

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 17, 2024

APPOINTMENT

- **New Union Home Secretary**
- ✓ Govind Mohan has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary.



- ✓ Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan was appointed as the new Union Home Secretary.
- ✓ He will succeed Ajay Kumar Bhalla, whose tenure will end on August 22. His appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Sandeep Poundrik assumes charge as Secretary, Ministry of Steel.
- ✓ He had previously served as an advisor to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

AWARDS

- **70th National Film Award**
- ✓ The 70th National Film Award ceremony was held in New Delhi on August 16.
- ✓ "Aattam" is named Best Film.



- ✓ Rishab Shetty got the Best Actor prize for his role in the popular movie "Kantara."
- ✓ In the Best Actress category, this honour was jointly given to Nithya Menen and Manasi Parekh.
- ✓ Nithya was recognised for her powerful performance in the Tamil film 'Thiruchitrabalam', while Manasi impressed the audience with her role in the Gujarati film 'Kutch Express'.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **ISRO Launched SSLV-D3-EOS-08**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation ([ISRO](#)) launched the SSLV-D3-EOS-08 mission. This mission launched a small satellite designed to observe Earth.



- ✓ It follows the success of the earlier SSLV-D2-EOS-07 mission, which was launched in February 2023.
- ✓ The SSLV-D3-EOS-08 is the third flight in ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) series. This mission completes the development phase of this new rocket.
- ✓ Originally set for August 15, the launch has been rescheduled to August 16 at 9:19 am IST.
- ✓ The launch occurred at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

