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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

##### World Water Week (WWW) 2025



1. The week was observed annually from August 24-August 28 (last week of August)
2. This year it is the 35<sup>th</sup> edition.
3. The theme of the day is “Water for Climate Action”.
4. The WWW has been organized every year since 1991 by SIWI (Stockholm International Water Institute)
5. In 2001, the Stockholm Water Symposium was renamed to World Water Week in Stockholm.

#### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

##### Nepal officially joined India-led IBCA

1. Nepal has officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) which is India-led international initiative to protect 7 species of big cats by signing the framework agreement.

2. **Nepal has successfully tripled its tiger population from just 121 in 2009 to 355 in 2022.**
3. This new development will strengthen the international collaboration for big cat conservation.

### **RRU signs MoU with SSB to strengthen training and academic collaboration in National Security**

Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) has signed an MoU with the Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB) to foster co-operation in the areas of training, research and academic development related to national security.

### **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Former CRPF DG Anish Singh appointed as Deputy NSA**

1. The GoI has appointed Anish Dayal Singh, former DG of parliamentary forces (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Force (ITBP) as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)
2. He is a 1998-batch IPS officer from Manipur cadre.



#### **SEBI appoints its Executive Directors**

1. SEBI has appointed Amit Pradhan, Avneesh Pandey and Sanjay Chandrakant Puro as its Executive Directors to strengthen key functional verticals within the regulator.
2. Earlier, they all served as the Chief General Managers (CGM) of SEBI.

### **BANKING & FINANCE**

#### **SEBI approves reclassification of LIC as a public shareholder in IDBI bank**

SEBI has approved the request of LIC to be classified from a promoter shareholder to a public shareholder in Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) bank.

## **Malaysia launched world's 1<sup>st</sup> AI-powered bank**

1. **Malaysia has launched Ryt bank**, the World's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users.
2. This initiative was led by Malaysia's YTL in partnership with Singapore's tech firm Sea Ltd.

## **ACQUISITIONS**

### **Japan's SMBC received RBI's approval to acquire stake in Yes bank**

1. **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)** has received the approval from RBI to acquire 24.99% (approx.) paid up capital and voting rights in Yes Bank Ltd.
2. As per the RBI, this is valid for one year and has also clarified that SMBC will not be classified as a promoter of the bank.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### **DRDO successfully conducts maiden flight tests of IADWS**

DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight tests of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) off the coast of Odisha.

## **SPORTS**

### **India host 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Asian short track speed skating trophy 2025**

1. For the first time, India will host the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 which was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
2. The event was organised by the Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI).
3. Skaters from 11 Asian nations have been participated in this event.
4. Thailand led the tally with 30 medals followed by India in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 39 medals and Japan in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 23 medals.

### **Indian Cricketer Cheteshwar announces retirement from all forms**

1. Veteran Indian Cricketer Cheteshwar Arvind Pujara announced his retirement from all formats of cricket.
2. He represented India in 103 matches.
3. He also played 5 One-day Internationals (ODIs) for India.

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