



BENEVOLENT IAS ACADEMY

1626 – A, Sri Vinayaga Complex, Hope College,

Peelamedu (PO), Coimbatore – 641 004.

Cell: +91-9787731607, 9787701067.

Web: www.benevolentacademy.com, E-Mail: benevolentacademy@gmail.com

TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

Date: 23.08.2024



APPOINTMENTS

USIBC appoints former journalist, public relations executive as India managing director

The U.S – India Business Council (USIBC) has appointed **Rahul Sharma**, a former journalist and public relations executive, as its India-based **Managing Director**.

Ashok Kumar Singh takes over the charge of Director General, ESIC

Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS took over charge as **Director General** of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt of India at its headquarters in New Delhi.



REPORTS

India Approves Additional 251 MW Power Exports from Nepal



- ❖ **India** approved an additional **251 MW** of power exports from **12 hydro power projects** in **Nepal**. Nepal will export power to Bihar under a medium-term power sales agreement for the first time.
- ❖ Total approved power export from Nepal to India increased from **690 MW (16 projects)** to **941 MW (28 projects)**.
- ❖ **Nepal** became a **net exporter** of **electricity**, generating **NPR 16.93 billion** in revenue in the last fiscal year.
- ❖ India's initial approval in October 2021 was for **39 MW**, which has increased over **24 times** in less than three years.
- ❖ A long-term agreement aims to sell up to **10,000 MW** of power from **Nepal** to **India** over the **next 10 years**.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore ranked best institution in the country

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore has been listed in the 401-500 rank globally while it topped in the list of Indian universities, according to the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2024.
- ❖ The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has been ranked the second best institution and the first among private institutions in the country.
- ❖ The ranking considers both quality and quantity of research outcomes.
- ❖ It has published a list of top 1,000 universities in the world this year. Fifteen universities from India are on the list.

S.No	World Rank	Institution	India Rank
1	401-500	Indian Institute of Science	01
2	501-600	Vellore Institute of Technology	02
3	601-700	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	3-4
4	601-700	University of Delhi	3-4
5	701-800	Homi Bhabha National Institute	5-7

Source: www.shanghairanking.com/rankings/arwu/2024

"A Place to Learn, A Chance to Grow"

Karnataka Leads Nation with 5,765 Public EV Charging Stations

- ❖ With 5,765 charging stations, Karnataka has the highest number of public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the country, according to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- ❖ Around 85% of these stations (4,462) are in Bengaluru Urban district.
- ❖ The data from BEE shows that Karnataka stands ahead of Maharashtra (3,728 stations), Uttar Pradesh (1,989 stations) and Delhi (1,941 stations) in the list.
- ❖ Karnataka was the first State in India to introduce an EV policy in 2017.
- ❖ The government also has plans to invest ₹35 crore to set up 100 EV charging stations in collaboration with electricity supply companies (escoms).



AWARDS

RGIA Clinches Best Airport Award for Third Consecutive Year

- ❖ The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has once again been recognized as the Best Airport at the prestigious India Travel Awards, marking its third consecutive win in this category.
- ❖ Hyderabad airport has secured the Best Airport award at the India Travel Awards.

Top global ranking for RBI Governor recognition of his leadership

- ❖ Mr. Das has been ranked as the top central banker globally for the second consecutive year by the US-based Global Finance magazine.
- ❖ This is a recognition of his leadership at the RBI and his work towards ensuring economic growth and stability.



SPORTS

Smriti Mandhana moves to third in ICC ODI rankings

- ❖ India vice-captain **Smriti Mandhana** has jumped **one spot** to **3rd** in the latest ICC ODI rankings for women.
- ❖ Mandhana, is the top-ranked Indian batter in the 50-over format while skipper **Harmanpreet Kaur** retained her **ninth position**. Mandhana also held on to her **fourth spot** in the **T20 rankings**.



The 9th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 venue has been shifted to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Bangladesh

Satya Prakash Sangwan Appointed Chef de Mission for India's Paris 2024 Paralympic Contingent

- ❖ The largest-ever contingent of **84 players** will take part in the upcoming **Paris Paralympic Games** this year.
- ❖ The Paralympic Games will take place from the **28th** of this month to the **8th of September 2024**.
- ❖ **Forty-seven athletes** are taking part in the games for the first time.



Taken by
Mr. C. Naveen Kumar

Edited by
Mrs. D. Rajakali Thomas