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29 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

29 July 2023 - International Tiger day.

- ❖ It is celebrated on the 29th of July every year to raise awareness about the protection of tigers and their habitat as well.
- ❖ World tiger day was observed for the first time in **2010** to deal with the decline in the tiger population.
- ❖ It was proposed for the during the **Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit** in Russia.



Persons in the news

"Ruchira Kamboj"

- ❖ India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), Ambassador "Ruchira Kamboj", has assumed the chairmanship of the 62nd Session of the "Commission for Social Development" (CSocD62).
- ❖ CSocD meets annually in New York, The United States of America (USA), usually in February.



Background

- ❖ during the 13th plenary meeting-61st session of the commission for social development On 15th February 2023, India has been elected as the chair of the 62nd session of the UNCSocD,
- ❖ India will hold its term until 2027.
- ❖ For the first time since 1975, India has been elected as the chair of CSocD.

CSocD62 theme

- ❖ The central theme for the CSocD62 is "Fostering Social Development and Social Justice through Social Policies to accelerate Progress on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication".
- ❖ United Nation's Commission for Social Development (UN CSocD), originally known as the Social Commission (Renamed in 1966),
- ❖ It was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- ❖ It consists of 46 members, they elected based on 4-year terms.



Indian-origin former minister Dharman Shanmugaratnam contests in Singapore's presidential election

- ❖ Halimah is the current President of Singapore. His 6-year tenure will end on September 13.
- ❖ Thus, the election for the next President of Singapore will be held on September 23.
- ❖ He was born in Singapore last year in 1957.
- ❖ Shanmugaratnam, at Harvard University, he holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration.
- ❖ Shanmugaratnam was appointed Senior Economist in Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry in 1988.
- ❖ He was elected MP of Singapore in 2001. From 2011 to 2019, he served as Minister of Education, Finance and Deputy Prime Minister.
- ❖ Shanmugaratnam, who is currently contesting the presidential election, has officially started his campaign.



Places in the news

In Cultural Organization of World Cities – Bangalore

- ❖ Bengaluru joins the list of cultural cities of the world along with London and New York.
- ❖ Bengaluru holds the distinction of being the "first city to feature in this list" in India.
- ❖ In 2021, the World Cities Culture Council (WCCF) was created by the Mayor of London's office.
- ❖ It includes 40 cities including London, New York, Tokyo.
- ❖ The organization examines its member cities and provides advice on their development, conservation, cultural promotion, etc.
- ❖ Officials from London, New York, and Tokyo Corporations will visit the member cities and give suggestions for improvement.
- ❖ The Government of Karnataka has approved the operation of this organization. The Karnataka government has launched an initiative called 'Unboxing BLR' to make Bengaluru a global city.



Sports

Tripura's "Ashmita Dey" wins gold in "Junior Asian Judo Championship 2023".

- ❖ Asmita Dey, representing Tripura, achieved remarkable success by winning a gold medal at the Junior Asia Cup Judo Championship held in Macau, China.
- ❖ Apart from the gold medal at the Junior Asian Judo Championship 2023 held in Macau, China, he also won a silver medal at the "Asia Open 2023 held in Kuwait City" in April this year and a bronze medal at the "Asian Junior Championship" in 2022.



- ❖ Asmita Dey participated in the Junior Asian Judo Championship 2023 in the 48 kg category.



Science and Technology

NASA, DARPA are teaming up with Lockheed to develop a nuclear-powered space shuttle

- ❖ The United States Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have entered into a contract with the aerospace and defense company Lockheed Martin to develop nuclear power.
- ❖ This will help NASA & DARPA launch a nuclear-powered satellite by 2027.
- ❖ NASA is trying to build a nuclear-powered rocket that will take humanity to Mars and beyond.
- ❖ Under the DRACO program, NASA aims to test nuclear thermal propulsion (NTP) in space by 2027 at an estimated cost of US\$ 499 million.
- ❖ In 1979, NASA envisioned a manned mission to Mars using a nuclear-powered spacecraft called the Nuclear Engine for Rocket Applications (NERVA). Unfortunately, the NERVA project was abandoned.



A one-year-old girl from Chennai has a rare genetic disease

- ❖ This child has a rare condition called 'Spinal Muscular Atrophy' type-2 (spinal muscular dystrophy).
- ❖ Suffering from a genetic disease.
- ❖ Children with this type of impairment cannot sit or walk without support.
- ❖ Nervous system cells also continue to die. Respiratory muscle becomes weak and breathing becomes difficult.
- ❖ 'Gene therapy called 'Solkensma' is essential to cure this rare disease.





Economy & Banking

"Jeevan Kiran"

- ❖ "Life Insurance Corporation of India" (LIC) launched a new term assurance scheme "Jeevan Kiran", an unlinked, non-participating, individual, savings and life insurance scheme that offers a combination of protection and savings.



Eligibility and Restrictions

- ❖ Age (Entry): Minimum 18 years to maximum 65 years.
- ❖ Age (Maturity): Minimum 28 years to maximum 80 years.
- ❖ Policy tenure ranges from 10 years to 40 years
- ❖ Minimum Base Amount: Rs 15 Lakhs.
- ❖ Minimum Premium: Rs.3000 for regular premium policies & Rs.30000 for single premium policies.

Additional information

- ❖ The scheme offers premium rates for smokers/non-smokers.
- ❖ Housewives and pregnant women are not eligible for this scheme.

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- ❖ President - Siddhartha Mohanty
- ❖ Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Year of Establishment – 1956

'Money Saver Export Account'

- ❖ Finetech Company Razorpay announced the launch of its 'MoneySaver Export Account', designed for small and medium exporters by offering Indian exporter's savings of up to 50% on international bank transfers.
- ❖ This facility allows exporters to open an account in any country of their choice (out of 160 countries).
- ❖ With MoneySaver Export account, Indian exporters can enjoy stable wire transfer from international customers in over 200 countries and direct payment of their funds into their Indian bank accounts.

Tamilnadu Current affairs

Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin conferred with Man of the Year award'.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin conferred with Man of the Year for his invaluable involvement for the successful hosting of 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram in a short notice of four months.



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High Level Expert Panel to Consider Demands of Coir Industries - Chief Minister M.K.Stalin



The Government of Tamil Nadu, which is keenly interested in the development and sustainability of the coconut industry in Tamil Nadu, has initiated a company called '**Tamil Nadu Coir Business Development Corporation**'

Objective:

- ❖ To increase the production of value added products and to increase local and export market opportunities.
- ❖ This will improve the economy of coconut farmers in the state.

National Current affairs:

'INDIAai and Meta India sign pact to collaborate on AI and emerging technologies'

INDIAai and Meta India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies to make Meta's open-source AI models available for use.

INDIAai:

INDIAai is a web portal launched by the Government of India in May 2022 for **artificial intelligence** related developments in India.

It is known as **the National AI Portal of India**, which was jointly started by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**), the National e-Governance Division (**NeGD**) and the National Association of Software and Service Companies (**NASSCOM**) with support from the Department of School Education and Literacy (**DoSE&L**) and Ministry of Human Resource Development.





' PM Modi launches Urea Gold for farmers'

- ❖ 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a slew of farmer-centric announcements in **Rajasthan's Sikar**'
- ❖ PM Modi dedicated 1.25 lakh **PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK)** — which are **one-stop centres for farmers** that will provide information on agri-inputs such as fertilisers, seeds, and implements to testing facilities for soil, seeds, and fertilisers, and information regarding various government schemes.
- ❖ **Urea Gold** is a new variety of Urea fertiliser that is coated with **sulphur**.



As per the government statement, urea gold comes with these benefits

- ❖ The use of urea gold instead of conventional urea fertiliser will **address sulphur deficiencies** in the soil.
- ❖ Urea Gold fertiliser is more **economical** and **efficient** than neem-coated urea.
- ❖ It improves efficiency of nitrogen use in plants.
- ❖ Urea gold reduces the consumption of fertiliser, and enhances crop quality.
- ❖ It will save input costs for the farmers and also raise incomes for farmers with enhanced production and productivity.

Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023 Passed In Rajya Sabha to Curb Film Piracy.

- ❖ Rajya Sabha passed the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which introduces strict anti-piracy provisions to take action against **film piracy** and aims at **simplifying licensing** procedures.
- ❖ The Bill proposes a three-year jail term and a fine of up to 5% of a movie's production cost for those making its pirated copies.
- ❖ It also introduces three certifications under the 'UA' category, UA 7+, UA 13+ and UA 16+, which means that children younger than the given age limits can access such movies with parental guidance.