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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

20th August - Indian Akshay Urja Day



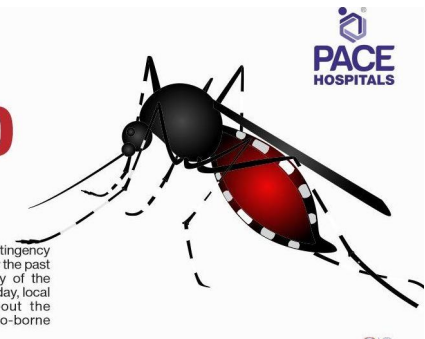
- ❖ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India declared the **20th August**, the birthday of Late Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi** as “**National Renewable Energy Day**”.
- ❖ The first Indian Akshay Urja Day was observed in **2004**.
- ❖ The objective of this programme is to generate mass awareness and popularisation of need, benefits and uses of renewable energy devices and systems in all sphere of life.

20th August - World Mosquito Day

- ❖ On **August 20, 1897** a British doctor, **Sir Ronald Ross**, found the **malaria parasite** in the stomach of a female Anopheles mosquito, providing the first evidence that mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.
- ❖ To commemorate this moment in history, **World Mosquito Day (WMD)** was founded.

World
Mosquito
Day **20 AUGUST**

World Mosquito Day is a worldwide health-contingency event observed on the 20th of August every year for the past 126 years. This day remarks Dr Ross's discovery of the association between malaria and mosquito. On this day, local and global communities raise awareness about the increasing populations of mosquitos, mosquito-borne diseases, along with means to thwart them.



SCHEME & INITIATIVE

Odisha to bring 5 Royal Bengal tigers from Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh by September

3 of these **tigers** will be released into the **Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Sambalpur**. While 2 will be introduced into the **Similipal Tiger Reserve** in **Mayurbhanj**.

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launches “Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana” before Raksha Bandhan

- ❖ Jharkhand Chief Minister **Hemant Soren** launched the “**Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana**” a day before Raksha Bandhan.
- ❖ Launching this scheme at **Pakur district** of the state.
- ❖ women aged from **21 to 50 years** will receive financial assistance of **1000 rupees each per month**, amounting to **12000 rupees annually**.



AWARDS & HONORS

Maharashtra launches first ‘Solar Village’ with Manyachiwadi

- ❖ Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Eknath Shinde** inaugurated the 1st ‘**Solar Village**’ in a state.
- ❖ The **Manyachiwadi village** in the **Patan Taluka** of **Satara district** has become the first ‘**Solar Village**’ in Maharashtra.
- ❖ The **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** launched by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on **February 15th, 2024**.

Rajnath Singh releases centenary commemorative coin honoring M. Karunanidhi



- ❖ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released **₹100 coin** to commemorate the birth centenary of late DMK President **M Karunanidhi**.
- ❖ Singh released the coin in the presence of Chief Minister **M K Stalin**, son of Karunanidhi, who received it.
- ❖ He has been elected for **MLA** the record **12 times** and served as the **Chief Minister** of **Tamil Nadu** for **Five times**. **Karunanidhi** also became the first chief minister of Tamil Nadu to hoist the flag on **August 15th, 1974**.

Beypore Responsible Tourism project in Kerala bags ICRT Gold award

- ❖ The **Comprehensive Responsible Tourism (RT)** project being implemented by the **Kerala Tourism** in **Beypore** has won the **Gold award** of the **International Centre for Responsible Tourism, India Chapter (ICRT India)** for **2024**.
- ❖ The award in the ‘**Employing and upskilling local community**’ category has been given. This is the State’s **third consecutive year** receiving this award.



RECENT APPOINTMENTS

- IAS Officer **Rajesh Kumar** appointed next **Defence Secretary**.
- Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs - **Deepti Gaur Mukherjee**
- Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs - **Katikithala Srinivas**
- Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs - **Chandra Sekhar Kumar**
- Secretary to the President - **Deepti Umashankar** (after Rajesh Verma's superannuation on August 31st)
- Cabinet Secretary - **Rajiv Gauba** (to be replaced by T.V. Somanathan on August 30th)
- Home Secretary - **Ajay Bhalla** (to be replaced by Govind Mohan on August 22nd)
- Foreign Secretary - **Vikram Misri**

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