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23 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

23 June 2023 - International Olympic Day

- ❖ The International Olympic Day is celebrated on 23rd June every year to make people aware of the importance of games in life. Olympic Day is much more than a sports event. It is a day for the world to get active.
- ❖ **Theme 'let's Move'**
- ❖ By India Today Information Desk World Olympic Day or International Olympic Day is celebrated all around the world on June 23. The day is celebrated to commemorate the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and promote the values of the Olympic Movement.
- ❖ In essence, it embraces all of the principles of the Olympic Games. This day is marked by sports activities such as runs, exhibitions, music, and educational seminars involving athletes from all nations.
- ❖ In 1948, World Olympic Day was established to commemorate 23 June 1894, when the modern Olympic Games were born at the Sorbonne in Paris.
- ❖ Regardless of age, gender, or athletic ability, Olympic Day was meant to promote participation in sports around the world.
- ❖ The IOC encourages National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the world to organize events and activities to promote sports and Olympic values on this day.

23 June 2023 - United Nations Public Service Day

This day is designated by the UN General Assembly to celebrate 23rd June as Public Service Day. It highlights the contribution of public service in the development process, recognises the work of public servants and encourages young people to pursue careers in public sectors.

23 June 2023 - International Widow's Day

- ❖ International Widows Day (international) is observed on 23 June annually to raise awareness globally about the violation of human rights that widows suffer and face in several countries following the death of their spouses.
- ❖ **Theme "Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality."**

Persons in News

Former Chief Secretary B. Sabanayagam (101) passed away

- ❖ A native of Chennai, P. Sabanayagam was born on 7th June 1922. Joined the Government of India on 20 March 1947, B. Sabanayagam. He started his career as Sir Collector in Pollachi. Thereafter, he served as Under Secretary, Public Sector.
- ❖ **Work with former Chief Ministers:** He was very close to former Chief Ministers C. Rajaji and Karunanidhi and worked with them.
- ❖ During Rajaji's tenure as Chief Minister, Sabanayagam acted as his private secretary. After this, he worked as Salem District Collector.





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- ❖ After this, he was the chairman of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Chief Secretary in 1971: On 12th April 1971, he took charge as the Chief Secretary of the Government of Tamil Nadu. He was in charge till March 1976.

Kamal Kishore Chattiwai has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Company

- ❖ He succeeds Sanjay Kumar as Director (Marketing) at GAIL (India) Ltd.
- ❖ Prior to this, he served as the Managing Director and Regional Marketing Head of Gail, Jaipur.
- ❖ Having worked at GAIL since 1990, he has been instrumental in the initiation and execution of several significant projects.



INDRAPRASTHA GAS LTD

- ❖ It is a leading Indian natural gas distribution company that provides natural gas as cooking and automotive fuel.
- ❖ It is a joint venture between GAIL and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (PBCL), in which the Delhi government holds a 5% stake.
- ❖ It was established in 1998. Its headquarters is in New Delhi.

Lalitha Natarajan, a Chennai-based lawyer-activist, won the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for Ending Child Labour.

- ❖ In May 2023, Lalitha Natarajan, a Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based lawyer-activist, was awarded the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for Eradication of Child Labour.
- ❖ Extraordinary contributions to combating child labour.
- ❖ Lalitha Natarajan was presented with the award by Ambassador Judith Ravin of the US Embassy in a ceremony held at the US Consulate in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The 2022 Iqbal Masih Award was awarded to 'Blue Dragon Children's Foundation (Vietnam)'.



Iqbal Masih Award

- ❖ It is mandated by the annual US Congress, established by the US Secretary of Labor in 2008 and administered by the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Trafficking of ILAB (International Labor Affairs Bureau) to combat child labor.



Reports and Indices

Tata Power becomes most attractive employer brand; Amazon follows: Report

- ❖ According to the latest Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023, Tata Power Company has emerged as India's most attractive employer brand, followed closely by Amazon and Tata Steel.
- ❖ This marks a significant rise for Tata Power, which was ranked ninth in the previous year's report.
- ❖ Additionally, the report highlights the preferences and expectations of the Indian workforce when choosing an employer, with work-life balance, good reputation, and attractive salary and benefits being the key drivers.

Austria's capital Vienna is the most livable city in the world: Global livability index 2023

- ❖ According to the global livability index 2023, Vienna has been named the world's "most liveable city" for 2023.
- ❖ The Global livability index 2023 has been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- ❖ It has ranked 173 cities around the world on different factors including health care, education, stability, infrastructure and the environment.
- ❖ In this ranking, Denmark's Copenhagen is in second place while Australia's Melbourne and Sydney are in third and fourth positions.
- ❖ India's five cities- Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Chennai, New Delhi and Mumbai - are also on the list of most livable cities.
- ❖ New Delhi and Mumbai secured 141st position. Chennai, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru are ranked 144th, 147th and 148th, respectively.
- ❖ The average index score across 172 cities (eliminating Kyiv in Ukraine) has now reached 76.2 out of 100. It is the highest in the last 15 years.
- ❖ UK capital London and Sweden's capital Stockholm have reached 46th and 43rd positions.
- ❖ As per the report, the health care scores have improved the most.
- ❖ Canada has the highest number of livable cities in the top 10. These cities are Calgary (7th), Vancouver (5th) and Toronto (9th).
- ❖ -Damascus is the least liveable city in the world. Kyiv is also in the bottom 10.

Summits and Conferences

US Company GE Aerospace and Indian aerospace company HAL have signed an MoU to produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force.

- ❖ Under the agreement, GE Aerospace's F414 engines will be co-produced in India to power the Indian Air Force's Light Combat Aircraft Mk2.
- ❖ As per GE Aerospace, eight F414 engines have been delivered under an ongoing development programme for LCA Mk2.



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- ❖ GE will continue to collaborate with the Indian Government on the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft Mk2 engine programme.
- ❖ Chairman and CEO of GE and Chief Executive Officer of GE Aerospace, H. Lawrence Culp, termed this a historic agreement.
- ❖ GE Aerospace is among the top aircraft engine suppliers. It is headquartered in Evendale, Ohio, United States. It is a subsidiary of General Electric.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

- ❖ It is a government-owned corporation involved in the design, fabrication, and assembly of aircraft, jet engines, and helicopters.
- ❖ Its headquarters is located in Bangalore. It was established on 23 December 1940 as Hindustan Aircraft Limited.
- ❖ It was established in 1964 as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. CB Ananthakrishnan is its chairperson and MD.

Award's & honors

Florence Nightingale Award for 30 nurses

- ❖ In 1973, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare named the Florence Nightingale National Awards as a 'Lightning Industry' to recognize the outstanding work that nurses do for the society.
- ❖ In this, the award for the year 2022 was given to the nurse Ganapathi Shanti from Tamil Nadu and the award for the year 2023 to the nurse Sukanti.
- ❖ Sathyagani Thangaraj from Puducherry was awarded the award for the year 2023.
- ❖ The awardees include Major General Smita Devrani 2022 and Brigadier Amita Dev Rani (2023). The sisters, hailing from Uttarakhand, have been awarded for their outstanding military service.

Sports

Special Olympics medalist Tamil

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Dinesh Kumar Shanmugam won a silver medal in the swimming category at the Special Olympics World Summer Games for the Disabled in Germany.
- ❖ 198 sportsmen and women from India have participated in this Special Olympics which will be held from June 17th to 25th in Berlin.
- ❖ Dinesh Kumar (22) from Chennai won the silver medal in the men's 50m breaststroke (Level A) category in the swimming competition.
- ❖ Dinesh Kumar, who has a speech and learning disability, is not paralyzed and is making progress in swimming with the support of his parents.
- ❖ A final-year student of BSc Visual Communication at Jain College, Chennai, he is currently on the verge of winning a silver medal for India at the international stage under the guidance of swimming coach Satish from Brio Sports Academy for the Specially Needed.

Science and Technology

Kaganyaan: Test of soldiers exiting the spaceship in August



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- ❖ Kaganyaan, the manned space program, will have its first manned exit test at the end of August. After that, the unmanned spacecraft will be launched early next year,' said Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chief S. Somanath.
- ❖ After Russia, USA and China, India has intensified its efforts to send humans into space.
- ❖ "The safety of astronauts is paramount. For this, two additional technologies are added to the rocket. One of them is the safe exit technology for players.
- ❖ In other words, the project is being implemented so that in the event of a rocket malfunction halfway through the journey, the technology to safely eject the soldiers will automatically come into play.
- ❖ The second is the Integrated Missile Defense Management Program. It is a type of technology that automatically corrects faults without human intervention,' he said.

Economy & Banking

The World Bank provides an additional \$150 million loan for the Sustainable Kerala Project

- ❖ The World Bank (WB), through its lending arm, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has approved an additional \$150 million loan to support the Resilient Kerala Project to strengthen Kerala's preparedness against natural disasters, climate change impacts, diseases and protect lives.
- ❖ This funding, along with an earlier investment of \$125 million, focuses on coastal erosion and water resources management, and is expected to protect approximately 5 million (50 lakh) people from the impacts of flooding.
- ❖ The final maturity of the loan is 14 years, including a grace period of 6 years.
- ❖ Between 1925 and 2012, forest cover in Kerala decreased by 44%, while settlements increased by 400%.

World Bank (WB)

- ❖ World Bank Group President - Ajay Banga
- ❖ Headquarters - Washington, DC, USA
- ❖ Establishment – 1944

Axis Bank's 'One-View': The first private bank to launch multiple account management on its mobile app

- ❖ Axis Bank is the first private sector bank to introduce 'One-View' on its Axis mobile application.
- ❖ This feature enables customers to access multiple bank accounts on a single platform and monitor their balances, transaction reports and expenses on a real-time basis.
- ❖ It allows customers to download and email transaction details from their linked accounts.
- ❖ Axis Bank's mobile app holds the distinction of being the highest rated mobile banking app on Google Play Store with an average rating of 4.8 stars.



Axis Bank

- ❖ MD & CEO - Amitabh Chaudhary
- ❖ Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Establishment – 1993

Tamilnadu News

Urban Local Bodies Act Amendment after 22 years

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Urban Local Government Organizations Act has been amended after 22 years, Municipal Administration Minister KN Nehru said.
- ❖ A workshop on the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies (Amendment) Act 2022 and Rules 2023 was held for Municipal Corporation Commissioners, Municipal Commissioners, Municipal Executive Directors at Kalaiwanar Arena, Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Urban Local Government Bodies Act has been laid down to cover all the modalities for the functioning of local bodies. Municipal administration plays the main responsibility of running a government well.
- ❖ All levels of officers working in urban local bodies should coordinate with elected local body representatives. Government officials can boldly call out the mistakes made by representatives. This government will be with you. So this Act enacted in 1998 has been amended to suit the current practice after 22 years. These legal regulations have been prepared for the last 10 months and have been issued with the approval of the Law Department. A committee has been set up to resolve the doubts. The committee's report will be submitted to the government in three months.
- ❖ At present, the municipality has been allocated a large amount of funds. It should be brought to people's work in a proper manner. Now new Caliph in all departments
- ❖ Vacancies to be filled. Especially engineers will be recruited more. 10,000 engineer posts will be filled in one year.
- ❖ In this, 21 Corporation Commissioners, 138 Municipal Commissioners, 490 Municipal Secretaries, Zonal Executive Engineers and Engineers are being trained.

Tamil Nadu Govt Order of Museum-Theater in Vandalur Park

- ❖ A museum and theater are to be set up at Vandalur Zoo at a cost of Rs 4.36 crore. The Tamil Nadu government has given administrative permission for this.
- ❖ In this regard, an order was issued by Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Supriya Chagu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Government is taking various initiatives to protect the environment and wildlife.
- ❖ For these initiatives to be successful, it is necessary to create awareness among future generations about the need to preserve natural heritage.
- ❖ For this, a proposal has been sent from the head of forest department to set up zoo museum and theater in Vandalur Park. Through this, we can bring a positive change in the minds of the young generation about wildlife. In his opinion, he said that it can create interest in their minds about wildlife and nature conservation.
- ❖ Also, the old stadium in the park will be renovated as a cinema. The museum is set up to allow visitors to learn about animals in a new way.
- ❖ In this, specimens of various species will be displayed. It is estimated that the implementation of these projects will cost Rs 4 crore 36 lakh.
- ❖ The project is scheduled to be completed in 3 years, the statement said.



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- ❖ Supriya Sahu said that after considering this, the Tamil Nadu government is giving administrative permission for this project.

National News

Department of Justice partnered with NALSA, CSC for mainstreaming legal aid via Tele-Law

- ❖ The Department of Justice (DOJ) under the Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India (GoI) has partnered with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Common Services Centres (CSC) electronic governance (e-Governance) Service India Limited for mainstreaming legal aid to the marginalised communities through the system of Tele-Law.

Tele-Law

- ❖ Tele-Law was launched in 2017 as a pilot programme with 1800 CSCs in 11 States.
ii. Tele-Law means the use of communications and information technology for the delivery of legal information and advice.
- ❖ The concept of Tele-Law is to facilitate delivery of legal advice through a panel of lawyers stationed at the front office of Legal Services Authorities and CSC, mostly at the level of Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs).
- ❖ The project initiates to connect citizens with panel lawyers through video conferencing, internet and telephone facilities by the VLES identified in 1,00,000 gram panchayats.
- ❖ DoJ's Tele-Law aimed at improving the lives of citizens through free pre-litigation advice & making justice delivery accessible, affordable and efficient for all.
- ❖ JustIS App- It is the Mobile Court management App of DoJ, for the Judges of District & Subordinate Courts in India.

Ministry of Law and Justice:

- ❖ Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) - Arjun Ram Meghwal (Constituency - Bikaner, Rajasthan)

MNRE Extends Timeline for Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power projects Scheme by Two Years till 2026

- ❖ On 16th June 2023, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) extended the deadline for 'Development of Solar Parks and Ultra-Mega Solar Power Projects' by two years i.e. till 2026.
- ❖ The previous deadline for this project was scheduled to end in March 2024.
- ❖ This project was implemented with the aim to reduce project cost per MegaWatt (MW) and higher transmission losses.

Project

- ❖ The project was initiated to build solar power parks with 500 MW and above capacity, smaller solar power parks are also allowed only in-case of acute shortage of non-agricultural land and large portions of land difficult to acquire in view of difficult terrain.
- ❖ The solar power parks were implemented in collaboration with the state government,



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- ❖ Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU), and private entrepreneurs. The implemented agency is termed Solar Power Park Developer (SPPD).

International Relation

India, US launched INDUS-X for technology and defense industry cooperation

- ❖ The Ministry of Defense (MoD) of India, and the Department of Defense (DoD) of the United States, are the official India-U.S. The Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) is expanding strategic technology partnerships and defense industry collaboration among governments, businesses and academia at an event in Washington.

objective

- ❖ To make the relationship between the defense industrial ecosystems of the two countries more innovative, accessible and resilient.

Background

- ❖ It was announced by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden for cooperation in critical and emerging technologies including artificial intelligence, semiconductors and quantum computing.