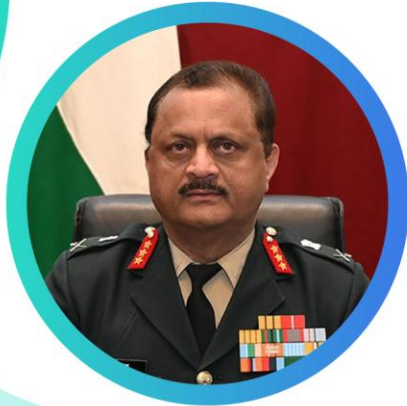


Current Affairs

07th July 2022



Today's Important News

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1. Lt Gen M. Subramanian appointed Force Commander of UN Mission in South Sudan

- UN Secretary-General, António Guterres has appointed India's Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- He succeeds Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar (India).
- Presently, he is serving as the Commandant of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.
- Indian Army is active in UN Missions in Congo, Lebanon, South Sudan, Golan Heights, Syria, Western Sahara, Abyei and Cyprus.
- International Day of UN Peacekeepers: 29 May



Foot Notes:

About UN:

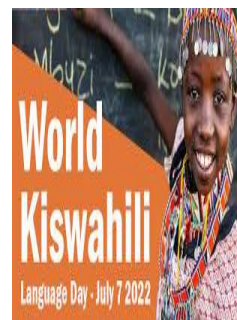
Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

Founded: 24 October 1945

Secretary general: António Guterres

2. World Kiswahili Language Day: 7th July

- World Kiswahili Language Day is observed 7th July annually, following a declaration by UNESCO member states.
- Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa.
- This is also the only African language that is an official language of the African Union.
- On 7 July, 1954, the Tanganyika African National Union, led by Julius Nyerere has declared Swahili as unifying language for independence struggles.



3. Suranjan Das appointed as president of Association of Indian Universities

- Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Suranjan Das is appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
- His one year tenure has come into effect from July 1.
- Earlier, he was a Professor of History at the University of Calcutta and served the Vice Chancellor at University of Calcutta for the period between 2008 and 2015.
- He was a recipient of the USIS International Visitorship Programme.



Foot Notes:

About AIU:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Secretary General: Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal

President: Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam

Formation: 1925

4. SBI General Insurance Launches Comprehensive Cyber Insurance Cover For Individuals

- SBI General Insurance has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan for individuals.
- This comprehensive cyber insurance cover provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks.
- This covers unauthorised e-transactions, loss of wages resulting from identity theft and instances impacting online reputation.
- According to CERT-In, cyber security incidents jumped to ₹14.02 lakh in 2021 from ₹2.08 lakh in 2018.



Foot Notes:

About SBI:

Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1 July 1955

5. South Indian Bank joins hands with Kerala Forest Dept for digital payment

- The South Indian Bank has signed an agreement with Forest and Wildlife Department of Kerala to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State.
- With the help of this partnership, the digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all 124 tourist spots that comes under the Forest Department.



Foot Notes:

About South Indian Bank:

Headquarters: Thrissur

CEO: Murali Ramakrishnan

Founded: 29 January 1929

6. IRDAI permits tech-enabled add-ons to motor cover

- IRDAI has permitted the general insurance provider to introduce technology-enabled add-ons to motor own damage (OD) insurance cover.
- Add-ons are: Pay-as-you-drive, pay-how-you-drive and floater policy for vehicles belonging to the same individual owner for two wheelers and private cars.
- Objective: It will make motor insurance more affordable, especially for customers who primarily opt for only third-party (TP) insurance and overlook the benefits of OD covers.



Foot Notes:

About IRDAI:

Founded: 1999

Headquarters: Hyderabad

Chairperson: Debasish Panda

7. V P Nandakumar re-appointed as MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance

- India's leading gold loan NBFC, Manappuram Finance has reappointed VP Nandakumar as the managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of the company with effect from 27 July 2022 upto 31 March 2024.
- He is post graduate in science with additional qualifications in Banking & Foreign Trade.
- He started his banking career with Nedungadi Bank. In 1992, he promoted Manappuram Finance and has been a director of the company since then.



Foot Notes:

About Manappuram Finance:

Headquarters: Kerala

CEO: V.P. Nandakumar

Founder: V. C. Padmanabhan

Founded: 1949

8. Ministry of Environment will organise “Hariyali Mahotsav”

- Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change will organize “Hariyali Mahotsav” on 8th July, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.
- Aim: To create awareness about the importance of trees in the life.
- This is being organized by Ministry of Environment in association with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives.
- Union Minister of Environment: Bhupender Yadav
- World Environment Day: 5th June



9. WCD Minister, Smriti Irani gets additional charge of Minority Affairs

- Women and Child Development Minister, Smriti Irani and Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia have been assigned additional charge in addition to their existing portfolios.
- Smriti Irani has been assigned the charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs after the resignation of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.
- Jyotiraditya Scindia has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel after the resignation of Ram Chandra Prasad Singh.



10. Freedom fighter, P Gopinathan Nair passes away

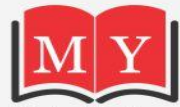
- Freedom fighter, Gopinathan Nair passed away at the age of 99 years.
- He had participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and imbibed the Gandhian principles of peace and non-violence in everyday life.
- He was served as chairman of the Kerala Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Trust, which is managed by the Union Government.
- He received the Padma Shri in 2016.
- He had also been associated with the Bhoodan and Gramdan movements, which led by Vinoba Bhave.



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