

# Current Affairs, 21st July 2024

## National News

### 1. \*\*Dehradun Opens State's First Bird Gallery Near Jolly Grant Airport\*\*



- Uttarakhand's first bird gallery was inaugurated in Dehradun by the forest department's research wing.
- It showcases over 250 photographs and recorded sounds of bird species from the region.
- Part of the Nature Education Centre, it aims to highlight the avian biodiversity and the importance of birds in the Himalayan ecosystem.

### 2. \*\*Virat Kohli Tops Celebrity Brand Valuation in 2023\*\*



- Virat Kohli is the most valued celebrity in India with a brand value of USD 227.9 million.
- The report by Kroll ranked Kohli first, followed by Ranveer Singh, Shah Rukh Khan, Akshay Kumar, and Alia Bhatt.

### 3. \*\*IRCTC Upgraded as Schedule "A" CPSE\*\*



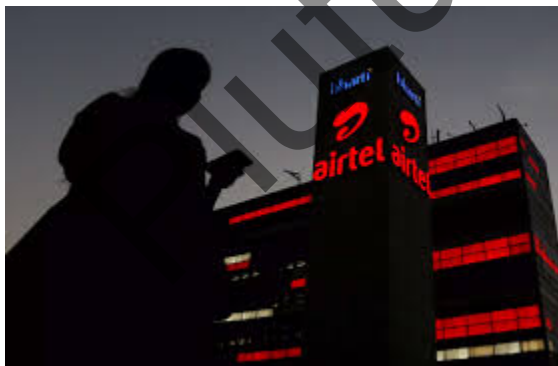
- Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) was upgraded to Schedule “A” Central Public Sector Enterprises.
- This upgrade is a recognition of IRCTC’s contributions to hospitality, travel, and tourism under the Ministry of Railways.

#### 4. **\*\*AAI Signs MoU with Rajasthan Govt for Developing Greenfield Airport at Kota\*\***



- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed an MoU with the Rajasthan government for the development of a greenfield airport in Kota.
- The airport will be constructed on 440.086 hectares of land.

#### 5. **\*\*Central Board of Direct Taxes Ropes in Bharti-Airtel for Network Project\*\***



- Bharti-Airtel Ltd. will provide network connectivity and management services under the project "Taxnet 2.0".
- The project aims to enhance the digital infrastructure and security of the income tax department.

## Banking and Financial

### 6. **\*\*RBI Imposes Monetary Penalty on Muthoot Finance Limited\*\***



- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹1,90,000 on Muthoot Finance Limited for non-compliance with KYC Directions, 2016.
- Recent penalties also include actions against Punjab National Bank, Axis Bank, SBM Bank India, HSBC, ICICI Bank, and YES Bank.

### 7. **\*\*RBI Forms Panel to Review Fee Structure for White-Label ATMs\*\***



- A committee headed by Sunil Mehta, CEO of Indian Banks' Association, will review the fee structure for white-label ATMs.
- The committee will submit its report to Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar.

## Awards

### 8. **\*\*Sri Kurumba Trust Wins Global CSR ESG Award 2024\*\***



- Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust won the “Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024” award.
- The award was presented at the Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024.

## Science

### 9. **\*\*China Launches New Earth Observation Satellite\*\***



- China launched the Gaofen-11 05 satellite for land surveys, urban planning, and disaster prevention.
- The satellite was launched by a Long March-4B carrier rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center.