

Current Affairs August 31, 2024

National News

1. ****Indian Army Launches Project NAMAN****:



Aimed at providing dedicated support to defense pensioners, veterans, and their families, the Indian Army has launched the first phase of Project NAMAN, inaugurated by Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi, President of the Army Wives Welfare Association.

2. ****NHPC, SECI, Railtel, and SJVN Gain Navratna Status****:



Four Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) – NHPC, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL), and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) – have been granted 'Navratna' status, bringing the total number of Navratna CPSEs in India to 25.

International News

3. ****INS Tabar Participates in Exercise with Spanish Navy****:



INS Tabar, an Indian Navy frigate, engaged in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Spanish Navy Ship Atalaya in the Mediterranean Sea, reinforcing India-Spain maritime cooperation.

****States**

4. ****Bihar CM Inaugurates Sports University in Rajgir****:



On National Sports Day, Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated a sports university, a sports academy, and a sports complex in Rajgir, aiming to enhance the state's sports infrastructure.

Appointments

5. ****Dr. T.V. Somanathan Appointed as Cabinet Secretary****:



Dr. T.V. Somanathan, an IAS officer of the 1987 Tamil Nadu cadre, has assumed the role of Cabinet Secretary, succeeding Rajiv Gauba.

Banking

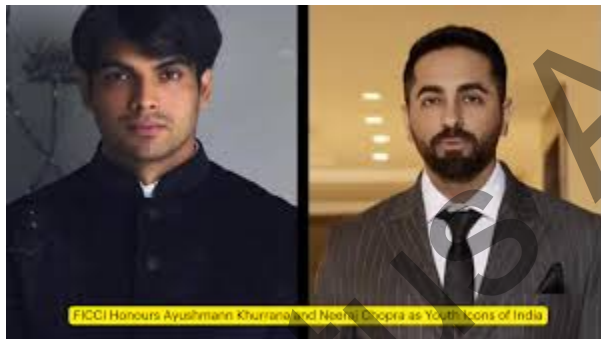
6. ****RBI Penalizes UCO Bank and Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd****:



The RBI has imposed penalties on UCO Bank (₹2.68 crore) and Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd (₹2.1 lakh) for regulatory non-compliance.

Awards

7. ****FICCI Honors Ayushmann Khurrana and Neeraj Chopra as Youth Icons****:



Ayushmann Khurrana and Neeraj Chopra were honored by FICCI as Youth Icons of India at the Young Leaders Awards in New Delhi.

8. ****Kerala Tourism Wins PATA Gold Award 2024****:



Kerala Tourism received the prestigious PATA Gold Award 2024 for its innovative 'Holiday Heist' online contest, recognized in the Digital Marketing Campaign category.

Defence

9. ****Indian Air Force Launches Comic Book Series****:



The Indian Air Force has launched a comic book series celebrating its heroes to inspire and educate the youth about its rich history.

Important

10. ****International Day for People of African Descent****:



Observed on August 31st, this day highlights the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.