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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 8th 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 IEPFA celebrated 7th Foundation Day. Then, we will move ahead.

IEPFA celebrated 7th Foundation Day

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority celebrated its 7th Foundation Day. It held a conference on 'Understanding the Psychology of Scams: How to Avoid Fraudulent Schemes' in collaboration with ICSI and NCAER.

Key Points:

- A) Conference garnered active participation from diverse segments.
- B) Over 70,000 awareness programmes in six years impacted 30 lakh citizens.
- C) Female Investor Participation rose from 9 to 19 percent since IEPFAs establishment in 2016.

About IEPFA:

- A) Stands for Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority.
- B) It was established by the Government of India on 7th September 2016.
- C) It is entrusted with responsibility of administration of the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF).

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[Image Source: PIB]

Green Hydrogen Pilots in India conference held

In the run up to 18th G20 Summit, a day long conference on Green Hydrogen Pilots in India conference was held. It showcased various Green Hydrogen Pilots being implemented by both Public and Private Sector companies of India.

Key Points:

- A) The conference was hosted by NTPC Ltd. and also presented pioneering innovative Pilots and progress in Green Hydrogen technology.
- B) Pivot towards Green Hydrogen inspired by quest for Self Reliance and concern for environment.
- C) Discussions during the event will help in assimilation of information and encourage sharing of achievements and challenges faced by early movers.

About NTPC:

- A) Stands for National Thermal Power Corporation.
- B) It was founded on November 7, 1975 and its headquarters are located in New Delhi.
- C) It is an Indian Central Public Sector Undertaking under the ownership of the Ministry of Power.



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Malaviya Mission launched

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Malaviya Mission- Teachers Training Programme by the University Grants Commission at Kushal Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- A) He also inaugurated the Portal of the programme and released its information brochure.
- B) It aims to provide tailored training programmes for teachers. It will work for capacity building of faculty members in higher educational institutions.
- C) The Programme is an endeavour to make our educators future ready with a deeper understanding of Indian Values.
- D) The two week online programme shall focus on various themes identified for course curriculum for capacity building of faculty members at higher educational institutions.
- E) UGC has also established a dedicated portal for faculty members to register for the capacity building programmes.



[Image Source: PIB]

Indian Post and Shiprocket partner to strengthen e-commerce export

Department of Posts as part of its ongoing initiatives to create an export ecosystem for e-commerce in the country, entered into an agreement with Bigfoot Retail Solution Pvt Ltd (Shiprocket). It is one of the leading e-commerce enablement platforms.

Key Points:

- A) The collaboration aims to enhance e-commerce exports by leveraging India Post's extensive presence and reliable shipping solutions.
- B) The agreement will lead to technical integration between Dak ghar niryat Kendra and Shiprocket and enable India based sellers to directly generate e-PBE and shipping labels from Shiprocket Platform itself.
- C) Partnership holds immense promise as we work together with logistics aggregators and e-market place leaders to promote e-commerce exports in a digital age.

About Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra:

- A) Initiative of the Department of Posts and CBIC.
- B) It will enable small exporters to electronically file a portal bill of export and then present the parcel at Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra.
- C) 122 Dak ghar Niryat Kendras have been opened so far.



[Image Source: PIB]

Oldest fossil of Plant eating Dinosaur found

Scientists from IIT Roorkee have characterised dinosaur fossils from the Middle Jurassic Period found in the Thar Desert near the Jaisalmer Basin by the Geological Survey of India. The Indian Landmass could have been an important place for the early evolutionary history of Sauropod dinosaurs.

Key Points:

- A) Belonging to the family Dicraeosauridae and from the superfamily Diplodocoidea, these fossils are the first dicraeosaurus sauropods to have been known in India.
- B) The scientists named the dinosaur Tarbosaurus Indicus.
- C) The fossils were found by Triparna Ghosh, Pragya Pandey and Krishna Kumar from GSI.

About GSI:

- A) Stands for Geological Survey of India.
- B) It was founded in 1851 as a Government of India organisation.
- C) It is under the Ministry of Mines and one of the oldest organisations in India.
- D) Its Headquarters are located in Kolkata, West Bengal.



[Image Source: The Hindu]

IPBES report on Invasive Alien Species

10th Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) finalised their report on the status of invasive alien species (IAS) and ways to control them. Invasive Alien Species lead to extinctions of plants and animals across Earth.

Key Points:

- A) The report pointed out that the spread of Water Hyacinth (*Pontederia Crossipes*) in lake Victoria has affected the population of Tilapia fish.
- B) Tilapia fish is a common name used for certain species of Fishes belonging to the family Cichlidae.
- C) Water Hyacinth is one of the most invasive weed species in the world.

About Lake Victoria:

- A) World's second largest freshwater lake.
- B) Located in East Africa, Bordered by Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.
- C) It is a source of the White Nile River that Northward.



[Image Source: IPBES Official Website]

Thal Sena Bhawan will conform to GRIHA-IV norms

The Indian Army's new Thal Sena Bhawan (TSB) is coming up with GRIHA-IV (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) norms. The Topsoil of the entire 39 acres site will be preserved. The plan includes transplantation of 476 trees and compensatory planting of over 5000 trees.

Key Points:

- A) TSB is designed for a building life of about 100 years and is earthquake resistant.
- B) GRIHA is a rating tool that helps people assess the performance of buildings against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks.
- C) It is developed by TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute)

About TERI:

- A) Stands for Tata Energy and Resources Institute.
- B) It was founded in 1974 in Mithapur.
- C) It is a subsidiary of ONGC Teri Biotech Limited.
- D) It specialises in the field of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development.



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Indian Army launched Project Naman

The Indian Army launched Project Naman for welfare of Ex-servicemen, Kin of martyrs. It will entail establishing facilitation and grievance redressal centres for Army Veterans and next of the Kin of personnel who have lost their lives.

Key Points:

- A) The first such centre will be established in Delhi Cantonment.
- B) The Directorate of Indian Army Veterans of the Indian Army signed an MoU with HDFC Bank Limited and CSE e-governance India limited for Project NAMAN- an ode to Veterans.
- C) It will offer all government to customer services and also facilitate the updating of pensioners accounts on SPARSH portal of Veterans.

About SPARSH portal:

- A) Implemented by the Ministry of Defence.
- B) The Defence Pensioner will be given a completely transparent view of his pension account through this portal.
- C) It would be administered by the Defence Accounts Department .



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River ranching of Chitala

Union Minister for Fisheries, Livestock and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala announced that River ranching of the Uttar Pradesh state fish Chitala will be carried out to increase its population in natural water resources like the Ganga.

Key Points:

- A) This Initiative aims to balance the aquatic ecosystem, increase the income of fish farmers and provide a protein rich diet to the public.
- B) Projects worth over 1000 crore are also underway in Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- C) The river ranching event in Varanasi released over 1 lakh Chitala Fish into the Ganga as part of the Chitala Conservation and Promotion project.

About Chitala Fish:

- A) Obligate, typically nocturnal predator feeding on smaller Fishes.
- B) Mostly known from major river channels and freshwater lakes
- C) Its IUCN status in Near Threatened Threatened.
- D) Found in Indus, Ganges-Brahmaputra and Mahanadi river basins in India.



[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

IOA replaced all four Deputy chefs de Mission

The Indian Olympic Association has replaced all the four Deputy chefs de Mission for the Hangzhou Asian Games appointed by the previous dispensation led by Narinder Batra. The Chef de Mission and Deputy chefs de Mission are responsible for the planning, logistics and communication among others.

Key Points:

- A) Wushu Association of India chief Bhupender Singh Bajwa has been retained.
- B) New Deputy chefs de Mission appointed are Ravinder Chaudhary, Dola Bannerjee, MM Somaya and Purukottam Ramachandran.
- C) India is sending a huge 634 member contingent of athletes for the continental games.

About Indian Olympic Association:

- A) Body responsible for selecting athletes to represent India at Olympics.
- B) It was founded in 1927 and headquartered at New Delhi.
- C) Its President is PT Usha.



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