









Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - August 14, 2023

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 14th August 2023. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

Let's start with 'Sports'.

Punjab FC signs French Midfielder for the upcoming ISL season

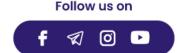
The 25-year-old Talal, who has played for Angers SCO Reserves, Amiens SC, Entente SSG, Las Rozas CF, Red Star FC, and US Avranches, joins Punjab FC on a one-year deal. He is expected to add creativity and attacking prowess to the Punjab midfield.

Key Points about Indian Super League

- It is the men's highest level of the Indian Football League System.
- The league comprises 13 clubs currently.
- It was founded in 2013.
- Its organising bodies are AIFF and FSDL.
- Aim is to grow the sport of football in India and increase its exposure in the country.



Now, let's move to the 'National' News.



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IEPFA and CSC launched two Investor awareness vans titled Niveshak Sarathi

The vans will travel across Delhi-NCR and will be equipped with a TV screen running 'Hisab Ki Kitab', a series of investor awareness movies created by IEPFA. The vans will also have a public address system to ensure effective communication. This initiative is a step towards promoting financial literacy among investors and protecting them from fraud.

Key Points

- It is aligned with the theme 'From Awareness to Financial Independence'.
- Initiative aims to disseminate crucial financial education and raise awareness against fraudulent schemes across delhi ncr region.
- Van's are equipped with TV screens running 'Hisab Ki Kitab', movies developed by IEPFA.
- The endeavour was fortified by the Partnership of Common Service Centre as knowledge partner.

About IEPFA:

Stands for: Investor Education and Protection Fund

Established in: 2016 under Company Act

Nodal Ministry: Corporate Affairs

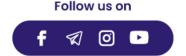
Extras: Responsibility of the Investor Education Protection Fund.



How much are you aware of the Economy sector? Read this news!

Gross Direct Tax Collections rose 16% to 6.53 lakh crore this fiscal as per CBDT

This collection is over 32% of the total Budget estimates of Direct Taxes for 2023-24. Collections from Direct taxes that include personal income tax and corporate tax continue to register steady growth.



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Key Points

- Refunds amounting to 69000 crore have been issued till August that is 3.73% higher than refunds issued during the same period.
- Net Direct tax collection after adjusting refunds stands ar 5.84 lakh crore which is 17.73% higher than last year.

About CBDT:

Stands for: Central Board of Direct Taxes

Reports to: Government of India

Formation: 1964 Chairman: Nitin Gupta





Let's move on to the 'International' news.

55 people died due to the Forest Wildfire through Hawaiian Island of Maui

Thousands of people have been forced to evacuate their homes and a state of emergency has been declared. Western side of the Island which is the second largest archipelago was almost cut off entirely.

About Maui:

- A) Second largest of the Islands of the state of Hawaii.
- B) Maui is the largest of Maui County's four Islands which include Moloka i, Lana i, and Kaho'olawe.
- C) Its highest point is Haleakala.
- D) It is a Whale watching centre in the Hawaiian Islands due to humpback whales wintering in Maui County.

About Hawaii islands:

Capital: Honolulu

Location: Above Equator, Pacific Ocean Admitted to the USA: August 21, 1959.



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Are you aware of the technology sector?

Researchers at IIT Bombay and ICMR-NIRRH develop devices called Placenta-on-a-chip (POC)

It will enable early detection of adverse conditions and allow researchers and Healthcare professionals to observe issues arising during pregnancy. It offers novel advancements in making pregnancies safe.

Key Points

- Researchers have used microfluidic technology that can create an environment that represents basic organ structure.
- Patient specific sample screening will be possible for personalised medicine.
- Currently techniques for studying the placenta and its conditions are very few and consist of systems that do not resemble Human Placenta.

About Placenta

- A) Organ that develops around the uterus during pregnancy.
- B) Provides oxygen and nutrients to the growing baby.
- C) 4 types of Placenta
 - Posterior Placenta
 - Anterior Placenta
 - Fundal Placenta
 - · Lateral Placenta
- D) It is a temporary organ.

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Let's hear this news from Space Technology.

Indian GPS NavIC to be integrated into Aadhar Enrolment devices across the country

Government of India has been pushing cell phone makers in India to make their instruments compatible with NaVIC.Department of Space announced plans to integrate NavIC with aadhar Enrolment devices. Currently Aadhar Enrolment devices are linked to GPS.

About NavIC:

- A) It is a constellation of 8 satellites with only 7 satellites remaining active.
- B) NavIC is also called Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System(IRNSS).
- C) It offers two types of services that are Standard Position Service and Restricted Service.
- D) NDMA uses NavIC as an alert dissemination system for various natural hazards.



Have you heard the news about Niger?

The Government of India asks netizens to leave Niger as soon as possible following a military coup

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General Tchiani declared himself leader of Niger after instigating a military coup against president Mohammed Bazoum. West African Countries suspend key military meetings.

Key Points

- 2021 Presidential Election witnessed Nigers first peaceful democratic transfer of Power since its independence from France in 1960.
- This is the 5th coup in Niger since then.
- European Union has announced suspension of security and funding cooperation with Niger.
- General Tchiani has been head of the Presidential Guard since 2011.

Interesting facts About Niger:

- A) Country got its name from the river Niger.
- B) French colony till 1960
- C) 5-7% of the Global Production of Uranium.
- D) Capital: Niamey
- E) One of the poorest countries in the world, ranked 189 out of 191 countries in HDI.



Let's read this news on Industrial Sector.

Industrial Production growth dips to a 3 month low of 3.7% as per Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of June 2023 grew by 3.7%, down from 4.0% in May 2023. This is the lowest growth rate in 3 months. The manufacturing sector grew by 3.1%, while the mining and quarrying sector grew by 7.9%. The electricity sector grew by 10.3%.

The decline in industrial production growth is a cause for concern. It could be due to a number of factors, including rising input costs, supply chain disruptions, and the ongoing global economic slowdown.

Key Points

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- Previous low of IIP was at 1.9% in March 2023 which rose to 4.5% in April.
- Manufacturing sectors output grew 3.1% in June 2023 compared to 12.9% in 2022.
- Consumer Non Durable goods output increased by 1.2%.

About Index of Industrial Production:

- A) Prime indicators of economic development measuring trends in behaviour of Industrial Production.
- B) Published by the Central Statistics Association on a monthly basis.
- C) Base Year: 2011-12.



Do you know the theme of World Elephant Day 2023?

World elephant Day was observed on August 12, 2023 worldwide

With the largest population of Wild Asian Elephants, India is the mainstay for long term conservation of the species. Elephants are considered as Ecosystem Engineers and create microhabitats for smaller mammals and invertebrates.

Key Points

- Theme for 2023: Ending the Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Theme highlights the importance of stopping the illegal trade in Elephant Ivory and other animal products.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants including habitat loss, poaching and human Elephant conflict.
- The date August 12 was chosen to honour the Iconic Asian Elephant that holds cultural and ecological significance.



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Elephants and India:

- A) Home to 29,964 elephants
- B) More than 60% of World's Wild Asia tickets Elephant population homes in India.
- C) 31 Elephant Reserves.
- D) Karnataka has the highest Elephant population with 6399 elephants.



Look at this last but not the least news for today.

NASAs Parker Solar Probe course correction paved the way for Historic sixth Venus Flyby

The probe executed a short manoeuvre that kept the spacecraft on track. Precise timing and position are critical for the sixth of the seventh planned flyby.

Key Points

- Parker Solar Probe is a NASA spacecraft launched with a mission to study the Sun's outer atmosphere or Corona.
- The Probe was launched in 2018 and aims to gather the dynamics of solar wind, magnetic field and energy particles in the Corona.
- The Probe will make 24 close approaches to the Sun to achieve the aim.
- The Probe reached the atmosphere of the Sun in December 2021 and gathered data since then.

Features of Parker Solar Probe:

Composition: 4.5 inch thick carbon composite shield

Mass: 685 kg

Mission duration: 7 years Payload mass: 50 kg

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