

CURRENT AFFAIRS



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IMPORTANT DAY

Second round of National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed on 10 August

The second round of National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed on 10 August in 33 States and Union Territories to tackle worm Infections, targeting more than 11 crore children. August 10, is the second round of National Deworming Day, held twice a year. The NDD program was launched in 2015. Under the NDD programme, children aged between 1-19 are provided deworming tablets in schools and anganwadis across the country, except in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh where deworming is carried out once a year.

STATE

Kerala, Haryana Top Sanitation Survey

According to the survey, almost all rural households in Kerala and Haryana had access to a toilet report. The survey is released by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and was carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI). The survey, covering 4626 villages across all States and Union territories, claimed that 62.45% of the households had access to a toilet. Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has least access to toilets compared to other states.

Pro Tip:

Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation – Narendra Singh Tomar
Constituency – Gwalior, MP

NATIONAL

NGT bans use of non-biodegradable plastic bags in Delhi

The National Green Tribunal, NGT imposed an interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in the entire national capital.

Pro Tip:

NGT – National Green Tribunal
Union Territory – New Delhi
CM – Arvind Kejriwal
Governor – Anil Baijal

INTERNATIONAL

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Attends 15th BIMSTEC Meeting in Nepal

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj departed for Kathmandu to participate in the 15th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting (10th and 11th August). During the two-day meet, Foreign ministers of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic

Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries will review the progress in identified fourteen areas of cooperation and discuss ways to accelerate cooperation. She will attend inaugural session of the 15th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting.

Pro Tip:

15th BIMSTEC Meeting – Kathmandu, Nepal

BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

Union minister for external affairs – Sushma Swaraj

Constituency – Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh

Country – Nepal

Capital – Kathmandu

Currency – Nepalese Rupee

India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol that commits countries to contain the emission of greenhouse gases, reaffirming its stand on climate action. With this, India became the 80th country to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, the international emissions reduction treaty. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which commits its Parties by setting internationally binding emission reduction targets.

Pro Tip:

The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005.

Kyoto a city in Japan

Country – Japan

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Japanese Yen

India ranked 43rd position in 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI)

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Pro Tip:

1st Country in GRI – Norway

2nd Country in GRI – Switzerland

3rd Country in GRI – Iceland

BANKING & ECONOMY

Syndicate Bank Cuts MCLR by 5-10 bps

Syndicate Bank has pared its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by 5-10 basis points in certain maturity buckets. MCLR for six months and one year will be 8.3 per cent (8.35 per cent now) and 8.5 per cent (8.60 per cent now), respectively, with effect from August 10.

Pro Tip:

Syndicate Bank HQ – Manipal, Karnataka
MD & CEO – Melwyn Rego
Tagline – your faithful and friendly financial partner

Axis Bank Cuts Savings Account Interest Rate by 50 bps

Private sector lender Axis Bank reduced interest rate on savings bank accounts by 50 basis points to 3.5 per cent for deposits up to Rs 50 lakh. However, the bank will continue to pay 4 per cent interest on deposits of above Rs 50 lakh.

Pro Tip:

Axis Bank HQ – Mumbai
MD & CEO – Shikha Sharma
Tagline – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

SPORTS

Asian Shotgun Championship: Kynan, Shreyasi win bronze in mixed team trap event

Kynan Chenai and Shreyasi Singh of India have won bronze in mixed team trap event in Asian Shotgun Shooting Championship in Astana, Kazakhstan. The Indian pair defeated Lebanon shooters 40-38. It is India's 4th medal in the Championship. Kynan Chenai had also won bronze in men's trap event.

Pro Tip:

Asian Shotgun Shooting Championship 2017 – Astana, Kazakhstan.
Country – Kazakhstan
Capital – Astana
Currency – Kazakhstani Tenge