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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) IMD-UNDP and Japan Collaborate for Climate action

- IMD-UNDP initiates a new project to speed up climate action in 10 States and Union Territories throughout the Country.
- It has been unveiled by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the government of Japan, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- It is a component of the worldwide assistance provided by Japan to 23 nations through the UNDP's "Climate Promise – From Pledge to Impact" initiative.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Peace Commission leaders

- The Mexican President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador has proposed that the top commission should include Pope Francis, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, and Indian PM Narendra Modi.
- The aim of the commission would be to present a proposal to stop the wars around the world and reach an agreement to seek a truce for at least five years.

### 2) Indian Visa Application Centre in Bangladesh

- The State Bank of India will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre in Bangladesh for two more years.
- The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka.

### 3) Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve

- The proposal to designate Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve was approved by the Union Environment Ministry.
- Tamil Nadu will oversee this Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve, which is the fifth elephant reserve.

### 4) National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission

- NIPAM has achieved the target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students.
- NIPAM was launched in 2021. NIPAM is a flagship program to impart IP awareness and basic training.





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- It is being implemented by Intellectual Property Office, the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

### 5) Lumpi-ProVacid

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched the indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVacid (homologous live-attenuated) to protect livestock from Lumpy Skin disease.
- Vaccine has been developed by two institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in collaboration with Indian Veterinary Research Institute.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Retail inflation

- Retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month.
- With retail inflation continuing to remain high despite a fall in prices of vegetables and edible oils, among other commodities in July, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might go for another rate hike in September.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Sanskrit Day

- World Sanskrit Day or World Sanskrit Diwas 2022 is celebrated on the occasion of Shraavana Poornima.
- World Sanskrit Day also coincides with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. In 2022, World Sanskrit Day is celebrated on 12th August 2022.
- The first World Sanskrit Day was celebrated on 1969.

### 2) International Lefthanders Day

- International Lefthanders Day is observed on August 13 across the world.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world.



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### 3) World Organ Donation Day

- World Organ Donation Day is observed globally on the 13th of August.
- This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs.
- Donating organs of the deceased like kidneys, heart, pancreas, eyes, lungs, etc can help save the lives of those who are facing chronic illnesses.
- Theme of 2022 is “let’s pledge to donate organs and save lives”.

