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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

13th August - International Left - Handers Day

To raise awareness for the everyday challenges of **being left handed** in a world designed for right handers.

13th August - World Organ Donation Day

- ❖ To raise awareness about the **importance of organ donation** and to make people aware of the misconceptions of organ donation.
- ❖ The slogan for World Organ Donation Day - "**Be the Reason for Someone's Smile Today**"!



CONFERENCE

UP international trade show in Greater Noida

- ❖ The state government will organize the second edition of the **Uttar Pradesh International Trade Exhibition** from September 25 to 29 at the **India Exhibition Mart in Greater Noida**.
- ❖ The theme for this year's exhibition has been titled "**Unique Platform of Sourcing**".
- ❖ The event is aimed at showcasing the state's "**craft, cuisine and culture**" to a global audience, drawing entrepreneurs, manufacturers and traders from around the world.
- ❖ **Vietnam** is participating as a partner country in this year's trade show.



IITGN, IIT Indore join hands to set up cNARMADA to assess river ecosystem

- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) has set up the Centre for Narmada River Basin Management (cNARMADA) at its campus to conduct the Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) of the **Narmada river basin**.
- ❖ IITGN has joined hands with Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IITI) for the assessment undertaken by the **Ministry of Jal shakti**.
- ❖ It will also prepare a road map for comprehensive rejuvenation and conservation of the riverine ecosystems.

AGREEMENT

India and Maldives renew MoU for training 1,000 Civil Service Officers

- ❖ **India** and the **Maldives** have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bolster the training of **Maldivian civil servants**.
- ❖ The renewed MoU spanning from **2024** to **2029**, will facilitate the training of an additional **1,000 civil service officers** from the **Maldives**.

REPORT

NIRF Ranking 2024: IIT Madras bags top spot in overall category; IISc Bengaluru tops Universities category

Category	Institution	Rank
University	IISc Bengaluru	1 st
Management	IIM Ahmedabad	1 st
Engineering	IIT Madras	1 st
Engineering	IIT Delhi	2 nd
Engineering	IIT Bombay	3 rd
Law	National Law School, Bangalore	1 st
Medical	AIIMS Delhi	1 st
State Public University	Anna University, Chennai	1 st
Open University	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	1 st
Skill University	Symbiosis School of Communications, Pune	1 st

SCHEME & INITIATIVE

Union Cabinet approves PMAY - U 2.0 scheme; One crore houses to be built for urban poor & middle-class families

- ❖ Financial assistance will be provided to one crore urban poor and middle-class families through states and Union Territories to construct, purchase, or rent a house at an affordable cost in urban areas in five years.
- ❖ The government will provide Rs. 2.30 trillion in assistance under the scheme.

PMAY - U Overview

- It launched in **2015**. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY - U) aims to provide all weather '**pucca**' houses to eligible candidates in urban areas.
- PMAY - U 2.0 targets families from economically weaker sections (**EWS**), low income group (**LIG**) and middle income group (**MIG**) who do not own a pucca house anywhere in India.

Eligibility Criteria

- **EWS Households:** Families with an annual income up to **Rs. 3 lakh**.
- **LIG Households:** Families with an annual income from **Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 6 lakh**.
- **MIG Households:** Families with an annual income from **Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 9 lakh**.

Interest Subsidy Scheme

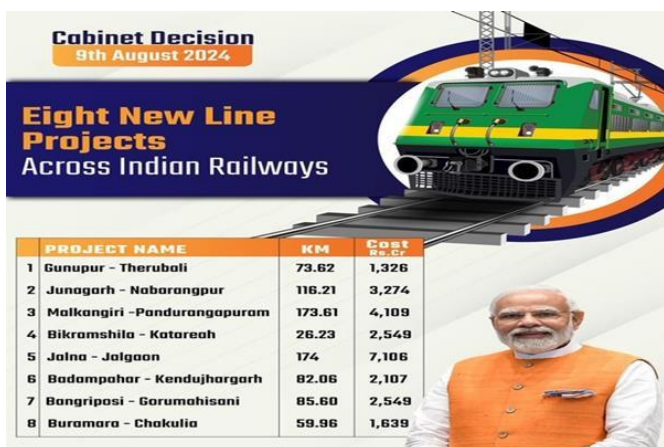
- Beneficiaries taking loans up to **Rs. 25 lakh** for houses valued up to **Rs. 35 lakh** will receive a **4% interest subsidy** on the first **Rs. 8 lakh loan** for up to **12 years**.
- Eligible beneficiaries can receive a maximum subsidy of **Rs. 1.80 lakh** in **5 - yearly installments**.



Cabinet Decision: 9th August, 2024

Cabinet approves implementation of the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)** during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29

- ₹ Total outlay of **₹ 3,06,137 crore**
- 🏠 **2 crore more houses** to be constructed during **next five years** benefiting nearly **10 crore individuals**
- 🏠 Updating Awas+ list for **identifying eligible rural households** using modified exclusion criteria



Cabinet Decision
9th August 2024

Eight New Line Projects
Across Indian Railways

PROJECT NAME	KM	COST IN ₹ Cr.
1 Gunupur - Theruboli	73.62	1,326
2 Junagarh - Nabarangpur	116.21	3,274
3 Malkangiri - Pandurangapuram	173.61	4,109
4 Bikramshila - Katoreah	26.23	2,549
5 Jalna - Jalgaon	174	7,106
6 Badampahar - Kendujhargarh	82.06	2,107
7 Bangripasi - Gorumahisani	85.60	2,549
8 Buramara - Chakulia	59.96	1,639

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gives nod to eight railway projects worth 24,657 crore rupees

- ❖ The total estimated cost of the projects is **Rs. 24,657 crore**.
- ❖ These projects will save **767 crore kg** of **CO₂**, which is equivalent to planting **30 crore trees**.
- ❖ Aspirational districts and tribal areas will get a major push of development through these projects.

SPORTS

Paris Olympics 2024 concluded: India finished at 71st spot

- ❖ **India** with a total of **6 medals**, including **one silver** and **five bronze** medals, finished at the **71st spot** in the overall medal tally.
- ❖ The 2028 Summer Olympics - **Los Angeles**. It's the **3rd time** LA has hosted the games, following **1932** and **1984**.
- ❖ Baseball and softball will be making their Olympic return. New sports - **flag football**, **cricket**, **lacrosse** and **squash**.



Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medal
1	USA	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	Japan	20	12	13	45
71	India	0	1	5	6

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