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Preeti Sudan is the new UPSC chairperson.

Preeti Sudan, the former Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), took oath as the New Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

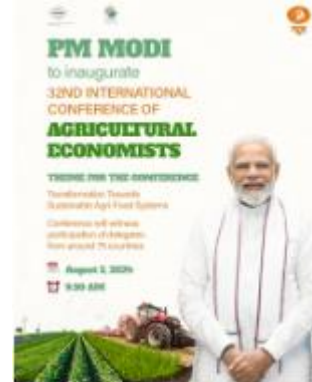


Key Points

- ❖ She will hold the post till 29th April 2025 or until further orders.
- ❖ She became the 2nd woman to head the UPSC after RM Bathew who served as UPSC Chair from 1992 to 1996.
- ❖ She succeeds Manoj Soni, who resigned from the post in July 2024 almost 5 years before his tenure ends in 2029.

The appointment was approved by Droupadi Murmu, President of India, under clause (1A) of Article 316 of the Constitution for performing the duties of Chairman, UPSC.

32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists



PM to inaugurate the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists on 3rd August

Key Points

- ❖ The triennial conference, organised by the International Association of Agricultural Economists will be held from 02 to 07 August 2024.
- ❖ The ICAE is being held in India after 65 years.
- ❖ The theme for this year's conference is, "Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems."

Tiranga Utsav Celebrates 146th Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkaiah

The Culture Ministry organized a 'Tiranga Utsav' in New Delhi on August 2 to celebrate the 146th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Pingali Venkaiah.

Key Points

- ❖ The event was attended by the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah.

- ❖ In honor of Pingali Venkaiah immense contributions to the independence movement, a commemorative postage stamp was released in his name.
- ❖ “The Home Minister also launched the “Har Ghar Tiranga” anthem and video.
- ❖ 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is part of central government's celebration for 75 years of independence.

Pingali Venkayya

- ❖ Pingali Venkayya was born on August 2, 1876, in Bhatlapenumarru, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ He worked as a soldier in British Indian Army when he went to South Africa where the Union Jack symbolized nationalism among British soldiers.
- ❖ In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi approved the tricolor flag designed by Venkayya, featuring two stripes (green and red) and a spinning wheel in the center, at a meeting of the Indian National Congress in Vijayawada.

In a recent judgement, the Supreme Court permitted the sub-division of SCs and STs.



In the case *INDIAN RAILWAYS vs. RAVI KUMAR*, the honorably Supreme Court of India further mentioned that states indeed are having legal rights to sub divide Scs and Sts that are to be used for the purpose of reservation.

This 6-1 judgement has overruled the 2004 judgement which was passed in *E. V. Chinnaiah vs State of Andhra Pradesh*.

Key Points

Sub-Classifications Permitted:

- ❖ **Decision:** There are provision that allow states to sub classified the SCs and the STs depending on the degree of their of backwardness .
- ❖ **Implementation:** Here it is possible for the SC states to manage the 15% SC reservation quota meeting the needs of the most backward classes among the SCs.
- ❖ **Chief Justice's Emphasis:**
- ❖ **Sub-Classification vs. Sub-Categorisation:**
- ❖ The Chief Justice expanded the meaning of these terms and focusing on the fact that such classifications would if properly applied should not be for political expediency.

- ❖ **Empirical Basis:** However, it is a fact that sub-classifications have to be made depending on fact and records of discrimination inherent in a race and they should not be as a result of political consideration or wish wash.

Creamy Layer

- ❖ The 'creamy layer' imposed a limit on the income criteria regarding the implementation of OBC reservation.
- ❖ The candidate falling within the respiratory of 'creamy layer' regarding income and their parentage would not be considered fit to get any facilities under the OBC category

Lt Gen Sadhna has created a record of being the first-ever female DGMS (Army).

Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair assumed the office of the Director General of Medical Services (Army). She is the first woman to hold this prestigious post in the Indian Army's Medical Services.



Key Points

- ❖ Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair assumed the office of the Director General of Medical Services (Army) on 1 August 2024.
- ❖ Before joining the post of Director General of Medical Services (Army), she was the Director General of Hospital Services (Armed Forces).
- ❖ Lt. General Sadhna Saxena Nair was the first woman to be appointed as the Principal Medical Officer of the Western Air Command and Training Command of the Indian Air Force.

About Director General Armed Forces Medical Services

- ❖ All three medical services were combined, and the government of India established an Armed Forces Medical Service in 1948.
- ❖ The Armed Forces Medical Service was established by the Indian government under the Ministry of Defence following the proposal of the Dr B C Roy Committee on 'Armed Forces Medical Services and Research Integration.'
- ❖ Lieutenant General Daljit Singh is the current Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services.

Short News

- ❖ Sanjay Shukla assumes the official position of the Managing Director (MD) of National Housing Bank.

- ❖ 'One DAE One Subscription' (ODOS), has a brief stated aim to obtain a single subscription for the entire Department of Atomic Energy. The Indian Coast Guard has institutionalized 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0.' The purpose of Suvidha is to improve the training and make it uniform across various platforms in the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ T20 Asia cup will be held in India in 2025.
- ❖ India assumed the position of the Vice Chair of Supply Chain Council under Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF). Sinergium BioTech is involved in a project that focuses on the production of mRNA vaccines for avian Influenza (H5N1).
- ❖ Parimal Nathwani gifted a book on Gir and Asiatic lions to the Prime Minister.
- ❖ For the first time, the Periyar Tiger Reserve has set up a wind turbine inside its forest for electric production.
- ❖ India's largest multilateral military exercise 'Tarang Shakti' expected in August and September of 2024 to be held by Indian Air Force.
- ❖ The new Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak 2024, moved by the Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu in the Lok Sabha, has the proposal to replace the old Aircraft Act of 1934. New initiatives that have been recently put forward by NCERT India include 10 'bagless days' to relieve pressure from students in Classes 6 to 8.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. In which of the following events, Swapnil Kusale has won a bronze medal in the Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) Men's 10-meter air rifle
- (b) Men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol
- (c) Men's 50-meter rifle 3 positions
- (d) Men's 10-meter air pistol

Answer- (c)

2. Who is the present chairman of the Union Public Service Commission?

- (a) Manoj Soni
- (b) Preeti Sudan
- (c) Arvind Saxena
- (d) Dr K S Chitra,

Answer- (b)



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