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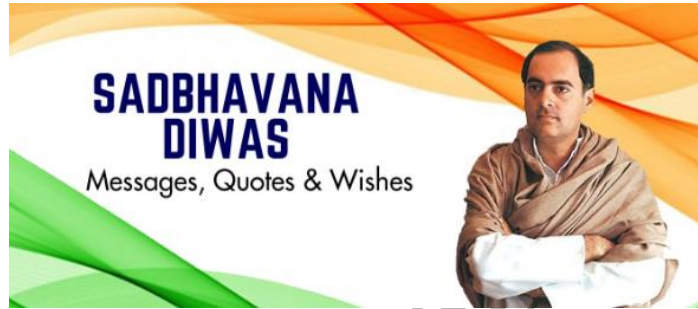
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20 & 21 August 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

20 August 2023 - Sadbhavna Divas

- ❖ Sadbhavna Diwas is celebrated on 20th August every year to commemorate the birthday of former Prime Minister of India Shri Rajiv Gandhi.
- ❖ The day commemorates the birthday of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India who served from 1984 to 1989.
- ❖ In 1992, the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna Award was instituted by the All-India Parliamentary Commission of the Indian National Congress in honour of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- ❖ The award is presented annually to those who have dedicated their lives to understanding and promoting social harmony



20 August 2023 - Akshay Urja Diwas

- ❖ Akshay Urja Diwas is an awareness campaign about the developments of renewable energy in India, celebrated on August 20 every year since 2004.
- ❖ The Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources initiated Akshay Urja Day (Diwas) in 2004.
- ❖ The first function was organised at New Delhi in 2004 and 2005 followed repeated in Nagpur in 2006 and at Hyderabad in 2007 and Panchkula, Haryana in 2008.
- ❖ The energy such as Solar Energy, Wind energy, hydroelectrical power are few examples of Akshay Urja.



21 August 2023 - World Senior Citizen Day

- ❖ The World Senior Citizens Day is celebrated on 21st of August every year
- ❖ The main aim of observing the World Senior Citizens Day is to raise awareness of the condition of elder people and support them.



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- ❖ It was first announced on 14th of December in the year 1990, by the United Nations General Assembly.

21 August 2023 - International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

The General Assembly established 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism in order to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

21 August 2023 - World Entrepreneur's Day

- ❖ Every year World Entrepreneurs' Day celebrated on August 21.
- ❖ The purpose of the World Entrepreneurs' Day is to create awareness for entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership throughout the world.
- ❖ WED is the day of founders, managers, producers, contractors, industrialists, innovators, administrators and designers.
- ❖ AIBA, the Alliance of International Business Associations invites everyone to organize happenings around the world to promote WED.

Sports

FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

- ❖ Spain secured their maiden Women's World Cup title with a 1-0 win over England in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup final in Sydney.
- ❖ Spain's first major international trophy became the first European team to win the Women's World Cup since Germany in 2007.
- ❖ Spain holds the distinction of being "the second country to win both the Men's and Women's World Cups".
- ❖ Germany won the Men's World Cup in 1974 and 1990 and the Women's World Cup in 2003 and 2007.
- ❖ Spain's victory was "a historic moment for the team, the country and the women's game".



Full list of winners

- ❖ Young Player of the Tournament: Salma Parallulo, Spain (19-year-old star)
- ❖ Golden Glove: Mary Earps, England
- ❖ Golden Boot: Hinata Miyazawa, Japan (Golden Boot for scoring most five goals in a match)
- ❖ Silver Boot: Cadetiato Diani, France
- ❖ Bronze Shoe: Alexandra Popp, Germany
- ❖ Golden Ball: Aidana Bonmati, Spain
- ❖ Silver Ball: Jennifer Hermoso, Spain



❖ Bronze Ball: Amanda Ilstedt, Sweden

R Pragnananda

- ❖ R. Pragnananda is the "first Indian" since Viswanthan Anand to reach the semi-finals of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) World Cup.
- ❖ In the semi-finals, former world champion Magnus Carlsen also defeated Nijad Abaso in the first game.
- ❖ Among the four Indians who advanced to the quarter-finals, Pragnananda is the only Indian player.



Asian Junior Squash Tournament

- ❖ India's Anahat Singh won the gold medal in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championship held in Dalian, China from August 16-20.
- ❖ 15-year-old Anahat 2023 won the gold medal by defeating 'Hong Kong's Ena Guang' 3-1 in the final on August 20.
- ❖ She defeated Malaysian players 'Dois Lee and Whitney Isabelle Wilson' in the quarter-finals and semi-finals respectively.
- ❖ The Indian player rose to prominence in 2019 when she won the U-11 title during the "British Junior Open Squash" and the U-13 title at the "Dutch Junior Open Squash".
- ❖ Earlier this year, Anahat won the U-15 category of the British Junior Open Squash, defeating Egypt's Sohaila Hazem in the final.



Lionel Messi

- ❖ After leading his country to their third Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup title last year, Lionel Messi has once again helped Inter Miami win their first League Cup title.
- ❖ Not only did Messi score his 10th goal in seven matches in American football, but he did not lose a single match for his new club.
- ❖ And the goal was Messi's 37th in a cup final in his career.



World Archery: 2 golds for India

- ❖ India set a record by winning 2 gold medals in the fourth round of Archery World Cup.
- ❖ The Indian team consisting of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Duodale and Prathamesh Jhawkar won the gold medal in the men's compound event at the games held in the French capital Paris by defeating the American team consisting of Chris Schaub, James Lutz and Sawyer with a score of 236-232.





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- ❖ In the women's compound category, Jyoti Sureka, Aditi Swamy, Parneet Kaur won the gold by defeating the Mexico team with a score of 234-233. "Jyoti" won bronze in individual compound category.
- ❖ In men's recurve category, "Deeraj Athanu Das, Tushar Prabhakar" won bronze in women's category Bhajan Kaur, Ankita Bhagat and Simranjit Kaur. India won a total of 5 medals including 2 gold.

International Surfing Open: Japan Champion

- ❖ Won the title of "Japan Champion" in both women's and men's categories at the International Surfing Open (Wave Skiing).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority, World Surfing Federation, Indian Surfing Federation organized the international open competition at Mamallapuram beach on 14th.
- ❖ At the end of the competition, Japan's "Sara Wakita" won the women's title with 13.50 points.
- ❖ In the men's final, Japan's Tenshi Iwami was crowned champion with 16.30 points.
- ❖ It has been announced that 6 players from India will be sent to the Asian Surfing Championship, 1 player at the expense of the Federation.



Schemes and their Utility

"Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)"

- ❖ The total number of Jandan accounts has crossed 50 crores.
- ❖ Out of a total of 50 crore accounts, 56 per cent accounts are from women and 67 per cent accounts are opened in rural and semi-urban areas.
- ❖ The total deposits in these accounts are over Rs 2.03 lakh crore.
- ❖ Around 34 crore rupee cards have been issued free of charge With these accounts.



Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

- ❖ It was launched on August 28, 2014.
- ❖ It was started to "provide banking facilities to the people".

Onion export duty

- ❖ The price of a kilo of tomatoes has crossed Rs.200. Now that the prices of tomatoes have come down, the central government has taken action on onions.
- ❖ "Centre imposes 40 percent tax on onion exports".
- ❖ The move is to curb the rise in onion prices in the domestic market and improve supply has been taken.
- ❖ "This is the first time" that an export tax has been levied on onions.





Science and Technology

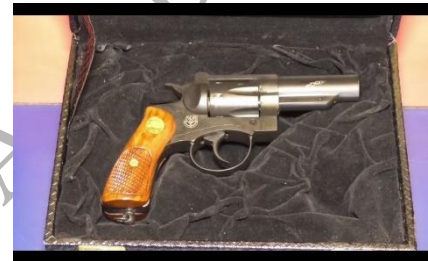
Russia's first Luna-25

- ❖ Luna-25, Russia's first lunar lander in nearly 50 years, was due to enter orbit yesterday, but it failed due to some glitches, Russian space agency Roscosmos said in a statement.
- ❖ Meanwhile, India's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 has successfully lowered the orbit of the "Lander Module" (LM) and brought it closer to the Moon.
- ❖ The "Lander Module" (LM) is scheduled to land near the Moon's south pole on August 23.



Swing Revolver 'Prabal'

- ❖ India's first long-range side-swing revolver 'Prabal' has been launched by Advanced Arms and Instruments India Limited (AW&EIL) with a capacity "twice that of other revolvers".



Features

- ❖ The Prabal revolver is a lightweight '32 caliber side swing' weighing: 675 grams (without cartridges).
- ❖ Accuracy: Can hit targets up to 50 meters beyond the range of other civilian pistols.

Advanced Arms and Equipment India Limited (AW&EIL)

- ❖ It is a Defense Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) under the Ministry of Defense, Govt. India's. It was incorporated on 14 August 2021 under the Companies Act 2013.
- ❖ Chairman and Managing Director – Rajesh Chaudhary
- ❖ Headquarters- Ordnance Factory Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Economy & Banking

Mobile App of YES BANK

- ❖ Yes Bank Limited (Limited), has launched 'Iris by Yes Bank', a state-of-the-art mobile banking application.
- ❖ It is the bank's first direct-to-consumer platform, allowing new and existing customers to access more than 100 features and services.



Key features

- ❖ It can open a savings account, apply for a credit card, Get instant personal, business and auto loans, helps in booking recurring and fixed deposits.



Indian Bank's - Online Locker system

- ❖ Through the Digital Document Execution (DDE) platform "Indian Bank" has become the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to implement Online Locker Agreement.
- ❖ Indian Bank's "Digital Document Execution" (DDE) is a fully automated, contract execution platform with paperless e-stamp and electronic signature (e-signature) facility.
- ❖ The feature "enables joint account holders to easily execute locker agreements".
- ❖ It enables customers to track transaction status and download Electronic Evidence (65B) certificate instantly.
- ❖ A 65B certificate is a certificate submitted to a court in India for the production of electronic or digital evidence in certain cases.



Indian Bank

- ❖ Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director- Shanti Lal Jain
- ❖ Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Year of Establishment – 1907
- ❖ Tagline - Your own bank

Tamilnadu news

Startup Festival

- ❖ A 2-day startup festival organized by the Tamil Nadu Innovation and Innovation Movement started on Saturday at Kodisia campus in Coimbatore.
- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin participated in this function and spoke through video
- ❖ As of March 2021, only about 2,300 start-up companies were registered in Tamil Nadu. But, this number has almost tripled in 2 years and now stands at over 6,800.
- ❖ Mentor TN to provide guidance to entrepreneurs. Guide software platform is launched
- ❖ Investor Connect platform launched to connect investors and entrepreneurs
- ❖ Chennai tops Indian cities in attracting venture investments based on last July data.
- ❖ This shows the confidence investors have in Chennai-based companies despite the sluggish investment environment.
- ❖ In order to create global investment and market opportunities for entrepreneurs, a hub is to be set up in Dubai, which is becoming a world trade hub.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has bagged the 'Leader' recognition given by the Central Government's Start Up India organization.
- ❖ More than 450 companies participated and showcased their innovations in this startup festival which is being held for the first time in Tamil Nadu.

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- ❖ The Central Department of Renewable Energy has decided to request a contract point for setting up a wind power plant in the Tamil Nadu coast.
- ❖ On behalf of the Central Renewable Energy Department, the Central Government has confirmed that there are possibilities for this, not only on land as in foreign countries, but also in the sea area within the boundaries of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat states.
- ❖ In this situation, currently, the renewable energy department has decided to set up wind farms in the southern districts including Tuticorin, Ramanathapuram, and Gulf of Mannar.
- ❖ For this, it has been decided to call for tenders rather than lease the seabed to private companies.
- ❖ Wind Power Producers said: The offshore area will be leased for setting up a wind farm of 4,000 MW this year and 3,000 MW in 2024-25

- ❖ For this the cost will be determined on a per square kilometer basis. The contracting company will determine which part of the offshore bill is windy,
- ❖ A two-year study on how fast and in which direction it is blowing, and based on the results, will take steps to set up a wind power plant.
- ❖ He said that the central government has already made a request to the central government to supply the electricity generated from the wind turbines to be set up in the sea area within the territorial waters of Tamil Nadu to Tamil Nadu at Rs.4 per unit.

National news

Vande Bharat in orange: successful trial run

- ❖ Trial run of Vande Bharat train converted to orange and gray livery was successfully conducted on Saturday.
- ❖ All these Vande Bharat coaches are manufactured by the Integrated Railway Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.
- ❖ In this case, the railway minister Ashwini Vaishnav had recently announced that the Bharat Train, which was running in white and blue colours, would be changed to orange and grey.
- ❖ He had also said that henceforth all Vande Bharat trains manufactured at ICF will be manufactured in orange and gray colours.
- ❖ Meanwhile, the new Vande Bharat rail in orange-grey color is ready for trial run on the track near ICEF-BIL on Saturday.
- ❖ There are reports that this new color Vande Bharat train is likely to be operated on the Egmore-Tirunelveli route.

- ❖ The 'Vande Bharat rail' service was first launched between Delhi-Varanasi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ This train runs in white and blue colour. 25 Vande Bharat trains are running across the country.
- ❖ This train operates between Chennai-Mysore and Chennai-Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Also, Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli, Chennai - Tirupati train service notifications are expected to be released soon.

India's winning solutions are applicable to all regions of the world



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- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said solutions that succeed in India are applicable to all parts of the world.
- ❖ He was speaking at the G20 Group of Eight Economic Working Group Ministerial meeting held in Bangalore on Saturday via video link
- ❖ India is ready to share its experiences with the world.
- ❖ India has now built a world-class online public octet repository. It is an Indian layer created so that no one is left behind.
- ❖ The participants attending this meeting should try to create a pathway to discover octave skills between countries.
- ❖ Also, efforts should be made to set up e-learning center for octal skill development.
- ❖ The G20 representatives must act with caution against the security threats and challenges facing the eight economies as they have the potential to spread globally.
- ❖ Consensus should be built on the G20 high-level principles for a secure, reliable and resilient octane economy.
- ❖ The G20 countries have a unique opportunity to lay the foundations for an inclusive, prosperous and secure global eight future.
- ❖ Inclusive finance and productivity can be brought together through eight public infrastructures.
- ❖ India has revolutionized financial transactions by connecting people's financial bank accounts, Aadhaar ID numbers and mobile numbers at a single point.
- ❖ India is developing an artificial intelligence-enhanced translation platform called 'Pashini'. It will provide inclusive octal solutions in various languages in India, he said.

