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## 9th August 2023

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### 1) International Buddhist Confederation

- The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) held the Bhumi Pujan ceremony for the construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) in Lumbini, Nepal.
- Situated within the sacred Lumbini Monastic Zone, this forthcoming center is poised to become a world-class venue, welcoming pilgrims and enthusiasts from across the globe.
- Its purpose is to provide an immersive experience into the essence of Buddhist spirituality.

#### 2) In July 2023, our planet experienced an unprecedented rise in temperatures

- In July 2023, our planet experienced an unprecedented rise in temperatures, marking it as the hottest month ever recorded.
- This alarming trend underscores the urgency of addressing global climate change and its root cause, greenhouse gas emissions.
- Let's delve into the key highlights and findings of this extraordinary month.

#### 3) China, facing a significant economic challenge

- China, facing a significant economic challenge, saw its exports plummet by double digits in July, raising concerns for the Communist Party to steer the nation's economy out of its current slump.
- The decline, encompassing a 14.5% drop in exports compared to the previous year, is intensifying the urgency for policy measures to revive economic growth.

#### 4) 'homosexuality'

- The media regulatory body of Iraq has issued a prohibition on the usage of the term 'homosexuality' instructing both media and social media entities to employ the term 'sexual deviance' in its place.



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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### 1) 'Havana Syndrome'

- The Indian government has recently taken a significant step by committing to investigate the potential existence of the perplexing 'Havana Syndrome' within its borders.
- This decision comes in response to a petition submitted to the Karnataka High Court by A Amarnath Chagu, a Bengaluru resident.
- The petitioner sought an inquiry into the enigmatic syndrome's presence in India and strategies to thwart its transmission within the country.
- Acknowledging the gravity of the matter, the Centre's legal representatives have vowed to conduct a thorough investigation within a span of three months.

#### 2) Atal Pension Yojana

- The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) scheme has reached a remarkable milestone as it completes eight years of successful implementation, gathering an impressive enrollment of over 5.25 crore subscribers.

### SCHEMES NEWS

#### 1) Gruha Lakshmi scheme in 2023

- The Telangana government is set to launch the Gruha Lakshmi scheme in 2023, a financial assistance program for women from SC, ST, and BC communities to help them build or improve their homes.
  - The scheme will provide each beneficiary with a one-time grant of Rs. 3 lakh.
- The Gruha Lakshmi scheme is part of the Telangana government's efforts to empower women and provide them with access to affordable housing.
- The scheme is expected to benefit over 1 lakh women in the state.

### BANKING NEWS

#### 1) Finance Ministry report

- As per a Finance Ministry report, both state-owned banks and leading private banks have garnered more than ₹21,000 crore in fees primarily from account holders failing to maintain the minimum balance.
- Charges amounting to over ₹35,000 crore have been amassed since 2018 due to reasons such as non-compliance with minimum balance requirements, additional ATM transactions, and SMS services.

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### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### 1) Justice Subhasis Talapatra

- Justice Subhasis Talapatra was officially appointed as the 33rd Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court. The oath of office was administered by Governor Ganeshi Lal, marking his succession of Justice S Muralidhar.
- He is set to hold the position of Chief Justice for a relatively short period of under two months, concluding with his retirement on October 3, 2023.

#### 2) IRS officer Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

- IRS officer Sanjay Kumar Agarwal has taken charge as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Agarwal succeeds Vivek Johri who superannuated as CBIC chief on May 31. In an order issued on August 5, the finance ministry had appointed Agarwal, who was holding charge of CBIC member compliance management, looking into investigations.
- The CBIC, which deals with policy making in indirect taxes — GST, customs, excise — is headed by a chairman and has six members in the board.
- The board is assisted by principal chief commissioners/chief commissioners and principal director general director generals.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### 1) ICC World Cup 2023 Schedule

- The schedule for the ICC World Cup 2023 Schedule has been released by ICC. The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be held in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023. The upcoming World Cup will feature a total of 10 teams.
- India, as the host nation, has secured direct qualification, along with Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, and South Africa.
- These teams earned their spots through their performance in the 2020-2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.
- The remaining two teams will be determined through the ongoing World Cup Qualifiers taking place in Zimbabwe.



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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Tribal Day

- Today, August 9, 2023, is World Tribal Day. This day is observed by the United Nations to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous peoples.
- It is also a day to celebrate the achievements and contributions that indigenous peoples make to society. There are over 476 million indigenous peoples living in over 90 countries around the world.
- They make up about 5% of the world's population, but they account for more than 15% of the world's poorest people.
- Indigenous peoples are often marginalized and discriminated against, and they face many challenges, such as poverty, lack of access to education and healthcare, and environmental degradation.

### 2) Nagasaki Day

- Nagasaki Day, observed annually on August 9th, holds a somber significance in global history. It marks the day when the Japanese city of Nagasaki was devastated by an atomic bomb during World War II.
- This day serves as a reminder of the immense destructive power of nuclear weapons and the need for lasting peace.
- Japan's Nagasaki on Wednesday marked the 78th anniversary of the US atomic bombing.

## OBITUARY NEWS

### 1) William Friedkin has passed away

- William Friedkin, the Oscar-winning American director of films like The Exorcist and The French Connection passed away in Los Angeles(LA), California, United States of America (USA) at the age of 87. Friedkin was born in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 29 August 1935.

### 2) Renowned Malayalam director and screenwriter Siddique Ismail has passed away

- Renowned Malayalam director and screenwriter Siddique Ismail has passed away at 63. He was known for making movies like Friends (2001), Engal Anna (2004), Sadhu Miranda (2008), Kaalavan (2011), and Bhaskar Oru Rascal (2018).
- His final directorial venture was the 2020 action thriller film Big Brother, which starred Mohanlal, Arbaaz Khan, Anoop Menon, and Honey Rose.
- Starting their directorial journey as the 'Siddique-Lal' duo, they marked their debut with the timeless comedy Ramji Rao Speaking (1989), which was funded by Fazil.
- This kickstarted a series of remarkable successes in Malayalam cinema history, including iconic films like In Harihar Nagar (1990), Godfather (1991), Vietnam Colony (1992), Kabooliwala (1993), and Hitler (1996).



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