

CURRENT AFFAIRS

07 September, 2024

1. RAJASTHAN APPROVES 33% QUOTA FOR WOMEN IN POLICE FORCE -

- The Rajasthan State Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, has approved a significant policy shift by mandating a 33% reservation for women in the police force. This decision, made on September 4, 2024, aligns with the BJP's 2023 Assembly election manifesto promise to enhance female representation within law enforcement.
- The amendment to the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989, will soon be formalized through a notification by the Personnel department.
- In addition to the quota decision, the Cabinet approved several pension-related amendments. Specially-abled children, siblings, and dependent parents can now be included in the Pension Payment Order if no other eligible family members are present.



2. SUPER TYPHOON YAGI HITS SOUTHEAST ASIA -

- Super Typhoon Yagi, the most powerful storm to hit Asia in over a decade, has caused significant disruption across Southeast Asia. After devastating the northern Philippines, the typhoon made landfall in southern China's Hainan province, leading to mass evacuations and widespread damage. Yagi is expected to continue its path towards Vietnam and Laos, impacting northern regions with severe weather conditions.
- On Friday, Super Typhoon Yagi struck Hainan Island and Guangdong province in southern China, with winds exceeding 230 km/h (143 mph). The storm has been described as equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane, and authorities in Hainan evacuated over 400,000 residents prior to its arrival.
- The typhoon caused significant disruptions in Hong Kong, including the suspension of trading and school closures. Damage reports indicate at least five injuries, though overall damage in Hong Kong was relatively limited.



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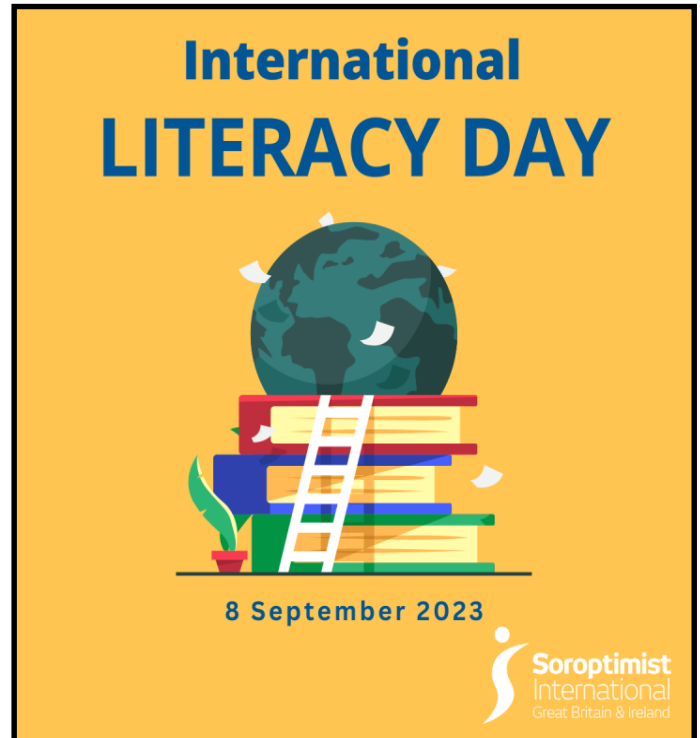
3. PRAVEEN KUMAR'S GOLDEN TRIUMPH AT THE PARIS PARALYMPICS 2024 -

- **Indian para-athlete Praveen Kumar has etched his name in the annals of Paralympic history with his spectacular gold medal win in the men's high jump T64 final at the Paris Paralympics 2024.**
- **This victory not only marks a personal milestone for Kumar but also adds to India's growing success in para-athletics on the global stage.**
- **Praveen Kumar's gold medal-winning jump of 2.08 meters was more than just a personal best; it set a new Asian record in the T64 category. This remarkable achievement underscores the athlete's dedication and the culmination of years of rigorous training and unwavering determination.**



4. INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2024 -

- **Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) has been observed annually on September 8th across the globe. This day serves as a crucial reminder to policymakers, practitioners, and the public about the critical importance of literacy in creating a more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society.**
- **The observance underscores the ongoing global commitment to fostering literacy as a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of personal and societal development.**
- **Literacy is not just a skill; it is a fundamental human right for all individuals. It serves as a gateway to the enjoyment of other human rights, greater freedoms, and global citizenship. The ability to read and write empowers individuals to:**
 - **Participate more fully in society**
 - **Access information and services**
 - **Engage in lifelong learning**
 - **Exercise their democratic rights**



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5. INDIA-FRANCE BILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE VARUNA -

- **The 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23) naval exercise between the Indian and French Navies was held in two phases in 2023. India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise Varuna is a key strategic exercise, initiated in 1993 and named 'Varuna' in 2001.**
- **Phase II took place in the Arabian Sea and involved joint operations using guided missile frigates, tankers, Maritime Patrol Aircraft, and helicopters. The exercise aimed to enhance warfighting skills, improve interoperability, and promote security in the region. The first phase occurred from January 16-20, 2023, off India's Western Seaboard.**
- **Initiated in 1993, the India-France naval exercise was named 'Varuna' in 2001. It has since grown in scope, representing the strong strategic bilateral ties between the two nations. Varuna enables operational-level interaction, fostering cooperation for peace and stability in maritime zones.**

