

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 12th August:

IMPORTANT DAY

The International Youth Day is observed on 12th August

The International Youth Day was observed across the world on 12 August with the theme 'Youth Building Peace'. This year, the Day is aimed at celebrating young people's contributions in preventing conflicts and bringing about transformations along with inclusion, social justice and sustainable peace.

NATIONAL

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National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved ten projects in Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh to the tune of about Rs 2,033 crore. Eight of the ten projects pertain to sewage infrastructure and treatment, one to river front development and one to Ganga Knowledge Centre. These projects were approved in the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga. In Bihar, three major sewage infrastructure projects with total estimated cost of Rs 1461 crore have been approved. In West Bengal, three projects at an estimated cost of Rs 495.47 crore have been approved. In Uttar Pradesh, sewage infrastructure work in Chunar, district Mirzapur, has also been approved at an estimated cost of Rs 27.98 crore.

Pro Tip:

Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation – Uma Bharati
Constituency – Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

INTERNATIONAL

Peru expels Venezuelan ambassador

Peru has expelled the Venezuelan ambassador from Lima after Caracas sent an unacceptable response to regional condemnation of its new constituent assembly. Peru announced that the ambassador, Diego Molero, has five days to leave the country.

Pro Tip:

Venezuelan ambassador to Peru – Diego Molero
Country – Peru
Capital – Lima
Currency – New Sol

Turkey has started to construct a wall along the 500-km-long border with Iran

Turkey has started to construct a wall along the 500-km-long border with Iran. The construction is aimed at strengthening the country's security by stopping infiltration by smugglers and Kurdish militants that Turkey claims have bases and camps on the Iranian side of the border.

Pro Tip:

Country – Turkey

Capital – Ankara

Currency – Turkish Lira

BANKING & ECONOMY

Canara Bank unveiled two new digital services for online payments

Canara Bank unveiled two new digital services for online payments. Bharat QR (Quick Response) is for payment settlement at merchant locations and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an integrated bill payment system for net banking customers. The first service is a mobile application, which enables a merchant to accept payments as settlement for sale of goods or services. The second product (BBPS), an initiative of the RBI offers bill payment services to the bank's net banking customers with network of agents.

Pro Tip:

BBPS – Bharat Bill Payment System

Canara Bank HQ – Bengaluru

Tagline – Together we can

MD & CEO of Canara Bank – Rakesh Sharma

APPOINTMENT

Centre has appointed lyricist Prasoon Joshi as Chairman of the CBFC

The Centre has appointed lyricist Prasoon Joshi as Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years. Mr Joshi has replaced former Chairman Pahlaj Nihalani. Government has also reconstituted the existing CBFC with immediate effect for a period of three years. There are 12 members in the new board, which include Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Narendra Kohli, Naresh Chandra Lal, Vivek Agnihotri and Ms Vidya Balan.

Pro Tip:

CBFC – Central Board of Film Certification

New Chairman – Prasoon Joshi

Preceded by – Pahlaj Nihalani

Athlete Milkha Singh has been appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador

Legendary Indian athlete Milkha Singh has been appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Physical Activity in South-East Asia Region. Mr. Milkha will promote WHO South-East Asia Region's NCD (non-communicable diseases) Prevention and Control Action Plan which seeks to reduce the level of insufficient physical activity by 10 percent and NCDs by 25 percent by 2025.

Pro Tip:

WHO – World Health Organization

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Director-General of WHO – Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Nick Name of Milkha Singh – The Flying Sikh

Uhuru Kenyatta has been Re-elected as Kenyan President

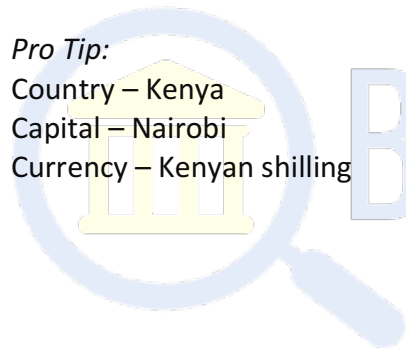
In Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta has been re-elected as President following the election. Election Commission Head Wafula Chebukati announced in Nairobi that Kenyatta got 54.27 per cent votes beating his rival Raifa Odinga who got 44.74 per cent of votes.

Pro Tip:

Country – Kenya

Capital – Nairobi

Currency – Kenyan shilling



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