

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

11 August 2023

Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Bill 2023

- The Bill Amends The Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005.
- It Also Decriminalizes Certain Offences Under It To Promote The Ease Of Doing Business.
- Fisheries Department Got A Total Allocation Of 3,680 Crore Rupees From 1947 To 2014.
- A Separate Fisheries Ministry Was Created And Over 20,000 Crore Rupees Have Been Allocated For Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana Only.
- Fishermen Have Been Provided With Kisan Credit Cards.
- The Sector Is Also Registering A High Growth Rate.
- Adequate Consultation Was Held With Coastal States And Other Stakeholders And Several Suggestions Were Received From The Standing Committee.



Constitution (SC) Order Amendment Bill 2023

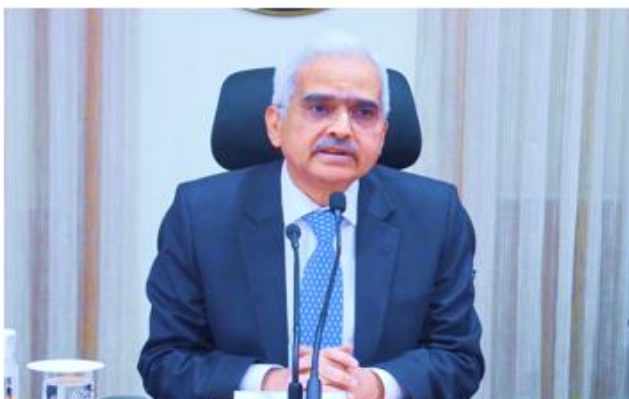
- The Bill Amends The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 To Modify The List Of Scheduled Castes In Chhattisgarh. The Bill Includes Mahara And Mahra Communities As Synonyms Of The Mehra, Mahar, And Mehar Communities In Chhattisgarh.
- The Bill Will Uplift The Life And Conditions Of These Communities In Chhattisgarh.

- In The Last Nine Years, Several Decisions Have Been Taken For The Welfare Of Downtrodden People Of Society.



Per Transaction Limit For UPI Lite Raised To Rs.500

- Reserve Bank Of India Has Proposed To Launch An Innovative Payment Mode Viz., “Conversational Payments” On UPI.
- It Will Enable Users To Engage In A Conversation With An Artificial Intelligence-powered System To Initiate And Complete Transactions In A Safe And Secure Environment.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Said, This Channel Will Be Made Available In Both Smartphones And Feature Phones-based UPI Channels, Thereby Helping In The Deepening Of Digital Penetration In The Country.
- Initially The Facility Will Be Available In Hindi And English And Will Subsequently Be Made Available In More Indian Languages. Central Bank Has Also Proposed To Use Near Field Communication (NFC) Technology In UPI Transaction.
- RBI Has Also Increased Offline Transaction Limit From 200 Rupees To 500 Rupees But Overall Limit Of Small Value Digital Transaction Limit Is Kept Unchanged At 2,000 Rupees.



RBI Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged At 6.5 Percent

- Reserve Bank Of India Has Kept The Key Interest Rate Unchanged For Third Time In A Row.
- Announcing The Bi-monthly Monetary Policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Said The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Unanimously Decided To Keep The Repo Rate Unchanged At 6.5 Percent.
- Repo Rate Is The Rate At Which The RBI Lends Money To Commercial Banks.
- Mr Das Said, The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate Remains At 6.25 Percent And The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate And The Bank Rate At 6.75 Per Cent.
- RBI Governor Said, The MPC Also Decided To Remain Focused On Withdrawal Of Accommodation To Ensure That Inflation Progressively Aligns With The Target, While Supporting Growth.
- RBI Has Revised The CPI Inflation Target For Current Fiscal To 5.4 Per Cent. RBI Governor Projected Real GDP Growth For 2023-24 Fiscal At 6.5 Percent.



12.75 Crore Rural Households Get Tap Water Supply

- The Government Said That 12.75 Crore Rural Households Have Got Tap Water Supply Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) In The Country.
- At The Time Of Announcement Of The Scheme In 2019, 3.23 Crore Rural Families Had Tap Water Connections.
- Nearly 70 Percent Of Rural Households Have Tap Water Connections Under JJM.
- Several States Including Gujrat, Telangana, And Haryana Among Others Have Provided 100 Percent Rural Tap Water Connections.



Ecuadorian Presidential Candidate Fernando Killed

- Ecuadorian Presidential Candidate Fernando Villavicencio Was Killed During A Rally In The Capital Quito.
- Current President Guillermo Lasso Has Confirmed The Incident. According To Reports, Mr Villavicencio Was Getting Into A Car When A Gunman Stepped Forward And Shot Him In The Head.
- The Incident Comes Amid Violence In The South American Nation, With Drug Trafficking And Violent Killings On The Rise. The First Round Of The Presidential Election Is Scheduled To Take Place On 20 August.
- A Recent Rise In Violent Crime In Ecuador Has Been A Central Issue In The Presidential Campaign. Last Month, President Guillermo Lasso Had Declared States Of Emergency And Night Curfews In Three Provinces Following A Few Killings Linked To Organised Crime.



Biden Bans American Investments In Key Tech Industries

- US President Joe Biden Has Signed An Executive Order Banning American Investments In Key Technology Industries That Could Be Used To Enhance China's Military Capabilities.
- President Biden Declared The Move A National Emergency To Deal With The Threat Of Advancement By Countries Of Concern In Sensitive Technologies And Products Critical To The Military, Intelligence, Surveillance, Or Cyber-enabled Capabilities Of Such Countries.
- The Order Will Ban Venture Capital And Private Equity Firms From Investing Money Into Chinese Efforts To Make Semiconductors And Other Microelectronics, Quantum Computers And Certain Artificial Intelligence Applications.
- Administration Officials Said That The Decision Was Taken To Protect National Security.



Sri Lanka Plans For 13th Amendment And Devolution Of Powers

- Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremasinghe Has Emphasised The Importance Of Improving Air And Sea Connectivity Between The Northern Regions Of The Island With South India.
- Flight Connectivity Between Chennai And Jaffna Was Restarted In December Last Year After A Hiatus Of Three Years.

- In Addition, Mr. Wickremesinghe Stresses The Necessity Of Implementing The 13th Amendment In A Way That Suits The Growth Of The Island Nation. He Added That Achieving This Requires A Consensus Among All Parliament Members.
- The President Highlighted That The 13th Amendment, Which Oversees The Decentralization Of Power To Provincial Councils, Holds The Utmost Legal Significance In The Country. He Emphasised The Necessity Of Respecting And Adhering To It, Stressing That Both The Executive And Legislature Have A Responsibility To Uphold And Implement Its Provisions.
- While He Introduced His Plans For The 13th Amendment And Devolution Of Powers, He Urged A Comprehensive Review Of His Proposals.



Shri V.V. GIRI Remembered on His Birth Anniversary

- **Varahagiri Venkata Giri** (10 August 1894 – 24 June 1980) was the fourth president of India.
- He was the third vice president of India (**1967-1969**) and was the only president to be elected as an independent candidate. (**1969-1974**)
- After the end of his full term, Giri was honored by the Government of India with the **Bharat Ratna in 1975**.



World Lion Day 2023

- World Lion Day is observed every year on August 10 to raise awareness about the conservation of lions. The lion is an **endangered species** on the **IUCN Red List**.
- To arrest the rapid decrease of Lion population, a group of non-profits and tourism companies created **World Lion Day** to celebrate the animals and redirect the world's attention towards them. Organizations such as **Panthera and National Geographic Society's Big Cats Initiative** Support World Lion Day.
- While the population of wild lions saw a catastrophic decline across the world, except for **Africa**, the mighty beasts have found a natural home in India.
- Their population has increased steadily in India, especially in **Gir forest** - the only wild population of lions outside Africa.
- Asiatic lion population has increased steadily in Gujarat's **Gir forest**, and the larger **Saurashtra** protected region. Their population has gone up from 523 in 2015 to 674 in 2020.



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World Lion Day is an occasion to celebrate the majestic lions that captivate our hearts with their strength and magnificence. India is proud to be home to the Asiatic Lions and over the last few years there has been a steady rise in the lion population in India. I laud all those working towards protecting the habitat of lions. May we continue to cherish and protect them, ensuring they thrive for generations to come.

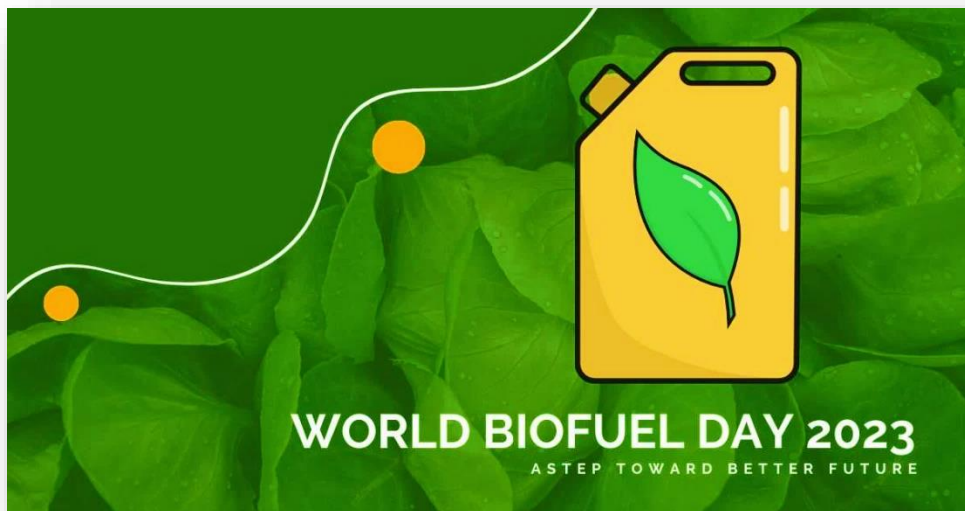
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World Biofuel Day 2023

- **World Biofuel Day** is celebrated annually on 10 August.
- The day is set aside to **raise awareness** about **unconventional fuel** sources that can serve as an alternative to the more traditional **fossil fuels**. The emphasis is on the usage of non-fossil fuels or biofuels that enable **cleaner consumption patterns**.

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** Deals With awareness and discuss policy issues related to Biofuels.
- Examples of biofuels include **ethanol** (often made from corn in the United States and sugarcane in Brazil), **biodiesel** (sourced from vegetable oils and liquid animal fats), **green diesel** (derived from algae and other plant sources), and **biogas** (methane derived from animal manure and other digested organic material).



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. _____ was the longest serving Indian President.

- A. Dr Rajendra Prasad
- B. V V Giri
- C. Dr Zakir Hussain
- D. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

ANSWER: A

2. He is the only person to have held President's office for two terms.

- A. Dr Rajendra Prasad
- B. Dr APJ Kalam
- C. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
- D. N Sanjeev Reddy

ANSWER: A

3. Panthera Corporation devoted to preserving big cats and their ecosystems around the globe was established in.

- A. 2004
- B. 2006
- C. 2010
- D. 2012

ANSWER: B

4. Big Cats Initiative was undertaken by.

- A. Animal Planets
- B. National Geographic Society
- C. Discover International
- D. BBC Earth

ANSWER: B

5. Which of the following is not Biofuel?

- A. Ethanol
- B. Biodiesel
- C. Biogas
- D. Petrol

ANSWER: D

6. World Biofuel Day 2023

- A. August 9
- B. August 10
- C. August 11
- D. August 12

ANSWER: B

7. World Lions Day 2023

- A. August 9
- B. August 10
- C. August 11
- D. August 12

ANSWER: B

8. 1st Vice President Of India

- A. Dr. Zakir Hussain
- B. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C. V V Giri
- D. Dr. Rajendra Prasad

ANSWER: B

9. How Many Times Can Vice President Be Re-Elected

- A. One Term
- B. Two Term
- C. Three Term
- D. Any Number Of Terms

ANSWER: D

10. The Vice-President Who Has Served 2 Or More Terms

- A. Dr. Zakir Hussain
- B. Hamid Ansari
- C. V V Giri
- D. Shankar Dayal Sharma

ANSWER: B