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INTERNATIONAL

1) UN 2023 Water Conference in New York

- A report presented by UNESCO at the UN 2023 Water Conference in New York reveals that a significant portion of the world's population still does not have access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.
- The report indicates that 26% of the global population lacks safe drinking water, while 46% do not have access to well-managed sanitation facilities.

NATIONAL

1) 'Sagar Manthan'

- The Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW called 'Sagar Manthan' was virtually launched by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.
- The digital platform is designed to have all integrated data related to the ministry and other subsidiaries. The inauguration ceremony was attended by MoS, MoPSW Shri Shripad Y. Naik, MoS, MoPSW Shri Shantanu Thakur and other officials from the ministry.



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2) 'DigiClaim'

- -The Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- This platform is aimed at expediting the disbursement of insurance claims to farmers who have availed themselves of crop insurance.
- To demonstrate its effectiveness, the Minister used the platform to transfer a total insurance claim of Rs. 1,260.35 crore to insured farmers in several Indian states, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, and Haryana, with just a single click.

3) One World TB Summit

- During the One World TB Summit arranged by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on World Tuberculosis Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's powerful pharmaceutical industry as a significant advantage in the global battle against TB.













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- He also mentioned that India has set a goal of eradicating TB by the year 2025.

4) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has announced an extension of the subsidy of Rs 200 per LPG cylinder under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for one year.
- The PMUY was launched in May 2016 by the Central government to provide deposit-free LPG connections to adult women of poor households and make LPG accessible to rural and impoverished households. The government credits the subsidy directly to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries.



STATE NEWS

1) Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary

- The government of Tamil Nadu has decided to declare Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state. This sanctuary covers an area of 80,567 hectares in the forest regions of Anthiyur and Gobichettipalayam taluks in Erode district, and includes reserve forest areas in Anthiyur, Bargur, Thattakarai, and Chennampatti.
- It is home to a variety of wild animals such as tigers, elephants, leopards, wild boars, gaurs, and deer. This wildlife sanctuary is located in close proximity to other sanctuaries such as Malai Mahadeshwara wildlife sanctuary, BRT Wildlife Sanctuary, Cauvery wildlife sanctuary in Karnataka, and it serves as a connecting point between Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve and Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary. This announcement was made during the state budget.

2) Kumaun region's Haldwani town

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the government will set up a sports university in the Kumaun region's Haldwani town.
- Dhami, who made the announcement on the occasion of completion of one year of the formation of his government, said there had been longstanding demands from several sports associations for such a university.













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3) Urban Climate Film Festival

- The National Institute of Urban Affairs has partnered with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, the French Development Agency, and the European Union to organize the first-ever Urban Climate Film Festival as part of the CITIIS program under U20 engagement events.
- The festival will feature a carefully selected collection of 11 films from 9 countries to increase public awareness of the effects of climate change on urban life and encourage discussion on sustainable urban development.
- On the 24th of March 2023, the M.L. Bhartia Auditorium at Alliance Française in Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, will host the inauguration of the Urban Climate Film Festival.

Combined Graduate Level Examination, 2023	Tier-I (CBE)*	01/Apr/2023 (Saturday)	01/May/2023 (Monday)	Jun-Jul, 2023	
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Sub-Inspector in Delhi Police and Central Armed Police Forces Examination, 2023	Tier-I (CBE)*	20/Jul/2023 (Thursday)	13/Aug/2023 (Sunday)	Oct/2023	
Junior Engineer (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Quantity Surveying & Contracts) Examination, 2023	Paper-I (CBE)*	26/Jul/2023 (Wednesday)	16/Aug/2023 (Wednesday)	Oct/2023	Download RACE4Job A

4) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

- For the upcoming 2023-24 season, the Indian government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) for raw jute by Rs 300 to Rs 5,050 per quintal.
- The decision was taken during a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and was based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- The MSP of Raw Jute (TD-3 equivalent to earlier TD-5 grade) has been fixed at Rs 5,050 per quintal for the upcoming season.

5) National Green Tribunal

- The Kerala government has been fined Rs 10 crore by the Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal for their inability to prevent the uncontrolled pollution of the designated Ramsar sites.
- The order by NGT was made in lines with a petition alleging failure of statutory and administrative authorities in taking remedial action for protection of the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes hit by illegal waste dumping.













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APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Salima Tete

- National women's hockey team midfielder Salima Tete has appointed the AHF Athletes Ambassador from India for a term of two years.
- Tete accepted the certificate and the position during the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Congress in Mungyeong, Korea.
- Tete, who led the Indian women's junior hockey team to a fourth-place finish at the 2021 FIH Women's Junior World Cup in Potchefstroom, South Africa, is among four players from Asia to be appointed for the position.

SPORTS

1) Luis Caffarelli

- Luis Caffarelli, 74, has won the 2023 Abel Prize "for his seminal contributions to regularity theory for nonlinear partial differential equations including free-boundary problems and the Monge-Ampère equation".
- The prize includes a monetary award of 7.5 million kroner (roughly \$ 720,000) and a glass plaque designed by Norwegian artist Henrik Haugan.
- It is awarded by The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

- The United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members on March 25 every year to honor the memory of Alec Collett, a journalist who died while on a UN mission after being kidnapped.
- The purpose of this day is to acknowledge the contributions of UN personnel and the risks they take to carry out humanitarian work, as well as to remember those who have lost their lives in service to the UN.

OBITUARY

1) Gordon Moore

- Gordon Moore, who helped start the company Intel in 1968 and predicted that computing power would continue to increase over time (known as "Moore's Law"), has passed away at the age of 94.
- Moore was an important figure in the semiconductor industry and played a key role in putting Intel's processors in most personal computers.











