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**Important days**

# 1. World Heart Day Observed On September 29

**World Heart Day : sept 29**

**BY:** world heart federation

**First observed:** 2012

**Theme:** “Use Heart to Connect”



## Highlights :

- **World Heart Day** is celebrated on **29 September** annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues.
- The day which is celebrated annually creates awareness of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) including heart disease & stroke and highlights the preventive and control measures.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** World Heart Day  
**When?** 29 september

### World Heart Federation

hq: geneva,switzerland  
Chairman: rajeev gupta

## Recent News:

- World Pharmacist Day: 25 September

## 2. International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste: sept 29

**International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste : sept 29**

**BY:** UN

**First observed:** 2019

**Theme:** “Stop food loss and waste.  
For the people. For the planet”

### Highlights :

- **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** is celebrated on **September 29**, since 2020, to promote and implement global efforts to resolve the issue of food wastage.
- The main objective of this day is to take steps towards responsible consumption and production as well as zero hunger, along with working towards addressing the problem of climate change through sustainable food habits.



### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste**

**When? 29 september**

**UN**

Sec.gen:antonio guterres

HQ:new york,US

### Recent News:

- International Day for Universal Access to Information: sept 28

# Appointments

### 3.Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

**Appointed :** Sarbananda Sonowal

**as:** rajya sabha member from assam

**cons:** majuli,assam



### Highlights:

- Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** was elected unopposed to the **Rajya Sabha from Assam.**
- Sonowal, the lone candidate in the fray for the seat, was declared elected to the Upper House of Parliament.
- With this, the ruling BJP's strength in the Upper House from Assam increased to three, while its ally Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) has one member in the Rajya Sabha.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** rajya sabha member from assam

**who?** Sarbanandha sonowal

**Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and ayush**

Sarbananda sonowal

**cons:**majuli ,assam

### Recent News

- Air India chief Rajiv Bansal appointed Civil Aviation Secretary

# Partnership



## 4.Muthoot Finance launches AI-powered chatbot Mattu



### Highlights:

- **Muthoot Finance** has joined hands with **Senseforth.ai**, a leader in conversational AI technology, to launch '**Mattu**', an AI-powered virtual assistant.
- It is Available on the website and mobile app, the intelligent assistant enables users to apply for loans, address concerns, and perform transactions like checking account balance, paying gold loan interest, availing loan top-ups and making part payments.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** AI-powered chatbot Mattu

**By ?** Muthoot finance ltd

#### **Muthoot finance**

Chairman: george Jacob

Muthoot

Hq: kochi

### RECENT NEWS

- CSC, HDFC Bank launches chatbot 'Eva'

## 5.Stellapps collaborates with Airtel Payments Bank to empower small dairy farmers

INDIA: STELLAPPS PARTNERS WITH AIRTEL PAYMENTS BANK TO PROVIDE DOORSTEP BANKING TO DAIRY FARMERS



### Highlights:

- **Stellapps**, a leading dairy-tech startup, has partnered with **Airtel Payments Bank** to enable cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers and contribute to digital financial inclusion in the country.
- Airtel Payments Bank will now onboard the new partner milk collection centers of Stellapps as banking points.
- With milk collection centers operating as a banking point, farmers and other residents in the neighborhood will be able to open a bank account, withdraw and deposit cash, earn interest on savings, access Aadhaar Enabled Payments, get government pension schemes and make bill payments.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Partners with airtel payment bank

**By ? stellapps**

**Airtel payment bank**

CEO: Anubrata Biswas

Hq: new delhi

**Stellapps**

CEO:rahul mallick

HQ: bengaluru

### RECENT NEWS

- ICICI Bank partners with Amazon India to offer OD facility to sellers, small businesses

# Banking

## 6.RBI imposes Rs 2 crore penalty on RBL Bank



### Highlights:

- **The Reserve Bank** imposed a penalty of **Rs 2 crore** on private lender **RBL Bank** for deficiencies in regulatory compliances and non-compliance of the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act.
- the Reserve Bank raised issues relating to contravention of certain regulatory directions and non-compliance with the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** penalty of Rs 2 crore on RBL bank  
**By ?** RBI

#### **RBL bank**

CEO: Vishwavir Ahuja

Hq: mumbai

#### **RBI**

Governor: shaktikanta das

Hq: mumbai

### RECENT NEWS

- RBI imposes Rs 79 lakh penalty on Mumbai-based Apna Sahakari Bank

## 7.NPCI Partners With YES Bank To Launch RuPay 'On-The-Go'



### Highlights:

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** partnered with private lender **YES Bank** to launch the '**RuPay On-the-Go**' contactless payments solutions - a first-of-its-kind facility for customers.
- With the RuPay On-the-Go facility, customers can make payments as a part of their fashion accessory. It is something that they can 'wear' every day, and make wallet-free transactions.

Customers can use the service at RuPay contactless-enabled PoS (point of sale) at the retail outlets and can pay up to ₹ 5,000, without the need to enter the PAN number.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Partners with NPCI  
**By ?** yes bank

#### **Yes bank**

CEO: Prashant Kumar  
Headquarters: Mumbai

#### **NPCI**

CEO: Dilip Asbe  
Hq: mumbai

### RECENT NEWS

- Federal Bank has partnered with the NPCI to launch the 'Federal Bank RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card'.

## 8. Paytm partners with US-based Ria Money



### Highlights:

- **Paytm** has become the first payments platform in India **to accept international remittances directly into a digital wallet** in India, after it announced a tie-up with **Ria Money Transfer**, which is a cross-border money transfer firm and a part of Euronet Worldwide.
- Paytm's 333 million customers can now get money transferred directly into their accounts from their friends and relatives abroad.
- Through this tie-up, Ria Money, became the first money transfer company to connect with digital wallet users in India.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Partners with ria money transfer

**By ?** Paytm

**paytm**

CEO: vijay shekar sharma

Hq: noida, UP

**Ria money**

President: Juan Bianchi

Hq: california, US

### RECENT NEWS

- HDFC Bank ties up with Paytm to launch co-branded credit cards



## 9.Vistara partners with IndusInd Bank to launch co-branded credit card



### Highlights:

- **Vistara** has partnered with **IndusInd Bank** to launch co-branded **credit card Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer**.
- The credit card will offer various benefits such as a complimentary business class ticket, membership of the airline's frequent flyer programme and lounge access.
- Other benefits include rescheduling fee waiver on direct booking of Vistara flights, luxury gift vouchers, complimentary movie tickets and dining vouchers, complimentary personal air accident cover.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** credit card Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer.

**By ?** Indusind bank

**Indusind bank**

Hq: Pune

CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

**Vistara**

CEO: Leslie Thng

Hq: gurugram

### RECENT NEWS

- IndusInd Bank Partners With Escorts To Provide Affordable Loans To Farmers

**Committee**



## 10.GST Council sets up two GoMs to look into rate rationalisation, systems review



### Highlights:

- India has set up a group of ministers led by **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj S. Bommai** with proposing a rationalisation of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs within two months.
- The goods and services tax council secretariat notified the setting up of two GoM, one to look into the **rate structure** and another to look at **systems reforms required to plug revenue leakages**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** two GoMs led by karnataka CM

**By ?** GSt council

#### GST council

dir: Kshitendra Verma

Hq: new delhi

### RECENT NEWS

- The government has set up an asset management company (AMC) named India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) to clean up bad loans.

# Defence

# 11.Govt dissolves OFB, transfers employees and assets to 7 PSUs



## Highlights:

- The **defence ministry** has dissolved the **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)** with effect from October 1 and transferred its assets, employees and management to seven public sector units (PSUs).
- The OFB is currently a defence ministry entity and supplies critical arms and ammunition to the three armed forces and the paramilitary.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Dissolves OFB

By? Defence ministry

## Defence ministry

Rajnath singh

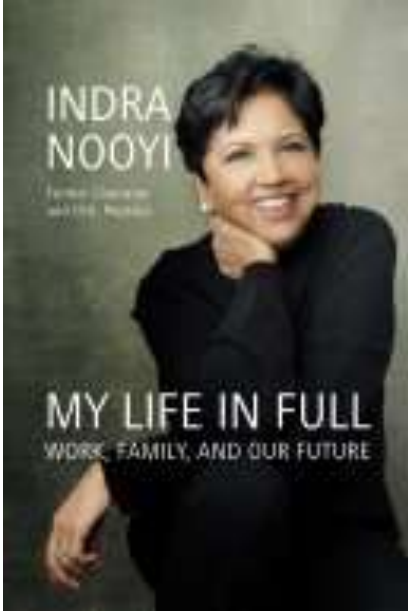
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## RECENT NEWS

- Defence ministry places order for 118 Arjun Mk-1A tanks

**Books & authors**

## 12.a book title 'My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future' by indra nooyi



**Book Title:** My life in full

**author:** indra nooyi

**Publisher:** penguin random house

### About Book:

- My Life in Full is the story of an extraordinary leader indra nooyi's life, a moving tribute to the relationships that created it, and a blueprint for 21st century prosperity.
- An intimate and powerful memoir by the trailblazing former CEO of PepsiCo

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'my life in full

**author:** indra nooyi

Publisher:penguin random huse

### RECENT NEWS

- Jhumpa Lahiri to launch her new book 'Translating Myself and Others'

# Launches and programs

## 13.Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh Launches Amrit Grand Challenge Program



### Highlights:

- Union Minister Dr **Jitendra Singh** launched '**AmritGrand Challenge Program**', titled 'जनCARE' to identify **75 startup** innovations in telemedicine, digital health, mHealth with Big Data, AI, Blockchain and other technologies.
- it is all the more imperative for young startups and entrepreneurs to come out with innovative ideas and solutions for India's healthcare challenges.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'AmritGrand Challenge Program',  
by? Jitendra singh

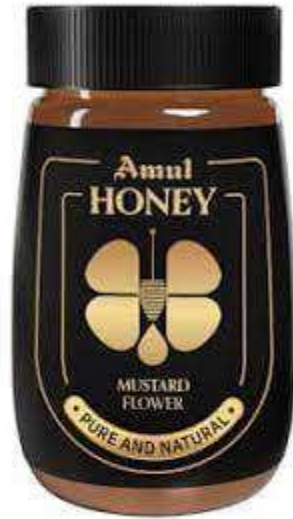
### Mos of science& technology

Jitendra singh  
cons: udhampur,J&K

### Recent News

- PM Modi addresses 76th UNGA in New York

## 14.Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches 'Amul Honey'



### Highlights:

- Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** launched '**Amul Honey**', a new product developed by **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF)** along with National Bee Board.
- the government is promoting bee-keeping among small farmers to double their income. About Rs 500 crore budget has been set aside for this purpose.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Amul honey

Launched by?agri minister

### Agri minister

Narendra singh tomar

Cons: morena.MP

### Recent News

- Amul ranks 18th in Rabobank 2021 Global Dairy Top 20 Report



**International**

## 15. India, Oman sign pact to boost maritime security cooperation



### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Pact with oman  
who? India

### Oman

Capital: Muscat

Currency: Omani rial

Sulthan of oman: **Haitham bin Tariq Al Said**

### Recent News

- US, India launch task forces on Hydrogen, Biofuels

### Highlights:

- **India and Oman** inked an agreement for exchange of white shipping information and to boost maritime security cooperation in reflection of growing cooperation between the two sides.
- The pact was signed by Chief of Navy Staff Admiral **Karambir Singh** and his Omani counterpart Admiral **Saif bin Nasser bin Mohsen Al-Rahbi** in Musca

**National**

## 16.Elder Line: Pan-India Toll-Free Helpline For Senior Citizens



### Highlights:

- **Elder Line**, the first pan-India toll-free helpline, was officially launched by the **Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- The helpline number — **14567** — provides information, guidance, emotional support — particularly on pension, medical and legal issues — besides immediate assistance in cases of abuse.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Elder line  
By? Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

### Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Virendra kumar  
Cons: sagar,MP

### Recent News

- Uttar Pradesh has become one of the first states in the country to successfully operationalise 'ELDERLINE'

# State

## 17.Kiren Rijiju inaugurates India's first Sports Arbitration Centre in gujarat



### Highlights:

- Union Law Minister **Kiren Rijiju(cons:arunachal west)** inaugurated the country's first '**Sports Arbitration Centre**' in **Gujarat** which will serve as an independent body to fast track disputes in the sports sector.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice will provide all the legal backing to the SACI which will serve as a mechanism to redress issues related to sports an initiative which is a first in our country.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'Sports Arbitration Centre'  
in? Gujarat

### Gujarat

Capital:gandhi nagar  
Governor: Acharya Devvrat  
Cm: Bhupendrabhai Patel

### Recent News

- Gujarat govt launches Vatan Prem Yojana

**Organisation / Bank:**

**World Heart Federation**

hq: geneva,switzerland  
Chairman: rajeev gupta

**UN**

Sec.gen:antonio guterres  
HQ:new york,US

**Muthoot finance**

Chairman: george  
Jacob Muthoot  
Hq: kochi

**Airtel payment bank**

CEO: Anubrata Biswas  
Hq: new delhi

**Stellapps**

CEO:rahul mallick  
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**RBL bank**

CEO: Vishwavir Ahuja  
Hq: mumbai

**RBI**

Governor: shaktikanta das  
Hq: mumbai

**Yes bank**

CEO: Prashant Kumar  
Headquarters: Mumbai

**NPCI**

CEO: Dilip Asbe  
Hq: mumbai

**paytm**

CEO: vijay shekar sharma  
Hq: noida,UP

**Ria money**

President: Juan Bianchi  
Hq: california,US

**Indusind bank**

Hq: Pune  
CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

**Vistara**

CEO: Leslie Thng  
Hq: gurugram

**GST council**

dir: Kshitendra Verma  
Hq: new delhi

**MINIS/CONS**

**Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and ayush**

Sarbananda sonowal  
**cons:**majuli ,assam

**Defence ministry**

Rajnath singh  
**cons:**lucknow,up

**Mos of science& technology**

Jitendra singh  
**cons:** udhampur,J&K

**Agri minister**

Narendra singh tomar  
**Cons:** morena.MP

**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

Virendra kumar  
**Cons:** sagar,MP

**COUNTRY/CAP**

**Oman**

Capital: Muscat  
Currency: Omani rial  
Sulthan of oman: **Haitham bin Tariq**

**Al Said**

**Gujarat**

Capital:gandhi nagar  
Governor: Acharya Devvrat  
Cm: Bhupendrabhai Patel

1. Lt Gen \_\_\_\_\_ takes charge as DG of NCC



**Gurbirpal Singh**

**2. ICICI Bank partners with \_\_\_\_\_ to offer OD facility to sellers, small businesses**

# Amazon India

**3. HAL signs pact with Alliance Air for deployment of \_\_\_\_\_  
Aircraft**

**civil Do-228**

**4.\_\_\_\_ , India launch task forces on Hydrogen, Biofuels**

US

**5. Sania Mirza & \_\_\_\_\_ Win Ostrava Open WTA  
Doubles Title**



**Zhang Shuai**