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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September - World First Aid Day

It observed on Second Saturday of every September.  
Theme - “First Aid and Sports Ready, Set, Respond”.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September - Hindi Diwas

- ❖ This day marks the anniversary of the Constituent Assembly of India's decision to adopt Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, as the official language of the Republic of India on September 14, 1949. The first Hindi Diwas was celebrated in 1953.
- ❖ Constitution of India does not give any language the status of national language, Hindi in Devanagari script is the official language of the central government and the Union as per Article 343.



### SCHEME & INITIATIVE

#### PORT BLAIR RENAMED AS 'SHRI VIJAYAPURAM'



#### Port Blair renamed as 'Sri Vijaya Puram'

- ❖ Inspired by the vision of PM Modi, to free the nation from the colonial imprints.
- ❖ Sri Vijaya Puram symbolises the victory achieved in our freedom struggle and the A&N Islands' unique role in the same.
- ❖ The island territory that once served as the naval base of the Chola Empire.

- ❖ It is also the place that hosted the first unfurling of our Tiranga by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and also the cellular jail in which freedom fighters struggled for an independent nation.

## Cabinet Approves PM - eBus Sewa - Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) Scheme

- ❖ With an outlay of **Rs. 3,435.33 crore** for procurement and operation of **e-buses** by **Public Transport Authorities (PTAs)**, will support deployment of more than **38,000 electric buses (e - Buses)** from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- ❖ It will support the operation of e-buses for a period of up to **12 years** from the date of deployment.
- ❖ At present, the majority of buses operated by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) run on diesel / CNG, causing adverse environmental impact.

## PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM)

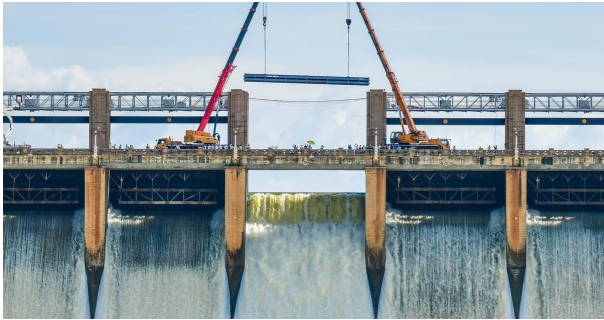
Cabinet approves PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme for procurement and operation of e-buses by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) with an outlay of Rs. 3,435.33 crore



- Scheme to support deployment of over 38,000 electric buses from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29
- Scheme to also support operation of e-buses for a period of up to 12 years from date of deployment
- Timely payments to OEMs/operators procure and operate e-buses for PTAs through a dedicated fund
- Initiative seeks to facilitate adoption of e-buses by encouraging private sector participation
- Scheme to also lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and also reduce the consumption of fossil fuel



## For Hydro electric projects budgetary support scheme approved by cabinet



- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the proposal of the **Ministry of Power** for modification of the scheme of budgetary support for the cost of Enabling Infrastructure for **Hydro Electric Projects (HEP)** with a total outlay of **Rs. 12461 crore**.
- ❖ The scheme would be implemented from **FY 2024-25** to **FY 2031-32**.
- ❖ Over the next 8 years, the scheme will support hydro power projects with a cumulative generation capacity of approximately **31,350 MW**.
- ❖ It applies to all hydro projects over 25 MW, including those in the private sector.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### India's first non-suburban metro, 'Vande Metro train' to connect Gujarat's Kutch district with Ahmedabad

- ❖ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is scheduled to flag off **Vande Metro**, the country's first **non - suburban metro train** service between **Bhuj** and **Ahmedabad**.
- ❖ In India, non-suburban train services cover long distances, while suburban train services are for short distances, generally up to 150 kilometers. Suburban trains are used to help passengers move quickly within cities, suburbs and extended suburbs.



## Launch of “Rangeen Machhli” App: A Milestone for India’s Ornamental Fisheries Sector



- ❖ Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying **Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh**, unveiled the “**Rangeen Machhli**” mobile application.
- ❖ The launch event took place at ICAR - Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (**ICAR -CIFA**) in Bhubaneswar. Developed by ICAR - CIFA with support from the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**.

- ❖ The new app offers a comprehensive guide to help both novice and professional fishers in the ornamental fish industry.

## Russia launches largest naval drill The “Ocean 2024”

- ❖ **Russia** has launched its largest naval drill in decades.
- ❖ The “**Ocean 2024**”, will be held simultaneously in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, as well as the Mediterranean, Caspian, and Baltic Seas from **September 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ The exercises will involve more than **400 battleships**, submarines and support vessels from the auxiliary fleet, along with over **120 aircraft** and more than **90,000 personnel**.

## APPOINTMENT

### R. Ravindra appointed as Ambassador To Iceland

**R. Ravindra**, currently Deputy Permanent Representative of **India** to the **UN** in New York, has been named the **next Indian Ambassador** to **Iceland**.



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