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National News

1. India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant handed over to Indian Navy



- Maritime history was created yesterday with the Indian Navy taking delivery of the prestigious Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Vikrant, built by the Cochin Shipyard.
- The Commanding Officer Designate of Vikrant, Commodore Vidyadhar Harke and the Chairman and Managing Director of Cochin Shipyard Madhu S Nair signed the documents relating to the delivery of the vessel
- The name of India's first Aircraft Carrier was also INS Vikrant which played a vital role in the 1971 war.
- It was decommissioned in 1997 after 36 years of glorious service to the Navy.
- The Defence Ministry said in a release that the reincarnation of Vikrant is a true testimony to the country's

zeal and fervor in pursuing capability build-up towards enhanced maritime security.

2. Indian Navy receives two MH 60R multi-role helicopters from United States



- The Indian Navy received two MH 60R multi-role helicopters from the United States at the Cochin International Airport today.
- The copters were delivered by the Special Air Assignment Mission Flight of the US Air Force.
- The helicopters were part of the 24 MH 60 R Multirole helicopters being procured by India from the United States at a cost of over 14,000 crore rupees.
- The first three helicopters delivered last year in the US are being utilized for training the Indian Navy crew.
- Another helicopter is scheduled to be delivered on the 22nd of next month.
- These helicopters will be initially based at the Naval Air Station INS Garuda in Kochi and will be put through intensive flying trials for integration into the Navy's fleet operations.
- The delivery of all the 24 MH 60 R multirole helicopters will be completed by 2025.

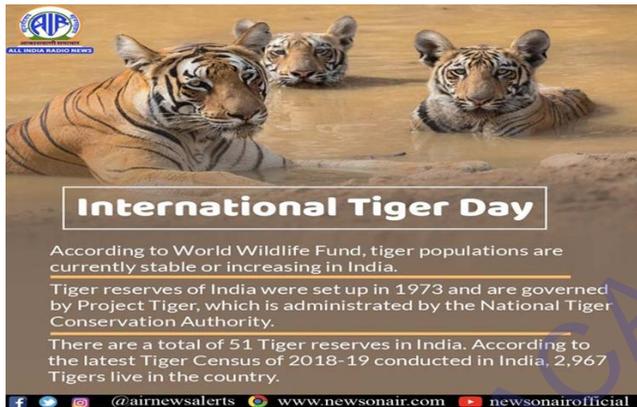
3. Sports Department of Punjab to hold 'Khed Mela' from Aug 29



- In Punjab, the Sports Department is going to organise 'Punjab Khed Mela' in which events of 30 sports will be held in six groups under 14 to 60 years veteran with an aim to identify talent, make a conducive environment for sports and increase health awareness.
- Apart from the previously held under-14, under-17 and 17 to 25 age groups for the first time, there will also be competitions in the 25 to 40 year, 40 to 50 year and 50 to 60 year age groups.
- The Punjab Khed Mela, which will be held from block to the state level, will kick start on the occasion of the National Sports Day on the 29th of August.
- This was disclosed by Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer at Chandigarh last evening.
- The Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the Khed Mela, said the Minister.

- The Sports Minister said that around three lakh players of Punjab will participate in the Sports Mela.

4. International Tiger Day: Jul 29



- International Tiger Day is being celebrated today. The main aim behind this day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise awareness and support for tiger conservation.
- According to World Wildlife Fund, tiger populations are currently stable or increasing in India.
- The tiger reserves of India were set up in 1973 and are governed by Project Tiger, which is administrated by the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- There are a total of 51 Tiger reserves in India. According to the latest Tiger Census of 2018-19 conducted in India, 2,967 Tigers live in the country.
- The population growth rate of Tiger is six per cent per annum. India is home to 80 per cent of tigers in the world
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded all those who are actively working to protect the tiger, on International Tiger Day.

- He said, innovative measures are being undertaken to involve local communities in tiger protection.
- On International Tiger Day today, Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has expressed happiness that through efforts made by National Tiger Conservation Authority NTCA, India almost doubled its tiger population in 2018-19 from 2014.

5. Department of Posts offers exclusive waterproof envelopes for Raksha Bandhan



- Department of Posts has come out with exclusive Rakhi Envelopes, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.
- The envelopes have a unique texture and are completely waterproof and tearproof.
- The cost of these Rakhi Envelopes is priced at an economical cost of 15 rupees per envelope. Raksha Bandhan is being celebrated on 11th August.
- Delhi Postal Circle has made an exclusive arrangement for the sale of high-quality Rakhi Envelopes with excellent Strength, tear resistance, waterproof, light weight and elegant printability through Post Offices in Delhi City.
- The sale of Rakhi Envelopes in Post Offices of Delhi has already been commenced.
- It will continue to be sold till the 8th of next month for posting within the state and up to the 7th of August for other states.

6. Union Bank sets up “RACE” goal as part of its plan to be among top 3 PSBs



- **A. Manimekhalai, MD & CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI), wants Union Bank of India to surpass other Public Sector Banks and take the third-largest Public Sector Bank position in a time of few years.**
- **Union Bank of India may even take into consideration buying a bank along the route.**
- **Manimekhalai, who became UBI’s first female leader on June 7th, emphasised that the bank has set “RACE” as its aim for the year.**
- **Union Bank of India, sometimes known as Union Bank or UBI, is a government-owned bank in India with over 120 million clients and US\$106 billion in annual revenue.**
- **The combined organisation became one of the largest PSU banks in terms of branch network with the combination with Corporation Bank and Andhra Bank, which went into effect on 1 April 2020.**

- There are currently about 9500 branches. Four of them are abroad, in Sydney, Dubai, Antwerp, and Hong Kong.

7. Asia Cup 2022 to be held in the UAE, hosting rights remain with Sri Lanka



- As informed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), the Asia Cup 2022 will now be held in United Arab Emirates (UAE). Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka.
- However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE.
- But the hosting rights of the game will still remain with Sri Lanka.
- The tournament will be held from August 27 to September 11, 2022, in the T20 format. This is the second consecutive time that the tournament will be played in the UAE.

8. Punjabi Singer Balwinder Safri Passes Away, Diljit Dosanjh Pays Tribute



- Veteran Punjabi singer Balwinder Safri has passed away. He was 63. Punjab-born Safri, who was based in Birmingham, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990.
- Safri, known for hit Punjabi tracks such as “Rahaye Rahaye” and “Chan Mere Makhna”, slipped into coma in April after suffering brain damage following a heart surgery.
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9. Northern Irish Nobel peace prize winner David Trimble passes away at 77



- Former Northern Irish first minister David Trimble, a pro-British leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for his role as a key architect in ending three decades of bloodshed in the region, has passed away at the age of 77.
- Trimble and John Hume, former leaders of the Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, jointly received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for their roles in helping end the sectarian violence that claimed some 3,600 lives.

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