

# **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

- 1) Amazon rainforest lies an extraordinary tale that of the Piripkura tribe
- Deep within the heart of the Amazon rainforest lies an extraordinary tale that of the Piripkura tribe.
- This story revolves around Tamandua Piripkura, one of the last remaining three survivors of this indigenous community.
- Their journey encapsulates the unyielding struggle of Indigenous people against the encroachment of the modern world.

## 2) G20 Pandemic Fund

- The G20 Pandemic Fund has recently granted a significant sum of \$25 million to India's Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- This funding is aimed at bolstering the country's animal health system, which is a crucial component of the comprehensive One Health strategy for preventing and responding to pandemics.
- The ongoing global pandemic has emphasized the necessity of integrated One Health frameworks in tackling emerging infectious diseases, often originating from animals.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### 1) 'Namoh 108'

- In a significant tribute to the tireless efforts and remarkable leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has introduced a new lotus species called 'Namoh 108'.
- This unveiling took place during a special event at the CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) in Lucknow.
- The lotus, which boasts an astonishing 108 petals, was discovered several years ago in the region of Manipur and has since been part of the institute's collection of flora under study.

















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# 2) Green Hydrogen Standard for India

- India has announced the definition of Green Hydrogen. The Green Hydrogen Standard for India sets a criterion of 2 kg CO2 equivalent per kg H2 as a 12-month average emission threshold.
- It is a significant move for the progress of the National Green Hydrogen Mission. The guidelines established by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, delineate the emission benchmarks that must be fulfilled for hydrogen production to qualify as 'Green', signifying its origin from renewable sources.

## 3) Bharat New Car Assessment Programme

- The Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP) was launched by Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on August 22, 2023, in New Delhi.
- The program aims to enhance road safety by elevating vehicle safety standards for up to 3.5-tonne vehicles in India.
- Bharat NCAP will also greatly push the safety and quality of the vehicles in India, while simultaneously promoting a healthy competition among OEMs to manufacture safer vehicles.

#### **STATE NEWS**

### 1) Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport

- In a significant stride towards enhancing the air travel experience in the Northeastern region of India, Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LBBI) has become the first airport in the area to introduce the innovative 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- This cutting-edge service is set to revolutionize the way passengers navigate through airports, providing a seamless and hassle-free journey.
- The Digi Yatra initiative has been introduced in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, with the goal of modernizing air travel and streamlining airport processes.

# 2) Ninth India Region Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- The eagerly awaited Ninth India Region Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) took place in the historic city of Udaipur, located in the state of Rajasthan.





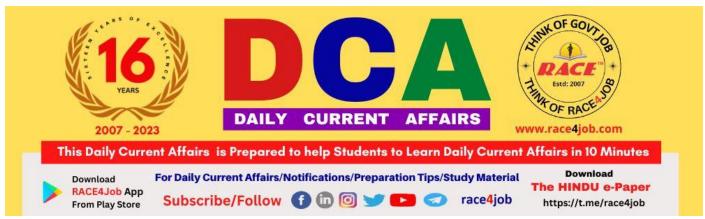








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- Stretched across a duration of two days, the event received its inauguration from the distinguished Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla.
- With the core objective of exploring the theme "Enhancing Democracy and Effective Governance in the Digital Era," the conference aimed to facilitate insightful discussions and exchange of ideas among its participants.

#### **BANKING NEWS**

## 1) Canara Digital Rupee app

- Canara Bank, a leading player in the Indian banking sector, has taken a monumental step by introducing the UPI interoperable digital rupee mobile application.
- This move places Canara Bank at the forefront of innovation, becoming the first bank across both the public and commercial sectors to offer this pioneering feature.
- The app, named the Canara Digital Rupee app, marks a significant milestone as a part of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot project.

# **APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS**

#### 1) Neelkanth Mishra

- The Centre has announced the appointment of Neelkanth Mishra as the part-time Chairperson of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- Mr. Mishra, known for his expertise in economics and research, currently serves as the Chief Economist of Axis Bank and also holds the position of Head of Global Research at Axis Capital.

#### 2) Viacom18 has welcomed Kiran Mani

- In a strategic move to bolster its digital business operations, Viacom18 has welcomed Kiran Mani, a seasoned executive from Google, as the new CEO.















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- Mani's impressive track record and extensive experience position him well to lead Viacom18's digital endeavors.
- Currently serving as the General Manager and MD for Android and Google Play in the Asia Pacific region, Mani's 13-year tenure at Google underscores his deep understanding of digital markets.

## 3) State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed four directors

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed four directors namely Ketan Shivji Vikamsey, Mrugank Madhukar Paranjape, Rajesh Kumar Dubey and Dharmendra Singh Shekhawat to the central board of the bank.
- They were appointed for a period of 3 years with effect form 26th June 2023 to 25th June 2026.

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

# 1) Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC)

- In a remarkable feat of intellectual prowess, Raja Anirudh Sriram, a fourth-standard student hailing from Tirupati, has clinched a silver medal at the prestigious Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC).
- This prodigious achievement has not only brought honor to his family and school but has also brought pride to the entire state of Andhra Pradesh.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

- The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is observed annually on August 22nd.
- It was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2019, following the adoption of the landmark resolution 73/328 on "Combating intolerance, discrimination, stigmatization, violence and acts of violence against persons based on religion or belief".

















- The day aims to remember the victims and survivors of evil acts on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.

# 2) World Water Week

- World Water Week is a global event which is organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute every year since 1991.
- The programme will be held from August 20 to 24 at the Waterfront Congress Center. It is a non-profit event which aims to develop solutions for the international water crisis (alongside several other problems). Water is one of the most essential gifts of nature that we require in our daily lives.
- From drinking to cleaning, water serves multiple purposes in our lives. Hence, it becomes equally important for us to conserve it.













