

Current Affairs: August 12, 2024

National

1. **Cabinet Secretary Appointment:**



T.V. Somanathan has been appointed as the new Cabinet Secretary of India, succeeding Rajiv Gauba. His term begins on August 30, 2024, and he will also serve as Officer on Special Duty in the Cabinet Secretariat until his formal assumption of office.

2. **India's Olympic Position:**

INDIA AT GAMES OVER THE YEARS

Games	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
2008 Beijing	1	0	2	3
2012 London	0	2	4	6
2016 Rio	0	1	1	2
2020 Tokyo	1	2	4	7
2024 Paris	0	1	5	6

India finished 71st in the medal tally at the Paris Olympics 2024. The performance highlights a need for improved preparation and support for athletes.

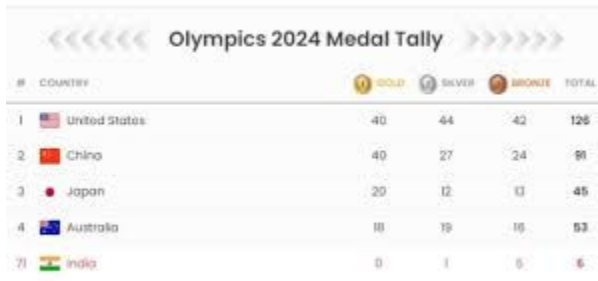
3. **Book Launch: '75 Great Revolutionaries of India'**



The book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India' by MP Bhim Singh was launched by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, highlighting lesser-known freedom fighters and aiming to inspire a developed India by recognizing historical sacrifices.

International

4. **Paris Olympics Medal Leader:**



Olympics 2024 Medal Tally					
#	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	United States	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	Japan	20	12	13	45
4	Australia	18	19	16	53
71	India	0	1	5	6

The United States (USA) won the most medals at the Paris Olympics 2024, leading the medal tally with a significant margin over other participating countries.

5. **India-Maldives UPI Agreement:**



India has signed an agreement with the Maldives to introduce Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services, enhancing cross-border

Important Events

6. **Natwar Singh Passes Away:**



Former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh passed away at 95 due to a prolonged illness on August 10, 2024. He was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram near Delhi for the past couple of weeks.

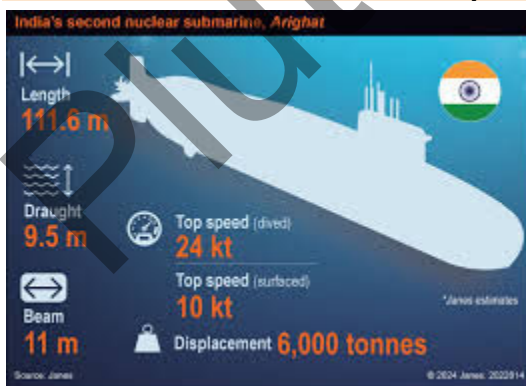
7. ****World Biofuel Day 2024.****



World Biofuel Day, observed annually on August 10th, commemorates German engineer Sir Rudolf Diesel's achievement of running an engine on peanut oil on August 9, 1893, highlighting the significance of biofuels as a sustainable energy source.

Defense

8. ****India's Nuclear Submarine Capabilities:****



India is on the brink of commissioning its second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, **INS Arighat**, and has received approval to construct six additional nuclear submarines to enhance its maritime defense.

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