

CURRENT AFFAIRS 19th August 2022

National News

1. Rajnath Singh inaugurates Manipur leg of football Durand Cup 2022 in Imphal



- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Manipur leg of football Durand Cup 2022 on Thursday at Khuman Lampak Sports Stadium in Imphal.
- The Durand Cup is being hosted for the first time in the Northeastern city.
- Mr Singh reached Imphal accompanied Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande and witnessed the first-ever Durand Cup match in the North-Eastern state.
- The match was played between NEROCA FC and TRAU FC. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, and other high-ranking Indian Army Officers also attended the inaugural function of Durand Cup.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mr.Rajnath Singh said, every sports person maintains good discipline and they are like jawans of the country. He also praised Manipur for its sports talent among the youths.

- The Chief Minister in his address said, the State Government has been able to host the historic Durand Cup with the support of Indian Armed Forces.

2. Har Ghar Jal in Full Flow: Goa Becomes 1st State to Provide Tap Water Connections to All Rural Homes



- The people of all the villages in Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) declared their village to be a “Har Ghar Jal” through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that “No One is Left Out.”
- All 85,156 of the 85,635,000 rural households in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, and Goa have access to potable water via a tap connection with Har Ghar Jal.
- The Government of India’s flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission, was unveiled on August 15, 2019, from the Red Fort’s ramparts by its forward-thinking Prime Minister.
- By 2024, the goal hopes to provide every rural family in the nation with a reliable in Jal Jeevan Mission, long-term supply of potable tap water in an appropriate amount and of the required quality.
- The initiative is carried out by the Indian government in collaboration with the States and UTs.

- Despite numerous setbacks and difficulties encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic, this success is the result of the persistent efforts of Goa's Panchayat members, Pani Samitis,
- The tap connection currently provides access to potable water for all schools, anganwadi centres, public institutions, including Gram Panchayat buildings, healthcare facilities, community centres, ashramshalas, and other government structures.

3. Kejriwal launches 'Make India No.1' mission, to travel across country to rally people's support



- Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has formally unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party's national ambition with the launch of the 'Make India No 1' campaign.
- At an event organized at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance.
- The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a "national mission" and appealed to the masses to join.
- The first thing that we have to do is provide free and quality education to every child of this country.
- The second measure that we will have to take is to provide free and best medical treatment along with free medicines and test facilities to every citizen of the country.
- Third, we will have to provide employment to every youth which is possible with the right intention and management.
- Fourth, every woman should get respect, equal rights and security.

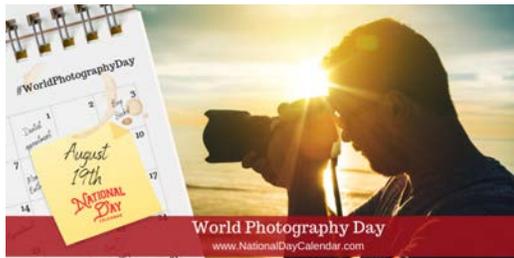
4. Paytm partners with Samsung stores to deploy smart PoS devices, offers Paytm Postpaid



- Paytm partnered with Samsung stores across India to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through the deployment of point-of-sale devices.
- The partnership will enable consumers purchasing Samsung devices like laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches etc, from any authorised store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards and credit cards.
- The partnership with Samsung stores will enable us to further extend the convenience of smart payments to a larger customer base.
- Paytm through its postpaid or buy-now-pay-later service will provide a credit limit of up to Rs 60,000 per month. It will also give customers an option to avail of personal loans of up to Rs 2 lakh through financial institution partners of Paytm, according to the company statement.

- Paytm claims to be the leader in offline payments, having deployed 4.1 million devices across the country as of July 2022.

5. WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY: 19th August 2022



- World Photography Day is celebrated on August 19 each year.
- The aim of World Photography Day is to create awareness, share ideas and encourage people to take up photography.
- The annual celebration pays tribute to the art of photography and also encourages those who are passionate about it to come together and share their work.
- It also serves as a motivating day for enthusiasts to pursue photography as a career.
- World Photography Day is a day to celebrate the art and craft of photography and the passion that people have for this genre.
- The day also recognizes how the purpose of the medium has evolved from documenting historic events to a mode for personal fulfilment and memory creation.
- The inception of this day dates back to 1837 when Frenchmen Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre invented the 'daguerreotype' which was the world's first-ever photographic process.

- Two years later on January 9, 1939, the daguerreotype was officially endorsed by the French Academy of Sciences.

6. Bajaj Electricals elevates Anuj Poddar as Managing Director, CEO



- Bajaj Electricals, part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group, has elevated its Executive Director Anuj Poddar to Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron Shekhar Bajaj will continue as Executive Chairman of the company.
- The separation of the Chairman and Managing Director positions is in continuation of the professionalisation of the management of the company and marks the company's commitment to strong corporate governance standards.
- Bajaj Electricals had a turnover of Rs 4,813 crore in FY22.
- Its business portfolio spans consumer products such as appliances, fans, lighting and EPC (illumination, power transmission and power distribution).

- It also has a presence in premium home appliance and cookware segments with brands like Morphy Richards and Nirlep.

7. NASA's moon rocket moved to launch pad for 1st test flight



- The American space agency, NASA has rolled out its giant new Moon rocket, surrounding the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft, the vehicle was moved to Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida ahead of the expected lift-off on 29 August.
- The near 100m-tall (328ft) SLS rode an immense tractor to the pad.
- The SLS will be used under the Artemis mission that will take humans back to the Moon his time with plans for a longer presence on the surface.
- The SLS will have 15% more thrust off the pad than Apollo's Saturn V rockets.
- This extra power, combined with further enhancements, will allow the vehicle to not only send astronauts far beyond Earth but, additionally, so much equipment and

cargo that those crews could stay away for extended periods.

- The crew capsule, also, is a step up in capability. Called Orion, it is much more spacious, being a metre wider, at 5m (16.5ft), than the historic command modules of the 1960s and 70s.

8. Bengaluru to host U18 women basketball event



- The International Basketball Federation FIBA is scheduled to host the FIBA U18 Women's Asian Championship at Sree Kanteerva and Koramangala Indoor stadiums in Bengaluru from September 5 to 11. As many as 16 countries will participate in the event.
- Youth Empowerment and Sports minister Dr C Narayana Gowda told reporters on Thursday that preparations for the event were on track.
- The championship will be in two divisions -- A and B.
- The countries in Division A are: China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Chinese, Taipei, Australia and New Zealand. In Division B are: Hong Kong, Jordan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines, Samoa and Thailand.
- The first four teams from the championship will qualify for the FIBA U19 Women's World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in Madrid, Spain, in July 2023.

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