

❖ Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day

- Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on 14 September to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India. The language was adopted under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on 14th September 1953.
- The word Hindi is derived from the Persian Word Hind which means “Land of Indus River”.
- Later, Pt Jawaharlal Nehru announced this day to be celebrated as Hindi Diwas in the country.
- There are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at the Union government of India level: Hindi and English.
- Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world. The first three are Chinese, Spanish and English.
- Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- Hindi Diwas also marks celebrating the birthday of Beohar Rajendra Simha who played a crucial role in getting Hindi in the Devanagari script approved as an official language of India. He was born on 14 September 1916.
- The first state of India that accepted Hindi as its official language was Bihar.
- The first Hindi poem was composed and released by Amir Khusro.

❖ **American Express India appoints Sanjay Khanna as chief executive officer**

➤ American Express Banking Corp (AEBC) announced the appointment of Sanjay Khanna as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Country Manager of AEBC Corp India.

❖ **Nagaland holds it's first-ever 'King Chilli Festival'**

➤ In a first of its kind in Nagaland, Naga Mircha (Naga King Chilli) Festival 2022 has been organised at Seiyhama Village under Kohima district.

➤ The festival was sponsored by the Department of Horticulture.

➤ Considered as the world's hottest chilli – Naga Mircha (King Chilli) has constantly been placed on the top five in the list of the world's hottest chilies based on the SHUs.

➤ Also referred as 'Raja Mircha', 'Bhoot Jolokia' or 'Ghost Pepper', this chilli attained Geographical Indication (GI) certification in 2008. It belongs to genus Capsicum of family Solanaceae.

➤ Naga Chilli' or 'Raja Mircha' is an indigenous crop of Nagaland believed to have originated from Nagaland's Zeliangrong region; and is extensively grown in Peren, Mon, Kohima and Dimapur.

❖ **HDFC Bank issues India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee**

➤ HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, became the first bank in the country to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

➤ The paper-based, time-consuming process has been eliminated with the new electronic bank guarantees that can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security. This is a transformational change, and the Bank will migrate to e-BG to benefit all its customers.

➤ HDFC Bank CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: August 1994, Mumbai.

❖ Dutch city of Haarlem becomes world's first to ban meat advertising

- The Dutch city of Haarlem is set to become the first in the world to ban advertisements for most meat because of its impact on climate change.
- The city of 160,000 people near Amsterdam has agreed to outlaw ads for intensively farmed meat on public places like buses, shelters and screens from 2024.
- Amsterdam and The Hague have already banned ads for air travel, petrol-driven cars and fossil fuels but now Haarlem is set to add meat to that list.
- Singapore has banned ads for the unhealthiest sugary drinks.

❖ Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit 2022

- Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit 2022: The 4th Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit-2022 is being organised by the Madhya Pradesh Police in Bhopal to improve the knowledge and abilities of police sub-inspectors and senior investigating officers in order to effectively prevent cybercrimes.
- The largest knowledge-sharing, thought-leadership, and cybercrime investigation and intelligence summit (CIIS 2022) in India was organised by the Madhya Pradesh Police through the State Cyber Police and Parimal Labs from September 12 to 22, 2022, in collaboration with Softclicks Foundation, Cleartel Technology, and UNICEF.
- Over the course of the ten-day summit, more than 6000 different police, judicial, prosecution, and other agencies from more than 35 states and union territories will have representatives online to participate in this event as presenters and subject matter experts.
- Financial Times MiM Ranking 2022: IIM Bangalore Secures Rank 1 In India, 31 Globally
- The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has been declared India's Best B school in the Financial Times (FT) Masters in Management (MiM) Ranking 2022.
- The school's global position has also seen a significant leap this year – IIM Bangalore is at #31 globally in 2022, up from #47 in 2021.

❖ ‘Two New “Super-Earth” Planets Discovered Just 100 Light-Years Away

- The system’s inner planet, designated as LP 890-9b or TOI-4306b, is about 30% larger than Earth and quickly orbits around the dwarf star in just 2.7 Earth days.
- It was first found as an exoplanet candidate by the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which looks for exoplanets orbiting nearby stars.
- The second planet, LP 890-9c or SPECULOOS-2c, is significantly larger than Earth, about 40% larger, and completes its orbit in around 8.5 Earth days.
- This second planet is believed to be in the habitable zone of its star, which is the region where temperatures are just ideal for liquid water to exist on the surface.
- The discoveries were made through the assistance of NASA’s TESS and the Search for Habitable Planets EClipping ULtra-cOOl Stars (SPECULOOS) project led by the University of Liège, Belgium.

❖ IIT-Madras becomes first Indian institution to join IBM Quantum Network

- International Business Machines (IBM) has partnered with Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, (IIT-Madras), to advance quantum computing skill development and research in India.
- It will also get to explore practical applications of the technology.
- The researchers from IIT Madras will advance the research for domains that are relevant to India.
- IIT Madras joins more than 180 members of the IBM Quantum Network, a global community of Fortune 500 companies, start-ups, academic institutions, and research labs working with IBM Quantum technology to advance quantum computing and explore practical applications.

❖ **ISRO and Hughes launch India's first commercial satellite broadband service**

- Hughes Communications India (HCI) in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched its first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband internet service in the country.
- The company had been testing its operation in North India for the last year.
- From northeast to desolate parts of Leh and Ladakh, the company, using ISRO's Ku-band capacity of GSAT-11 and GSAT-29 satellites has promised to deliver high-speed satellite broadband services to remote locations across India.

❖ **'2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens'**

- Two-time Olympic champions Fiji won the 2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens men's crown in Cape Town, South Africa, on Sunday (11 September), as Australia picked up the women's title.
- Fiji won their third men's title with a 29-12 win. Fiji has won this title after 17 years.
- Since the World Cup began in 1993, Fiji took home the title in 1997 and 2005.
- The Australia women's squad also defeated New Zealand 24-22 in an extremely tense affair to take home the World Cup title in the women's tournament.
- It marked Australia's second title win in the World Cup since the women's tournaments started in 2009. New Zealand were victorious in the other two in 2013 and 2018.

❖ **ICC Player of the Month : August**

- Men's: Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)
- Women's: Tahlia McGrath (Australia)