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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

3rd August - India observes 14th Organ Donation Day

- ❖ Observed since **2010** in the country. Earlier, it used to be observed every year on **27th November**.
- ❖ In 2022, the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization decided to observe the **Indian Organ Donation Day** on 3rd August every year.
- ❖ Thus, from **2023 onwards** it is observed on 3rd August.



14th Indian Organ Donation Day is being observed across the country today.

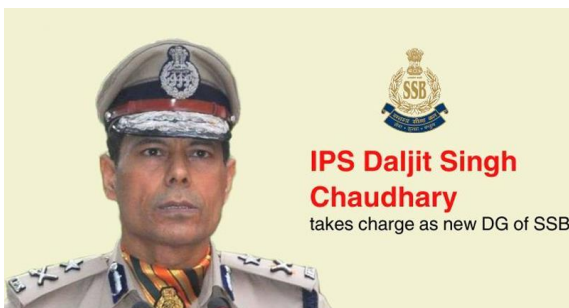
August 5th - International Traffic Light Day

Commemorating the installation of the **first electric traffic signal system** in **1914** in **Cleveland, Ohio** designed by American policeman **Lester Wire**.



APPOINTMENTS

DG SSB Daljit Singh Chawdhary takes over additional charge of Director General, BSF



- ❖ **Daljit Singh Chawdhary**, the Director General of **Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB)**, took over the **additional charge** of **Director General Border Security Force**.
- ❖ Previous BSF Director **General Nitin Agarwal** was sent on premature repatriation to his parent Kerala cadre with immediate effect.

Dr. Grinson George Appointed Director of ICAR - CMFRI

Grinson George, former head of the Marine Biodiversity and Environment Management Division at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has assumed charge as **Director** of the CMFRI.



BANKING

The Launch Of A Smartwatch: Kotak Mahindra Bank, in Partnership with Tech Firm GOQii



- ❖ **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** has teamed up with **GOQii** to launch the **Kotak – GOQii Smart Vital Plus** smartwatch, revolutionizing the way customers make payments.
- ❖ Priced at **INR 3499**, this innovative wearable device combines contact less payments with health monitoring features.

- ❖ Powered by **RuPay On-The-Go**, the smartwatch enables seamless transactions up to **INR 5000** without requiring a PIN.

CONFERENCE

4th Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 held in Bhopal

- ❖ Organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (**CSIR - AMPRI**).
- ❖ The theme - "**Upgradation of National Scientific Consciousness in Amrit Kaal**".
- ❖ The conference featured six sessions on diverse topics of **Science, Technology, Ayurveda, Engineering and Science Communication**.

AWARDS & HONORS

Andhra Pradesh receives Jeevandan Award

For the first time, **Andhra Pradesh** received the **Jeevandan Award** in recognition of its services in **organ donations and awareness campaigns**.





Ashma Kumari KC crowned as Miss Nepal World 2024

- ❖ Ashma Kumari KC was crowned Miss Nepal World 2024 in the 28th edition beauty pageant.
- ❖ Sumana KC and Karuna Rawat won the titles of Miss Nepal Earth and Miss Nepal International, respectively.

REPORT

India Retains Eighth Position in Global Agricultural Exports: WTO's World Trade Statistics 2023

- ❖ Despite a drop in its agriculture exports in 2023 to **\$51 billion** from **\$55 billion** in 2022. India maintained its position as **world's eighth largest exporter of agriculture products** in the year as seven of the top ten exporting nations witnessed a decline.
- ❖ The **EU** maintained its top position in 2023 by exporting agriculture produce valued at **\$836 billion** compared to **\$799 billion** in 2022.
- ❖ The **US - second spot, Brazil - third spot. China** was the **fourth largest** agriculture exporter in 2023.
- ❖ Among the leading exporters of agricultural products, **Brazil, the European Union and Thailand** increased their exports by **6 per cent, 5 per cent and 0.2 per cent** respectively in 2023.



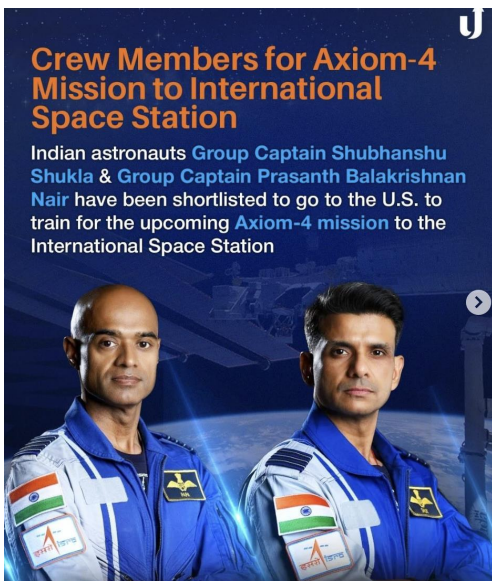
Turkey Blocks Instagram Amid 'Censorship' Row

- ❖ Turkey blocked access to **Instagram** for its **85 million people**, the country's Information and Communication Technologies Authority announced.
- ❖ The ban was a response to the platform removing posts related to the death of Hamas leader **Ismail Haniyeh**.

TECHNOLOGY

NIT-C Launches 'Nivahika' Web Portal For Data Management

- ❖ The **National Institute of Technology - Calicut (NIT-C)** has launched '**Nivahika**', a cutting-edge web portal, that is expected to revolutionize how the institute handles and reports data.
- ❖ It is a reliable tool that ensures **accuracy** and **consistency**, aiding in everything from the Center's submissions to national rankings.
- ❖ The portal is designed for systematic and timely recording of key activities by various departments and multidisciplinary centers, ensuring that crucial data is accessible anytime.



India Shortlists Astronauts For Axiom-4 ISS Mission

- ❖ **India** has shortlisted two astronaut-designates for the upcoming **Axiom-4 mission** to the International Space Station.
- ❖ Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla** will be the main mission pilot and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair will be the backup pilot.
- ❖ The Axiom-4 mission is the **fourth private astronaut mission** aiming for the **ISS**. It is part of a broader partnership between ISRO and NASA, which was planned during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. in June 2023.

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