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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 4th 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 National Teachers Award 2023. Then, we will move ahead.

President to confer National Teachers Award 2023

The President of India Shri Droupadi Murmu is to confer the National Teachers Award 2023 to 75 selected awardees on 5th September 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Every year 5th September is celebrated as National teacher's day as the day commemorates Birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Key Points:

- A) The purpose of the award is to celebrate the unique contribution of teachers in the country.
- B) Each award carries a certificate of merit and cash award of Rupees 50000 and a silver Medal.
- C) From this year the ambit of National Teachers Award has been expanded to include teacher's of Department of Higher Education and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

About S. Radhakrishnan:

- A) He was an Indian politician, philosopher and served as 2nd president of India.
- B) He was born on September 5, 1888 in Tiruttani.
- C) He won Bharat Ratna in 1954.



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Action Plan for startups unveiled

Under the Startup India Action Plan for startups unveiled to create a vibrant startup ecosystem in the country. In order to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging private investments in the startup ecosystem of the country, the Government launched the Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016.

Key Points:

- A) Startup India is an initiative of the Government, not a scheme.
- B) The Action Plan comprises 19 action items spanning across areas such as Simplification and Handholding, Funding Support and incentives and Industry-Academia partnership and incubation.
- C) Government has notified the establishment of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS).
- D) Direct jobs created by the recognised startups over the last 3 years have increased.
- E) Government also facilitates participation and engagement of Indian Startups on International platforms.

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[Image Source : The Hindu]

The Indian Navy Quiz THINQ rechristened to G20 THINQ

The Indian Navy had scaled up the Inter School Quiz completion to a National Level School Quiz competition- The Indian Navy Quiz (THINQ) to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. This year in India assuming the Presidency of the prestigious G20, THINQ has become an international event and rechristened "G20 THINQ".

Key Points:

- A) The event is being conducted by the Navy under the aegis of G20 Secretariat and in partnership with NWWA (Navy Welfare and Wellness Association) and will have two levels National and International.
- B) Over 11,700 schools have registered for the Quiz.
- C) The National Final round to be held at Gateway of India on November 18.
- D) The International round of G20 THINQ will see a representation of young and bright minds from across the world.
- E) This round will see participation of teams from G20+9 Nations.
- F) The Motto of the Quiz is "SAIL Beyond the Horizon".



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[Image Source : Indian Navy]

PM Modi's visit to Jakarta

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will travel to Jakarta, capital of Indonesia at the invitation of Mr Joko Widodo, President of Republic of Indonesia. During the visit the PM will attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit being hosted by Indonesia as current chair of ASEAN.

Key Points:

- A) Forthcoming ASEAN-India Summit will be the first summit since the elevation of India-ASEAN relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2022.
- B) The Summit will review the progress of India-ASEAN relations and chart the future direction of Cooperation.
- C) Views on issues of regional and global significance will be exchanged during the summit.

About Indonesia:

- A) It is an Island nation in Southeast Asia .
- B) Its capital is Jakarta.
- C) It consists of 17000 islands including Sumatra, Java, Sulawesi and parts of Borneo and New Guinea.



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Tharman Shanmugaratnam won Singapore Presidential election

Singapore Indian origin ex minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam wins the Presidential election. He defeated two contenders of Chinese origin Ng Kok Song and Tan Kin Lian in the country's first contested presidential polls since 2011.

Key Points:

- A) He secured 70.4 percent of votes while the other two scored 15.7 and 13.88 percent.
- B) He joined politics in 2001 and promised the country to evolve the country's culture to keep it a shining spot in the world.
- C) He has served as Deputy Prime Minister from 2011 to 2019.

About Singapore:

- A) Island country and city state in Maritime Southeast Asia.
- B) It is located North of the Equator bordering Strait of Malacca, Singapore Strait, Malay Peninsula.
- C) Officially languages are English, Malaysia, Mandarin and Tamil and its National language is Malay.



[Image Source : The Wire]

India's first Solar Mission ADITYA-L1 launched

ISRO launched India's first Solar Mission ADITYA-L1 on the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota Launchpad. Union Minister Jitendra Singh termed it as India's Sunshine Moment. The Satellite was placed successfully into the intended orbit.

Key Points:

- A) India's first solar Observatory has begun its journey to the destination of Sun-Earth L1 Point.
- B) ADITYA-L1 is the first space based Indian Mission to study the Sun.
- C) The spacecraft shall be placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange Point of the Sun-Earth system.

About PSLV:

- A) Stands for Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.
- B) It is an expendable medium lift Launch vehicle designed and operated by ISRO.
- C) It is a 3rd generation Launch Vehicle.



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DSC A20 launched at Titagarh, Kolkata

DSC A20, the first ship of the Five Diving Support Craft project was launched at Titagarh, Kolkata onto Hooghly river. The launch ceremony was presided over by VAdm Sanjay Mahindru. Mrs Aradhna Mahindru launched the ship with invocation from Atharva Veda.

Key Points:

- A) These ships are designed to undertake operational/training diving operations in harbours and coastal waters
- B) They are 30 m long catamaran hull ships with a displacement of across 300 tons.
- C) All five DSC are anticipated to be delivered to the Indian Navy in 2024-25.

About Titagarh Rail Systems:

- A) It was formerly known as Titagarh Wagons Limited.
- B) It was founded on 3rd July 1997 and its headquarters are located in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- C) It is a prominent Indian rolling stock manufacturer in the private sector.



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Genetic mapping of Kakapo

The genetic mapping of almost the entire kakapo population has shed new light on specific traits that will help conservation biologists in their efforts to save the Critically Endangered flightless night parrots. It will help New Zealand's rare night parrot survive.

Key Points:

- A) The genetic mapping will provide a blueprint for conservation of other Threatened species.
- B) Kakapo are remarkable and unusual birds found only in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- C) Kakapo suffer from diseases such as fungal infection Aspergillosis.

About Kakapo:

- A) It is a large, nocturnal, flightless, lek breeding parrot.
- B) It has a pale owl-like face and feet Grey with pale soles.
- C) They only breed every few years and many of their eggs are infertile.



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Global Fund Secure deal to reduce HIV treatment price

The Global Fund announced a deal with generic pharmaceutical manufacturers to slash the price of cutting edge HIV drugs. The Global Fund is a partnership set up in 2002 to battle AIDS, tuberculosis and Malaria. It said that agreement would make it possible to provide the advanced pill known as TLD for under USD 45 per person.

Key Points:

- A) The improved pricing i.e. 25 percent reduction will allow government in resource limited settings to expand access to critical HIV services.
- B) The three in one pill bands together the drugs tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, lamivudine and dolutegravir.
- C) The Global Fund along with UNAIDS, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others partnered in 2017.

About Global Fund:

- A) It was founded on 28th January 2002.
- B) Its headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- C) Its founders are Melinda French Gates, Bill gates, Kofi Annan, Jeffrey Sachs, Amir Attaran.
- D) It is an international financing and partnership organisation.



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[Image Source : Business Standard]

Neeraj Chopra finished 2nd in Diamond League

The Golden Arm of India and the newly crowned World Champion Neeraj Chopra finished second in Men's javelin event in Zurich Diamond League. The Indian star javelin thrower secured a throw of 85.71 m in his last attempt.

Key Points:

- A) Neeraj finished behind Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch who covered a distance of 85.86 m.
- B) With the throw Neeraj qualified for the Diamond League Final in Eugene.
- C) Neeraj Chopras winning streak came to an end with this result.
- D) Athletes are awarded points instead of medals for competing in each leg of the Diamond League Series.
- E) The top six athletes in each event at the end of all the legs will qualify for the Diamond League Final in Eugene in September.

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