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Persons in the news

UP government appointed Arvind Kumar as chief of Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC)

- ❖ Arvind Kumar, a retired IAS officer, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC).
- ❖ He has been appointed for a period of five years from the date of appointment or till he attains the age of 65, whichever is earlier.



Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC).

- ❖ It aims to regulate the power sector in such a way that uninterrupted and cost-effective electricity is available to every household in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Lucknow.

Summits and Conferences:

- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, will host the Global Food Regulation Summit in New Delhi on July 20-21, 2023.
- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- ❖ It has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006,
- ❖ It is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- ❖ FSSAI is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through the regulation and supervision of food safety.

Defence

India and France have decided to jointly manufacture advanced military equipment.

- ❖ French Ambassador to India in Delhi Emmanuel Lennon said:
- ❖ A reflection of Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to France.
- ❖ Cooperation in the field of defense has always been of utmost importance to both countries. Staying safe requires good tools and techniques.
- ❖ The Defense Procurement Council recently approved the purchase of 26 Rafale-M fighter jets and 3 Scorpene submarines from France.
- ❖ Negotiations are underway regarding their price and technical features. After these negotiations are completed, final agreements will be entered into'.





Awards and honors

Best Public Welfare Organization Award for Maivetri

- ❖ Bharat Sevak Samaj, a central government organization with the support of national leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Gulzarilal Nanda, etc. was started in 1952-60 and approved by the 5th Plan Commission.
- ❖ A special training course was held in Thiruvananthapuram on the orders of the national chairman of this organization PS Balachandran. In this, Bharat Sevak Samaj alternate medical chancellor Sushanli CA Ravi, Chitva Group Chairman SV Vijayaragav, Bharat Sevak Samaj guide Professor Darvi Khoshi and Maivetri Institute doctor M. Shakti Anandan and others participated.
- ❖ MyVeetri Company has created business opportunities for more than 32 lakh people. In recognition of this, M. Sakthi Anandan, CEO of Maivetri Company, has been given the award of 'Best Mentor of Entrepreneurs'. Also, the award of 'Best Public Institution Welfare Institution' has been received by Lakshadweep.
- ❖ Also, the Bharat Sevak Samaj All India Chairman was given the 'Guardian of Bharat Sevak Samaj' award and Dr. SV Vijaya Ratha, who excelled in traditional Marut Duva, was given the 'Special Marut Duva of Divine Natural Medicine' award.



President Murmu awarded 'Bhoomi Samman' awards to 9 state secretaries

- ❖ President Drarubathi Murmu presented 'Bhumi Samman' awards to 9 State Secretaries and 68 District Collectors for their outstanding contribution in implementation of Digital India Land Records Modernization Scheme.
- ❖ Digitization of land records in rural areas
- ❖ President Murmu said that it will play an important role in development.
- ❖ He further asserted, "Many people in rural areas have land records in their ancestral names, but due to lack of information, sources or disputes, registrations could not be carried out. Government should investigate such cases."
- ❖ Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of State for Rural Development Pakhan Singh Kulaste said, "More than 94 percent of land records have been digitized and the rest will be completed by March 31, 2024."



Title of Chevalier (Knight)

- ❖ French government presented Chevalier (Knight) award to Indian Musicians Aruna Sairam & Shashank Subramanyam
- ❖ de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Order of Arts and Letters) awards to Aruna Sairam, a Padma Shri awardee and Carnatic vocalist,





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- ❖ and Shashank Subramanyam, flautist for their contributions in connecting France and India through their music.
- ❖ It is the most significant arts-specific honour conferred by the Government of France
- ❖ The award is given at three levels: Commandeur (Commander), Officier (Officer), Chevalier (Knight).

Sports

Satvik Raj new world record

- ❖ Indian Badminton player, "Sadviksai Raj" has set a new world record for smashing the ball at a speed of 565 kmph.
- ❖ He has achieved this feat in an environment coordinated for achievement rather than competition.
- ❖ The world record was set at the sports equipment manufacturer Yonex's manufacturing plant in Saitama, Japan.
- ❖ This feat was accomplished on April 14.
- ❖ Earlier in the men's category, Malaysia's Tan Boon Hiong covered 493 km in May 2013. The speed smash was the maximum.
- ❖ At present, Saath Viksairaj is 72 km more than that. Smash Vlasi has set a new record of 565 km in the highest speed.
- ❖ In the women's category, Malaysian athlete Dane Pearly set a smashing speed record of 438 kmph.



National Sub-Junior and Junior Diving and Water Polo Championships

- ❖ National Sub-Junior and Junior Diving and Water Polo Championships started in Chennai. Tamil Nadu player "Abhishek" won Silver Medal in Group-1 Boys (16,17,18 Years) 3 Meter Spring Board Category in Diving Competition. In this, "Individual Sai Ram scored 415.20 points and won the gold medal.
- ❖ In the same age group competition for girls, Madhya Pradesh player "Palak Sharma" scored 292 points and Bengal player "Anusha Tara" scored 257 points and took the 2nd position.
- ❖ In Junior National Water Polo, West Bengal beat Haryana 22-2 and Gujarat beat Tamil Nadu 12-5 in boys' category.
- ❖ In the girls category, Kerala defeated Delhi 18-1 and Karnataka defeated Tamil Nadu 26-1.



World Shooting: India tops

- ❖ India's Barth Mane, Abhinav Shah and Dhanush Srikanth won the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle mixed team event at the Junior World Shooting Championships in South Korea. Team India topped the rankings with 1,886.7 points, followed by China (1,883.5) and South Korea (3).



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- ❖ In the women's category, Gautami Banod, Sonam Maskar, Swati Chaudhary won the silver medal with 1,886.8 points.
- ❖ In the Men's 10m Air Rifle Individual Qualifier, "Umamakesh" bagged the bronze medal with 229 points. Sonam Musker reached the finals of the women's 10m air rifle individual category and finished 7th.
- ❖ Out of 6 Indians participating in men's skeet, only "Harmehar Lally" made it to the finals and finished 5th.
- ❖ "Raisa Dhillon" won the silver medal in women's skeet category.

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India Champion in Deaf Badminton

- ❖ The World Badminton Championship for the Deaf is underway in Brazil. India beat Japan 3-1 in the final match of the mixed teams division to win the gold medal.
- ❖ "Jerleen Anika" from Tamil Nadu has also been included in the Indian team.



Commonwealth Sr. Jr. & Youth Weightlifting Championship 2023: India won 20 Medals in Senior Category

- ❖ Indian Senior weightlifting contingent won 20 medals (9 Golds, 9 Silvers and 2 Bronze) at the Commonwealth Senior, Junior, and Youth Championships 2023 in Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- ❖ The Indian team overall won 61 medals (38 Gold, 21 Silver and 2 Bronze) across senior, junior and youth categories.
- ❖ The event witnessed 250 weightlifters from 20 countries participating across junior, youth and senior categories from 12th July to 16 July 2023.
- ❖ Note: India won 16 medals (4 Gold, 7 Silver and 5 Bronze) at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Last time India hosted the tournament in Pune in 2015.



Books & Authors

Through The Broken Glass

- ❖ 'Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography' authored by T.N. Seshan, the former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, who made a significant difference to Indian elections. It was published by Rupa Publications India.
- ❖ This autobiography also covers his term as the CEC from 1990 to 1995 with a page count of 368. It has been published 4 years after he passed away in 2019.





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- ❖ In the early part of his career he described his first posting as a sub-collector in Dindigul and then a collector in Madurai of Tamil Nadu.

Environment and Bio-diversity:

Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary.

- ❖ 52nd tiger reserve located in located between Rajasthan's famous Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Mukundra Hills Tiger.
- ❖ The tiger population in this zoo rose to 5 after the birth of the new young ones.

Science and Technology

Drug Quality Control Board warns of side effects due to 'Polcodin' drug

- ❖ A recent World Health Organization (WHO) warning on the drug warned that people who took the cold and cough medicine 'bol codeine' had serious side effects in the 12 months following the administration of the anesthetic. Subsequently, various drug regulatory authorities have withdrawn the drug.
- ❖ Patients also should not take the medicine without doctor's prescription. Surgery will be performed
- ❖ Patients, if they have taken 'Bol codeine' within the last 12 months, to the doctors in this regard to be informed.



Tamilnadu Current Affairs

Naan-Mudhalvan scheme

- ❖ The School Education Department has informed that 15,713 students have been identified and placed in educational institutions under the 'Uyarvuku Padi' program.
- ❖ The Naan **Mudhalvan Scheme**, was implemented for the youth of the state on **1st March 2022**.
- ❖ Through this scheme, the government is improving the skills of 10 lakh youth across the state annually, so that their skills can be further developed.
- ❖ Through this scheme, educational guidance will be provided to the meritorious students in the educational institutions run by the government and in the state

National Current Affairs

Henley Passport Index 2023

- ❖ It is based on the data obtained from International Air Transport Association(IATA)
- ❖ For this year, **Singapore** ranked first in the index.



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- ❖ Germany, Italy and Spain ranked second place, and
- ❖ Japan ranked third place
- ❖ India ranked at 85 in the index.

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