



FIVE **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-august** **STATES**

- **Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar - resigned from his post after ending his alliance with the BJP in the state on August 9**
- ✓ Nitish joined the Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD)-led bloc and staked claim to form a new "Mahagathbandhan" (Grand Alliance) government



- ✓ RJD's Tejashwi Prasad Yadav is likely to be the deputy chief minister of the state
- ✓ In the 243-member assembly, the RJD is currently the single-largest party with 79 MLAs, while the BJP has 77 MLAs, JD(U) has 45 legislators, Congress 19 and the CPI(ML)-led Left Front 17.
- ✓ Nitish said he submitted a list of 164 MLAs to the Governor Phagu Chauhan who will decide when the oath-taking can take place.
- ✓ In 2020, Nitish Kumar took oath as the Bihar CM for the seventh time with the support of the BJP
- ✓ This will be the second time within a span of seven years when the JD(U) and RJD, considered to be fierce opponents in Bihar politics, will be joining hands.

NITISH'S SEVEN TERMS

Nitish Kumar will take oath as Bihar CM for the eighth term on Wednesday

FIRST TERM: March 3, 2000 to March 10, 2000	2015 to November 20, 2015
SECOND TERM: November 24, 2005 to November 26, 2010	FIFTH TERM: November 20, 2015 to July 27, 2017
THIRD TERM: November 26, 2010 to May 20, 2014	SIXTH TERM: July 27, 2017 to November 16, 2020
FOURTH TERM: February 22, 2015 to November 20, 2015	SEVENTH TERM: November 16, 2020 to August 09, 2022

- ✓ The two parties, along with the Congress, had contested together in the 2015 assembly polls and formed a coalition government.
- ✓ In 2017, however, Nitish had walked out of the grand alliance and re-united with the BJP.
- **The Chhattisgarh government - notified the rules for implementation of the Panchayat (Extension in Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA)-1996 on August 9, 2022**
- ✓ With this, Chhattisgarh becomes the seventh state in the country to implement the Act
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana have already framed state-specific rules to implement the Act
- ✓ According to the chief minister Bhupesh Baghel, the implementation of PESA Act will further empower gram sabhas to protect tribal rights and ensure tribal people taking their own decisions with regard to their own resources like forest, land and water
- ✓ Baghel said his government has declared a public holiday on World Tribal Day, given lakhs of forest rights and community forest rights certificates to adivasis and forest dwellers, and has been procuring 65 minor forest produce on support price.
- ✓ Baghel was addressing a function organised by the Sarva Adivasi Samaj to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People (also called World Tribal Day) at Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in Raipur
- ✓ According to the new rules, 50% of gram sabha members will be from tribal communities and half of them must be women.
- ✓ PESA empowers gram sabhas to play a key role in approving development plans and controlling all social sectors and forest resources.

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - owns assets worth over Rs. 2.23 crore, including Rs. 2.10 crore as bank deposits, according to his latest declaration about assets updated till March 31.**



- ✓ The PM has no investment in any bond, share or mutual funds, does not own any vehicle, but has four gold rings valued at Rs. 1.73 lakh
- ✓ PM Modi's movable assets rose by Rs. 26.13 lakh from a year ago to a total of Rs. 2,23,82,504, according to details uploaded on the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) website.
- ✓ He has no immovable properties as he has donated his share in a piece of land in Gandhinagar
- ✓ The residential plot he jointly held with three other owners, each having an equal share, was purchased by him in October 2002 when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- ✓ The cash in hand with the PM as on March 31, 2022 was Rs. 35,250 and his National Savings Certificates with post office were worth Rs. 9,05,105 and had life insurance policies valued Rs.1,89,305
- ✓ Among the PM's 29 Cabinet colleagues who have declared their assets, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has movables worth Rs. 2.54 crore and immovable assets worth Rs. 2.97 crore as on March 31, 2022.
- ✓ According to the ministerial code of conduct, ministers are required to declare their assets, as well as those of their spouses and dependents, every year.
- ✓ In all, there are 30 cabinet ministers and 45 Ministers of State in the Union government.

INTERNATIONAL

- On August 8, the FBI - raided Donald Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, Florida



- ✓ The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is led by Christopher Wray, a Trump appointee, declined to provide a reason for the raid.
- ✓ The search is said to be related to Trump's handling of confidential presidential documents he is believed to have brought to Mar-a-Lago after demitting office
- ✓ The FBI's investigation might reveal a violation of the Presidential Records Act, which requires all official presidential documents to be preserved.
- ✓ The Presidential Records Act requires that all official documents of the President, apart from personal documents like diaries and journals, be given to the US National Archives at the end of the presidential term
- ✓ Trump has denied wrongdoing and called the investigation politically motivated

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **South Korea - became the seventh country in the world to launch a mission to the Moon recently**
- ✓ This is the first lunar mission by South Korea, which recently developed a space rocket launch capability
- ✓ The \$180 million lunar mission has been jointly developed by Nasa and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI).
- ✓ The Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter (KPLO) was launched from NASA's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on August 4, 2022



- ✓ Informally named Danuri, meaning "enjoy the moon", the mission involves six instruments and technology demonstration payloads that will be tested in the lunar orbit
- ✓ In the latest stage of mission preparation, the spacecraft was fuelled with hydrazine at SpaceX's payload processing facility
- ✓ The lunar probe will conduct observations flying at an altitude of 100 km above the lunar surface and a 90-degree inclination angle.
- ✓ The 678-kilogram probe has an expected lifetime of one year around the Moon

- ✓ If this mission is successful, it will join India's Chandrayaan-2 and Nasa's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) which are already in operation across the moon as well as Chinese rover on moon's far side.
- ✓ South Korea, in March this year, created history by successfully test-firing a solid-fuel space rocket for the first time.
- ✓ In October last year, South Korea conducted the first test launch of the Nuri liquid-fuelled rocket, its first domestically built space launch vehicle

SPORTS

- **The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad - concluded with an extravagant closing ceremony featuring cultural events at the Nehru Indoor Stadium on August 9**



- ✓ The 14th-seeded Uzbekistan team won the gold medal while Armenia and India-2 team won the silver and bronze in the Men's Open section of the Chess Olympiad
- ✓ It was the second bronze medal for India in the Olympiad, replicating its feat in the 2014 edition.



- ✓ India 1 clinched the fourth position on better tie-break score, followed by the US and Moldova.
- ✓ The third men's team from India ended on the 36th spot
- ✓ Team Denmark bagged the most stylish award
- ✓ In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold, Georgia the silver, while the top seed India-1 bagged the bronze.
- ✓ It was India's first-ever medal at the Olympiad in the women's section.
- ✓ Uzbekistan men's team and Ukraine women's team were unbeaten throughout the tournament
- ✓ It was Ukraine's first women's team gold since 2006 Olympiad in Turin.
 - ✓ They had won the silver in the last Olympiad in 2018 as the 2020 edition was not held due to the pandemic.
 - ✓ Now, they have won 7 team medals in the last 8 women's Olympiads (two gold, two silver and three bronze).
- ✓ The Georgian women's team (silver) won their second successive medal after the bronze in 2018
- ✓ It is the first time that two teams from the same country (India) have won the medals in Open category of men's and women's section
- ✓ D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Nihal Sarin, Raunak Sadhwani and B Adhiban were part of India-2 men's team, while Koneru Humpy, R Vaishali, Tania Sachdev, Harika Dronavalli and Bhakti Kulkarni were the members of India-1 women's team.



- ✓ Besides medals in the team events, seven Indians won medals -- two gold, one silver and four bronze – in individual sections
- ✓ Sixteen-year-old D Gukesh of India- 2 won the individual gold for his performance on the first board.
 - ✓ He scored 9/11 individual points with a rating performance of 2867
- ✓ India 2's Nihal Sarin, who remained unbeaten in the tournament, claimed the gold medal on the second board with an individual score of 7.5/10 points and a rating performance of 2774
- ✓ Arjun Erigaisi of India 1 and R Praggnanandhaa of India 2 finished second and third, respectively, on the third board with a rating performance of 2767.

- ✓ Among the Indian women, R. Vaishali and Tania Sachdev picked up individual honours, finishing third on the third and fourth boards, respectively
- ✓ Divya Deshmukh claimed individual bronze medal in reserve board
- ✓ **Further, India 1 bagged the Gaprindashvili Trophy, which is based on the combined performance of sides in the open and women's sections, followed by the US and India 2.**
- ✓ India 1 and India 2 tied with the US for the top honours with 34 match points each
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin presented medals to all the winners, in the presence of President of FIDE Arkady Dvorkovich

HOW IT FINISHED

Finals standings Open: 1-2: Uzbekistan, Armenia (19 match points each); 3. India2 (18), 4-6: India1, USA, Moldova (17 each); 7-10: Azerbaijan, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania (16 each). 31st: India3 (15).

Rd 11 results: Germany lost to India2 1-3; Armenia bt Spain 2.5-1.5; Uzbekistan 2.5 bt Holland 1.5; India1 drew with USA 2-2; Moldova bt England 2.5-1.5; Kazakhstan drew with India3 2-2.

Board gold medals (min 8 games):

Board 1: D Gukesh (India, 9/11) **Board 2:** Nihal Sarin (India, 7.5/10); **Board 3:** David Howell (England, 7.5/8); **Board 4:** Jakhongir Vakhidov (Uzbekistan, 6.5/8); **Reserve Board:** Mateusz Bartel (Poland, 8.5/10).

Indian board medals: Board 3: Erigaisi Arjun (silver, 8.5/11); R Praggnanandhaa (bronze, 6.5/9)

Final Standings Women: 1-2. Ukraine, Georgia (18 match-points each); 3-5: India1, USA, Kazakhstan (17 each), 6-14: Poland, Azerbaijan, India2, Bulgaria, Germany (16 each). 17. India3 (15).

Rd 11 results: India lost to USA 1-3; Ukraine bt Poland 3-1; Azerbaijan lost to Georgia 1-3; Kazakhstan bt India3 2.5-1.5; Slovakia drew with India2 2-2.

Board gold medals (min 8 games):

Board 1: Pia Cramling (Sweden, 9.5/11), **Board 2:** Nino Batsiashvili (Georgia, 7.5/10). **Board 3:** Oliwia Kiolbasa (Poland, 9.5/11); **Board 4:** Bat Erdene Mungunzul (Mongolia, 8.5/10). **Reserve board:** Jana Schneider (Germany, 9/10).

Indian board medals: R Vaishali (third board bronze, 7.5/11); Tania Sachdev (fourth board bronze, 8/11); Divya Deshmukh (fifth board bronze, 7/9).

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu delivered the welcome address at the closing ceremony of the Chess Olympiad

- ✓ The highlight of the evening was the dance-drama event 'Tamil Mann' (Tamil Soil), curated by Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu, capturing the sacrifices of freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin felicitated India's first International Chess Master Manuel Aaron during the event
 - ✓ Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced Rs 1 crore to the two Indian teams who clinched medals in the 44th Chess Olympiad
 - ✓ **18-year-old Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi became the seventh Indian to cross the 2700 ELO rating during his final round match against USA.**
 - ✓ The other four from India currently in the club are Viswanathan Anand (2756), P Harikrishna (2716), Vidit Gujrati (2710) and Gukesh (2725).
 - ✓ Two more Indians — K Sasikiran and Adhiban — were also part of the club, but they have dropped out.
 - ✓ India had earlier joined a select list of nations like the USA, Russia and China who have five or more players in the list.
 - ✓ Russian players, currently playing under the FIDE flag, have 10 players with 2700-plus rating while USA and China have 6 and 5 each.
- **Former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard - became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches on August 8.**



- ✓ The hard-hitting batsman achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals during ongoing The Hundred tournament at Lord's.
- ✓ After announcing his retirement from international cricket in April this year, Pollard has been participating in many T20 leagues across the globe
- ✓ In International T20 cricket, Pollard had played 101 matches, scoring 1569 runs and taking 42 wickets
- ✓ Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) and Ravi Bopara (426) are the other players behind Pollard in terms of number of T20 matches played.