

Daily Current Affairs

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Ministry Of Railways

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved **eight projects of Ministry of Railways** with a total estimated cost of **24 thousand 657 crore rupees**. Briefing media in New Delhi after the meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the projects cover 14 districts in Seven States.

CABINET DECISION
9TH AUGUST, 2024

Eight new line projects across Indian Railways

Eight projects will cover **14 Districts in Seven States** i.e., Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal

The total estimated cost of the projects is **Rs 24,657 cr** and will be **completed upto 2030-31**

Benefits:

- Will provide connectivity, facilitate ease of travelling and minimize logistics cost
- Will reduce oil imports and lower CO₂ emissions
- Will generate direct employment for about three crore man-days during construction

- The States are Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal.** He said, aspirational districts and tribal areas will get a major push of development through these projects.
- The projects include** Gunupur-Therubali New Railway Line route and Junagarh-Nabrangpur line in Odisha, Malkangiri-Pandurangapuram line in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and Buramara-Chakulia rail route in Jharkhand, West

Bengal and Odisha. The Minister said that Bikramshila-Katareah rail route is related to Bihar while Jalna-Jalgaon project in Maharashtra will provide rail connectivity to Ajanta Caves, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

S.No.	New Railway Line route	Length of Line (km)	Districts covered	States
1	Gunupur-Therubali (New Line)	73.62	Rayagada	Odisha
2	Junagarh-Nabrangpur	116.21	Kalahandi & Nabrangpur	Odisha
3	Badampahar – Kandujhargarh	82.06	Keonjhar & Mayurbhanj	Odisha
4	Bangriposi – Gorumahisani	85.60	Mayurbhanj	Odisha
5	Malkangiri – Pandurangapuram (via Bhadrachalam)	173.61	Malkangiri, East Godavari & Bhadradi Kothagudem	Odisha, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana
6	Buramara – Chakulia	59.96	East Singhbhum, Jhargram & Mayurbhanj	Jharkhand, West Bengal & Odisha
7	Jalna – Jalgaon	174	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
8	Bikramshila – Katareah	26.23	Bhagalpur	Bihar

- These are essential routes for **transportation of commodities** such as agricultural products, fertilizer, coal, iron ore, steel and cement.
- The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of a magnitude of **143 Million Tonnes** Per Annum. Railways being environment-friendly and energy-efficient modes of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics costs of the country.



Prez Murmu State Visit To Timor Leste

- President Droupadi Murmu has embarked on a **state visit to Timor-Leste** after a successful two-day visit to New Zealand. President Murmu will reach Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste.



- She will hold bilateral meetings with the **President and the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste**.
- Earlier, in her address to the Indian diaspora in Auckland, New Zealand, President Murmu said that India has become an example **of vibrant democracy** in the world and is going to be the third largest economy very soon. She commended the Indian diaspora for upholding Indian festivals, traditions and customs.

EAM S Jaishankar Reaches Maldives

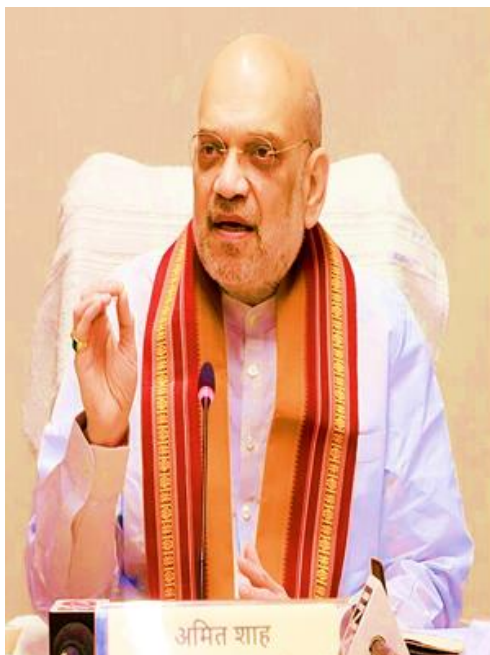
- External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** arrived in the **Maldives** for a three-day visit. He was received by his **Maldivian counterpart, Moosa Zameer**, at the airport.
- Dr. Jaishankar said that the Maldives occupies an important place in India's vision of '**Neighbourhood First**' and '**SAGAR**'.

- The visit aims to strengthen the close partnership between the two countries and explore avenues to further **enhance the bilateral relationship**.



Committee On Indo Bangladesh Border

- **Central Government** has constituted a committee to monitor the current situation on **the Indo-Bangladesh border**.
- The committee will maintain communication channels with their counterpart authorities in Bangladesh to ensure the safety of Indian nationals and people belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh.



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Near India Gate, New Delhi- 110 002
Dated the 09th August, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of a Committee to monitor the current situation on Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) – regarding.

It has been decided to constitute a Committee consisting of the following members for the above mentioned subject:

(a) ADG, BSF, Eastern Command	-	Chairman
(b) IG, BSF Frontier HQ South Bengal	-	Member – 1
(c) IG, BSF Frontier HQ Tripura	-	Member – 2
(d) Member (Planning and Development), LPAI	-	Member – 3
(e) Secretary, LPAI	-	Member – 4

2. The above committee will maintain communication channels with their counterpart authorities in Bangladesh to ensure safety of Indian citizens and people belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh.

3. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

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To,

1. ADG, BSF, Eastern Command
2. IG, BSF Frontier HQ South Bengal
3. IG, BSF Frontier HQ Tripura
4. Member (Planning and Development), LPAI
5. Secretary, LPAI

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1. Chief Secretary of West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram

- **The committee will be headed by** the ADG of the Border Security Force (BSF), Eastern Command, and will include the IG of BSF Frontier Headquarters South Bengal, the IG of BSF Frontier Headquarters Tripura, the Member of Planning and Development from the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), and the Secretary of LPAI as its members.

Grain ATM

- Odisha government introduced the **state's first Grain ATM**, a new technology designed to improve food distribution under the National Food Security Programme.
- This machine is part of the central **government's Annapurta programme** and was developed with help from the **World Food Programme (WFP)** to enhance food security in the region.
- **Grain ATMs are automated machines** that provide food grains directly to people, aiming to reduce hunger. They are used in several countries, including India, and help people get essential food supplies more efficiently.

HOW IT WORKS

- Beneficiary has to enter his/her Aadhaar card or ration card details on the machine that has a touchscreen attached to it
- On authentication, the food grain will get filled in bags kept under the machine



- **The machines minimize** the need for human intervention, which helps cut down on corruption and ensures that food is distributed fairly.
- Grain ATMs were first introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic and use technology to make food distribution smoother. **Some even use biometric authentication** for security and offer fortified grains to improve nutrition. The goal is to reduce food waste and improve the efficiency of the food supply chain.
- **Annapurta initiative is an important program** started by the Government of India in 2021 to help people get healthy food. It aims to improve access to nutritious food for those in need.

- The program uses technology to make food distribution more efficient and focuses on growing food locally to lessen reliance on outside sources.
- It works with **local farmers to help them grow more crops** and includes education about good nutrition. The initiative also supports eco-friendly farming practices and aims to tackle hunger and malnutrition.



First State To Implement Disaster Insurance

- **Nagaland has become the first state** in India to start a disaster management insurance scheme by signing an agreement with **SBI General Insurance**.
- This new program called the **Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS)**, is designed to protect against natural disasters.



- **Parametric insurance** works by giving **predetermined payouts** based on specific events, such as the strength of a natural disaster.
- This means that after a disaster, **financial support** is given quickly without the need for detailed damage assessments. The main aim of the agreement is to protect Nagaland's important infrastructure and reduce economic losses caused by natural calamities.

Har Ghar Tiranga 2024 Campaign

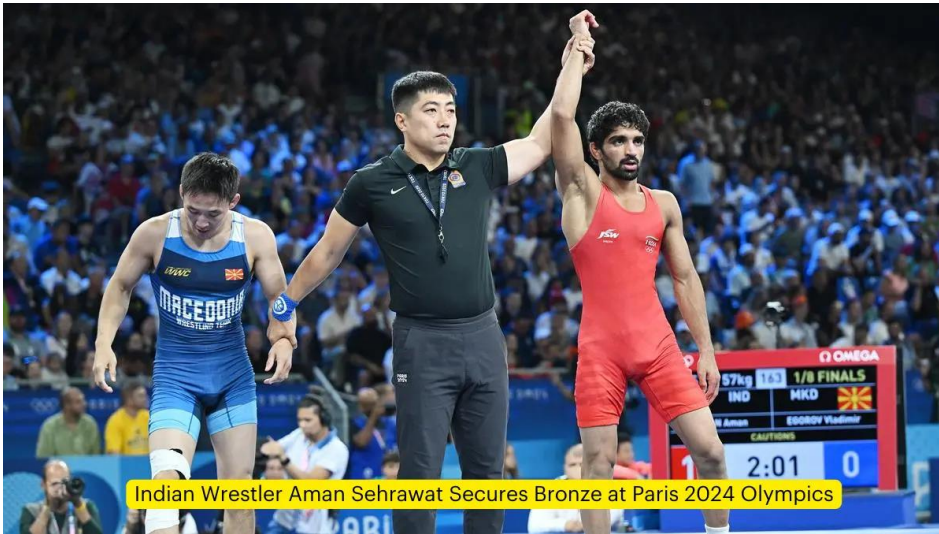
- **Har Ghar Tiranga 2024 campaign** is a nationwide initiative aimed at fostering patriotism and national pride among Indians by encouraging the display of the national flag, the Tiranga, in every household.
- This campaign started as a part of the broader Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which was launched to **commemorate India's 75th year of independence**.
- The essence of Har Ghar Tiranga 2024 is to transform the relationship with the national flag from a formal to a personal one, allowing citizens to connect deeply with the symbol of their nation.



- Under the Har Ghar Tiranga 2024 campaign, the citizens of India are invited to hoist the flag from August 9th to 15, 2024. They are further encouraged to post a selfie with **'#HarGharTirangaOnceAgain'**.
- After submitting this selfie to the official website of the campaign, they can download the certificate of participation. The Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan highlights the importance of Tiranga as a representation of India's unity in diversity.

Aman Sehrawat

- India's Aman Sehrawat Clinched A **Bronze Medal** In The Men's 57kg Wrestling Category At The Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Young Grappler Demonstrated Exceptional Skill And Determination As He Defeated Puerto Rico's Darian Toi Cruz With A Decisive Score Of 13-5 .



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Annapurthi Initiative Is An Important Program Started In
 - A. 2020
 - B. 2021
 - C. 2023
 - D. 2024

ANSWER: B

2. India & Which Country Signed A Custom Cooperation Arrangement
 - A. Australia
 - B. Finland
 - C. Norway
 - D. New Zealand

ANSWER: D

3. Kamel Madouri Has Been Appointed As The PM Of Which Country

- A. Poland
- B. Azerbaijan
- C. Armenia
- D. Tunisia

ANSWER: D

4. Which State Become 1st In Country To Implement A Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Nagaland
- D. Mizoram

ANSWER: C

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. Which State Government Recently Launched 'Upasthiti Portal'

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: A

7. Adichunchanagiri Peacock Sanctuary, Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

8. Which Ministry Introduced Its First Standard Operating Procedures For Seamless Transport Of Human Organs

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

ANSWER: C

9. Which State Government Approved Logistic Policy 2024 To Create Five Lakhs Job Opportunities

- A. Karnataka
- B. Assam
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: C

10. Which Country Won "CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League 2024"

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. Iran

ANSWER: A

11. Indian Army Conducted A Strategic Military Exercise ' Parvat Prahaar ' In Which Region

- A. Chennai
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Ladakh
- D. Jaisalmer

ANSWER: C

12. Shri Baba Buddha Amarnath Temple, Is Located In Which Valley Of J&K

- A. Aru Valley
- B. Loran valley
- C. Lidder Valley
- D. Gurez Valley

ANSWER: B

13. What Is Waqf

- A. A Property Dedicated In Name Of God For Religious Purposes
- B. A Government-owned Property
- C. A Property Dedicated For Personal Use
- D. A Temporary Donation Of Property

ANSWER: A

14. Gadgil Committee Report, Is Associated With Which Geographical Area

- A. Linking of Rivers
- B. Protection of Western Ghats
- C. Protection of Eastern Ghats
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: B

15. Guru Ghasidas - Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve,, Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Odisha
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

16. What Is Hypervirulent Klebsiella Pneumoniae

- A. A type of vaccine
- B. Drug-resistant bacteria
- C. Antiviral drug
- D. Fungus

ANSWER: B

17. Which Institution Has Recently Developed Footwear For The Armed Forces Using Tribo-electric Nanogenerator Technology

- A. IIT Indore
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Kanpur

ANSWER: A

18. What Is ' Ceropegia Shivrayiana '

- A. Submarine
- B. A flowering plant
- C. A type of bacteria
- D. Antiviral drug

ANSWER: B

19. Auroville Cultural Township, Is Administered By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: B

20. What Is The Causative Agent Of 'Lyme Disease'

- A. Virus
- B. Fungus
- C. Bacteria
- D. Protozoa

ANSWER: C