

Current Affairs: 06 September, 2024

National:

1. Assam to Celebrate "Sootea Day":



Starting from 2025, Assam will observe August 20 as "Sootea Day" to honor the region's role in India's freedom struggle. This marks the 1942 event when locals hoisted the national flag at Sootea Police Station during the Quit India Movement. A heritage monument will be built at the site with a ₹5 crore budget.

2. Kerala Tops BRAP and SRAP Rankings:



Kerala secured the top spot in the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) and State Reform Action Plan (SRAP) by excelling in nine reform categories. The rankings were released by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, recognizing Kerala's efforts to improve business and citizen-centric services.

3. First International Solar Festival in Delhi:



The first International Solar Festival was held in Delhi on September 5-6, 2024, promoting solar power as a sustainable energy source. Addressed virtually by PM Modi, the event highlighted India's solar energy achievements and saw participation from over 100 countries.

4. PM Modi Launches 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' Initiative:



On September 6, 2024, PM Modi launched the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative in Surat, Gujarat, aiming to build 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures. This initiative focuses on enhancing water conservation with the mantra "Reduce, Reuse, Recharge, Recycle."

Banking:

5. Bank of India Launches Fixed Deposit Scheme:



The Bank of India introduced the 333-Day Star Dhan Vriddhi Fixed Deposit scheme, offering attractive interest rates up to 7.90% for super senior citizens. The scheme aims to attract more depositors by offering competitive rates.

6. Paysharp Receives RBI Authorization as Payment Aggregator:



Chennai-based fintech Paysharp received final authorization from RBI as a Payment Aggregator, allowing it to expand its payment solutions. The company focuses on non-card payments like UPI and virtual accounts.

7. Kotak General Insurance Rebrands as Zurich Kotak:



Following Zurich Insurance Group's acquisition of a 70% stake, Kotak General Insurance has been rebranded as Zurich Kotak General Insurance. This collaboration aims to enhance insurance offerings by leveraging global and local expertise.

8. HDFC Bank Launches GIGA for Gig Workers:



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HDFC Bank introduced "GIGA," a financial suite designed for gig workers and freelancers, offering specialized accounts, cards, insurance, and investment products. The initiative addresses the unique financial needs of gig economy workers.

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