

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 19 July 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :AGREEMENTS



India-UAE sign agreement on trade settlement in local currencies:-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit of United Arab Emirates, in July 2023 signed agreements to start trade settlement in their respective national currencies – Rupee and Dirham – as well as to link their fast payment system... This aims to establish a Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS) to promote the use of rupee and the dirham bilaterally. It will cover all current and permitted capital account transactions. It would also help promote investments and remittances between the two countries.

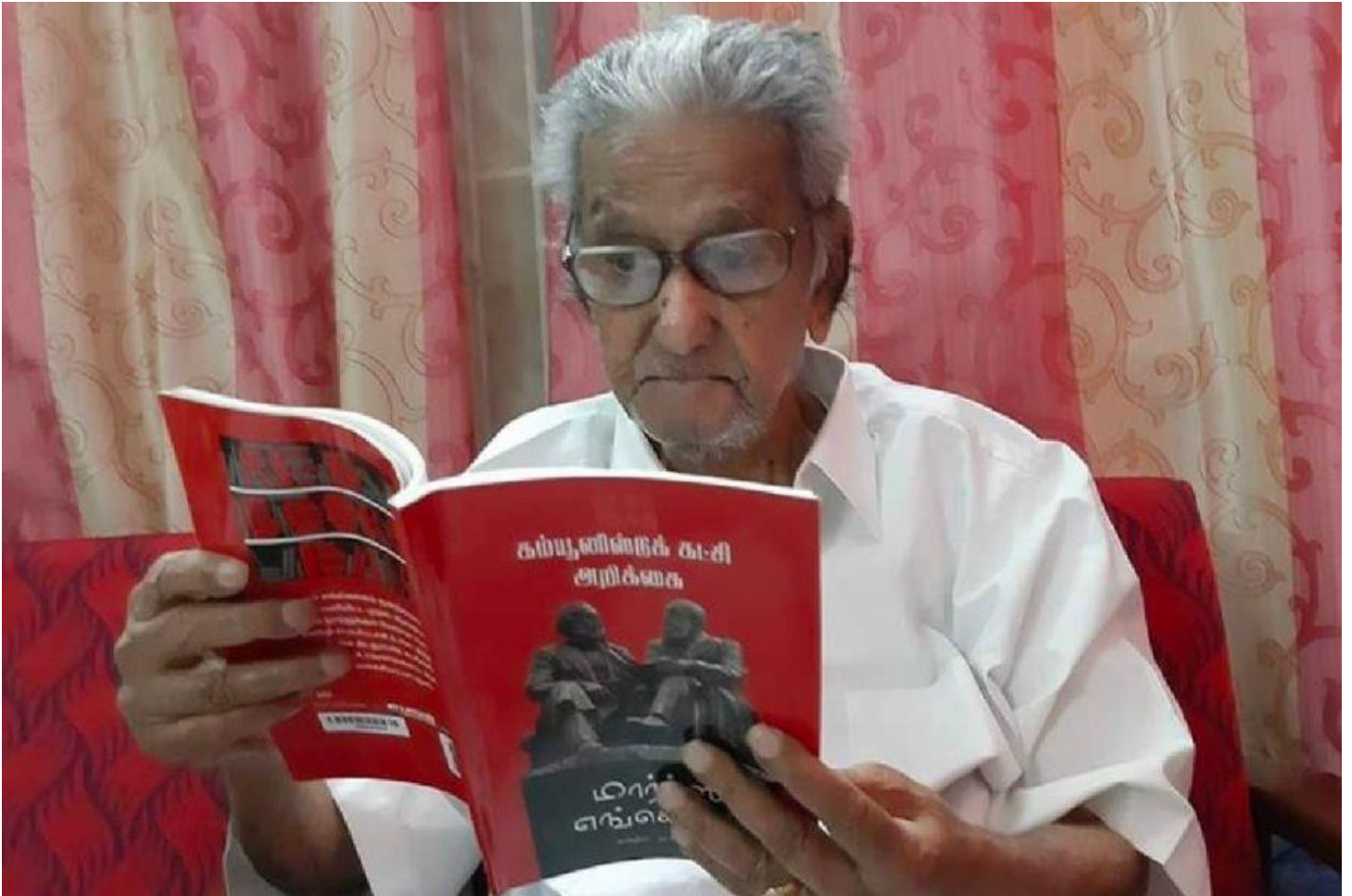
DAILY UPDATE 2 :APPOINTMENTS



Joe Biden appoints Indian-American Shamina Singh to serve on Export Council:-

US President Joe Biden has announced his intent to appoint Shamina Singh, a prominent Indian-American business leader, to the President's Export Council, which serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade. The Council advises the president of government policies and programmes that affect US trade performance, promotes export expansion and provides a forum for discussing and resolving trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agricultural, labour and government sectors.

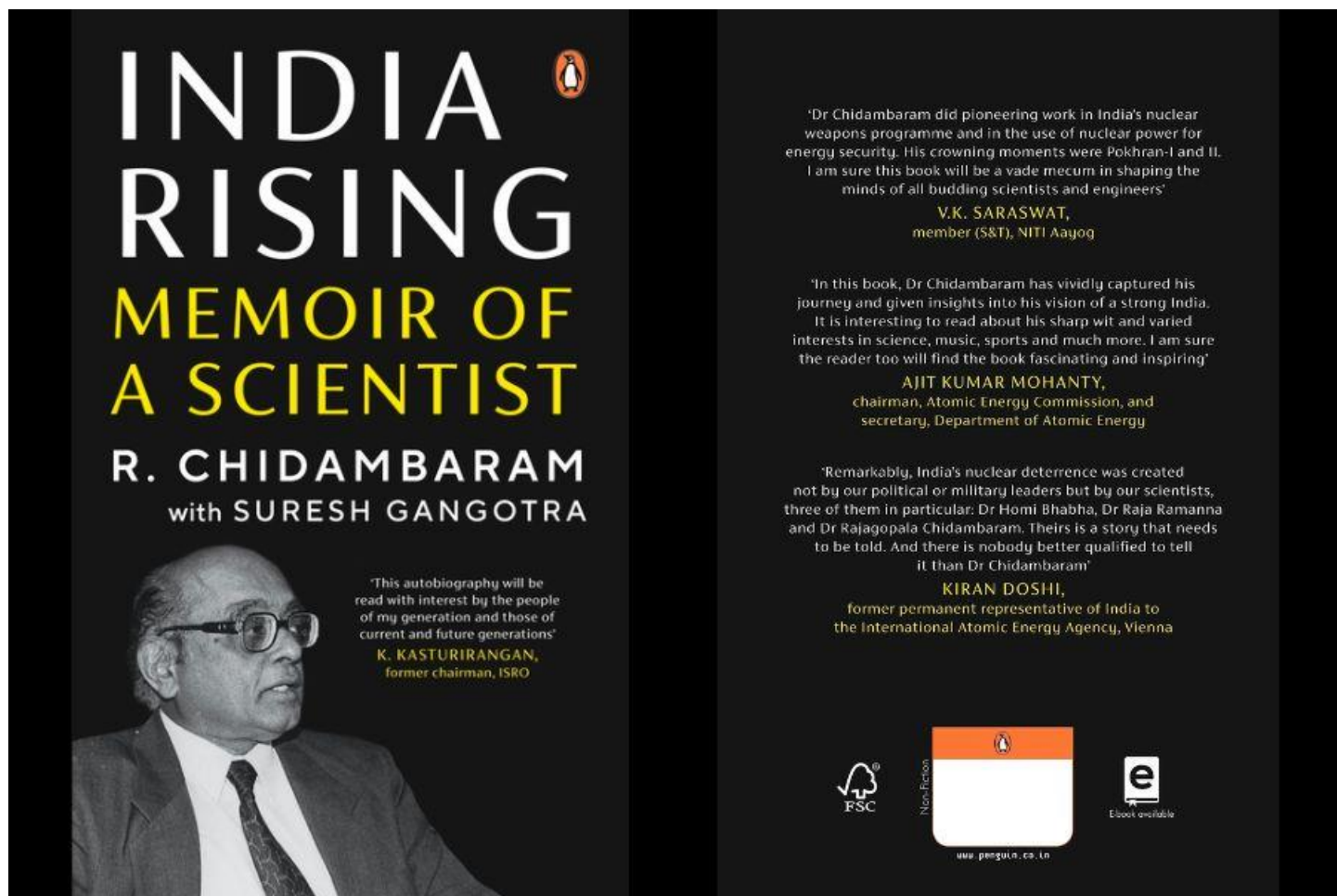
DAILY UPDATE 3:AWARDS



Communist leader Sankaraiah awarded honorary doctorate by MKU:-

The Madurai Kamaraj University has conferred an honorary doctorate to 102-year-old Communist veteran and freedom fighter N Sankaraiah, as per the announcement made by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, in Madurai on July 15, the 102nd birthday of the leader. Sankariah was conferred Tamil Nadu's supreme award, 'Thagaisai Tamil' award in 2021 when he turned 100. The award carried a citation and an amount of Rs 10 lakh. The veteran Communist leader donated the money to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

DAILY UPDATE 4 :BOOKS & AUTHOR



“India Rising Memoir of a Scientist” authored by R. Chidambaram and Suresh Gangotra:-

A Padma Vibhushan awardee, Chidambaram played an integral role in the design and execution of the peaceful Nuclear Explosion experiment at Pokhran in 1974 and led the team of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), which designed the nuclear devices and carried out in cooperation with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) the Pokhran tests in May 1998. The author has devoted two chapters to Pokhran and some details about the tests are sprinkled in the other chapters too.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :MISCELLANEOUS



Skill India Project revives the dying Namda Art of Jammu and Kashmir:-

The Namda craft of Kashmir is being successfully revived under a Skill India's Pilot Project as part of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Under this initiative, nearly 2,200 candidates have been trained in the art of Namda craft, representing a significant milestone in preserving this traditional craft and empowering the local weavers and artisans. The project has successfully trained individuals across six districts of Kashmir, namely Srinagar, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam, and Anantnag.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :NATIONAL

NOKIA



Nokia and TSSC launch 5G skill development centre in Gujarat:-

Finnish telecom gear maker Nokia and India's Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) will train 300 people in 5G, IoT and allied skills at the Nokia Centre of Excellence which was inaugurated at ITI Kubernagar, Gujarat on 17 July 2023. The centre is setting up a skill lab for training of the candidates with the aim of providing placement offers within 4-6 weeks of course completion to at least 70% of learners. About 300 such candidates will benefit from the program in the first year of the project.

DAILY UPDATE 7 :RANKING & REPORTS



Singapore's passport is now the most powerful in the world:-

As per the Henly passport Index, Singapore has overtaken Japan to boast of the world's most powerful passport. Singapore passport allows holders visa-free entry to 192 destinations out of 227 in the world. The Indian passport improved by five places and is now ranked 80th and it provides visa-free access to 57 destinations. The global passport ranking for 2023 was conducted based on data provided by the International Air Transport Authority, or IATA, which ranks the world's passports based on the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.

DAILY UPDATE 8 :SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



India&France to jointly develop engines for combat aircraft :-

India and France will extend their “ground-breaking” defence cooperation in advanced aeronautical technologies by supporting the joint development of a combat aircraft engine and an engine for the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH), which is being designed and developed by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The development comes a month after the US-based General Electric (GE) Aerospace signed an agreement with HAL to produce F414 engines for the IAF’s Light Combat Aircraft Mk2 jets with an 80 per cent technology transfer.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :SPORTS



Indian contingent won 27 medals at Asian Athletics Championship:-

The Indian contingent won a total of 27 medals, comprising six gold, 12 silver and nine bronze, to finish third in the overall rankings behind China and Japan, at the 25th Asian Athletics Championship 2023, that concluded on July 16 in Bangkok, Thailand. Jyothi Yarraji was the star of the show for India, as she clinched two medals - gold in women's 100m hurdles and silver in women's 200m finals. This is India's best performance ever at the continental level. The previous best was in 2017 at Bhubaneswar, where India won nine gold, six silver and 12 bronze.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :STATES



Tripura launches 'school boat' service to ferry school students :-

The school education department of Tripura has introduced a free 'School Boat' service to transport underprivileged students residing on the islands of Dumbur Lake in Gumati district to their schools. Due to financial constraints, underprivileged children living on the islands of Dumbur Lake face difficulties in accessing education as they lack the resources to afford boat ride fares. Particularly during the monsoon season, their journey to school becomes extremely challenging through water bodies.