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22 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

22 July 2023 - National Flag Day

- Every year National Flag Day is celebrated on July 22 in India.
- The day celebrates the adoption of the Indian tricolour as the National Flag of India before independence.

22 July 2023 - World Brain Day

- World Brain Day or International brain day is a global healthcare event observed on the 22nd of July every year for the past nine years, commemorating the awareness of brain diseases.
- **Theme: "Brain Health and Disability: Leave No One Behind".**

National Mango Day 2023

- National Mango Day is celebrated every year on 22nd July to celebrate not only the taste of mangoes, but also a deep cultural significance and their nobility, especially in Indian history and traditions.
- It is notable that this festival has been celebrated by mango enthusiasts across India since the declaration of the Indian "National Horticultural Board" in 1987. There is no theme for this day & It is notable that the national fruit of India is mango.



Persons in the news

Admiral Lisa Franchetti has become first woman in history to serve as the Chief of Naval Operations and member of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

- Franchetti, who is currently serving as the vice chief of naval operations, was commissioned in 1985 and has served as the commander of US Naval Forces Korea.
- She is the second woman ever to achieve the rank of four-star admiral in the United States Navy.
- US President Joe Biden said "Lisa Franchetti" will bring dedicated service to the nation as a commissioned officer, including her current role of Vice Chief of Naval Operations.





"Virat Kohli" equals "Sir Don Bradman's" record

- In Cricket, "Virat Kohli" equals Sir Don Bradman's record of most test centuries after smashing his 29th, in second test against West Indies in Trinidad.
- Bradman had scored 29 centuries in 52 tests while Kohli achieved this feat in his 111th Test match. It was Virat's 76th international ton including 46 centuries in ODI and 1 in T20 format.

Nivruti Rai

- Former Intel India country head Nivruti Rai has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Invest India.
- Born in Uttar Pradesh in November 1969, Nivruti Rai is the recipient of the prestigious "Nari Shakti Puraskar" in 2022 for her remarkable contributions to the field of technology by President Ramnath Kovind.
- Previously she served at Intel for 29 years as a global business and technology leader and led "Intel India" as Country Head for the past seven years.

"Sat Pal Bhanoo"

- Government has appointed "Sat Pal Bhanoo" as Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation.
- He has taken the place of Siddhartha Mohanty, who has been appointed as chairman of LIC in April.
- Sat Pal Bhanoo has been appointed up to the date of his superannuation on December 31, 2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

"Shah Rukh Khan" appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023

- Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, launched "the World Cup 2023" campaign 'It takes one day' in his iconic voiceover.
- The World Cup 2023 will be held in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023.
- The schedule for the ICC World Cup 2023 Schedule has been released by ICC.
- The upcoming World Cup will feature a total of 10 teams. India, as the host nation, has secured direct qualification, along with Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, and South Africa.

Books and author

A book titled "As the wheel turns" has been published by the former Vice President of India.

- Former Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled "As the wheel turns" on July 20.
- Speaking at the book launch event, Naidu said, "This book will be very useful for the young generation to learn about the uniqueness of the great people of India."



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Sports

Junior Shooting: Silver for Indian men

- India bagged a silver medal in the men's "25m Rapid Fire Pistol" event at the Junior World Cup Shooting Championships in South Korea.
- India in the finals of that category," Sameer, Rajkanwar Singh
- Sandhu, Mahesh Anandakumar" team secured 2nd position with 1,730 points. China bagged the gold medal with 1,747 points.
- In the same "25m Rapid Fire Pistol" men's individual category "Mahesh" finished 5th with 578 points, while Sameer and Rajkan Var' stood 7th and 8th respectively with 576 points each. China also won the gold medal in the individual category.

Indian women's record without both arms

- India's amputee Sheetal Devi has set a new record by advancing to the finals and securing a medal in the World Para Archery Championship.
- In this competition, She holds the world record of being the first such disabled player to reach the finals.
- 16-year-old Sheetal Devi, competing in her first world championship, locks the arrow in her bow, holds it at her shoulder, and shoots the bow with her foot at the target.

Indian GM Praggnanandhaa Becomes Champion at Super GM chess tournament in Hungary

- Young Indian Grandmaster (GM), "R Praggnanandhaa" (17) became champion at the V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super Grandmaster Chess Tournament 2023 in Budapest, Hungary.
- Praggnanandhaa posted 5 wins, drew 3 games and had 1 defeat in the fifth round at the hands of Amin Tabatabaei.
- Praggnanandhaa scored wins over Sanan Sjugirov (Russia), Parham Maghsoodloo (Iran), Adam Kozak (Hungary) and Peter Prohaszka (Hungary).
- He drew his last three games, against Pavel Eljanov (Ukraine), Maxim Matlakov (Russia) and Radosław Wojtaszek (Polish).
- Note: Praggnanandhaa's live rating is now 2707.3, making him currently the world no.31.



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Prize

The inaugural edition of this Super GM Round-Robin tournament has a total prize fund of €10700. The top three prizes are €5000, €2500 and €1500 each respectively.

Schemes and Their Utility

One District One Product programme (ODOP)

- One District One Product (ODOP) program, an initiative under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, launched its first collaboration with the Government of Gujarat in New Delhi to promote the indigenous crafts and artisans of the State.
- The aim is to select, brand and promote at least one product every district for enabling holistic socio economic growth in the country.

Online portal launched to report violation of ban on e-cigarettes

- The union government imposed a ban on e-cigarettes in 2019, but still continue to be sold on e-commercial sites
- The Health Ministry has launched an online portal www.violation-reporting.in, to facilitate reporting of violations under the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act (PECA).

National Current Affairs

On 18th July 23, the all-women Motorcycle Rally was flagged off by General Manoj Pande, the Chief of the Army Staff.

- In a remarkable tribute to commemorate 24 years of victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War of 1999, the Indian Army launched the Tri-Services 'Nari Sashaktikaran Women Motorcycle Rally.'
- This rally not only celebrates the historic triumph but also shines a light on the indomitable spirit of women.
- The significance of this gesture reflects the acknowledgment of women's crucial role in the armed forces and their immense contribution to the nation.



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- Inaugurating a two-day National Conference on Rural WASH Partners' Forum in New Delhi today, Mr Shekhawat said, government has taken several steps to improve the lives of the citizens.

Jal Jeevan mission (Har Ghar Jal)

- Aim: To provide assured tap water supply to every rural home by 2024.
- This Scheme was announced on 15 August, 2019 by the Prime minister of India
- JJM adopted the principle of 'equity and inclusion', i.e. ensuring 'no one is left out' from getting tap water connection and regular water supply in the village, especially weaker and marginalized sections.
- At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections.
- So far, more than 7.81 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under the Mission.
- Thus, as on 30.01.2023, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the count.

PM Modi Calls for Implementation of 13th Amendment to Sri Lankan Constitution on Tamil Community Issue

The 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution:

- To **resolve the ethnic conflict** in Sri Lanka between Tamils and the Sinhalese, the 13th amendment was passed in 1987 as part of the Indo-Lanka Accord, which was signed by the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President JR Jayawardene.
- The 13th amendment provides for a provincial council system and **devolution of powers** over land, the police, education, health, agriculture, housing and finances to the nine provinces of the country, including Sinhala majority areas.
- The amendment also provided for making Tamil an official language, and English as a link language.

National Commission for Women had been appraised of Manipur video incident on June 12

The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act to:

- Review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women.
- recommend remedial legislative measures
- facilitate redressal of grievances and
- Advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.



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Tamilnadu Events

- **Fatma Al Zahra**, A student of School of Excellence in Law of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has won an award for the paper she presented at the 'International Model United Nations conference' held recently.
- The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) will be rolling out courses on drones, 5G and ChatGPT for Government College students across Tamil Nadu under the '**Naan Mudhalvan**' scheme.

International current affairs

India introduces the UPI system in Sri Lanka.

- The National Payments Regulatory Authority of India has on July 21 entered into an agreement with Sri Lanka's Lanka Pay to introduce the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system in Sri Lanka.
- It is also reported that this agreement has been made with the aim of increasing Fintech connectivity and further development of trade between the two countries.