

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - August 31, 2023

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 31st August 2023. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

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

Operation Muskaan helps rescue missing children

Over 5000 miners were rescued by Mumbai Police under Operation Muskaan. It is a Ministry of Home Affairs project that aims to find missing children and rescue and rehabilitate them. Supreme Court directions are to file an FIR by Police for trafficking or kidnapping once they receive a complaint of a missing minor.

Key Points:

- A) Squads are stationed under every Police station as well as one under the Deputy commissioner to find missing children.
- B) Whatsapp groups are operated by policemen across the country where photos of missing kids are uploaded.
- C) Railways have also tied up with NGOs that have dedicated booths at major termini to bring in lost or missing children.

About Operation Muskaan:

- A) It is also known as Operation Smile that aims to find and rehabilitate missing children.
- B) It is a Ministry of Home Affairs project.
- C) It is a month-long campaign in which State Police Employees engage in various actions to identify and rescue missing children.



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[Image Source: The Times of India]

Awareness campaign for Elimination of Sickle Cell Anaemia

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda launched an Awareness Campaign and Training of Trainers for the Elimination of Sickle Cell Anaemia. The initiative will take forward the Prime Minister's vision of a Sickle Cell Disease free India by ensuring Jan Bhagidari.

Key Points:

- A) Awareness module will be translated into various tribal languages to ensure deep penetration.
- B) Community leaders to be engaged to ensure wide participation of masses in mission.
- C) The program envisages training of grassroot level functionaries so as to create awareness in this direction among masses.

About Sickle Cell Anaemia:

- A) It is a group of blood disorders typically inherited.
- B) It was first described by American physician James B Herrick in 1910.
- C) 80 percent of Sickle Cell disease cases occur in Sub Saharan Africa.



[Image Source: indiaeducationdiary.in]

Cabinet Resolution for success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission

The Union cabinet passed a Resolution on celebrating the historic success of Chandrayaan-3 mission. The cabinet welcomes that 23rd August would be celebrated as 'National Space Day'. The Cabinet congratulates the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its efforts.

Key Points:

- A) India became the first country to land near the Moon's south pole.
- B) Cabinet congratulated women scientists who participated in large numbers to make the mission a success.
- C) Cabinet welcomes the naming of two points on the moon as Tiranga Point (footprint of Chandrayaan-2) and ShivShakti point (Chandrayaan-3 landing spot).

About Chandrayaan programme:

- A) It is also known as the Indian Lunar Exploration program.
- B) These missions for exploration of the moon are launched by ISRO.
- C) The program incorporates a Lunar orbiter, an impact or, a soft lander and a rover spacecraft.
- D) First flight was Chandrayaan-1 on October 22, 2008 and recent flight was Chandrayaan-3 on July 14, 2023.



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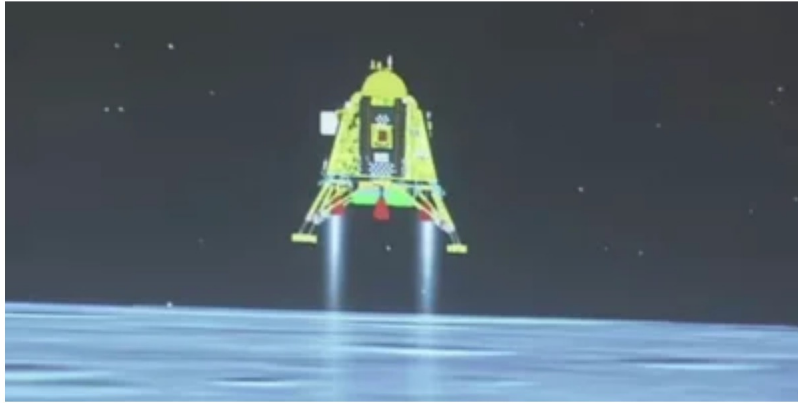


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[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

Circular Business models to attract USD 20 Billion by 2035

Joint report by Indian Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) and Accenture reveals that the Circular Electronics business model would create a USD 20 Billion market by 2035. The report was released by the Ministry of Electronics and IT secretary Alkesh Sharma.

Key Points:

- A) Circular Electronics Business model emphasises the 4R: Reuse, Repair, Recover and Remanufacture.
- B) Report represents nine bold policy interventions spanning downstream, use phase and upstream pathways.
- C) The model would foster multi brand repair services, define refurbishment standards and create a product as a service framework.

About ICEA:

- A) Stands for Indian Cellular and Electronics Association.
- B) It is the apex industry body of the mobile and electronics industry.
- C) Its Chairman is Pankaj Mohindroo.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

Foxconn Founder to run for Presidential election in Taiwan

Foxconn founder Terry Gou has announced that he will run for President of Taiwan as an independent candidate in the 2024 presidential elections. Gou previously ran for president as a member of Kuomintang but later withdrew from the party. Gou need to secure 290,000 voters' signatures to become President.

Key Points:

- A) Foxconn formally known as Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. is a major supplier to Apple and has many factories in China that manufacture I-phones.
- B) Terry Gou is most in line with Kuomintang, the opposition party friendly to China.
- C) The Kuomintang party believes China and Hong Kong together are a part of a country called the Republic of China.

About Taiwan:

- A) Officially called Republic of China is an island country in East Asia.
- B) Its capital city is Taipei and the currency is the new Taiwan Dollar.
- C) It is located at the junction of the East and South China Seas in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.



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Kampala Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change

48 African countries agreed to adopt the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC). It will address the nexus between human mobility and Climate change in Africa. It is the first comprehensive, action oriented framework led by member states to address Climate induced mobility practically and effectively.

Key Points:

- A) Representatives from 48 countries gathered in Nairobi, Kenya for the conference of states on the continental expansion of the Kampala Declaration.
- B) It was co-hosted by the Government of Kenya and Uganda with support from IOM and UNFCCC.
- C) It also enabled the African states to develop a common position ahead of the Africa Climate Summit and the Conference of Parties (COP 28).

About African Union:

- A) Continental union consisting of 55 member states.
- B) It was announced in the Sirte Declaration in Libya on September 9, 1999.
- C) Its headquarters are located at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



[Image Source: Twitter]

France to ban Abayas in State schools

France bans girls in state schools from wearing abayas, the full length robes worn by some Muslim women. The ban by the French government is part of its strict secularism policy "Laicite". The policy has been a sensitive and politically tense topic in the country.

Key Points:

- A) France has a strict ban on religious signs in state schools and government buildings.
- B) Wearing a headscarf has been banned since 2004 in state run schools.
- C) The announcement is the first major policy decision by Frances Education Minister Attal.

About France:

- A) Unitary semi Presidential republic in Western Europe.
- B) Its capital is Paris which consists of monuments like the Eiffel Tower.
- C) Its Official Language is French and currency is Euro.
- D) Its current President is Emmanuel Macron.



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[Image Source: The New York Times]

MoU to boost cooperation in Civil aviation between India and New Zealand

The Government of India and the Government of New Zealand signed a Memorandum of Understanding to boost cooperation in Civil aviation. It will cover the scheduling of new routes, Codeshares services, traffic rights and capacity entitlement. It will further boost bilateral ties between two countries.

Key Points:

- A) An Air Services Agreement was signed between New Zealand and India at Auckland on May 1, 2016.
- B) The MoU designates airlines of New Zealand to operate any number of services with any types of aircraft from six points in India.
- C) The six points are namely New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata.



[Image Source: pib.gov.in]

Comic book Let's Move Forward released

Union Education and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a Comic book developed by NCERT and UNESCO "Let's Move Forward". The launch event was held at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- A) The book focuses on good health and wellness. It will motivate students to prioritise holistic well being while entertaining them through storytelling.
- B) The Book will be accessible in 11 languages.
- C) Good stories are extremely important for developing societal harmony and well being.

About NCERT:

- A) Stands for National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- B) It is an Autonomous institute of Government of India.
- C) It was established in 1961 under Societies Registration act.
- D) It is a Literary, scientific and charitable society.



[Image Source: UNESCO]

HS Prannoy won Bronze at BWF World Badminton Championship 2023

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Indian Badminton player HS Prannoy secured a bronze Medal in the men's singles at BWF World Badminton Championships 2023. He was defeated by Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the semi final. The championship was held in Denmark.

Key Points:

- A) Prannoy became the fifth Indian men's singles player to win a medal at BWF World Badminton Championships.
- B) Prannoy defeated Danish Olympic and defending World champion Viktor Axelsen in the quarter finals.
- C) Kidambi Srikanth remains the only Indian to reach the men's singles final of the event.

About BWF:

- A) Stands for The Badminton World Federation.
- B) Its headquarters are located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- C) It was established in 1934 with 194 member nations.
- D) It is an International governing body for the sport of Badminton recognized by the International Olympic Committee.



[Image Source: The Indian Express]

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