauguration. This Center of Excellence will provide an important platform for Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to compete in global markets and enhance export capabilities.



9. Who has recently been honored with the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Association?

- (A) Abhinav Bindra (B) Manu Bhaker
(C) PT Usha (D) None of these

(A) Abhinav Bindra was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order in Paris. Bindra has been given this honor for his significant contribution to the Olympic Games. Former Olympian Bindra is only the second Indian celebrity to be given this prestigious honour. Before her, Indira Gandhi, the country's first and only woman Prime Minister, was honored with the Olympic Order in 1983.



10. Recently, the Divyangjan campaign team of which ministry has hoisted the tricolor on the highest peak of Africa?

- (A) Ministry of Home Affairs (B) Ministry of Defense
(C) Sports Ministry (D) Finance Ministry

(B) The Divyangjan expedition team of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, under the aegis of the Defense Ministry, has hoisted the 7800 square feet Indian national flag on the Uhuru peak of Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of the African continent. The team led by Group Captain Jai Kishan, which included disabled Shri Uday Kumar and others.

