

**International**

**Govt forms committee to monitor Indo-Bangladesh Border**

**About News:-**

To keep an eye on the current situation on the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) established a five-member committee on August 9, 2024, under the direction of Ravi Gandhi, Additional Director General (ADG), Border Security Force (BSF), and Eastern Command of the Indian Army (IA).



**The committee's goal:-**

- ❖ The committee has been charged with the duty of keeping lines of communication open with the corresponding authorities in Bangladesh to guarantee the protection and security of Indian citizens, Hindus, and other minority groups residing in the war-torn nation.
- ❖ The committee was established in response to multiple accounts of attacks against the Hindu community and its temples since Sheikh Hasina resigned as prime minister of Bangladesh and fled to India on August 5, 2024, sparking unrest throughout the country.

**Members of the committee are:-**

1. Maninder Pratap Singh, Inspector General (IG), BSF Frontier Headquarters (HQ) South Bengal;
2. S Patel Piyush Purushottam Das, IG, BSF Frontier HQ Tripura;
3. Sanjiv Gupta, member (Planning and Development), Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI); and
4. Vivek Verma, Secretary, LPAI.

**About the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA):-**

- ❖ Union Minister:- Amit Shah (Lok Sabha Constituency- Gandhinagar, Gujarat)
- ❖ Minister of State (MoS):- Nityanand Rai (Lok Sabha Constituency- Ujiarpur, Bihar); Bandi Sanjay Kumar (Lok Sabha Constituency- Karimnagar, Telangana)

**Economic**

**Fractional ownership platform Property Share gets maiden SEBI license for SM REIT**



**About News:-**

- ❖ In accordance with the recently announced SM REIT regulations, Property Share (PropShare Investment Manager Private Limited) became the first Fractional Ownership Platform (FOP) in India to obtain the first Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trust (SM REIT) license from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ❖ Under the name Property Share Investment Trust (PSIT), it was granted a license. The PSIT's investment manager is Property Share.

**Key Points:-**

- ❖ After receiving approval from SEBI, The Property Share intends to initiate the First Public Offering (IPO) of the First SM REIT scheme to raise Rs 330 crore within four to six weeks.
- ❖ In the upcoming 12 months, it also intends to list four to six schemes with a combined value of Rs 1,500 crore to Rs 2,000 crore.
- ❖ For the Property Share IPO, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM) will serve as the legal advisor, and ICICI Securities Limited as the merchant banker.
- ❖ By amending the Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) (Regulations) 2014, SEBI introduced "SEBI REIT (Amendment) Regulations 2024" in March of that year.
- ❖ By including FOPs as a subclass under the REIT regulations for assets valued between Rs 50 and Rs 500 crores, these regulations seek to protect investors and govern FOPs.
- ❖ Like REITS, SM REITs are subject to SEBI regulation, and each scheme's units are traded on stock exchanges.

### Appointment

#### Raj Kumar Chaudhary takes over as CMD NHPC

##### About News:-

- ❖ Raj Kumar Chaudhary became the NHPC Limited's chairman and managing director (CMD) on August 7, 2024. From the time he takes over until his superannuation on June 30, 2025, or until further orders, whichever comes first, his appointment will be in effect.
- ❖ Following Abhay Kumar Singh's retirement on August 31, 2022, NHPC Director Finance Rajendra Prasad Goyal assumed additional responsibility for the position of CMD.



##### Key Points:-

- ❖ He was the NHPC Director (Technical & Projects) before taking this job.
- ❖ In 1989, he began working with the NHPC as a Probationary Executive (Civil) on the Koel Karo Higher Education Project in Jharkhand.
- ❖ He has contributed to the growth of hydropower in Bhutan and India and has experience in every stage of the construction of a hydro project, from conception to completion.
- ❖ With its main office located in Faridabad, Haryana, NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited) is a Mini-Ratna Category-I Enterprise of the Government of India (GoI).

### Science & Technology

#### Dhruva Space ties up with Singapore co ZES



##### About News:-

- ❖ To improve its On-Board computer (OBC) subsystem for future satellite missions, Singapore-based Zero-Error Systems (ZES) Private Limited, a top space semiconductor manufacturer, teamed up with Dhruva Space Private Limited, an Indian full-stack space engineering solutions provider.

- ❖ The 38th Annual Small Satellite Conference, or "SmallSat," which took place at Utah State University (USU) in Logan, Utah, USA, brought the partnership together.
- ❖ By integrating ZES' LDAP-IC-ZES100 into Dhruva's OBC, the partnership will guard against radiation-induced micro-SEL/SEL (Single Event Latchup) in commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) electronics.
- ❖ This collaboration also represents a continuation of the bilateral space cooperation between Singapore and India, which has been going on since 2011.

##### Key Points:-

- ❖ The cooperation between Dhruva Space and ZES improves the OBC subsystem, increasing the mission's dependability and versatility.
- ❖ Many payload-agnostic missions, such as Earth observation, communication payloads, and scientific investigations, should be supported by the enhanced OBC subsystem.
- ❖ A longer orbital lifetime for satellites will be possible because of the OBC subsystem's improved reliability, which will support space sustainability.
- ❖ Complex satellite subsystems such as OBC, Space-grade Solar Arrays, Electric Power System (EPS), and Attitude Determination Control System (ADCS) are developed by Dhruva Space.
- ❖ Prior missions carried out by Dhruva Space include the Thybolt Mission in 2022, its first satellite launch, and the LEAP-TD mission in January 2024.
- ❖ ZES offers semiconductor integrated circuits (ICs) and solutions with high reliability, improving radiation hardening for the automotive, aerospace, and space industries.
- ❖ To guarantee long-term dependability for COTS devices, its LDAP-IC 'ZES100' detects and reduces radiation-induced SEL.
- ❖ Even in the case of prolonged radiation exposure, the gadget regulates power and recognizes early warning indications of possible issues.
- ❖ ZES, a 2019 startup, is a spin-off of Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

### Award

#### Shah Rukh Khan feted with a Lifetime Achievement award at the Locarno Film Festival 2024

##### About News:-

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has expanded his impressive resume with yet another honor. At the 77th Locarno Film Festival, on August 10, Khan became the first person from India to earn the coveted Pardo alla Carriera (Career Leopard), the highest honor given for lifetime achievement.



##### Key Points:-

- ❖ Both the Indian film industry and international cinema have benefited greatly from Shah Rukh Khan. He has starred in many successful movies throughout his more than three-decade career, such as "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge," "My Name is Khan," and "Chennai Express." His status as a cinematic classic has been cemented by his adaptability as an actor and his capacity to engage audiences throughout the globe.
- ❖ Held yearly in Locarno, Switzerland, the Locarno Film Festival is renowned for honoring outstanding talent in the motion picture business. A retrospective of Khan's most well-known movies was shown during the special ceremony where his Lifetime Achievement Award was given out. International media attended the event, showcasing Khan's appeal on a worldwide scale and his important role in advancing Indian cinema internationally.

##### About the Film Festival of Locarno:-

- ❖ One of the most prestigious film festivals in Europe was established in 1946 and is called the Locarno Film Festival. It is well known for emphasizing independent and avant-garde films. The festival has a long tradition of commemorating noteworthy achievements in cinema and serving as a forum for the recognition of both up-and-coming artists and well-known figures.

### Defence

#### India- Sri Lanka joint military exercise Mitra Shakti commences in Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka



##### About News:-

- ❖ On August 12, 2024, the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army began their yearly bilateral Mitra Shakti military exercise at the Sri Lankan Army Training School in Maduru Oya. Held every year between August 12 and August 25, the exercise is a Combined Training Exercise between the forces of the two nations.
- ❖ To improve bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and military-to-military relationships with the Sri Lankan Armed Forces, India is conducting a joint exercise.

##### About ten Mitra Shakti Exercise editions:-

- ❖ The yearly Mitra Shakti exercise was launched in 2012 and is conducted biannually in Sri Lanka and India. The ninth exercise was conducted in Pune, India in 2023, and the current edition, which is 2024, is the tenth.
- ❖ Two mixed infantry divisions from the Indian and Sri Lankan armies typically take part in the infantry-focused Mitra Shakti exercise.
- ❖ The Rajputana Rifles' 106 troops are taking part in the drill this year. Sri Lanka is represented by the Sri Lanka Gajaba Regiment.
- ❖ One Infantry Battalion, three Armoured Tanks, four BMP tanks, five to ten Artillery observers, fifty Engineers troops, etc. will be deployed by each side throughout the exercise.

**Book**

**The book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India' was released by Rajya Sabha Deputy Speaker Harivansh Narayan Singh**



**About News:-**

- ❖ Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh was present at the book launch of MP Bhim Singh's "75 Great Revolutionaries of India." Singh commended the project for bringing attention to lesser-known liberation soldiers. The book recognizes historical sacrifices in an attempt to encourage a developed India.
- ❖ Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh was present at the August 11 book launch for Rajya Sabha Member Bhim Singh's most recent book, "75 Great Revolutionaries of India."

**Key Points:-**

- ❖ Singh said, "Rajya Sabha MP Bhim Singh has highlighted the contributions of lesser-known heroes," praising the imaginative and motivational work. Singh noted that the MP had painstakingly investigated and collated information for this book and three others that honored the contributions of unsung revolutionaries.
- ❖ Singh stressed that the book might be used as a model for creating a "Viksit Bharat," or developed India. Numerous historians have noted that lessons from the past can be applied to the present. Singh stated, "One's spirit and ambition to contribute to India's development is fuelled by the stories of these 75 revolutionaries found in this book."
- ❖ Gandhi's demand for an "orderly British withdrawal" from India served as the catalyst for the Quit India Movement, also known as the August Kranti. During this time, he inspired all Indians who aspired for independence to be their leaders through his talks. Every year, August Kranti Day is observed on this day to honor the nation's unwavering fight for independence.

**Sport**

**2024 Paris Olympics highlights**



**About News:-**

- ❖ On August 11, 2024, the athlete and French swimmer Leon Marchand, together with President Thomas Bach of the International Olympic Committee, extinguished the Olympic torch in Paris, France, the host city of the 33rd Summer Olympics.
- ❖ The United States city of Los Angeles, which will host the 34th Summer Olympics in 2028, received the Olympic flag.

**Key Points:-**

- ❖ The Olympic Games began in 1896 in Athens, Greece, and are now held every four years.
- ❖ After hosting the Summer Olympics twice before, in 1932 and 1984, Los Angeles will return.
- ❖ After hosting the Summer Olympics in 1900, 1924, and 2024, Paris again served as host in 2024.
- ❖ At the closing ceremony, the Indian flag bearers were Manu Bhaker and PR Sreejesh.
- ❖ The Indian flag bearers at the opening ceremony were table tennis player Sharath Kamal and badminton player PV Sindhu.

**India's third-best performance at the Olympics in Paris:-**

- ❖ India only took home six medals from its 117-strong sports squad that competed in the Olympics in Paris: one silver and five bronze. Six Indian athletes placed fourth, just missing out on the bronze medal.
- ❖ At the Summer Olympics, this was India's third-best result.
- ❖ India had its greatest Olympic performance in 2020, winning seven medals (two gold, two silver, and four bronze).
- ❖ When India won six medals at the 2012 London Olympics two silver and four bronze—that was its second-best showing.

- ❖ The closing ceremony took place in France's largest stadium, Stade de France, in Paris, as opposed to the opening ceremony, which took place outdoors on the Seine River.

**Indian Medal Winner at the Paris Olympics:-**

India finished the Paris Olympics with 6 medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics - 1 silver and 5 bronze medals.

| Serial number | Players                                 | Event                              | Medal    |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1             | <b>Manu Bhaker</b>                      | Women's 10m air pistol             | Bronze   |
| 2             | <b>Manu Bhaker &amp; Sarabjot Singh</b> | 10m air pistol Mixed Team Shooting | Bronze   |
| 3             | <b>Swapnil Kusale</b>                   | Men's 50m rifle 3 Positions        | Bronze   |
| 4             | <b>Men's Hockey Team</b>                | Men's Hockey                       | Bronze   |
| 5             | <b>Neeraj Chopra</b>                    | Javelin                            | Silver   |
| 6             | <b>Aman Sehrawat</b>                    | Wrestling 57 kg freestyle          | Bronze   |
| Total         |   |                                    | 6 medals |

**Obituary**

**Former CAF President Issa Hayatou Dies At 77**

**About News:-**

Athlete and former president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), which oversees African football, Issa Hayatou of Cameroon passed away in Paris, France, at the age of 77. In Garoua, Cameroon, on August 9, 1946, he was born.



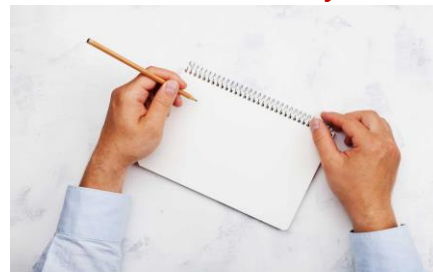
**Key Points:-**

- ❖ He held the positions of Vice-President (1984–1986), President (1986–1988), and Secretary General (1974–1983) of the Cameroon Football Federation.
- ❖ From 1988 until 2017, he presided over the CAF for a considerable 29 years.
- ❖ In 1990, he served as a member of the FIFA Executive Committee, and in 1992, he was elected Vice-President of the organization.

- ❖ From 2001 to 2016, he served as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for fifteen years, during which time he was made an honorary member.
- ❖ He served as the Association of African Sports Confederations' (AASC) inaugural vice president.
- ❖ He served as acting president of FIFA for a brief period, from October 2015 until February 2016.

**Important Day**

**International Left-Handers Day - 13 August**



**About Day:-**

August 13 is International Left-Handers Day. The day honors the distinctiveness of those who are left-handed. It also draws attention to the difficulties they encounter in a world that was predominantly created by those who are right-handed.

### *History:-*

- ❖ Dean R. Campbell, the American founder of the Left-Handers Club, first celebrated this day in 1976. Being left-handed himself, Campbell aimed to raise awareness of the benefits and drawbacks of being left-handed in a world where most people are right-handed.
- ❖ The goal of International Left-Handers Day is to draw attention to the challenges faced by left-handed persons in daily life, such as handling tools, scissors, and other items that are generally meant for right-handed users.
- ❖ The day also seeks to honor the achievements of left-handers in a variety of professions and dispel myths and misconceptions regarding left-handedness.

### *Significance:-*

- ❖ This day is significant because it honors the distinctiveness of left-handed individuals and the challenges they encounter daily. The day draws attention to the challenges that left-handers face daily, including using tools and electronics. It draws attention to how inclusive designs are needed in many facets of life.
- ❖ By commemorating this day, myths and prejudices about left-handedness are also debunked, including the antiquated notion that being left-handed is inherently bad or abnormal. Additionally, it honors the distinctive trait of left-handed people as well as their contributions to a variety of professions.
- ❖ Left-handed people have historically produced some of the most innovative and significant works of art, including Albert Einstein and Leonardo da Vinci. Sourav Ganguly, the former captain of the Indian cricket team, is another well-known left-handed person.
- ❖ Observing this day gives left-handers a forum to interact, exchange stories, and foster a feeling of community—often through events or social media participation.

