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## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 26-09-2022**

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **E-Learning Platform - Bharat Vidya**

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched an e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya.
- Bharat Vidya is an e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies.
- This e-learning platform has been designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).
- It is the first-of-its-kind online platform to provide free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology related to art, architecture, philosophy, language and science.
- The courses have been designed as per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

#### **Chandigarh Airport to be Named After Bhagat Singh**

- On 25 September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter.
- The Rs. 485 crore airport project is a joint venture of Airports Authority of India (AAI) and governments of Punjab and Haryana.
- Governments of Punjab and Haryana had agreed to name the airport after freedom fighter Bhagat Singh on August 2022.

#### **National Conference of Environment Ministers**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- The main aim of the Conference is to create further synergy between the Central and State Governments to implement policies for the elimination of plastic pollution and climate change.
- The conference will promote cooperative federalism for resolving environment-related challenges.
- The two-day Conference was organized from 23 September to 24 September 2022.
- India's per capita plastic consumption is 11 kg while the global average of plastic per capita consumption is 28 kg.

# **BANKING**

## **First Lender to Get RBI's Approval for Rupee Trade**

- UCO Bank has received the approval from the Reserve Bank of India to open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.
- UCO Bank is a Kolkata-based lender, is the first bank to receive the regulator's approval following the decision of RBI to allow Indian Banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.
- A vostro account is an account a correspondent bank holds on behalf of another bank.
- These accounts are an essential aspect of correspondent banking in which the bank holding the funds acts as custodian for or manages the account of a foreign counterpart.
- Gazprom Bank is a Russian lender, which was set up by World's largest gas producer and exporter Gazprom to provide banking services for gas industry enterprises.

## **Federal Bank Partners with BBPS**

- One of India's leading private sector banks, Federal Bank has associated with Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Lulu Financial Group to facilitate utility bill payment services for non-resident Indian Diaspora.
- This arrangement enables overseas remittance partners like Exchange Houses and Banks to pay Indian utility bills of over 20,000 billers in more than 20 categories in a cost-effective and convenient option.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), permitted foreign inward remittances to be received under the rupee drawing arrangement (RDA) through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

## **HDFC Bank Signs Agreement with Refinitiv**

- HDFC Bank signed a multi-year data and technology agreement with Refinitiv, a London Stock Exchange Group business as the Mumbai-based lender looks to reach more customers and cut costs.
- HDFC Bank will also enable its users with Refinitiv Workspace, which will offer access to tools including real-time market data, news and fundamentals data.
- Refinitiv is an American-British global provider of financial market data.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Chennai Open 2022

- Linda Fruhvirtova, a 17-year-old tennis player from the Czech Republic won the Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles.
- In the final, the adolescent defeated Poland's third-seeded Magda Linette.
- The top-seeded doubles team of Brazil's Luisa Stefani and Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski won the lopsided final by a score of 6-2, 6-1 over Georgia's Natela Dzalamidze and Anna Blinkova of the Russian Tennis Federation.

## AWARDS & PRIZES

### Hermann Kesten Award

- Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been awarded the Hermann Kesten Prize of the German chapter of the PEN International writers association.
- She has been awarded for her work on themes of caste and ethnic oppression.
- The award was named in honour of the German novelist Hermann Kesten.
- Her novels have been shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, the International Dylan Thomas Prize, the Jhalak Prize and the Hindu Lit Prize.
- The PEN Center, Germany will present the award to the Indian author at a ceremony in Darmstadt on 15 November 2022.

### Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year Award

- British Home Secretary Suella Braverman has been named the winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award.
- She was presented with this award at the Asian Achievers Awards 2022 ceremony in London.
- These awards were established in 2000 to honour South Asians for their great achievements in the UK.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Two Indigenous Diving Support Vessels

- The Indian Navy has launched first-of-its-kind two indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessels (DSVs)- Nistar and Nipun in Visakhapatnam.
- The two vessels have been manufactured by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL).
- The vessels are 4-m-long, and 22.8 m at the broadest point and will have a displacement of 9,350 tonnes.
- These ships would be deployed for deep-sea diving operations.
- These ships will be capable of sustained patrolling, conducting search and rescue operations and carrying out helicopter operations on the high seas.
- The vessels were launched by Kala Hari Kumar in the presence of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff who presided over the ceremony as chief guest.



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