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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

### 1) "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022"

- The India-US Joint Special Forces exercise "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022", began at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise. The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.

### **NATIONAL**

## 1) 49th Chief Justice of India

- Justice Uday Umesh Lalit has been appointed 49th Chief Justice of India. He will assume charge on August 27 after incumbent NV Ramana demits office on August 26.
- Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, judge of the Supreme Court of India, to be the Chief Justice of India.

# 2) Ethanol plant

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation via video conferencing a second generation (2G) ethanol plant built at an estimated cost of Rs 900 crore in Haryana's Panipat.
- The project will provide direct employment to people involved in the plant operation and indirect employment will be generated in the supply chain for rice straw cutting, handling, storage, etc.

### STATE NEWS

# 1) 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav'

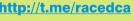
- Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari inaugurated the 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Rabindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai.
- The Bharat Rang Mahotsav programmes will be held from 9 to 13 August 2022, jointly organised by Ministry of Cultural Affairs and P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi.

# 2) "Radio Jaighosh"



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- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath debuted "Radio Jaighosh" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action.
- To promote performing arts, regional specialties from Uttar Pradesh, folk art, and gallantry award recipients, the state's Department of Culture is developing a community radio station and also the "Radio Jaighosh" is a part of it.

#### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

### 1) 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds'

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched a poetry book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds' written by 11 years old Sannidhya Sharma.
- The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers.
- The Union Minister lauded the efforts of the little author in crystallising his thoughts in the shape of a collection of his poems and his rare achievement at this tender age and wished him a bright future.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

# 1) US Heritage Wall of Fame

- Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States.
- Professor Singh has been a breakthrough researcher in the field of psychology and management.

#### **SPORTS**

## 1) Serena Williams

- Tennis legend from the United States, Serena Williams has announced her retirement.
- Williams has 73 career singles titles, 23 career doubles titles and over \$94 million in career winnings.

#### **OBITUARY**

## 1) Rudi Koertzen

- Rudi Koertzen, the former international cricket umpire, has passed away in a car crash. He was 73.

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Koertzen, who took up umpiring in the year 1981 and stood in his first international match back in 1992 between India and South Africa at Port Elizabeth.

- He became just the second umpire in history to officiate more than 150 ODIs after the legendary David Shepherd, and was also the second to stand in 200 Tests after Steve Bucknor.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Lion Day

- World Lion Day is observed globally on 10th August. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation.
- Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.
- In 2013, the first World Lion Day was observed.

## 2) World Biofuel Day

- World Biofuel Day is commemorated on 10 August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
- Bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas are the three types of biofuels used in India.