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Persons in the news

Alok Aradhe sworn in as "Chief Justice of Telangana High Court" in Hyderabad

- ❖ "Justice Alok Arathe" was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court by Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at a function held at the Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad.



Justice Alok Arathe

- ❖ Alok Arathe born on 13 April 1964 is an Indian Judge. He was born in Raipur in then Madhya Pradesh. He is a B.Sc. and studied LL.B.
- ❖ Justice Alok Arathe started practicing in Jabalpur in 1988. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in December 2009.
- ❖ Later, he was appointed as a permanent judge in February 2011. On November 17, 2018, Justice Aarathe was transferred to the Karnataka High Court. He will hold office as a High Court judge till 2026.

Long-time chief minister: Naveen Patnaik second!

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister "Naveen Patnaik" is second in the list of longest serving Chief Ministers in the country.
- ❖ He has overtaken former West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu in this seat. Former Chief Minister of Sikkim Pawan Kumar Chamling tops the list of longest serving Chief Minister with over 24 years as Chief Minister.
- ❖ In the list of Chief Ministers who have won 5 consecutive elections, Naveen Patnaik is followed by Pawan Kumar Samling and Jyoti Basu.
- ❖ Naveen Patnaik will go down in history as the country's longest-serving chief minister if he wins again and forms the government in the Odisha assembly elections to be held alongside the Lok Sabha elections next year.



Reports

'Sadness, sleeplessness, stress, and anxiety top mental health concerns shared on Tele MANAS'

- ❖ It has received over 2 lakh calls since it is launched
- ❖ The number of calls has ben doubled in last three months.
- ❖ Tele-MANAS -Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) initiative has been launched by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare during October 2022.



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- ❖ It aims to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly catering to people in remote or under-served areas.
- ❖ A toll-free, 24/7 helpline number (14416) is now available as part of the initiative.

What has to be done to get to Zero Hunger?

- ❖ Global Report on the Food Crises 2023 states that the world is far off track towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2—Zero Hunger
- ❖ The Global Report on the Food Crises (GRFC) 2023 released recently estimated that between 691 million and 783 million people in the world suffered from hunger in 2022.
- ❖ The GRFC is produced by the Food Security Information Network in support of the Global Network against Food Crises, and involves 16 partners to achieve a joint consensus-based assessment of acute food insecurity in countries.

Food Security:

- ❖ Food security is a basic human right.
- ❖ Food security is the measure of an individual's ability to access food that is nutritious and sufficient in quantity.

Key highlights of the report

- ❖ The prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population is based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES).
- ❖ The Global Report starts with a qualified assertion that hunger is no longer on an alarming path upwards at the global level, but still far above pre-COVID pandemic levels.
- ❖ It sets the global contexts preceding and during the year under assessment, particularly paying attention to the increasing phenomenon of urbanisation, and its effects on food security.
- ❖ In 2022, an estimated 2.4 billion people did not have access to adequate food. This is still 391 million more people than in 2019.
- ❖ Some good news is that stunting, another key metric, defined as the condition of being too short for one's age, among children under five years of age has declined steadily, from 204.2 million in 2000 to 148.1 million in 2022.
- ❖ Simultaneously, child wasting, caused by insufficient nutrient intake or absorption, declined from 54.1 million in 2000 to 45 million in 2022.
- ❖ In terms of children who are overweight or obese, the study indicated a non-significant increase from 5.3% (33 million) in 2000 to 5.6 % (37 million) in 2022.

Sports

National Water Polo: Kerala Champion

- ❖ In the junior national water polo tournament, Kerala won the double title in the boys and girls category. In the diving category, Tamil Nadu's R. Aradhana won gold and set a record.
- ❖ The 39th Sub Junior and 49th Junior National Swimming Championships were held at Velachery Swimming Pool in Chennai.



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- ❖ In this case, the Kerala-Maharashtra teams clashed in the final match of the boys division of the water polo tournament. In this Kerala team won by 17 - 15 points and won the trophy.
- ❖ In the girls' final, Kerala beat Karnataka 16-7 to win the title. Chennai's Aradhana brought pride to Tamil Nadu by scoring 170.45 points in the Group 3 girls' spring board event in the diving event.
- ❖ "Aradhana" has achieved the feat of becoming the first athlete to win a gold medal in the history of Tamil Nadu diving. Abhishek had already won gold in the men's category.

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Silver in junior shooting

- ❖ The Indian men's team has won the silver medal in the ongoing World Junior Shooting Championship in South Korea.
- ❖ In the men's 25m category, the Indian team consisting of "Sameer, Rajkanwar Singh, Mahesh" clashed with the Chinese team.
- ❖ The Indian team, which secured 1,730 points and placed 2nd, bagged the silver medal.



Most Runs in International Cricket: Kohli Moves to 5th

- ❖ "Virat Kohli" (25,548 runs) has overtaken South African player Jacques Kallis to the 5th place in the list of highest run scorers in international cricket.
- ❖ He achieved this feat on Day 2 of the second Test against West Indies.
- ❖ Sachin Tendulkar (34,357 runs), Kumar Sangakkara (28,016 runs), Ricky Ponting (27,483 runs), Mahela Jayawardene (25,957 runs) and Virat Kohli (25,548 runs) are currently in the list of highest run scorers in international cricket.



4th title of the current year for the Sathwik-Chirag champion

- ❖ "Korea Open Super 500 Badminton Tournament" In Men's Doubles, India's star players "Sadvik Rangi Reddy-Chirak Shetty" won the co-champion title. This is the fourth title that India has won jointly this year.
- ❖ Both the Commonwealth 2022 champions are coming off a 10-match winning streak. Saath Vig-Chirag have already won three titles namely Swiss Open, Asian Championship and Indonesian Open.
- ❖ Together, they have won the Commonwealth Gold, Thomas Cup title, World Championship Bill Bronze, Syed Modi, Swiss Open, Thailand, India Open, French Open and Indonesian Open.





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Geography

'Farmers protest brings water to Chambal canals after 2 decades'

Chambal River irrigation Project:

- ❖ The Chambal river is a major tributary of River **Yamuna**.
- ❖ The Chambal river flows through Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ This is a joint project was undertaken by the state governments of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in 1954.
- ❖ It was launched for the purpose of:
 - i. Irrigation.
 - ii. soil conservation.
 - iii. Hydro electricity generation.
 - iv. Economic development.

Science and Technology

Carrying 7 satellites 'B.S. LV A C-56' rocket is launched

- ❖ 'PSLV' carrying 7 satellites from 'Satish Dhawan Space Research Center' in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, India Space Research Organization (ISRO) C-56' rocket takes off on July 30.
- ❖ 'P.S.L.V. The C-56' rocket is built on a core-alone, modern utility model similar to the already-launched C-55 rocket.
- ❖ In this, the main satellite 'DS-SAT' weighing 360 kg from Singapore is sent. The satellite is 535 km from Earth at an inclination of 5 degrees. At altitude the station is to be stationed in an equatorial orbit. Along with this, 6 more operational satellites are being launched.
- ❖ The DS-SAT satellite carries a synthetic aperture radar instrument developed by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).
- ❖ This satellite can provide all weather information during day and night. It is capable of providing accurate images.



Economy & Banking

Indian Bank has launched "Resource Acquisition Centres".

- ❖ Indian Bank, India's 7th largest public sector bank, has launched a "Resource Acquisition Center" (RAC) to enhance its retail deposit business portfolio comprising current deposits, savings bank and term deposit accounts.
- ❖ The bank will target specific customer segments such as high net worth individuals (HNIs),





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government/corporate customers, salaried class, corporates, business community, traders and pensioners.

Indian Bank

- ❖ Incorporated March 5, 1907
- ❖ Started business on August 15, 1907.
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Managing Director (MD) – Shanti Lal Jain
- ❖ Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

State Current Affairs

'Saku Baku'

- ❖ Government of Telangana & World Economic Forum (WEF)- Launched the first phase of Insight Report of 'Chagu Bhagu' programme.
- ❖ This project is Artificial Intelligence to benefit the "Chilli Farmers" in Telangana
- ❖ Aims to provide (AI) based agro-technology services.



Telangana

- ❖ Principal - K. Chandrasekhara Rao
- ❖ Governor- Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- ❖ Capital – Hyderabad

The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the "Mega Plantation Drive".

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of planting 35 crore saplings.
- ❖ 30 crore saplings out of 35 crore have been planted on July 22.
- ❖ The theme of the mega garden drive is 'Pet Lagao Pet Bachao'.
- ❖ This year's garden movement is divided into two parts. 30 crore saplings in the first phase and 35 crore saplings in the second phase will be planted on August 15.



National current affairs

'Second wife' cannot accuse 'husband' of cruelty under Section 498A of IPC: Karnataka High Court

Section:498A

- ❖ The provision related to cruelty against married women by the husband or in-laws was included through Criminal Amendment Act 46 of 1983.
- ❖ The Chapter 20A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 contains section 498A IPC.
- ❖ It defines cruelty and provides punishment for the offence.
- ❖ **Cruelty** means



1. any wilful conduct which is of such a nature is likely to drive the woman to commit suicide or to cause a grave injury or danger to life (mental or physical) of the woman.

2. Harassment of the women where such harassment is with a view to coercing her or any person related to her to meet any unlawful demand for any property or valuable security or is on account of failure by her or any person related to her to meet such demand

- ❖ Punishment to the cruelty whoever, being the husband or the relative of the husband of a woman, subjects such woman to cruelty shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

CERT-In cautions Internet users against Ransomware 'Akira' attack.

- ❖ The **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** has warned about an Internet ransomware virus '**Akira**'.
- ❖ This is a computer malware targets Windows and Linux-based systems, steals the information from victims, then encrypt data on their systems and conducts double extortion to force the victim into paying the ransom.

CERT -In:

The agency is the central technology arm to combat cyber attacks and guards cyberspace against phishing and hacking assaults and similar online attacks.

PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate 'Semicon India 2023' in Gandhinagar.

- ❖ The exhibition will inform about the manufacturing process of semiconductors and the progress made in this field.
- ❖ The national-level event will showcase the latest technology related to semiconductors.

India may build solar infra in Pacific island nations amid Chinese push

- ❖ India is considering expanding its solar **STAR-C initiative**, run by the International Solar Alliance, to a number of Pacific Island countries.
- ❖ The overall objective (of the STAR-C initiative) is
- ❖ .to create a strong network of institutional capacities within ISA Member States
- ❖ To enhance Quality Infrastructure(QI) for the uptake of solar energy product and service markets,
- ❖ Particularly in least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS),"
- ❖ Funding for the project is also provided by France.

Tamilnadu Current Affairs

CM Stalin invites Manipuri sportspersons to get trained in Tamil Nadu for Khelo India Games

Ahead of the national Khelo India Games to be hosted by Tamil Nadu next year, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has invited sportspersons from violence-hit Manipur to Tamil Nadu to



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avail the infrastructure of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu for the purpose of training.

The Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu (SDAT):

1. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) was established in the year **1992**.
2. It was by merging the erstwhile Directorate of Sports and Youth Services and Tamil Nadu State Sports Development Corporation.
3. The SDAT is governed by an Authority headed by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and an Executive Committee chaired by the Minister in charge of Youth Welfare and Sports Development.
4. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu(SDAT) is the prime organization in the state for **the promotion of sports, development and welfare** of sportspersons.
5. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) is functioning as the Directorate of Youth Welfare.

Khelo India Games:

1. It is a national programme which aims to develop grassroots level talent by providing them with a national level platform.
2. Launched in 2018.
3. This programme strives to promote “**Sports for All**” as well as “**Sports for Excellence.**”