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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

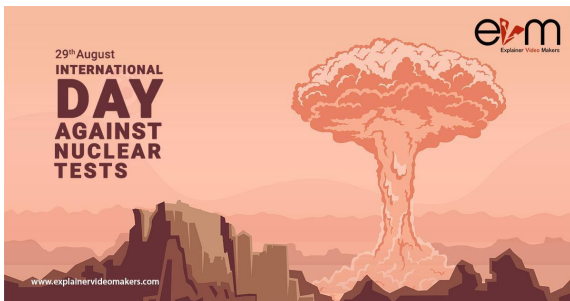
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IMPORTANT DAYS

29th August 2024 National Sports Day

- ❖ To honor **Major Dhyan Chand**, a legendary hockey player. Major Dhyan Chand, known as "**The Wizard of Hockey**" was born on **August 29, 1905** in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "**Fit India Movement**" on National Sports Day in 2019.
- ❖ The National Sports Day is also an occasion that sees the nation honour its sporting heroes with recognitions like the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna** (formerly called the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna), **Arjuna Award**, **Dhyan Chand Award** and the **Dronacharya Award**.



29th August - International Day Against Nuclear Tests

- ❖ In 2009, the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly declared **29th August** the **International Day against Nuclear Tests**.
- ❖ The resolution was initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan and it was first observed in 2010.

APPOINTMENTS

Senior IPS officer B Srinivasan was appointed as the Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)

- ❖ **B Srinivasan** will replace Anish Dayal Singh (CRPF Director General), who was given the additional charge of the **DG of National Security Guard (NSG)** till **August 31, 2027**.
- ❖ Then NSG Director General **Nalin Prabhat** was appointment as a **special DGP** of the **Jammu and Kashmir Police**.





Satish Kumar from IRMS appointed as Chairman and CEO of Railway Board

Satish Kumar named new Chairman and CEO of Railway Board

- ❖ Mr. Kumar will replace **Jaya Verma Sinha**, is the **first lady Chairperson** of the **Railway Board**, will retire on August 31.
- ❖ Mr. Kumar will assume charge from September 1, till the date of his super annuation and his re-employment on contract basis, from January 1 till **August 31, 2025**.

SCHEME & INITIATIVE

Himachal Government Approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana'

The scheme aims to provide financial support to identified **socially and economically vulnerable women and parents of disabled children** so as to enable the education and well-being of their children.

Eligibility

- Widows, destitute women, divorced women with children
Parents of disabled children.
- The income of the eligible women and parents of disabled children shall not be more than **Rs. 1 lakh per year**.

Benefits

- Parents of children under 18 years will receive monthly financial assistance of **Rs. 1000 per month** from the state government to cover the child's educational, nutritional and health expenses.
- State government assistance will be provided to children pursuing undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma or vocational courses to meet tuition fees and hostel costs.
- The scheme aims to prevent issues such as **child abuse, trafficking, teenage marriages** and **drug abuse** by **strengthening child protection** at the family level.



Himachal Pradesh passes Bill to raise women's marriage age from 18 to 21 years



- ❖ The **Himachal Pradesh State Assembly** passed the **Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024** increasing the **minimum age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years** in order to support **gender equality** and **higher education**.
- ❖ The Bill amended the **Prohibition of Child Marriage (PCM) Act**, which was passed by Parliament in 2006.

REPORTS

‘UP Digital Media Policy 2024’: Rs. 8 lakh monthly income for promoting policies, life imprisonment for anti-national content

- ❖ The ‘UP Digital Media Policy 2024’ was cleared by the UP cabinet.
- ❖ Under the policy, the government would give advertisements to eligible visual and digital media firms and influencers active on popular social media platforms of **X, Facebook, Instagram** and **YouTube**.
- ❖ The social media agencies would be segregated into four broad categories based on the count of subscribers and followers.
- ❖ The maximum payment to account holders, operators and influencers of **X, Facebook** and **Instagram** has been fixed at **Rs. 5 lakh, Rs 4 lakh, Rs 3 lakh per month** respectively.
- ❖ Category-wise ceiling for payment pertaining to videos, shorts and podcasts and other type of content on YouTube has been fixed at Rs. 8 lakh, Rs. 7 lakh, Rs 6. lakh and Rs. 4 lakh per month respectively.
- ❖ Meanwhile, for derogatory posts, police currently books the accused under **Section 66 (E) and 66 (F)** of the IT Act.
- ❖ Under the new policy, if found guilty, there is a provision for punishment ranging from three years to life imprisonment for creating anti-national, obscene or objectionable content.

UP's New Social Media Policy: Rs 8 lakh monthly income for promoting policies, life imprisonment for anti-national content



Pakistani Christian is first Goan to get Indian citizenship under CAA

- ❖ **Joseph Francis A. Pereira**, a Christian from Pakistan, has become the **first person** in **Goa** to receive Indian citizenship under the **Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)**.
- ❖ The Citizenship Amendment Act allows Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Christians, Parsis and Buddhists from neighboring countries - Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, who entered India before December 31, 2014 to apply for citizenship after verification.

AWARD & ACHIEVEMENT

PM Jan Dhan Yojna completes a decade; 53 crore beneficiaries so far

- ❖ The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** completes **10 years** of implementation. It launched by PM Modi ten years ago on **August 28, 2014**.
- ❖ It is a National Mission for Financial Inclusion to ensure access to financial services, namely, a basic savings & deposit accounts, remittance, credit, insurance, pension in an affordable manner.
- ❖ The government aims to open **more than 3 crore accounts** under PMJDY during the current financial year **2024-25**.
- ❖ The **JAM Trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile)** has given a boost to the Direct Benefit Transfer programme and expanded its coverage from partial to ubiquitous.
- ❖ The Financial Inclusion Index (FI - Index) stood at **64.2** in March 2024 from **60.1** in March 2023. Under the PMJDY, there are no account opening charges, no account maintenance charges, and no minimum balance charges.
- ❖ Free RuPay debit card, with in-built accident insurance cover of **Rs. 2 lakh** and access to overdraft facility of up to **Rs. 10,000** are other major features of the scheme.



Jana Small Finance Bank Sweeps 4 Awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave

At the prestigious 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards, Jana Small Finance Bank was honoured with the titles of:



- Best Small Finance Bank, India
- Best Performance on Profitability (Runners-up)
- Best Performance on Asset Quality
- Best Performance on Risk Management

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