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## 28 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 27 July 2023 - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Foundation Day

- ❖ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Foundation Day is celebrated on **July 27** every year to commemorate the formation of the central force on this day in 1939.
- ❖ CRPF is an integral part of India's internal security and one of the oldest Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).
- ❖ It comes under the control of ministry of Home Affairs.

#### 28 July 2023 - World Nature Conservation Day

- ❖ **World Nature Conservation Day** is observed on July 28 to create awareness about the importance of protecting the environment.
- ❖ It's an important occasion to educate people about the challenges of climate change and the necessity of conservation of natural resources.
- ❖ **Theme: "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet"**.



#### 28 July 2023 - World Hepatitis Day

- ❖ **World Hepatitis Day (WHD)** is recognized annually on July 28th, the birthday of Dr. Baruch Blumberg (1925–2011).
- ❖ Dr. Blumberg discovered the hepatitis B virus in 1967, and 2 years later he developed the first hepatitis B vaccine.
- ❖ These achievements culminated in Dr. Blumberg winning the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1976.
- ❖ **Theme: "One Life, One Liver"**.

### Persons in the news

#### Chandran has been announced as the winner of the 2023 Literary Award for her novel 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens'.

- ❖ Chandran's award-winning novel 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens' is a story about family, memories, community, race.
- ❖ It is an intergenerational epic that highlights Australia's difficult and complex equation with multiculturalism and the traumas of post-colonialism.
- ❖ It also highlights how our stories shape the people that we are today. This is Chandran's third novel.



#### The Miles Franklin Literary Award

- ❖ The Miles Franklin Literary Award is an annual prize given to "a novel which is of the highest literary merit and presents Australian life in any of its phases".



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- ❖ The Miles Franklin Literary Award is one of the prestigious literary awards in Australia. Previous winners of the award include Thea Astley, Jessica Anderson, Tim Winton, among others.

## Famous painter Maruti passes away (85)

- ❖ Born in Pudukottai, painter Maruti's birth name was Ranganathan. He is multi-talented and has drawn cover pictures for various magazines like Vikatan, Kumutham, Kuncumum, Kanmani, and paintings to suit stories and poems.
- ❖ Apart from painting, he has also worked as a costume designer for the films 'Uliyin Osai', 'Pen Singam' and the play Veeramangai Velunachiyar. Kalai Mamani Award of Tamil Nadu Govt.



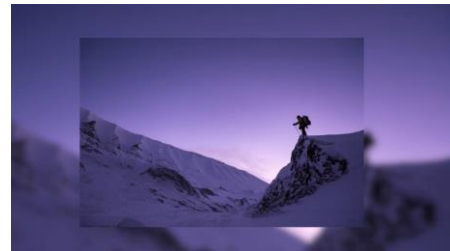
## “NA Sinegan”

- ❖ NA Sinegan from Theni has set a new record by swimming the English Channel between England and France.
- ❖ He swam from England and back from France “The honor of being the first Indian to return to England” by swimming Senegan and his coach Vijayakumar. Various parties are praising.



## Nepalese, Norwegian nationals set world record in trekking

- ❖ "Tengensherpa" from Nepal and "Kristin Harila" from Norway have set a new world record by climbing 14 peaks above 8,000 meters within 3 months.
- ❖ "Mingma Sherpa", the head of the Seven Summit Treks Organization, which is making arrangements for trekking in the area, said about this.
- ❖ K2 is the second highest mountain peak in the world Tenjen and Christine arrived at 11.30 am on Thursday (27/7/23).
- ❖ With this, they have climbed 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in just 92 days.
- ❖ With this, they have set a world record of reaching 14 high peaks in a very short period of time, he said.
- ❖ Earlier, they reached Mount Everest last May 29. Later, they climbed mountain peaks including "Thaulagiri, Kanchanjunga, Annapurna, G-1, G-2".



## Books and Authors

**Smoke and Ashes: A Writers Journey through Opiums Hidden Histories, written by Amitav Ghosh.**

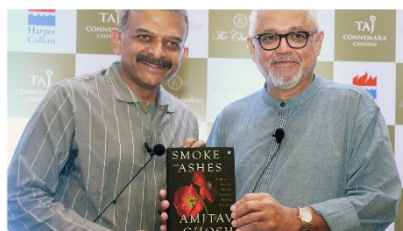


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The book traces the effect the opium trade had on Britain, India and China. In India, the book examines the impact this had particularly on Kolkata and Mumbai.



## Sports

### India's Nidhi Buley and Ritika among four females to enter BCCI umpiring panel

- ❖ Nidhi played a Test and ODI for India back in 2006 while her younger sister Ritika represented Madhya Pradesh in 31 First-Class games.
- ❖ The BCCI conducted the exam for retired cricketers from June 10-13 and the result was declared.
- ❖ Candidates needed to score more than 120 marks out of 150 to make the cut and both Nidhi and Ritika cleared the exam with flying colours, amassing 133.5 and 133 marks respectively.
- ❖ V Kritika from Tamil Nadu and Ankita Guha of Vidarbha were the other females who were elevated to the BCCI panel, taking the overall number of BCCI-empowered women umpires to seven.
- ❖ Nikhil Patil of Mumbai Cricket Association topped the exam with 147 marks.
- ❖ Earlier this year, the trio of Vrinda Rathi, N Janani and V Gayathari made history by becoming the first-ever women umpires to officiate in the prestigious Ranji Trophy.



### Aditya Samant is India's 83rd Chess Grandmaster

- ❖ Aditya Samant (17) from Maharashtra became India's 83rd chess grandmaster.
- ❖ To attain Grandmaster status, a chess competitor must meet 3 'norms' and attain 2,500 ELO ranking points. Norm in this is achieved by achieving an outstanding position in a tournament recognized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- ❖ In that way, Aditya Samant completed the first norm in the Abu Dhabi Masters in August last year, and then reached the 2nd norm in the Ellopi Regatta Open held in Spain in December of the same year. Now Biell has completed the 3rd norm by advancing to the 9th round of the chess tournament. It is noteworthy that Aditya's elo points are currently -2,525.





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## Science and Technology

### Crew 7 to the International Space Station

- ❖ The American space station "NASA" has achieved various achievements in the field of space. Currently, a private space agency called "SpaceX" is planning to send a crew to the International Space Station.
- ❖ The crew will launch into space on a Falcon-9 rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ❖ This is the "7th Crew" to the International Space Station by NASA.
- ❖ The team includes NASA's Jasmine Mokbeli, European astronaut Andreas Mogensen, Japan's Satoshi Burukawa and Russia's Konstantin Borisov.
- ❖ They are going to start their work on the 17th of next month (August), according to NASA.



## Economy & Banking

### ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches, "ICICI Pru Protect N Gain", a Protection based Saving Life Insurance Plan

- ❖ The scheme offers the dual benefits of protection and long-term savings to achieve the fundamental needs of customers.
- ❖ The product provides the opportunity to offer life insurance protection of up to 100 times the annual premium and enables customers to maximise returns through 18 funds options spread across equity and debt.
- ❖ It provides the customers a life insurance cover for the entire policy time and ensures financial security to their families during the policy tenure and significant lump sum for self on survival.



### Star symbol banknote

- ❖ The RBI has clarified that currency notes with Nut Shatra code before the serial number are also valid.
- ❖ In a statement issued by the Reserve Bank yesterday, 'Star-coded currency notes are passable like regular notes. This asterisk indicates that a note printed with an error is a "replacement note" or "a note reprinted due to damage".'





## Tamilnadu Current Affairs

### State govt. signs MoU with U.K. for raising botanical garden in Chengalpattu'

As part of a slew of projects launched by the State government, the Environment department signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the U.K. to set up a botanical garden in **Chengalpattu** in partnership with the **Kew Gardens, London**.



### 'The controversy over land acquisition by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation in Tamil Nadu'

With NLCIL planning to exploit the lignite reserves available to the south of its existing mines for the establishment of Mines-III, the move triggered mass protests by the farmers and the local residents.



### Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited(NLCIL):

- ❖ NLC India Limited (NLC) (formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited) is a central public sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
- ❖ It was inaugurated in **1956**.
- ❖ It annually produces about **30 million tonnes** of **lignite** from opencast mines.
- ❖ Neyveli in Tamil Nadu accounts for one of the largest lignite deposits in the country.
- ❖ NLCIL generates about 6,061 MW of power across its various project sites including those in other States and around 50% of the total power is supplied to Tamil Nadu.

### Artificial coral reefs in Kasimedu Sea:

- ❖ Kasimedu, due to natural disasters, coral reefs were severely damaged in Kasimedu fishing port area
- ❖ Therefore, in order to protect marine resources, the government is carrying out the work of setting up artificial coral reefs in the middle sea.
- ❖ In this case, the installation of artificial coral reefs took place at the Kasimedu fishing harbor yesterday.
- ❖ The project has been implemented by the 'Plant' Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Fishermen
- ❖ Fisheries Additional Chief Secretary Mangat Ram Sharma and Australian Lieutenant General Sarah Kirlew flagged off the programme.





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- ❖ From the Kasimedu fishing port, the artificial coral reefs, which were carried by boat, made of circles, triangles, etc., were lowered into the sea at a distance of 4.75 nautical miles, at a depth of 16 km, by ropes.

## All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Scheme extended to 2,504 more panchayats: Stalin

Kalaignar's All-Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme is to be extended to 2,504 more panchayats, Chief Minister M K Stalin said while inaugurating the velanmai sangamam (Agri-Expo) programme in Trichy.

## State Current Affairs

### First-ever transgender birth certificate issued to Noor Shekhawat in Rajasthan

- ❖ Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.
- ❖ In her old birth certificate, her gender was marked as male. Shekhawat was handed her new birth certificate by municipal and state government officials.
- ❖ She runs an NGO for the transgender community and also wants to complete her graduation.
- ❖ Shekhawat now plans to urge authorities to provide employment opportunities to the transgender community and reservation in jobs.



## National current affairs

### 39 MNCs come together for circular economy coalition'

Union Minister launches Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC) on the sidelines of 4th G-20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group and Environment and Climate Ministers' meeting in **Chennai**.



**The mission of this coalition is:**

- ❖ to facilitate and foster greater company-to-company collaboration,
- ❖ build advanced capabilities across sectors and value chains,
- ❖ bring learnings from diverse and global experiences of the coalition members, and
- ❖ Unlock on-ground private sector action to enhance resource efficiency and accelerate circular economy transition.

### 'Yamuna still above danger mark in Delhi'

The water level of Yamuna River in Delhi, remained above the 'danger mark' day evening and is expected to rise further, according to the Central Water Commission (CWC).



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## Central Water Commission (CWC)

- ❖ The Central Water Commission (CWC) is a premier technical organization in India in the field of water resources.
- ❖ It was established in **1945** as an advisory body to the Government of India on matters relating to water resources development and management.
- ❖ It operates as an attached office of the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.
- ❖ Its main role is to plan, design and implement schemes for the management, conservation and use of water resources across the country, for purposes such as flood control, irrigation, navigation, drinking water supply and hydropower generation.

