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History of 18th August

- ◆ **1940** : Weather maps were **broadcast** on television for the first time.
- ◆ **1951** : The **Indian Institute** of Technology was established in **Kharagpur**, West Bengal.
- ◆ **1945** : Great freedom fighter **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** was badly injured in a plane crash in **Taihoku, Taiwan**, and later died in a military hospital.
- ◆ **1227** : **Genghis Khan**, ruler of the **Mongol Empire**, died.

Current Affairs Related to 18th August 2024

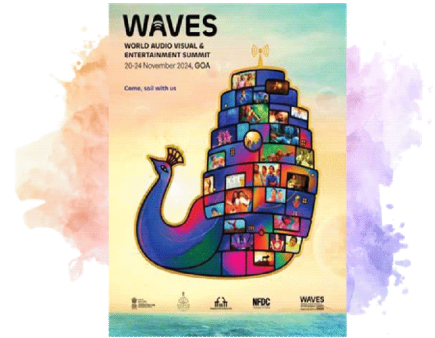
- ◆ **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh**, while presiding over the joint meeting of all the science ministries and departments of the Government of India, proposed the National Geospatial Data Repository and PPP model. The Department of Space, Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences will create an integrated geospatial interface to harness industry and startup ecosystem to create innovative and indigenous products for the welfare of farmers, rural artisans and others. Integrated Web Repository of Indian Science and Technology to be made live.
- ◆ **The Banking Laws Bill 2024** was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**. The Bill provides customers with the option to increase the number of nominees per bank account from the existing one to four. The Bill proposes changes related to redefining substantial interest for director positions. This may increase from the current limit of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 2 crore.
- ◆ **Indian Air Force participated in Exercise Udar Shakti 2024 in Malaysia**. IAF participated in this exercise with Su-30 MKI fighter jets. During the exercise, SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft of the IAF participated in air combat operations with SU-30 MKM fighter aircraft of the RMAF.
- ◆ **FDI inflows into the manufacturing sector increased by nearly 69% in the last 10 years** to reach \$165.1 billion. FDI inflow in the manufacturing sector during the period 2004-14 was \$97.7 billion. Only \$383.5 billion was driven by FDI during 2019-2020 to 2023-2024. According to the latest government data, 755 applications have been approved for PLI schemes in 14 key sectors.
- ◆ **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated Indo American Chamber of Commerce's Center of Excellence for MSMEs**.
- ◆ **India has commissioned its second nuclear energy operator, ballistic missile submarine I Cruise Aghat**, and has been given approval to build six additional nuclear submarines to enhance its maritime security. The Indian Navy is preparing to commission its second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, I Cruise Area Ghat, as its trials and theory are nearing completion. It is expected to enter service in the next two months.
- ◆ **Nalganga Venganga river linking project approved**. The state has approved 426.52 km long Wanganga-Nalganga interlinking project at an average cost of Rs 88,575 crore. This decision is expected to help BJP in Vidarbha region in the upcoming assembly elections, as this project will select 3.7 lakh hectares of agricultural land from six enterprises affected by farmer suicides. Due to lack of rain in Western Vidarbha, crops are getting ruined and farmers are committing suicide due to financial constraints.
- ◆ **Chocolate Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Postal Mission announces the launch of the first of Million Designers, Colorado Dreams**. This innovation program aims to empower languages ??across India with design know-how, starting from complex social graphs. Powered by Leap in collaboration with DAY FLM, Leap is a download organization based at the Harvard T.H. The design library draws from the multidisciplinary work developed in India.
- ◆ **The Ministry of External Affairs and ISRO's commercial arm Newspace India Limited** signed an MoU to provide support for the launch of the Nepal-made Munal satellite. The Ministry of External Affairs said that the Academy of Science and Technology in Nepal has developed an indigenous satellite.
- ◆ **India and New Zealand signed Customs Cooperation Arrangement to ease small trade**. The signing was done in Wellington during the presidential visit of Draupadi Murmu to New Zealand.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, where will the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit 2024 be organized?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Haryana (D) Goa

(D) Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav announced that India will host the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit in Goa from November 20 to 24. This summit is a historic event for the media and entertainment industry. The minister made this announcement in the presence of Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. With Murugan at an event in New Delhi.



2. Recently in which state BHEL has got 1600 MW thermal power project?

- (A) Jharkhand (B) Odisha
(C) Rajasthan (D) Uttar Pradesh

(A) Recently, government owned company BEL said that it has got 1600 railway projects from Damodar Valley Railway. BHL said in a statement that the coal based unit will be set up on EPPC basis in Koderma district of Jharkhand. This is the first such project for DVC in terms of capacity, and will be the first to be installed by BHEL next to the Resistance 2G500 units.



3. Which bank has recently launched Braille debit card for visually impaired people?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI
(C) BOB (D) PNB

(D) Public sector Punjab National Bank has launched PNB End Vision Braille Debit Card designed for visually impaired customers. PNB said in the statement that this contactless National Common Mobility Card debit card is available on RuPay network. The initiative aims to increase financial independence and convenience for visually impaired persons and empower them to manage their finances with greater ease and confidence.



4. Recently India and which country have signed an agreement for the training of 1000 civil service officers?

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

(B) Recently India and Maldives renewed MoU for capacity building of 1000 Maldivian Civil Service officers during the period 2024-2029. An MoU was signed between the National Center for Good Governance and Maldives Civil Service Commission for training 1000 Maldivian civil servants.



5. Recently India and which country have signed an agreement for the launch of Munal satellite?

- (A) Nepal (B) Bhutan
(C) Indonesia (D) Japan

(A) Ahead of Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry's maiden visit to Kathmandu, the Ministry of External Affairs and NewSpace India Limited signed an MoU on grant assistance for the launch of indigenously built Munal satellite by Nepal. Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry took charge last month.



6. Which government has recently made the registration of temples, monasteries and trusts mandatory?

- (A) Odisha (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Bihar

(D) Bihar government has made registration of all the temples, monasteries and trusts of the state mandatory and has given instructions to upload their immovable properties on the website of Bihar State Religious Trust Board. The responsibility for this has been entrusted to the District Ministry. BRBRT works under the state law department. Till now the data of Portuguese has been deposited with BSB RTO for 18 days.



7. Who has recently hosted the India Pulses Seminar 2024?

- (A) Pune (B) New Delhi
(C) Bhopal (D) None of these

(B) India Pulses and Cereals Association, the apex body of India's pulses and grains industry and trade as well as the knowledge hub of the global pulses sector, organized the first edition of the India Pulses Seminar 2024 focused on indigenous pulses production and policy reforms at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Successfully hosted.



8. How many climate resilient seed varieties has been released by PM Modi recently to increase agricultural production and nutrition?

- (A) 102 (B) 105
(C) 107 (D) 109

(D) Recently, 109 high-yielding, climate resilient and bio-fortified seed varieties of agricultural and horticultural crops were released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and farmers' income. Developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, these varieties are suitable for 61 crops, which include 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops.



9. Recently researchers have discovered anti-diabetes herb on Brahyayoni hill.

- (A) Gaya (B) Haridwar
(C) Srinagar (D) None of these

(A) Brahyayoni hill is in Gaya district of Bihar. This hill is full of medicinal plant Gudmar which reduces diabetes. This plant contains gymnemic acid, which reduces the sugar level in the blood. This study has been done by researchers of Magadh University. This plant is also being used in CSIR's medicine BGR 34. The beauty of gymnemic acid is that it fills the receptor space in the outer layer of the intestine.



10. Who recently became the youngest Disney Legend at the D23 Expo?

- (A) Anant Ambani (B) Roshni Nadar
(C) Miley Cyrus (D) Any of these Delhi

(C) Miley Cyrus was honored as the youngest Disney Legend at the D23 Expo in Anaheim, a prestigious honor reserved for individuals who have made a profound impact on the Disney legacy. According to Variety, the recognition marks a significant milestone in Cyrus' illustrious career, which began with her role as Hannah Montana.

