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25 July 2023 daily current affairs

Important Days

24 July 2023 Aaykar Diwas (Income Tax Day)

- ❖ Sir James Wilson implemented Income Tax in India on July 24, 1860. The scheme was introduced to recompense the British regime for losses sustained during the Revolt of 1857.
- ❖ The practice lasted for years before an official structure or department for coordinating tax collection was established in 1922.
- ❖ In 2010, the Finance Ministry declared July 24 as Income Tax Day to commemorate the establishment of this levy.

25 July 2023 World Embryologist Day

- ❖ The first IVF baby of the world was born on July 25, 1978, in England and that's why the day was chosen as the World Embryologist Day, which is also referred to as World IVF Day.
- ❖ The Day is observed to create awareness among people about Embryologists and the process of Invitro fertilisation (IVF).
- ❖ Invitro fertilisation - A process in which the sperm and egg is fertilized outside the body of woman under laboratory condition.

Persons in the news

Kerala's highest literary award winning young writer!

- ❖ "K.Akil" who has taken the avatar of a writer has received the Geetha Hiranyan Literary Award established by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi.
- ❖ This prestigious award has been given for his short story collection 'Neelachadayan' published in 2020.
- ❖ Apart from 'Neelachadaiyan', Akhil has written a short story collection 'Simhat Thinde Katha' focusing on Theyam folk art in 2021 and a novel 'Tarakanthan' focusing on Ramayana last year. Both these books have been published by Mathrubhumi.





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Sports

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Japan Open Badminton Tournament

- ❖ Japan Open Badminton Tournament: India's "Srikanth Kidambi" prevails over Taiwan's "Chou Tien-Chen" in Tokyo.
- ❖ Indian ace PV Sindhu will be aiming to regain her form, while the red-hot men's doubles duo of "Satwiksairaj and Chirag", currently ranked at number three in "Badminton World Federation Rankings" (BWF), will aim to carry forward their momentum after the Korea Open.



Junior Shooting World Championship

- ❖ International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior Shooting World Championship: India's "Kamaljeet" Clinches Gold Medal in Men's Individual 50 metre Pistol Event at Changwon Shooting Range, Korea.
- ❖ India went in with a strong contingent of 90 shooters in the tournament and bagged 17 medals including 6 Golds, 6 Silvers and 5 Bronzes.
- ❖ Over 550 shooters from 44 countries participated in the Championships.



48th Shooting Competition: NCC Students historical achievement

- ❖ Tamil Nadu NCC in 48th "Tamil Nadu Shooting" Competition Students won 76 medals and set a new record.
- ❖ A team of 30 students from Directorate of Tamil Nadu National Students Corps participated in the rifle and pistol shooting competition held in Madurai from 17th to 23rd July.
- ❖ This includes 33 gold, 28 silver and 15 bronze medals. They have achieved this feat both individually and as a team. In the history of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ NCC This is the most medals the team has won so far.



Tennis: Degree for Karman Kaur

- ❖ "Karman Kaur Thandi" of India won the ITF Women's World Tour Tennis Tournament (W60) in USA.
- ❖ Karman Kaur became the 2nd Indian player to win a US professional tennis title. The first player was Sania Mirza.
- ❖ This is the 2nd title for Karman Kaur, who was the champion of last year's W60 held in Sajeune, Canada. Overall, this is his 4th trophy in his tennis career. Karman Kaur, who won the tournament, got the champion trophy and a cash prize of Rs.49 lakh.





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Junior Shooting: 17 medals for India

- ❖ India finished 2nd on the list with 17 medals including 6 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze at the Junior World Cup Shooting held in South Korea.
- ❖ “Kamaljeet” won gold in both individual and team events in men's 50m. In the finals of the individual category, he finished first with a score of 544 out of 600.
- ❖ Kamaljeet, Angait Tomar and Sandeep Bishnoi's partnership topped the "Team Category" with 1,617 points.
- ❖ In the women's 50m pistol category, India's “Diana” bagged the silver medal with 519 points.
- ❖ In the team category, the combination of "Diana, Yashida Shokeen, Virpal Kaur" won gold.



Commonwealth weightlifting gold medalist from Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu athlete RB Keerthana, who participated in the 81 kg weight category for juniors in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Competition held in Noida, lifted a total weight of 177 kg and won the gold medal.



Hungarian GP 2023: Max Verstappen gave Red Bull 12th Successive Win

- ❖ Red Bull's "Max Verstappen" (25 years old) won Formula1 (F1) Qatar Airways Hungarian Grand Prix 2023, held in Budapest, Hungary.
- ❖ This victory made the Red Bull team win twelve consecutive Formula One races in 2023.
- ❖ Red Bull's achievement broke the record of McLaren's 11 wins in 1988. This also marks Verstappen's seventh consecutive win.



Records by Verstappen and Red Bull Racing

- ❖ Verstappen becomes the fifth driver in history to win seven consecutive races (after Alberto Ascari, Michael Schumacher, Sebastian Vettel and Nico Rosberg).

Science and Technology

Skyroot successfully tested its Raman-II Engine at ISRO

- ❖ "Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited", Hyderabad (Telangana) -based space startup, successfully tested its "Raman-II engine"
- ❖ at the "Liquid Thruster Test Facility" (LTTF) of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
- ❖ at Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu (TN)





Raman-II Engine

- ❖ It uses "Mono Methyl Hydrazine and Nitrogen Tetroxide as propellants.
- ❖ The engine will be installed into the fourth stage of its launch vehicle, Vikram-I.

Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited

- ❖ Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Pawan Kumar Chandana
- ❖ Headquarters- Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❖ Established in - 2018

Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO)

- ❖ Chairman- S Somanath
- ❖ Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ❖ Established on 15th August 1969

Environment

A 76 year old Women mauled to death by tiger in Kalagarh tiger reserve.

Kalagarh Tiger Reserve (KTR):

- ❖ Location: It is located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ When Jim Corbett Park was established in 1974, the northern region of the park was renamed Kalagarh Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ It is named after the Kalagarh dam, which was constructed on the Ramganga River.
- ❖ It is a **tributary of the Ganges** River in India.

National current affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first Greenfield Airport at Hirasar near Rajkot on 27 thof July 2023.

The air connectivity to the international market will boost industrial growth, especially benefit the Ceramic industry in Morbi, and will generate new employment opportunities in the region.

One crore 19 lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY-U so far: Govt in RS

The government today informed the Rajya Sabha that around one crore 19 lakh houses have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban, PMAY-U so far.

Pradhan Mantri Awas yojana

- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U), a flagship Mission of Government of India being implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), was launched on 25th June 2015.
- ❖ The scheme falls under the Government's mission of 'Housing For All by 2022'.
- ❖ Providing housing Facilities to urban poor including slum dwellers.



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- ❖ Financial assistance is provided to eligible beneficiaries for the construction of pucca houses.

Farm insurance premium up, but claim settlements on steep decline.

Union Minister for Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, shows that agriculture insurance premium has been going up while claims payment is down, under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:

- ❖ Launched in 2016 by minister of Agriculture and Family Welfare.

Scheme:

- ❖ To provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crops as a result of natural calamities, pests & diseases.
- ❖ To stabilize the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming.
- ❖ To encourage farmers to adopt innovative and modern agricultural practices.
- ❖ To ensure the flow of credit to the agriculture sector.

Rajasthan is the first state in the country to implement the Minimum Income Guarantee Scheme

- ❖ Through this Act, all families living in villages and cities will get guaranteed employment for 125 days.
- ❖ Under the Social Security Pension Scheme, Rs.1000 will be given every month to the elderly, differently abled, widows and women living alone.
- ❖ This amount will be increased by 15 percent annually.

Tamilnadu current affairs

Tamil Nadu government increases financial assistance for persons with disabilities

The Department for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities has increased financial assistance, including scholarships, compensation for accidents, and medical expenses, provided through the Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for Persons with Disabilities.

Tamilnadu Welfare Board for persons with Disabilities:

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for the Differently Abled Persons was established in 2007 with the aim of implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of Differently Abled Persons and their family members.



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- ❖ The Welfare Board has been reconstituted with new members under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.
- ❖ Assistance like education scholarships, marriage assistance, assistance for purchasing spectacles, assistance to meet funeral expense, assistance for delivery and miscarriage of pregnancy, accident relief and accident death relief are being provided for the benefit of Differently Abled Persons by the Welfare Board.

Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam (women's basic income scheme) that provides a monthly financial assistance of ₹1,000 for eligible woman heads of families to make women on the margins, self-reliant and economically independent.

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the camps for registration of applications for the scheme, in **Thoppur, Dharmapuri district** on **July 24, 2023**.
- ❖ The scheme is being rolled out with a budgetary allocation of ₹7,000 crore this year, will be augmented to ₹12,000 crore in the following budget.