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## History of 24th August

- ◆ **1872** : Lokmanya Balgangadhar Tilak's associate journalist and Marathi litterateur Narsingh Chintaman Kelkar was born.
- ◆ **1908** : India's famous revolutionary and freedom fighter Rajguru was born.
- ◆ **1969** : V.V. Giri became the fourth President of India.
- ◆ **2006** : The International Astronomical Union revoked Pluto's planet status.

## Current Affairs Related to 24th August 2024

- ◆ To ensure that farmers get the benefits of science immediately, the government will start a program called Kisan Ki Baat once a month. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said that this program will start next month. This program will be broadcast on radio. Scientists, officers of the Agriculture Department and the Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister will also be present in it and whatever information is required will be made available to the farmers. There is a need to completely connect the Krishi Vigyan Kendra with the farmers. Efforts will be made to ensure that scientific benefits reach the farmers immediately.
- ◆ An important initiative has been launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to tackle the growing problem of microplastic contamination in the Indian food supply. The project was announced with the theme 'Micro and Nano Plastics as Emerging Food Contaminants' to establish validated methods and understand the prevalence in different food matrices. Its objective is to develop and standardize methods to detect micro and nano plastics in food products, as well as assess their prevalence and potential risks to consumers.
- ◆ The Central Government has decided to reduce the windfall tax on petroleum crude from Rs 4600 per tonne to Rs 2100 per metric tonne. The government has also removed windfall tax on exports of diesel and aviation turbine fuel. The central government started imposing windfall tax on crude oil producers in July 2022. This encouraged private refineries to sell fuel internationally to earn refining margins. Oil prices have fallen about 2 percent and Brent crude is trading slightly below \$80 a barrel.
- ◆ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers JP Nadda inaugurated the first Policy Makers Forum.
- ◆ National Aerospace Laboratories unveiled indigenous Kamikaze drone with a range of 1000 km. The 30 HP Wankel engine fitted in these drones enables them to carry a weight of 100.120 kg, which includes 30.40 kg of explosives. These are controlled from a command centre. It can fly at a certain altitude and detonate explosives as soon as it reaches the target.
- ◆ India has initiated anti-dumping investigations on some steel products imported from Vietnam. The anti-dumping investigation will analyze the threat to the domestic industry. The investigations are based on requests from domestic steel producers, citing negative impacts on market performance. This decision has been taken after the huge decline in the Indian steel market. India, despite being the world's second largest crude steel producer, has become a net importer of steel this financial year.
- ◆ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new Maritime Rescue Coordination Center of the Coast Guard in Chennai. On this occasion, through video conferencing, he also inaugurated two new Coast Guard units, the Regional Marine Pollution Response Center at Chennai and the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Pudukherry. The new MRCC will facilitate better coordination for the rescue of seafarers and fishermen in distress at sea. It will also act as a nodal center to coordinate all maritime rescue operations along and off the east coast of India and ensure the safety and welfare of fishermen and seafarers.
- ◆ Ashok Kumar Singh became the Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation under the Ministry of Labor and Employment. Ashok Kumar Singh is a 1999 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre. He has extensive experience in governance and management of district and state level organizations. He has served as the Executive Director of the National Mission for Clean Ganga. He has also served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defense and Director in the Ministry of Finance.

## राष्ट्रीय व अंतर्राष्ट्रीय करेंट अफेयर्स

- 1. Where will the United Nations human rights team investigate recent human rights violations?**

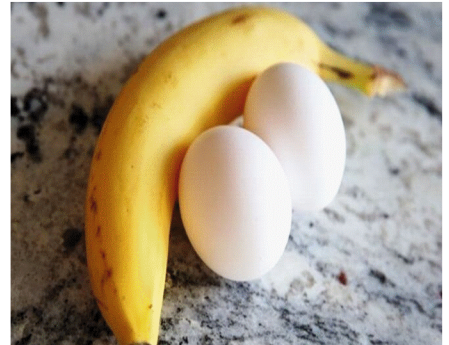
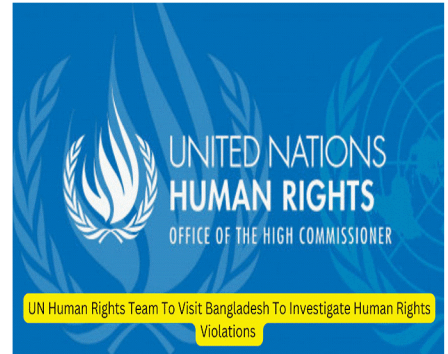
(A) Syria (B) Israel  
(C) Bangladesh (D) Japan  
(C) Recently a UN human rights team is discussing with the interim government of Bangladesh to visit Dhaka next during the human rights violations in Bangladesh. which the UN Human Rights Office can provide for an interim government and transition. Which also includes the issue of semester.
- 2. Who has recently officially launched the SOP for the Green Tug Transition Programme?**

(A) Sarbananda Sonowal (B) Amit Shah  
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Rajnath Singh  
(A) Green Tug Transition Program is an important initiative under Panch Karma Sankalp. GTTP is designed to phase out conventional fuel based harbor tugs operating in major Indian ports and replace them with green tugs. The first phase of GTTP will commence on 1 October 2024 and will continue till 31 December 2027.
- 3. Recently, under the new scheme in which state, school going children will be given boiled eggs or fruits once a week?**

(A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Himachal Pradesh  
(D) Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu launched the Chief Minister Child Nutritious Food Scheme in Hamirpur. Its objective is to provide nutritious food to government school children. Under the scheme, students from nursery to class 8 in 15,181 schools will be given boiled eggs or fruits once a week, which will complement the existing midday meal programme.
- 4. Who has recently been appointed by RBI as the MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank?**

(A) Nalin Prabhat (B) S. Sukumaran Nair  
(C) Manoj Mittal (D) None of these  
(B) The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Sali Sukumaran Nair as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamil Market Bank for three years. Nair, a seasoned banker with over 35 years of experience, steps into the role after his position as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Credit Officer at State Bank of India.
- 5. Recently the Governor of which state has given approval to prosecute the Chief Minister?**

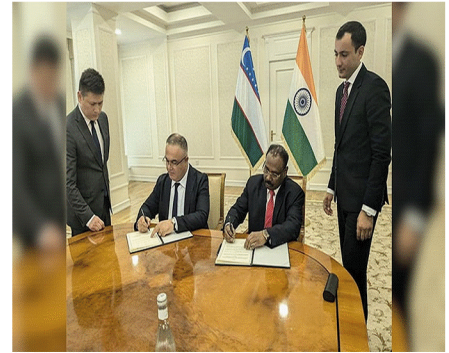
(A) Maharashtra (B) Chhattisgarh  
(C) Jharkhand (D) Karnataka  
(D) Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has approved the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysore Urban Development Authority site allotment scam. The alleged MUDA scam involves fraudulent allotment of around 14 plots in Mysore to Siddaramaiah's wife. According to the allegations, land earmarked for members of the Dalit community was given to Siddaramaiah's wife using forged documents.



6. Recently the CAG of India and the Chamber of Accounts of which country have signed an MoU?

- (A) Kazakhstan (B) Uzbekistan  
(C) Pakistan (D) Israel

(B) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India signed an MoU with the Chamber of Accounts of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The objective of this agreement is to increase cooperation and exchange of expertise in the field of audit between the two countries. The signing of the MoU is an important step towards promoting closer relations and cooperation between SAIs of India and Uzbekistan.



7. Which state government has recently launched the first solar village with Manyachiwadi?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Telangana  
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Odisha

(A) Recently, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde inaugurated the state's first solar village. Manyachiwadi village in Patan taluka of Satara district has become the first solar village in Maharashtra. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that the state government is committed to promoting the use of renewable energy and reducing dependence on traditional energy sources.



8. Recently, India has sent 1400 kg anti-cancer medicines to which country?

- (A) Maldives (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) Syria (D) Bhutan

(C) Recently, the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal said, India has sent humanitarian aid to Syria. Keeping in mind its humanitarian commitment, India has sent anti-cancer medicines to Syria. This consignment of approximately 1400 kg will help the Syrian government and its people fight the disease.



9. Recently Anand Mahindra has been appointed the Chairman of Young India Skills University established in which place?

- (A) Kerala (B) Telangana  
(C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka

(B) Recently, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors of the newly established Young India Skills University. The appointment comes after Chief Minister Revanth Reddy personally invited Anand Mahindra to take up the charge. His appointment was confirmed by issuing an official order and he will remain on it for one year.



10. Where was the National Workshop on Women Leadership in Panchayats organized recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Mumbai  
(C) Ahmedabad (D) None of these

(A) Recently, a national workshop on women's leadership in Panchayats was organized in New Delhi. More than 160 Panchayat representatives from across the country participated in this workshop. Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi addressed the workshop. He mentioned various issues of the Panchayat at the grassroots level and also told their solutions to the representatives.

