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## 10 August 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 10 August 2023 - World Lion Day

- ❖ The day is observed on 10th August every year across the world to create awareness about their safety and conservation.
- ❖ World Lion Day will be celebrated in Gujarat through various programs.
- ❖ State level celebration of World Lion Day will be held in virtual presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel
- ❖ It will be telecast live in more than 8,500 educational institutions across ten districts of Saurashtra.
- ❖ During the programme, the Chief Minister will launch the Singha Geetha and launch the Chin Suchna' web app.
- ❖ Gujarat's Gir National Park is the only natural home of Asiatic lions in the world.

#### 10 August 2023 - World Biofuels Day

- ❖ World Biofuel Day is observed on 10th August every year to raise awareness about the importance of biofuels as a sustainable and renewable energy source.
- ❖ The day aims to promote the use and production of biofuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.

### Persons in the news

#### "Sanjay Kumar Agarwal"

- ❖ IRS officer Sanjay Kumar Agarwal has taken charge as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- ❖ Agarwal succeeds Vivek Johri who superannuated as CBIC chief on May 31.
- ❖ The CBIC, is headed by a chairman and has six members in the board.
- ❖ The board is assisted by principal chief commissioners/ chief commissioners and principal director generals/ director generals.
- ❖ It is responsible for the administration of indirect taxes in India, which include "customs, central excise, service tax, and goods and services tax (GST)".
- ❖ The CBIC also has the responsibility of preventing tax evasion and smuggling.
- ❖ The CBIC was established in 1947, following the independence of India.



#### Renowned author "Hari Narke"

- ❖ Renowned author and vice-president of Samata Parishad, Mr. Hari Narke, passed away in Mumbai. He was 70.
- ❖ Mr. Narke was the former member of the "Maharashtra Backward Class Commission".
- ❖ He was also a member of the "Rangnath Pathare committee" which was formed to collect evidence to prove Marathi as a classical language.



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- ❖ In his condolence message, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the State has lost an intellectual who was a pillar for the preservation and promotion of progressive ideology.
- ❖ Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the State has lost a great researcher and guide, who was critical to effectively propagating the thoughts and ideals of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr. B R Ambedkar.

## Inscription scholar Pulavar S. Irasu (85) passed away

- ❖ Epigraphic scholar Pulavar S. Irasu (85) passed away on Wednesday at a private hospital in Coimbatore due to ill health.
- ❖ In 1959, he started Tamilazi Riyar work in Erode. In 1980-82 he worked in the Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Later, he joined Tanjore Tamil University as a lecturer in 1982 and retired as Head of Department of Inscription and Archaeology. For the past 50 years, he has conducted studies related to inscriptions, copperplates, leaf plates, leaf prints and literature.
- ❖ He has published 161 books. He has written about 250 articles. He discovered and revealed the 1,800-year-old Arachalur music inscription. This is the "first musical inscription" in India.
- ❖ Kodumanam (present-day Kodumanal) in the Sangam period was discovered and excavated with the Romans.
- ❖ The associated noyal revealed the coastal civilization. His discoveries are noteworthy.
- ❖ Very rare song in South India, he was the one who discovered Palamangalam Nadukal.
- ❖ His book was published as the first book of Tanjore Tamil University.



## Defence

### "INS Visakhapatnam and INS Trikand" arrive at Dubai for a bilateral exercise with UAE Navy

- ❖ The exercise, which will be held from August 8 to 11, aims to share best practices and increase synergies between the two navies.
- ❖ Under "Rear Admiral Vineet McCarty's" command, the ships will engage in professional interactions with the UAE Naval Force, focusing on maritime operations.
- ❖ 'Zayed Talwar,' a bilateral exercise, is scheduled to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies, contributing to regional security.
- ❖ Led by "Captains Ashok Rao and Pramod G Thomas",
- ❖ INS Visakhapatnam, and INS Trikand showcase advanced maritime capabilities.





## Awards and honors

### Indian Ecologist "Raman Sukumar"

- ❖ Indian Ecologist, Scientist and Asian elephant expert Raman Sukumar has been elected as "Vice Chair of Working Group II" (WGII) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).



#### IPCC WGII

- ❖ The IPCC WGII assesses the impacts of climate change, from a world-wide to a regional view of ecosystems and biodiversity, and of humans and their diverse societies, cultures and settlements.

#### Raman Sukumar

- ❖ Raman Sukumar, hailing from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, In 1993, he became a member of the Project Elephant Steering Committee, which provided technical support and advice on matters of elephant conservation to the Indian government.
- ❖ Sukumar chaired the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the World Conservation Union from 1997 to 2004.

#### Publications

- ❖ Elephant Days and Nights: Ten Years with the Indian Elephant (1994), The Living Elephants: Evolutionary Ecology, Behavior and Conservation (2003), and The Story of Asia's Elephants (2011).

#### Awards

Presidential Award of the Chicago Zoological Society in 1989, the Order of the Golden Ark in 1997, the Whitley Gold Award in 2003 and the International Cosmos Prize in 2006

## Sports

### Neeraj Chopra

- ❖ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will lead the Indian contingent in the upcoming "World Athletics Championships 2023".
- ❖ World Athletics Championships 2023 is scheduled to take place in Budapest, Hungary from 19-27 August.
- ❖ It will be the 19th edition of the "World Athletics Championships".
- ❖ It will be organized by the World Athletics and Hungarian Athletics Association.
- ❖ 15 Indian Players are taking part in the World Championships for the very first time. "Shaili Singh " is the youngest member of the Indian contingent





## Schemes and their Utility

### "Atal Pension Yojana"

- ❖ The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) scheme has reached a remarkable milestone as it completes "eight years" of successful implementation, gathering an impressive enrollment of over "5.25 crore subscribers".
- ❖ Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched in the year 2015, to ensure old age income security for every Indian citizen, with a special focus on those who toil in the unorganized sector.

### Resolution to change name to 'Kerala': Unanimous passage in Assembly

- ❖ A resolution requesting the central government to officially change the name of Kerala to "Kerala" was unanimously passed in the state legislature.
- ❖ While discussing the resolution, the Chief Minister said, 'The need to create a united Kerala for the Malayalam speaking people has been strong since the independence struggle.
- ❖ But the name of our state is mentioned as 'Kerala' in the first schedule of constitution.
- ❖ I request the central government to amend the name of the state to 'Kerala' under Article 3 of the Constitution and to change the name to 'Kerala' in all the languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.



### Eighth Personal Data Protection Bill

- ❖ Rajya Sabha approves Eighth Personal Data Protection Bill
- ❖ After the Bill is passed by both Houses, it receives the assent of the President and becomes a law. The central government has decided to implement this law within ten months.
- ❖ Protect people's personal data against misuse of that data
- ❖ The bill also provides for a fine of up to Rs 250 crore on companies.



## Science and Technology

### "lunar lander"

- ❖ Russia announced planned to launch "lunar lander" this week, to Moon for first time in over 50 years
- ❖ Russia's space agency Roscosmos said, "the Luna-25 lander" would be launched in the early hours of Friday.
- ❖ The launch is the "first mission of Moscow's new lunar programme", and it comes as President Vladimir Putin seeks to boost space collaboration with China.





## Exclusive 'Maya OS' for Indian Defense Ministry computers Introducing soon

- ❖ To ensure cyber security in the defense sector of the country, a dedicated operating system called 'Maya' will be introduced for testing from 15th Independence Day instead of Windows Operating System (OS) in all the computers of the Ministry of Defense.
- ❖ During the last 6 months a dedicated platform for computers has been built in-house by a central government agency.
- ❖ One of the "Linux" operating system offerings is based on open and free source software
- ❖ The platform is built using the 'Ubuntu' framework.
- ❖ Named 'Maya', this platform will be introduced for testing from the 15th of Independence Day. A security system called Chakaraviu (trap) is also installed in this platform.



## Economy & Banking

### "Airtel Payments Bank" Launches India's 1st Eco-Friendly Debit Card

- ❖ India's first payment bank, Airtel Payment Bank also became the first Indian Bank to launch an "eco-friendly debit card" for its new and existing customers with a savings bank account.
- ❖ The debit cards will be crafted from recycle- Poly Vinyl Chloride (r-PVC) material, a certified eco-friendly material, against normal PVC cards.



#### New Debit cards

- ❖ Airtel Payments Bank debit card comes in two variants (under Classic variant)
- ❖ i. Personalised Classic Card - Availed through the Airtel Thanks mobile application.
- ❖ ii. Insta Classic Card - Availed at selected neighbourhood banking points (by the close of the current quarter).

#### Airtel Payments Bank Limited

- ❖ Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Anubrata Biswas
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi



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## "Sashidhar Jagdishan" of HDFC Bank Becomes Highest -Paid Bank CEO

- ❖ HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan emerged as the highest-paid bank Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the financial year 2022-2023(FY23) with over Rs 10.55 crore in total pay.
- ❖ "Kaizad Bharucha", deputy managing director, HDFC Bank, drew Rs 10 crore for FY23 and is likely to be the second-highest-grossing banker in India.
- ❖ Among bank CEOs, "Amitabh Chaudhry", the CEO of Axis Bank, received a payout of Rs 9.75 crore in FY23 making it the second-highest in terms of overall pay among bank chief executives.
- ❖ "Sandeep Bakhshi", CEO of ICICI Bank got paid Rs 9.60 crore for the fiscal year.



## Tamilnadu current affairs

### Hockey match sound and light display in front of the Corporation office

- ❖ Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the sound and light show related to the hockey matches in front of the Chennai Corporation Ribbon House on the occasion of the Asian Hockey Championship.
- ❖ The 7th Asian Hockey Championship 2023 in Chennai will be held at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium on Aug. Started at 3.
- ❖ India, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Pakistan and China have participated in these competitions which will be held till August 12.

### In Keezhadi excavations, a terracotta snake head sculpture

- ❖ A terracotta snake head sculpture was found on Wednesday in the ongoing excavations at the bottom.
- ❖ In this case, in the pit dug on August 09, 190 cm. A large number of potsherds were found at depth.
- ❖ Among them was an image of a serpent's head made of terracotta by hands.
- ❖ It is 6.5 cm. Length, 5.4 cm. Width, 1.5 cm. Have thickness. Its eyes and mouth were very elegant.
- ❖ Also, red color coating with rough upper surface. This information was given by the archaeology department.
- ❖ The 9th phase of excavation work is going on at Keezhadi near Thirupuvanam, Sivagangai district.
- ❖ So far 9 pits have been dug underground.
- ❖ More than 200 antiquities such as gold jewellery, flint bull, game pieces, glass beads, copper needle, and crystal weight stone have already been recovered from these.



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## State Current Affairs

### “Free bus ride to women on Rakshabandhan”

- ❖ The Haryana Government has decided to provide free travel facilities to women on the buses of Haryana Roadways on Rakshabandhan, this year also.
- ❖ While stating this at Chandigarh today, Haryana Transport Minister, Mool Chand Sharma said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal has approved a proposal in this regard.
- ❖ Like the previous year, this year also, the women can avail of the free travel facility along with their children up to 15 years of age.
- ❖ He further said that free travel facilities could be availed from 12 noon on the 29th of August till 12 midnight on the 30th of August, the day of Raksha Bandhan.
- ❖ He said that the free travel facility will be applicable in ordinary and standard buses.



## National current affairs

### 7.25 lakh stolen mobile phones blocked through 'Sansar Saadi' website, Central Govt.

- ❖ The central government has announced that 7.25 lakh stolen cell phones across the country have been disabled through the 'Sansar Sadi' website launched by the central government in collaboration with the state governments.
- ❖ Last May, the Cybercrime Prevention Unit of the respective State Governments launched the website [ceir.sancharsaathi.gov.in](http://ceir.sancharsaathi.gov.in) in collaboration with the Central Government Telecom Corporation.
- ❖ So far only the SIM cards in stolen cell phones have been deactivated, so the public has got a new facility to disable their cell phones.
- ❖ Stolen cell phones can be blocked online through Central Government Device Identification Registry (CEIR). Also, through this website, you can know how many SIM cards and mobile phones are in whose name.
- ❖ Police will send SMS to complainants on insertion of new SIM card in disabled handset.
- ❖ An SMS will also be sent to the mobile operator.
- ❖ While buying old mobile phones, its (IMEI) number can tell how old it is and whether it is stolen.
- ❖ So far 7.25 lakh mobile phones have been disabled through this website.
- ❖ Telangana is the state where most stolen mobile phones are recovered through this website.
- ❖ So far 5000 mobile phones have been recovered and handed over to the rightful people.
- ❖ Next Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.



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## University. Funding for Research: Passage of the National Organization Bill

- ❖ The Anushanthan National Institute of Research Bill-2023, which will provide funding to universities across the country to carry out research, was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha approved the bill on August 7.
- ❖ This will create a National Research Institute (NRF) to fund high-level scientific research

## International news

### Indian High Commissioner paid tributes to "Bangbandhu Sheikh Majibur Rahman"

- ❖ Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh "Pranay Verma" paid tributes to Bangbandhu Sheikh Majibur Rahman on his 48th Death Anniversary at Tungipara in Bangladesh.
- ❖ During his visit to the mausoleum, High Commissioner Verma expressed his confidence that the "vision and ideals of Bangabandhu" will continue to guide and inspire the strong bonds of friendship between India and Bangladesh.





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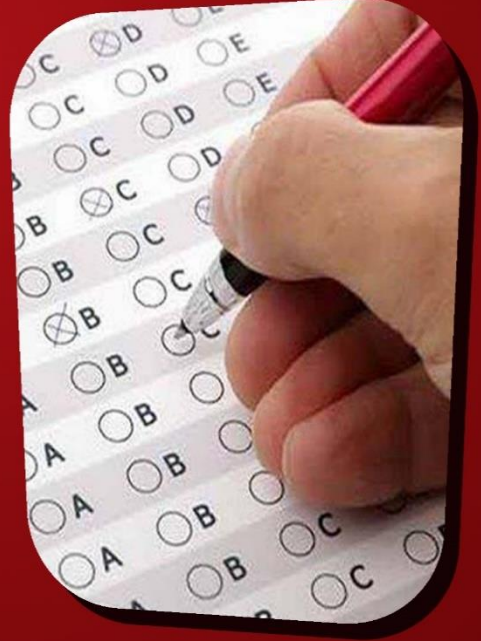
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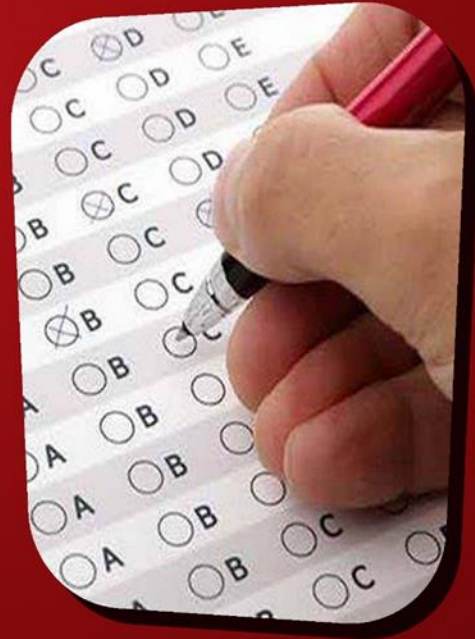
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