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## History of 28th August

- ◆ **1600** : The **Mughals** captured **Ahmednagar**.
- ◆ **1667** : **Jai Singh**, the king of Amer and the senior commander of the **Mughal Empire**, died.
- ◆ **1984** : **Soviet Russia** conducted a **nuclear test**.
- ◆ **2008** : Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** declared the floods in Bihar a **national disaster**.
- ◆ **1904** : The first car rally was organized from **Kolkata** to **Barrackpore**.

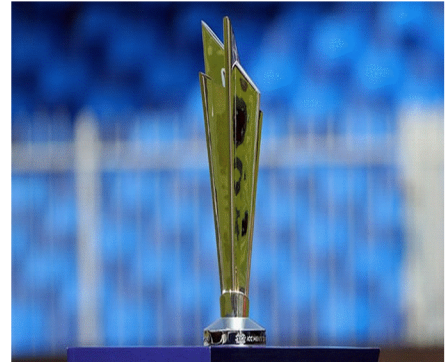
## Current Affairs Related to 28th August 2024

- ◆ **The World Bank issues the world's first carbon removal bond to raise funds for Amazon reforestation.** The new type of bonds aims to try to save the Amazon rainforest by linking investors' financial returns to the amount of carbon removed from the atmosphere. The World Bank has sold a nine-year \$225 million note that will help raise money for reforestation in the Amazon. Unlike previous bonds, returns to buyers will be tied to the climate impact of new trees rather than emissions saved through curbing deforestation.
- ◆ **Through the UPI Circle Delegate Payments feature, a primary UPI user can establish a partial or full delegation link with his trusted secondary users through the UPI App.** Within security parameters and procedures, a primary user can allow a trusted secondary user to complete a transaction. When full delegation is used the primary user allows the secondary user to initiate and end UPI transactions within a predetermined spending limit.
- ◆ **A 10-member national task force was formed in the Supreme Court to ensure the safety of doctors and prepare protocols.** This task force will develop a national protocol to ensure the safety and facilities of healthcare workers at the workplace.
- ◆ **Kakrapar Atomic Power Station, India's second indigenously built 700 MW nuclear power reactor, became fully operational at full capacity.** The fourth unit of the KAPS plant was operating at 90% capacity before reaching its full capacity of 700 MW. India is building 14 more 700 MW nuclear power reactors of the same design.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on an official visit to Poland.** Both countries elevated their bilateral relations to the level of strategic partnership. This new strategic partnership between India and Poland aims to harness the full potential of their relationship.
- ◆ **Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the Department of Posts have signed an MoU.** Under the agreement, Department of Posts staff will carry out physical verification of new units being set up across India under PMEGP. KVIC will also provide training to the staff for the physical verification process. On behalf of KVIC, Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Deputy General Manager, Department of Posts and Rajan Babu, Deputy CEO, PMEGP, signed the MoU.
- ◆ **Scientists have discovered liquid water on Mars for the first time.** According to a new study, there may be oceans of liquid water inside the rocky outer layer of Mars. This is the first time scientists have discovered liquid water on the planet. The study of liquid water in the middle layer of Mars was published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. These layers are located in the crust of Mars at a depth of about 10 to 20 km. The study predicts that billions of years ago, when Mars had rivers, lakes and possibly oceans, water would have been seeping from the surface.
- ◆ **Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan takes charge as the new Union Home Secretary.** He replaces Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who has completed his five-year tenure in the post. Before being appointed to the second highest bureaucratic post after the Cabinet Secretary, Mohan served as the Union Culture Secretary. Mohan has already been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Union Home Ministry.
- ◆ **As part of India's historic Chandrayaan-3 mission, the rover spent two weeks studying the lunar soil and sent valuable scientific data back to Earth in anticipation of several discoveries.** This included recording the presence of sulfur and confirming the presence of some small rock fragments around the crater rims near Shiva Shakti Bindu. The rover had already exceeded all ISRO's expectations and accomplished its scientific goals.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, when will the Women's T20 World Cup be held in Dubai and Sharjah?

- (A) 5th to 25th September (B) 20th to 30th September  
 (C) 3rd to 20th October (D) 4th to 21st November.  
**(C)** The Women's T20 World Cup will be held from October 3 to October 20 in Dubai and Sharjah, two venues in the United Arab Emirates. This will be the ninth edition of the Women's T20 World Cup. The event will be officially hosted by the Bangladesh Cricket Board. The event has been moved from Bangladesh to the United Arab Emirates due to political unrest in Bangladesh.



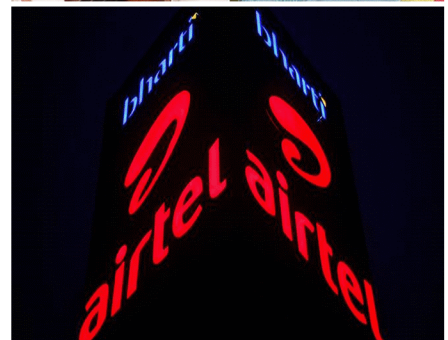
2. When will the recent Lata Mangeshkar Award be presented to KS Chitra and Uttam Singh?

- (A) 30th August (B) 5th September  
 (C) 28th September (D) 10th December  
**(C)** The Madhya Pradesh government, at a function here on September 28, honored renowned musician Uttam Singh and playback singer K.S. Chitra will be presented with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award. The state culture department presents this award every year on the birth anniversary of Mangeshkar. Uttam Singh will be given the Mangeshkar Award for 2022, while Chitra will be given the award for 2023.



3. Which payments bank has recently launched AI face recognition tool Face Match?

- (A) Fino Payment Bank (B) Airtel Payment Bank  
 (C) India Post Payment Bank (D) None of these  
**(B)** Recently, Airtel Payments Bank has announced the launch of a new security feature called Face Match, which uses AI to enhance account security. This feature uses advanced machine learning algorithms to assess potential threats and activate facial recognition verification when necessary.



4. Who has recently taken charge as the new DPIIT Secretary?

- (A) Amardeep Singh Bhatia (B) Govind Mohan  
 (C) Ashok Kumar (D) None of these  
**(A)** Amardeep Singh Bhatia has taken charge as Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Former DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has been appointed Officer on Special Duty in the Defense Department. Earlier, Bhatia was working as Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



5. Recently, ADB has claimed to give a loan of 500 million dollars to which state to promote health care?

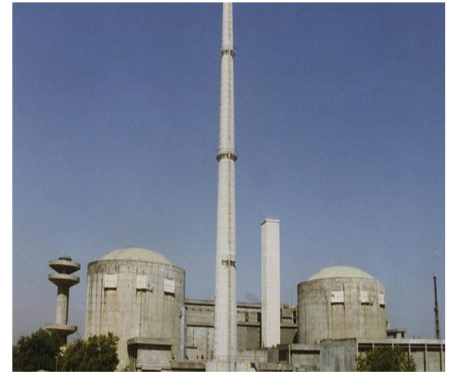
- (A) Bihar (B) Jharkhand  
 (C) Maharashtra (D) Kerala  
**(C)** Government signed a US\$ 500 million loan package with the Asian Development Bank to improve access to quality and affordable tertiary healthcare and medical education in Maharashtra. Four medical colleges linked to tertiary care teaching hospitals, incorporating climate and disaster resilient, gender sensitive and socially inclusive features, will be set up in credit-deprived districts, it said in a statement.



6. Where has the operation of India's second 700 MW indigenous nuclear reactor started recently?

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

**(D)** India's second self-built 700 MW nuclear power reactor at Kakrapar Atomic Power Station in Gujarat started operating at its full capacity, the plant operator said. Atomic Energy Corporation of India Ltd said the fourth unit of KAPS was operating at 90% capacity before reaching its full capacity of 700 MW.



7. Who has recently been appointed the interim chairman of the Airports Authority of India?

- (A) Rahul Naveen (B) M Suresh  
(C) Shiv Walia (D) None of these

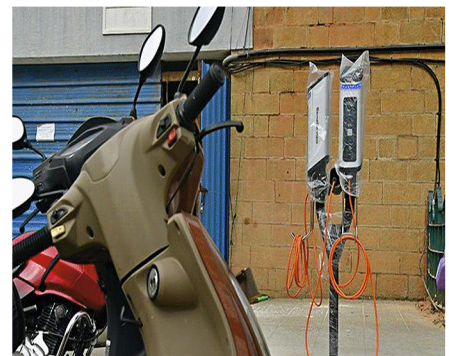
**(B)** Recently, in an important development in the aviation sector of India, M Suresh has been appointed as the interim chairman of the Airports Authority of India. This effective appointment marks a significant change in the leadership of one of India's most important aviation bodies. The appointment of M Suresh comes after the government decided to relieve Sanjeev Kumar from the post of AAI chairman.



8. Who has been on top with the maximum number of IV charging stations in India recently?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Gujarat  
(C) Maharashtra (D) Odisha

**(A)** Karnataka is at the forefront of electric vehicle revolution in India. According to a recent report by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the power ministry, the state has the highest number of public electric vehicle charging stations in the country, most of which are in Bengaluru. According to the report, there are 5765 PEVCLs in the state, of which 4462 are in Bengaluru urban area alone.



9. Recently, which country's Cricket Board President Nazmul Hasan Papon has resigned?

- (A) Pakistan (B) South Africa  
(C) Bhutan (D) Bangladesh

**(D)** After the recent change of government in Bangladesh, the cricket board here has also been overthrown. Farooq Ahmed has been elected the new president of Bangladesh Cricket Board. He has been given this post after the resignation of Nazmul Hasan. Hasan had resigned from his post during a board meeting held in Dhaka.



10. Which country's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer has recently retired from international football?

- (A) France (B) Germany  
(C) Brazil (D) England

**(B)** Recently, Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said that he is retiring from the national team after 15 years and playing 124 matches. He will remain in club football with Bayern Munich. Neuer, 38, made his debut for Germany in 2009 and won the World Cup in 2014. His last match for the national team was a 2.1 extra-time defeat to eventual champions Spain in the quarter-finals, as Germany was hosting Euro 2024.

