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INTERNATIONAL

1) El Niño phase

- As the world enters an El Niño phase—a natural climate phenomenon characterized by warmer waters in the Pacific—countries are bracing themselves for extreme weather events.
- The El Niño pattern fuels tropical cyclones in the Pacific, increases rainfall and flood risks in parts of the Americas and other regions, and can have far-reaching implications.
- This year's El Niño is of particular concern due to its potential interaction with climate change, which could result in record-high temperatures and intensified extreme weather events.

NATIONAL

1) Commission of Railway Safety

- The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) is a crucial government commission in India responsible for ensuring the safety of rail travel and train operations.
- Established during the British era, the CRS has evolved over time to become an independent authority under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA).

2) Defence Research and Development Organisation

- In a significant achievement for India's defense capabilities, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden pre-induction night launch of the new-generation ballistic missile 'Agni Prime.'
- The test, held at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, showcased the missile's exceptional accuracy and reliability, meeting all objectives set for the trial.

STATE NEWS

1) Nand Baba Milk Mission

- The Nand Baba Milk Mission has been launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh with a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.

















- Its aim is to boost milk production and empower milk producers by providing them with opportunities to sell their milk through dairy co-operative societies at fair prices.

2) Karnataka government

- The Karnataka government has advised the women to apply for Shakti smart cards to avail the free travel in state run buses, starting from June 11.
- The government has already issued a set of guidelines on the 'Shakti' scheme, which is one of the major poll promises by the Congress party in Karnataka.
- According to the transport department of Karnataka, women can apply for Shakti smart cards through sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in from June 11.

3) NTPC Kanti

- NTPC Kanti, as part of its CSR initiative, has launched the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM)-2023, a four-week residential workshop program aimed at empowering 40 underprivileged rural girls from the Kanti block.
- This program, organized for the first time by NTPC Kanti, seeks to provide academic training, skill development, and overall personality enhancement to the participants.

4) Indian government has eliminated restrictions

- The Indian government has eliminated restrictions on the maximum amount of certain pulses that can be procured, as a measure to control inflation and increase the supply.
- The limits on the procurement of tur, urad, and masoor under the Price Support Scheme operations for the 2023-24 period have been lifted.
- This decision ensures that these pulses can be purchased from farmers at the minimum support price without any restrictions.





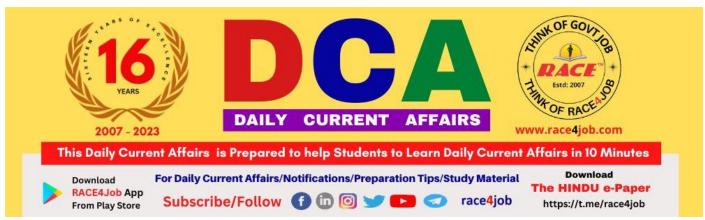












5) fifth State Food Safety Index

- Kerala has been announced as the top-performing state in the fifth State Food Safety Index by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, according to an official statement. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Unveiled the fifth State Food Safety Index.
- The ranking analyses six different aspects of food safety to assess the performance of Indian states and union territories, and Kerala topped the list among larger states.
- Goa came out on top among smaller states, while Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, and Chandigarh ranked first, second, and third, respectively, among the union territories.

6) Centre for Science and Environment

- The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a non-profit organization, released its annual compendium of data, 'State of India's Environment 2023: In Figures', on the eve of World Environment Day.
- The report includes statistics on various aspects of the environment, including climate and extreme weather, health, food and nutrition, migration and displacement, agriculture, energy, waste, water, and biodiversity.

7) A startup located in Kerala

- A startup located in Kerala, known as Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ), has been selected for the United Nations' 'Accelerator Programme' hosted by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), making the nation proud.

8) New research indicates that Homo naledi

- New research indicates that Homo naledi, an ancient human species with brains about one-third the size of modern humans, engaged in burial practices and created engravings deep within a cave system in southern Africa around 300,000 years ago.
- These findings challenge the assumption that larger brains are directly linked to higher intelligence. The discoveries, presented in a series of papers accepted for publication in the journal eLife, have the potential to significantly change our understanding of human beliefs, culture, and symbolism.

















BANKING NEWS

1) Annual Report 2022-23 of the Reserve Bank of India

- The Annual Report 2022-23 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been published, presenting an overview of the RBI's operations during the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2023.
- This report, as per the provisions of Section 53(2) of the RBI Act, 1934, has been submitted to the Central Government. In FY23, India has witnessed a stable macroeconomic and financial environment, characterized by consistent growth.
- Over the past five years, India's contribution to global growth has averaged more than 12%.

2) The Federal Bank

- The Federal Bank has initiated a unique campaign in Chennai, titled 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me,' to celebrate the rich culture and stories of the local community.
- The campaign transforms an entire bank branch into a museum of local stories, showcasing the struggles and triumphs of individuals who make Adyar special.
- With vibrant paintings adorning the walls and an exclusive exhibition featuring 40 compelling stories, the campaign aims to capture the essence of Adyar.

ECONOMY

1) Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India

- Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its equity shareholding in IT services provider Tech Mahindra through a series of open market transactions over a period of more than six months.
- LIC's stake in Tech Mahindra has risen from 6.869 percent to 8.884 percent, with an increase of 2.015 percent during the period from November 21, 2022, to June 6, 2023.
- This move demonstrates LIC's confidence in Tech Mahindra's prospects and highlights the growing importance of the IT sector in India's financial landscape.















APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Sanjay Swarup

- Sanjay Swarup is set to be next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways.
- Swarup has been recommended for the post by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel.
- Presently, he is serving as Director (International Marketing & Operations) in the same organisation.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) Noted Author, Shantanu Gupta

- Noted Author, Shantanu Gupta, who has written two bestseller titles on Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, launched his new graphic novel "Ajay to Yogi Adityanath" for the young readers.
- The graphic novel was launched in 51+ schools of Uttar Pradesh on 5th of June, the 51st birthday of Yogi Adityanath.
- Notably, author Shantanu Gupta, prior to this, has written two bestseller titles on Yogi Adityanath- The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh and The Monk Who Became Chief Minister.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- For year 2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) award, Michel Batisse Award, will be received by Director of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park Jagdish S Bakan, for his efforts in Biosphere Reserve Management.
- He will also present his case study during award ceremony in Paris, France on June 14.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Accreditation Day

- June 9th 2023 marks World Accreditation Day (#WAD2023), a global initiative established by International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to promote the value of accreditation.

















- IAF and ILAC celebrate World Accreditation Day (WAD) with our members, partners, stakeholders and users of conformity assessment.
- The theme for WAD 2023 is "Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade".

OBITUARY

1) Alby D'Cruz, one of Kerala's has passed away

- Alby D'Cruz, one of Kerala's proud Defence personnel who always maintained a low profile despite being the first Keralaite to be conferred the Ashoka Chakra, passed away.
- It was way back in 1962, he received the Asoka Chakra (Class III) from the country's first president Rajendra Prasad. Since 1967, this award has been called 'Shaurya Chakra'.











