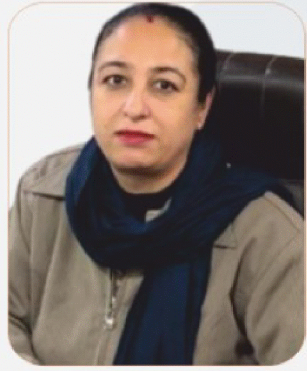




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## History of 29th August

- ◆ **1612** : Defeated **Portugal** in the battle of Surat.
- ◆ **1947** : The Department of **Education** dedicated to education was fully established in India under the Ministry of **Human Resource Development**.
- ◆ **1957** : Congress passed the **Civil Rights Act**.
- ◆ **1980** : **Madhav Srihari Ane**, one of the fighters who fought for the freedom **struggle in India**, was born.
- ◆ **1898** : **Goodyear** Tire Company was **established**.

## Current Affairs Related to 29th August 2024

- ◆ **Export of additional 251 MW of power from 12 hydropower projects in Nepal** was approved by India's designated authority for cross border trade. For the first time, Nepal will export power to Bihar through medium term power sale agreement. With this approval the total sanctioned quantity increases from 690 MW from 16 projects to 941 MW from 28 projects. Even before the approval of this 251 MW, Nepal had become a net exporter of electricity, having earned a net revenue of 16.93 billion Nepalese rupees by selling electricity in the last financial year.
- ◆ **India's first reusable hybrid rocket RHUMI-1 has been developed by Tamil Nadu-based startup Space Zone India** in collaboration with Martin Group. It has been launched from Thiruvidadandai, Chennai. The rocket carried 3 CUBE satellites and 50 PICO satellites. It has been launched into suborbital trajectory through a mobile launcher. This satellite will be used to collect data for research purposes on global warming and climate change.
- ◆ **Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched the National Medical Register Portal** for registration of all MBBS doctors eligible for registration in India in New Delhi. This portal will be a comprehensive and dynamic database of all allopathic registered doctors in the country. The National Medical Register is a much-awaited step in this direction, which will strengthen the digital healthcare ecosystem and ensure quality healthcare for the people. The government will also launch a similar register for paramedics and other health professionals.
- ◆ **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has asked food business operators and e-commerce FBOs to remove all claims about A1 and A2 types of milk and milk products from all packaging.** A1 and A2 differentiation of milk is essentially associated with differences in protein composition.
- ◆ **Guidelines for seaplane operations under RCM UDAN issued by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu** in New Delhi. The guidelines prioritize the safety of seaplane operations and clearly outline the responsibilities of each stakeholder, from operators to regulatory bodies. These guidelines will integrate seaplane operations into India's aviation landscape for transportation and will also promote employment generation and economic empowerment.
- ◆ **Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav launched 25 challenges under Create in India Challenge Season 1** on the sidelines of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit. These challenges cover a variety of disciplines including animation filmmakers, gaming, music and visual arts. These challenges are being organized by industry associations as well as organizations. Some of the challenges include Anime Challenge by Media and Entertainment Association of India, Comics Creator Championship by Indian Comics Association, etc.
- ◆ **National Conference Organization Swasthya Samridhi was launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** in New Delhi. The focus of the conference is on women's collective action on food, nutrition, health and WASH. Women including self-help groups from across the country are participating in the conference. Ministry of Rural Development successfully organized the National Conference on FNHW under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- ◆ **IT industry body National Association of Software Services Companies announced the appointment of Rajesh Nambiar as its president-designate.** Nambiar, who resigned as Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India, will replace Debjani Dhosh at NASSCOM, whose tenure will end in November 2024. Nambiar is an industry veteran who has worked with and led global teams at TCS, IBM, Ciena and Cognizant. Before being elected president in 2023, he was a member of the NASSCOM Executive Council.

## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is National Sports Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 26th August (B) 27th August  
(C) 28th August (D) 29th August

**(D)** National Sports Day is celebrated all over the world on 29th August every year. Sports is important for the physical and mental health of humans. People who play sports remain healthy. India has given birth to many sports greats like PT Usha who is also known as Udanpari, Sachin Tendulkar who is also known as Master Blaster and Major Dhyanchand who is also known as the Magician of Hockey.

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### 2. Recently, when will Sri Lanka provide free visa facility to 35 countries including India?

- (A) 1 October (B) 2 October  
(C) 5 December (D) 25 December

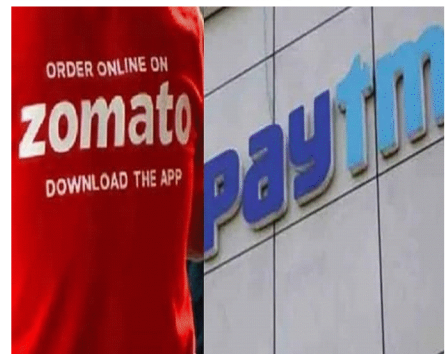
**(A)** From October 1, Sri Lanka will provide free visa facility to 35 countries including India. On September 21, the people of Sri Lanka will vote to elect a new President. Wickremesinghe assumed office as the eighth President of Sri Lanka in July 2022 following the resignation of then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. In July he announced his candidacy for the presidential election.



### 3. Who has recently acquired the entertainment ticketing business of paytm?

- (A) Ola (B) MMT  
(C) Zomato (D) None of these

**(C)** Zomato to acquire movie and event ticketing business from Paytm worth Rs 2048 crore. Paytm says it will focus on core payments and financial service delivery. The transfer will also include 280 existing employees of the company's entertainment ticketing business. This is the second biggest acquisition by Zomato in 2021 after the acquisition of Blinkit.



### 4. Recently Farooq Ahmed has become the new president of which country's cricket board?

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

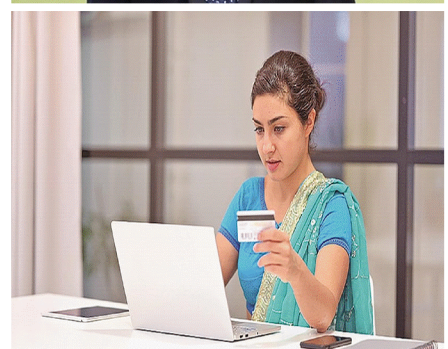
**(B)** Recently, former cricketer and chief selector Farooq Ahmed has replaced Nazmul Hasan Papon as the new chairman of Bangladesh Cricket Board. The current Speaker had resigned in view of the political unrest in the country. The BCB held an emergency meeting during which the 58-year-old Ahmed was selected.



### 5. According to the recently released NSO report, what is the percentage of women in the total amount deposited in banks in the country?

- (A) 21% (B) 24%  
(C) 29% (D) 31%

**(A)** According to the latest Men and Women report released recently by the National Statistics Office, only one fifth of the total amount of bank deposits in the country is with women account holders, while every third bank account is with a woman. This highlights the significant financial disparities that exist between men and women in the country.



6. Which state has recently become the first state to launch Gross Environmental Product Index?

- (A) Bihar (B) Jharkhand  
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Maharashtra

(C) Ecosystem development in Uttarakhand will now be assessed through the Gross Environment Product (GEP) index. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the GEP Index in the capital Dehradun. Uttarakhand is the first state in the world where ecosystem development will be assessed through Gross Environmental Product Index.



7. Which state has recently issued an alert against Mpox?

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

(A) Kerala Health Department issued an alert in the state following reports of outbreak of MPox in several countries. In view of the wide spread of infection in many parts of Africa, the World Health Organization has declared MPOX as a public health emergency of international concern, in such a situation, the state government has increased vigilance and deployed surveillance teams at all the airports.



8. Which has recently become the first state to notify the rules for issuing online summons and warrants?

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

(D) Recently, the Mohan government of Madhya Pradesh has been continuously working for the development of the state, its work now seems to be bearing fruit. In fact, Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country where summons and warrants will be issued digitally. The state government has given permission for digital issuance of summons and warrants.



9. Recently Soumya Swaminathan has released an autobiography The Scientist Entrepreneur Empowering Millions of Women.

- (A) Shiv Walia (B) Kalpana Shankar  
(C) Rahul Naveen (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation and former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization, released the autobiography The Scientist Entrepreneur Empowering Millions of Women, written by activist Kalpana Shankar, at Cathedral Road. The program started with the screening of a short film.



10. Recently India has overtaken which country as the largest importer of Russian oil?

- (A) China (B) Japan  
(C) America (D) France

(A) India overtook China as the world's biggest importer of Russian oil in July as Chinese refineries bought less oil due to lower profit margins on fuel production, a comparison of import data showed. According to Indian shipment data from trade and industry sources, Russian crude oil contributed a record 44% to India's total imports last month.

