

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - August 25, 2023

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Let's check this news about first ABDM Microsite. Then, we will move ahead.

First ABDM Microsite launched in Aizawl, Mizoram

The National Health Authority launched the first of the 100 proposed Microsites projects in Aizawl, Mizoram. The NHA had announced 100 Microsites projects for the accelerated adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) across the country. Mizoram appoints Youth for Action as the interfacing agency for implementing the ABDM Microsite in Aizawl.

Key Points:

- A) Mizoram becomes the first state in India to operationalize an ABDM Microsite in its capital city Aizawl.
- B) All Healthcare facilities including private clinics, small hospitals and labs in the region shall be made ABDM enabled and will offer Digital health services to the patients.
- C) The ABDM Microsites are defined Geographical regions where focused outreach efforts would be made to inboard small and medium scale private Healthcare providers.

About ABDM:

- A) Stands for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- B) The Government of India launched ABDM on 27th September 2021.
- C) It aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.



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Industry meet during One Week One Lap Programme at CSIR-CGCRI

Industry meet was organised at CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI), Kolkata as a part of the One Week One Lab (OWOL) programme. With the aim of highlighting the scientific and technological connect of laboratories with multiple tiers of society CSIR has initiated a unique One Week One Lab programme.

Key Points:

- A) Around 20 industries from various sectors joined the programme.
- B) Dr Debashis Bhattacharjee, Vice President of Tata Steel was the chief guest.
- C) The meet was followed by a visit to selected laboratories and interaction with relevant scientists to explore R&D collaboration.

About CSIR:

- A) Stands for The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- B) It was established by the Government of India in September 1942 as an Autonomous body.
- C) Its President is The Prime Minister of India.

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9th CPA India region conference inaugurated by Om Birla

Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla inaugurated the 9th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)-India Region Conference in Udaipur, Rajasthan. Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Naryan Singh were some of the other prominent guests present at the event.

Key Points:

- A) Topics like Strengthening of democratic institutions, making people's representatives more accountable and good Governance through Empowerment were discussed.
- B) Knowledge of Public representatives will be enhanced through the conference.
- C) The Guests released a coffee table book based on various programs and workshops organised by the Rajasthan branch of CPA.

ABOUT CPA:

- A) Stands for Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
- B) Established in the year 1911 with 57 countries as its member.
- C) Its Headquarters are located in London.
- D) The organisation works to support good Governance, democracy and human rights.



One Day National Seminar on Rice Fortification

The Department of Food and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution organised a one day National Seminar on Rice Fortification.

The Union Food Ministry has set a target to procure 521 lakh tonnes of rice in this Kharif season.

Key Points:

- A) The Government will implement a fully rice fortification program from March 2024.
- B) The Government of India is committed to ensure the nutritional security of the country through fortified rice Distribution across government Food safety net schemes.
- C) The Government is on track to achieve the target of 100% Distribution of fortified rice across all rice consuming districts in the country.

About Fortified Rice:

- A) It is an addition of key vitamins and minerals such as Iron, Zinc, Iodine etc.
- B) It is a cost effective and complementary strategy to increase vitamin and mineral content in diets.
- C) 1kg of fortified rice will contain Iron (28mg-42.5mg), folic acid (75-125mg) and Vitamin B12 (0.75-1.25mg) according to FSSAI.



Srettha Thavisin elected as new Prime Minister of Thailand

PM Modi congratulated Mr Srettha Thavisin on his election as the new Prime Minister of Thailand. Thailand has been administered by a caretaker government since March 2023 with its Parliamentary deadlock. Srettha Thavisin is of The Pheu Thai party. He required 375 votes to set up Bangkok's next government and instead won 482

Key Points:

- A) Incoming Prime Minister faces the task of revitalising Thailand after a decade of military rule.
- B) Pheu Thai is Thailand's second largest party.
- C) It formed an alliance of 11 parties spanning 314 votes to form a government.

About Thailand:

- A) It is a Southeast Asian country with its capital at Bangkok.
- B) It is known for its tropical beaches, royal Palaces, ancient ruins and temples of Buddha.
- C) Its currency is Thai baht.



Multilingual AI Translation SeamlessM4T launched by Meta

Technology company Meta formerly known as Facebook launched an advanced multilingual multimedia AI translation and transcription model named SeamlessM4T. It is capable of performing tasks such as speech-to-text, speech-to-speech, text-to-speech and text-to-text translations.

Key Points:

- A) SeamlessM4T stands for Massively Multilingual and Multimodal Machine Translation.
- B) It supports speech recognition for nearly 100 languages.
- C) It also recognises gender bias in languages and the model can quantify gender bias in translations.

About META:

- A) It was founded in February 2004.
- B) Formerly named as Facebook is an American Multinational technology conglomerate based in Menlo Park California.
- C) Its founders are Mark Zuckerberg, Eduardo Saverin, Andrew McCollum.



Maitri Setu to be functional soon

India-Bangladesh friendship bridge Maitri Setu is all set to become functional soon. It will provide a significant boost to regional connectivity and security. The bridge is set to become functional from September. It connects the southernmost tip of Tripura with Chittagong port in Bangladesh

Key Points:

- A) It is built over the Feni river which flows between Tripura and Bangladesh.
- B) It is 1.9 km long, joining Sabroom in Tripura with Ramgarh in Bangladesh.
- C) Construction of the bridge is overseen by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation.

About Feni River:

- A) Flows along the India-Bangladesh border.
- B) Originates in South Tripura district and meets the bay of Bengal after it flows into Bangladesh.
- C) Its tributaries are Muhuri, Raidak, Chandkhira, Ryang and Kushiya River.



Bacteria strain *Methylovimicrobium buryatense* 5GB1C consumes Methane

Researchers from the University of Washington revealed that *Methylovimicrobium buryatense* 5GB1C a Methanotroph could potentially remove Methane from major emissions sites. It can remove Methane from landfills, paddy fields and oil and gas wells, the study revealed.

Key Points:

- A) Harnessing this bacteria on a large scale can keep 240 millions tonnes of Methane from reaching the atmosphere by 2050.
- B) Methane is responsible for nearly 30 percent of the total global warming.
- C) The bacteria produces Biomass after consuming Methane which can be used in aquaculture.

About Methane:

- A) It is a Hydrocarbon that is the primary component of Natural Gas.
- B) It is also a Greenhouse gas.
- C) Its formula is CH_4 and is a group-14 Hydride, the simplest Alkane.
- D) It is a tetrahedral molecule with four equivalent C-H bonds.



Ancient Mylara Cult existed in coastal region

Recent discovery of two sculptures at Basrur in the Udupi district of Karnataka has proved that an ancient Mylara cult existed in the Coastal region. The two sculptures belong to the 15th century AD and 17th century AD. A mutilated unique Sculpture showing a royal hero sitting on a horse holding a sword was found in Basrur. Another tiny stone tablet contain Mylara and Mylaradevi sitting on ornate horse.

Key Points:

- A) Basrur is a historic trading city of the Mediaeval period.
- B) Trading guilds like Uhayadesi, Nanadesi and others actively participated in the trade.
- C) The key findings were done by Historian Murugeshi along with Pradeep Basrur, SN Bhat etc.

About Mylara Cult:

- A) Mylara is a folk deity identified as a manifestation of Lord Shiva.
- B) The deity is commonly known as Mailara in Karnataka and as Khandoba in Maharashtra.
- C) Cult is prevalent in the southern part of India including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

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Zango gave Burkina Faso its first Global Athletics title

Hague Fabrice Zango makes history in athletics for Burkina Faso winning gold in Men's Triple Jump in Budapest. The 30 year old won with a best effort of 17.64m to add gold to his world silver last year and Olympic bronze in 2021.

Key Points:

- A) It was the first Gold Medal in Men's Triple jump not only for Burkina Faso but also for Africa.
- B) Two Cubans filled minor positions with Lazaro Martinez leaping 17.41m and Cristian Napoles 17.40m.
- C) World Champion Jamaican Hibbert was favourite to win the gold but unfortunately pulled his hamstring.

About Burkina Faso:

- A) It is a landlocked country in West Africa bordered to Mali.
- B) Its capital is Ouagadougou and its official language is French.
- C) Previously called the Republic of Upper Volta was renamed to Burkina Faso by President Thomas Sankara.

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