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## 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### 1) World Coffee Conference

- India is set to host the 5th World Coffee Conference in Bengaluru from September 25 to 28.
- The International Coffee Organisation and the Coffee Board of India will co-organize the event.
- The central theme of the event will be “Sustainability through Circular Economy and Regenerative Agriculture”
- The event will feature tennis player Rohan Bopanna, who has been appointed as its brand ambassador.

#### 2) Second Summit of Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum

- On July 27–28, 2023, St. Petersburg, Russia, hosted the Second Summit of Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum, a momentous occasion that showcased the growing relations between Russia and the countries of the African continent.
- This summit marked the second time such events of this magnitude were held, indicating the significance and commitment of both parties towards fostering stronger ties and cooperation.
- The discussions during the summit were centered around the vision of jointly building a new, fairer multipolar architecture for the world order.
- Participants stressed the importance of a world order that upholds sovereign equality among states and promotes mutually beneficial cooperation.

#### 2) Strengthen bilateral cooperation in agriculture between India and Moldova

- On July 31, 2023, a meeting was held between the Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture & Food Industries of Moldova, Mr. Vladimir Bolea, at Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The meeting aimed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in agriculture between India and Moldova, two countries that have enjoyed close and friendly diplomatic relations for 31 years.
- During the meeting, the two ministers discussed the potential for increasing bilateral trade in agricultural commodities and the exchange of knowledge and technology to enhance agricultural cooperation.



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### SCHEMES NEWS

#### 1) National Mission on Libraries

- The National Mission on Libraries is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture under the Government of India, aimed at the modernization and digital interconnection of almost 9,000 libraries throughout the country.
- Its primary goal is to grant readers easy access to a vast array of books and information.
- The ambitious project is estimated to cost approximately 1000 crores.
- It has been specifically designed to cater the needs of a diverse audience, including students, researchers, scientists, professionals, children, artists, and differently-abled individuals.

### BANKING NEWS

#### 1) Reserve Bank of India Digital Payments Index

- In the fiscal year 2022-2023, digital payments in India experienced remarkable growth, as indicated by the Reserve Bank of India Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI).
- The RBI-DPI, a comprehensive measure of payment digitization, displayed a substantial increase across all parameters during this period, driven by significant advancements in payment infrastructure and performance across the country.
- The index for March 2023 recorded a value of 395.58, marking a 13.24% growth compared to September 2022 (377.46), as announced on January 31, 2023.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### 1) England pacer Stuart Broad

- England pacer Stuart Broad has announced his retirement from cricket. He will call it quits from the game after the ongoing Ashes series.
- Broad announced the decision at the end of the third day of the fifth Ashes Test at the Oval.
- The 37-year-old has played 167 Test matches, picking 602 wickets. He has also featured in 121 ODIs and 56 T20Is.

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### 2) Formula One champion Max Verstappen

- Formula One champion Max Verstappen emphatically won the Belgian Grand Prix for an eighth straight win and 10th overall of a crushingly dominant season.
- He finished 22.3 seconds ahead of teammate Sergio Perez to give Red Bull and easy 1-2. It moved Verstappen ominously closer to a third straight world title and his own F1 record of 15 wins from last year.
- Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc finished in third spot for a third podium of the season, with Lewis Hamilton in fourth for Mercedes ahead of Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso.
- George Russell was sixth for Mercedes, with Lando Norris (McLaren), Esteban Ocon (Alpine), Lance Stroll (Aston Martin), and Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) completing the top 10.

### 3) Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

- Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, along with compound archers Avneet Kaur, Sangampreet Singh Bisla, and the men's 10m air rifle team, achieved remarkable victories by securing gold medals at the FISU World University Games 2023 in Chengdu, the People's Republic of China.
- With these achievements, India's medal tally at the FISU World University Games 2023 reached an impressive total of 17 medals – nine gold, three silver, and five bronze.
- India currently holds the fourth position on the medals table, trailing behind China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1) World Breastfeeding Week

- World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year to emphasize regular breastfeeding for babies.
- This year breastfeeding week commences on August 1 while it concludes on August 7. Breastfeeding is extremely crucial for the healthy growth and development of an infant.
- Breastmilk is the best food for newborn babies. It contains antibodies that aid in preventing several prevalent paediatric ailments.
- This year's theme "Let's make breastfeeding and work, work!"

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## 2) Muslim Women's Rights Day

- Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed across the nation on August 1 to celebrate the enactment of the law against triple talaq.
- The central government enacted the law on August 1, 2019, that has made the practice of instant triple talaq a criminal offence.
- The Union ministry of minority affairs announced that Muslim Women's Rights Day will be observed across the nation on August 1 and it will celebrate the second anniversary of the enactment of the law against triple talaq.

## 3) World Lung Cancer Day

- World Lung Cancer Day is observed every year on August 1 and it has been celebrated on the same date since 2012.
- It was first marked to raise awareness around the deadly disease and encourage more research on it to break the stigma around the disease.

## OBITUARY NEWS

### 1) Kerala Assembly Speaker Vakkom Purushothaman, 96, passed away

- Former two-time Kerala Assembly Speaker Vakkom Purushothaman, 96, passed away. Mr. Purushothaman commenced his political life as a Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) activist in 1952.
- He won a seat in the Vakkom panchayat council on the party ticket.
- When practising as lawyer at the Thiruvananthapuram Bar, former Chief Minister R.Shankar spotted Mr. Purushothaman's flair for politics and persuaded him to quit the RSP and join the Congress.



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