

August 16, 2024: Current Affairs

National

SDGs Milestone Review Consultation



A one-day consultation on "Review of Milestone Setting for SDGs National Indicators" was held on 16th August 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event focused on evaluating India's progress and setting future milestones for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators.

Launch of National Pest Surveillance System



On 15th August 2024, Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS). This AI-powered system provides farmers with timely pest management advisories through a mobile app and web portal.

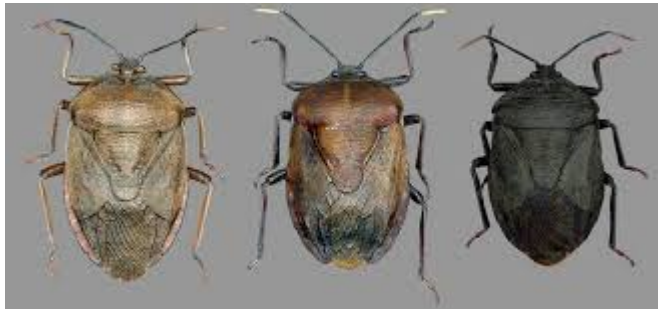
Women Leadership in Panchayats Workshop



The National Workshop on Women Leadership in Panchayats was held in New Delhi on 14th August 2024. This event aimed to empower women leaders in local governance and was part of the celebrations for India's 78th Independence Day.

Science & Technology

****New Edible Bug Species Discovered****



Three new edible bug species, *Coridius adii*, *Coridius insperatus*, and *Coridius esculentus*, were discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. Announced on 11th August 2024, this highlights the region's rich biodiversity and potential for unique culinary traditions.

****ISRO's SSLV-D3 Mission Success****



ISRO successfully launched the SSLV-D3 mission on 16th August 2024. This mission marked the third and final developmental flight of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), deploying the EOS-08 Earth-observing satellite.

Sports

****Pramod Bhagat's Suspension by BWF****



The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has suspended Indian para shuttler Pramod Bhagat for 18 months. The suspension, due to repeated failures to provide his whereabouts, will result in him missing the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Important Days

****National Mourning Day in Bangladesh****



National Mourning Day in Bangladesh was observed on 15th August 2024. The day commemorates the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975 and honors his legacy in the nation's independence and unity.

Appointments

****PR Sreejesh Appointed Junior Hockey Coach****



PR Sreejesh was announced as the new head coach of India's junior men's hockey team on 8th August 2024. His appointment follows India's bronze medal win at the Paris Olympics, bringing valuable experience to the junior team.

****Rahul Navin Appointed Director of Enforcement Directorate****



Rahul Navin was appointed as the full-time Director of the Enforcement Directorate on 14th August 2024. His leadership comes at a crucial time for the agency responsible for enforcing economic laws and fighting financial crime in India.

****Paetongtarn Shinawatra Becomes Thai Prime Minister****



Paetongtarn Shinawatra was sworn in as Thailand's youngest prime minister on 16th August 2024. She is the daughter of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and is expected to lead significant reforms in the country.

Awards & Honors

****TIAL Receives Greentech Award****



Thiruvananthapuram International Airport Limited (TIAL) received the Greentech Award for Zero Waste to Landfill on 10th August 2024. This award recognizes their outstanding efforts in sustainable waste management.

****70th National Film Awards Winners****



The 70th National Film Awards were announced on 16th August 2024, with *Aattam* winning Best Feature Film. Rishab Shetty was honored as Best Actor for *Kantara*, and Nithya Menen and Manasi Parekh shared the Best Actress award.

Obituaries

****Passing of Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal****



Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal, renowned as the "Father of Agni Missiles," passed away on 15th August 2024. He played a pivotal role in developing India's Agni series of ballistic missiles, significantly enhancing the nation's defense capabilities.

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