

# Daily Current Affairs

## 27 - 28 August 2023

### National Space Day

- PM Modi Has Made Major Announcements During His Address To The ISRO Scientists In Bengaluru. He Announced That The Site Where **Vikram Lander And Rover Pragyan Landed On The Lunar Surface Will Be Named As Shiva Shakti Point.**
- Site On The Moon Where The Chandrayaan 2 Lander Crash Landed Will Be Known **As Tiranga Point.**
- The Prime Minister Also Announced That **August 23rd Will Be Celebrated As The National Space Day.** It Was On This Day That The ISRO Chandrayaan Mission Made History By Landing Near The South Pole Of The Moon.
- He Also Announced A National **Quiz Programme On Chandrayaan 3** Through Mygov Portal.
- He Pointed Out **That Arya Bhatta, Varahamihira And Bhaskaracharya** Had Made Discoveries About The Round Shape Of Earth And That It Is Flowing In Space On An Axis.



### Indian Women's Team Wins Ibsa World Cup

- **Indian Women's Visually Impaired Team** Won Final Of The International Blind Sports Federation (Ibsa) World Games **At Birmingham.** The Indian Team **Defeated Australia.**
- In Cricket, Indian Men's Visually Impaired Team Settled For A Silver Medal

- The Cricket Game Was Included In The IBSA World Games For The First Time & This Is **The First-Ever Edition Of Blind Cricket In The IBSA World Games.** And India's Both Men's And Women's Blind Teams Reached The Finals To Ensure A Medal For India.



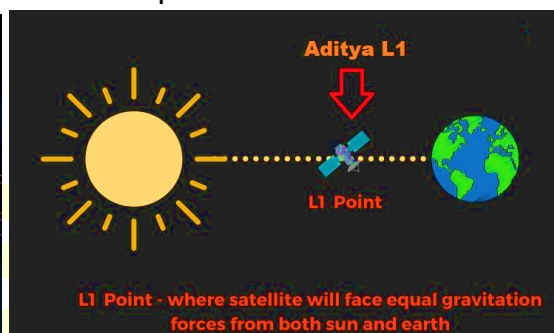
### 3<sup>rd</sup> High-Level Dialogue Between India & EU

- After 9 Years Of Lull The Third High-Level Dialogue Between India And The European Union Was Held In **New Delhi.**
- During The Meeting, Commerce And Industry Minister Piyush Goyal And Executive Vice President Of The European Commission Valdis Dombrovskis Took Stock Of The Ongoing Three Negotiations Between India And The EU.
- These Negotiations Consist Of An **India-EU Free Trade Agreement; A Standalone Investment Protection Agreement; & A Geographical Indications Agreement.**
- They Acknowledged That Both Sides Have Made Good Progress In The Same.
- The Upcoming **World Trade Organisation MC-13** Matters Which Is To Be Held In UAE Were Also Briefly Discussed During The Meeting.



## Aditya-L1 To Be Launched In First Week Of September

- Aditya-L1 Is The **First Space-Based Indian Observatory** To Study The Sun. The Spacecraft Shall Be Placed In A Halo Orbit Around The Lagrange Point 1 (L1) Of The Sun-Earth System, Which Is About 1.5 Million Km From The Earth.
- India Is Capable Of Launching More Interplanetary Missions And The Objective Of The Space Agency Is The **Overall Progress Of The Country** Through The Expansion Of The Space Sector.
- **The Major Objectives Of Aditya-L1 Mission Are:**
- Study Of Solar Upper Atmospheric Dynamics, Study Of Chromospheric And Coronal Heating, Initiation Of The Coronal Mass Ejections, And Flares
- Physics Of Solar Corona And Its Heating Mechanism.
- Diagnostics Of The Coronal And Coronal Loops Plasma



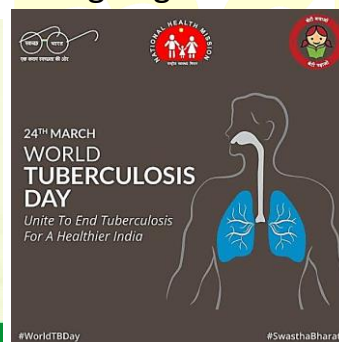
## Exercise Bright Star-23

- An Indian Air Force Contingent Departed, For Participating In Exercisebright STAR-23 A Biennial Multilateral Tri-Service Exercise Scheduled To Be **Held At Cairo Air Base, Egypt.**
- This Is **For 1<sup>ST</sup> Time That IAF** Is Participating In Ex BRIGHT STAR-23 Which Will Also See Participation Of Contingents From The USA, Saudi Arabia, Greece & Qatar.
- The Indian Air Force Contingent Will Consist **Of Five Mig-29, Two IL-78, Two C-130 And Two C-17 Aircraft.**
- Personnel From The **IAF's Garud Special Forces**, As Well As Those From The Numbers 28, 77, 78 And 81 Squadrons Will Be Participating In The Exercise.
- The Objective Of The Exercise Is To Practice Planning And Execution Of Joint Operations.
- India And Egypt Deep Cooperation Wherein The Two Jointly Undertook Development Of Aero-Engine And Aircraft In 1960s And Training Of Egyptian Pilots Was Done By Indian Counterparts.



## IAF To Support 765 TB PATIENTS-'NI-KSHAY MITRA

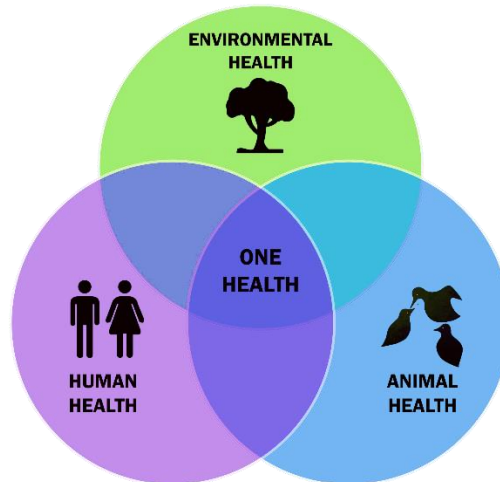
- As Part Of The Iaf To Contribute Towards Social Causes That Foster Nation Building, The Service Committed Involvement In The “Ni-Kshay Mitra” (Ni=End, Kshay=Tb)Scheme.
- This Is An Initiative Under The **Pradhan Mantri Tb Mukht Bharat Abhiyan** (Pmtbmba),Launched In 2022 Seeks To **Eliminate Tb By 2025 Five Years Ahead Of The Global Goal Of 2030.**
- “Ni-Kshay Mitra” Is An Initiative That Provides For Additional Diagnostic, Nutritional, And Vocational Support By Elected Representatives, Corporates, Organisations, Ngos, And Individuals To Those Undergoing Tb Treatment.



## G20 Technical Workshop On One Health

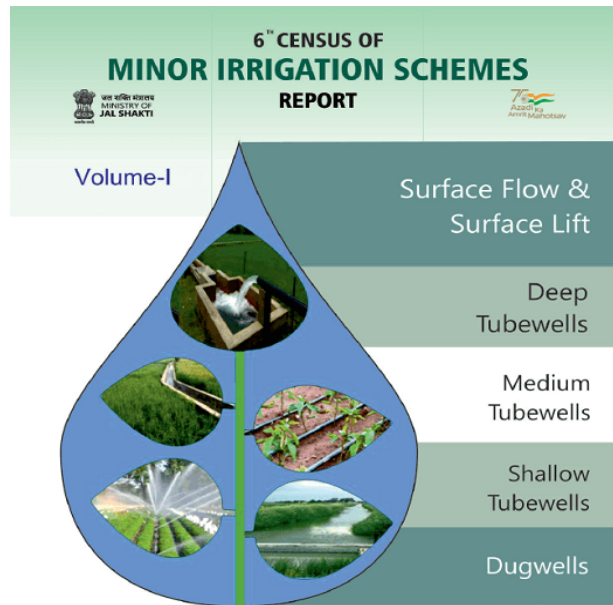
- G20 Technical Workshop **On One Health-Opportunities And Challenges Will Be Held In Bengaluru** Hosted By The Indian Council Of Agricultural Research Under The Ministry Of Agriculture And Farmers Welfare.
- The Foreign Delegates From G20 Member Countries And Guests From The Invited Countries And International Organisations Will Participate In The Workshop.
- The Three Days Workshop To Be Attended By Around 100 Delegates Will Deliberate On Various Issues Of Agriculture Research And Different Thematic Areas Like Human-Animal Ecosystem Interface, Emerging And Re-Emerging

Diseases, Transboundary Diseases, Food Safety, And Antimicrobial Resistance Apart From Forging New Strategic Partnerships For Global Health.



## Jal Shakti Ministry Releases 6th Census- MIS

- The **Ministry Of Jal Shakti** Released The Report On The **Sixth Census** On Minor Irrigation Schemes.
- As Per The Report, 23.14 Million Minor Irrigation Schemes Have Been Reported In The Country, Out Of Which 21.93 Million Are Ground Water And 1.21 Million Are Surface Water Schemes.
- For **The 1<sup>st</sup> Time, The Information About Gender Of The Owner Of MI Scheme** Was Also Collected In Case Of Individual Ownership.
- Out Of All The Individually Owned Schemes, 18.1 Per Cent Are Owned By Women.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Possesses The Largest Number Of Mi Schemes. **Maharashtra** Leads In SW Schemes Followed By Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha And Jharkhand.
- The **1<sup>st</sup> Census** Of Minor Irrigation Schemes Was Conducted With Reference Year **1986-87**.
- The **6<sup>th</sup> MI Census** Has Been Conducted With Reference Year **2017-18** In All States And Union Territories Except Delhi, Daman & Diu, Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Lakshadweep. The 1<sup>st</sup> Census Of Water Bodies Has Also Been Taken Up In Convergence With 6<sup>th</sup> MI Census.



## Deendayal Port-Mega-Container Terminal

- **Deendayal Port Authority & DP World** Have Signed A Concession Agreement.
- The Project Involves The Construction Of A **Mega-Container Terminal** At Tuna-Tekra Near The Existing Deendayal Port, At A Cost Of Over 4,243 Crores Rupees Through A Public Private Partnership.
- Once Completed The Terminal Will Have An Annual Capacity Of 2.19 Million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUS) And Will Include A 1,100 Metre Berth Capable Of Handling Next-Generation Vessels Carrying More Than 18,000 Teus.
- This Concession Agreement Is A Part Of Target Of Identifying Investment Opportunities Of More Than 10 Lakh Crore Rupees In Indian Maritime Sector Ahead Of The **Global Maritime Summit 2023**.



## G20-Chief Scientific Advisers

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable Meeting Will Begin In Gandhinagar.**
- Science Advisors, Scientists, Researchers From G-20 Countries, And Invited Countries Will Participate In The Meeting.
- Principal Scientific Adviser To The Government Of India **Ajay K Sood** Will Address The Meeting.
- 4 Sessions On **Themes** Such As 'Opportunities In One Health, Synergising Global Efforts To Expand The Access To Scholarly Scientific Knowledge', Diversity, Equity, And Accessibility In Science & Technology, And Institutional Mechanism For Inclusive Global S&T Policy Dialogue .
- Participating Delegates Will Also Be Taken To The Sun Temple In Modhera.



## India Hand Over B20 Presidency To Brazil

- India Has Handed Over **The B20 Presidency To Brazil To Host G20 In 2024.**
- B20 India Worked Under The Theme Of '**R.A.I.S.E.: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses**' .
- During This Period We Worked On **9 Important Themes** Which Included Empowerment Of Women And Youth, Transition Towards An Artificial Intelligence World, Building A Global Resilient Supply Chain And Financing For The Global Economic Recovery.
- The Presidency Of India's B20 Has Been Recognized For Its Effective Process, Engagement, And Consensus-Building In Generating **54 Policy Recommendations.**



## H. S. Prannoy Won Bronze Medal

- Indian Badminton Player Hs Prannoy Finished With A **Bronze Medal** In The Men's Singles At The Bwf World Badminton Championships 2023 After Losing His Semi-Final Match In **Copenhagen, Denmark**.
- The 2023 BWF World Championships Is An Ongoing Badminton Tournament, Being Held From 21 To 27 August 2023 In **Royal Arena, Copenhagen, Denmark**. **Copenhagen** Is Hosting The BWF World Championships For The 5<sup>th</sup> Time.

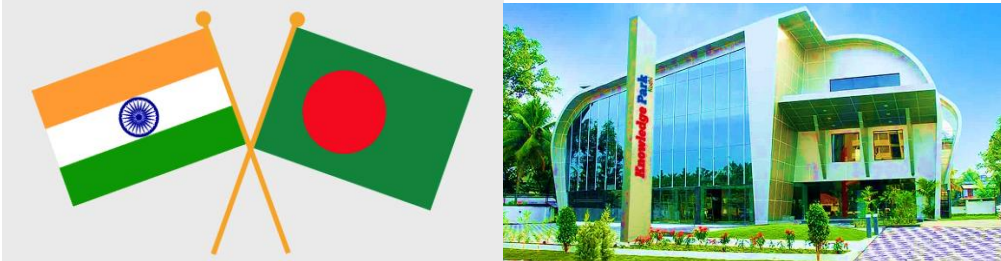


## Knowledge Park At Chattogram - Bangladesh

- Indian High Commissioner In Bangladesh Laid The Foundation Stone Of **The Knowledge Park At Chattogram**.
- The IT Park Is Being Built With Government Of India's Financing Support.
- IT-Enabled Services In Bangladesh Going Beyond Trade And Transport Connectivity And Energy Connectivity.
- **Digital Connectivity** Is A Rapidly Emerging Dimension Of **India-Bangladesh** Partnership.
- Recently **Launched India-Bangladesh Startup Bridge** To Connect The Startup Communities Of India And Bangladesh.



- Each Park Is Expected To Generate Direct Employment For 3,000 People And Train Over 1,000 People Every Year.



## Sri Lanka Hosts Its 1<sup>st</sup> Karnataka Cultural Festival

- Sri Lanka Hosted Its **Very First Karnataka Cultural Festival**.
- It Was Organized By **The International Cultural Council Of India In Collaboration With Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre And M.E Global Peace Foundation**.
- The Event Showcased Performances By Over **30 Artists From Karnataka** Including Dances, Folk Songs, Multi-Lingual Poems, Ballet, And Captivating Puppet Shows.
- The Programme Featured The Essence Of Karnataka's Heritage.



## Review Questions

**1. National Space Day Will Be Celebrated On**

- A. 21 August
- B. 23 August
- C. 23 September
- D. 26 September

**Answer: B**

**2. Recently Seen In News Shiv Shakti Point Name Is Given To**

- A. Highest Battle Field
- B. Lunar Surface
- C. IT Hub
- D. Satellite Launch Center

**Answer: B**

**3. India Women Team Secured \_\_\_\_Medal In IBSA World Cup**

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. No Medal

**Answer: A**

**4. IBSA World Games Blind Cricket Tournament Was \_\_\_\_Edition**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup>
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: A**

**5. 13<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference Will Be Held In**

- A. UAE
- B. USA
- C. Kuwait
- D. Bahrein

**Answer: A**

**6. 1<sup>st</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference Was Held In**

- A. Singapore
- B. Brunei
- C. Myanmar
- D. Malaysia

**Answer: A**

**7. HQ Of WTO Is Situated At**

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

**Answer: A**

**8. 3rd High-level Dialogue Between India & EU Was Held At**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Brussels
- D. Madrid

**Answer: A**

**9. 1<sup>st</sup> Space-based Indian Observatory Mission To Study The Sun-**

- A. Parker Solar Probe
- B. Aditya L1
- C. Juno Mission
- D. Solar Orbiter

**Answer: B**

**10. 'NI-KSHAY MITRA' Scheme Is Related To**

- A. Tuberculosis (TB)
- B. Cancer
- C. Anemia
- D. smallpox

**Answer: A**

**11. Global Target To Eliminate TB To Be Achieved In**

- A. 2025
- B. 2030
- C. 2035
- D. 2040

**Answer: B**

**12. Which Ministry Releases Micro Irrigation Census**

- A. MO Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
- B. MO Jal Shakti
- C. MO Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- D. MO Rural Development

**Answer: B**

**13. B20 - 2024 Will Be Held In**

- A. Brazil
- B. Australia
- C. Turkey
- D. South Africa

**Answer: A**

**14. The Global Maritime Summit 2023 Will be held in**

- A. Maldives
- B. India
- C. Argentina
- D. Australia

**Answer: B**

**15. Seen In News Knowledge Park At Chattogram Is Situated In**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bhutan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

**Answer: C**