

Current Affairs: August 10, 2024

National News

1. ****Government Approves New Railway Projects**:**



- The Union Cabinet has approved eight new railway projects costing ₹24,657 crore. These projects aim to improve travel, reduce costs, and lower pollution.

2. ****Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) Foundation Day**:**



- ICoAS celebrated its Foundation Day in New Delhi with the theme "ICoAS @ Viksit Bharat." The event focused on how ICoAS officers can help shape India's future by 2047.

International News

3. ****Bill Gates Foundation to Set Up Waste Treatment Plant in Kerala**:**



- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, along with Habitat Charitable Trust, is setting up a new waste treatment plant in Kozhikode, Kerala. This plant will help improve sanitation and water cleanliness in the area.

State News

4. ****Odisha Launches India's First 'Rice ATM'**:**



- Odisha has launched the country's first round-the-clock grain dispensing machine, called the Annapurta Grain ATM. This machine will help improve the Public Distribution System for ration cardholders.

5. ****Chhattisgarh Approves New Tiger Reserve**:**



- Chhattisgarh has approved a new tiger reserve called Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla. It will be the third-largest tiger reserve in India, covering 2,829 square kilometers.

Banking News

6. ****RBI Improves Cheque Clearing System**:**



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made changes to the cheque clearing system, allowing cheques to be cleared continuously, which will speed up the process and reduce risks.

Schemes and Committees

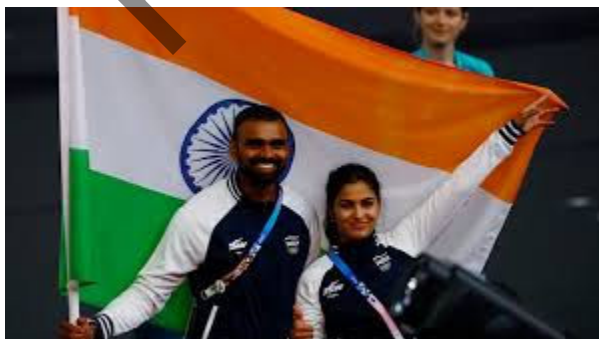
7. ****India Forms Committee for Bangladesh Border Safety****:



- The Indian government has set up a committee to monitor the Bangladesh border due to the ongoing tensions there. The committee will work to ensure the safety of Indian citizens and minority groups.

Sports News

8. ****India's Flag Bearers for Paris 2024 Closing Ceremony****:



- PR Sreejesh, a hockey goalkeeper, and Manu Bhaker, a pistol shooter, will be India's flag bearers at the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Obituaries

9. ****Former UGC Vice-Chairman H. Devaraj Passes Away****:



- H. Devaraj, who was a former Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission, has passed away at the age of 71. He was an important figure in India's education sector.

Important Days

10. ****World Lion Day 2024****:



- World Lion Day is celebrated every year on August 10th to highlight the importance of protecting lions. Lions are crucial for maintaining balance in nature. This year's theme encourages the global community to:

- Support anti-poaching initiatives.
- Promote habitat restoration and protection.
- Foster human-lion coexistence through education and outreach.
- Advocate for stronger wildlife protection policies.