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## 12 August 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### International Youth Day

- ❖ In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly designated August 12 as International Youth Day on the recommendation of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth.
- ❖ The day was established to raise awareness of issues affecting the youth and promote their involvement in social, economic and political processes.
- ❖ Theme: **“Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World”**

#### National Librarian's Day

- ❖ **Dr. C. Ira Aranganathan**, who is known as the father of Indian library science, is celebrated as Librarian's Day on 12th August.

He developed "Five Laws of Library Science". They are:

1. Books for use
2. Every reader has his own book
3. Every book has its reader
4. Save reader's time
5. Libraries are growing institutions

### Persons in the news

#### Eminent nuclear physicist Bikash Sinha passes away

- ❖ Renowned nuclear physicist Bikash Sinha passed away at the age of 78 due to old age.
- ❖ A recipient of the "Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2010", he was the former Director of Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre.
- ❖ Sinha specializes in nuclear physics, high energy physics, quark gluon plasma and early universe cosmology.
- ❖ He led an Indian team for the first time to participate in experiments at the European Organization for Atomic Research in Geneva.
- ❖ After living in England for about 12 years, Sinha joined the Baba Atomic Research Center in 1976 after returning to India.
- ❖ In 1987 he was appointed Director of the Variable Energy Cyclotron Center.
- ❖ He concurrently served as the Director of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics till 2009.



#### Writer Vaimainathan passes away (86)

- ❖ Belongs to Vaimedu village next to Vedaranyam
- ❖ Writer-poet Vaimainathan (86) passed away in the morning due to ill health.



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- ❖ Poet Vaimainathan retired as a government school teacher. Author of various works in traditional poetry. In 1986, his "Netaji Kavyam" was published with the financial assistance of the Tamil Development Department.
- ❖ The epic was published in Hindi as "Vangkasingh" (1999).
- ❖ In 2008, "Kapalluku Or Kavyam" (History of V.U.C.) was shortlisted for the Tamil Development Department prize for that year.
- ❖ He has also written many books including "Madurai Veeran" (Poetry Drama), New Man (Short Story Collection), "Tyagi Kalapal Guppu" (Biography), Venmanik Kappiyam, Nali (Novelty).



## Sports

### The 69th Nehru Trophy Boat Race is being held at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha district of Kerala.

- ❖ Every year on the second Saturday of August, "19 - Sundan Valloms" or "72 boats including snake boats" participate in the boat race.
- ❖ Racing begins with a round of small boat heats in the morning session. The Snake Boats heats round will begin after the opening session scheduled for this afternoon. The finals will be held in the evening.
- ❖ Women in the race are provided with tracksuits as wearing a traditional saree is detrimental to swimming if the boat capsizes.



### World Cup Chess: Pragnananda is amazing

- ❖ India's "R. Pragnananda" defeats US No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura in World Cup Chess Tournament in Azerbaijan
- ❖ He advanced to the 4th round.
- ❖ In the 3rd round, Pragnananda won the tie-breaker as both their matches ended in draws.
- ❖ He will face Hungary's Ferenc Beres in the next round. India's "T.Gukesh" - has qualified for the 4th round by defeating Russia's Andrey Esipenko





## Schemes and their Utility

### "Kisan Kalyan Yojana"

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved disbursement of Rs 6,000 to eligible farmers under Chief Minister's Kisan Kalyan Yojana for the financial year 2023-2024. The cabinet decided to "provide the benefit of the Seventh Pay Commission" to Gram Panchayat Secretaries.
- ❖ An additional expenditure of Rs 178.88 crore will be made for this.



## Science and Technology

### "Russia Launches Luna Spacecraft To Explore Moon"

- ❖ Russia's "Luna 25" has been launched to compete with India's Chandrayaan 3 spacecraft to explore the moon.
- ❖ India's Chandrayaan 3 spacecraft is successfully making its way to the South Pole of the Moon while superpowers including the United States and China are trying to explore it.
- ❖ Chandrayaan 3 is scheduled to land on the moon on the 23rd.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Russia launched the Luna 25 spacecraft to probe the moon for water by gently landing the spacecraft at the same South Pole.
- ❖ The 1,800 kg Luna 25 satellite will study the surface of the moon for ice, minerals, fuel oxygen and drinking water.



## Environment and Biodiversity

### Hawaii wildfires: Death toll rises to 55

- ❖ The death toll from the wildfires on the Hawaiian island of Maui has risen to 55.
- ❖ Death toll rises to 55 in Halena, Pulehu and central areas affected by wildfires on Maui Island.
- ❖ Officials said that the work of finding the people who may have died in the forest fire and recovering the bodies is being carried out continuously. A forest fire suddenly spread rapidly on the island of Maui in the US state of Hawaii on Wednesday. Areas including Lahaina, a historic tourist destination built in the 1700s, were hit hard.
- ❖ An ancient banyan tree brought from India 150 years ago in Lahena town was also gutted in the fire.





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- ❖ At the time of the wildfires, strong winds were blowing in the area due to storm Torah blowing south of Hawaii Island.
- ❖ Dry conditions, low humidity and strong winds are said to have contributed to the rapid spread of forest fires. This is the worst wildfire in the United States this year. It is worth recalling that 85 people died and about 19,000 houses were burnt down in the forest fires in California in 2018.

## Tamilnadu current affairs

### Cauvery: Tamil Nadu government decides to go to Supreme Court

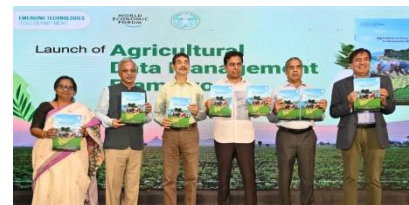
- ❖ Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan has announced that a case will be filed soon on behalf of the Tamil Nadu government in the Supreme Court in the Cauvery water issue.
- ❖ The 22nd meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was held in Delhi.
- ❖ In this meeting, Karnataka did not issue any order to inform the Supreme Court to provide 37.97 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Government has taken the decision to go to the Supreme Court after officials including Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department Secretary Sandeep Saxena walked out of the meeting.

- ❖ 53.77 TMC to Tamil Nadu from June to August 11. Water should have been provided.
- ❖ But the Karnataka government has only 15.79 TMC. Only water is provided.
- ❖ The amount of scarce water is 37.97 TMC.
- ❖ In that meeting, there was strong emphasis on the amount of Cauvery water required by Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Karnataka authorities changed their stance and made it clear that instead of 1:5,000 cubic feet, only 8,000 cubic feet of water would be released and that too only till August 22.
- ❖ The total capacity of the four dams in Karnataka is 114,571 TMC. 93.535 TMC of these dams. Water has stagnated.
- ❖ This is 82 percent of the total water storage of Karnataka dams.

## State Current Affairs

### The first agricultural data exchange and agricultural data management framework

- ❖ Telangana Launches India's "First Agricultural Data Exchange and Agricultural Data Management Framework" in Hyderabad
- ❖ A Dex (ADeX) platform is developed for "Digital Public Infrastructure" (DPI) for the agriculture sector.
- ❖ These initiatives are helping to position the country as a leader in using innovation and technology to transform food systems and improve farmers' incomes.





## Nagaland's "First Naga Traditional Food Lab" was launched at Jappu Christian College in Kohima District.

- ❖ Under the National Education Policy 2020, Japfu Christian College, Nagaland University has launched “Naga Traditional Food Skills Development Courses .
- ❖ In this, staple foods of 15 tribes of Nagaland will be studied, cooked and researched to preserve and propagate the Naga food cultural identity.
- ❖ In its 16-acre campus, the college maintains a number of fruit trees and other seasonal fruits that are well-suited to its environment.
- ❖ Students can also study agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, arts and crafts along with graduation.



## National current affairs

### 3 Bills to amend the Criminal Laws

- ❖ 3 Bills were introduced in the Lok Sabha on Friday to amend the British-era criminal laws. Union Home Minister Amit Shah filed them.
- ❖ The “**Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita (PNS) Bill 2023**” to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC)
- ❖ 1860 and the “**Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Samhita (PNSS) Bill 2023**” to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (CRPA)
- ❖ 1898, the “**Bharatiya Sakshya (PS) Bill 2023**” was also introduced to amend the Indian Evidence Act 1872.

### 28% GST on e-sports: Parliament approves bill

- ❖ 28 percent GST (goods and services) on e-sports, casino and horseball clubs
- ❖ Tax) to the Amendment Bill
- ❖ It was approved in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced these Bills 'Central Goods and Services Tax Amendment Bill 2023' and 'Integrated Goods and Services Tax Amendment Bill 2023' in both houses.
- ❖ According to this amendment, a sub-section and explanation "for levy of 28 per cent GST on casinos and horse racing clubs" will be added in Schedule 3 of the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017.



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