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## 23rd & 24th July

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Global Report on the Food Crises 2023

The Global Report on the Food Crises (GRFC) 2023 released recently. The report estimated that between 691 million and 783 million people in the world suffered from hunger in 2022 (showing levels far higher than pre-pandemic 2019).

## 2) Global Parliamentary Pact

- Global parliamentarians have formed a new multilateral body to address the issues of poverty, hunger, and malnutrition in the agrifood system.
- At the Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition in Chile, parliamentarians from 64 countries signed the Global Parliamentary Pact.

### **NATIONAL**

## 1) Indian Naval Ship Kirpan

- Recently, Indian Naval Ship Kirpan has been decommissioned. It served the Indian Navy for 32 years. Indian Naval Ship Kirpan handed over to the Vietnam People's Navv.
- The handover of INS Kirpan signifies the deepening defence ties between India and Vietnam. India sponsored the establishment of an Army Software Park in Vietnam with a generous grant of \$5 million.

# 2) Jal Jeevan Mission Digital Academy

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has established the Jal Jeevan Mission Digital Academy. The academy aims to build the capacity of water and sanitation personnel through digital technology and innovative training methods.



















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#### STATE NEWS

### 1) Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana

Odisha government recently approved the Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana. It is a scheme aimed at providing interest subvention on bank loans up to INR 1,00,000 to beneficiaries, enabling them to purchase a scooter.

## 2) Naveen Patnaik has become the second longest serving chief minister

- Naveen Patnaik of Odisha has become the second longest serving chief minister of a state in India with a tenure of 23 years and 139 days, surpassing the record of former West Bengal chief minister Jyoti Basu.
- Patnaik is now second only to Pawan Kumar Chamling of Sikkim, who holds the record of longest time of 24 years and 166 days.

#### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

## 1) India bans export of non-basmati white rice

- Recently, Government of India, implemented a ban on all exports of "non-basmati white rice" to stabilize domestic prices.
- The notification was issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The government stated that the reason for the export ban was "to guarantee sufficient availability of non-basmati white rice in the Indian market and to mitigate the increase in prices within the country."
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is an agency under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.















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#### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# 1) India's first Cannabis Medicine Project

- Jammu is set to lead India's first Cannabis Medicine Project, a collaboration between CSIR-IIIM Jammu and a Canadian firm under PPP.
- The project aims to harness the potential of cannabis for medical purposes, particularly in treating neuropathies, cancer, and epilepsy.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai

- Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai took the oath as the 38th Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Chief Justice.
- Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai was previously a Judge of the Gujarat High Court.

## 2) Justice Alok Aradhe

- Justice Alok Aradhe has taken oath as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court at a ceremonial programme held at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.
- Justice Alok Aradhe sworn in as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court by governor Tamilisai Soundararajan.















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#### **SPORTS**

# 1) 2023 World Aquatics Championships

- The 2023 World Aquatics Championships take place in Fukuoka, Japan. Five open water events will kick off the swimming competition at Fukuoka 2023 with eight competition days in the Marine Messe pool to follow.
- China is currently leading the medal table with 15 gold medals. Australia is in second place with 5 gold medals, followed by the United States with 4 gold medals.

#### **OBITUARY**

### 1) Brian Taber

Former Australia and New South Wales wicketkeeper Brian Taber has passed away at the age of 83. Taber, who played 16 Test matches for Australia between 1966 and 1970. He made his Test debut against South Africa in Johannesburg.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) Income Tax Day or "Aaykar Diwas"

- Every year, on July 24th, Income Tax Day or 'Aaykar Diwas' is observed by income tax department to commemorate the introduction of provision of income tax in the country.
- On July 24, 1860, Sir James Wilson introduced income tax for the first time in India. Wilson did this to compensate for the losses suffered by the British regime during the first war of independence in 1857.
- 'Aaykar Diwas' was celebrated for the first time on July 24, 2010, to mark 150 years of income tax in India.















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