



CURRENT AFFAIRS 27th August 2022

National News

1. FIFA lifts suspension of All India Football Federation; India to host U-17 Women's World Cup



- FIFA has lifted the ban imposed on the All India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators.
- The decision has cleared the decks for India to host the Women's U-17 World Cup scheduled to take place on 11-30 October.
- World football governing body FIFA had suspended the All India Football Federation on August 15 for undue influence from third parties.
- In a letter to AIFF, FIFA mentioned that Bureau of the FIFA Council decided to lift the suspension of the AIFF with immediate effect.
- The Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to lift the suspension after FIFA received confirmation that the mandate of the committee of administrators that was set up to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee

had been terminated and that the AIFF administration had regained full control of the AIFF's daily affairs.

- FIFA also said that it will continue to monitor the situation and will support the AIFF in conducting its elections in a timely manner.
- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has said that the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 will be held in India as planned.

2. Neeraj Chopra creates history, Wins Lausanne Diamond League Meet title in Javelin throw



- Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League with a best throw of 89.08 metre.
- With his best throw at the event, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title.
- Neeraj has thus qualified for the Diamond League Finals, which will take place in Zurich, Switzerland from September 7 and 8.
- He has also now qualified for the 2023 World Championships.
- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has congratulated Javelin thrower Neeraj chopra on becoming the 1st Indian to win a Diamond League Meet.
- In a tweet, Mr Thakur lauded Neeraj for claiming the top spot at Lausanne in Switzerland with 89.08 meter throw.

3. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit sworn in as 49th Chief Justice of India



- Justice Uday Umesh Lalit will be sworn-in as Chief Justice of India today.
- President Draupadi Murmu will administer him oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He succeeds Justice NV Ramana, who retired yesterday.
- Justice UU Lalit will be in office for 74 days, a tenure shorter than average.
- Justice Lalit was involved in some landmark judgements in past and will also handle some major cases in his tenure as Chief Justice.
- In past, he was involved in the landmark judgement in the Triple Talaq case.
- Justice UU Lalit studied at the Government Law College, Mumbai, and specialised in criminal law.
- He practised in the Bombay High Court till 1985 and moved to Delhi in 1986.

4. SC says freebies may push state towards bankruptcy; Refers matter to three-judge bench



- **The Supreme Court has noted that freebies announced by political parties may push the state towards imminent bankruptcy.**
- **A bench, headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana and comprising Justices Hima Kohli and CT Ravikumar said freebies may create a situation wherein the state government cannot provide basic amenities due to lack of funds.**
- **The apex court said such freebies are extended utilising tax payers' money only for increasing the popularity of the party and electoral prospects.**
- **The court emphasised that the issues raised by the parties require an extensive hearing before any concrete orders can be passed and referred the pleas against freebies to a 3-judge bench.**
- **The court listed the matter for further hearing after 4 weeks.**

5. Jharkhand Governor seeks legal advice on EC's report over office of profit Case against CM Hemant Soren



- The Election Commission of India has submitted its report to Governor of Jharkhand Ramesh Bais on the office of profit case of Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- Governor Ramesh Bais is likely to take a decision on this case today. Political stir has increased in the State after Governor Ramesh Bais returned to Ranchi yesterday.
- Official sources have confirmed that the copy of judgment has reached Raj Bhavan.
- Sources in the Governor House have confirmed that Governor Ramesh Bais has been studying the EC report and seeking legal advice on the case.
- Senior bureaucrats have also been approached by the Governor House on this matter.
- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren has called a meeting of UPA MLAs at his residence in Ranchi today amid recent political developments in the state.

6. DreamSetGo appoints Sourav Ganguly as its first brand ambassador



- DreamSetGo, a sports experiences and travel platform, has announced Sourav Ganguly as its first brand ambassador.
- Founded in 2019, DreamSetGo is solving a specific problem – access to worldwide sporting events and experiences for fans.
- As the “Supercaptain” for DreamSetGo, Ganguly will play a key role in promoting DSG’s curated experiences offered through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC, ICC Travel and Tours, AO Travel, F1® Experiences and more.
- The startup is focused on delivering seamless, end-to-end, world-class personalized experiences for sports fans in India, giving them an opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the sport.
- As the “Supercaptain” for the company, he will promote its curated experiences offered through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC, etc.

7. India's First 3D-Printed Post Office To Come Up In Bengaluru Within A Month



- India's first 3D-printed post office is slated to come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka and will cost around one-fourth of the amount spent on a traditional building.
- The new post office building in Cambridge Layout in Halasuru, Bengaluru will be built using 3D printing and is likely to be completed within the next month.
- The Post Office building is being constructed by Larsen & Toubro, which is the only company currently in India utilising 3D printing technology for construction.
- 3D printing can significantly reduce the cost and expedite construction which would otherwise take months to complete.
- 3D printing of the new post office which will be a three-storied building has been given clearance by the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and IIT-Madras.

8. World's First Fleet Of Hydrogen-Powered Trains Is Now In Operation



- The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany.
- The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced 15 diesel trains that were previously operated on non electrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany.
- The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells.
- The use of hydrogen is a clean alternative to fossil fuels as per the German government's announcement.
- The state governor Stephan Weil said that Lower Saxony has invested a total of 93 million euros for the first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger train projects.
- This invitation is an excellent example and effort to make the economy of Germany greener.

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