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12 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

International Malala Day 2023: 12 July

- ❖ Every year on July 12, "International Malala Day" is observed on the birthday of Malala Yousafzai.
- ❖ In 2013, 'The United Nations (UN)' designated July 12 as Malala Day to honour the young woman who advocated for 'women's education'.
- ❖ Malala Yousafzai became an international symbol of the fight for girls' education.
- ❖ In 2012, she was shot for opposing Taliban restrictions on female education in Pakistan.
- ❖ In December 2014, she became 'the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate'.
- ❖ In 2015, 'an asteroid was named (316201 Malala)' in honour of Malala Yousafzai .



Persons in the news

"4 Indian Origin Women" features on Forbes' America's Richest Self-Made Women 2023

- ❖ 4 Indian Americans, "Jayshree Ullal", President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Arista Networks, "Neerja Sethi", co-Founder of Syntel, "Neha Narkhede", co-founder of Confluent, and "Indra Nooyi", former chair and CEO of PepsiCo.
- ❖ 'Jayshree Ullal' is ranked 15th with net worth of USD 2.2 billion, 'Neerja Sethi', is ranked 25th with net worth of USD 990 million, 'Neha Narkhede' is ranked 50th with net worth of USD 520 million and 'Indra Nooyi' is ranked 77th with net worth of USD 350 million
- ❖ The combined net worth of these 4 women stands at USD 4.06 Billion.



Forbes

- ❖ Forbes is a media and publishing company.
- ❖ Founded - 1917
- ❖ CEO- Mike Federle
- ❖ Headquarters- Jersey City, New Jersey, the United States of America (USA)

Abhijit Chakraborty has been appointed MD and CEO of State Bank of India Card.

- ❖ SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card), India's largest credit card issuer, has appointed Abhijit Chakraborty as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director for a two-year term.
- ❖ He is currently Deputy Managing Director of SBI.
- ❖ He will take over as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director of SBI Card on August 12.





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Defence

458 crore deal for two Dornier aircraft

- ❖ Ministry of Defense (MoD) along with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- ❖ Signed contract for purchase of 2 Dornier aircraft.
- ❖ The aircraft will be equipped with advanced equipment such as glass cockpit, maritime patrol radar, electro-optical infrared device, mission management system, etc., which will enhance the aerial surveillance capability of the maritime areas under the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ Note: Dornier aircraft are manufactured locally at HAL (Transport Aviation Division) in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh under the "Make in India" scheme.



Reports and Indices

In the last 15 years, 41.5 crore Indians have been lifted out of poverty

- ❖ UN the Development Program has published the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index. In the last 15 years, 25 countries in the world have halved multidimensional poverty, the UN said in the report.
- ❖ Multidimensional poverty is calculated based on health, education and standard of living. The UN has tracked changes in 81 countries between 2000 and 2022. The Development Program Organization and the University of Oxford took up the study.
- ❖ This is a significant improvement, the report said.
- ❖ In India in particular, 41.5 crore people have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty in the 15-year period from 2006 to 2021.



Awards and honors

ICC Player of the Month for June 'Vanindhu Hazaranga, Player of the Year Gardner'..!

- ❖ Every month... "International Cricket Council (ICC)" selects and honors the best cricketer and player every month.
- ❖ In this case, ICC has announced 3 players each to choose the best player and player for the month of June.
- ❖ It was announced that the best male and female player of the month of June will be awarded to the male and female player who receives the highest number of votes.





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- ❖ Accordingly, Sri Lanka's Vanindu Hazaranga has been selected as the best player for June and Australia's 'Ash Gardner' has been selected as the best player.

Sports

India's Nishad Kumar clinched silver medal in ongoing Para Athletics World Championships 2023

- ❖ India's, 'Nishad Kumar' has clinched a silver medal in the ongoing Para Athletics World Championships 2023.
- ❖ Nishad bagged this medal in the High Jump T47 Event. With this win, Nishad has become "the second athlete" at this event to grab a medal.
- ❖ The top-four ranked athletes at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships in each of the individual medal events qualify for the 2024 Paralympic Games, also to be held in Paris.



- ❖ T47 is a handicap sports classification. It is primarily a sport for competitors with elbow or wrist amputations or impairments.

Art And Culture

Excavation at Vembakota finds male figurine with headdress

- ❖ In the 2nd phase of excavation at Vembakottai near Sivakasi, so far a large number of artifacts have been unearthed including gold jewellery, gold-plated flint toy, flint lamp, earring, weight stone, medallion, glass beads, trade seal, conch bangles, ivory dice, takali, brick, chip circle. .
- ❖ In this case, a male clay doll has been found, whose head decoration and lip smile are polished.
- ❖ The mouth, nose and ears are thickly developed. The figure measures 2.28 cm high, 2.15 cm wide and 1.79 cm thick.



Political Parties and Political System in India

A.D.M.K. Elected General Secretary Acknowledgment to Edappadi Palaniswami

- ❖ Official upload on Election Commission website A.D.M.K. Edappadi was elected as the General Secretary Palaniswami has been approved by the Election Commission.
- ❖ The notification regarding this has been officially uploaded on the Election Commission website.





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- ❖ The Election Commission will now attach all the documents filed by the Edappadipalani Sami party Uploaded on site.
- ❖ Edappadi Palaniswami is the General Secretary, Tamil son Usen is the Chairman, Deputy General Secretaries
- ❖ KP Munusamy is mentioned as Natham Viswanathan and Treasurer Dindigul Srinivasan.
- ❖ In particular, the principal administrators appointed by Edappadi Palaniswami and 69 district secretaries and 79 organization secretaries have all received recognition.

Schemes and their Utility

Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana Benefits & Interest Rates in 2023

- ❖ The government increased the interest rates for Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana by 40 paise for the quarter April-June 2023 which now became 8%.

Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana

- ❖ Sukanya Samridhhi Scheme has been launched by the government of India for the girl child in 2015 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ Under the Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana, an account in the name of the girl child has to be opened by their natural or legal guardian from the birth of the girl till she attain the age of 10 years.
- ❖ The minimum and maximum deposit amount is 250 and Rs.1,50,000 per fiscal year.
- ❖ If the customers fail to deposit that minimum amount then the penalty of Rs.50 will be imposed.
- ❖ The Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana account's term lasts for 21 years from the date of opening or until the account holder's marriage whichever is earlier.



Suknya Samridhhi Yojana Interest Rates

- ❖ The interest rate for Suknya Samridhhi Yojna for the quarter of April-June 2023 is 8% which has risen up by 0.4% from the last quarter of January-March 2023 which was 7.6%.

Science and Technology

New Feature in Vote Acknowledgment Tool

- ❖ The Election Commission has introduced a new feature called "Vote Acknowledgment Paper Devices (VVPAD)" to increase transparency in elections.
- ❖ With this new feature, the name, symbol and serial number of the candidates uploaded on the VVPATs during the first phase of testing can also





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be seen on television or computer screens. This will help the concerned to verify those details.

- ❖ While voting in an election, the vote acknowledgment slips displayed at the VVPADs near the voting machines will show which candidate has been voted for.

Economy & Banking

Bilateral trade in rupees started by India and Bangladesh.

- ❖ From July 11, India and Bangladesh, will trade in the Indian rupee along with the normal transaction method in the US dollar.
- ❖ The trade and transactions with India on the Bangladesh side will be handled by 'Eastern Bank and Sonali Bank Limited', while the operations on the Indian side will be handled by 'the State Bank of India and ICICI Bank'.
- ❖ 'The Reserve Bank of India', has allowed banks from 18 countries including Germany, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, Myanmar, Oman, and others to trade in rupees.
- ❖ Bangladesh became the 19th country to trade with India in rupees.



Bajaj Allianz General Insurance sets "Guinness World Records title at the first-ever General Insurance Festival of India"

- ❖ On 3rd July 2023, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC), one of the leading private general insurers of India,
- ❖ hosted the first-ever "General Insurance Festival of India (GIFI)" in Pune, Maharashtra, which officially set a new Guinness World Records achievements for the largest attendance for an insurance conference.
- ❖ The event had various attractions like an automobile zone featuring manufacturers like 'Porsche, McLaren Automotive, and Lamborghini'.



Key People

- ❖ The event was graced by Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Bajaj Finserv; Charu Kaushal - Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

28% GST - GST Council approval for e-commerce games

- ❖ The GST Council has approved the levy of 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on betting amount for online sports, horse racing and casino games.
- ❖ Regarding the important decisions taken in the meeting, Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters:



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- ❖ An amendment bill to bring e-sports under the ambit of GST will soon be tabled in Parliament and approved.
- ❖ Casinos play an important role in the tourism industry of Goa and Sikkim states. This decision has been taken after consulting the states. He said that a decision has now been taken in the matter which was pending for about 3 years.
- ❖ The Union Finance Secretary told reporters that 5 percent GST will be levied on food items sold in theaters.
- ❖ Nirmala Sitharaman told the meeting that the Appellate Tribunals will be set up in a phased manner and in the first phase they will be set up in the capitals of the states and in the places where the High Court branches are located. Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malkotra said that steps, will be taken to make it operational this financial year itself.

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Tamilnadu News

WHO Workshop on Drug Delivery Improvement begins in Chennai

- ❖ WHO's "South East Asia Regional Workshop on Improving Procurement and Supply of Medicines, Medical Equipment" will be held in Chennai (July 11- July 13).
- ❖ The workshop also provided an opportunity to see first-hand the activities of the drug depots under the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation was established in 1994 to ensure timely delivery of medical supplies.
- ❖ Under it, medicines and medical equipment are distributed and 16 radiation centers, 9 modern radiation treatment centers called linear accelerators, 11 telecobalt treatment centers, 39 MRI and 119 CT scan centers are functioning.
- ❖ To protect the welfare of the people, many schemes like medical insurance, Muthulaksumiretty maternity welfare, people searching for medicine and Innuiur Kappom are being implemented in Tamil Nadu.



'Bharatnet internet facility' in 5,000 gram panchayats in Tamil Nadu from September

- ❖ BharatNet internet facility will be launched in 5,000 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu from September. This internet facility is provided by local cable operators at a very low cost.
- ❖ In June last year, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched the Bharatnet Internet facility for 12,525 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu by the end of this year.





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- ❖ So far 4,100 Gram Panchayats have been provided with Bharatnet Internet connectivity and are ready. By the end of August, 5,000 Gram Panchayats will be connected to the BharatNet internet facility and will be online from September onwards.
- ❖ The environment is in place to start the facility. For the remaining 7,525 villages. It is planned to provide this fund

In Tambaram East, Tambaram West, Kunrathur, Ampathur Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated new branches of Tamil Nadu State Chief Co-operative Bank.

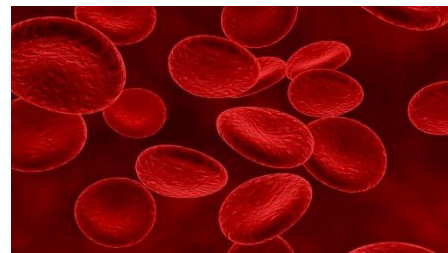
- ❖ Tamil Nadu at Tambaram East, Tambaram West, Kunrathur and Ampathur
- ❖ New Branches of State Chief Co-operative Bank
- ❖ Profits since its inception Tamil Nadu State Head Mike Co-operative Bank was established in 1905 and has been doing well for 118 years.
- ❖ Among all the leading co-operative banks operating all over India, this bank is consistently profitable. Providing banking services to around 5 lakh customers in Chennai, this bank is currently operating with 47 branches.
- ❖ Unlike commercial banks, all banking services are computerized only. Also, fast money transfer services such as R.T.G. S., NEFT, IMPS, UPI, Internet Banking, Mobile Banking, Automated Teller Machines are all computerized facilities.



National News

PM Modi launches "National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission"

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the "National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission(NSCAEM) 2047" in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The mission aims to tackle the challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among "the tribal population in India".



Distribution of Ayushman Cards and PVC Ayushman Bharat Cards

- ❖ PM Modi initiated the distribution of over 3 crore digital Ayushman cards nationwide and 1 crore "PVC Ayushman Bharat cards" specifically in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ These cards provide beneficiaries with access to health insurance coverage worth ₹5 lakh, ensuring affordable and quality medical treatment.

Sickle cell disease

- ❖ Sickle cell disease (SCD), also known as sickle cell anemia, is a genetic blood disorder that affects the structure and function of red blood cells.