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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

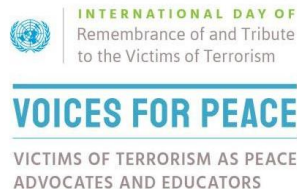
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IMPORTANT DAYS

21st August - International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

Established by UNGA in 2017. The theme “Victims of Terrorism as Peace Advocates and Educators”.

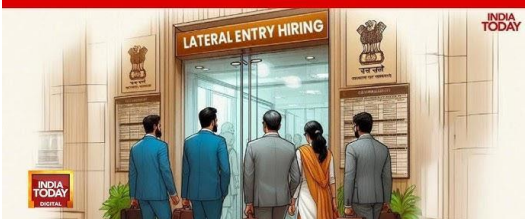


INITIATIVE & CONFERENCE

Govt asks UPSC to cancel advertisement related to lateral entry in bureaucracy

GOVT TO UPSC:

CANCEL LATERAL ENTRY ADS



- ❖ The Union Service Public Commission (UPSC) issued an advertisement to recruit for multiple roles in certain Central Ministries through lateral entry, either on contract basis or through deputation.
- ❖ The advertisement is for **45 posts** across **24 ministries** to fill **joint secretary, director and deputy secretary posts** in several departments/ministries.

❖ The application was open to “**talented and motivated Indian nationals willing to contribute towards nation- building**”.

What is lateral entry?

- In a **lateral entry** to the civil services, persons are recruited from **outside the usual bureaucratic setup** for certain posts in government departments.
- In India, this may include **mid or senior-level positions** in services such as the Indian Administrative Service.
- Lateral entry envisages the inclusion of domain experts or those with experience in policy - making and implementation from outside the civil services.

Kerala launches country's first 'Digital Court' for handling Negotiable Instruments Act cases

- ❖ Supreme Court judge Justice **B R Gavai** inaugurated the country's first exclusive Digital Court for handling cases under the **Negotiable Instruments Act**, in **Kollam, High Court of Kerala**.
- ❖ Justice Gavai also launched an online dispute resolution platform, **We-Solv Virtual Solution Maker** which will facilitate online deliberations by all the stakeholders.
- ❖ He also inaugurated a **Model Digital Court Room** conceived by the Kerala High Court, specifically designed to overcome the limitations of traditional court rooms.

SC constitutes 10-member 'National Task Force' to formulate protocol for ensuring safety of doctors

- ❖ The **Supreme Court** was hearing a **suo motu case** related to the **rape and murder** of a post **graduate trainee doctor** at the **RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata**.
- ❖ The task force will submit its interim report within three weeks and the final report within two months. The NTF shall also suggest appropriate timelines by which the recommendations could be implemented based on the existing facilities in Hospitals.
- ❖ The **Cabinet Secretary** and the **Home Secretary** to the Union government, **Ministry of Health Secretary, Chairperson - National Medical Commission Chairperson** and **National Board of Examinations President** shall be the **ex - officio** members of the task force.



Supreme Court to Set Up National Task Force to Work Out Modalities For Safety At Workplace For Doctors

India and Japan to hold third 2+2 Dialogue in New Delhi



- ❖ India's Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** and External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** hosted **Japan's Minister of Defence, Kihara Minoru** and Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Yoko Kamikawa**, on **August 20** in New Delhi to further deepen the **defence cooperation** and the **Special Strategic and Global Partnership** between the **two countries**.
- ❖ India has the '**2+2**' ministerial format of dialogue with very few countries including the **U.S., Australia** and **Russia**.

Chief Justice of India and Seychelles inaugurated International conference on Law and Technology in Kerala

- ❖ An international conference on “**Law and Technology: Sustainable, Transport, Tourism and Technological Innovations**” organised by the **Commonwealth Legal Education Association**.
- ❖ 3 day conference inaugurated jointly by Chief Justice of India **Dr. D. Y. Chandrachud** and the Chief Justice of Seychelles Justice **Roney Govinden** at Kumarakom in Kottayam district, Kerala.
- ❖ The conference aims to foster international cooperation, share best practices and develop innovative legal solutions to complex challenges pertaining to sustainable transport and tourism.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Indian Railways Introduces Advanced Water Level Monitoring System

- ❖ An advanced **Water Level Monitoring System** on trains was inaugurated, in the **Brahmaputra Mail Express train** at **Kamakhya Railway Station**.
- ❖ This innovative system marks a major step forward in water management on long-distance trains, designed to ensure continuous and reliable water availability for passengers.
- ❖ It utilizes **LoRa** and **GPRS - based communication**, enabling long-range, low-power wireless transmission of data, making it particularly suitable for remote locations.
- ❖ The system also includes a **built-in Real-Time Clock** to synchronize **data logging** with precise time stamps, thereby aiding in accurate data analysis and ensuring efficient water management.



Kerala University Develops Advanced Cyanide Sensor for Safety

- ❖ A research team at the **Central University of Kerala** has achieved a significant breakthrough in chemical sensing by developing a highly sensitive and selective **cyanide sensor**, created a material capable of detecting toxic cyanide at low concentrations, promising to enhance the safety of drinking water and food products.

- ❖ Cyanide exposure can occur through consumption of certain foods like **cassava (tapioca), apple and apricot seeds, sprouting potatoes and almonds.**
- ❖ The material they developed appears **yellow** to the **naked eye** when dissolved, but turns colourless upon detecting cyanide.

ISRO launched earth observation satellite EOS-08

- ❖ Onboard the **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) - D3** from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ❖ The spacecraft mission configuration is set to operate in a **Circular Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** at an **altitude of 475 km** with an **inclination of 37.4°** and has a mission life of **1 year.**
- ❖ **EOS-08** is a first-of-its-kind mission built on a standard **ISRO's Microsat/IMS-1** bus with a suite of advanced payloads for observation in the IR range, novel **GNSS-R Payload** and **SiC UV dosimeter.**



ECONOMY

Only 21% money in bank accounts belongs to women, shows NSO data

IN MINORITY



FINANCIAL DISPARITY

(in ₹ trillion)



WORKFORCE DIVISION



As of March 2023

Source: Men & Women Report, 2023

- ❖ Only a **fifth** of the **total amount of bank deposits** in the country belongs to **women account holders**, even though every **third bank account** is owned by a **woman**, according to the latest “**Men and Women**” report released by the **National Statistical Office (NSO).**
- ❖ This highlights the significant financial disparities that exist between men and women in the country. Data shows that as of March 2023, the share of accounts belonging to women stood at **36.4 per cent** of the total individual accounts.
- ❖ Money deposited in the accounts belonging to women stood at **20.8 per cent** of the total.
- ❖ In **metropolitan areas** only **16.5 per cent** of the total amount deposited belongs to women, while **30 per cent** of the money deposited in **rural areas** belongs to women.
- ❖ **Only one in every four employees** working in the banks is a **female**. Only **34,879 women** held senior management positions in 2023 as compared to **186,000 men.**

SPORTS

Samoan batter Darius Visser sets new T20 international record with 39-run over

In the World Cup East Asia-Pacific Region Qualifier in the capital city of Apia. Previous record - 36 runs in an over.



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