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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

11 July 2023

World Population Day

- World Population Day Is An Annual Event, **Observed On July 11 Every Year**, Which Seeks To Raise Awareness Of Global Population Issues.
- The Event Was Established By The **Governing Council Of The United Nations Development Programme In 1989**.
- It Was Inspired By The Public Interest In Five Billion Day On July 11, 1987, The Approximate Date On Which The World's Population Reached Five Billion People.
- World Population Day Aims To Increase People's Awareness On Various Population Issues Such As The Importance Of Family Planning, Gender Equality, Poverty, Maternal Health And Human Rights.
- **Theme: "Unleashing The Power Of Gender Equality: Uplifting The Voices Of Women And Girls To Unlock Our World's Infinite Possibilities."**



Lakshya Sen Wins Canada Open Badminton

- Indian Shuttler Lakshya Sen Clinched Men's Singles Title Of The Canada Open 2023 Badminton Tournament Defeating Li Shi Feng Of China 21-18, 22-20 In The In Calgary, Canada.

- The Second Game Was Dominated By Shi Feng And Was, At On Point, Leading By 16-20, Before Sen Smashed His Way To Save Four Game Points.
- This Is The First BWF World Tour Title Of Commonwealth Games Champion Lakshya Sen After Almost A Year.



Latvia Chooses EU's First Openly Gay Head Of State

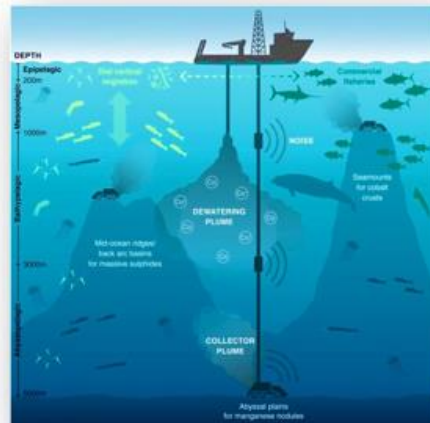
- In Latvia, Longest Serving Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics Became The First Openly Gay Head Of State In The European Union. Rinkevics Sworn In As The Country's New President Who Has Pledged To Fight For Inclusion And Equality.
- The EU Has Had Openly Gay Heads Of Governments Before, But Never A Gay Head Of State. Although Generally A Ceremonial Position, Latvia's President Can Veto Legislation And Call Referendums.



- During His Inaugural Address To The Parliament, Which Elected Him On 31st May, He Said He Would Use His Limited Powers To Influence Legislation And Shape Public Opinion To Make Latvia A More Inclusive And Egalitarian Country.
- Rinkevics Was Foreign Minister From 2011 Until His Official Resignation Last Friday And Went Public With His Sexual Orientation In November 2014.
- Gay Marriage Is Illegal In Latvia, Though The Country's Constitutional Court Recognised Same-sex Unions Last Year.

International Seabed Authority (ISA) Meeting

- Representatives Of 168 Member States Of The International Seabed Authority (ISA) Will Gather In Kingston, Jamaica, Today To Discuss A Proposal To Allow Deep-sea Mining. The Meeting Will Continue Until 28 July. The Talks Hosted By An Intergovernmental Body Could Open A Rush To Develop Swaths Of Ocean Floor Until Now Given Special Protection As “The Common Heritage Of Mankind”.
- The Controversy Was Triggered In 2021 When The Tiny Pacific Island Of Nauru Made A Formal Request To Isa- The Un Body That Oversees Mining In International Waters For A Commercial License To Begin Deep-sea Mining. Countries Have Been Meeting Regularly Since To Try And Finalize The Rules On Environmental Monitoring And Sharing Of Royalties, But Without Success.



- Last Month, The European Academies Science Advisory Council Warned Of The “Dire Consequences” For Marine Ecosystems And Against The “Misleading Narrative” That Deep-sea Mining Is Necessary For Metals Required To Meet The Transition To A Low-carbon Economy.
- Germany, New Zealand, And Switzerland Have Called For A Moratorium, While France Supports An Outright Ban.
- Mining Companies Say The Ocean Floor Is Potentially Rich In Metals Like Nickel And Cobalt Used In Batteries For Electric Vehicles, So Their Extraction Will Support The Global Energy Transition.
- Environmental Groups Warn That The Use Of Heavy Machinery To Extract "Polymetallic Nodules" From Ocean Floors Could Cause Irreparable Damage To Marine Ecosystems, Destroying Habitats, Churning Up Sediment, And Disrupting Migratory Routes.

Performance Grading Index For Districts

- Education Ministry Released The Performance Grading Index For Districts (PGI-D) Combined Report For 2020-21 And 2021-22. The Report Assesses The Performance Of The School Education System At The District Level By Creating An Index For Comprehensive Analysis.
- The Ministry Said Indian Education System Is One Of The Largest In The World With About 14.9 Lakh Schools, 95 Lakh Teachers, And Nearly 26.5 Crore Students From Varied Socio-economic Backgrounds.
- It Devised Performance Grading Index For States And Released The Report For The Reference Years 2017-18 To 2020-21. Based On The Success Of State PGI, 83-indicator-based PGI-D Has Been Designed To Grade The Performance Of All Districts In School Education.
- The Ministry Said The Ultimate Objective Of PGI-d Is To Help The Districts To Prioritize Areas For Intervention In School Education And Thus Improve To Reach The Highest Grade.



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3rd G20 Culture Working Group Meeting In Hampi

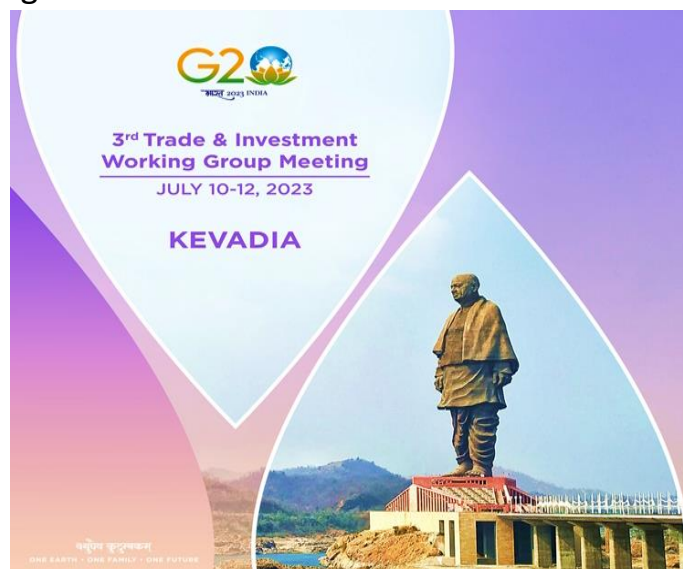
- The Third G20 Culture Working Group Meeting Began In Hampi, A World Heritage Site In The Gracious Presence Of Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi.
- The Two Days Deliberations Will Evolve Consensus On Four Themes Proposed Under The Indian Presidency That Will Become Part Of The Ministerial Declaration During
- The Fourth Culture Working Group Meeting To Be Held In Varanasi On August 26th.
- In His Remarks, Union Minister Prahlad Joshi Said That The Critical Perspective Of G20 Member Countries On Four Priority Areas Proposed By India Will Enlighten The Path To The Future.

- The 4 Priority Areas Are: Protection And Restitution Of Cultural Property; Harnessing Living Heritage For A Sustainable Future; Promotion Of Cultural And Creative Industries And Creative Economy; And Leveraging Digital Technologies For The Protection And Promotion Of Culture.



3rd Trade And Investment Working Group Meeting

- As Part Of India's G20 Presidency, The Third Trade And Investment Working Group Meeting Began In Kevadia.
- More Than 75 International Delegates From Various G20 Countries Are Taking Part In The Three-day Meeting At Kevadiya. The Meeting Began Today With Delegates Participating In A Seminar On 'Trade Infrastructure'.
- The Meet Has Given An Opportunity To India To Showcase Its Emerging Digital Technologies In Logistic Sector.



IMD Warns Of Heavy Rain In North India

- The India Meteorological Department Has Issued A Red Alert For Himachal Pradesh As The State Is Expected To Experience Heavy To Very Heavy Rainfall Including Extremely Heavy Downpours.
- The IMD Has Asked People To Avoid Areas Prone To Waterlogging And Stay Away From Vulnerable Structures.
- Orange Alert Has Also Been Issued For Punjab, North Haryana, Chandigarh And Rajasthan As These Areas Are Likely To Get Heavy To Very Heavy Rainfall. Uttarakhand Is Likely To Get Heavy To Very Heavy Rainfall Till 12th Of This Month.

RED ALERT
Himachal Pradesh
Weather Update

Heavy Rainfall Alert

Prepare for Heavy to Very heavy with Extremely heavy rainfall (more than 204.4mm) on 10th July. Rainfall activity will gradually decrease thereafter.

Potential Impact:
Localized flooding
Landslides

Safety Measures:
Avoid areas prone to water logging
Stay away from vulnerable structures

ORANGE ALERT
Punjab, North Haryana, Chandigarh, Rajasthan
Weather Update

Heavy to Very heavy rainfall

Punjab, North Haryana, Chandigarh, Rajasthan likely to get Heavy to Very heavy rainfall (115.6 to 204.4 mm) on 10th July.

Potential Impact:
Localized flooding

Safety Measures:
Avoid areas prone to water logging
Stay away from vulnerable structures

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. HQ Of World Health Organisation (WHO)

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. London
- D. Paris

ANSWER: B

2. HQ Of International Labour Organisation (ILO)

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. London
- D. Paris

ANSWER: B

3. HQ Of International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. London
- D. Paris

ANSWER: C

4. HQ Of Amnesty International

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. London
- D. Paris

ANSWER: C

5. HQ Of Food And Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

- A. Rome
- B. Washington DC
- C. Belgium
- D. Berlin

ANSWER: A

6. HQ Of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

- A. Rome
- B. Washington DC
- C. Belgium
- D. Berlin

ANSWER: C

7. HQ Of Organization Of Islamic Cooperation

- A. Jeddah
- B. Mecca
- C. Medina
- D. Riyadh

ANSWER: A

8. HQ Of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- A. Nairobi
- B. Helsinki
- C. Tokyo

D. Paris

ANSWER: A

9. HQ Of UN Office For Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

A. Geneva

B. Tokyo

C. Paris

D. London

ANSWER: A

10. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

A. Paris

B. London

C. New York

D. Berlin

ANSWER: C



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