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## History of August 9

- ◆ **1942** : Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi was arrested along with 50 supporters after raising the slogan of Do or Die with the Quit India Movement in Mumbai.
- ◆ **1942** : Freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose established the Indian National Army in Malaysia with the help of Japan.
- ◆ **1971** : India and Pakistan signed a friendship treaty.
- ◆ **1963** : India became the first country to sign the Treaty on the Test Ban of Nuclear Weapons in Moscow, the capital of Russia.

## Current Affairs Related to 9 August

- ◆ The 51st meeting of the Goods and Services Tax Council has decided to levy 28% tax from October 1 on the full value of all bets made on online gaming. India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that 28% GST on online gaming will be effective from 1 October. The judgment aims at providing clarity on taxability of supplies in casino, horse racing and online gaming.
- ◆ The Ministry of Railways and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras signed an agreement to set up the Bharat 5G Testbed for the Indian Railways. This testbed will be set up at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication in Secunderabad. The objective of this institute will be dedicated to the testing and development of 5G use cases for the Indian Railways. The MoU signed between IRISSET and IIT Madras aims to accelerate the indigenization efforts of Indian Railways in the field of communications and to create a testing facility for Indian Railways.
- ◆ The Odisha government extended the coverage of the social security scheme to 50 more categories of unorganized workers, including delivery boys, boatmen and photographers, with the objective of providing financial assistance in case of accidental or natural death.
- ◆ The AYUSH visa category has been introduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs for foreign nationals coming to India for medical treatment such as medical care, wellness and yoga.
- ◆ The Union Ministry of Education constituted an expert panel to revise the Anti-Discrimination Guidelines in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Persons with Disabilities and Other Minority Tribes in Higher Educational Institutions. The primary objective of the Expert Panel is to conduct a comprehensive review of existing anti-discrimination policies and practices on campuses, identify gaps and deficiencies, and propose improvements.
- ◆ E-CARE portal launched to facilitate transfer of mortal remains of Indians who died abroad. This portal was launched to avoid delay in bringing back mortal remains of Indians abroad. From this portal, the Central International Health Division, Nodal Officer, consignee and airlines will get information through email, SMS and WhatsApp. The designated nodal officer will scrutinize the application and approve it within 48 hours.
- ◆ Government has launched Vivad se Vishwas-2 scheme for settlement of contract disputes. This scheme has been started by the Department of Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance. The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2023.2024. Disputes up to 30 September 2022 will be covered under the scheme. The objective of this scheme is to resolve the contract related disputes of the government with the private parties. Also to remove pendency of litigation and improve ease of doing business.
- ◆ Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society signed an MoU with All India Football Federation. The Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society has been organizing the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament since 1960. From this edition, the society will form the Subroto GP team for U-17 boys. This team will also participate in the All India Football Federation youth competition till 2023-2024.
- ◆ Indian American Shohini Sinha has been appointed as a special agent in charge of the FBI. He is assigned as the special agent in charge of the FBI's field office in Salt Lake City, in the US state of Utah. FBI Director Christopher Wray hired Sinha, who is known for her work on counterterrorism investigations.
- ◆ SBI raised Rs 10,000 crore through its third infrastructure bond issue at a coupon rate of 7.54%. The yield for this issue was lower than the 7.7% yield for infrastructure bonds issued by the bank in January.

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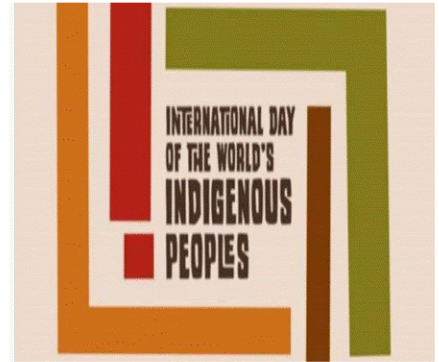
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## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is International Indigenous Peoples Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 8th August (B) 9th August  
(C) 10th August (D) 11th August

(B) The Congress urged its state units to observe the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, celebrated on 9th August all over the world, as a festival of tribal pride and their struggle against the alleged curtailment of the rights of indigenous peoples during the tenure of the National Democratic Alliance government. asked to express solidarity with



### 2. Recently in which state free medical services and treatment will be provided?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala  
(C) Telangana (D) Karnataka

(A) Maharashtra government has decided to provide free medical services and treatment to the people in all the health centers run by the state. This was announced by Maharashtra Public Health Minister Tanaji Sawant and the state cabinet has also approved this decision. Citizens can avail free medical services and treatment from 15th August.



### 3. How long has the PM-KUSUM scheme been extended by the Government of India recently?

- (A) 31st December 2024 (B) 31st September 2025  
(C) 31st March 2026 (D) 31st January 2027

(C) About 2.46 lakh farmers have been benefited by the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan PM Kusum Yojana. PM Kusum Yojana has been extended till 31 March 2026. The scheme provides for installation of solar pumps, solarization of existing grid connected agriculture pumps and installation of grid connected renewable energy plants.



### 4. Recently in which state the Chief Minister launched the Amrit Vriksha Andolan web portal/mobile application?

- (A) Assam (B) Bihar  
(C) Kerala (D) Andhra Pradesh

(A) The Amrit Vriksha Andolan web portal/mobile application belongs to the Forest and Environment Department. The Chief Minister of Assam also launched the Wood Based Industries Registration web portal. Amrit Vriksha Andolan is an initiative that aims to plant 1 crore commercially viable saplings across the state by individuals by 17 September 2023.



### 5. How many government companies have been fined by the Reserve Bank of India recently?

- (A) 2 (B) 3  
(C) 4 (D) 7

(C) The Reserve Bank of India has fined 4 government companies for late reporting of overseas investments. These companies include ONGC Videsh Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited GAIL India Limited and Oil India Limited. These four companies will have to pay a late submission fee of Rs 2000 crore.



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6. Recently Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has got extension for how many more years?

- (A) 1 year (B) 3 years  
(C) 4 years (D) 5 years

(A) The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension of Rajiv Gauba as Cabinet Secretary for a period of one year beyond 30 August 2023. Shri Gauba has been given extension in this post for the third time. The Appointments Committee has extended the appointment of Mr. Gauba by relaxing AIS Rules, 1958 and Rule 56 of the Fundamental Rules.



7. According to the recently released report, how many lakh crore rupees was the government debt in March 2023?

- (A) 125.2 lakh crore (B) 155.6 lakh crore  
(C) 215.5 lakh crore (D) 355.5 lakh crore

(B) The debt of the Government of India in March 2023 was 155.6 lakh crore, which was 57.1 percent of the country's GDP. This represents a reduction from 64.5% of GDP in 2020-2021, reflecting efforts to manage debt levels. The government has also implemented various schemes to promote capital expenditure, economic growth and welfare, both at the macro and micro levels.



8. Who has unveiled the new logo of NMDC recently?

- (A) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia  
(B) S. Jaishankar  
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal  
(D) Amit Shah

(A) The Union Minister said that the new logo of NMDC shows how India's largest iron ore producer is ready to mine globally. He highlighted the achievements of NMDC. He said that NMDC has crossed 40 MT annual production last year itself.



9. Which ministry has recently upgraded ONGC Videsh Limited to Navratna status?

- (A) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
(B) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
(C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
(D) Ministry of Finance

(D) Ministry of Finance has upgraded ONGC Videsh Limited to Navratna status. After the approval of the Ministry, ONGC Videsh has now become a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise from Category 1 Miniratna. ONGC Videsh has become the 14th Navratna company in the list of Central Public Sector Enterprises.



10. Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana, which was in discussion recently, is related to

- (A) Senior citizens (B) Renewable resources  
(C) Biodiesel (D) Rural Development

(A) Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana is a comprehensive initiative aimed at empowering senior citizens in India. It was introduced by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The scheme recognizes the invaluable contribution made by the elderly to the society and seeks to ensure their well-being and social inclusion.



Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana 2023

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