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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 19th 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 the New Director of BARC. Then, we will move ahead.

Vivek Bhasin takes charge as new Director of BARC

Senior Nuclear Scientist Vivek Bhasin assumed charge as the Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). He was the director of the Nuclear Fuels Group of the BARC. He succeeded Ajit Kumar Mohanty who was appointed as Secretary DAE and Chairman of AEC.

Key Points:

- A) Bhasin played a key role in setting up facilities for fabrication of fuel for the Apsara-U reactor.
- B) He received Indian Nuclear Society Medal, DAE Science and Technology Award and Homi Bhabha Science and Technology award.
- C) BARC is engaged in research with the objective of generating knowledge and techniques for Nuclear power production.

About BARC:

- A) Stands for Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.
- B) Homi Bhabha established Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay(AEET) in 1954 which was renamed to BARC in 1966.
- C) It operates under the Department of Atomic Energy.



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Udhampur Railway Station renamed to Martyr Capt. Tushar Mahajan (MCTM) Railway Station

Union Minister of State Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh unveils the naming of Udhampur Railway Station renamed to Martyr Capt. Tushar Mahajan (MCTM) Railway Station. He said the Nation is eternally indebted to his Supreme sacrifice.

Key Points:

- A) It is a proud moment for the whole district and is truly an inspiration for the youth of Udhampur.
- B) Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan received Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous) for sacrificing his life in a counter terrorism operation.
- C) Udhampur is a city in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir named after Raja Udham Singh.



[Image source: Hindustan Times]

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29th World Ozone Day

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) celebrated the 29th World Ozone day on September 16th 2023. It is celebrated every year to commemorate the signing of the Montreal Protocol.

Key Points:

- A) Montreal Protocol is an International environmental Treaty for phasing out of production and consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances.
- B) It is celebrated every year to spread awareness among people about the depletion of Ozone Layer and the measures taken to preserve it.
- C) Theme: Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone Layer and Reducing Climate Change.

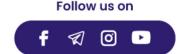
About Montreal Protocol:

- A) It came into force in 1987.
- B) It is an International Treaty designed to protect the Ozone Layer by phasing out production of HFCs.
- C) 198 countries have ratified the Protocol.



[Image source: WMO]

ICG Ship Samudra Prahari on overseas deployment to ASEAN countries







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The Indian Coast Guard Ship Samudra Prahari is currently on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries as part of India's initiative for Marine Pollution Response in the region. It is a specialised pollution control vessel.

Key Points:

- A) The ship is equipped with a Chetak Helicopter in Pollution Response Configuration, enhancing its capabilities in the area.
- B) The initiative was announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during ASEAN Defence Minister Meeting Plus in Cambodia in 2022.
- C) 13 NCC Cadets are onboard to participate in Puneet Sagar Abhiyaan in the region.
- D) The visit holds significant importance in strengthening bilateral relationships with key maritime agencies.
- E) The ship is also scheduled to make port calls in Bangkok and Jakarta.



[Image source: ANI]

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards to 84 Artists

The Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankar presented the one time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to 84 artists from the field of performing arts of India. The artists are above the age of 75 years and haven't been accorded with any national honour in their careers.

Key Points:

- A) Sangeet Natak Akademi is a national honour bestowed on performing artists as well as teachers and scholars in the field of performing arts.
- B) The Honour carries a prize money of 1 lakh besides Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

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C) Some of the awardees include Raghubir Malik and Dina Nath for Hindustani Vocal, Kuppuswamy and Anasuya for Carnatic Vocal etc.



[Image source: The Hindu]

DiCRA platform

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have signed a MoU to co create data driven digital public goods that includes DiCRA

Key Points:

- A) It will create data driven Innovations in Agriculture and food systems to support smallholders farmers.
- B) DiCRA is a collaborative digital public good which provides open access to key Geospatial dataset pertinent to climate resilient Agriculture.
- C) It is curated by UNDP and partner organisations to inform public investments in Agriculture and provides intelligence on climate resilience for 50 million hectares of farmland across India.

About UNDP:

- A) Stands for the United Nations Development Programme.
- B) It was formed on 22 November 1965.
- C) It is a UN Agency tasked with helping countries eliminate poverty and achieve sustainable economic growth and human development.



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LAccMI Scheme of Odisha Government

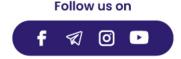
The Odisha Cabinet headed by CM Naveen Patnaik launched "Location Accessible Multi Modal initiative (LAccMI) scheme to ensure sustainable, affordable, assured and safe transportation of passengers and commodities across the state.

Key Points:

- A) Initiative will establish a seamless Public Transport network across the state from Gram Panchayat level to State Capital.
- B) Mission Shakti Self Help Group will be engaged in various operation and maintenance related activities within the Blocks.
- C) The Bus Operation under the scheme has been planned to connect all Gram Panchayats, Block Headquarters, District headquarters across the state.

About Odisha:

- A) Eastern Indian State on the Bay of Bengal.
- B) Its capital is Bhubhneshwar and was formed on April 1, 1936.
- C) The Infamous Kalinga war between Mauryan ruler Ashoka and King Kharvela was fought in Odisha.



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Kyiv and Lviv placed on Heritage in danger list by UNESCO

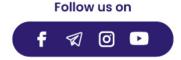
The UNs Cultural Organisation UNESCO placed Ukraine's Kyiv and Lviv World Heritage Sites as "In Danger" due to Russian Conflict. The decision was taken at UNESCOs annual World Heritage committee meeting in Riyadh.

Key Points:

- A) Inclusion on List of World Heritage in Danger also opens the door to additional financial and technical aid.
- B) Both Kyiv's Saint Sophia Cathedral that dates back to the 11th century and Lviv's historic Centre near the Polish border are under constant threat.
- C) Their designating allows for implementation of new emergency measures to protect and preserve them.

About UNESCO:

- A) Stands for United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.
- B) It is a specialised agency of the UN aimed at promoting World peace.
- C) Its headquarters are located in France.



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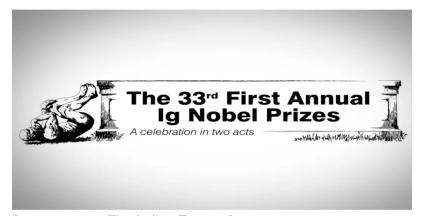
[Image source: NDTV]

Ig Nobel Prize 2023

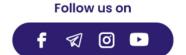
The 33rd Ig Nobel Prize was held in Norway. The Ig Nobel Prize aims to honour achievements that first make people laugh and then make them think. The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel prize which it parodies and on the word Ignoble.

Key Points:

- A) The 2023 Ig Nobel Prize winners are an eclectic group of researchers who explored bizarre and offbeat topics in their studies.
- B) Jan Zalasiewicz Research focused on why some scientists lick rocks.
- C)The awards showcase the quirky side of Scientific exploration.



[Image source: The Indian Express]



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Hangzhou Asian Games Village

The Hangzhou Asian Games Village was inaugurated on September 16. The main village in Hangzhou, the largest non-competition venue for the event is located on the south Bank of the Qiantang River.

Key points:

- A) The Hangzhou Asian Games village was inaugurated by the acting director general of the Olympic council of Asia.
- B) It was inaugurated just one week before the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian games.
- C) The village will accommodate 20000 people in three communities :Athletes' village, Media village and Technical officials' village.

About Hangzhou:

- A) it is the capital of China's Zhejiang province
- B) Also known as 'House of silk'
- C) The city is located in the northern part of the province on the north bank of the Qiantang river.



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