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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- 1) Srettha Thavisin has been elected as the new prime minister of Thailand
- Thai property tycoon Srettha Thavisin has been elected as the new prime minister of Thailand following a decisive win in a parliamentary vote.
- The 60-year-old Thavisin's victory in the parliamentary vote, with the support of two-thirds of the assembly, ends weeks of political uncertainty that followed an election held 100 days ago.

NATIONAL NEWS

1) India successfully landed its Chandrayaan-3 mission

- India successfully landed its Chandrayaan-3 mission on the lunar surface on August 23, 2023, making it the fourth country to do so after the United States, Russia, and China.
- The lander Vikram touched down on the south pole of the moon, a region that has never been explored before.
- The rover Pragyan is expected to roll out of the lander and begin its exploration of the lunar surface in the coming days.
- The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 is a major achievement for India's space program and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the scientists and engineers who made it possible. It also puts India in a select group of spacefaring nations and furthers its ambition to become a leading player in the global space race.















2) Chandrayaan-3 endeavor

- The Chandrayaan-3 endeavor is anticipated to undertake a gentle touchdown at 6.04 PM IST on August 23rd
- The entire mission has been conceived and executed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as a subsequent step to Chandrayaan-2, which fell short of achieving its goals.
- ISRO is aiming to softly land Chandrayaan-3 at the southern pole of the Moon, a zone of great significance due to its potential accumulation of water ice.

3) Lunar 25 and Chandrayaan-3 undertaken by Russia and India

- Two remarkable missions Lunar 25 and Chandrayaan-3 undertaken by Russia and India respectively, epitomize the relentless pursuit of knowledge beyond Earth's boundaries.
- Lunar-25 boasts a liftoff weight of approximately 3,860 lbs (1,750 kg), a considerable portion of which is propellant, essential for its landing and maneuvering on the lunar surface. In comparison, the Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander, weighing 3,862 lbs (1,752 kg), includes the 57 lbs (26 kg) Pragyan rover as part of its ensemble.
- Lunar-25's scientific prowess lies in its array of eight science instruments, among them the Lunar Manipulator Complex (LMK), designed for excavating lunar regolith. Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander, on the other hand, is geared to maximize its operational window on the Moon's surface.
- Equipped with four science payloads, one of its key objectives involves inserting a thermal probe into the lunar soil to a depth of around four inches (10 centimeters).

STATE NEWS

1) Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking

- NTPC Limited, a prominent Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) operating under the Ministry of Power (MoP), has embarked on a groundbreaking venture by launching the trial of India's inaugural hydrogen bus in the picturesque region of Leh, situated in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.









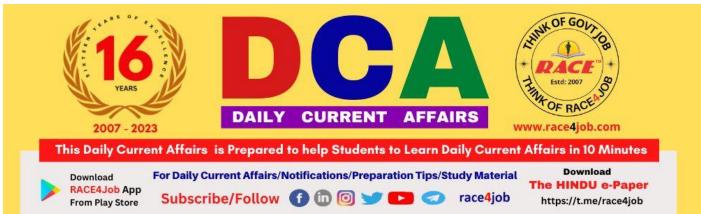








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- This remarkable endeavor not only marks the country's first utilization of hydrogen buses on public roads but also reflects NTPC's commitment towards fostering sustainability and reducing carbon emissions.

BANKING NEWS

1) IRIS by YES BANK

- In a significant leap forward for India's digital banking landscape, YES BANK has introduced its groundbreaking mobile banking app, IRIS by YES BANK.
- This innovative app is poised to redefine the way customers engage with their financial institutions, offering an unparalleled combination of convenience, efficiency, and personalization.
- With over 100 features and services available at the touch of a button, iris by YES BANK represents a quantum leap in digital banking.

BUSINESS NEWS

1) Life Insurance Corporation

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has announced its acquisition of a 6.7% stake in Jio Financial Services (JFSL), a non-banking financial services unit that emerged from the conglomerate helmed by Mukesh Ambani Reliance Industries.
- The acquisition, carried out through a demerger action by Reliance Industries, is poised to have a notable impact on both entities and the broader financial markets.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Justice Prakash Shrivastava has been appointed as Chairperson of National Green Tribunal

- Justice Prakash Shrivastava has been appointed as Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT). After the former Chairperson Justice A.K Goel retired.
- After the former Chairperson Justice A.K Goel retired in July, Justice Sheo Kumar Singh was appointed as the Acting Chairperson. Justice Srivastav Enrolled as Advocate on February 2, 1987. He Practised on Tax, Civil and Constitutional sides in the Supreme Court of India at New Delhi.
- He was later appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on January 18, 2008 and became a permanent Judge on January 15, 2010.















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2) Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar

- Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar will become a "national icon" of the Election Commission (EC) and spread awareness regarding the need for greater voter participation in the electoral process.
- The poll body will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Mr. Tendulkar in the national capital on Wednesday. It will be a three-year agreement as part of which the cricketing legend will spread voter awareness.
- The EC's decision to appoint Tendulkar as its national icon is a significant step towards encouraging greater voter participation in India. Tendulkar's popularity and influence among the youth make him a powerful force for good, and he is sure to make a positive impact on the electoral process.

SPORTS NEWS

1) "Asmita Women's League"

- Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, has unveiled that the esteemed Khelo India Women's League will be recognized as the "Asmita Women's League" from now on.
- This purposeful transformation underscores the government's commitment to advancing gender equality and nurturing the vibrant engagement of women in the realm of sports.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed on August 23. It commemorates the day when an uprising began in Saint Domingue, now called Haiti, on August 23, 1791, against the slave trade.
- Haiti was a French settlement and a centre of the slave trade across Europe. The uprising led to a revolution against the rulers of the country.
- The 2023 Theme: "Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education"















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