

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - September 03, 2023

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 3rd September 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 New Chairperson of Railway board. Then, we will move ahead.

Jaya Varma Sinha appointed as Chairperson of Railway board

Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha took over the charge of new Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of the Railway board under the Ministry of Railways. The Appointments committee of Cabinet approved the appointment. She became the first woman to be appointed to this apex post of Indian Railways.

Key Points:

- A) She had worked as Member (Operations and Business Development) Railway Board previously.
- B) She was responsible for overall transportation of freight and passenger services on Indian Railways.
- C) She joined the Indian Railways Traffic Services (IRTS) in 1988.

About Ministry of Railways:

- A) It is a Ministry in Government of India.
- B) It was founded on 18th February 1905.
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw is the Minister of Railways



[Image Source: India Today]

National Conclave Unleashing the Potential of AgriTech Startups for Benefit of Farmers organised

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in partnership with FICCI, CII and PHDCCI organises a National Conclave "Unleashing the Potential of AgriTech Startups for the Benefit of Farmers". The Conclave aims to discuss and identify comprehensive support systems for Agri Startups in India.

Key Points:

- A) The Conclave aims to foster innovation, sustainability and profitability and make their solutions accessible to Farmers.
- B) Conclave also explores strategies to overcome challenges, leverage technology and capitalise on market opportunities to empower Agri Startups.
- C) Exhibition was also organised during the Conclave where various Startups showcased their innovative products and technology.

About FICCI:

- A) Stands for Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- B) It is a non governmental trade association and advocacy group based in India.
- C) It was founded in 1927 and its President is Subhrakant Panda.



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ASI to launch Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme

The Archaeological Survey of India announced the launch of "Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme", Indian Heritage Application and e-Permission portal. ASI has 3696 monuments under protection that are spread throughout the country.

Key Points:

- A) Under the programme ASI invites corporate stakeholders to enhance the amenities at the monuments by utilising their CSR funds.
- B) The program is the revamped version of an earlier scheme launched in 2017.
- C) The application will showcase the Heritage monuments of India and feature state wise details of monuments along with photographs.

About ASI:

- A) Stands for Archaeological Survey of India.
- B) It is responsible for archaeological research and the conservation and preservation of cultural historical monuments of India.
- C) It was founded in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham.



[Image Source: The Times of India]

Combined Index of Eight Core Industries increases by 8.0 percent in July

The Combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 8.0 percent in July 2023 as compared to the Index of July 2022. The production of Coal, Steel, Natural Gas, Cement, Refinery, Electricity, Fertilisers and Crude Oil increased in July 2023.

Key Points:

- A) ICI measures combined and individual performances of production of Eight core industries.
- B) The Eight core industries comprises 40.27 percent of weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- C) The highest increase individually was in the Steel production industry.

About IIP:

- A) Stands for Index of Industrial Production.
- B) It is an index that indicates the performance of various industrial sectors of the Indian economy.
- C) It is calculated and published by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) every month.



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[Image Source: The Economic Times]

TDB-DST backs Project TAMARA

The Technology Development Board and Department of Science and Technology backs innovative Waterbody Management Project TAMARA with Rupees 89 lakh funding support. As the World grapples with the challenges of managing dwindling water resources, the endeavours of the Government of India assumes even greater significance.

Key Points:

- A) The mission serves a two fold purpose: revitalising water bodies and reducing water waste, all while improving urban planning strategies.
- B) It aligns perfectly with the concept of Blue Economy.
- C) At the heart of this project is a smart aeration system enhanced with sensors and IOT based technology to manage water quality.

About Blue Economy:

- A) Term of economics relating to Exploitation, preservation and regeneration of Marine environment.
- B) Concept introduced by Gunter Pauli in 2010.
- C) It is a sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth.



[Image Source: indianeducationdiary.in]

Oncologist Dr Ravi Kannan won 2023 Ramon Magsaysay award

Assam based renowned Oncologist and Surgeon Dr Ravi Kannan has been named as one of the four winners of the Ramon Magsaysay award for the "Hero for Holistic Healthcare". He is the director of Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre.

Key Points:

- A) He is a Padma Shree awardee and holds a surgery degree in surgical oncology from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.
- B) He moved to Silchar in 2007 to take charge of Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre.
- C) He was awarded at the 65th anniversary of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation.

About Magsaysay Award:

- A) It is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine president Ramon Magsaysay.
- B) It was first awarded in 1958.
- C) It is awarded for Outstanding contributions in Government Service, Public Service, Community leadership, Journalism literature and Creative communication arts, Peace etc.



[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

6th Rashtriya Poshan Mah begins on September 1

The Women and Child Development Ministry is starting the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Mah from September 1, 2023. The Government is celebrating it throughout the month of September this year. POSHAN Abhiyaan has been instrumental in advancing nutrition outcomes for pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls and children under six years of age.

Key Points:

- A) Theme : Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat.
- B) The objective is to comprehensively tackle malnutrition through a life cycle approach.
- C) Poshan Mah 2023 will cultivate widespread awareness concerning critical human life stages, pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescence.

About Poshan Abhiyaan:

- A) Multi Ministerial convergence mission.
- B) Its vision is to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India by 2022.
- C) It was implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- D) It was launched in March 2018.



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**POSHAN
Abhiyaan**
PM's Overarching
Scheme for Holistic
Nourishment



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World's most advanced Arabic Large Language Model JAIS released

Inception, an unit of Abu Dhabi AI company G42 released JAIS, the World's most advanced Arabic Large Language Model. It is a bilingual Arabic-English model that has been trained on a massive dataset of text and code.

Key Points:

- A) It was trained on World's largest AI Supercomputer The Condor Galaxy.
- B) It is also open source which means that anyone can use it or contribute to its development.
- C) The release of JAIS is a significant step forward for the development of AI in the Arabic world.

About Condor Galaxy:

- A) It is an AI Supercomputer.
- B) It delivers 4 exaFLOPS of AI compute at FP16.
- C) It was made by Silicon Valley startup Cerebras.



[Image Source: News on Air]

Amit Shah to launch Amrit Kalash Yatra

Home Minister Amit Shah will start the Amrit Kalash Yatra from New Delhi under the Meri Mati-Mera Desh campaign. The campaign was announced on August 9 to honour the country's martyred Braveheart men and women.

Key points:

- A) Amrit Kalash Yatra will be organised across the country under which soil will be carried from all corners of the country in 7500 urns to create an Amrit Vatika in Delhi.
- B) The Amrit Vatika will be built near the National War Memorial and symbolise Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- C) At the end of October people in thousands will reach the country's capital Delhi with the Amrit Kalash Yatra.

About National War Memorial:

- A) It is a War memorial built to honour and remember soldiers of Indian Armed Forces.
- B) It is located near India Gate, New Delhi.
- C) It was opened on 25th February 2019.



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Gukesh replaced Viswanathan Anand as Top ranked Indian

17 year old Gukesh replaced his mentor Viswanathan Anand as the country's top ranked player on the published world rating list. The five time world champion is currently ranked ninth, a spot below Gukesh on the world list.

Key Points:

- A) World Number 8 Gukesh is the new India Number 1 with a career high rating of 2758.
- B) In 2019 Gukesh broke Praggnanandhaas record to become the country's youngest Grandmaster.
- C) Anand relinquished the Number 1 spot after 37 years and 2 months.

About Viswanathan Anand:

- A) He is an Indian Chess Grandmaster and former five time World Chess champion.
- B) He became the first Grandmaster from India in 1988.
- C) He was born on 11 December, 1969.
- D) He was elected as FIDE Vice President in 2022.



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