



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 3rd August 2022

### National News

#### 1. Lok Sabha passes Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021



- The Lok Sabha today passed the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021, seeking to increase the species protected under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, CITES.
- Replying to the discussion in Lok Sabha, Environment and Forests Minister Bhupender Yadav said that the unique ecosystem in the country must be preserved.
- He said, the Government has given equal importance to the development and environment.
- The Minister said, in the last eight years protected areas in the country have increased from 693 to 987, which includes fifty two tiger reserves.
- Noting that, the government works on the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, he said, the center is working

towards the betterment of all wildlife species alongside humans.

- Mr Yadav said a special chapter has been added to conform to the international treaty Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

## 2. Khulna-Mongla railway line to open by December: Bangladesh Railway Minister

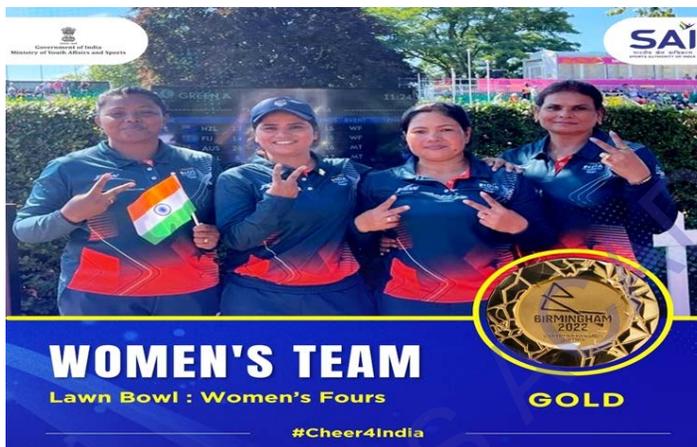


- Bangladesh Railway Minister Md. Nurul Islam Sujan has said that the Khulna-Mongla railway line will become operational by the end of this year.
- Minister Sujan said most of the work of around 45 kilometres railway line has been completed.
- The Mongla-Khulna railway line is funded by the government of India Line of Credit (LOC). The project is scheduled to be over by the end of this year.
- The Khulna-Mongla railway project is part of the first Line of Credit extended by India to Bangladesh in 2010.
- According to the IRCON International Ltd, a total 31 bridges and 108 culverts have been built for the train link.
- The Rupsha bridge was completed on 25 June this year.
- The Minister said that the main challenge in the project was the construction of the Rupsha bridge which has been

completed now. Railway track will be laid over it, said the Minister.

- Outlining the benefit of the Khulna-Mongla line, Nurul Islam Sujan said that it will lead to enhanced trade through the Mongla port to foreign destinations.

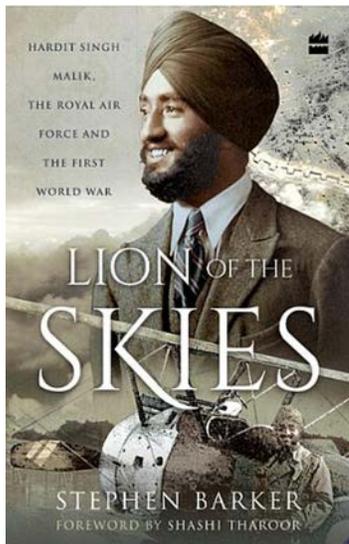
### 3. India scripts history at Commonwealth Games as Women's team secures first ever Gold medal in Lawn Bowls



- In the Commonwealth Games, in a major first for India, the women's fours lawn bowls team of Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, Lovely Choubey and Rupa Rani Tirkey, scripted history as they won a gold medal by defeating South Africa 17-10 in the finals. This is India's first medal in the sport.
- Lawn Bowls Association President Madhukant Pathak expressed his happiness over the first ever win in the Lawn Bowl sport.
- The Men's Table Tennis team defeated Singapore 3-1 in the gold medal match to give the country its fifth gold medal.
- Weightlifter Vikas Thakur won the silver medal in men's 96-kilogram category. Thakur lifted a total weight of 346 kilograms.
- In Athletics, Murali Sreeshankar and Muhammed Anees Yahiya have qualified for the men's long jump final.

- Star shot-putter Manpreet Kaur has qualified for the final too. Swimmers Kushagra Rawat and Advait Page qualify for men's 1500 meter freestyle final.

#### 4. Lion of the Skies:by Stephen Barker



- Hardit was a courageous Sikh, Westernised in thought but deep-rooted in Indian philosophy, a proud patriot who fought constantly for the dignity of Indian.
- Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War is not just another book – it is a powerful story of an “Indian fighter pilot” who claimed “two kills” long before the Indian Air Force was born, if that can raise some curiosity.
- A book titled “Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War” is all about an “India’s first fighter pilot” who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born.
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### **5. Veteran singer Nirmala Mishra passes away**



- **Renowned Bengali singer Nirmala Mishra has passed away. She was 81. She was born in 1938 in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district.**
- **She sang various songs in Bengali, Odia, and Assamese films. Her melodies in the Bengali language include 'Eamon Ekta Jhinuk', 'Bolo to Arshi' and 'Eai Banglar Mati Te'.**
- **The West Bengal government has also awarded her 'Sangeet Samman', 'Sangeet Mahasamman' and 'Bangabhibhushan' awards.**
- **She has been conferred with the Sangeet Sudhakar Balakrushna Das Award for her lifetime contribution to Odia music.**

## 6. Zee Entertainment's Merger with Sony Pictures Networks Gets NSE, BSE Approval



- Zee Entertainment on Friday said it has received approval from stock exchanges BSE and NSE for its proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India.
- The proposed merger with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly Sony Pictures Networks India) has been approved by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE), said a statement from Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) “The approval from the stock exchanges marks a firm and positive step in the overall merger approval process.
- The clearances allow ZEEL to move forward with the general merger process’ upcoming steps, it was said.
- The composite plan of organisation must still receive all necessary governmental and other approvals, nevertheless.
- Following the conclusion of an exclusive negotiation period during which both parties engaged in reciprocal due

diligence, the two media organisations had signed final agreements for the merger of ZEEL with SPNI in December of the previous year.

- According to the announcement, the acquisition is subject to a number of standard closing conditions, including shareholder, regulatory, and third-party clearances.

## 7. Satyendra Prakash assumes charge as Principal DG of PIB



- Senior Indian Information Service officer, Satyendra Prakash has been appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).
- A 1988 batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Prakash, the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication, will succeed Jaideep Bhatnagar, who superannuated.
- The Press Information Bureau was established in June 1919.
- In 1941, J. Natrajan became the first Indian to be head the Bureau as Principal Information Officer.
- The organization's name was changed to the Press Information Bureau in 1946. The Bureau has been reconstituted many times since the independence of India in 1947.
- The Press Information Bureau (PIB) is the nodal agency of the Government of India to disseminate information to the

**print and electronic media on government policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements.**

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