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# 14th July

## INTERNATIONAL

# 1) State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 report

- The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 report was published under the theme "Urbanisation, agrifood systems transformation, and healthy diets across the rural-urban continuum".
- As per the report, In 2021, 22.3% (148.1 million) children were stunted (too short for their age), 6.8% (45 million) were wasted (too thin for their height), and 5.6% (37 million) were overweight.
- Report was jointly prepared by: Food and Agriculture Organisation, International Fund for Agricultural Development, United Nations Children's Fund, World Food Programme and World Health Organisation.

# 2) Phosphate discovered in Norway

- A huge deposit of a valuable mineral called phosphate, has been discovered in Norway. Phosphorus is a mineral which comes from phosphate rock.
- China is the largest phosphate producer in the world.

### **NATIONAL**

# 1) "Sanipreneurs"

- The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has informed the Madras High Court that it plans to convert workers involved in manual scavenging into 'sanipreneurs' by awarding them a tender for the maintenance of the sewer system using machines.
- It's main aim is to provide workers with safe and dignified self-employment opportunities for a period of seven years.



















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# 2) Action Taken Report (ATR) Module of AuditOnline

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched the Action Taken Report (ATR) Module of AuditOnline.
- AuditOnline is open-source software developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj as part of the Panchayat Enterprise Suite under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project.
- The application aims to promote transparency and accountability in the financial management of Panchayats.

# 3) Sagar Sampark

- Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister of Ports, launched Sagar Sampark, an indigenous Differential Global Navigation Satellite System.
- It's main objective is to improve the precision of positioning data by rectifying errors and inaccuracies found in the Global Navigation Satellite System.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

# 1) CSE analysis on air pollution

According to a CSE analysis, air pollution impacts villages and cities almost equally but pollution control measures target only urban India.

# Highlights of the report:

In 2022, the annual average of the most toxic air pollutant – ultrafine particulate matter (PM) 5, was as poor in rural India as in urban India (~46 microgrammes against the national limit is 40 microgrammes).















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## 2) Salsola oppositifolia Desfontania

- Recently, a species has discovered a new species of saltwort called Salsola oppositifolia Desfontania in the Kutch district of Gujarat, India.
- It is a halophyte, adapted to saline conditions. It is a succulent shrub with a smooth, woody base and grows up to two meters tall.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

# 1) 50th Meeting of GST Council

- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, in its 50th meeting, decided to levy a uniform 28% tax on full face value for online gaming, casinos and horse racing.
- At present, most gaming companies were paying a tax of 18% applicable on the platform fees.

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

# 1) Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest award by the President of the Republic of France.
- The award was established by former French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.















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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) World Youth Skills Day

- Every year, on 15th July, World Youth Skills Day is observed to recognise the significance of imparting young individuals with the necessary skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship.
- Theme of 2023: Skilling teachers, trainers and youth for a transformative future.

## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- 1) 'Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow'
- Vinod Mankara authored a new book titled "Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow".
- It is a collection of science articles, was held at the SDSC-SHAR, as preparations were going on full swing there for the country's much-awaited Moon mission Chandrayaan-3.















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