

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 15 March 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :IMPORTANT DAY



World Consumer Rights Day :15 March:-

Every year on March 15, World Consumer Rights Day is observed to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs. On this day, governments all over the world raise awareness about consumers' rights and needs. The government of India passed the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which outlines some basic consumer rights. Every year on December 24, India observes National Consumers Rights Day. The theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2023 is "Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions."

DAILY UPDATE 2 :SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



US hands over NISAR satellite to ISRO:-

The US Air Force has handed over NISAR, a NASA-ISRO earth observation satellite, to the Indian space agency. According to the US Consulate in Chennai, a US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar

(NISAR) landed in Bengaluru. The satellite is the result of a collaboration between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). NISAR will map the entire globe in 12 days, according to ISRO, and will provide spatially and temporally consistent data for understanding changes in Earth's ecosystems.

DAILY UPDATE 3: APPOINTMENT



Pankaj Gupta Named As MD And CEO Of Pramerica Life Insurance:-

Pankaj Gupta has been named MD & CEO of Pramerica Life Insurance. Gupta was HDFC Life's Group Head of Distribution Strategy and Alliances. Pankaj takes over as MD & CEO from Kalpana Sampat. Pankaj has previously held senior leadership positions at Citigroup, ICICI Bank, and TCS. Pramerica Life Insurance Limited is a joint venture between DIL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited, and Prudential International Insurance Holdings, Ltd. (PIIH), which is wholly owned by Prudential Financial, Inc. (PFI).

DAILY UPDATE 4 : MISCELLANEOUS



'World's First' Bamboo Crash Barrier Installed On Maharashtra Highway:-

In yet another step towards self-sufficiency, India created the world's first bamboo-made crash barrier, which was installed on the Vani-Warora Highway in Vidarbha, Maharashtra. Crash barriers are installed on either side of a highway to keep vehicles from leaving the road network. It also keeps outside elements out of the highways. Because of the

strength that steel provides to these critical infrastructure, they are typically made of steel. Replacing steel barriers with bamboo crash barriers would be a very innovative move by the Centre to reduce road accident fatalities.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :AGREEMENT



NADA And NCERT Sign MoU To Strengthen Value-Based Sports Education Amongst School Children And Teachers:-

The Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have signed an agreement to strengthen value-based sports education among schoolchildren and teachers. The key activities that will be carried out under this MoU include the creation of accessible e-content on sports values and ethics. Under the terms of the agreement, the UNESCO Value-Based Sports Education toolkit will be promoted in all classrooms.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :AGREEMENT



India, Mexico Ink MoU On Research, Technology And Innovation Collaborations:-

In New Delhi, India and Mexico signed an MoU on collaboration in research, technology, and innovation. It will concentrate on several key areas of technology, including aerospace, electronics, earth and ocean sciences and water, mining, minerals, clean energy, biotech, and healthcare. Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh assured Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard that India, through the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and

sister organisations, will provide tangible results in the three priority areas identified by the Mexican side: water, lithium, and vaccines.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : SPORTS



Max Verstappen Wins Season-Opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023:-

Defending champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull won the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix from pole position, leading almost the entire race as he began his defence of his back-to-back Formula One titles. On a stunning race debut for Aston Martin, 41-year-old Fernando Alonso took a brilliant third place — and claimed his 99th career podium — as Red Bull also clinched a dominant 1-2 with Sergio Perez finishing second. Verstappen's 36th career victory was his first at the floodlit Sakhir circuit.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : STATE



Mauganj Introduced As The 53rd District Of Madhya Pradesh:-

“Mauganj will become the 53rd district of MP. It will be developed by joining four tehsils of Rewadistrict” said Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during a programme in Rewa. It will be developed by bringing together four tehsils in the Rewa district. Mauganj, Hanumana, Nai Garhi, and Deotalab are among the four tehsils. Mauganj residents have been calling for a separate district since the chief minister announced in 2013 that Mauganj would be developed as a separate

district. When Mauganj is formally established as a new district, it will serve as Madhya Pradesh's new gateway to the Mirzapur-Varanasi region of eastern Uttar Pradesh.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :RANK AND REPORT



DEMOCRACY REPORT 2023

Defiance in the Face of Autocratization

India On 108th Position In Electoral Democracy Index 2023:-

India is ranked 108th in the V-dem Democracy report 2023's Electoral Democracy Index. The country ranks way below countries such as Tanzania, Bolivia, Mexico, Singapore and Nigeria. In the report, India was also named one of the top ten autocratic countries in the last decade. India's ranking in the report's Electoral Democracy Index (EDI) fell from 100th in 2022 to 108th this year, while it was 97th in the Liberal Democracy Index (LDI). The United States was ranked 23rd in the LDI, while Canada and the United Kingdom were ranked 24th and 20th, respectively.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :RANK AND REPORT



Delhi International Airport Among Cleanest In Asia-Pacific:-

As part of the Airport Council International (ACI)'s service quality award, Delhi airport was named one of the cleanest in Asia-Pacific. DIAL's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has won the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) best airport for 2022 in the category of over 40 million passengers per year (MPPA). The Airports Council International has also named it

the cleanest airport in the Asia Pacific region (ACI). GMR Airports Infrastructure Ltd is a consortium that includes Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL).