

## **DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY**



### **International Chocolate Day : 13 September :-**

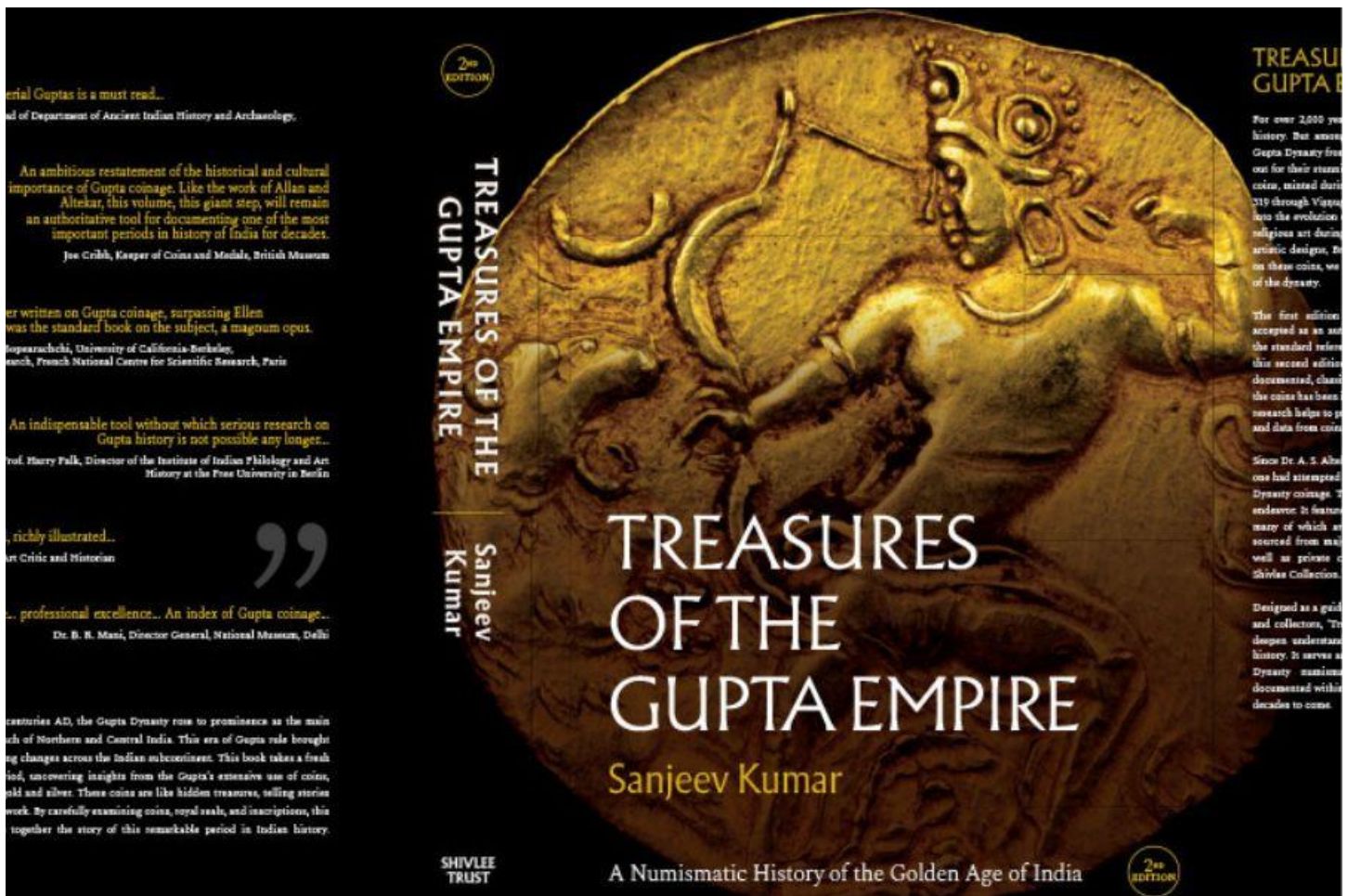
International Chocolate Day is observed on September 13 every year. The National Confectioners Association of the United States established this day. It celebrates the birth of Milton S. Hershey. He was an American chocolatier, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Chocolate originated in Mesoamerica (now Mexico) around 450 B.C. The Nahuatl word "chocolatl," which means "hot water," and the Aztec word "xocoatl," which means "bitter water," are the roots of the English term "chocolate." Chocolate is a versatile cross-cultural delicacy enjoyed beyond the boundaries of class, age, gender, etc.



### **National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024 :-**

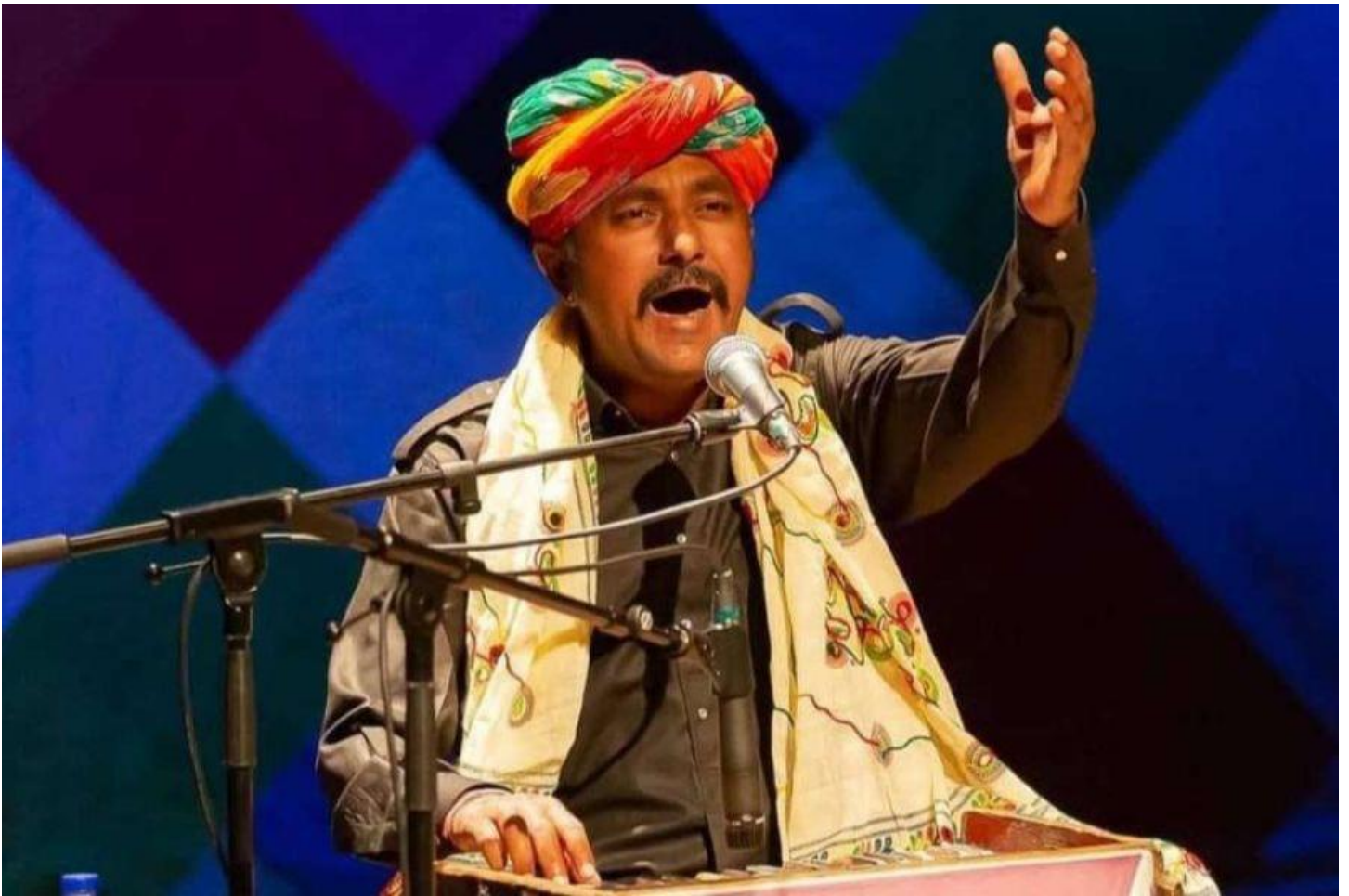
The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, awarded the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2024 to nursing workers at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The National Florence Nightingale Awards were established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to recognize and celebrate outstanding nursing staff. A total of 15 awards are given in the category of Registered Auxiliary Nurses & Midwife, Registered Nurses and Midwife and Registered Lady Visitor.

## DAILY UPDATE 3: BOOKS



### Treasures of the Gupta Empire: Book Launch :-

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) held the much-anticipated unveiling of the second edition of 'Treasures of the Gupta Empire,' a thorough examination of one of India's most historic dynasties. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, an esteemed historian, wrote the book, which was formally launched on September 12th, 2024, at the Samvet Auditorium, IGNCA in New Delhi. As a special highlight, attendees had the unique opportunity to witness a rare collection of original Gupta coins, providing a tangible connection to the empire's wealth and artistic sophistication.



### **Rajasthani folk band Barmer Boys's lead singer Mangey Khan passes away at 49 :-**

Mangey Khan, the revered lead vocalist of the famed Rajasthani folk band Barmer Boys, died at the age of 49. Khan, affectionately known as Manga, was acclaimed for his powerful voice and important contribution to Rajasthani folk music. His dramatic performances of "Challa Challa" and "Pir Jalani" inspired the establishment of the Barmer Boys, who launched their debut at the Amarrass Desert Music Festival in 2011. Over the years, the Barmer Boys became global ambassadors of Rajasthani contemporary folk music, performing at prestigious events worldwide, including Coke Studio, NH7, Winnipeg Folk Festival, and WOMAD.



### **For Hydro Electric Projects Budgetary Support Scheme Approved By Cabinet :-**

The Union Cabinet authorized the Ministry of Power's proposal to amend the budgetary support offered for hydroelectric projects, according to the press information department. The budgetary support will now include construction expenses for enabling infrastructure, which will enable faster development of hydroelectric projects and improve infrastructure in remote project locations. The total outlay of the scheme is set at Rs 12,461 crore and will be applicable to pumped storage energy projects as well. The scheme is set to be implemented from fiscal 2025 to fiscal 2032.



### **Govt To Launch PAIR Programme To Boost Research In Higher Education Institutions :-**

The government is going to unveil the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme, which aims to improve research capabilities in higher education institutions (HEIs) by connecting top-tier research institutions with those with limited research capability, resulting in a collaborative mentorship environment. The decision was taken during the inaugural Governing Board meeting of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Prof Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, said.



### **ISRO tracks giant asteroid that will come 'very close' to Earth in 2029 :-**

ISRO is tracking a big asteroid that is anticipated to pass very near to Earth in 2029. Asteroid 99942 Apophis, called the 'God of Chaos,' is due to come extremely close to Earth on April 13, 2029, at a distance of only 20,000 miles (32,000 km) - closer than many geostationary satellites, which are parked in a geo orbit 36,000 kilometers over the Earth's surface. Apophis is the Greek name of Apep, an enemy of the Ancient Egyptian Sun God Ra. At 32,000 km above Earth, no other asteroid of this size has ever come so close to our planet.



### **Cabinet Approves ₹2,000-Crore 'Mission Mausam' :-**

Mission Mausam is a large-scale program launched by the Indian government to strengthen the country's weather forecasting and climate scientific capabilities. The program, with a budget of ₹2,000 crore for the first two years, intends to improve the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) ability to predict weather more accurately at numerous geographical and temporal scales. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved this mission, marking it as a significant step forward in India's efforts to tackle extreme weather events and climate change.



## DAILY UPDATE 9 : SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE



### India Hosted 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference On Civil Aviation :-

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (APMC) was inaugurated by Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Held from 11th to 12th September 2024, the event is co-hosted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. The first Ministerial Conference of the Asia Pacific region was organized in 2018 in Beijing, China. During the first conference, India volunteered to host the second Conference in 2020 however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the conference was postponed.



### **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2024 :-**

On September 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially began SEMICON India 2024 at the India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Modi walked through the exhibition that was on display for the occasion. The three-day conference, held from September 11 to 13, will highlight India's semiconductor strategy and policy, which aims to establish India as a worldwide semiconductor hub. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude to all members of SEMI saying that India is the eighth country in the world to organize an event related to the global semiconductor industry.