

## Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - September 10, 2023

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Let's check this news about Regional Cooperation and Integration Conference . Then, we will move ahead.

# ADB 2023 Regional Cooperation and Integration Conference

India showcased PM Gatishakti National Master Plan at the 2023 Regional Cooperation and Integration through Economic Corridor Development (ECD) organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Tbilisi, Georgia. The Conference was held from 5th to 7th September, 2023.

### Key Points:

- A) The conference observed participation of more than 30 member countries, representatives of development partner agencies and Regional cooperation organisations.
- B) Objective was to explore ways to integrate spatial transformation area centric approach with the ECD.
- C) PM Gatishakti was showcased as a GIS data based 'Whole of Government' approach to integrated infrastructure master planning.

### About ADB:

- A) Stands for Asian Development Bank.
- B) It is a regional development bank headquartered at Mandaluyong, Philippines.
- C) It was founded on 19th December 1966.

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[Image Source: KNN India]

## World Bank praises India's Digital Public Infrastructure

The World Bank's G20 document praises India's financial inclusion via digital public Infrastructure in its G20 document. It said that India has achieved financial inclusion targets in just 6 years which would otherwise have taken at least 47 years.

### Key Points:

- A) The Bank highlighted the role of Government policies such as the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, Mobile) in propelling financial inclusion rates from 25 percent to over 80 percent.
- B) It said India's Digital Public Infrastructure has had a transformative impact extending far beyond just financial exclusion.
- C) The document prepared highlighted examples such as UPI, Jan Dhan, Aadhar, ONDC and Cowin.

### About World Bank:

- A) It is an International financial institution headquartered at Washington DC.
- B) It was founded in July 1944.
- C) It provides loans, grants to the governments of low and middle income countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.
- D) It is among Bretton woods twins.



[Image Source: India Today]

## Visit of RTN delegation to Warship Design Bureau (WDB)

A 3 member delegation from the Royal Thailand Navy visited the Warship Design Bureau (WDB) of the Indian Navy. The visit was aimed at increasing cooperation between the two navies in ship Design and construction as bilaterally decided during 12th IN-RTN staff talks.

### Key Points:

- A) The delegation accompanied by Capt Jakarin, RTN interacted with RAdm IB Uthaiyah, DG WDB.
- B) They were given an overview of WDB and were shown the evolution of indigenous Naval ship building in India.
- C) The Delegation is also scheduled to visit Goa Shipyard Limited, to observe various construction technologies by the Shipyard.
- D) They were also shown various facilities, Design tools, best practices adopted, model testing capabilities and indigenous equipment manufacturing ecosystem within the country.
- E) Delegation has discussions on various aspects of ship design and construction with subject matter experts at WDB.

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[Image Source: PIB]

## The Gender Snapshot 2023 Report

The recently released UN Women and UN DESA report titled "Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2023" reveals that achieving gender equality by 2030 as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals is proving to be a daunting challenge.

### Key Points:

- A) The report reveals a series of disconcerting statistics that underscore the urgency of addressing gender inequality.
- B) It highlights that active resistance to gender equality and chronic underinvestment are the key factors slowing progress.
- C) Issues like unequal access to sexual and reproductive health, political underrepresentation, economic disparities and a lack of legal protection contribute to this challenge.

### About UN DESA:

- A) Stands for the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- B) It was founded in 1948 headquartered at New York City.
- C) It is a part of the UN Secretariat.

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[Image Source: UN Women]

## Indore tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023

Indore, Amravati and Parwanoo secured the top position in the country as cities with cleanest air, while Madurai, Jammu and Kohima came last in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 (Clean Air Survey) released by Union Environment Minister Bhupdender Yadav. The survey in its 2nd year included 130 cities under the National Clean Air Programme.

**Key Points:**

- A) The awards were categorised by city population size based on the 2011 census.
- B) The survey provides insights into the effectiveness of Clean air programs and highlights areas where further efforts are needed.
- C) Cities were put in 3 categories where Indore topped in Million plus population category, Amravati in the second category and Parwanoo in the third category.
- D) This year's Fourth International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas) is to create stronger partnerships, increase investment and share responsibility for overcoming air pollution with the Global theme of "Together for Clean Air".
- E) Cities were evaluated based on factors like solid waste control, vehicular emissions, industrial emissions and improvement in PM 10 levels.



[Image Source:Hindustan Times]

## World's tallest Nataraj statue to greet G20 guests

Venue of upcoming G20 summit in New Delhi Bharat Mandapam is now home to World's Tallest Nataraja Statue. A Towering 27 foot Nataraja Statue is a representation of Lord Shiva's dancing form. The idol showcasing Shiva's Tandava pose has two invisible interlocked triangles representing both Shiva and Shakti and is mounted atop the Demonic Dwarf.

### Key Points:

- A) The Statue is made up of Ashtadhatu (Eight metal alloy), weighing 18 tonnes and was crafted by sculptors from Swamimalai.
- B) The Cholas played a pivotal role in shaping the Iconic Nataraja Sculpture, with the bronze version gaining significant cultural resonance.
- C) It was sculpted using the Lost wax casting method and took 3.25 lakh man hours to take shape.

### About Bharat Mandapa:

- A) It is also known as Pragati Maidan.
- B) It is the venue for the International Exhibition cum Convention Centre (IECC).
- C) It is owned, operated and managed by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).
- D) It was inaugurated on 27th July 2023.



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## European Honey Bees serve as Biomonitor

European Honeybees or *Apis Mellifera* can be an effective biomonitor for determining the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Urban neighbourhoods. These insects can carry genetic elements of key AMR drivers in their digestive tracts.

### Key Points:

- A) The paper was published in Journal Environmental science and Technology in July 2023.
- B) European Honeybees or *Apis Mellifera* can be a crowdsourced environmental proxy as they interact with contaminants in soil, dust, air, water and pollen.
- C) Researchers looked into the Gut Bacteria of 144 bees. Genetic elements called Class 1 integrons were investigated as Universal AMR indicators.

### About AMR:

- A) Stands for Antimicrobial Resistance.
- B) It occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines.
- C) Microorganisms that develop antimicrobial resistance are sometimes referred to as Superbugs.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

## Transperson included in Pension Yojana in Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Government extended the scope of its Universal Pension Scheme encompassing Transgender persons into the Rajya Samajik Suraksha Pension Yojana. The aim is to provide social security and bring them into the mainstream of society.

### Key Points:

- A) The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- B) The eligible beneficiary will get Rs 1000 per month as financial aid.
- C) To avail the benefit the Transgenders need to get a certificate from the Deputy commissioners office.

### About Jharkhand:

- A) It is a state in Eastern India with Capital Ranchi.
- B) It features the 17th century Jagannath Temple.
- C) It was separated from Bihar and became a state on 15th November 2000.





Image Source: India Today]

## Brokers and Fossil fuel companies to benefit from ACMI

Fossil fuel Companies and financial brokers are likely to emerge as the biggest winners of the African Carbon Market Initiative (ACMI) according to a new report. The report by Power Shift Africa, a climate and energy think tank was launched on the sidelines of the ongoing African Climate Summit being held in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Key Points:

- A) ACMI has already attracted investors from the UAE which has committed to buy \$450 million of Carbon credits.
- B) ACMI was launched at the 27th COP to the UNFCCC in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in 2022.
- C) ACMI aims to unlock \$6 billion in revenue and support 30 million jobs by 2030.
- D) The ACMI growth target would allow big private companies to emit an additional 1.5-2.5 gigatonnes of carbon diOxide equivalent per year by 2050.
- E) Concerns about projects such as new Hydro power projects and tree plantations which could lead to land grabs and human right issues.



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[Image Source: ACMI]

## International Literacy Day observed on September 8

The International Literacy Day is observed on September 8 every year to remind the public of the importance of Literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights and to advance the Literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

### Key Points:

- A) Theme: Promoting Literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful Societies.
- B) Under the theme the day will be celebrated at the Global, regional, country and local levels across the world.
- C) The Global celebration in Paris will include the award ceremony of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes to announce this year's outstanding prizewinning programmes.
- D) Despite steady progress made across the world, Literacy challenges persist with at least 763 million young people and adults lacking basic Literacy skills in 2020.
- E) UNESCO has called on Governments to implement appropriate regulations and teacher training to ensure a human centred approach to using Generative Artificial Intelligence in education.

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