

# 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

## **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States

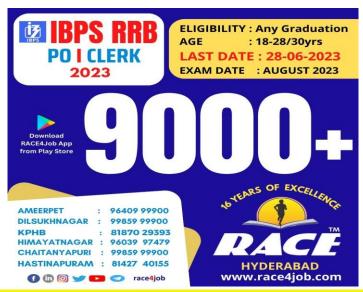
- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States and his meeting with President Joe Biden at the White House, both leaders exchanged unique and thoughtful gifts as a symbol of friendship and diplomacy.
- These gifts not only represented the cultural heritage of India and the United States but also showcased the personal connection between the two leaders.

## 2) Sajid Mir, a Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist

- China has once again blocked a proposal put forward by India and the United States at the United Nations Security Council to designate Sajid Mir, a Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist, as a global terrorist.
- Sajid Mir is wanted for his involvement in the notorious 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. This move by China has raised concerns and further strained international efforts to combat terrorism effectively.

#### 3) Indian Embassy in the Sultanate of Oman

- In a pioneering initiative, the Indian Embassy in the Sultanate of Oman has introduced an innovative video called 'Soulful Yoga, Serene Oman' on the eve of the International Day of Yoga 2023.
- The video showcases yoga enthusiasts from different countries performing beautiful yoga poses against stunning backdrops such as mountains, beaches, and sand dunes in and around Muscat.















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#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) 'Ocean Ring of Yoga'

- As part of the International Day of Yoga, naval ships deployed in the Indian Ocean region are visiting ports of friendly foreign nations and promoting the message of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family).
- This initiative, known as the 'Ocean Ring of Yoga,' aims to strengthen bonds and foster harmony among
- Onboard Indian naval ships such as Kiltan, Chennai, Shivalik, Sunayna, Trishul, Tarkash, Vagir, Sumitra, and Brahmaputra, various yoga day events and activities are being organized. These ships are currently stationed in the Indian Ocean Region.

## 2) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) have joined forces in a collaborative partnership aimed at empowering women and enabling them to make informed career choices in the field of entrepreneurship.
- This partnership will provide crucial support to women who aspire to start or expand their own enterprises in various sectors, fostering entrepreneurship development and accelerating enterprise growth.

## 3) Randstad Employer Brand Research

- According to the latest Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023, Tata Power Company has emerged as India's most attractive employer brand, followed closely by Amazon and Tata Steel.
- This marks a significant rise for Tata Power, which was ranked ninth in the previous year's report.
- Additionally, the report highlights the preferences and expectations of the Indian workforce when choosing an employer, with work-life balance, good reputation, and attractive salary and benefits being the key drivers.















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## **STATE NEWS**

# 1) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)

- The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) is an ongoing plan scheme initiated by the Government of India to promote entrepreneurship and generate employment opportunities for unemployed youth.
- It was Implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), PMEGP aims to assist in the establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector across the country.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) serves as the national-level nodal agency, while state offices of KVIC, State Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs), and District Industries Centers (DICs) act as implementing agencies. Additionally, the Coir Board is responsible for implementing the program in the coir sector.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

#### 1) Hasmukh Adhia

- Hasmukh Adhia, a senior retired bureaucrat and former Union Finance Secretary & Revenue Secretary, has been named as the Chairman of GIFT City Ltd.
- This organization is responsible for the development of Gujarat International Finance-Tec City, India's first smart city located in Gandhinagar.
- Hasmukh Adhia takes over the role of Chairman from Sudhir Mankad, the former chief secretary of Gujarat.

#### **SPORTS**

#### 1) C.A. Bhavani Devi

- In a remarkable achievement, C.A. Bhavani Devi, an Olympian from Chennai, made history by securing India's first-ever medal at the Asian fencing championships held in Wuxi, China.
- Bhavani's outstanding performance and determination earned her a well-deserved bronze medal in this prestigious event.















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# **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

# 1) Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), with the Olympic Order.
- This recognition was given to Dr. Tedros for his inspiring efforts in making the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 happen, even amidst the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The presentation of the Olympic Order took place at the Olympic House and was done by the President of the IOC, Thomas Bach

# 2) Acharya N. Gopi

- Acharya N. Gopi, a renowned poet, literary critic, and recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award, has been chosen as the recipient of the Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award.
- This prestigious award is presented by Bharat Jagruthi, a cultural organization and an extended arm of Bharat Rashtra Samithi.
- The award ceremony will take place at the Telangana Saraswatha Parishath in Abids on June 21. Bharat Jagruthi stated that the award was established earlier this year to honor literary figures annually.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) United Nations Public Service Day

- Every year on June 23, we celebrate United Nations Public Service Day. This special day is all about appreciating the importance of public services and the people who work in them. Public services play a big role in making our communities better and helping them grow.
- The United Nations also created an awards program called the UN Public Service Awards to recognize and reward the best and most innovative public service projects.
- This program was updated in 2016 to match the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It's a day that reminds us how valuable public services are and encourages young people to consider careers in this field.















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