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20 July 2023 daily current affairs

Persons in the news

Appointment of new Chief Justices of 4 High Courts

- ❖ New Chief Justices were appointed to 4 High Courts including Gujarat and Odisha.
- ❖ Allahabad High Court Judge “Sunita Aggarwal” is appointed as the Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.
- ❖ As the Chief Justice of Odisha High Court retires on September 8, Justice “Subhashish Thalabhatra” from the same court will take over as the Chief Justice.
- ❖ Gujarat High Court Judge “Ashish J.De Sai” is appointed as Chief Justice of Kerala High Court and Karnataka High Court Judge “Alok Aradhe” as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court.



5 Indians among finalists in UK International Student Award

- ❖ Among the 50 finalists for Britain's "International Student Award", 5 Indian students, including a student from Tamil Nadu (Vinisha Umashankar), have made a surprise appearance.
- ❖ An outstanding student who has created a useful innovation for society through global learning will be selected and awarded Rs. This award with a prize money of 82 lakhs is given every year by the UK-based 'Sec.O.R.G.'
- ❖ 3,851 students from 122 countries applied for this year's award, and 50 have been selected as finalists.
- ❖ 10 finalists will be selected next month from the 50 shortlisted candidates.
- ❖ The final winner from these 10 will be announced at the end of the year.



New Managing Director for LIC

- ❖ "Satpal Bhanu" has been appointed as the new Managing Director of India's largest life insurance company LIC.
- ❖ Siddhartha Mohanty, who was holding that responsibility till now,
- ❖ He was appointed as the chairman of the company last April.
- ❖ Subsequently, Satpal Banu has been appointed to the post.



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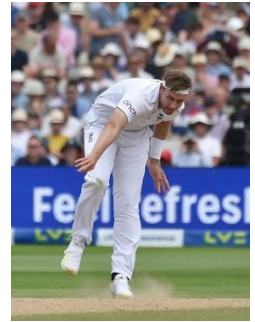
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England bowler "Stuart Pratt" record of taking 600 wickets in Test cricket

- ❖ The 4th Test cricket match of the Ashes series between Australia and England started yesterday at the Old Trafford in Manchester.
- ❖ Fast bowler Stuart Broad took 2 wickets for England side.
- ❖ In addition to this, his in Test cricket
- ❖ 600-wicket haul (166 Tests).
- ❖ Stuart Broad became the 5th bowler in the 146-year history of Test cricket to reach the 600-wicket milestone.
- ❖ Sri Lanka's Muralitharan (800 wickets), Australia's Shane Warne (708), England's James Anderson (688) and India's Anil Khum Blay (619) are in the top 4 places.



"Rakesh Pal" has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

- ❖ He joined Indian Coast Guard in 1989 and is an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy.
- ❖ In 34 years career, he held several positions including Commander Coast Guard Region (North West), Additional Director General Coast Guard, etc.
- ❖ He was given the additional charge of Director General Coast Guard in February 2023.
- ❖ He was awarded with Tatrakshak Medal in 2013 and President Tatrakshak Medal in 2018.
- ❖ Indian Coast Guard
- ❖ It works under the Ministry of Defense.
- ❖ It is an armed force, maritime, search and rescue, and law enforcement agency.
- ❖ Headquarters- New Delhi.



Places in the news

A new crown in the 'diamond city' of Gujarat

- ❖ The largest office building in the world,
- ❖ The Pentagon, the headquarters of the US Army.
- ❖ It has now been surpassed by the “Diamond Trade Center Building” built in the Indian state of Gujarat. It is now the largest office building in the world.
- ❖ The diamond industry capital of India is the city of Surat in Gujarat. It is said that 90 percent of the world's diamonds are cut here.





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- ❖ A huge office called 'Surat Diamond Stock Exchange' has been built so that all of them can work together in one place. The chief executive officer of this project is "Mahesh Gadavi".

Books and Authors:

- ❖ Defence minister Rajnath Singh and health minister Mansukh Mandaviya, also unveiled a book titled '**Healthy Recipes for Defence**,' developed by FSSAI,
- ❖ This aims to encourage the consumption of millets, also known as Shree Anna, and highlight their numerous health benefits.

Art and culture

Rock art at Rudragiri hillock

- ❖ The Rudragiri hillock-located in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh .
- ❖ A 1300 AD Kakatiya era Mural was found superimposed on prehistoric Mesolithic-era artwork.
- ❖ An **excellent work from the Kakatiya dynasty depicting Ramayana** was discovered.

Defence

"Nomadic Elephant-2023"

- ❖ "Nomadic Elephant-2023", the 15th edition of India-Mongolia bilateral joint military exercise is being conducted at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 17 to 31 July 2023.
- ❖ Indian Army contingent comprising of 43 personnel is participating in the exercise at Mongolia.
- ❖ Primary Theme: Focus on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain under United Nations (UN) mandate.
- ❖ Objective: To build positive military relations, exchange best practices, develop interoperability, camaraderie between the two nation armies.



Political parties and Political system in India:

Digital time vouchers:

- ❖ The Election Commission of India has decided to issue digital time vouchers to National & State political parties for campaigning on Doordarshan & All India Radio during elections.



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- ❖ This has been done by introducing a provision to issue digital time vouchers through an Information Technology (IT) platform.
- ❖ Each party shall be given time Vouchers of different denominations of, 5 minutes and 10 minutes, equal to the total time allotted to it for telecasts on Doordarshan and broadcasts on AIR.
- ❖ The scheme was initially notified on 16th January 1998, holds a statutory basis under Section 39A of the Representation of People Act, 1951.

Schemes and their Utility

Gruha Laxmi Scheme

- ❖ Registration for Gruha Lakshmi starts on 19th July 2023, an effective scheme launched by the Karnataka Government to provide financial assistance to women heads of a household.
- ❖ Gruha Lakshmi Scheme is an effective scheme launched to provide financial assistance of Rs.2000 per month to the women head of a household.
- ❖ The beneficiaries will get the amount under the scheme from August 15-20 and the registration will continue for a year.
- ❖ The scheme will benefit over 1,11,00,000 women and the amount set aside by the government is Rs.18,000 crore.
- ❖ The scheme will benefit 12.8 million families in the state.



Science and Technology

Launch of 'TDS Friend' chatbot app

- ❖ As a first initiative by the Income Tax Department under the name 'TDS Nanban', various rules,
- ❖ An artificial intelligence powered 'Chatbot' app has been introduced to provide answers to specific questions related to TDS like rates, remittance deadline, deadline for filing returns, penalty rules etc.
- ❖ It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, between taxpayers and the Income Tax Department.



Economy & Banking

Phonepay - India's first health insurance platform

- ❖ PhonePe Launches India's First Health Insurance Platform with Monthly Subscriptions



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- ❖ PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Private Limited (PIBS), a wholly owned subsidiary of PhonePe Private Limited, launched the health insurance plans offering comprehensive insurance in partnership with leading insurers.
- ❖ These health insurance plans come with coverage up to Rs 1 crore.

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National Current affairs

Gujarat will get the country's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site'

This project under Digital India, aims to provide affordable, secure and high speed internet access to villages, district panchayats, local administrative bodies, government departments, and other entities throughout the country.

4th Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

India made a presentation on **e-Shram**, the world's largest database of unorganized workers and National Career Service (NCS) Portal today at the 4th Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency at **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**.

The monsoon session of Parliament will commence from July 20 with conclusion on August 11, 2023.

- ❖ The summoning of Parliament is specified in **Article 85** of the Constitution.
- ❖ The power to convene a session of Parliament rests with the government.
- ❖ The decision is taken by the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
- ❖ India does not have a fixed parliamentary calendar.
- ❖ By convention, Parliament meets for three sessions in a year.

Tamilnadu current affairs

Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme (women's basic income scheme)

The Tamil Nadu government will launch the Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme, providing financial assistance of ₹1,000 per month to women heads of eligible households, this year, on September 15, the birth anniversary of late Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai.