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Today's Important News

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1. Government appoints Sibi George as India's next ambassador to Japan

- The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Senior diplomat, Sibi George as the next Indian ambassador to Japan.
- He will replace Sanjay Kumar Verma as India's envoy to Japan, has recently appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Canada.
- He is a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Service officer and is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Kuwait.
- India and Japan share very strong Strategic and Global Partnership.



Foot Notes:

About Japan:

Capital: Tokyo

Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida

Currency: Japanese yen

2. National Hindi Diwas 2022: 14th September

- To promote the Hindi language and its usage across the nation, India observed Hindi Diwas annually on September 14.

- The day is also marks the birthday anniversary (September 14, 1916) of Beohar Rajendra Simha who played a crucial role in getting Hindi in Devanagari script.
- On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly accepted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of India.
- The first Hindi Day was celebrated on September 14, 1953.



3. Sanjay Khanna appointed as CEO of American Express India

- American Express Banking Corp has appointed Sanjay Khanna as the chief executive officer and country manager for India.
- Responsibilities: For increasing growth across the organization's consumer and commercial businesses.
- Prior to this role, Khanna has held many leadership positions in the company including head of global financial operations, India centre lead for finance and chairman of the American Express India Pvt Ltd (AEIPL) legal entity board.



4. MeitY Startup Hub joins hands with Meta to support XR technology startups

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Startup Hub has collaborated with Meta to launch a programme to support and accelerate XR technology startups across India.
- The programme was launched by the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeve Chandrasekhar.
- The MeitY Startup Hub is a national platform that focuses on promoting technology innovation, start-ups, and the creation of intellectual properties.



Foot Notes:

About MeitY:

Founded: 1991

Headquarters: New Delhi

5. HDFC Bank issues first Electronic Bank Guarantee of India

- HDFC Bank has become the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).



- The new e-BG will eliminate the paper based and time-consuming process.
- It can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security.
- HDFC Bank will migrate to eBG platform completely in order to expedite the issuance of BGs for customers.

Foot Notes:

About HDFC Bank:

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: August 1994, Mumbai

6. Axis Bank, Square Yards launch co-branded home buyer ecosystem

- Axis Bank has partnered with the Square Yards to launch a joint branded home buyer ecosystem named “Open Door”.
- Aim: The entire process of finding and purchasing a dream house is hassle-free, effective, and enjoyable for clients.
- This partnership also ensure that all customers get easy access to home loans.
- Open Doors is an integrated platform that is created to handle all consumer inquiries around residential real estate.
- CEO, Square Yards: Tanuj Shori



Foot Notes:

About Axis Bank:

CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry (1 Jan 2019–)

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1993, Ahmedabad

7. Retail inflation surges up to 7% in August 2022

- According to the new data, the Retail inflation has been increased up to 7% in August 2022 from 6.71% in July 2022.
- Reason: Due to higher food prices
- The consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation is above the Reserve Bank's decided level of 6% for the eighth month in a row.
- The inflation in food basket was 7.62% in August 2022, was up from 6.69% in July and 3.11% in August 2021.



- RBI has maintained its inflation forecast for 2022-23 at 6.7%.

8. AN Shamseer elected as Kerala Assembly Speaker

- The Kerala Assembly has elected CPM's Thalassery MLA AN Shamseer as the 24th Speaker of the Kerala Legislature.
- He defeated UDF MLA Anwar Sadath by 56 votes in the election.
- UDF candidate and Aluva MLA Anwar Sadath secured 40 votes against the LDF nominee who received 96 votes.
- Deputy Speaker Chittayam Gopakumar headed the election procedures.
- The speaker post was vacant after MB Rajesh, who became Minister of excise and Local Self Government departments.



Foot Notes:

About Kerala:

Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

9. Pushpa: The Rise won the Tenth SIIMA Awards for best movie

- Pushpa: The Rise has won the Tenth SIIMA Awards in the category of best movie in Telugu Cinema.
- While the Allu Arjun won the SIIMA Award in the category of best male lead role for his performance in 'Pushpa: The Rise' (Telugu Cinema)



Other Winners:

- **Best Actor:** Late Puneeth Rajkumar for Yuvarathnaa (Kannada)
- **Best Director:** Sukumar for 'Pushpa: The Rise'
- **Best Actor (Critics Choice):** Naveen Polishetty for Jathi Ratnalu
- **Best Actress:** Pooja Hegde for 'Most Eligible Bachelor'

10. Chief Justice Munishwar Bhandari appointed as chairman of PMLA

- The Centre appoints Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

- The post of the Chairperson of the Tribunal was vacant since September 2019.
- The order was issued by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.
- The Tribunal for Forfeiture of Property under the SAFEMA and the PMLA Appellate Tribunal were merged in 2016 through the Finance Act, 2016.



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