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Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina resigns, flees country; army chief announces interim govt.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has tendered her resignation and has left the country along with her sister on August 5, 2024



Key points

- ❖ The 76-year-old politician served as prime minister from June 1996 to July 2001 and again from January 2009 to August 2024.
- ❖ Daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Hasina has been the longest-serving prime minister in the country's history with close to three decades in office combined.
- ❖ From the initial uprising in August 1975 to the most recent attempt in December 2011, Bangladesh has experienced 29 military coups, illustrating a turbulent history marked by repeated upheavals and shifting power dynamics.
- ❖ Bangladesh got independence from Pakistan in 1971.
- ❖ The port of Chittagong is the sea port of Bangladesh.

- ❖ India shares longest boarder with Bangladesh.
- ❖ Bangladesh shared land border only with India and Myanmar .

Quota System Controversy

- ❖ The latest protests that led to Hasina's collapse were based on a long-standing and sensitive topic.
- ❖ Hasina's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, established a 30% quota in civil service and public sector posts for descendants of those who fought for freedom in 1971.
- ❖ In October 2018, in response to demonstrations, Hasina promised to abolish all reservations in government employment.
- ❖ However, in June 2024, the High Court overturned the verdict and reintroduced the quotas, causing renewed anger.
- ❖ Even after the Supreme Court intervened to cut the quota, the protests had grown into a larger movement against Hasina's government, including a variety of issues.

About Bangladesh

- ❖ Capital -Dhaka
- ❖ Currency -Taka
- ❖ President: Mohammed Shahabuddin

Air Force approves production of 200 Astra missiles

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has given clearance to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) to produce 200 Astra air-to-air missiles for its Su-30 and LCA Tejas fighter aircraft.



Key points

- ❖ DRDO is the development agency for the project, BDL is the production agency for it
- ❖ These series of air-to-air missiles are part of the Astra program, which aims to enhance the aerial combat capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces.
- ❖ The Astra Mark 1 missile, a predecessor to the Mark 2, has already been successfully inducted into both the IAF and the Navy.
- ❖ The existing Astra Mark 1 missile has a range of up to 100 kilometres, with the potential for further extension.

About DRDO

- ❖ **DRDO Full Form:** Defence Research and Development Organisation
- ❖ **About:** The DRDO is the premier R&D agency under the Department of Defence Research and Development in Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

- ❖ **Origin:** The DRDO came into existence after merging the Technical Development Establishment and the Directorate of Technical Development and Production of the Indian Ordnance Factories with the Defence Science Organisation in 1958.
 - **Project Indigo** was the DRDO's first major defence project, which involved development of Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAM).

India host the third Voice of the Global South Summit

India will host the third Voice of the Global South Summit on August 17, 2024.



Key points

- ❖ The first summit took place in January 2023, and the second in November 2023, just after the G20 Summit. Each event involved over 120 countries
- ❖ **Themes of Previous Summits**
 - First Summit (January 2023): "Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose"
 - Second Summit (November 2023): "Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust"
- ❖ The Global South Summit, which started in 2004 in Havana, Cuba, seeks to enhance cooperation among developing nations.

Amit Shah unveils four apps for new criminal laws

Union home minister Amit Shah launched four newly developed national apps – e-Sakshya, Nyay Setu, Nyay Shruti and e-Summons – aimed at streamlining the criminal justice system, acting as catalysts for efficiency and transparency.



Key points

- ❖ With **e-Sakshya**, investigating officers can record videos and take photographs of crime scenes as needed. The application also allows officers to gather information from witnesses and record their statements.
- ❖ **Nyay Shruti**, facilitates court hearings through electronic medium. This automated system is connected with the police, prisons, prosecution, forensics, and designated access points
- ❖ **eSummons**, handles the electronic compliance of legal orders. Through this facility, legal orders such as summons and warrants issued by the court are electronically transmitted to the police
- ❖ **Nyaay Setu Dashboard** will connect the Police, Medical, Forensic, Prosecution, and Prison authorities, offering real-time access to all investigation-related information for the police.

Daljit Singh Chawdhary took over the additional charge of Director General of the BSF

Daljit Singh Chawdhary, the Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) took over the additional charge as the DG of Border Security Force (BSF) following the repatriation of Nitin Agrawal, the incumbent DG of BSF.



Key points

- ❖ Nitin Agrawal, DG of BSF, and Y B Khurania, Special DG (West), BSF, were reassigned to their state cadres with immediate effect. This comes amid an increase in terror attacks and infiltration attempts in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ❖ Daljit Singh Chawdhary has been serving as the DG of SSB since January 2024. Prior to this, he served as Special DG of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- ❖ He has been awarded 4 police medals for Gallantry, the police medal for meritorious Service, the President's police medal for distinguished service and the Ati Utkrishit seva medal.

Border Security Force

- ❖ BSF deployed on borders of India with Pakistan & Bangladesh .
- ❖ It is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of India. After the 1965 War, BSF was raised on December 1, 1965.
- ❖ Its original mandate is to provide security and other matters of India's borders.
- ❖ BSF has its own cadre of officers. The head of the BSF is designated as its Director-General (DG)

Short News

- ❖ Saeeda Vinita, an officer of the Madhya Pradesh Judicial Service, has been appointed as the Registrar General on deputation to the National Green Tribunal (NGT).
- ❖ Department of Posts to release a set of commemorative postage stamps to celebrate the Paris Olympics
- ❖ The 14th Indian Organ Donation Day is being observed across the country on August 3, 2024. To mark the day, the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organised an Organ Donation awareness program in New Delhi.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh honored with 'Best Emerging State' award for organ donation.

- ❖ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma announced that Assam will attempt to set a world record by gathering 8,000 Jhumur dancers this November in a grand celebration of cultural heritage and unity. Jhumur is a traditional dance, which is deeply rooted in the tea plantation communities of Assam.
- ❖ Lakshya Sen made history by becoming the first male Indian shuttler to qualify for the semi-finals of an Olympics
- ❖ India beats Great Britain 4-2 in shootout to reach hockey semifinals at Paris 2024 Olympics.
- ❖ India is ranked 39th according to the Tourism Development Index 2024 report.
- ❖ The Central Government has approved 8 National High-Speed Road Corridor projects.
- ❖ Noah Lyles, who won the gold medal in the men's 100m sprint at the Paris Olympics, is a runner from the United States.
- ❖ Carlos Alcaraz won the silver medal in men's singles tennis at the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu is on a state visit to Fiji, New Zealand, and Timor-Leste from August 5 to 10, 2024.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following functionalities is provided by the e-Sakshya application for investigating officers?

- (a) Record videos and take photographs
- (b) Gather information from witnesses
- (c) Recording statements
- (d) All of the above

Answer – (d)

2. Who took over the additional charge of Director General of the BSF while serving as the DG of SSB?

- (a) Rakesh Asthana
- (b) Subhash Joshi
- (c) Daljit Singh Chawdhary
- (d) K.K. Sharma

Answer – (c)

