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Tunisian President appointed Kamel Madouri as Prime Minister replacing Ahmed Hachani



About News:-

- ❖ President Kais Saied of Tunisia has named Kamel Madouri as the country's next prime minister (PM), replacing Ahmed Hachani, who was fired on August 7, 2024, by the President without cause.
- ❖ Since May 2024, Kamel Madouri has held the position of Minister of Social Affairs.
- ❖ In August 2023, Ahmed Hachani succeeded Najla Bouden (PM 2021–23), who had also been fired by President Saied.

Key Points:-

- ❖ In 2019, Kais Saied was duly elected to the position of President.
- ❖ Later, in 2021, he increased his presidential authority by amending the Tunisian constitution in a way that curtailed the authority of the Parliament.
- ❖ Presently, President Kais Saied is running for reelection in elections scheduled for October 6, 2024.

Concerning Kamel Madouri:-

- ❖ Kamel Madouri held the positions of Chairman and CEO of the Calsse Nationale d'Assurance Maladie (CNAM) as well as Chairman and CEO of the Calsse Nationale de Retraite et Prevoyance Sociale (CNRPS).
- ❖ He was chosen to succeed Malek Zahi as Tunisia's Minister of Social Affairs in May 2024.
- ❖ He currently serves as vice-chairman of the National Council for Social Dialogue's Social Protection Sub-Committee in addition to being a member of the council.

- ❖ In addition, he has served on the boards of three social security funds, the General Insurance Committee, and several other national organizations.

About Tunisia:-

- ❖ **Capital:-** Tunis
- ❖ **Currency:-** Tunisian Dinar (TND)
- ❖ **President :-** Kais Saied

National

Centre says state governments of Punjab, Telangana, Kerala & West Bengal have not implemented RTE act

About News:-

- ❖ The Right to Education Act has not been put into effect in the states of Kerala, West Bengal, Punjab, or Telangana. In response to a query on August 7, 2024, Union Minister of State for Education Jayant Chowdhary provided this information in the Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ According to the minister, state governments have the authority to enact regulations by the Right to Education Act, and education is included in the concurrent list. These state governments do not currently have these regulations in place.

Key Points:-

- ❖ The Central Government called upon various state governments to fully implement the provisions of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, which mandates that 25 percent of seats in private unaided schools be reserved for children from economically weaker sections.
- ❖ The appeal came in response to ongoing non-compliance by several states, including Punjab, Kerala, Telangana, and West Bengal.



Concerning the 2009 Right to Education Act:-

- ❖ Children aged 6 to 14 are entitled to free and obligatory education in a neighborhood school until they have completed their elementary education.

- ❖ There will be no fees for the children's schooling.
- ❖ mentions the responsibilities of the relevant local authority and state government.
- ❖ Indicate the class's teacher-to-student ratio.
- ❖ It forbids, among other things, cruel treatment.

Maharashtra

New flowering plant species found near Vishalgarh named after Shivaji Maharaj



About News:-

- ❖ At the Vishalgarh fort in the Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, a group of researchers has found a new species of flowering Kandil Pushpa called "Ceropogia Shivarayina." The study's results were released in the international journal Phytotaxa, which is published in New Zealand.
- ❖ The Maratha Empire's founder and Indian king, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, is honored in the species' name. For the first time, a plant species bears Shivaji Maharaj's name.

Key Points:-

- ❖ After six years of researching the Vishalgarh fort's vegetation, researchers Akshay Jangam and Ratan More discovered a new Ceropogia (Kandil Pushpa) species there in 2013.
- ❖ It was also proposed by Kamble, an Indian specialist in ceropogia species, that this might be a novel species. Yadav proclaimed the one he found to be a new species of plant, despite having found six other 'Ceropogia' species.

About Shivarayina Ceropogia:-

- ❖ Ceropogia Shivarayina is a member of the Apocynaceae family, genus Ceropogia, and Kandil flower class.
- ❖ While its climbing habit, hairy peduncles, and obovate corolla cage with reflexed corolla lobes set it apart from Ceropogia lawii Hooker f.

Regarding Kandil Pushpa:-

- ❖ The Ceropogia group includes the vine-like plant known as kandil pushpa.
- ❖ These extremely rare species are located in the Sahyadri region of the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The flowers have a potato-like tuber in the ground and resemble lanterns. In this class, six new species have been found thus far.

Economic

RBI MPC keeps the repo rate unchanged at 6.5% and Inflation, the GDP growth forecast for FY25 retained



About News:-

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the third bi-monthly monetary policy of the financial year 2024–25 on August 8, 2024, in Mumbai. She stated that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) had voted by a 4:2 majority to maintain the policy repo rate at 6.5% for the ninth consecutive time.
- ❖ On August 6, 7, and 8, 2024, the Monetary Policy Committee of the RBI convened. October 7–9, 2024, will be the dates of the following meeting.
- ❖ The Monetary Policy Committee is required by the RBI Act 1934 to convene at least four times throughout a fiscal year.

Following the third bi-monthly monetary policy, policy rates and ratios

- ❖ The policy rates and ratios have remained unchanged. They are listed in the following order:

Policy Repo Rate	6.5%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Bank Rate	6.5%
Standing Deposit Facility(SDF)	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility(MSF)	6.75%
Cash Reserve Ratio(CRR)	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio(SLR)	18%

The Governor of the RBI has announced policy initiatives.

- ❖ The Governor unveiled many measures aimed at fortifying and advancing India's banking industry.
- ❖ A Public Repository of Digital Lending Apps used by banks and RBI-regulated Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) will be made available by the RBI.
- ❖ Every two weeks or less frequently, the lenders will give the Credit Information Companies access to the credit-related data of their borrowers. (At this time, it is administered either monthly or less frequently.)
- ❖ The maximum amount that can be paid in taxes via the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) per transaction is now Rs 5 lakh instead of Rs 1 lakh. The daily ceiling for regular transactions with UPI is Rs 1 lakh.

Appointment

Govt approves appointment of CS Setty as SBI chairman and Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh to take over as MD

About News:-

- ❖ Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (59) was appointed as the new chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest Public Sector Bank (PSB), on August 6, 2024, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Setty's term will be for three years, starting on August 28, 2024, the day he takes office.
- ❖ He is one of SBI's Managing Directors (MDs) at the moment.
- ❖ He will take over as chairman of SBI from the incumbent Dinesh Khara, who is scheduled to retire on August 28, 2024, at the age of sixty-three, which is the upper age limit for the position.
- ❖ Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh's nomination as SBI's MD has also been accepted by the ACC. He is the SBI's Deputy MD (Retail-Personal Banking and Real Estate) at the moment.



- ❖ The appointment comes after Alok Kumar Choudhary, who led SBI as its MD from June 2022 to July 30, 2024, retired.

About Setty Challa Sreenivasulu:-

- ❖ In 1988, he began working for SBI as a probationary officer (PO).
- ❖ C.S. Setty became an MD on the SBI Board in January 2020, overseeing divisions including Technology, Global Markets, and International Banking.
- ❖ In addition, he held the positions of Deputy General Manager (DGM) in the Mid-Corporate Group, Chief General Manager (CGM), General Manager (GM), and Deputy MD in the Stressed Assets Resolution Group.
- ❖ Additionally, he has held positions at SBI's New York branch in the United States of America (USA) as Head (Syndications) and Vice President (VP).

Concerning Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh:-

- ❖ Joining SBI as a PO on August 1, 1991, he is a recognized Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (IIB).
- ❖ He has held significant positions in several banking-related fields, including international, retail, credit, and human resources.
- ❖ Additionally, he held the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at SBI's Frankfurt branch in Germany.
- ❖ There are four MDs on the SBI Board. The MDs of SBI at the moment are C.S. Setty, Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Vinay M. Tonse, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari.

About State Bank of India (SBI):-

- ❖ Founded :- 1st July 1955
- ❖ Headquarters:- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Chairman:- Dinesh Kumar Khara

Defence

Army conducts 'Parvat Prahaar' exercise in Ladakh

About News:-

- ❖ In the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh, the Indian Army carried out a massive strike corps exercise called "Parvat Prahaar"

(Mountain Strike). To maintain readiness close to the India-China border, the strategic military exercise concentrated on high-altitude warfare and operations involving a variety of military troops and equipment.

- ❖ The Indian Army used the exercise to validate new concepts for warfighting and the integration of technologies. The development of high-altitude warfare and operations is the primary objective of the Strike Corps, which is a part of the Northern Command.
- ❖ The focus of this fortnight's practice is on rough and mountainous terrain, like that of Eastern Ladakh.

Concerning the Exercise:-

- ❖ India has been testing the preparedness of its soldiers near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh since 2020, deploying around 500 tanks and 50,000 troops. Additional troops were stationed at the frontlines to counter Chinese deployments.
- ❖ To sustain troops through hard winters, new infrastructure has been built along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh, including all-weather roads and communication networks.

Participants:-

- ❖ Every significant fighting element—artillery, armored, infantry, and support units—is included in the drill.
- ❖ Air defense systems, aircraft assets, artillery pieces, tanks, and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are all part of the exercise.
- ❖ To confront the Chinese threat, the armed forces have acquired new weapons during the last four years, which will also be used in this drill.
- ❖ Loitering munitions, swarm drones, counter-drone systems, and improved surveillance capabilities are some of the newly deployed weaponry.
- ❖ Notable armored units are located close to the border, such as the T90 and T72 main battle tanks.

- ❖ Deployed are Brahmos supersonic cruise missile systems and K9 Vajra self-propelled artillery cannons.

About the Indian Army:-

- ❖ Established:- 1895
- ❖ Chief of the Army Staff:- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi
- ❖ Headquarters:- New Delhi, Delhi

Science and Technology

IIT Indore and DRDO Develop Energy-Harvesting Shoes With GPS Tracking



About News:-

- ❖ Energy-harvesting shoes with GPS tracking have been created by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP), in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- ❖ With technology that can track the wearer's real-time location and generate electricity, these shoes are specifically made for soldiers.
- ❖ IIT Indore has already sent the DRDO units the first batch of ten pairs of these shoes.

Key Features:-

- ❖ The IIT Indore faculty member Professor IA Palani oversees the production of these shoes. Its foundation is the Tribo-Electric Nanogenerator (TENG), a device that continuously produces electricity. Small gadgets can be powered by the electricity stored in a device that is fastened to the bottom of shoes.
- ❖ These shoes' GPS and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) capabilities will make it easier to find employees in real-time.
- ❖ The whereabouts of schoolchildren, climbers, and elderly people suffering from Alzheimer's disease will be tracked with the use of TENG technology. Monitoring the attendance and productivity of factory workers can also be beneficial.

- ❖ Sportspeople can also use this to analyze their motions and improve their performance.

Sport

Neeraj Chopra's brilliant 89.45m throw earned him a historic silver medal at Paris Olympics

About News:-

- ❖ The defending Olympic champion, Neeraj Chopra, made a spectacular showing in the men's javelin throw competition, taking home the silver medal.
- ❖ Chopra finished in second place with a season-best throw of 89.45 meters, but he was unable to hold onto the championship as Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem shattered the Olympic record with a breathtaking 92.97-meter throw.
- ❖ Entering the competition as the defending champion, Chopra was unable to duplicate his 2020 Tokyo Olympics gold medal-winning effort.
- ❖ Even so, his silver medal performance is still an amazing accomplishment because he is still one of the best javelin throwers in the world.



The Historic Gold Medal of Arshad Nadeem:-

- ❖ Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan put on an incredible show to win the gold medal, making him the real event's star.
- ❖ In addition to taking first place on the podium, Nadeem made Olympic history with his incredible throw of 92.97 meters.
- ❖ Nadeem's victory is a noteworthy achievement for Pakistan because it is the nation's first-ever gold medal in the javelin throw competition.
- ❖ The 25-year-old athlete's triumph is evidence of his commitment, diligence, and the strength of Pakistan's sports infrastructure.

Bronze to Anderson Peters:-

- ❖ Anderson Peters of Grenada completed the podium with a throw of 88.54 meters which won him the bronze medal. The former world champion Peters turned in a solid performance to take third place, showcasing his consistency and competence.
- ❖ The men's javelin throw competition at the Olympics in Paris demonstrated world-class skill in the sport as well as the intense competition at the top level.
- ❖ Arshad Nadeem's historic gold, Anderson Peters' bronze, and Neeraj Chopra's silver medal have all added to the drama and excitement of the Games.

Obituary

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee veteran Communist leader and former Bengal Chief Minister passes away at 80

About News:-

- ❖ At the age of 80, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, a seasoned Communist Party leader and former West Bengal (WB) chief minister, passed away in Ballygunge, Kolkata, WB. He was born in Kolkata on March 1, 1944.
- ❖ From 2000 to 2001, 2001 to 2006, and 2006 to 2011, he was the CM of WB.

About Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee:-

- ❖ In 1966, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee became a main member of the Communist Party of India (CPI), a Marxist organization. In 1972, he was elected to the CPI(M) state committee, and in 1985, he joined the CPI (M) full-time.
- ❖ He was appointed the WB Home Minister in 1996 and the WB Deputy CM in 1999.
- ❖ When Jyoti Basu resigned as the CM of WB in November 2000, he assumed the role for the first time.
- ❖ Bhattacharya was defeated by the Trinamool Congress, led by Mamata Banerjee, in the 2011 assembly elections.
- ❖ In 2015, he left the CPI(M) politburo and central committee, and in 2018, he gave up



his position in the state secretariat of the party.

- ❖ In 2022, the Government of India (GoI) bestowed upon him the Padma Bhushan for Public Affairs. He declined to accept it.

Important Day

Nagasaki Day - 9 August



About Day:-

- ❖ August 9 is the annual date of Nagasaki Day celebration. The US dropped its atomic bomb on this day 78 years ago. During the Second World War, on August 9, 1945, the United States of America launched a bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.
- ❖ It wreaks massive destruction. August 9, Nagasaki Day, saw about 74,000 fatalities and injuries. The Japanese emperor Gyokuon-Hoso addressed the country to surrender in World War II after a few days of attack.
- ❖ The Allies readied their invasion to strike the Japanese mainland in 1945. Mayor of Nagasaki Tomihisa Taue called on the US, Russia, and Japan to get rid of nuclear weapons. In addition, the mayor pleaded with Japan to establish a nuclear-free zone in Northeast Asia.

History:-

- ❖ The "FAT MAN" nuclear bomb was used in the US attack on Nagasaki. This bombing raid killed nearly 70,000 people and abruptly destroyed much of Nagasaki.
- ❖ Japan's capitulation in World War II was caused by the US warplane dropping the FAT MAN bomb on Nagasaki.
- ❖ Numerous people suffer from cancer and other serious illnesses as a result of the bombing because of the abrupt radiation exposure.

- ❖ Leukemia incidence causes thyroid, breast, lung cancer, and other disorders after five to six years of bombing.
- ❖ The risk of radiation exposure is still growing and still leads to illness after so many decades.

Significance:-

- ❖ The purpose of Nagasaki Day is to encourage peace and increase public awareness of nuclear weapons. This day is significant because it is marked by protests against nuclear weapons and war in many nations.
- ❖ It was a uranium bomb that was dropped. The equivalent of 15,000 tons of TNT was this uranium bomb. By the end of 1945, the detonation of a plutonium bomb in Nagasaki had destroyed 6.7 square kilometers of the city and killed about 74,000 people.
- ❖ The plutonium bomb detonation caused radioactive rain to fall, raising the temperature of the earth to 4,000 degrees Celsius.
- ❖ The conflict would finish swiftly and with the fewest US losses if the bomb was dropped.

