



CURRENT AFFAIRS 6th August 2022

National News

1. 'Badhe Chalo' Movement under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav begins



- 'Badhe Chalo' Movement under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav has begun from today.
- With an objective to instill a deeper sense of patriotism among the youth, the Ministry of Culture, has decided to create a youth centric activation for greater outreach of Amrit Mahotsav named 'Badhe Chalo'.
- It is being held across 10 cities every day from today to the 11th of this month.
- 'Badhe Chalo' have begun at national level and these ten locations include Lal Chowk in Srinagar, Ashtley Hall in Dehra Dun, Akashdeep Market in Itanagar, Central Mall in Patna, Telibandha Talab in Raipur, CMR Mall in Vishakhapatnam, Gaurav Tower in Jaipur, the Maharaja

Sayajirao University of Baroda, Alpha One Mall in Ahmedabad and Keshav Vatika in Kanpur.

- To connect and to bring the youth and people of the country at one platform, Badhe Chalo movement will feature Flash Dances across 75 cities, where dancers will perform on a specially created 'Youth Anthem'.
- Through these Flash Dances the Ministry of Culture aims at spreading the message and spirit of the Amrit Mahotsav in an entertaining and enthusiastic manner.
- The energetic foot-tapping anthem has been specially written and composed on the theme of 'Badhe Chalo' and it encourages everyone to come forward and hoist a Tiranga in their homes.

2. DRDO successfully test fires indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs.



- The indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles ATGM were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank MBT Arjun by Defence Research and Development Organisation DRDO and Indian Army at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School Ahmednagar in Maharashtra today.
- The missiles hit with precision and successfully destroyed the targets at two different ranges. Telemetry systems have

recorded the satisfactory flight performance of the missiles.

- The all-indigenous Laser Guided ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank HEAT warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour ERA protected armoured vehicles.
- The ATGM has been developed with multi-platform launch capability and is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from the 120 mm rifled gun of MBT Arjun.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has complimented DRDO and the Indian Army for the successful performance of the Laser Guided ATGMs.

3. DRDO successfully test-fires indigenously developed laser-guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles from Main Battle Tank Arjun



- The indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles ATGM were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank MBT Arjun by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Army at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School Ahmednagar in Maharashtra yesterday.
- The missiles hit with precision and successfully destroyed the targets at two different ranges.
- Telemetry systems have recorded the satisfactory flight performance of the missiles.
- The all-indigenous Laser Guided ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank HEAT warhead to defeat

Explosive Reactive Armour ERA protected armoured vehicles.

- **The ATGM has been developed with multi-platform launch capability and is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from 120 mm rifled gun of MBT Arjun.**

4. CWG: Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik clinch Gold medals



- **In the Commonwealth Games, Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik clinched gold medals for India.**
- **In men's freestyle wrestling, Bajrang Punia won gold by defeating Canadian Lachlan Mcneil 9-2 in 65kg category while Deepak Punia clinched the gold by defeating Pakistan's Muhammad Inam 3-0 in 86kg category.**
- **Mohit Grewal won bronze by defeating Jamacian Aaron Johnson in 125kg category.**
- **In Women's Freestyle wrestling, Sakshi Malik bagged gold beating Canadian Godinez Gonzalez by fall in 62kg category while Anshu Malik settled for a silver after losing 3-7 to Nigeria's Folasade Adekuoroye in 57 kg category.**
- **Divya Kakran won bronze medal by defeating Tiger Lily Cocker Lemalie of Tonga by fall in 68 kg category.**

5. Lumpy Skin Disease, the viral infection killing cattle in Gujarat, Rajasthan



- Over the last few weeks, nearly 3,000 cattle have died in Rajasthan and Gujarat due to a viral infection called the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) that has spread across the states.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel visited the affected areas in Kutch to review the situation on Tuesday (August 3).
- According to a report by GAVI, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) disease is caused by a virus called the Capripoxvirus and is “an emerging threat to livestock worldwide”.
- It is genetically related to the goatpox and sheeppox virus family.
- LSD infects cattle and water buffalo mainly through vectors such as blood-feeding insects.
- Signs of infection include the appearance of circular, firm nodes on the animal’s hide or skin that look similar to lumps.

6. NRIs can now pay utility bills through Bharat Bill Payment System



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to allow non-resident Indians (NRIs) to make utility, education and other bill payments on behalf of their family members living in India.
- The payments will be processed through Bharat Bill Payment System's (BBPS) cross-border inward bill payments facility.
- BBPS is a payments system conceptualized by RBI and run by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to help customers make bill payments both digitally and physically, say, through bank branches and business correspondents.
- Experts said the move will be convenient for NRIs who make regular payments in India.
- The move was announced by RBI governor Shaktikanta Das in his monetary policy statement.
- The central bank will soon be issuing instructions to put this into effect.

7. Ranjit Rath takes over as Oil India chairman



- **Ranjit Rath has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run Oil India Ltd (OIL). He replaces Sushil Chandra Mishra who retired on 30 June.**
- **The newly appointed OIL CMD has so far been associated with diverse roles spanning from strategy formulation, business development and upstream asset management to the application of geosciences and exploration geology in several important projects including the creation of strategic petroleum reserves (SPR).**
- **An alumnus of IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur and with an experience of more than 25 years in the field of geosciences, Rath, prior to his appointment as the Oil India CMD, Rath was the CMD Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Ltd.**
- **He has also held the positions of the CEO of Khanij Bidesh India Limited, Managing Director of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd and also held additional charge of the Director General of Geological Survey of India.**
- **The appointment of the new CMD comes at a crucial time as the company is diversifying into renewable energy businesses along with other energy majors.**

8. IOCL signs MoU with Bangladesh for emergency supply of petroleum goods



- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the emergency delivery of petroleum products via Bangladeshi territory to India was signed by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in Dhaka.
- The Indian High Commission stated in a tweet that this is an interim setup to help with the urgent supply of petroleum products due to damage caused by the flood in Assam this year.
- Oil tankers will enter from Meghalaya and travel into Bangladeshi territory on their way to Tripura.
- For use of Bangladeshi land, the IOCL shall be responsible for paying all administrative costs, fees, and local taxes, including the road usage fee.
- The MoU was signed to permit Indian cars to transfer petroleum from Assam to Tripura by road, which has been badly affected as a result of the recent floods in Assam and Tripura, according to a statement from Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

By Sameer Singhal

PLUTUS ACADEMY