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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

##### 12<sup>th</sup> August – International Youth Day

- ❖ In 1965, the UN General Assembly approved the declaration of promoting peace, mutual respect, and understanding between people, amongst the youth.
- ❖ The United Nations declared 12<sup>th</sup> August the International Youth Day in 1999, first celebrated on 2000.
- ❖ Theme - 'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development'.



##### 12<sup>th</sup> August World Elephant Day



- ❖ On August 12, 2012, the inaugural World Elephant Day was launched to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants.
- ❖ Project Elephant was launched in 1992 by the Government of India. The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) is classified as “Endangered” on the IUCN Red List.
- ❖ As of 2024, the elephant population in India is around 15,000 individuals throughout Asia.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Senior IAS Officer T.V Somanathan Appointed Cabinet Secretary

The central government has appointed senior IAS officer TV Somanathan (1987- batch IAS officer, Tamil Nadu Cadre), current Finance Secretary as the new Cabinet Secretary for a two-year term.

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Secretariat of the  
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  
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appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of T.V. Somanathan, IAS (TN:87) as Cabinet Secretary with a tenure of two years.  
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has also approved the appointment of T.V. Somanathan, IAS (TN:87) as Officer on Special Duty in the Cabinet Secretariat with a tenure of one year.  
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Secretary  
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet





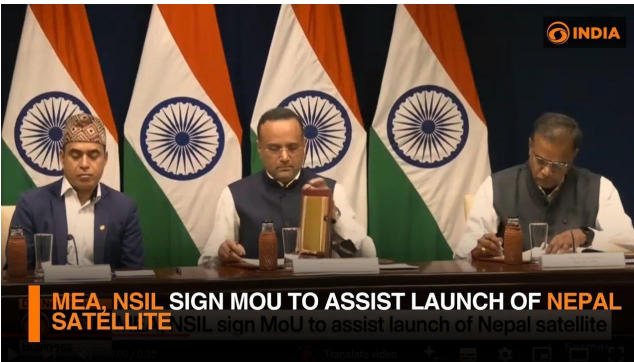
## DBS appoints Tan Su Shan as First Female CEO

- ❖ Singapore's **DBS Group** has appointed **Tan Su Shan**, currently its institutional banking group head as CEO, replacing **Piyush Gupta**, who has led Southeast Asia's biggest bank for 14 years.
- ❖ She will be the **bank's first female chief executive** and also the first to be appointed from within the ranks of the bank.

## SEBI has given its approval on the appointment of Praveena Rai as MD & CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX)



## AGREEMENT



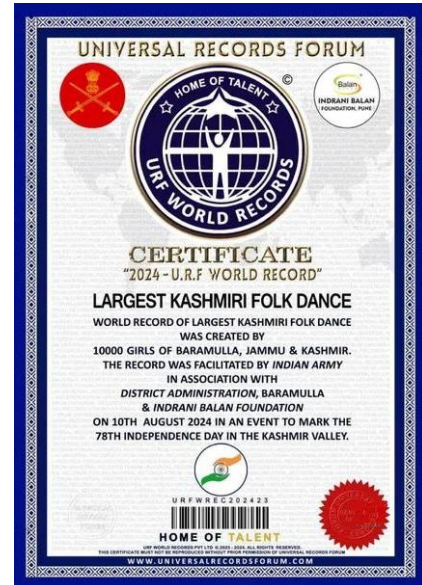
## MEA, NSIL sign MoU for grant assistance for the launch of Munal satellite

- ❖ The **Ministry of External Affairs** and ISRO's commercial arm **New Space India Limited (NSIL)** signed an agreement to grant assistance for the launching of the Nepal-built **Munal satellite**.
- ❖ The satellite aims to build a **vegetation density database** of the earth's surface.

## RECORD

### Youth creates World Record for performance of largest-ever Kashmiri folk dance at 'Kashur Riwaaj' cultural festival

Youth of Jammu and Kashmir's **Baramulla district** created a world record by registering their names to the Universal Records Forum (URF) for the largest-ever **Kashmiri** folk dance performed by **10,000 young women** at the '**Kashur Riwaaj**' cultural festival.



## HONOUR



### MP govt declares reward of Rs. 1 Cr for Olympics bronze medal winner Vivek Sagar Prasad

**Vivek Sagar Prasad** is a member of the Indian men's hockey team that secured a **bronze medal** in the Paris Olympics.

## INITIATIVE

### India's First Grain ATM Launched in Odisha

- ❖ **WFP (World Food Programme)** and the **Government of Odisha** launched India's first around the clock grain dispensing machine, the '**Grain ATM**' also known as '**Annapurti**', in the state capital **Bhubaneshwar**.
- ❖ **Odisha** has become the **first state in India** to provide access to the public distribution system beneficiaries **24 hours a day**.
- ❖ **Annapurti** is energy efficient and consumes only **0.6 Watts per hour** and can be connected to solar panels for automatic refilling.



**Guru Ghasidas National Park is in Koriya district; Tamor Pingla is in Surajpur district in the northwestern corner of Chhattisgarh.**

- ❖ Guru Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of the Asiatic cheetah in the country.
- ❖ Originally part of the Sanjay Dubri National Park, Guru Ghasidas Park was created as a separate entity in Chhattisgarh's Sarguja region after the formation of the state in 2001.
- ❖ Turning Guru Ghasidas into a Tiger Reserve is important because it connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for tigers to move between the Bandhavgarh and Palamau Tiger Reserves.

### Chhattisgarh Approves Country's Third Largest Tiger Reserve

- ❖ The **Guru Ghasidas - Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve**, which integrates an existing national park with a wildlife sanctuary, is Chhattisgarh's fourth reserve for the big cats.
- ❖ It spans **2,829 square kilometers** across **four northern districts** of the state (**Manendragarh - Chirmiri - Bharatpur, Koriya, Surajpur and Balrampur**).

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