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## History of 22nd August

- ◆ **1924** : Famous Hindi writer and satirist **Harishankar Parsai** was born.
- ◆ **1999** : **Equal remuneration** for equal work scheme was implemented by the **International Labor Organization**.
- ◆ **2008** : **Madhya Pradesh** government decided to end ordinary forest **crime cases** and terrorism for the forest dwellers.
- ◆ **1996** : The state government changed the name of **Madras** to **Chennai**.

## Current Affairs Related to 22nd August 2024

- ◆ **GM India** has launched its **EV deployment program** in partnership with electric transport company **Genetry**. The company aims to have a fleet of 10,000 electric vehicles by 2025. Assembly India said that under **Zentari Green Mobility Business**, the company will cooperate in the purchase and expansion of **Electric Society** in the next three years. Apart from this, fleet management enterprises have been offered to the store service partner to secure the EV company's potential operations and LCD.
- ◆ **India's net direct tax collection jumped by 22.5% to Rs 6.93 trillion from April 1 to August 11** in FY 2025, compared to Rs 5.65 trillion in the same period last year. The increase of individual farmers was greater than the corporation tax, however before Japan the gross collection increased by about 24%.
- ◆ **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** has announced the **restoration of Diamond Imprest License**, which aims to revive India's gems and jewelry sector. This decision was taken by the **Gems and Jewelry Joint Venture Council** to organize the **India International Jewelry Show 2024**. This policy change is expected to satisfy the concerned shareholders and increase India's participation. These shares are required to include 10% of the value, which must be used by the shares and cannot be transferred later.
- ◆ **Union Health Minister J.P.** Hailed the science as an **important step towards promoting digital health education** in the country. In the presence of participants, an MoU was signed between the **National Health Authority** and **Maharashtra Health University**. Under this, NHA has suggested to co-develop additional digital health programs for its NH by offering **Digital Health Foundation Course** and launching **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**.
- ◆ **Public sector company BHEL** has got the contract for the project worth \$ 1600 million from **Damodar Valley Corporation**. BHEL said in the statement that this 1600 project **Koderma Supercritical Thermal Power Project** has been acquired through international interactive bidding. The coal based unit will be built on EPC basis in **Koderma district of Jharkhand**.
- ◆ **The Center unveiled the Agriculture Decision Support System portal**, a satellite-based geospatial platform. The platform will provide farmers with information about weather, groundwater levels, soil health, reservoir storage levels, etc. and will also include data such as satellite images. **Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Bhagirath Chaudhary** launched the portal developed by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**. This one-day conference is part of the programs organized by the government to commemorate the **first National Space Day 2024**, which will be celebrated on **August 23** to mark the first anniversary of **India's moon landing**.
- ◆ **In an effort to further strengthen the India-Australia partnership**, **India and Australia** held two important small business meetings. **Australia** hosted the **6th India Australia Maritime Security Dialogue** in its capital **Canberra** to strengthen bilateral cooperation in ensuring maritime security. **India** hosted the **14th meeting of the India Australia Joint Working Group** in **New Delhi**. **Counterinsurgency cooperation** is an important pillar of the **India Australia Commonwealth partnership**.
- ◆ **The Right to Education Act 2009** has not yet been implemented in **Punjab, Telangana, Kerala and West Bengal**. **Union Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary** gave this information in **Sagar**. In the **Shiksha Samvidya list**, states have been given the right to make rules under the **RTE Act**, but the states have not done so yet.
- ◆ **Tech giant and former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki** has died at the age of 56 after a two-year battle with cancer.

## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. Who recently hosted the third Voice of Global South Summit?

- (A) India (B) China  
(C) Bangladesh (D) Sri Lanka

(A) India hosted the 3rd Voice of the Global South Summit in virtual format. The theme of the summit is Empowering the Global South for a Sustainable Future. Briefing reporters in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that all Global South countries have been invited to participate in the summit.



### 2. Recently, who will represent India in Miss Teen Global 2025?

- (A) Bhumi Mishra (B) Mrinmoyee Dey  
(C) Legally trained (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Miss Teen Global 2025 will represent India. Mrinmayi Dey Miss Teen Mrinmayi Dey will represent India on the international platform in Miss Teen Global 2025 to be held in Malaysia. ANI gave this information on social media. Mrinmoyee had won Miss Teen Global India 2024.



### 3. Recently Odisha has become which state to announce menstrual leave for working women?

- (A) First (B) Second  
(C) Third (D) Fourth

(C) Odisha has become the third state to declare menstruation leave for working women in both public and private sectors. Odisha government has announced that one day menstrual leave will be given to women employees. It can be taken on the first or second day of the menstrual cycle.



### 4. Recently a new director of the Enforcement Directorate has been appointed.

- (A) Govind Mohan (B) Rahul Naveen  
(C) Shubham Shukla (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the Central Government has announced the name of the new Director of Enforcement Directorate i.e. ED. The Central Government has entrusted IRS officer Rahul Naveen with the responsibility of the new director of ED. In a statement issued by the government, it is written that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of IRS Rahul Naveen as Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate.



### 5. Who has recently become the bowling coach of Team India?

- (A) Morne Morkel (B) Sunder Singh  
(C) Pramod Bhagat (D) None of these

(A) Recently, former South African fast bowler Morne Morkel has been appointed as the bowling coach of the Indian team. Team India's head coach Gautam Gambhir himself had demanded that he wants Morne Morkel in his support staff. Both of them worked together for IPL team Lucknow Super Giants i.e. LSG. Morne Morkel has had a strong bowling career.



6. Which airport of India has recently got the status of Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport?

- (A) Bengaluru Airport (B) Mumbai Airport  
(C) IGI Delhi Airport (D) None of these  
**(C)** Recently Delhi Airport has achieved the status of Net Zero Carbon Emission. Indira Gandhi International Airport is the first airport in India to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission status. This certification is known as Level 5 under the Airports Council International Airport Carbon Accreditation program.



7. Who has recently been appointed as the Special DG of Jammu and Kashmir?

- (A) Sanjay Shukla (B) Nalin Prabhat  
(C) Manoj Mital (D) None of these  
**(B)** Recently, IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed Special Director General in Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir is a new territory for Nalin Prabhat. Earlier, Naveen has led the deployment of Kashmir region as IG Operations and ADG in CRPF.



8. Who has recently been made the CEO of Starbucks?

- (A) Brian Nicol (B) Bhumi Mishra  
(C) Legally trained (D) None of these  
**(A)** Starbucks has made an important change in its team and announced Brian Nicol as the new CEO in place of Laxman Narasimhan. Nicole is the CEO of Mexican-inspired food chain Chipotle. Nicole will be the fourth person to become Starbucks CEO in the last two years and will take charge on September 9.



9. Who has recently launched Jio Parsi portal?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah  
(C) Kiren Rijiju (D) S Jaishankar  
**(C)** Recently, Union Minority Affairs Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju has launched Jio Parsi Portal. Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs Shri George Kurien, NVM President Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura and Vice Chairman of National Minority Commission Shri Kersi Kaikhusharu Debu and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. Shri Rijiju said that the Government's measure in the form of this special scheme is expected to provide further benefits to this community in future.



10. In which country has the Constitutional Court recently dismissed the Prime Minister from the post?

- (A) Malaysia (B) Thailand  
(C) Singapore (D) Japan  
**(B)** Recently, the Constitutional Court of Thailand has removed Prime Minister Shretha Thawisin from the post. The court has ruled against him in an ethics case. After this decision, there has once again been a political upheaval in Thailand. The judges ruled 5.4 that Shretha Thawisin had breached the rules by appointing a criminal lawyer to her cabinet.

