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Persons in News

The creator of the Amul cartoon girl ad has passed away

- ❖ Amul, India's leading dairy company, is the creator of the cartoon girl advertisement and a pioneer in the Indian advertising world. Sylvester Dagonha passed away.
- ❖ Gerson Dagonha's brother - Sylvester Dagonha who is considered to be the genius of advertising industry.
- ❖ The cartoon girl, designed by Sylvester Dagonha, along with his company art director Fernandez Aguirre, was introduced in the Amul ad. For 57 years, the cartoon girl in Amul's advertisements continues to attract people.
- ❖ Silves de Cunha created the world's longest running advertising campaign with Varghese Gurion.



Sports

Young Women's Asia Cup: India champions

- ❖ In the inaugural season of the Asia Cup T20 for Women's Emerging Teams, India's Under-23 team beat Bangladesh by 31 runs to win the title.
- ❖ In this match, India scored 127 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 20 overs, then Bangladesh lost 10 wickets for 96 runs in 19.2 overs.
- ❖ India's Kanika Ahuja was announced as the player of the match (30*runs, 2 wickets) and Shreyanka Patil was announced as the player of the series -9 wickets.

Defence News

The Indian Army conducted an exercise Agneastra 1 in Eastern Ladakh

- ❖ The Indian Army's Northern Command conducted exercise "Agneyastra 1" in eastern Ladakh, showcasing India's firepower supremacy (Agneyastra means gun in Hindi.)

Practice of Agnyastra 1

- ❖ The Indian Army's artillery platforms include the newly introduced Korean K-9 Vajra-T 155mm/52 caliber self-propelled howitzer (SPH), FH-77 Bofors 155mm/39 caliber towed howitzer and mortar.
- ❖ Missiles and Carl Gustav rocket launchers (RLs) also participated in the Agneastra 1 exercise.
- ❖ The 'Switch UAV' also provides real-time Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) imagery of the target area, operating day and night, even in harsh conditions at high altitudes.

Indian Army

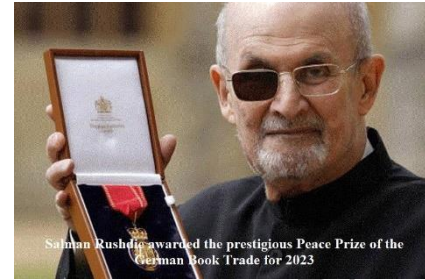
- ❖ Army Chief - General Manoj Pandey
- ❖ Established – 1895
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi



Award's & honors

Prestigious German peace prize presented to Salman Rushdie.

- ❖ British-American author Salman Rushdie has been awarded the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023.
- ❖ He won the award for his literary work and positive attitude in the face of constant danger.
- ❖ The €25,000 (\$27,300) prize will be awarded at a ceremony in October during the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- ❖ Ahmed Salman Rushdie was born on June 19, 1947 in Bombay (now Mumbai).
- ❖ He is best known worldwide for his 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses", which created a widespread uproar in the Muslim world due to a story inspired by the life of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.
- ❖ Rushdie was the President of the PEN American Center from 2004 to 2006, and then he was appointed chairman of the PEN World Voices International Literary Festival for 10 years.
- ❖ **Indian economist and philosopher Amartya Kumar Sen won this prize for 2020.**



Peace Prize of the German Book Trade

- ❖ It is an international peace prize awarded annually by the German Publishers and Booksellers Association.
- ❖ The prize was started in 1950.
- ❖ It is given to individuals committed to supporting international understanding among nations and cultures through their work.

Economy & Banking

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Introduced Modifications to "Use and File"

- ❖ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) introduced some modifications to the existing "Use and File" Procedure for Life Insurance Products.

Key Modifications

- ❖ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has included individual and group unit-linked life and health insurance products and allowed insurers to use and file the products under the modified procedure.
- ❖ The current Standardized File Identification Number (SFIN) clearance process by IRDAI is dispensed.





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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

- ❖ Chairperson - Debasish Panda
- ❖ Headquarters - Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❖ Establishment - 1999, Incorporated in 2000

National News

Highlights of Defence Minister of Vietnam General Phan Van Giang visit to India

- ❖ Minister of National Defence of Vietnam, General Phan Van Giang was on a 2 day visit to India from 18th to 19th June 2023.
- ❖ During his visit, he held bilateral talks with Union Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ He also made a cultural visit to Agra, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- ❖ He inspected the Tri-Service Guard of Honour, and laid a wreath and paid homage to the soldiers at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, Delhi.

Bilateral meeting with India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

- ❖ A bilateral meeting was held between Union Minister Rajanath Singh, India's Ministry of Defence (MoD), and General Phan Van Giang to enhance India-Vietnam cooperation in defence industries, maritime security and multinational cooperation.
- ❖ Both sides will also exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest including the situation in the South China Sea.
- ❖ Chief of Defence Staff General (CDS) Anil Chauhan and other top officials from the Ministry of Defence also attended the meeting.

The Ministry of Tourism, the Government of India and the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation and identify areas of mutual interest.

- ❖ It was signed during the 4th and final G20 (Group of Twenty) Tourism Working Group Meeting and G20 Tourism Ministerial Meeting being held from June 19-22, 2023 in Goa.

Highlights

- ❖ The 4th Tourism Working Group of G20 has two side events viz. 'Making Cruise Tourism Model for Sustainable and Responsible Travel' and the 2nd was 'Towards a circular economy of Plastics in Tourism -The global Tourism Plastic initiative'.
- ❖ During the second side event an MoU was also signed between the Central Nodal Agency, Sustainable Tourism, Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) and Punjab Tourism Board to collectively unite and address plastic pollution in the tourism sector.

GoI withdraws draft Live-stock and Live-stock Products [Importation and Exportation] Bill, 2023

- ❖ On 20th June 2023, the Government of India (GoI) withdrew the draft of the Live-stock and Live-stock Products [Importation and Exportation] Bill, 2023, based on the



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objections from the section of the people including animal activists and religious groups.

- ❖ This Bill was "re-enactment" of the present Live-stock importation Act (1898), and Live- stock Importation (Amendment) Act of 2001.

Bill

- ❖ The bill was aimed at framing measures for the regulation of the importation of livestock and livestock products as well as promotion and development of exports of livestock and livestock products.
- ❖ According to the bill, definition of live-stock includes all equines (donkeys, horses, mules, assess, hinnies), bovines (cattle, buffaloes, bullocks), caprines, ovines, swines, canines, felines, avian, laboratory animals, aquatic animals and except those prohibited in any other act.

International Relation

Global Gender Gap Index 2023: India Ranks 127th and Iceland Tops.

- ❖ According to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) annual Global Gender Gap Report 2023, India has closed 64.3% of the overall gender gap and ranked 127th out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity at the Global Gender Gap Index 2023 whereas Iceland Topped the index followed by Norway and Finland at 2nd and 3rd rank.
- ❖ Thus India has improved by 1.4% points and 8 positions in 2023 compared with the 2022 edition.(India was ranked 135th in the 2022 Index).

World Economic Forum(WEF)

- ❖ Headquarters - Cologny/Geneva, Switzerland
- ❖ Establishment - 1971
- ❖ Founder & Executive Chairman - Professor Klaus Schwab
- ❖ President - Børge Brende

The Global Gender Gap Index 2023 rankings:

Rank	Country	Score 0-1
127	India	0.643
1	Iceland	0.912
2	Norway	0.879
3	Finland	0.863
4	New Zealand	0.856
5	Sweden	0.815