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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) India - Egypt Diplomatic relations

- Egypt released postage stamp to celebrate 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties with India.
- India and Egypt established diplomatic relations on 18 August 1947.
- Egypt is also one of the largest investment destinations for India in the region.

## NATIONAL

### 1) "Department of Commerce Restructuring Dossier"

- Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released 'Department of Commerce Restructuring Dossier'.
- It's objective is to prepare India to become a key global player in world trade and setting up Economic Zones in India to strengthen manufacturing base and attract greater investments to India.

### 2) Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile

- DRDO and Indian Navy successfully flight tested indigenously designed and developed VL-SRSAM.
- It is a ship-borne weapon system, is to strike aerial threats at close ranges (40 to 50 km at an altitude of around 15 km), including sea-skimming targets.
- Its design is based on Astra missile, which is a Beyond Visual Range Air to Air missile.

### 3) Tomato flu

- Tomato flu has been reported from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, and Odisha.
- It is characterised by fever, joint pain, and red, tomato-like rashes usually seen in children below age of five years and adults with weaker immunity.
- It is caused by a virus.

### 4) MAHAPREIT signed MoU with IREDA

- The Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT) and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) signed a memorandum of understanding.





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- According to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, IREDA will provide MAHAPREIT with financing options for the renewable energy projects that will be developed for public utilities, local governments, and the infrastructure of renewable energy parks.

### 5) 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah led the 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting in Bhopal.
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, and Pushkar Singh Dhama, the chief minister of Uttarakhand, attended the meeting. Yogi Adityanath, the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, and Bhupesh Baghel, the chief minister of Chhattisgarh, participated virtually.
- Left wing extremism (Naxalism) was key issue discussed in the meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Rajesh Verma

- Rajesh Verma, Odisha cadre 1987-batch IAS officer has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu.
- He replaces the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer. He is currently serving as Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs & has also served as principal secretary to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.

### 2) Vikram K. Doraiswami

- Vikram K. Doraiswami, appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom which is seen as a significant position given the two nations' expanding strategic alliance.
- At present, Vikram K. Doraiswami is Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh. He is an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch.

### 3) Sajith Sivanandan

- Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the executive vice-president and head of Disney+Hotstar. He has previously worked with Google.
- Sajith Sivanandan will be reporting to Chairman of Disney's International Content and Operations Group, Rebecca Campbell, and President of Disney Star, K. Madhavan.





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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Gujarati Language Day

- World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 24 August. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'.
- 'Gujarati Diwas' is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language.