

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

20 -21 August 2023

President Gives Assent To Two Bills

- President Has Given Her Assent To The **Central Goods And Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023, And Integrated Goods And Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023**
- The CGST (Amendment) Bill, 2023 **Defines The Expressions Online Gaming, Online Money Gaming, And Virtual Digital Assets.** According To The Provisions Of The Bill, Online Gaming Means The Offering Of A Game On The Internet Or An Electronic Network And Includes Money Gaming.
- The Integrated Goods And Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 Amends The Integrated Goods And Services Tax Act 2017 To Exclude Online Money Gaming From The Definition Of **Online Information And Data Access Or Retrieval Services.**



PM To Embark On 4 -Day Visit To South Africa & Greece

- PM Modi Will Be On A **4-Day Visit To South Africa And Greece** From 22nd Aug. For 3 Day Visit To Johannesburg In South Africa Invitation Of President Ramaphosa To **Attend 15th BRICS.** This Will Be **The First In-Person BRICS Summit** Since 2019.
- PM Will Participate In A Special Event **BRICS - Africa Outreach And BRICS Plus Dialogue** Being Organized After The BRICS Summit, Which Will Include Other

Countries Invited By South Africa. During The Visit, Mr. Modi Will Hold Bilateral Meetings With Some Of The Leaders Present In Johannesburg.

- PM Will Pay An Official Visit To Greece On 25th Aug At The Invitation Of His Greek Counterpart Kyriakos Mitsotakis. This Will Be The **First Visit By An Indian Prime Minister To Greece In 40 Years**. Ties Strengthened In Recent Years Through Cooperation In Areas Like Maritime Transport, Defence, Trade.



G20 Trade & Investment Meeting To Be Held In Jaipur

- The G20 Trade And Investment Ministerial Meeting Will Be Held In Jaipur On 24th And 25th Of This Month. The Meeting Will Be Preceded By The 4th And Last Trade And Investment Working Group Meeting Under India's G20 Presidency.
- The Deliberations Focus On Building Consensus On Global Trade And Investment-related Issues, Along With Accomplishing Action-oriented Proposals. The First Three Trade And Investment Working Group Meetings Were Held In Mumbai, Bangalore, And Kevadia.
- During The 1st And 2nd Trade And Investment Working Group Meetings, Five Priority Issues, Namely Trade For Growth And Prosperity, Resilient Trade And Global Value Chains, Integrating Msme In World Trade, Logistics For Trade And World Trade Organisation Reforms Were Extensively Discussed.

Shanmugaratnam Qualified For Presidential Election

- Singapore-Born Indian-Origin Tharman Shanmugaratnam Have Qualified To Run For The City-State's Presidential Election . Tharman Is Also A Member Of The Board Of Trustees Of The WEF , Member Of The United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board On Effective Multilateralism

- He Also Chaired IMFC, The Policy Advisory Committee Of IMF, From 2011 To 2014 Becoming The **First Ever Asian Chair**. In Addition, He Co-Chaired The Advisory Board Of The Human Development Report In UNDP From 2019 To 2022.



UNSC Debates For Human Rights Situation In N . Korea

- The UNSC Has Held An Open Debate On The Human Rights Situation In North Korea. It Is The Council's **First Such Debate** Since 2017.
- The Us Ambassador To The Un, **Linda Thomas-greenfield** Added That Authorities In The North **Deny Their People Fundamental Freedoms** While Devoting **Resources To Developing Missiles And Weapons Of Mass Destruction**.



NCERT Books In Kuwi And Desia Languages

- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan And Nirmala Sitharaman, Have Launched School Textbooks In **Kuwi And Desia Languages** Of Odisha. The Launch Marks A Collaborative Effort **With Central University Of Odisha, Koraput, Department Of Posts And NCERT.**
- Odisha has **over 62 tribes covering 23% of total population of state**, so, it becomes necessary to teach students with help of pictures, stories and songs based on their local nature and culture to improve their speaking skill, learning outcome and cognitive development.
- Two Books: **The “Kuwi Primer” And “Desia Primer** Will Not Only Shape A Strong Educational Foundation Of Those Children But Also **Preserve And Foster The Cultural, Linguistic Heritage And Identity Of Tribal Community.**



Kuwait Detects Eg.5 Subvariant Of Omicron

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Russian Court Imposes Fine On Google

- A Russian Court Imposed A **3-million-ruble Fine** On Internet Giant **Google** For Failing To Allegedly **False Information About The Conflict In Ukraine** . The Court Found That The YouTube Video Service , Owned By Google, Was Guilty Of Not Deleting Videos With Incorrect Information About The Conflict.
- The Company Said That It Filed For Bankruptcy In Russia After Its **Bank Account Was Seized** By The Authorities, Leaving It Unable To Pay Staff And Suppliers . The Move By A Magistrate's Court Follows **Similar Actions In Early August Against Apple And The Wikimedia Foundation** That Hosts Wikipedia



First 'Udyog Ratna' Award To Ratan Tata

- **Maharashtra Government's First 'Udyog Ratna' Award** For Outstanding Work In **The Industry Sector** Was Presented To **Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata** By Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Presented With A Cheque Of Rs 25 Lakh, A Badge And A Certificate Of Honour .
- On The Lines Of '**Maharashtra Bhushan**' Award, The State Government Has Decided To Award '**Maharashtra Udyog Puraskar**' To Eminent Entrepreneurs Who Have Contributed Substantially To The Industrial Sector Of Maharashtra From This Year



Tamil Nadu International Surf Open 2023

- This Is The **First International Event In Surfing To Be Held In India**. The International Surf Open, WSL QS 3000 Came To The **Conclusion At Mamallapuram** Near Chennai.
- **Sara Wakita** From Japan Won The Women's Title. **Tenshi Iwami** From Japan Won The Men's Title.



Canadian Government Declares Emergency

- The Canadian Government Has Declared **A State Of Emergency** In The Country's Western British Columbia Region. The Announcement Comes After A **Wildfire Threatens To Destroy The Area** .The **McDougall Creek Wildfire** Has Grown From 64 To 6,800 Hectares In The Last 24 Hours
- With More Than **1,000 Active Fires** Burning Across The Country, Including 236 In The Northwest Territories. Scientists And Experts Have Pointed To **Climate Change, Global Warming, Drought, Lightning As Well As Human Activities** As The Reason For The Wildfires Across The Region.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When Was The First Brics Summit Held

- A. Russia, 2009
- B. India, 2008
- C. Brazil, 2009
- D. China, 2008

Answer: A

2. Who Has Been Appointed As Chairperson Of Brics?

- A. Iqbal Ali
- B. Dilma Roussef
- C. Marcus Troyjo
- D. Iqbal Surve

Answer: B

3. Who Is The President Of South Africa?

- A. Cyril Ramaphosa
- B. Mbeki
- C. Jacob Zuma
- D. Pw Botha

Answer: A

4. Shanmugaratnam Qualified For Presidential Election In?

- A. Singapore
- B. France
- C. UK
- D. Australia

Answer: A

5. Headquarter Of UNSC

- A. Washington
- B. New York
- C. Hague
- D. Japan

Answer: B

6. Recently Seen In News Kuvi And Desai Are

- A. Dance Forms
- B. Theater
- C. Language
- D. None Of The Above

Answer: C

7. Kuvi And Desai Languages Seen In News Are Related To Which State

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Odisha
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C

8. Eg.5 Subvariant Of Omicron Found In Which Country

- A. Kuwait
- B. Qatar
- C. China
- D. Afghanistan

Answer: A

9. Which Of The Following Is The Currency Of Russia?

- A. Yen
- B. Renminbi
- C. Ruble
- D. Yuan

Answer: C

10. First International Event In Surfing To Be Held In

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Gujrat
- D. Andaman & Nicobar

Answer: A