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30 & 31 July 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

30 July 2023 – International Friendship day

- ❖ In 2011, the **United Nations General Assembly** declared the International Day of Goodwill with the goal of encouraging goodwill among people, nations and cultures.
- ❖ The theme for International Friendship Day 2023 is 'Sharing the human spirit through friendship.'

30 July 2023 – World Day against Trafficking in Persons.

- ❖ In 2013, the **UN General Assembly** adopted resolution A/RES/68/192 designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons and declared that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights."
- ❖ The theme for world day against trafficking is 'Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind'.

31 July 2023- World Ranger Day.

- ❖ On 31 July, World Ranger Day 2023 is observed to honour them and to pay tribute to rangers who lost their lives while performing their duty.
- ❖ World Ranger Day is an initiative of **International Ranger Federation**.
- ❖ The day was first observed in 2007 in memory of eight rangers who tragically lost their lives while on duty in **Virunga National Park**, Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ❖ The theme of World Ranger Day 2023 is "30 by 30 i.e., effectively conserve and manage at least 30 percent of the planet's areas by 2030.

Persons in the news

Ariyalur youth designed 3 satellites!

- ❖ Singapore's 'DS-Sari' Earth observation satellite with 7 satellites was launched by PSLV-C56 rocket from Sriharikota Satishthavan Centre.
- ❖ Out of these 7 satellites, 3 are from Ariyalur
- ❖ Designed by "C. Shanmukha Sundaram".
- ❖ In this, Shanmugasundaram has worked as designer, project manager and chief engineer for all three satellites namely "Arcade, Scoop-2, Velax".
- ❖ 'Arcade' satellite, traveling at very low altitude
- ❖ Developed to study the upper atmosphere and provide new information to understand the dynamics of the equatorial region.
- ❖ "Scoop is another type of small satellite. This satellite is used for research related to remote communication.
- ❖ Thirdly, the satellite 'Velox-AM' has been developed to study some of the objects used in space.





"Padma Rajan" of Indian origin, who worked for the education of underprivileged children in Serbia, passes away.

- ❖ Serbian tennis player, Novak Djokovic started "The Novak Djokovic Foundation" (NDF) in his name.
- ❖ The foundation was working with the primary objective of providing quality education and nurturing environment to underprivileged children in Serbia and around the world.
- ❖ Padma Rajan is a co-founder of this charity which was started in 2007. He was active as a key member and contributor to the foundation.
- ❖ Before joining the foundation, she was an ardent Djokovic fan. Padma Rajan regularly watches his matches. Only then did he join Djokovic's foundation.



"Nisha Biswal"

- ❖ Indian-American policy expert Nisha Biswal has been confirmed by the Senate to serve as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a US financial institution.
- ❖ Ms. Biswal will serve as the Deputy CEO of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.
- ❖ He has more than 30 years of senior-level work in US foreign policy and international development programs at the White House;



Prime Minister Modi praised the Coimbatore artist who has been drawing and documenting endangered animals and plants

A friend from Vadavalli in Tamil Nadu, Suresh Raghavan has sketched and documented various endangered plants and animals.

- ❖ His work of serving nature through art is truly wonderful," he said.

R. Suresh (59)

- ❖ R. Suresh (59) of New Ananda Nagar, PN Puthur near Vadavalli, Coimbatore, works as a painter at the "Botanical Research Center of India (BSI)" on the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University campus.
- ❖ Endemic, endangered through his art
- ❖ (Endangered) birds for the next generation
- ❖ From 2018 onwards, West, with the intention of documenting the takeover
- ❖ He has been drawing and documenting rare species of birds, animals and plants in the Ghats.
- ❖ Apart from drawing, he checked the information about each bird, Tamil and English names, scientific name and habitat of each bird with the help of experts and printed that information along with the drawings.





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Awards and honors

Honored with “Prem Prakash” Lifetime Achievement Award

- ❖ Renowned journalist and founder and chairman of Asian News International (ANI), Prem Prakash, has been honored with the Global Education Mentor (GEM) Award 2023 - Lifetime Achievement Award, “in recognition of his significant contribution to the field of education”.
- ❖ Prem Prakash has dedicated more than 70 years in the world of journalism. And in his long career he has covered some of the most significant stories of post-independence India, including the 1962 war with China and the 1971 war against Pakistan.
- ❖ His notable work includes: Reporting India: My Seventy-Year Journey as a Journalist (2020) and its Hindi edition launched in 2022; Afghanistan: Quest for Peace, Path of Wars (2023).
- ❖ The “Global Mentor of Education” (GEM) Award aims to celebrate the achievements of those who have dedicated their lives to promoting innovative approaches to teaching and learning in India and to the development of the education or allied social sector.



Reports

U.P., Bihar, A.P. among top States in child trafficking; Delhi records alarming rise: NGO study

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh are the top three states with the maximum number of children trafficked between 2016 and 2022.
- ❖ Notably, Delhi has witnessed a 68% increase in child trafficking cases from pre to post-Covid times.
- ❖ In the top district in child trafficking, Jaipur City emerged as the hotspot in the country, while the other four top slots in the list were found to be in the national capital.

Books and Authors:

- ❖ Union Minister Amit Shah released the book titled, “Dr. Apj Abdul Kalam; Memories Never Die”
- ❖ “This book is an English translation of the Tamil book ‘Ninaivugalukku Maranamillai’.
- ❖ Written by two people closest to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam—his niece Dr. Nazema Maraikayar and the distinguished ISRO scientist Dr. Y.S. Rajan.

Sports

“International University Sports Federation” (FISU) Summer World University Games held in Chengdu, China.



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- ❖ "Indian Women's Team Wins Three Gold Medals". In the 10m air pistol event, the Indian women's team consisting of "Manu Bakar, Yashwini Deswal and Abidya Patil" beat China and Iran to win the gold.
- ❖ In the women's individual 10m air pistol category, "Manu Bakar" secured the gold medal by scoring 239.7 points.
- ❖ The Indian team consisting of Aman Saini and Pragati won gold in the Indian mixed team archery competition today.
- ❖ Pragati also won a silver medal in the women's team combined archery competition with "Avneet Kaur and Purvasha".
- ❖ "Vijayveer Sidhu, Udayveer Sidhu and Adarsh Singh" won another silver medal for the country in Men's 25m Pistol Rapid Fire Team event.
- ❖ Competing in Men's 50m Rifle 3 events, "Olympian Tomar" took first place.
- ❖ The Indian trio of "Tomar, Sartaj Singh Dewana and Surya Pratap Singh" won the bronze medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 position team event.
- ❖ India has so far won 11 medals with 5 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze and is placed fourth in the medal table.
- ❖ (Being a part of India University Games since 1959)



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"Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships".

- ❖ The 101st Sri Lankan Athletics National Championships will see the participation of Maldivian players apart from Indians.
- ❖ In women's 3000m steeplechase, "Preethi Lamba" won the gold medal, while in men's 3000m steeplechase final, "Paul Kishan" came first.
- ❖ "Sonia Bhaishya" also won gold medal in women's 400m race. On the other hand, "Zysna Mathew" was second runner-up in the same competition.
- ❖ The "Indian 4x400m Medley Relay Team" consisting of "Amoj Jacob, Aishwarya Mishra, Muhammad Anas and Himanshi Malik" won the gold medal.
- ❖ In the 4x400m "Women's Relay", "Sonia Baishya, Aishwarya Mishra, Suba V and Himanshi Malik" won the gold medal.
- ❖ India's "T.Sandosh Kumar" topped the men's 400m hurdles.
- ❖ India's gold medalist javelin thrower "Kishore Kumar Jena" was presented with the Best Male Thrower trophy.



World swimming: "Letaky" new record

- ❖ At the World Swimming Championships in Japan, America's "Catilletucky" won the gold medal in the women's 800m freestyle event and set two new records.
- ❖ In the same category (800m freestyle) at the World Championships
- ❖ He became the first swimmer to win gold 6 times.



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- ❖ He also won his 16th individual gold medal at the World Championships, beating fellow American Michael Phelps (15 golds) to become the "only swimmer to win 16 individual golds at the World Championships".
- ❖ It is also worth mentioning that this is the 2nd gold for the 1,500m freestyle gold medalist at the current championships.



Schemes and their Utility

Government extends "Atal Bheem Vyakti Kalyan Yojana" scheme for two years

- ❖ The government has decided to extend the tenure of the Atal Bheem Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, an "unemployment scheme" under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, by two more years till June 30, 2024.
- ❖ This marks the third extension of the scheme with previous extensions granted in both 2020 and 2021.
- ❖ These extensions are aimed at providing continued financial assistance to Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) beneficiaries who have faced job loss during the pandemic.



Atal Bheem Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

- ❖ The scheme was first introduced in 2018 on a pilot basis and will run for two years.
- ❖ The scheme works as a welfare initiative for employees under Section 2(9) of the ESI Act, 1948, providing relief payments up to 90 days in case of unemployment.

"Urea Gold" (new type of fertilizer)

- ❖ PM Modi launched "Urea Gold", a new variety of sulfur coated urea to help reduce farmers' costs.
- ❖ Urea Gold is a new type of urea that is expected to address sulfur deficiencies in soils.
- ❖ Urea gold will ensure improved nitrogen use efficiency, reduced consumption and improved crop quality.
- ❖ It improves nitrogen use efficiency in plants.
- ❖ It reduces the consumption of fertilizers and improves crop quality.
- ❖ It also increases income for farmers by increasing production and productivity.



Science and Technology

PSLV-C56 rocket successfully launched

- ❖ ISRO's PSLV-C56 rocket successfully launched 7 satellites including Singapore's TS-SAR.



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- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is deploying communication, sensing and guidance satellites.
- ❖ The PSLV-C56 rocket was launched from the first launch pad of "Sathish Dhawan Centre" at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Along with this, the satellites "Velox-AM (23 kg), Arcade (24 kg), Scoop-2 (4 kg), Newlion (3 kg), Galasia (3.5 kg), Orb-12, Strider (13 kg) and 6 satellites were launched. Small Singaporean institutions of higher learning are designed by students.
- ❖ Since 1993, ISRO has launched 431 satellites from various countries using the PSLV rocket.



Economy & Banking

Max Life Insurance Company Limited (Max Life) has been designated as the "Lead Insurer" for the state of Uttar Pradesh by the "Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India" (IRDAI).

- ❖ The move is part of IRDAI's State Insurance Scheme, which promotes financial awareness and insurance inclusion.



State Insurance Scheme of IRDAI

- ❖ IRDAI's State Insurance Scheme is a joint initiative with insurers to increase financial awareness and inclusion of insurance for every insured.
- ❖ The initiative aims to implement insurance for all, meaning adequate life, health and property insurance for every citizen, by 2047.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

- ❖ It is a statutory body created under an Act of Parliament, namely, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.
- ❖ It is a public authority as defined in the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

- ❖ President – Debashish Panda
- ❖ Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❖ Incorporated in 2000

Environment:

‘Big cats go missing from Kawal, count is zero: NTCA’

NTCA has given figures for the core Kawal reserve in telengana saying there are no tigers there. However, we have 10 tigers in the Kawal tiger corridor.

National Tiger Conservation Authority:



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The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a **statutory body** under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change constituted under **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.

Kawal Tiger reserve:

- ❖ Kawal Tiger Reserve is located in North Eastern part of Telangana having Godavari river at one side and Maharashtra border on other side.
- ❖ Govt of India declared Kawal wildlife sanctuary as Tiger Reserve in 2012.

Tamilnadu current affairs:

Nannan's books will be nationalised soon: CM Stalin'

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced that the poet M Nannan's 124 books will be nationalised soon.
- ❖ Born in 1923 saathukudal in Cuddalore district. Nannan's original name was Thirugnanasambandhan.
- ❖ He taught Tamil for 17 years on Chennai TV station under the title '**Ennum ,Ezhuthum**'.
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- ❖ Nannan was a freedom fighter and he participated in the **Quit India Movement**.
- ❖ He also involved himself in **the anti-Hindi agitation**.

National current affairs

'Virtual Portal of 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' Goes Live After a Grand Launch At Qutub Minar,

- ❖ In a bid to create a **cultural atlas of India's rural areas**, Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal unveiled the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar '**virtual museum**' at Qutub Minar.
- ❖ The virtual museum is a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative National Mission on Cultural Mapping.
- ❖ The objective is to promote an interaction between culture and identity and raise public consciousness of the benefits of India's rich cultural history.



2. 'Indian Embassy and Consulate General organises LiFE mission event in Nepal'

The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu and the Indian Consulate General in Birgunj held series of events on LiFE mission, a global awareness program launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that seeks to create an ecosystem that will reinforce and enable environmentally friendly behaviours to be self-sustainable.



LiFE mission:

- ❖ It is An India-led global mass movement to nudge individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment.
- ❖ It was introduced at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in **Glasgow**.
- ❖ The Mission emboldens the spirit of the P3 model, i.e., Pro Planet People, as it is premised on the basic principles of 'Lifestyle of the planet, for the planet and by the planet'.
- ❖ It advocates for the circular economy where the concept of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' can help in striking a balance between development, economic growth, and sustainability.



'Gobardhan portal logs over 1,200 biogas plant registrations since June launch'

- ❖ The Gobardhan Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARDhan) initiative is aimed at creating a conducive environment for the biogas and CBG(Compressed bio gas) sector.
- ❖ Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti is the coordinating department for GOBARDhan.
- ❖ It aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting circular economy.



Mann Ki Baat programme

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that '**Meri Mati Mera Desh**' campaign will be launched soon ahead of Independence Day to honour the **martyred men and women**.
- ❖ The Prime Minister gave the example of a village in Madhya Pradesh, Bicharpur, which is called **Mini Brazil**. It earned the name of 'Mini Brazil' as this village has become a stronghold of the rising stars of football.