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### National News

#### 1. Asia Has New Richest Woman - India's Savitri Jindal



- Savitri Jindal, the Chairperson Emeritus of OP Jindal Group, has surpassed China's Yang Huiyan to become Asia's richest woman, as per the real-time Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- The 72-year-old Savitri Jindal who also holds the position of the richest woman in India has a total fortune of \$11.3 billion.
- Jindal's net worth has fluctuated wildly in recent years. It fell to \$3.2 billion in April 2020 at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, then to \$15.6 billion in April 2022 due to a rise in commodity prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The fortune of Yang Huiyan, owner of China's largest real estate developer 'Country Garden Holdings', dropped by

more than half in 2022, from \$ 24 billion to \$11 billion. She had been Asia's richest woman for the past five years.

- Jindal, 72, is India's richest woman and the 10th-richest person in the country.
- She became the chairwoman of the Jindal Group shortly after her husband died in a helicopter crash in 2005.
- Savitri also boasts of a career in politics. In 2009, she was re-elected and was appointed as the cabinet minister in the Haryana government.

## 2. Director General of SSB takes additional charge of ITBP



- Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal, SSB Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen today took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi.
- Dr. Thaosen is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. IPS Sanjay Arora handed over the charge and customary baton to Dr. Thaosen.
- Raised in 1962, the ITBP guards Indo-China borders. It is also deployed in various internal security duties including anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh.

### 3. World Wide Web Day: 1st August 2022



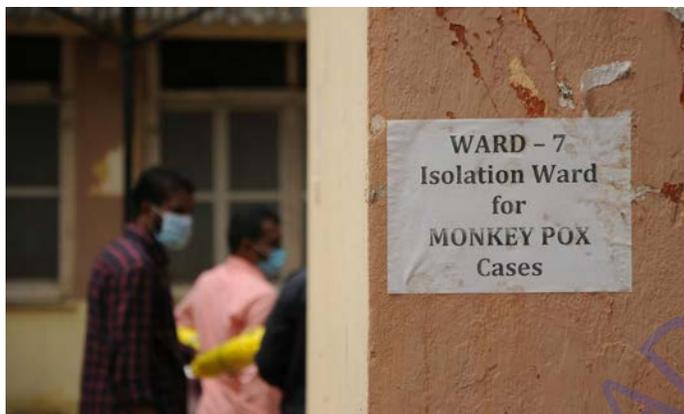
- **World Wide Web Day is observed on 1st of August every year. The day is marked in honor of the ability of people to browse information freely using the Web.**
- **The Web is the tool that billions across the globe use every moment to interact with the global system of interconnected computer systems that is the Internet.**
- **The WWW was created by English computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee in 1989, while he was working for the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland.**
- **Berners-Lee developed the essentials of the web - HTTP, HTML, the WorldWideWeb browser, a server, and the first website - while working at the organization.**
- **The day aims to highlight the importance of the web in improving people's lives by facilitating communication, access to information and resources, education and empowerment.**
- **The significance of the world wide web is huge in everyday life. Not a day goes by when people across the world don't use the world wide web in some way or the other.**

#### 4. World Lung Cancer Day 2022



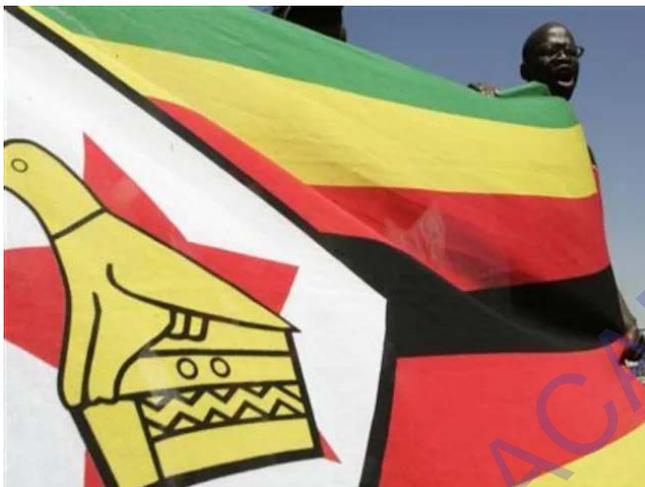
- Every year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on 01st August to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment.
- Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths among men and women.
- The campaign was first organised in 2012 by the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS), in collaboration with the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) and also the American College of Chest Physicians.
- The IASLC is the largest organisation in the world of its kind that only deals with lung cancer.

## 5. Monkeypox | Center forms task force to monitor virus situation



- The Central Government has constituted a task force in the wake of monkeypox cases in India to monitor and provide guidance on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.
- The decision was taken during a meeting attended by senior officials recently.
- The team will be headed by Dr. V.K. Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog. Until Monday, India confirmed four monkeypox cases — three in Kerala and one in Delhi.
- Last week, a youth in Kerala presenting monkeypox-like symptoms died, following which State Health Minister Veena George had initiated a high-level inquiry.
- Dr. Paul earlier reassured the general public, saying there is no need for any panic about the monkeypox virus as the government has taken significant measures to keep the disease in check.

## 6. Zimbabwe debuts gold coin as legal tender to stem inflation, boost currency



- Zimbabwe has launched gold coins to be sold to the public in a bid to tame runaway inflation that has further eroded the country's unstable currency.
- The unprecedented move was announced on Monday by the country's central bank, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, to boost confidence in the local currency.
- Trust in Zimbabwe's currency is low after people saw their savings wiped out by hyperinflation in 2008 which reached 5 billion, according to the IMF.
- With strong memories of that disastrous inflation, many Zimbabweans today prefer to scramble on the illegal market for scarce US dollars to keep at home as savings or for daily transactions.

## 7. Muslim Women Rights Day on August 1



- Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed every year on the 01st of August to celebrate the enforcement of the law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule among Muslims.
- According to the Shariat or Muslim Personal Law, Muslim men were given the privilege to end their marriage anytime by uttering the word Talaq three times in a row.
- But the law was repealed by the Indian Government in 2019.
- The Central Government of India on 01 August 2019, enacted a law against the Triple Talaq according to which Instant or Triple Talaq was declared a criminal offence.
- The new law was welcomed by all the women in India, especially the Muslim women and since then 01 August is observed as Muslim Women's Rights Day.
- This year marks the second anniversary of Muslim Women's Rights Day in India.

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