

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 10, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ உயர் நீதிமன்ற தலைமை நீதிபதியாக தஹில் ரமானிக்கு 12-ம் தேதி பதவிப் பிரமாணம்



சென்னை

- ★ சென்னை உயர் நீதிமன்றத்தின் புதிய தலைமை நீதிபதியாக விஜய கம்லேஷ் தஹில் ரமானிக்கு வரும் 12-ம் தேதி ஆளுநர் மாளிகையில் பதவிப்பிரமாணம் செய்து வைக்கப்படவுள்ளது.
- ★ சென்னை உயர் நீதிமன்றத்தின் தலைமை நீதிபதியாக பதவி வகித்த இந்திரா பானர்ஜி, உச்ச நீதிமன்ற நீதிபதியாக நியமிக்கப் சென்னை உயர் நீதிமன்றத்துக்கு 'பட்டுள்ளார்.
- ★ இந்நிலையில் தஹில் ரமானி புதிய தலைமை நீதிபதியாக உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளார். வரும் 12-ம் மும்பை உயர் நீதிமன்றத்தில் தேதி ஆளுநர் மாளிகையில் பொறுப்பு தலைமை நீதிபதியாக தலைமை நீதிபதி தஹில் பதவி வகித்து வரும் விஜய் ரமானிக்கு, ஆளுநர் பன்வாரிலால் கலேல் தஹில் ரமானியை புரோஹித் பதவிப்பிரமாணம் நியமித்து குடியரசுத் தலைவர் செய்து வைக்கவுள்ளார்.

◆ 27 Resorts In Nilgiris Jumbo Path To Be Shut



★ The Supreme Court ordered the Tamil Nadu government to shut down illegal resorts operating in the elephant corridor in the **Nilgris District**, saying “**elephants are our heritage**”

STATES

◆ Maharashtra Government Announces Special Assistance of Rs 500 Crore for OBC Community



★ The main objective of the special assistance is to help the OBC community develop employment opportunities for the youth.

★ **OBCs constitute 52 percent** of the state’s population and they get 17 percent reservation.

NATIONAL

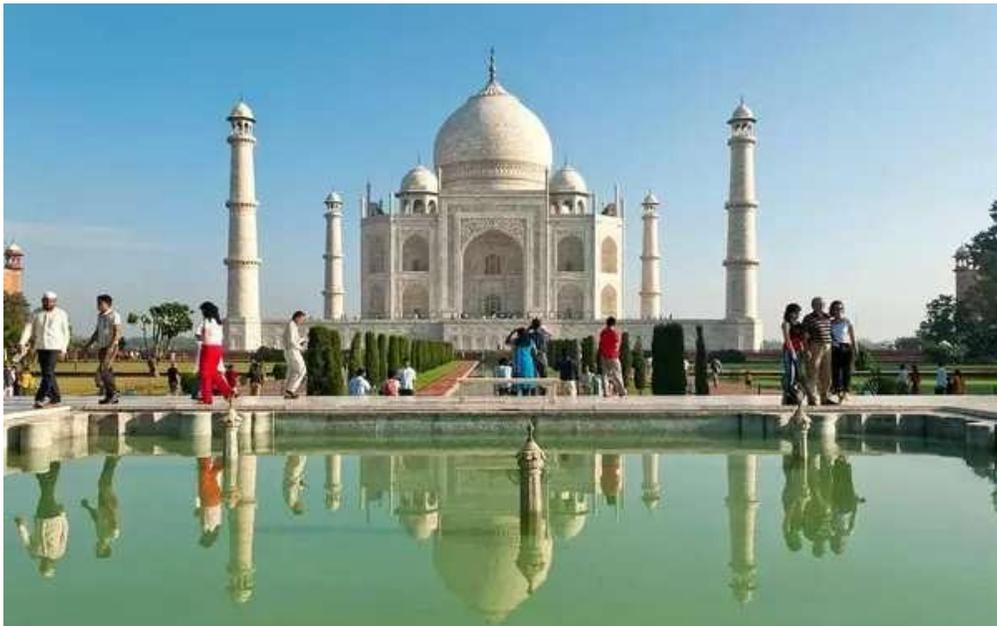
◆ **Karnataka State Open University Gets UGC Recognition**



- ★ The **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU)** has been **granted** recognition by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** for the year 2018-2019.
- ★ It has been granted permission to run courses for the **2018-19 to 2022-23 academic** years.
- ★ KSOU has not been granted UGC recognition till **2013 - 2014**. This has caused a huge injustice to lakhs of students of the University.
- ★ On 4th June, a Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting was held in Mysuru. University. Vice-Chancellor Prof.D. Shivalingaiah demonstrated requesting the recognition for the university.

★ After listening to the requests the committee members directed the UGC and Joint Secretary of the Human Resource Department to give recognition to the KSOU.

◆ **Entry Fee to Taj Mahal and Other Historical Monuments Increased**



- ★ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) raised the entry fee to visit **Taj Mahal** from Rs 1000 to **Rs 1100** for **foreign** tourists and from Rs 40 to Rs **50** for **domestic** tourists.
- ★ Apart from this, visitors from the **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)** countries will now pay **Rs. 540**, including Rs. 500 as toll tax to visit the monument.
- ★ Earlier, the Archaeological Survey of India increased the entry fee for its protected monuments in 2016.

SCHEMES

◆ **Project 'SWAYAM' Launched By HRD Ministry**



- ★ 10 August 2018 Current Affairs: **'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM)**, aims to provide one integrated platform and portal for online courses.
- ★ This course covers all higher education subjects and skill sector courses.
- ★ The main objective is to ensure that every student in the country has access to the best quality higher education at the affordable cost.

◆ **Cabinet Extended PMGSY beyond the 12th Five Year Plan Period**



★ The government approved that the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** can be continued even beyond the **12th five year plan period**. PMGSY was to establish rural road connectivity.

★ According to PMGSY, 6, 58,143 km road was planned to be completed. Against the target, 5, 50,601 km road length was completed. Under, PMGSY-II, against the target length of 50,000 km, around 32,100 km road length has been sanctioned in 13 States.

PMGSY:

★ PMGSY was launched on December 25, 2000. The aim is to provide All-Weather road connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of Country.

◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Launch 650 Branches of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) On the 21st of This Month



★ The event will take place at the **Capital's Talkatora Stadium**.

★ The government is planning to utilize **650 branches** as controlling offices for servicing and monitoring post offices.

- ★ These branches will be linked to IPPB by the end of this year.
- ★ There are **370 million** different types of accounts at post offices, which will be linked to IPPB gradually.

◆ **Rajya Sabha Passed the SC and ST (Poa) Amendment Bill 2018**



- ★ **Rajya Sabha passed the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018.**
- ★ The Bill will reverse the Supreme Court order that provides the provision for the immediate arrest of the accused booked under the SC/ST law.
- ★ The Bill rules out any provision for anticipatory bail for a person accused of atrocities against people from SC and ST communities.
- ★ It states that there will be no need for a preliminary enquiry to register a criminal case. An arrest under this proposed law would not be subject to any approval.
- ★ An FIR will be filed based on complaints of crimes against people from Dalit and tribal communities without any questions, it entails.

◆ Government Introduced Four GST Amendment Bills



- ★ The government introduced **four Bills** to amend the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** laws in order to make the return forms simpler and raise the turnover threshold for availing composition scheme to **Rs. 1.5 crore**.
- ★ The four amendment Bills are the Central GST (Amendment) Bill, the Integrated GST (Amendment) Bill, the GST (Compensation to States) Amendment Bill and the Union Territory GST (Amendment) Bill. Initially, the Bill was aimed to help the MSME sector and small traders.

◆ Lok Sabha Passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill



★ Lok Sabha passed the **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill**, outlawing talaq-e-biddat. According to the Bill, talaq-e-biddat has been made a cognizable and non-bailable offence.

Three provisions of the Bill:

- ★ Instant triple **Talaq Is Illegal**
- ★ It imposes a jail term of up to three years and fine
- ★ It provides additional safeguards from the Act being misused
- ★ It also provides for **subsistence allowance** to Muslim women and custody of minor children as **may be determined by the magistrate**.

◆ Commerce And Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu Launched Mobile App Niryat Mitra



- ★ The app developed by the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** is available both on Android and on IOS platforms.
- ★ The app provides a wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable GST rate, available export incentives, tariff, preferential tariff, market access requirements – SPS and TBT measures.

INTERNATIONAL

◆ **Global Innovation Index**



- ★ NITI Aayog has proposed to join hands with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** to develop a Roadmap for **Top 10 Rank** in **Global Innovation Index (GII)**.

India's performance in GII:

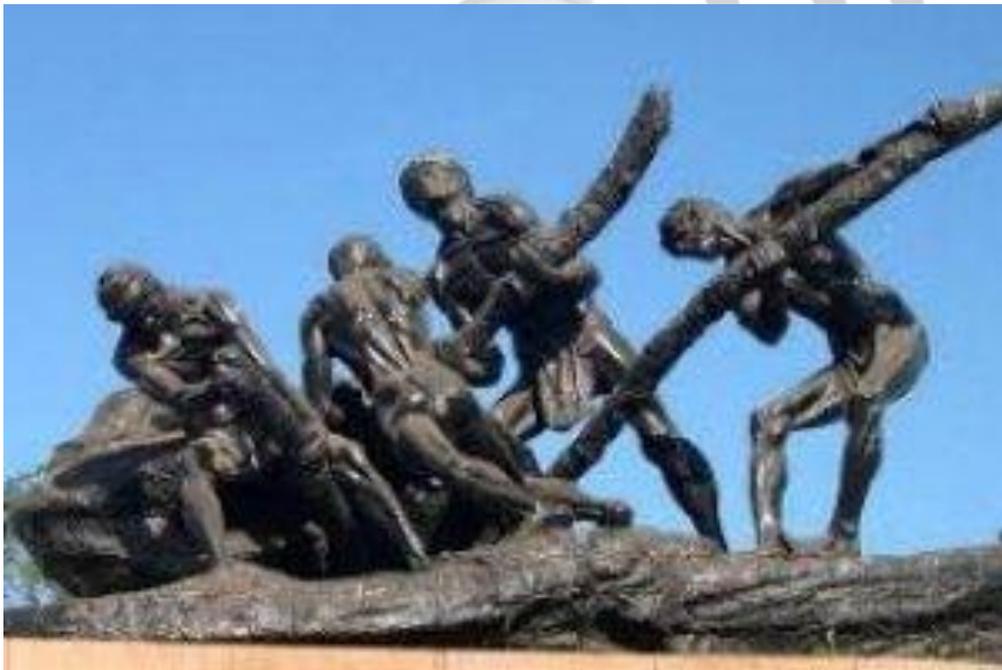
- ★ India's rank on the **Global Innovation Index (GII)** has improved from 60 in 2017 to 57 in 2018. India has been consistently climbing the GII ranking for the past two years.

◆ **Ivan Duque Sworn In As Colombia's Youngest 60th President**



- ★ **Colombia's President-elect 42-year-old Ivan Duque** has been sworn in as the country's **60th** president.
- ★ He Replaced **Juan Manuel Santos** and became the **youngest president** in Colombia's recent history.
- ★ He defeated left-leaning candidate, **Gustavo Petro**, in a presidential runoff in June with 54 percent of the vote.

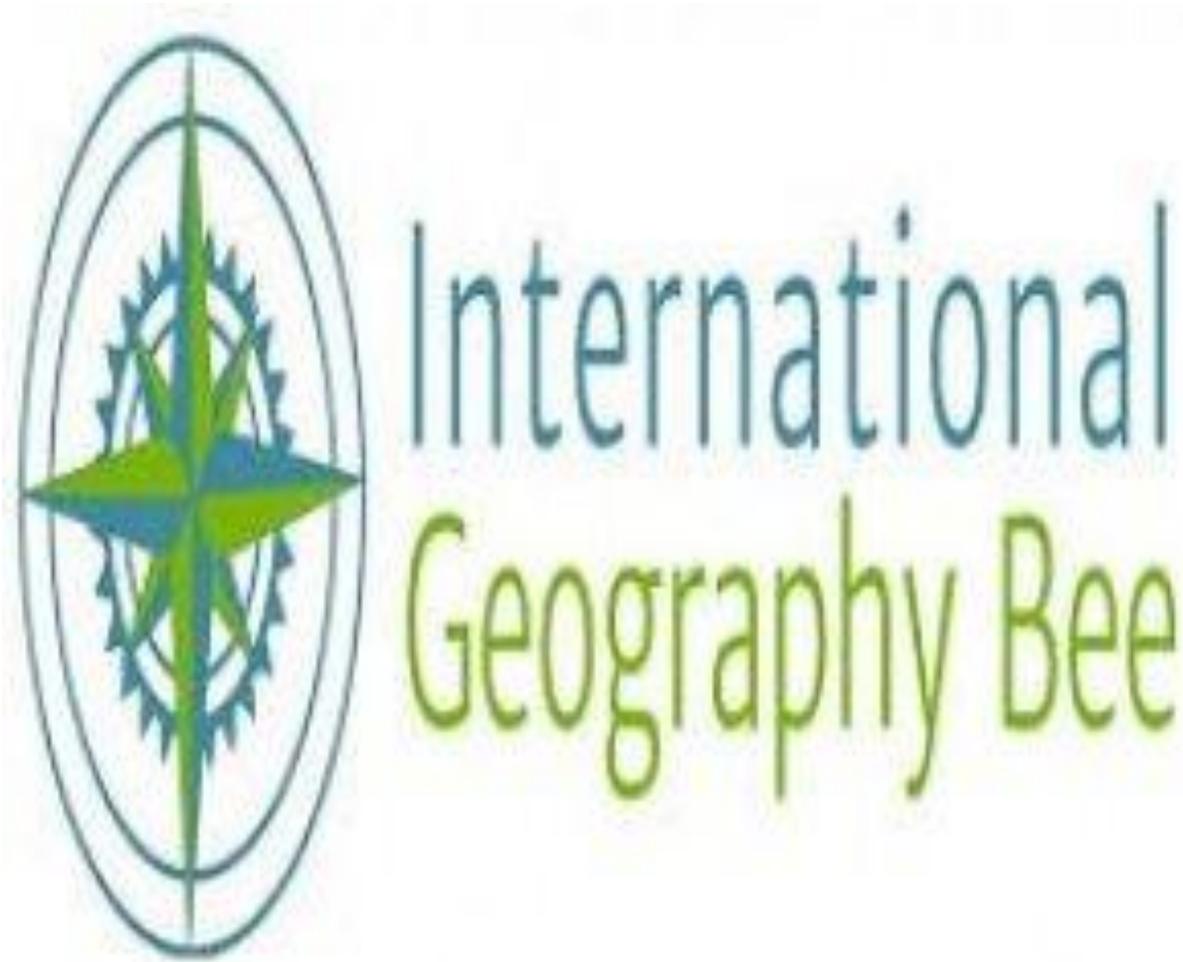
◆ **Largest Museum of Us to Return 2 Ancient Sculptures to India**



- ★ An eighth-century stone sculpture of **Goddess Durga** and a third century **limestone** sculpture '**Head of a Male Deity**' will be returned to India by the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, the largest museum in the US.
- ★ The stone sculpture of Durga Mahishasuramardhini was donated to the museum in **2015**.

- ★ The limestone sculpture, donated in **1986**, was part of Nagarjunakonda Site Museum's excavated inventory.

◆ **Indian-American High Schooler Won International Geography Bee World Championship**



- ★ Indian-American high school student **Avi Goel** won the world championship at the International Geography Bee's junior varsity division which was held in Berlin.
- ★ He won a gold medal in seven out of the 10 medal event and a silver medal in two of the events topping the overall medals table.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

◆ **National Energy Storage Mission**

Background:

- ★ In February 2018, an Expert Committee under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, with representatives from relevant Ministries, industry associations, research institutions and experts was constituted by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy to propose draft for setting up **National Energy Storage Mission (NESM)** for India.

Energy Storage Application:

- ★ Integrating renewable energy with distribution and transmission grids.
- ★ Setting Rural micro grids with diversified loads or stand-alone systems.
- ★ Developing Storage component of electric mobility plans.

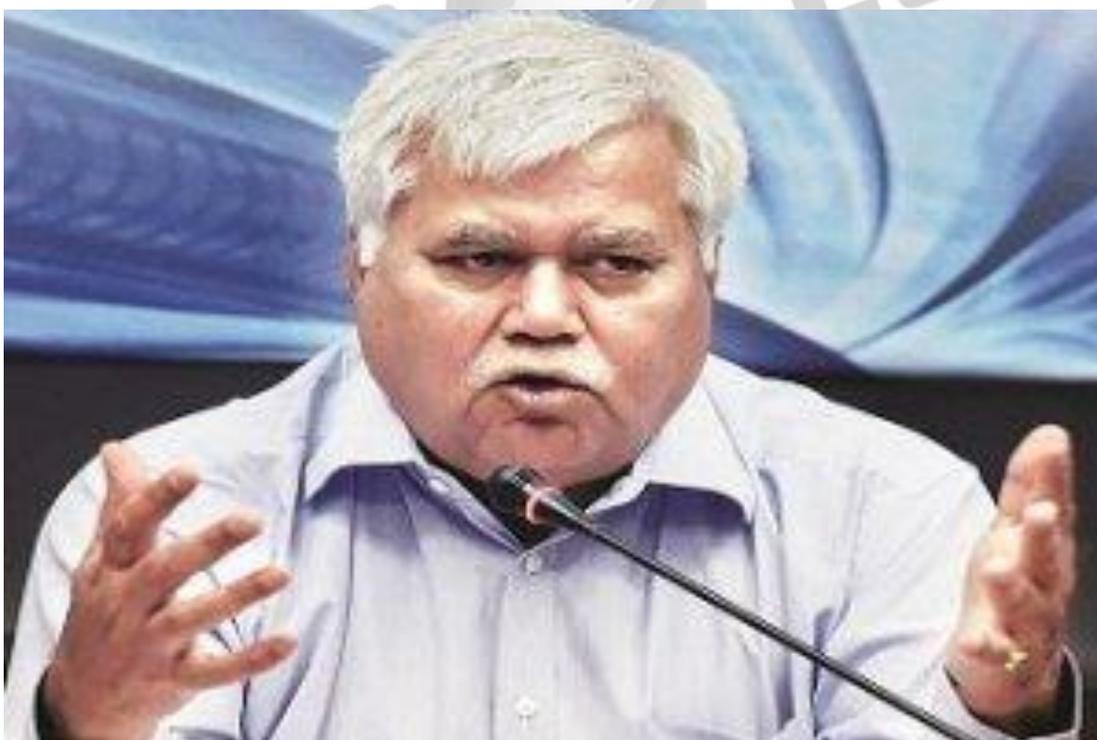
Highlights of the Draft National Energy Storage Mission (NESM):

- ★ The draft expects to kick-start grid-connected energy storage in India, set up a regulatory framework, and encourages indigenous manufacture of batteries.
- ★ The draft sets a “**realistic target**” of 15-20 gigawatt hours (GWh) of grid-connected storage within the next five years. Power grids do not currently use storage options that would help in smoothly integrating renewable energy sources.

- ★ The mission will focus on seven verticals: indigenous manufacturing; an assessment of technology and cost trends; a policy and regulatory framework; financing, business models and market creation; research and development; standards and testing; and grid planning for energy storage.

APPOINTMENTS

◆ **RS Sharma Reappointed As TRAI Chairman Till September 2020**



- ★ The government reappointed **Ram Sewak Sharma** as Chairman of **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** till September 2020 when he turns 65.

- ★ He was named the TRAI chief in July 2015 for a three-year period.
- ★ Sharma, who recently shared his Aadhaar number on Twitter, also served as UIDAI's Director General between 2009 - 2013 and even wrote the **first software** for **UIDAI** for enrolment.

◆ **Abhinav Bindra Appointed Member of IOC's Elite Athletes' Commission**



- ★ Bindra became only the second Indian sportsperson, after badminton ace [Saina Nehwal](#), to be appointed to the **IOC's Athletes' Commission**.
- ★ **Olympic Bronze Medallist Shuttler Nehwal** was appointed member of IOC's Athletes' Commissions in October 2016.

SPORTS

◆ **Indian U-20 and U-16 Team Won Title In Football**



- ★ **India's** under-20 team won over Argentina under-20 in the final group stage match of the COTIF Cup held in Valencia's Els Arcs Stadium.
- ★ India was playing this tournament for the first time.
- ★ Under-16 team, **India** defeated under-16 champion's team of Iraq by 1-0 in the West Asian Football Federation Cup in Amman, Jordan.

◆ **Uttarakhand Cabinet Approves Revised Policy On Adventure Sports**



- ★ Uttarakhand Cabinet chaired by approved a revised policy on adventure sports.
- ★ It has imposed a total ban on smoking and substance abuse by enthusiasts when they perform rafting, kayaking or canoeing in Uttarakhand.
- ★ As per the revised policy, a minimum qualification has been fixed for raft operators. Also, stricter penal provisions have been formulated for violators.
- ★ Uttarakhand Cabinet also approved revised rules on paragliding and aero sports to improve public safety.

ECONOMICS

◆ **NSE Unveiled New Logo At Its Silver Jubilee Celebration**



- ★ The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**, India's largest equity bourse, has celebrated its silver jubilee by unveiling its new logo, which is a modern representation of a blooming marigold with **red, yellow, orange, and blue hues**.

★ The celebrations were attended by former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh**, Union minister **Nitin Gadkari**, NITI Aayog deputy chairman **Rajiv Kumar**, and Delhi lieutenant-governor **Anil Bajaj**. The NSE was inaugurated by **Singh in 1994** when he was finance minister.

★ NSE chief - **Vikram Limaye**

◆ **Govt To Provide Discount Of Rs. 15 Per Kg On Pulses For Poor**



★ **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** decided to provide a discount of Rs **15/kg** on pulses, over the wholesale market price, to States for distribution under welfare schemes like **mid-day meal, Public Distribution System (PDS)**, and **Integrated Child Development Programmes (ICDP)**.

★ States and Union Territories will be offered to lift 34.88 lakh tonnes of **Tur, Chana, Masoor, Moong and Urad** at the discount of ₹15/kg over the prevailing wholesale market price on a first-come-first-serve basis.

★ The Government will spend **Rs 5,237 crore** for implementing this scheme.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi To Address World Biofuel Day Conference



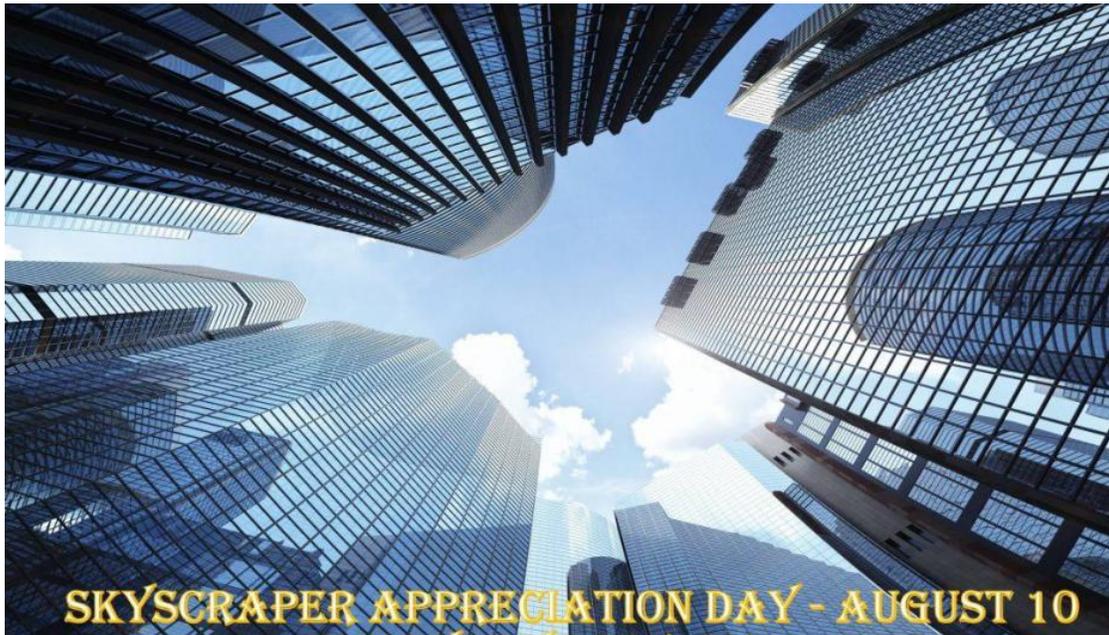
- ★ World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 10 to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a diverse gathering consisting of farmers, scientists, entrepreneurs, students, government officials and legislators in New Delhi today to mark the World Biofuel Day 2018.

◆ World Lion Day – August 10, 2018



- ★ **World Lion Day** comes on August 10 of every year. World Lion Day aims to raise awareness of the majestic hunter, simply known as the **king of the jungle**.
- ★ The Lions are one of the big cats in the **Panthera genus** and a member of the **Felidae family**.
- ★ Lions in the wild exhibit very similar behaviour, especially when smaller females or younger animals join up with the more dominant lions in the pride.
- ★ Lions are the second-largest living cat after the tiger.
- ★ **Wild Lions** currently exist in India and Sub-Saharan Africa.

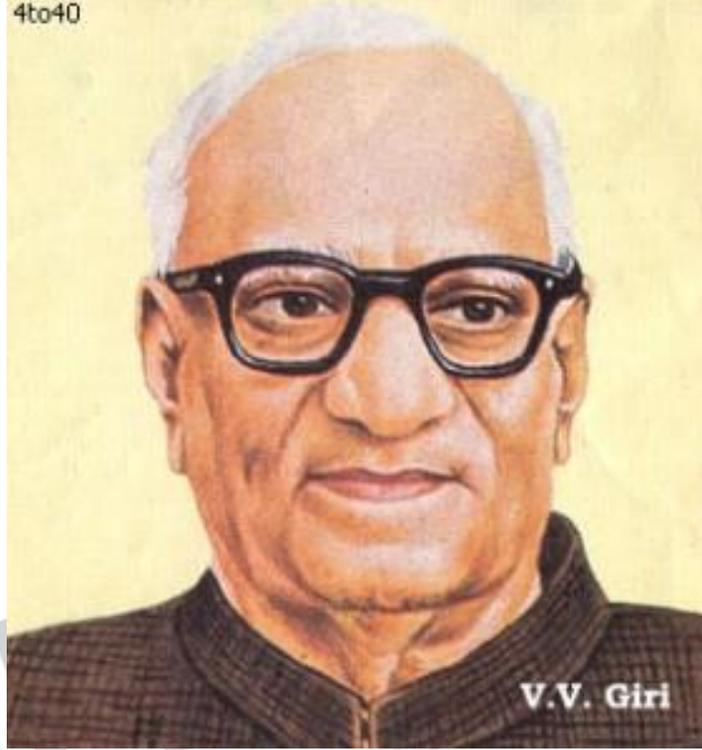
◆ Skyscraper Appreciation Day – August 10, 2018



- ★ Skyscraper Appreciation Day comes on **August 10** of every year.
- ★ The Day honors the birthday of the famous architect William Can Alen, who is the mastermind behind the **construction of the Chrysler Building** – New York City’s most iconic landmarks.

REMEMBERING VARAHAGIRI VENKATA GIRI ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

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* நேர்மை, துணிச்சல், அர்ப்பணிப்பு. பாரபட்சம் இல்லாத கருத்துகளை வெளிப்படையாகச் சொன்னவர்' என்று வரலாற்றாய்வாளர்களால் புகழப்பட்டவர். இந்தியாவில் தொழிலாளர் சங்கங்கள் வளர்ச்சி பெறுவதற்கு அடித்தளமிட்டவர் வி.வி. கிரி.

பிறப்பு முதல் தொழில் வரை

* தற்போது ஓடிஸாவில் இருக்கும் பெர்ஹாம்பூரில் 1894 ஆகஸ்ட் 10-ல் பிறந்தவர் வராககிரி வேங்கட கிரி. புகழ்பெற்ற வழக்கறிஞரான அவரது தந்தை வராககிரி ஜோகைய்யா பந்துலு தனது மகனும் சட்டம் பயில வேண்டும் என்று விரும்பினார்.

- ★ 1913-ல் அயர்லாந்து தலைநகர் டப்ளினில் உள்ள யூனிவர்சிட்டி காலேஜில் சட்டம் பயின்றார் வி.வி. கிரி.
- ★ இளம் வயதிலிருந்தே தொழிலாளர்கள், ஏழைகள், ஒடுக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் மீது அக்கறை கொண்ட அவர், 1914-ல் லண்டன் சென்றிருந்த காந்தியைச் சந்தித்தார். சட்டம் பயில்வதை விட, விடுதலைப் போராட்டம், தொழிலாளர் உரிமைகளுக்கான போராட்டங்களில் பங்கேற்பதுதான் முக்கியம் என்று அவர் உணரத் தொடங்கியது இந்தச் சந்திப்புக்குப் பிறகுதான்.
- ★ 'சின் ஃபெயின்' எனும் அயர்லாந்து விடுதலை அமைப்பில் பங்கேற்றுத் தீவிரமாகப் போராடிய அவர், சட்டப் படிப்பை முடிப்பதற்கு முன்பாகவே 1916-ல் அயர்லாந்திலிருந்து வெளியேற்றப்பட்டார்.
- ★ இந்திய விடுதலைப் போராட்டத்திலும் பங்கேற்றார். தொழிலாளர் சங்கத் தலைவர் என்.எம். ஜோஷியுடன் இணைந்து செயலாற்றினார். இந்திய விடுதலைப் போராட்டத்தை நோக்கி, தொழிலாளர் சங்கங்களைக் கொண்டுசென்ற பெருமையும் இவருக்கு உண்டு.
- ★ லண்டனில் நடைபெற்ற வட்ட மேஜை மாநாட்டில், தொழிலாளர்களின் பிரதிநிதியாகக் கலந்துகொண்டார்.
- ★ 1936-ல் நடந்த தேர்தலில் காங்கிரஸ் வேட்பாளராகப் போட்டியிட்டு வென்ற அவர், மதராஸ் மாகாணத்தின் தொழிலாளர் மற்றும் தொழில்துறை அமைச்சராகப் பதவி யேற்றார்.
- ★ 1942-ல் 'வெள்ளையனே வெளியேறு' இயக்கத்தை காந்தி தொடங்கியபோது, அமைச்சர் பதவியை உதறிவிட்டு, போராட்டத்தில் பங்கேற்று சிறைசென்றார். பின்னாட்களில் இலங்கைக்கான இந்தியத் தூதராகப் பணியாற்றினார்.

- ★ இந்திய விடுதலைக்குப் பின்னர், 1957-ல் மத்தியத் தொழிலாளர் துறை அமைச்சராகப் பொறுப்பேற்றார்.

குடியரசுத் தலைவரான போராளி

- ★ உத்தர பிரதேசம்(1957-1960) , கேரளா(1960-1965) மற்றும் மைசூர் (1965-1967) மாநிலங்களின் ஆளுநராக பணியாற்றினார்.
- ★ 1967-ல் குடியரசுத் துணைத் தலைவராக நியமிக்கப்பட்டார்.
- ★ 1969-ல் குடியரசுத் தலைவர் ஜாகிர் உசேனின் மறைவைத் தொடர்ந்து, குடியரசுத் தலைவராக இடைக்காலப் பதவியில் அமர்த்தப்பட்டார். அதன்பிறகு நடந்த குடியரசுத் தலைவர் தேர்தலில் போட்டியிட்டு வென்றார். 1974 வரை அப்பதவியில் இருந்தார்.
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