

# Daily Current Affairs

## 11 October 2023

### International Day Of The Girl Child

- The International Day of the Girl (IDG) – observed annually on **11 October** – is a global platform to advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights.
- The theme for this year **Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being**“.
- **Slogan**, "Digital Generation, Our Generation, Our Time Is Now our Rights, Our FutureIt provides a platform for the global community to understand the disadvantages girls face online.
- This year, at a time when we are seeing a range of movements and actions to curtail girls' and women's rights and roll back progress on gender equality, we see particularly harsh impacts on girls.
- From maternal health care and parenting support for adolescent mothers, to digital and life skills training; from comprehensive sexuality education to survivor support services and violence prevention programmes.
- There is an urgent need for increased attention and resourcing for the key areas that enable girls to realize their rights and achieve their full potential.



## 8th BRICS International Competition Conference

- The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference will be held in New Delhi.
- Briefing media in New Delhi on Tuesday, Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI) Ravneet Kaur said.
- The **Theme of the conference** is New issues in competition law and policy, dimensions, perspectives, and challenges.
- Ms Kaur said, more than 600 delegates from the competition authorities of BRICS and non-BRICS nations, competition law experts, non-government advisors and domestic invitees are expected to participate in the conference.
- She added that the heads of BRICS competition authorities will address the closing ceremony on Friday and sign a Joint Statement.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is the chief **national competition regulator in India**.
- It is a **statutory body within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs** and is responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002 to promote competition and prevent activities that have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India.
- The CCI looks into cases and investigates them if the same has a negative impact on competition.
- CCI also approves combination under the act so that two merging entities do not overtake the market.
- The commission was established on **14 October 2003**. It became fully functional in May 2009 with Dhanendra Kumar as its first chairman.
- The current Chairperson of the CCI is **Sangeeta Verma**, who was appointed to the role in October 2022.



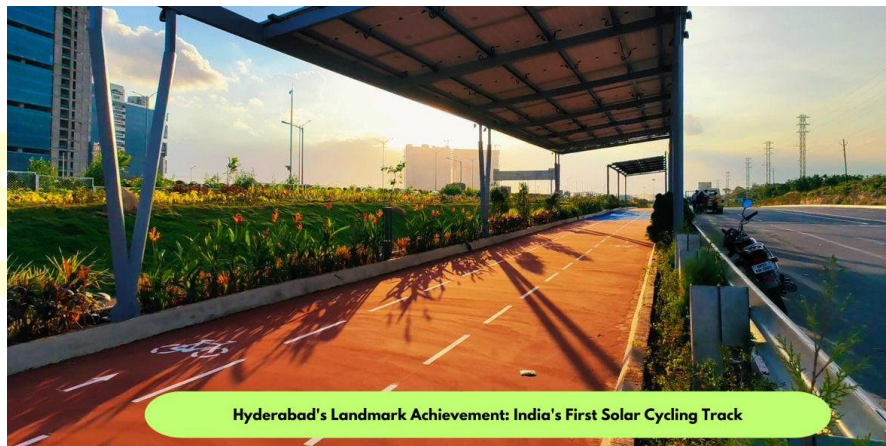
## ‘Status Holder’ Certificates

- During a meeting with the Export Promotion Councils, Shri Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister of **Commerce & Industry**, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, introduced a groundbreaking initiative to implement automated 'Status Holder' certificates as part of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.
- This transformative measure not only reduces compliance burdens and fosters a **business-friendly environment** but also highlights the significance of government collaboration.
- A Revolutionary Transformation in Export Certification
- Historically, Indian exporters were required to apply to the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) office for a Status Certificate. This procedure involved submitting an online application along with an export certificate issued by a Chartered Accountant. The DGFT Regional Offices were then responsible for issuing the certificate within three days. However, the new initiative aims to streamline this process.
- Under the revised approach, exporters will no longer be required to submit applications for Status Certificates. Instead, these certifications will be automatically granted each year in August, based on the annual export figures available from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), in conjunction with other risk assessment parameters. This shift towards automation marks a significant departure from the traditional manual application process.



## India's First Solar Cycling Track

- In a remarkable stride towards promoting eco-friendly and active mobility, Hyderabad, India, proudly inaugurated **its first solar roof cycling track, Healthway**.
- This innovative track, which is a pioneering initiative in the country, was officially opened by K Tarakarama Rao, the state Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister.
- Healthway aims to **encourage cycling as a means of transportation** while incorporating sustainability and technological innovation.
- Notably, Healthway is the second of its kind globally, emphasizing Hyderabad's commitment to embracing innovative and sustainable solutions for urban mobility.



## IRDAI To Deploy Bima Vahak

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has announced its ambitious plan **to deploy 'Bima Vahaks'** in every Gram Panchayat across the country by December 31, 2024.
- **Bima Vahaks, both corporate and individual**, are authorized to undertake various activities, including the collection of proposal information and Know Your Customer (KYC) documents.
- They will also coordinate services related to insurance claims. IRDAI has introduced the 'Bima Vahaks (BV)' initiative to expand insurance coverage and accessibility.

- The objective of this initiative remains women-centric, with the aim of creating a dedicated distribution channel that ensures the availability of insurance services in every corner of India.



## Outlook Money 40After40

- **Outlook Group** is excited to announce the launch of its highly anticipated retirement planning event, “**40After40**,” in association with **IDFC FIRST Bank**.
- This two-day event and expo will take place at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai on January 23-24, 2024. “40After40”.
- Aims to be a comprehensive platform **for all retirement-related discussions**, offering panel discussions, expert chats, masterclasses, interactions with financial planners, and product presentations.
- Outlook Group’s “40After40” event is an extension of its commitment to raising awareness and facilitating discussions about the critical yet often neglected topic of retirement planning.



## Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan Honorary Doctorate by JNU

- Tanzania President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Jawaharlal Nehru University for her pivotal role in fostering stronger India-Tanzania relations.
- Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hassan expressed gratitude for the honour. She said, this honour will forever be etched in her memory as it is the first award to her in a foreign country.
- Speaking on the occasion, External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar said that it is a matter of great pride for India to confer the honorary doctorate on Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan from JNU.
- Education and capacity building are important facets of India - Tanzania ties. Dr Jaishankar said, over five thousand Tanzanian nationals have been trained in educational institutions in India.
- Economic ties between the two countries have always been a strong pillar. He said, despite the global disruption and challenges posed by the pandemic, the bilateral trade between India Tanzania have witnessed strong growth from both sides.



## USI To Hold First Ever Indian Military Heritage Festival

- The **United Service Institution of India (USI)**, the country's **oldest think tank**, is preparing to organize the inaugural Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF), slated for October 21 and 22.
- This pioneering event is designed to address a notable gap in the national discourse and cultural calendar by bringing attention to India's profound military history, current security challenges, and the endeavor for self-sufficiency in military capabilities through the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.

- The IMHF endeavors to enhance our comprehension of India's rich military legacy and customs.



- It will delve into numerous facets, encompassing native historical knowledge systems, India's involvement in global conflicts like the World Wars, the hurdles faced post-Independence, and diverse viewpoints on warfare and conflicts.
- The United Service Institution of India, established in 1870 by Colonel (later Major General) **Sir Charles MacGregor**, a soldier-scholar, has a history closely connected with the development of the Indian Armed Forces.
- Its primary mission was to promote interest and knowledge in the art, science, and literature of the Defense Services. Initially, it was located in the old Town Hall at Shimla, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. Later, the Institution relocated to the Army Headquarters.
- **Major General BK Sharma** is the Director General of United Service Institution of India (USI).



## Bharat NCX 2023

- **Principal Scientific Advisor** to the Government of India Ajay Kumar Sood today inaugurated the '**Bharat NCX 2023**'. Addressing the event, Mr. Sood laid out the importance of Digital Public Infrastructure protection, hardware security needs and Post Quantum Cryptography.
- The second edition of the National Cyber Security Exercise 2023 'Bharat NCX 2023' will be conducted as a hybrid exercise over a period of twelve days till 20th of this month.
- The exercise aims to **train senior management and technical personnel of Government** and Critical Sector organizations and Public and Private agencies on contemporary cyber threats and handling cyber incidents and response. The programme is being conducted by the National Security Council Secretariat in strategic partnership with Rashtriya Raksha University.
- The participants will be trained on various key cyber security areas such as Intrusion Detection Techniques, Malware Information Sharing Platform, Vulnerability Handling and Penetration Testing, Network Protocols and Data Flows, Digital Forensics.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The Date Observed As The International Day Of The Girl Child**

- A. 8<sup>th</sup> March
- B. 11<sup>th</sup> October
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> December
- D. 21<sup>st</sup> September

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Theme For International Day Of The Girl Child In The Current Year**

- A. Empowerment Through Education
- B. Gender Equality in Sports
- C. Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being
- D. Environmental Conservation

**ANSWER: C**

**3. The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference Will Be Held**

- A. Beijing
- B. New Delhi
- C. Moscow
- D. Johannesburg

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Theme Of The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference**

- A. Competition In The Digital Age
- B. New Issues In Competition Law And Policy
- C. Economic Growth And Development
- D. Cultural Exchange

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Who Introduced Automated 'Status Holder' Certificates**

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. Minister of Finance
- C. Minister of Commerce & Industry
- D. Minister of Defense

**ANSWER: C**

**7. How Will Status Certificates Granted Under The Revised Approach**

- A. Through a manual application process
- B. Automatically each year in August
- C. By submitting proposals to the DGFT
- D. Based on Chartered Accountant recommendations

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Objective Of Implementing Automated 'Status Holder' Certificates**

- A. To Increase Compliance Burdens
- B. To Reduce Government Collaboration
- C. To Foster A Business-friendly Environment
- D. To Promote Government Bureaucracy

**ANSWER: C**

**9. India's First Solar Roof Cycling Track, Healthway, Inaugurated**

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bangalore

**ANSWER: C**

**10. What Is The Goal Of Healthway, India's First Solar Cycling Track**

- A. To Encourage Cycling As A Means Of Transportation
- B. To Promote The Use Of Electric Scooters
- C. To Reduce The Number Of Cars On The Road
- D. To Facilitate Pedestrians

**ANSWER: A**

**11.What Does IRDAI Plan To Deploy In Every Gram Panchayat Across India By December 31, 2024**

- A. Automated ATMs
- B. Bima Vahaks
- C. Mobile Hospitals
- D. Educational Centers

**ANSWER: B**

**12.The Main Objective Of The 'Bima Vahaks (BV)' Initiative**

- A. Expanding Insurance Coverage For Men
- B. Creating A Dedicated Distribution Channel For Insurance Services
- C. Providing Healthcare Services In Rural Areas
- D. Promoting Agricultural Development

**ANSWER:B**

**13.What is "40 After 40"**

- A. A Retirement Planning Event
- B. A New Magazine
- C. A Fitness Program
- D. A Cooking Competition

**ANSWER: A**

**14.Which Country's President Received Honorary Doctorate From JNU**

- A. Israel
- B. Tanzania
- C. United States
- D. China

**ANSWER: B**

**15.Reason For Honorary Doctorate To Samia Suluhu Hassan**

- A. Her Contribution To Space Exploration
- B. Her Role In Fostering India-Tanzania Relations
- C. Her Achievements In Literature
- D. Her Athletic Accomplishments

**ANSWER: B**

**16. What Is The United Service Institution Of India**

- A. A Rotary Club
- B. A Think Tank
- C. A Athletes Club
- D. A Sports Club

**ANSWER: B**

**17. The Main Purpose Of The Indian Military Heritage Festival**

- A. To Promote Military Recruitment
- B. To Celebrate Indian Military Victories
- C. To Educate People About India's Military History
- D. To Discuss International Politics

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Who Is The Director General Of United Service Institution Of India**

- A. Colonel Sir Charles MacGregor
- B. Major General BK Sharma
- C. K Tarakarama Rao
- D. Sangeeta Verma

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Where Was The USI Initially Located**

- A. In New Delhi
- B. In Dehradun
- C. In Shimla
- D. In Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**20. What Does USI Focus On In Its Mission**

- A. Promoting Fashion And Literature
- B. Developing Military Technology
- C. Promoting Interest And Knowledge In The Defense Services
- D. Hosting Sports Events

**ANSWER: C**

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