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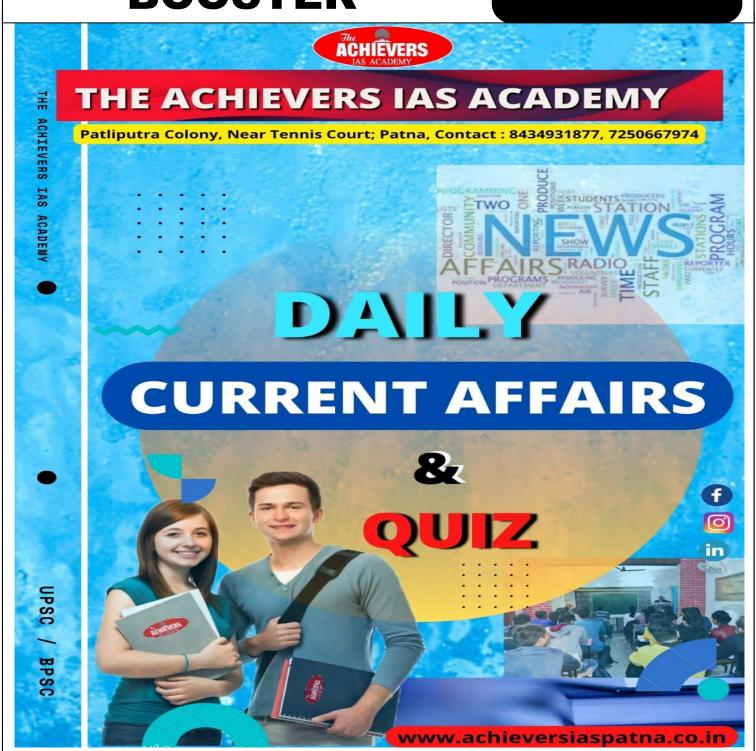
#### **ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY**

**LANGUAGE - ENGLISH** 

# CURRENT AFFAIR BOOSTER

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**Friday** 



1. Raja Anirudh Sriram of Tirupati won silver medal in Singapore Math Olympiad



In a remarkable feat of intellectual prowess, Class IV student Raja Anirudh Sriram of Tirupati has won a silver medal in the prestigious Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC). This prodigious achievement has not only made his family and school proud, but has also made the entire Andhra Pradesh proud. Out of 23 Indians representing the country at SIMOC, Raja Anirudh stood out as the only participant from Andhra Pradesh. The event, which was attended by over 2000 students from 32 different countries, was a platform for young mathematical minds to showcase their skills and knowledge. King Anirudh's fascination for mathematics became evident from an early age. His journey to success has been marked by several national and international awards which highlight his extraordinary abilities. At the young age of four, he possessed exceptional memory and attention to detail,

#### 2. BPCL announced Rahul Dravid as brand ambassador



Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has announced cricketer Rahul Dravid as its new brand ambassador. He will be endorsing BPCL's Pure for Sure initiative and Make Snehak range. This exciting partnership highlights Bharat Petroleum's strong dedication to quality, authenticity and excellence. This exciting partnership highlights Bharat Petroleum's

strong dedication to quality, authenticity and excellence. Rahul Dravid is the epitome of exceptional sportsmanship, serves as a role model, and possesses qualities such as integrity, dependability and dependability which perfectly align with our values at BPCL. Rahul Dravid will be endorsing BPCL's famous Pure for Sure initiative and their MAK range of lubricants. As an icon who took Indian cricket to new heights, Rahul truly epitomizes faith, ethics, Represent our values of service and sustainability. His association with BPCL will further emphasize our commitment to provide quality products across the country that consumers can trust.

3. Renowned Indian - American statistician CR Rao passed away at the age of 102



C Radhakrishna Rao, the great mathematician and statistician of India, passed away at the age of 102. He has made significant contributions in the field of statistics. The full name of CR Rao was Kaliyampudi Radhakrishna Rao. He was born on September 10, 2023 in Madras Presidency, now Karnataka.He was brought up in a Telugu family. He completed his schooling in Gudur, Nuzvid, Nandigama and Visakhapatnam. After this he did MSc in Mathematics from Andhra University. After this, in 1943, he obtained a master's degree in statistics from the University of Calcutta. Renowned statistician Rao, known for his outstanding work in the field of statistics, has been honored with several awards. US President George Bush has also honored the great statistician Kaliyampudi Radhakrishna Rao. The country's highest award 'National Science Medal' was handed over to CR Rao by the then President Bush. In addition, the Government of India honored CR Rao with the Padma Bhushan in 1968 and the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award, in 2001. Apart

from this, S. Bhatnagar award has also been received. CR Rao has also written many books. Other than this, He obtained 39 doctoral degrees and published 477 research papers. Apart from this, CR in his name. Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics and Statistics and Computer Science has been established in the campus of University of Hyderabad.S

#### 4. India and ASEAN agree to review FTA by 2025



In view of the growing trade deficit, India wants to complete the review of its old Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) at the earliest. The process of review has started and the review of FTA with ASEAN is expected to be completed by the year 2025. The decision was taken at a meeting between the two sides in Semarang, Indonesia. For this, both the sides have also instructed their officials to intensify their efforts. In the year 2010, FTA was done with ASEAN. But instead of benefiting from this FTA, India suffered a loss. India's imports increased more than exports. Because in the FTA with ASEAN countries, India did not get exemption in duty on goods at the same level. Apart from this, other countries also started sending their goods to India at low duty through ASEAN countries. China has a free trade agreement with ASEAN and China enters India through ASEAN countries. has managed to dump its cargo. However, due to the strictness of the government, this has now been banned. According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in the last financial year 2022-23, India exported \$ 44 billion to ASEAN, but during this period India imported \$ 87.57 billion from ASEAN.

5. Central Government: In less than 9 years, the number of Jan Dhan accounts crossed 50 crores.



The total number of Jan Dhan accounts in the country has crossed 50 crore, of which 56 per cent accounts belong to women. About 67 per cent of these accounts have been opened in rural and semi-urban areas. The total deposits in these accounts are over Rs 2.03 lakh crore, while around 34 crore RuPay cards have been issued free of cost from these accounts. It said the average balance in Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts is ₹4,076 and of these, over 5.5 crore are receiving Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The National Mission on Financial Inclusion - popularly known as PMJDY - which was launched on 28 August 2014, has been successful in changing the financial landscape of the country. PMJDY offers several benefits to account holders such as bank account without minimum balance requirement, free Rupay debit card with inbuilt accident insurance of ₹ 2 lakh and ₹ 10,

## 6. After Chandrayaan-3, ISRO will launch Sun Mission 'Aditya L-1'



Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chief S Somnath has announced that the Aditya L1 mission, the first Indian space-based Gauravshala Kosh to study the Sun, will likely be launched in the first week of September. India is proving time and again that the sky knows no bounds. India is all set for its first manned space flight mission. The PM said that we will test the limits of our solar system. At the same time, we will

work to realize all the possibilities of the universe for mankind. Hours after Chandrayaan-3 successfully landed on the Moon, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chief S Somnath said the Aditya L-1 mission to study the Sun will probably be launched in the first week of September. He said everything is going according to plan and probably It will be launched in the first week of September. Aditya L1 will be the first space-based Indian mission to study the Sun. The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system, which is approximately 1.5 million km from Earth. A satellite placed in coronal orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any eclipse/eclipse. This will give a greater advantage of observing solar activity and its effect on space weather in real time. 5 million km away.

7. Shretha Thavisin becomes Prime Minister of Thailand



Thai property tycoon Shretha Thavisin has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Thailand after a clear victory in parliamentary voting. The 60-year-old Thavisin's victory in the parliamentary vote, with the support of two-thirds of the assembly, ended weeks of political instability following the election held 100 days ago. After completing her studies in 1986, Shretha Thavisin embarked on her professional path at Procter & Gamble, taking up the role of Assistant Product Manager. This early chapter in his career spanned a period of four years, during which he gained valuable insight and experience. however, In the year 1988, he started a transformational journey as the co-founder of Sansiri. The venture will establish itself as one of Thailand's leading real estate development companies, leaving an indelible mark on the industry. The election of Shretha Thavisin as Prime Minister heralds a new era

of coalition politics. He faces the daunting task of putting together a potentially fragile coalition government, which includes parties linked to the royal army. The military, which is notorious for plotting coups in 2006 and 2014 that toppled the Phu Thai (a major Thai political party) government, holds a significant stake in the coalition. Thaweesin's ability to understand the complexities of this alliance will play a key role in determining the stability and direction of Thailand's government. holds a significant stake in this alliance.

8. Canara Bank Launches UPI-Interoperable Digital Rupee App



Canara Bank has launched a mobile application called Canara Digital Rupee that allows users to scan merchant UPI QR codes and make payments using the digital currency. This is the first time that any bank in India has launched such an application. The Canara Digital Rupee app is part of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot project of the Reserve Bank of India. CBDC is a digital version of Indian Rupee issued by RBI. The Canara Digital Rupee app now allows customers to scan merchant UPI QR codes and make payments using the digital currency. According to a report in The Hindu Business Line, this facility allows merchants to access CBDCs without the need for a separate onboarding process. Enables them to accept digital currency payments using their existing UPI QR codes. In simple words, customers with the Canara Digital Rupee App can now pay for goods and services at merchants that accept UPI payments by scanning the merchant's UPI QR code. Payment will be processed using digital currency. Merchants who accept UPI payments can now also accept digital currency payments by displaying their UPI QR code. They do not need to go through a separate process to start accepting digital currency payments. Payment will be processed using digital currency. Merchants who accept UPI payments can now

also accept digital currency payments by displaying their UPI QR code.

#### OUIZ

- 1. When was the International Day of Trade Commemoration celebrated?
- A- 20 August
- B- 21 August
- C- 22 August
- D-23 August

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

- 2. Which country has recently successfully landed on the moon?
- A- Second
- **B- First**
- C- Third
- **D- Fourth**

Chandrayaan-3 has made a successful landing on the surface of the moon. The name of India has now been added to the four countries of the world, which are experts in soft landing. India has become the fourth country in the world to achieve this success. chandrayaan last time -2 had a crash landing. Then India was very disappointed, but this time strong preparation was done and the result has been achieved in the form of success. ISRO has hoisted the flag on the moon. Chandrayaan-3 has set its feet on the surface of the moon.

- 3. Who has recently been honored with the CSR TIMES Lifetime Achievement Award?
- A- Deepak Dhar
- **B- Shalu Jindal**
- C- Shekhar Kapur
- D- none

Shalu Jindal , Chairperson of Majsevi and JSP Foundation , has been conferred with the prestigious CSR Times Lifetime Achievement Award -2023 for her

outstanding and positive contribution towards the socio - economic upliftment of the underprivileged and needy of the society through various community development programmes . social service They have set an ideal in front of other institutions in the field of Under his leadership , JSP Foundation has provided education to the underprivileged to health facilities in rural and tribal areas . Through programs like Kishori Express, he has made lakhs of daughters free from anemia . And pulled out of the vicious cycle of malnutrition .

- 4. Which bank has recently launched UPI inter operable Digital Rupee mobile application?
- A- HDFC First Bank
- **B- Punjab National Bank**
- C- Bank of Baroda
- **D- Canara Bank**

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

- 5. Which medal has been won by Raja Anirudh Sriram of Tirupati in the Singapore Math Olympiad recently?
- A- Gold Medal
- **B- Silver Medal**
- **C- Bronze Medal**
- D- none

District Collector K Venkatraman Reddy congratulated 8-year-old boy Raja Anirudh Sriram for excelling in the National and International Olympiads. The parents told the Collector that Anirudh Shriram used to study in class IV at Edify School in the city. He won a silver medal at the Singapore International Maths Olympiad (SIMOC) on 23 July. The boy showed interest in maths and science since childhood and obtained several certificates in International Maths Olympiad (IMO) and ABACUS mental maths. Among other achievements, he found a place in the India Book of Records for identifying 100 cars in 160 seconds and the

International Book of Records for being the youngest from India to obtain the Microsoft Office Expert Certificate.

### 6. What has been renamed as Khelo India Women 's League recently?

- A- Beti India League
- **B- Kiran Women's League**
- C- Asmita Women 's League

D- none

Khelo India Women 's League will henceforth be recognized as " Asmita Women 's League " . This purposeful change underlines the government 's commitment to furthering gender equality and promoting vibrant participation of women in the field of sports . new name , " Identity Women's League ," has a deeper meaning . ASMITA stands for " Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action", embodying the resilience , determination and spirit of achievement that defines women athletes across the country .

#### 7. Who has been appointed by BPCL as its brand ambassador?

- A- Rahul Dravid
- **B- Shahrukh Khan**
- **C- Kapil Dev**
- D- Akshay Kumar

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has appointed cricket legend and current head coach of Indian cricket team Rahul Dravid as its new brand ambassador. BPCL Chairperson and MD G Krishnakumar expressed happiness over Rahul Dravid 's appointment as brand ambassador. of BPCL is an Indian public sector undertaking owned by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.

### 8. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Thailand ?

- A- Prayut Chan O Cha
- **B- Shretha Thavisin**
- **C- Yingluck Shinawatra**
- D- none of these

Srettha Thavisin has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Thailand . Thavisin 's candidature was voted upon after a five - hour debate, in which he won

. He is the head of one of the biggest real estate companies in the country . Thailand It is a Southeast Asian country located in the Indochinese Peninsula , its capital is Bangkok .

#### **ONE LINER**

Who has launched the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (Bharat NCAP) on August 22, 2023 – Nitin Gadkari

Which country's first long-range side-swing revolver has been launched - India

Which state government will make a check dam for ground water conservation - by the state government of Uttar Pradesh

How many persons have been appointed as Directors on the Central Board of State Bank of India (SBI) - 4

G-20 Pandemic Fund has approved a proposal of how many million US dollars to strengthen India's animal health system - 25 million US dollars

Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Viacom18's digital business - Kiran Mani

Who has been appointed as the part-time chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) by the Center - Neelkanth Mishra

Which player has topped the recently released ICC Men's T20 Player Rankings 2023 - Surya Kumar Yadav The world's first 3D rocket will be launched from which city - Sriharikota

Who has become the fourth Indian bowler to take 2 wickets in the very first over of T-20 match - Jasprit Bumrah

Which scheme has been announced by the Government of Karnataka for the children of working mothers – "Kusina Mane"

