

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 17 February 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :SPORTS



Rohit Sharma Becomes 1st Indian skipper to Record Hundreds in All 3 Formats:-

Indian captain Rohit Sharma made history by becoming the first Indian captain to score centuries in all three formats of the game. Rohit made history by scoring his first Test century against Australia on Day 2 of the first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Test series in 2023. The right-handed batter was playing his third Test as Indian captain and his 46th overall. On December 13, 2017, Rohit scored his first ODI century as Indian captain against Sri Lanka in Mohali. In that game, he led the team in the absence of Virat Kohli and finished unbeaten on 208.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



ISRO Plans To Develop Astronaut Training Module With IIT Madras:-

The Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to develop training modules for the Indian Spaceflight Program using augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and mixed reality (MR) technologies. The modules will be built at IIT Madras' Experiential

Technology Innovation Centre (XTIC) and will be used to train engineers at Isro's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) to establish an extended reality (XR) laboratory.

DAILY UPDATE 3:MISCELLANEOUS



Yaya Tso To Be Ladakh's First Biodiversity Heritage Site:-

Yaya Tso, known as a bird's paradise due to its beautiful lake at an elevation of 4,820 metres, has been proposed as Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site (BHS), according to officials. According to the Biodiversity Management Committee, the panchayat of Chumathang village, and the SECURE Himalaya Project, Yaya Tso was recently designated as Ladakh's first BHS under the Biological Diversity Act. The proposed Yaya Tso site will cover approximately 60 square kilometres, including the lake's watershed.

DAILY UPDATE 4 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



India & EU To Create 3 Working Groups Under Trade & Technology Council To Boost Ties:-

The European Union (EU) and India have announced the formation of three working groups under the 'Trade and Technology Council,' which was formed to strengthen strategic ties with the trade bloc. The working group will lay the groundwork by addressing key issues such as strategic technologies, digital governance and connectivity; green and

clean energy technologies; and trade, investment, and resilient value chains, according to a joint statement. The working groups will now begin preparing for the council's first meeting, which will take place before the next EU-India Summit in the spring of 2023.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :RANK AND REPORT



International Seabed Authority With Headquarters In Jamaica Has Officially Designated India As A "Pioneer Investor":-

Union Minister of Science & Technology; Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the world today recognises India's Blue Economy resources and the International Seabed Authority (ISA) with headquarters in Jamaica has officially designated India as a "Pioneer Investor". According to the Union Minister of Science and Technology, the Blue Economy has been given high priority and is now being recognised globally. The ministry expressed delight that India had been designated by the ISA as a "Pioneer investor" with special interests.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :RANK AND REPORT



India's Unemployment Rate Declined To Four-Month Low At 7.14% In January:-

The unemployment rate in India fell to 7.14% in January, the lowest in four months, from 8.30% the previous month, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). According to the data, the urban unemployment rate fell to 8.55% in January from 10.09% the previous month, while the rural unemployment rate fell to

6.48% from 7.44%. Jammu and Kashmir had the highest unemployment rate of 21.8%, followed by Haryana at 21.7% and Rajasthan at 21.1%.

DAILY UPDATE 7 :SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Google Introduces AI Chatbot 'Bard' To Compete With Microsoft's ChatGPT:-

Google is preparing to launch 'Bard,' a new conversational AI chatbot designed to compete with OpenAI's ChatGPT, which is backed by Microsoft. Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google, announced in a blog post that the company was opening Bard to a small group of trusted testers before making it more widely available to the public in the coming weeks. Google's announcement of Bard comes in the backdrop of Microsoft disclosing its plans to pour billions of dollars into OpenAI, the San Francisco-based company behind the popular chatbot ChatGPT. The tech giant already had poured in a billion dollars into the AI company in 2019.

DAILY UPDATE 8 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



Government Extends PM-KUSUM Scheme Till March 2026:-

The government has extended the PM-KUSUM scheme until March 2026 because its implementation has been hampered by the pandemic. "The pace of implementation of PM-KUSUM was significantly affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has also conducted a third party evaluation of the scheme

and based on the recommendations, the scheme has been extended till 31.3.2026," R K Singh, Minister for New and Renewable Energy said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :MISCELLANEOUS



Delhi Child Rights Body Unveils WhatsApp Chatbot Service 'Bal Mitra':-

According to an official, the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has launched its WhatsApp chatbot 'Bal Mitra' to assist citizens and the commission in more effective interaction. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia called it an 'important' initiative. "This is an important initiative. Children will be connected to DCPCR with the aid of technology," he said. Some of its uses include complaint registration, searching information, and tracking complaint status. The commission will use it for nudge-based awareness communications to children, women, Anganwadi workers, and others.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :RANK AND REPORT



UN Report: Record-Breaking 2022 For North Korea Crypto Theft:-

According to a currently confidential United Nations report, North Korea stole more cryptocurrency assets in 2022 than in any other year and targeted the networks of foreign aerospace and defence companies. "(North Korea) used increasingly sophisticated cyber techniques both to gain access to digital networks involved in cyber finance, and to steal

information of potential value, including to its weapons programmes," independent sanctions monitors reported to a U.N. Security Council committee.