



CURRENT AFFAIRS 26th August 2022

National News

1. For 1st time in History: Supreme Court starts live-stream proceedings



- The Supreme Court today called for an expert committee and an all-party meeting to discuss on freebies.
- The order was live-streamed in a historic first to mark outgoing Chief Justice N V Ramana's last day.
- The freebies case was among 20 hearings streamed for the first time from the Chief Justice's court.
- A petition has sought the deregistration of political parties who offer freebies during and after elections.
- Chief Justice Ramana said, there can be no denying fact that in electoral democracy, the true power lies with the electorate.
- The electorate judges the parties and candidates.
- The outgoing Chief Justice said a three-judge bench would decide on a petition seeking the reconsideration of a 2013 judgment in a similar case.

- That order had said that free TVs or laptops announced during elections is not a corrupt practice and is related to Directive Principles of State Policy for welfare of citizens.

2. India-Bangladesh Joint River Commission meeting held in Delhi

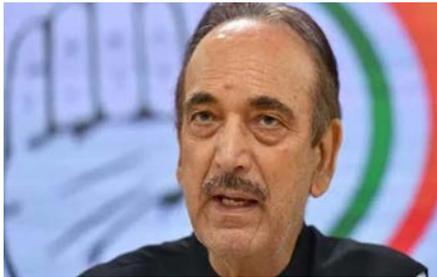


- The 38th Meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission, JRC, of India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi yesterday.
- The two sides finalized the text of MoU on 'Interim Water Sharing of Kushiyara river'.
- Both sides also welcomed finalization of the design and location of the water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura, as per the October 2019 India -Bangladesh MoU on the subject.
- The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and the Bangladesh delegation was led by State Minister for Water Resources Zaheed Farooque.
- The meeting assumes significance as it was held after a long gap of 12 years, though the technical interactions

under the framework of JRC have continued in the intervening period.

- India and Bangladesh share 54 rivers, of which seven rivers have been identified earlier for developing framework of water sharing agreements on priority.

3. Veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad resigns from the party



- Veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has resigned from all positions, including primary membership, from the Congress party.
- In a letter addressed to Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Mr. Azad said, with great regret and an extremely heavy heart, he has decided to sever his over half a century-old association with the Indian National Congress.
- He said, the leadership should have undertaken a Congress Jodo exercise across the country before starting Bharat Jodo Yatra.

4. Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy make history in BWF World Championships 2022; win India's 1st men's doubles title



- In the BWF World Championships 2022, Indian pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy made history as they secured India's first men's doubles medal in the history of the BWF World Championships 2022 after defeating world number 2 - Takuro Hoki & Yugo Kobayashi of Japan to storm into the semi-finals.
- In the men's single, Indian shuttler HS Prannoy's dream ended on Friday after losing the hard-fought quarter-final to China's Jun Peng Zhao in Tokyo.
- Prannoy crashed out of the tournament after losing to Zhao 21-19, 6-21, 18-21.
- Meanwhile, in Men's double's Arjun and Dhruv Kapila lost to Indonesian's Hendra Setiawan and Mohammad Ahsan by 8-21,14-21.

5. International Dog Day 2022 celebrates on 26th August



- We all are well aware of the fact that dogs are human's best friends.
- Their love is unconditional and therefore to honour that affection, International Dog Day is celebrated annually on August 26.
- It also aims to encourage people to adopt dogs and provide them with the better quality of life they deserve.
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6. Samir V Kamat appointed DRDO chief



- According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist Samir V Kamat was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Kamat as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of DRDO from the date of his assumption of charge till he attains the age of 60 years.
- The ACC also approved the appointment of Reddy as scientific adviser to the defence minister, the order said. Reddy was appointed as DRDO chief in August 2018 for two years. He was given two years extension in the post in August 2020.

7. UNESCO, ROYAL ENFIELD FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO SAFEGUARD CULTURAL HERITAGE OF INDIA



- **Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to promote and safeguard the ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas.**
- **The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region.**
- **This includes an exhibition, panel discussions, film screenings, performances and lecture demonstrations.**
- **The four-day programme will see eminent artists, designers, chefs, mixologists, musicians, actors, photographers and luminaries of the social development sector such as Adil Hussain, Peter D’Ascoli, Sonam Dubal, Rita Banerji, Mallika Viridi and Tsewang Namgail, Yangdup Lama, Nilza Wangmo and Anumitra Ghosh.**

8. Former CEA K Subramanian appointed Executive Director (India) at IMF



- **Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).**
- **His term will begin from November and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by curtailing the tenure of eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF up to 31 October 2022.**
- **Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director for India on the board of the IMF in 2019.**
- **He succeeded former RBI deputy governor Subir Gokarn, who died in the US on 30 July after a brief illness.**
- **Subramanian holds an MBA and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in financial economics from University of Chicago Booth School of Business.**

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