

## Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - September 13, 2023

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Let's check this news about Goa Roadmap and Travel for LIFE. Then, we will move ahead.

# G20 Leaders endorsed Goa Roadmap and Travel for LIFE

A significant milestone was achieved during the G20 Leaders Summit with unanimous endorsement of Tourism and Culture's pivotal role in sustainable socio-economic development and prosperity. Leaders endorsed GOA roadmap and Travel for LIFE program to provide a big boost to the Tourism sector.

### Key Points:

- A) Goa Roadmap aligned with the theme of India's G20 Presidency underscores the role of Tourism in society, the economy and environment.
- B) Goa roadmap is a pioneering initiative that provides a blueprint for sustainable global Tourism.
- C) Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with UNWTO launched G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard.
- D) Travel for LIFE program nudges all tourists and tourist business to take simple actions that have tremendous significance for environment protection and Climate Action.

### About UNWTO:

- A) Stands for the United Nations World Tourism Organisation.
- B) It was founded in 1946 and headquartered at Madrid, Spain.
- C) It promotes responsible, sustainable and universally accessible Tourism.

**Ministry of Tourism**  
Government of India

[Image source: ANI]

## 19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)

The Indian Coast Guard participated in the 19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) held in Istanbul, Turkey. A four member Indian Coast Guard delegation led by DG Rakesh Pal, Director General ICG took part in the annual event. Forum consisted of 23 members of Coast Guard Agencies and 2 Associate members in the form of ReCAAP and UNODC.

### Key Points:

- A) Forum resolved to further bolster the maritime cooperation among the Asian Coast Guards.
- B) This multilateral forum is an offshoot of the Japanese initiative to promote cooperation amongst regional Coast Guards.
- C) The forum comprises four Working Groups to enable a focused and goal oriented approach.

### About ICG:

- A) Stands for Indian Coast Guard
- B) It was founded on 1st February 1977.
- C) It is a maritime law enforcement and search and rescue agency of India with jurisdiction over its territorial waters including its contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone.

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## Funding of DEEP VZN program terminated by US

The US government terminates the DEEP VZN program to research exotic viruses, pathogens apprehending accidental outbreak. The Program was been closed down within 2 years of its inception. The funding was stopped after the relative risks and impact were re-evaluated.

### Key Points:

- A) Under the program Discovery and Exploration of Emerging Pathogen-Viral Zoonoses program (DEEP-VZN) more than half a million samples were to be collected from biological specimens across the world.
- B) The program could provide an early warning about wildlife pathogens that could someday make the jump to human beings.
- C) The research however could lead to accidental Infections and transmission of viruses or pathogens.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

## One Sun, One World, One Grid Conference held

A day long conference on "Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) was held in New Delhi. The conference was organised by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna company under the Ministry of Power.

### Key Points:

- A) Bharat has already established cross border interconnections with its neighbours.
- B) OSOWOG will enable all nations to reap the benefit of energy from the sun.
- C) It will make round the clock Renewable energy much cheaper and also reduce the necessity for reserves.

### About OSOWOG:

- A) Stands for One Sun, One World, One Grid.
- B) It is an initiative by the International Solar Alliance, India, France and UK.
- C) It was launched in November 2021 with aim to build a global green energy grid primarily focusing in solar and wind energy



[Image source: PIB]

## UK Prime Minister visited Akshardham Temple

Rishi Sunak, UK Prime Minister visited the Akshardham Temple in Delhi with his wife Akshata Murty. Rishi Sunak is in Delhi to attend the two day G20 Summit where World leaders are holding discussions on some of the World's most pressing issues.



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### About Akshardham Temple:

- A) Officially known as Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple, is a Hindu Temple complex located in Delhi.
- B) It is located on the banks of River Yamuna.
- C) It was inaugurated on 6th November 2005 by the then President Of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- D) It is built in traditional Hindu Architectural style and its Temple God is Bhagwan Swaminarayan.
- E) It follows traditional Vastu Shastra as well as Pancharatra Style.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

## UN Atomic watchdog warns of Threat to Nuclear Safety

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) recently warned of a potential threat to nuclear safety due to a spike in fighting near Europe's Largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine. The Russia occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is one of the world's 10 biggest nuclear power stations.

### Key Points:

- A) The IAEA said its experts reported hearing numerous explosions over the past week.
- B) The staff at the Nuclear Power plant had been reduced temporarily to minimum levels due to concerns.
- C) The fighting could cause potential radiation leak from the Facility.

### About IAEA:

- A) Stands for International Atomic Energy Agency.

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- B) Intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field.
- C) Known as World's "Atoms for Peace and Development "
- D) It was established on 29 July 1957 and headquartered at Vienna, Austria.



[Image source: NDTV]

## Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Tranche 2

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the issue price for the upcoming Sovereign Gold bond Tranche 2, scheduled to open for Subscription. The issue price had been fixed at Rs 5923 per gram.

### Key Points:

- A) It aims to provide investors with a decent opportunity to invest in Gold.
- B) The nominal value of the bond is determined based on the simple average of the closing price for gold of 999 purity.
- C) The SGB scheme launched in November 2015 aims to reduce the demand for physical gold and encourage domestic savings to flow into financial assets.

### About SGB Scheme:

- A) Introduced by the Government of India in 2015 under the Gold Monetization Scheme.
- B) They are substitutes for holding Physical Gold.
- C) The tenure of the Bond will be for a period of 8 years with an exit option.
- D) They can be used as Collateral for Loans.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

## Rice and Wheat sold through Open Market Sale Scheme

The 11th e-auction of 2023-24 as a part of Government of India initiative for market intervention to control retail price of rice, wheat and atta was held. Centre sold 1.66 LMT wheat and 0.17 LMT rice through Open Market Sale Scheme in e-auction.

### Key Points:

- A) In current Tranche of e-auctions the reduction in retail price is being targeted by offering upto 100 tons maximum for a buyer for wheat and 1000 tons for rice.
- B) It is to encourage small and marginal end users and to ensure that more participants come forward and bid for quantity.
- C) A quantity of 2.0 LMT Wheat from 500 depots and 4.89 LMT rice from 337 depots were offered from across the country.

### About OMSS:

- A) Stands for Open Market Sale Scheme.
- B) Purpose of OMSS is to dispose of surplus stocks of wheat and rice held by FCI.
- C) FCI conducts weekly auctions for the OMSS for wheat on NCDEX.



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## Eastern Economic Forum 2023

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal to represent India at the Eastern Economic Forum 2023 to be held in Vladivostok, Russia. The 8th Eastern Economic Forum 2023 is to be held at the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) campus in Vladivostok.

### Key Points:

- A) The Eastern Economic Forum was established by decree of the President of Russian Federation Vladimir Putin in 2015 to support the Economic development of Russia's Far East.
- B) Shri Sonowal will also address stakeholders meeting for the Eastern Maritime Corridor to operationalise Chennai Vladivostok route as an alternative trade route.
- C) The Eastern Maritime Corridor is aimed at reducing cargo transit times between our nations.



[Image source: Deccan Herald]



## Novak Djokovic won the US Open

Serbian star Novak Djokovic defeated Daniil Medvedev to win his 24th Grand Slam at the US Open. He won his first Grand Slam 15 years ago in the 2008 Australian Open. The first points of the match was an endurance battle of its own, a 19 shot exchange from the baseline.

### Key Points:

- A) He beat Medvedev with a scoreline of 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 to win a record extending 24th Men's Singles Major Championship and a fourth US open title.
- B) Djokovic was playing his 36th Grand Slam final.
- C) He became the Oldest man in the Open era to win the US Open Singles title and first man to win three of the four Majors in a calendar year.
- D) He will return to the World Number 1 spot of the rankings for a record extending 390th week.
- E) Medvedev defeated Carlos Alcaraz in the semifinal and reached the Final.



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