

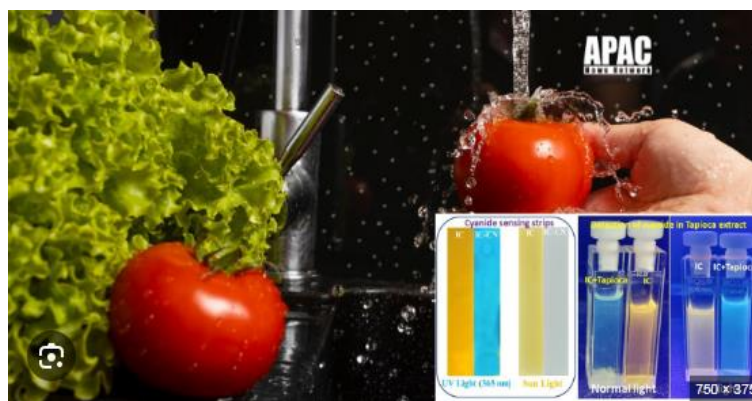
EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 19, 2024

NATIONAL

- **Six New Parliamentary Committees for 2024-25**
- ✓ The **Lok Sabha speaker** on August 17, named the constituents of the **six new Parliamentary Committees** including the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) which examines government expenditure. Ganesh Singh, BJP MP from Satna, Madhya Pradesh has been appointed as the chairperson of the **Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes**.
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- ✓ Public Account committee
- ✓ Committee on Public Undertakings
- ✓ Committee on Estimates
- ✓ Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
- ✓ Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes
- ✓ Joint Committee on Office of Profit

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Kerala University Develops Advanced Cyanide Sensor for Safety**
- ✓ A research team at Kerala University, led by Dr. Ravi Kumar Kanaparathi, has developed an innovative cyanide sensor to enhance food and water safety.



- ✓ The sensor changes colour upon detecting cyanide, providing a reliable method to monitor this toxin in cyanide-prone areas.
- ✓ This technology is crucial for preventing health risks, particularly in regions where cyanide-rich foods are consumed.

SPORTS

➤ Paris Paralympics 2024

- ✓ Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav will be India's flagbearers at the Paris Paralympics 2024 opening ceremony.



- ✓ With 84 athletes, India will field its largest-ever contingent at the Paralympics, surpassing the 54 athletes at Tokyo 2020.
- ✓ Sumit is the reigning Paralympic javelin champion, and Bhagyashree is a shot put silver medalist at the 2022 Asian Para Games and 2024 World Championships.
- ✓ The Paralympics will be held in France (Paris) from August 28 to September 8, 2024.

