

Current Affairs August 22, 2024

****National News:****

- ****New Power Platforms****:



Three online platforms—PROMPT, DRIPS, and JAL VIDYUT DPR—were launched to improve power sector efficiency and transparency. The launch was on August 20, 2024, in New Delhi.

****Banking News:****

- ****RBI Capex Forecast****:



The RBI predicts private capital expenditure will rise to ₹2.45 trillion in FY25, up from ₹1.59 trillion in FY24, due to strong investment intentions and infrastructure focus.

- ****UPI Circle Launch****:



NPCI introduced 'UPI Circle' allowing UPI account holders to delegate payment tasks to trusted users within set limits for better security.

****Appointments News:****

- ****Amardeep Singh Bhatia****:



Appointed as DPIIT Secretary, succeeding Rajesh Kumar Singh. He has extensive experience in key government roles.

- ****Rajesh Nambiar****:



Appointed as NASSCOM President-Designate, replacing Debjani Ghosh. Nambiar is resigning from Cognizant India.

****Awards News:****

- **National Geoscience Awards 2023**



: President Droupadi Murmu awarded top geoscientists, including the Lifetime Achievement Award to Prof. Dhiraj Mohan Banerjee..

****Important Days:****

- **International Day Commemorating Victims of Religious Violence**



August 22 is recognized to support victims of religious violence, emphasizing the importance of religious freedom.