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## **TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS**

# **BANKING**

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### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> September National Nutrition Week

- It aims to raise awareness about the importance of nutrition for health and wellbeing, it was first observed in India in 1982.
- **\*** Theme: "Nutritious Diets for Everyone".

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh takes over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

He was awarded the Vavu Sena Medal in 2007 and Ati Vishisht

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> September - World Coconut Day





- To raise awareness about the numerous advantages of coconuts worldwide.
- Theme "Coconut for a Circular Economy: Building Partnership for Maximum Value".
- The day also marks the founding of the Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), first celebrated on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Seva Medal in 2022.





IAS officer Amrit Lal Meena appointed as new Chief Secretary of Bihar

He has succeeded outgoing Chief Secretary Brijesh Mehrotra.



**DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS** 

#### Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit takes over as Air Officer Commanding – in - Chief of Central Air Command

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit takes over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. He is succeeding Air Marshal RGK Kapoor.



#### **CONFERENCE & INITIATIVE**

#### PM Modi Inaugurated National Conference of District Judiciary



#### The two-day National Conference of the District Judiciary organized by the Supreme Court of India at Bharat Mandapam. The conference is attended by more than 800 judges across all judiciary.

PM Modi also released a Coin and a stamp commemorating 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court.

President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India

- The new flag and the insignia, symbolizing justice and democracy were conceptualized by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi.
- The flag features the Ashok Chakra, the Inconic Supreme Court building and the book of the Constitution.



#### **HONORS**



#### NHPC, SECI, Railtel and SJVN Gain Navratna Status

- Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has granted the navratna status to four more state -owned public enterprises:
  - Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd
  - Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd
  - > Railtel Corporation of India Ltd
  - > National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd
- The number of navratna firms has increased to 25 as a result, from 21 earlier. Navratna status provides more financial autonomy to the entities.

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✤ The project involves the establishment of reception and facilitation centers dedicated to Army Veterans, Pensioners, War Widows, offering SPARSH-enabled pension services, Government to Citizen (G2C) services and Business to Consumer (B2C) services, all at a single, convenient location.

#### Google DeepMind Launches AI Project 'Morni' for 125 Indian Languages

\* Google DeepMind's India unit is taking on an ambitious challenge with a project called Morni, known as the Multimodal Representation for India (Morni) aiming to develop an AI model that understands and represents 125 Indian languages

and dialects.

**Google** DeepMind

\* To solve the problem of not having enough language data, Google has launched Project Vaani, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and ARTPARK (Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park) in 2022.

#### **ChatGPT Hits 200 Million Weekly Users**

- \* The AI research company OpenAI created ChatGPT and launched it in November 2022.
- ♦ OpenAI was founded in 2015 by a group of entrepreneurs and researchers, including Sam Altman and Elon Musk.

#### **Berkshire Hathaway First US Non-Tech Company to Hit \$1 Trillion**

- \* Berkshire Hathaway the Omaha based conglomerate led by Warren Buffett.
- \* Berkshire Hathaway is a diversified holding company that operates in a variety of industries, including insurance, transportation, energy, manufacturing and retail.

#### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

#### Indian Army Launches Project NAMAN: SPARSH Enabled Service Centres Nationwide

- \* The Indian Army launched the first phase of Project NAMAN, in presence of General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff.
- \* **Project NAMAN** is centered around the implementation of the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration Raksha), digital pension system, which streamlines pension related processes for Defense Pensioners, addressing the critical need for accessible facilitation points for Veterans and Next of Kin (NOK) across the country.





OpenAl says ChatGPT usage has

doubled since last year

#### **REPORTS**



#### **DEFENCE**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of India-U.S. Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X)**

- It will be held at the Stanford University in California during which top defense leaderships from the two countries would brainstorm on enhancing cross-border defense innovation ecosystems.
- To be hosted by U.S. India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) along with Stanford University's Gordian Knot Centre for National Security Innovation and the Hoover Institution on September 9<sup>th</sup> and10<sup>th</sup>.



- Themed around "harnessing investment opportunities to enhance cross-border defense innovation ecosystems".
- INDUS-X was launched in June 2023, the first edition was held in Washington DC on June 21, 2023.

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