

## Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - August 24, 2023

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Let's check this news about NLCIL. Then, we will move ahead.

# NLCIL completes permanent diversion of Paravanar course

The Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited announced successful completion of permanent diversion of the Paravanar river course. The major portion of 10.5 kms out of the total 12 kms had already been completed. NLCIL solidified its commitment to safeguard communities and Agricultural fields from vagaries of nature.

### Key Points:

- A) Paravanar river plays a crucial role in managing stormwater from a vast catchment area spreading over 100 square km.
- B) NLCIL took the responsibility of ensuring a secure and permanent waterway through diversion of Paravanar.
- C) NLCIL had been effectively using the Paravanar river water to irrigate numerous acres of land year round.

### About Paravanar River:

- A) Seasonal and Ephemeral river.
- B) Originates from Semmakottai Reserve forest near Raghavan Kuppam village in Tamil Nadu.
- C) Paravanar River basin is a leaf shaped basin and second smallest river basin of Tamil Nadu.



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## 7th edition of Secretariat Reforms report released

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances released the 7th edition of Secretariat Reforms for the month of June-July 2023. All Ministries and Departments of Government of India have adopted delayering and are in partially delayed/fully delayed category. 88.94 percent of Public Grievances have been disposed of.

### Key Points:

- A) 10 Ministries/ Departments have 100% share of e-receipts for June-July 2023.
- B) Cleanliness campaigns have been conducted at 7186 sites under the Swachhata campaign.
- C) 3.22 lakh physical files have been reviewed out of which 1.49 lakh files have been weeded out.

### About DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances):

- A) Nodal agency of Government of India for Administrative Reforms as well as Public Grievances.
- B) It is under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- C) It was set up in 1964 with the aim to promote excellence in Governance and Administrative Reforms.



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## 20th ASEAN-India Economic Minister meeting

India participated in the 20th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers meeting in Semarang, Indonesia. Rajesh Agarwal, Additional Secretary of the Department of Commerce co-chaired the meeting with Dr Zulfikifli Hasan, Minister of Trade, Indonesia. Economic Minister's or their representatives from all 10 ASEAN countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the meeting.

### Key Points:

- A) Bilateral trade and investment relations between India and ASEAN were reviewed to enhance economic partnership.
- B) India and ASEAN registered bilateral trade of USD 131.5 billion in 2022-23.
- C) Trade with ASEAN accounted for 11.3% of India's global trade in 2022-23.

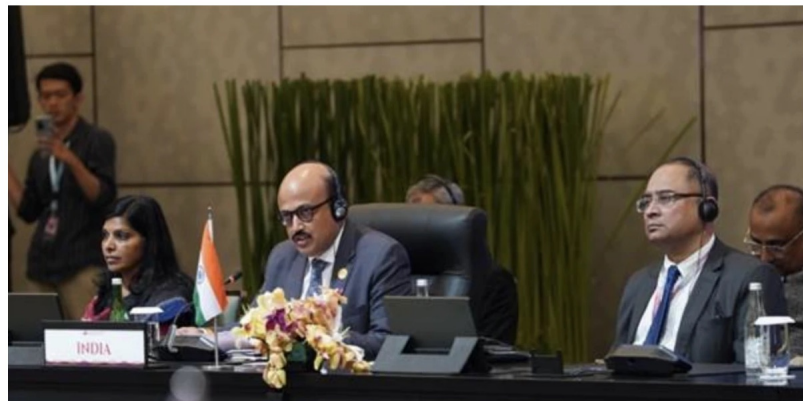
### About ASEAN:

- A) Stands for Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
- B) Established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- C) Founding fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- D) It is a political and economic union of 10 member states in Southeast Asia.
- E) Its headquarters is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.





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## MeitY-NSF 1st joint call on research collaboration

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced the 1st Joint call for proposals under the MeitY-National Science Foundation research collaboration. MeitY-NSF has signed an Implementation agreement on research collaboration in May 2023.

### Key Points:

- A) Research collaboration focuses upon discoveries and Innovations in areas of mutual interest.
- B) 1st joint call addresses proposals in the areas of Semiconductors research, next generation communication technologies, cyber security, sustainability and green technologies and Intelligent Transportation systems.
- C) Technology Development may be in terms of development of prototypes, pilot scale demonstrations, field deployment and acceleration of technology transfer.

### About NSF (National Science Foundation):

- A) Independent agency of the United States federal government.
- B) Founded on 10th May 1950.
- C) Its headquarters are located in Virginia, United States.
- D) The agency supports fundamental research and education in all non medical fields of science and engineering.





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## DRDOs TAPAS UAV crashed in Karnataka

TAPAS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) developed by DRDO crashes in Agricultural fields of a village in Karnataka. The UAV-TAPAS fell outside Vaddikere village in Hiriyur Taluk. DRDO said there was no collateral damage from the crash of TAPAS. DRDO is briefing the Ministry about the mishap and enquiry is being carried out into specific reasons behind the crash.

### About TAPAS UAV:

- A) Stands for The Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon-201 or TAPAS BH-201.
- B) It is a long endurance UAV previously called RUSTOM 2.
- C) Drone has a 20.6 metre wingspan and maximum speed of 225 kmph.
- D) Its real time data collection and transmission provide valuable intelligence for decision making.
- E) It can also cover 1000+ km via SATCOM using the Ku band frequency and GAGAN system.
- F) It is being developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment in India.



## Last survivors of Piripkura Tribe found in Brazil

Pakyi and Tamandua, final known isolated members of Piripkura tribe found in Brazil. Tamandua Piripkura spent his entire life eluding capture from modernity. They lived in the Amazon region of South America. Indigenous people have been killed all across the world for millennia as they are considered barriers to progress.

### Key Points:

- A) The two members of the tribe are at the focus of a wider issue of the future of Amazon and the local people that Brazil has been debating for years.
- B) Only two Piripkura tribe members are known to reside in the region while many are suspected to be hidden deep in the forest.
- C) Jair Candour discovered Pakyi and Tamandua for the first time in 1989.

### About Piripkura Tribe:

- A) Nomadic tribe from the Mato Grosso region of Brazil.
- B) Known for its isolation and efforts to maintain its traditional way of life.
- C) Their territory has been under threat from deforestation and resource extraction.





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## Six Palm Cockatoos rescued from Assam

Assam Police recently rescued six Palm Cockatoos (*Probosciger aterrimus*) birds from Cachar district of Assam. They are Australian exotic birds. The smugglers left the cages with birds inside them and fled the spot as police approached. The exotic birds will be taken to the Guwahati Zoo for a safer place.

### About Palm Cockatoo:

- A) Also known as Goliath Cockatoo or great black cockatoo.
- B) It has a very large black beak and red cheek patches.
- C) Native to New Guinea, Aru Islands and Cape York Peninsula.
- D) Occur in rainforest such as gallery forest, forest edges, eucalyptus etc.
- E) Under threat due to Habitat loss through logging and seasonal fires.





## Cholera Outbreak in Congo

UNICEF recently reported the worst cholera outbreak since 2017 affecting children in Congo. DRC reported more cholera cases in the first seven months of 2023 than all of 2022. Cholera cases are under-reported globally. It is endemic in several parts of DRC with 189,000 cases reported every year.

### Key Points:

- A) The overcrowded displacement camps have become the breeding grounds for cholera transmission.
- B) Survey also showed that families living in cholera hotspots faced multiple other health risks like malnutrition and lack of access to parental care and vaccinations.
- C) To combat the emergency UNICEF has called for 62.5 million dollars to enhance its prevention and response activities to cholera and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) crisis.

### About UNICEF:

- A) Stands for United Nations Children's Fund.
- B) Specialised agency of the UN established in 1946.
- C) It is headquartered in New York City, US.
- D) It provides Humanitarian assistance and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries.



## SECL to provide free residential coaching for NEET



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Chandigarh based Coal India subsidiary SECL will provide free residential medical coaching to students of Class 12th under its CSR initiative "SECL ke Sushrut". The company will mentor and provide coaching to students to help them prepare for National Medical Entrance Exam (NEET).

#### Key Points:

- A) Students from Poor economic background in coal belts areas of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh are to get benefit of the initiative.
- B) Selection of students for the coaching will be through a competitive exam based on the same pattern as NEET.
- C) The applicant must be domicile in MP or Chhattisgarh and eligibility criteria is minimum 60 percent in Class 12th.

#### About SECL:

- A) Stands for South Eastern Coalfields.
- B) It was established in 1985.
- C) Its parent organisation is Coal India and it is a Miniratna company.
- D) Its headquarters are located in Bilaspur, Chattisgarh.



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**South Eastern Coalfields Limited**  
A Government of India Undertaking  
A Miniratna Company

## Spain won FIFA Women's World Cup

Spain won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 defeating England 1-0 in a thrilling final at the Accor Stadium in Sydney. Spanish Captain Olga Carmonas first half goal proved to be a difference maker as her side kept hold of the lead.

#### Key Points:

- A) The win helped Spain clinch their maiden WWC title.



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B) Spanish teen sensation Paralluelo gets the Best Young Player award.

C) The Golden Glove award was given to England goalkeeper Earps.

#### **About Football:**

A) World's most popular game in number of participants and spectators.

B) Two teams of 11 players each try to manoeuvre the ball into the opposing team's goal.

C) Modern football originated in Britain in the 19th century.

D) It is also called Soccer in some nations.



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