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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAY

26th August - Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day, annual event in the United States, observed on **August 26** since its inception in 1971, marking American women's advancements toward equality with men.



Deepti Gaur Mukherjee assumes charge as MCA Secretary



APPOINTMENTS

Deepti Gaur Mukherjee assumes charge as Secretary to Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)

She has succeeded **Manoj Govil**. Prior to this appointment, Mukherjee was the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the **National Health Authority**.

Sanjeev Raina Appointed ITBP Additional Director General

- ❖ **Sanjeev Raina** has been with the **ITBP** for more than **30** years. He is serving as an **Inspector General (IG)** at the ITBP's central sector headquartered in Bhopal.
- ❖ Now posted as the **ADG (western command)** of the ITBP, which is headquartered in Chandigarh.



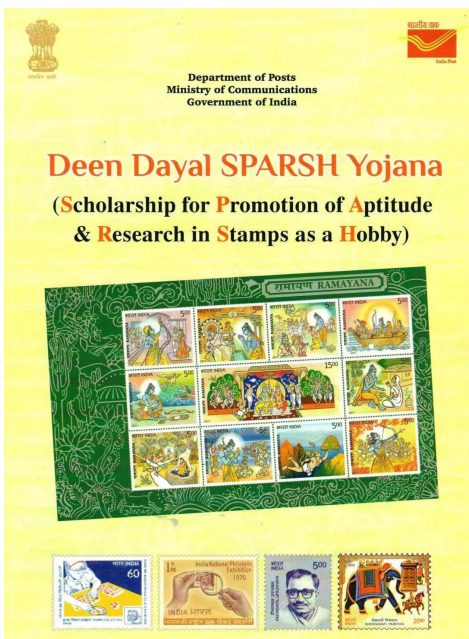
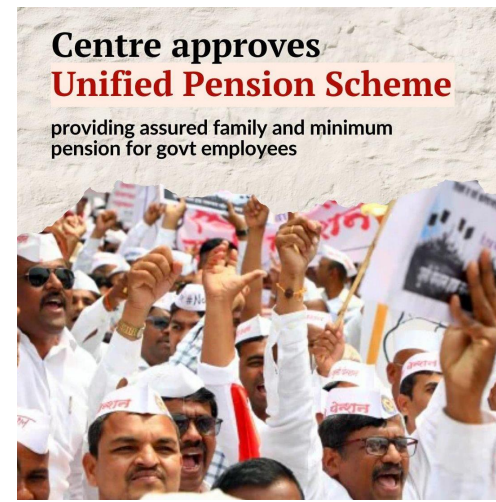
SCHEME

Unified Pension Scheme

- ❖ The **Modi government** has approved a **new pension scheme** called the **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)**, which will come into effect from **April 1, 2025**.
- ❖ The opposition parties were queuing up to bring back the **old pension scheme (OPS)** which was replaced by **new pension scheme (NPS)** on 1 st January, 2004.
- ❖ In April 2023, a committee led by then finance secretary T V Somanathan, has recommended for the Unified Pension scheme.

Government says UPS five pillars which includes:

- **Assured pension:** This would amount to **50%** of the **employee's average basic pay** drawn over the last 12 months before superannuation for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. The amount would proportionately go down for a smaller service period, up to a minimum of 10 years of service.
- **Assured minimum pension:** In the case of superannuation after a **minimum 10 years of service**, the UPS provides for an **assured minimum pension of Rs. 10,000 per month**.
- **Assured family pension:** Upon a retiree's death, their immediate family would be eligible for **60% of the pension last drawn** by the retiree.
- **Inflation indexation:** Dearness relief will be available on these three kinds of pensions, which will be calculated based on the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, as is the case with serving employees.
- **Lumpsum payment at superannuation:** This will be in addition to gratuity, and will be calculated as **1/10th of the monthly emolument** (pay plus dearness allowance) on the date of superannuation for every six months of service completed.



'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana' to encourage Philately

- ❖ Department of Posts, under the Union Ministry of Communication, launched Philately scholarship scheme “**Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana**” (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) for this year.
- ❖ Objective is to **Promote Philately among children at a young age** in a sustainable manner. **Philately** refers to the **collection and study of postage stamps and related products**.
- ❖ The Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana is an all-India scheme open to **class VI - IX students** of a recognised school.
- ❖ Only students who are members of a **philately club** or have a **Philately Deposit Account** will be selected for the scholarship.
- ❖ The scholarship amount is **Rs. 6000 per year** and will be **paid quarterly**. **920 scholarships** will be awarded at all India levels to students who are pursuing Philately as a hobby.

Odisha CM Mohan Majhi Launches Subhadra Scheme

- ❖ Chief Minister **Mohan Majhi**, announced the implementation of the **Subhadra scheme** under which **₹50,000** will be provided over **five years** to **one crore women** between the ages of **21 and 60**.
- ❖ The Scheme has been approved for implementation from the financial year **2024-25** to financial year **2028-29**.
- ❖ An outlay of **₹55,825 crore** has been made for this initiative. A total of **₹10,000 per annum** will be paid in **two installments** of **₹5000 each** on Rakhi Purnima Day and International Women's Day (March 8).
- ❖ The payment will be made directly to the beneficiary's Aadhaar - enabled single-holder (DBT) bank account through the **Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS)**.
- ❖ A **Subhadra Debit Card** will also be issued to the beneficiaries. **100 beneficiaries** with maximum digital transactions will be identified in each gram panchayat and urban local body and an **additional incentive** of **₹500** shall be given to each of them.
- ❖ Women from economically well-off families, Government servants or Income Tax payees **will not** be eligible under this scheme.
- ❖ Besides, women who are receiving assistance of **₹1,500 or more per month** or **₹18,000 or more per year** under any other government scheme will also be ineligible for inclusion under Subhadra.



CM Sukhu launches 'Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana' in HP



- ❖ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** launched '**Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana**' to provide **nutritious foods** to **Govt. school children** and a **scheme to provide free Tablets** to **primary school teachers** to **boost digitalisation** in the state educational and administrative system.
- ❖ The scheme was launched by the chief minister Sukhu in **Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh**.

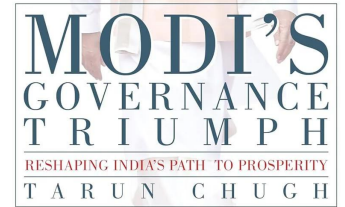
Mukhyamantri Bal Poshtik Aahar Yojana

- ❖ For students from **nursery** to **class VIII** will be provided **boiled eggs** or **fruits once a week**. The fresh fruits will be sourced from local markets based on the preferences of the children.
- ❖ The scheme will complement the **existing mid-day meal scheme**. The state government has allocated **Rs.12.75 crore** for 2024-25.
- ❖ The state government will provide **free tablets** to **17,510 primary school teachers** in the state.

BOOK & AUTHOR

Amit Shah releases Tarun Chugh's book 'Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity'

- ❖ BJP General Secretary **Tarun Chugh's** book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity" was released in New Delhi.
- ❖ The book offers an in-depth exploration of the visionary initiatives and reforms that guided the Antyodaya mission of the Modi administration.



HONORS

Ola becomes only EV maker to secure PLI certification for four electric scooters

- ❖ **Ola Electric** received certification for compliance with the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme** for four products: **S1 Air, S1 Pro and S1 X models** in both **3 kWh and 4 kWh versions**. This certification was awarded by the Automotive Research Association of India (**ARAI**).
- ❖ The company stands to receive **incentives** ranging from **13% to 18%** of the determined sales value of compliant products for up to **five consecutive financial years** starting from Fiscal 2024.



- ❖ The PLI scheme, unveiled by the government in 2021 with a **budgetary outlay of INR 25,938 crore**, aims to boost domestic manufacturing of **Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) products** and attract investments in the automotive manufacturing value chain.

SPORTS

Rohit Sharma Virat Kohli honoured at the 26th CEAT Cricket Awards

26th CEAT Cricket Awards ceremony held in **Mumbai**. It is one of the most prestigious awards in cricket. It honours the exceptional performance of cricketers worldwide.

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Rahul Dravid**

International Cricketer of the Year: **Rohit Sharma**

Performance in Test Match (Men's)

- Test Batter of the Year: **Yashashvi Jaiswal**
- Test Bowler of the Year: **Ravichandran Ashwin**

Performance in ODI (Men's)

- Batter of the Year: **Virat Kohli**
- Bowler of the Year: **Mohammad Shami**

Performance in T20 (Men's)

- Batter of the Year: **Phil Salt (England)**
- Bowler of the Year: **Tim Southee (New Zealand)**

Performance in Domestic Cricket (Men)

- Cricketer of the Year: **Sai Kishore**, Left-arm spinner from Tamil Nadu

Best Indian Women cricketer

- Batter of the Year: **Smriti Mandhana**
- Bowler of the Year: **Deepti Sharma**

Memento

- Fastest Double Century in Women's Test Match: **Shafali Verma**

Other Award

- Excellence in Sports Administration: **BCCI Secretary Jay Shah.**



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