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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

##### 15<sup>th</sup> August – Independence Day in India

India's Independence Day, observed annually on August 15<sup>th</sup>, marks the day in 1947 when the country gained freedom from British rule.



#### APPOINTMENTS

##### NPCI Spins Off BHIM into a Separate Arm; Lalitha Nataraj appointed CEO

- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) incorporated Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) as a wholly-owned subsidiary, into a new entity known as NPCI - BHIM Services Ltd ( NBSL).
- ❖ Former banker Lalitha Nataraj will head the new subsidiary as its chief executive officer (CEO).



##### Raj Kumar Chaudhary appointed as CMD of NHPC Ltd

- ❖ Raj Kumar Chaudhary has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of NHPC Limited.
- ❖ Prior to his current appointment, Chaudhary held the critical position of Director (Technical) at NHPC.

#### AWARDS & HONORS

##### Hindu man from Bangladesh becomes first person to get citizenship under CAA

A Hindu man from Bangladesh, living in Assam since June 5, 1988 has become the first person in the northeast to get citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019.



## NITC student wins awards for best thesis for her work on Nagpur city

- ❖ **Sakshi Katekhaye**, an M. Plan graduate (2022-24) from the Department of Architecture and Planning, National Institute of Technology, Calicut (NIT-C) has won the NIUA-NMCG (National Institute for Urban Affairs- National Mission for Clean Ganga) **Best Thesis Award** in the **postgraduate category** for the year **2024**.
- ❖ The year's theme focused on **'Re-imagining Urban Rivers'**.
- ❖ Her work titled **'Enhancing Resilience and Imageability of Urban Areas through their Lake and River Assets – A Case of Nagpur'**.

## ISRO Chairman S. Somnath gets honorary doctorate

Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot** bestowed the **honorary doctorate** awarded by **Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi** and the **University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad** on ISRO Chairman **S. Somnath**.



**CABINET DECISION**  
9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024

**Amendment in Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana**

- Modified scheme extends timeline for implementation of scheme by 5 year i.e. till 2028-29
- Financial support to Advanced Biofuel Projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock

**Benefits:**

- Will provide remunerative income to farmers for their agriculture residue
- Will contribute to India's energy security and self-reliance




## SCHEME

**Cabinet extends PM Ji-Van Yojana implementation by 5 years, to infuse further funds**

- ❖ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on Friday approved extension of modified **Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana** for another **five years** i.e., till **2028-29**.
- ❖ The cabinet also approved further investment of **Rs. 1,969 crore** into the programme.
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide remunerative income to farmers for their agriculture residue, address environmental pollution, create local employment opportunities and contribute to India's energy security and self-reliance.

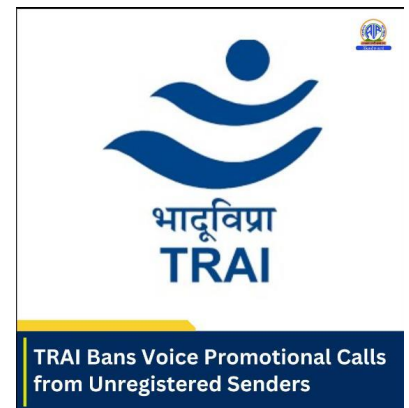
## Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan - Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana

- It was notified in **March 2019**.
- **Financial Outlay:** Rs. 1969.50 crore for the period 2018-19 to 2023-24.
- **Financial Assistance:** Rs. 150 crore per project for commercial projects and Rs. 15 crore per project for demonstration projects.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Biofuels are renewable fuels derived from organic sources, such as plants, agricultural and forest residues, algae, and animal waste.
- Under the scheme, the **first 2G Ethanol Project** set up by **Indian Oil Corporation Limited** at **Panipat, Haryana** has been dedicated to the nation by the **Hon'ble Prime Minister** on **10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.
- The other 2G commercial projects being set up by BPCL, HPCL and NRL at Bargarh (Odisha), Bathinda (Punjab) and Numaligarh (Assam) respectively are also nearing completion.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### TRAI mandates all Service Providers to immediately stop promotional calls from unregistered telemarketers to curb increasing spam calls

In a major step to curb the increasing number of spam calls, regulator Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has mandated all service providers to **stop voice promotional calls**, be pre-recorded or computer generated or otherwise, from all unregistered senders or telemarketers.



### DRDO successfully carries out maiden test flight of Long Range Glide Bomb GAURAV from Sukhoi-30 MK-I



- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on successfully carried out the maiden flight test of the long-range glide bomb (LRGB) Gaurav from a Su-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ The test was conducted off the coast of Odisha.
- ❖ Gaurav is an air-launched 1,000 kg class glide bomb capable of hitting targets at long distances. The LRGB has been designed and developed indigenously by the Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad.
- ❖ Complete flight data during the test launch was captured by Telemetry and Electro optical tracking systems deployed by Integrated Test Range along the coastline”.

## North India's largest floating solar project commissioned in Omkareshwar

- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** has commissioned the **largest floating solar project** in central and north India, generating **90 MW** at **Omkareshwar**.
- ❖ **Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project** is located at Omkareshwar in District **Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh**.
- ❖ The floating power plant was developed on the backwaters of Omkareshwar dam (it is a gravity dam on the Narmada River).
- ❖ Project Cost is **646 crores**.



## EXERCISE

### 10<sup>th</sup> bilateral Mitra Shakti Military Exercise Commences in Sri Lanka

- ❖ The annual bilateral **Mitra Shakti** military exercise between the **Indian Army** and the **Sri Lankan Army** commenced in the **Sri Lankan Army Training School, Maduru Oya** in Sri Lanka's Southern Province.
- ❖ Scheduled from **12 to 25<sup>th</sup> August**, is an annual Combined Training Exercise of the two countries' Forces.

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