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## 15, 16 & 17 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### July 15-Educational Development Day

- The Department of School Education has announced that July 15, which is the birthday of former Chief Minister Kamaraj, will be observed as Educational Development Day in Tamil Nadu schools.
- The Tamil Nadu government has been celebrating since 2006 because of the great revolution in education implemented during his regime



#### World Youth Skills Day - July 15

- World Youth Skills Day is observed on July 15th each year to highlight the importance of empowering young people with skills and promoting their active participation in the workforce.
- This day recognizes the critical role of skills development in addressing youth unemployment and enhancing economic growth and social development.

#### Social Media Giving Day - July 15

- This day is observed on July 15 every year across the globe.
- The purpose of the day is to promote social media as a platform to help the charities and causes that aid in donating and increasing public consciousness on the significance of fundraising.

#### July 17 is the Day of International Criminal Justice.

- It recalls the adoption on 17 July 1998 of the Rome Statute of the ICC, which seeks to protect people from the crime of genocide.
- The court's primary mission is to safeguard individuals from atrocities like genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression

### Place in news

1. The third Sherpas meeting under India's G20 Presidency will begin in **Hampi** today in Karnataka.

It is Chaired by India's G20 Sherpa, **Amitabh Kant**, the three days meeting on the banks of **river Tungabhadra** near UNESCO World Heritage site **Hampi**.



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2. **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** forms the eastern most limit of the Himalayan Terai forests in India and is the only tiger reserve of Bihar.

## Books & Authors

### 'A Life Well Spent - Four Decades in the Indian Foreign Service'

Ambassador Satish Chandra, an Indian diplomat, has written about his extensive career in the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) from 1965 to 2005.

### Master Residential Real Estate by Ashwinder Singh

A comprehensive guide for home buyers and professionals with knowledge and strategies to successfully navigate the real estate market

## Sports:

### Asian Athletics

Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins gold, Parul Chaudhary wins maiden Asians title; Shaili Singh wins silver.

### World deaf badminton championships

Indian won 9 medals at world deaf badminton championships held at Brazil.

### India's young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal

India's young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal has become the third Indian opener to score a century in the first Test innings of his career.

### Asian Athletics Championships.

Lord Hanuman has been announced as the official mascot of the Asian Athletics Championships.

## Science and technology:

**Pholcodine**, an opioid cough suppressant found in certain cough medications, has sedative effects and is used to alleviate dry coughs.

## Environment & Biodiversity

### Project for growing green fodder using treated wastewater at avin

- A project to grow green fodder on one acre of vacant land and provide it to dairy farmers using treated waste water stagnant in SDITCO Avin at Kakaloor near Tiruvallur.
- Steps have been taken to use the treated waste water stored in the pond in the Avin campus for animal fodder and trees.



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- For this, 13 grass beds are to be planted next week. These meadows can be harvested once every 75 days for the first time and then once every 45 days thereafter.
- It is also planned to produce 5 to 7 MT of green fodder.
- Also subsidy of Rs.1 through Pasundivanam Aavin and Rs.1 through Milk Producers' Association for dairy cows of members of milk producers' cooperative societies up to 20 kg.

## Gaja Gotha Project in Assam

- Efforts have been initiated to mitigate the increasing human-elephant conflict (HEC) problem.
- The campaign focuses on HEC-affected villages in eastern Assam.
- It aims to educate residents about the behavioral, ecological and cultural significance of elephants and emphasizes the importance of conservation.
- Led by Aranyak, a leading wildlife NGO based in Guwahati, working in collaboration with the British Asia Foundation and the Assam Forest Department, supported by the Darwin Initiative.



## Economy

### Exports fell down

Due to global slow down Indian exports fell down by 13% to \$60.09 billion.

### Multidimensional Poverty Index.

It revealed that India has witnessed a significant reduction in poverty, with 415 million people lifted out of poverty within a span of 15 years from 2005-2006 to 2019-2021.

### Windfall tax

The Indian government has reimposed a windfall tax on domestic petroleum crude, effective July 15.

A windfall tax is a higher tax levied by the government on specific industries when they experience unexpected and above-average profits



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## Government Welfare oriented Schemes:

### Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY),

The **Namda craft of Kashmir** is being successfully revived under a Skill India's Pilot Project as part of the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)**, with nearly 2,200 candidates from across six districts of the state.

## Tamilnadu Current Affairs

### A steam locomotive-shaped tourist train

- A trial run of a steam locomotive-shaped tourist train between Chennai Egmore and Puducherry was held yesterday.
- In Southern Railway, Trichiponmalai, Perambur Garage and Avadi Workshop have jointly designed an electric tourist train in the shape of a steam engine.



### Help road accident victims, get cash: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Stalin announces new scheme

Certificate of appreciation for those who help road accident victims and take them to hospital within golden hours, Rs. 5,000 cash prize will also be given".

### Satyadev Law Academy

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated the Satyadev Law Academy in memory of Madras High Court retired judge Satyadev to guide law students.
- It has been started to guide students studying in government law colleges.
- In this academy, the lessons for the students based on law school syllabus with legal experts/law teachers are video recorded and uploaded on "You Tube" website.
- Students can download and read them for free. The curriculum video is produced by Jaybeam filmmaker and actor Surya's company "2D Entertainment".

## International Current Affairs

### India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday inked agreements

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday inked agreements to start trade settlement in their respective national currencies

1. Currencies: – Rupee (India) and Dirham (UAE)
2. To link their fast payment systems to make international financial interactions.



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## Nigeria declared the state of emergency to deal with rising food prices

- Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu has declared a state of emergency to tackle rising food prices and shortages.
- Some of the initiatives include using money saved by the recent removal of a fuel subsidy to provide fertiliser and grain to farmers.
- A UN report in January projected that 25 million Nigerians were at high risk of food insecurity this year - meaning they would not be able to afford enough nutritious food every day.
- Concerns about food insecurity have been longstanding in Nigeria - Africa's most-populous country, which has also been battling widespread insecurity for several years.

## Trade agreement talks with Canada

- The 3rd meeting of G20 Finance Ministers-Central Bank Governors was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Sunday.
- Canadian Finance Minister Chrystia Free London, who was visiting to participate in it, held talks with Nirmala 'Seetharaman.
- Finance Minister Chrystia assured Minister Nirmala Sitharaman that Canada is ready to invest in India's infrastructure projects in a tweet posted by the Union Finance Minister.
- He also said that India is offering great opportunities for investment.