

## Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - August 27, 2023

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Let's check this news about Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar. Then, we will move ahead.

# Government of India to launch Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar

The Government of India in association with state governments is launching an Invoice incentive scheme by the name 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' from September 1, 2023. The initiative is to encourage the culture of customers asking for invoices/bills for all purchases. The initiative will be launched in selected regions like Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

### Key Points:

- A) Objective of the scheme is to bring cultural and behavioural change in the general public to 'Ask for a Bill' as their right and entitlement.
- B) Invoices can be uploaded on mobile application Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar.
- C) Under the scheme there will be 800 monthly lucky draws of GST invoices with a prize value of 10,000 each, along with 10 draws of worth 10 lakh each.

### About Ministry of Finance:

- A) Ministry within the Government of India concerned with the economy of India.
- B) The Minister of Finance is Nirmala Sitharaman.
- C) It was founded on 29 October 1946.
- D) It also tables the Union Budget in the Parliament.



## Alcohol Beverage Norms amended by FSSAI

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) introduced Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) First Amendment Regulations, 2023 amending alcohol beverage norms. The amendment says no nutritional information would be given on the label except energy content.

### Key Points:

- A) The amendment will be effective from March 1, 2024.
- B) FSSAI also defined single malt whiskey and single grain whiskey.
- C) The regulation aims to provide clarity on labelling requirements for different types of whiskies.

### About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India:

- A) It is responsible for the enforcement of various provisions of the Food Security Act of the states.
- B) It was founded on September 5, 2008 by Anbumani Ramadoss and its headquarters are located in New Delhi.
- C) It is under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- D) It is a statutory body related to food safety and regulation in India.

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## International Conference on Structural Integrity inaugurated at Mamallapuram

The Third International Conference on Structural Integrity (ICONS 2023) was inaugurated at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu. It was inaugurated by Dr N Kailaiselvi, Director General, CSIR.

ICONS 2023 is jointly organised by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and Society for Failure Analysis in association with IIT Madras.

### Key Points:

- A) It was attended by 250 delegates from India and abroad composed of mechanical engineers, academicians, industry experts etc.
- B) 35 invited lectures and 200 contributory papers are to be presented during the conference.
- C) Conference to deliberate on topics such as ensuring structural integrity of structures and operating equipment in Nuclear, Defence, Aerospace, Chemical and Oil Industries.

### About Mamallapuram:

- A) Town on a strip of land between Bay of Bengal and Great Salt Lake in Tamil Nadu.
- B) Known for its UNESCO Heritage sites including temples and monuments built by the Pallava dynasty in the 7th and 8th centuries.
- C) It is also known as Mahabalipuram.



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## AI Coding tool Code Llama launched by Meta

Meta jumped into the AI race with the unveiling of its newly developed AI coding tool, Code Llama. The new AI powered tool is aimed to streamline work for coders and IT engineers while challenging OpenAI's ChatGPT. The tool will offer increased workflow efficiency and will be useful for those learning to code.

### Key Points:

- A) This free AI Model based on Meta's Llama 2 language model can generate code based on human text prompts, aid in code completion and facilitate debugging.
- B) It will support programming languages like Python, Java and C++.
- C) Code Llama could streamline software development processes by automating code generation and assisting with debugging tasks.

### About ChatGPT:

- A) Stands for Chat Generative Pre Trained Transformer.
- B) It is a large language model based chatbot.
- C) It was launched by OpenAI on November 30, 2022.
- D) It is capable of generating human-like text based on context and past conversations.





## BRICS expanded inviting six other countries

BRICS leaders announced the admission of six new countries- Argentina, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and UAE into the bloc from next year. The decision was taken at THE BRICS 2023 summit being held at Johannesburg. The move raises questions about China's growing control within the alliance as it drives the membership expansion.

### Key Points:

- A) With addition of new members BRICS will encompass nearly half of the world's population.
- B) The group will include three major oil producers- Saudi Arabia, UAE and Iran.
- C) Russia-China partnership amidst the Ukraine crisis has transformed BRICS into a potential bloc challenging the west.

### About BRICS:

- A) Stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- B) It was founded on June 16, 2009.
- C) It is a group of fastest growing economies of the World.



## Ukraine claims to destroy S-400 Missile System

Ukraine recently said it destroyed a Russian S-400 Anti-aircraft system on the Crimean Peninsula that Russia annexed in 2014. The Ministry published a video of a massive explosion near the village of Olenivka on the Tarkhankut Peninsula. Russian controlled territory has been targeted by daily Drone attacks in recent weeks.

### About S-400 system:

- A) The S-400 Triumf is a mobile surface to air Missile System.
- B) It is World's most advanced air defence system that can simultaneously track numerous incoming objects.
- C) It is developed by Almaz Central Design Bureau of Russia.
- D) It entered into service in April 2007.
- E) It is equipped with 4 different missiles that can engage enemy aircraft, ballistic missiles and AWACS planes at 400 km
- F) Its radars could pick incoming objects up to 1000 kms away.



## Rare Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus reported in US

A rare Mosquito borne virus Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was recently reported in US states of Alabama and New York. The virus has also been found in Horses and Mosquitoes in New York but no human cases have been reported there. Usually cases of this virus are reported in Eastern or Gulf Coast States according to US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Key Points:

- A) Approximately 30 percent of people with EEE virus die and survivors have ongoing neurological problems.
- B) There are no vaccines against the virus and specific medications to treat it.
- C) People of all ages are susceptible to infection but people over 50 and younger are at greater risk.

### About Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus:

- A) First discovered in horses in the 1830s.
- B) Extremely rare but serious and often fatal infection.
- C) It is not contagious and can only spread to humans through an infected Mosquito bite.



## Nine Member committee to overhaul DRDO



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The Central Government has recently constituted a 9 member committee to overhaul the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Professor K Vijay Raghavan has been bestowed with responsibility to review and redefine the role of the Department. The report is expected within 3 months from the committee.

#### Key Points:

- A) Primary objective is to redefine and restructure the role of the Department of Defence (R&D) and DRDO.
- B) DRDO has a reputation of acting as an obstacle on the way of best defence acquisition for the Indian Armed Forces in the name of developing Indigenous defence repertoire.
- C) Committee will work on rationalisation of laboratory structures and their performance implementation of projects.

#### About DRDO:

- A) Stands for Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- B) R&D wing of the Ministry of Defence.
- C) Formed in 1958 from amalgamation of TDE of Indian Army and DTDP.
- D) It is India's largest research organisation.



## MSDE to provide cloud skills training under Project AMBER



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The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with Generation India Foundation (GIF) and Amazon Web Services India Private Limited (AWS India) will provide cloud skills training to 1500 aspirants under project AMBER. The project lays a special focus on women and underprivileged groups.

**Key Points:**

- A) Project AMBER aims to train 30,000 youth, 50 percent of whom will be women.
- B) The program also covers the cost for learners to take the AWS cloud practitioner certification exam.
- C) It will bring entry level talent into the workforce and help individuals to launch successful cloud careers.

**About SANKALP:**

- A) Stands for Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion.
- B) It was launched in the year 2018 under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- C) It is a World Bank Assisted project and aligned to overall objectives of National Skill development Mission (NSDM).

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## Magnus Carlsen won FIDE World Cup 2023

The 32 year old Norwegian Magnus Carlsen beats India's Praggnanandhaa to win the FIDE World Cup. Magnus has dominated the International Chess Federation rankings for 12 years. The World cup was being played in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**Key Points:**

- A) Final went into a two game tie break after the first two rounds failed to produce a winner.



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B) Carlsen won the first game and the second game ended in a draw handing a win to the grandmaster.

C) Praggnanandhaa beat World number 2 Fabiano Caruana of US in the semi finals.

### About Magnus Carlsen:

A) Born on 30 November 1990 is a Norwegian Chess Grandmaster.

B) He is a former 5 time World chess champion and four time World Rapid Chess champion.

C) He is currently ranked World Number 1.



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