

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JULY 2023**

### **Awards**

The highest award of France which was conferred on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France – **Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour**

### **Defence**

The multilateral military exercise being conducted by Australia with participation of 13 countries from 22 July to 04 August is named – **Exercise Talisman Sabre**

The 15th edition of joint military exercise conducted by India and Mongolia at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 17 to 31 July 2023 is named – **Nomadic Elephant-23**

The seventh edition of salvage and explosive ordnance disposal exercise conducted by Indian and US Navy from 26 June to 06 July 2023 at Kochi was named – **SALVEX**

The seventh edition of the bilateral maritime exercise by the navies of India and Japan conducted at/ off Visakhapatnam from 05 -10 July 2023 was named – **JIMEX 2023**

### **Persons**

The two-time former Chief Minister of Kerala who passed away on 18 July 2023 – **Shri Oommen Chandy**

The incumbent Solicitor General of India, whose name has been approved for re-appointment as Solicitor General for a further period of 3 years by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet – **Shri Tushar Mehta**

The leader of Nationalist Congress Party who has been sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra to serve jointly with Shri Devendra Fadnavis – **Shri Ajit Pawar**

### **Places**

The country which has declared a state of National emergency amid a surge in patient suffering from Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) – **Peru**

The venue of the 34th International Biology Olympiad which was won by India with all its 4 participants winning gold medals – **Al Ain, UAE**

The place at which India's first domestically built 700 MW nuclear reactor has started commercial operations – **Kakrapar, Gujarat**

The north eastern state of India which has been officially declared as Lumpy Skin Disease positive state – **Nagaland**

### **Sports**

The Indian women's team skipper who has been suspended for two international matches following two separate breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct during the match against Bangladesh in Dhaka – **Harmanpreet Kaur**

The chess player from Maharashtra who has become India's 83rd Grandmaster after earning his GM norm at the Biel International Chess Festival – **Aditya Samant**

The team which has won the 2023 Duleep Trophy cricket tournament defeating West Zone in the finals in Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru – **South Zone**

The Malaysian shuttler who has set a new Guinness World Record for the fastest badminton smash for females at 438 km/h at a special event in Tokyo – **Tan Pearly**

The Indian shuttler who has set a new Guinness World Record for the fastest badminton smash at 565 km/h surpassing earlier record of 493 km/h at a special event in Tokyo – **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**

The Indian badminton player who has won the 2023 Canada Open defeating Li Shifeng of China in the final match in Calgary, Canada – **Lakhsya Sen**

The team which was defeated by India in the finals to win the 2023 Asian Kabaddi Championship in Busan, South Korea – **Iran**

### **Miscellaneous**

India's first AI regional news anchor introduced by Odisha TV is named – **Lisa**

The railway station on the Central line of Mumbai suburban railway which has been awarded the UNESCO's Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage award – **Byculla**

The research ship of National Institute of Oceanography, from which 36 crew including scientists were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard off the coast of Karwar in Arabian Sea – **RV Sindhu Sadhana**

The world's first methane fuelled space rocket launched by Beijing-based firm LandSpace from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center is named – **Zhuque-2**

## Wimbledon 2023

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Gentlemen's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Ladies' Singles	Markéta Vondroušová (Czechia)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Gentlemen's Doubles	Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Neal Skupski (U.K.)	Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
Ladies' Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Barbora Strýcová (Czechia)	Storm Hunter (Australia) and Elise Mertens (Belgium)
Mixed Doubles	Mate Pavić (Croatia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine)	Joran Vliegen (Belgium) and Xu Yifan (China)

Note: Carlos Alcaraz is the youngest person (at 19 years 131 days) to be ranked at No. 1 position by ATP.

## Asian Athletics Championship 2023

Host city: Bangkok, Thailand

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Japan	16	11	10	37
2.	China	8	8	6	22
3.	India	6	12	9	27
4.	Sri Lanka	3	2	3	8
5.	Qatar	2	1	1	4

## Launch of Chandrayaan 3

Launch date: **14.07.2023**

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

Launch vehicle: **Launch Vehicle Mark-3 or LVM3**

Pay load consists of: **Lander and Rover named Pragyan**

## Important Days of July 2023

<b>International Day of Co-operatives:</b> 02 July 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1993
<b>World Population Day:</b> 11 July 2023 Designated by: United Nations Development Programme First observed: 1989 Theme: <b>Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities</b>
<b>Nelson Mandela International Day:</b> 18 July 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2010
<b>International Moon Day:</b> 20 July 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2022
<b>World Chess Day:</b> 20 July 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2020
<b>World Drowning Prevention Day:</b> 25 July 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2021 Theme: <b>Anyone can drown, no one should</b>
<b>World Hepatitis Day:</b> 28 July 2023 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2008 Theme: <b>We are not waiting</b>
<b>International Tiger Day:</b> 29 July 2023 Designated by: St Petersburg Tiger Summit First Observed in: 2010
<b>World Day against Trafficking in Persons:</b> 30 July 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2014 Theme: <b>Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind</b>

## Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2023

Passed by Lok Sabha on 27.07.2023

### Highlights

- The bill amends 42 acts including Indian Post Office Act, 1898, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, The Pharmacy Act, 1948, Information Technology Act, 2000 etc.

- Several fines have been converted to penalties, meaning that court prosecution is not necessary to administer punishments.
- All offences under the Post Office Act, 1898 have been removed.
- Imprisonment as a punishment for many offences.
- Fines and penalties for certain offences in specified Acts have been increased.
- Fines and penalties to be increased by 10% of the minimum amount every three years.

### **2023 SAFF Championships**

2023 South Asian Football Federation Championship

Venue: **Sri Kanteerva Stadium, Bengaluru**

Dates: 21 June to 04 July 2023

Winners: **India** (9th title)

Runners-up: **Kuwait**

Teams: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan**

Top scorer: **Sunil Chhetri** (5 goals)

Best Player: **Sunil Chhetri**

### **Global Peace Index 2023**

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#	Country	#	Country
1.	Iceland	17.	Bhutan
2.	Denmark	80.	China
3.	Ireland	88.	Bangladesh
4.	New Zealand	126.	India
5.	Austria	146.	Pakistan