

## National News

### Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill 2023 has been passed in Parliament.

- The **Anusandhan National Research Foundation bill 2023** was passed in the **Lok Sabha** on 07 August 2023.
- This bill has been passed with the objective of providing the means to amend the mechanisms for providing **research, innovation** and its development to small and micro **entrepreneurs** in the fields of natural sciences including mathematics and economics.
- In particular, the Bill repeals the Engineering and **Scientific Research Board Act, 2008** and the process of dissolving the Engineering and Scientific Research Board established under it is seen as important.

## International news

### Cambodian King Sihamoni has appointed Hun Manet as the country's new Prime Minister.

- **Cambodian King Sihamoni** has appointed **Hun Manet**, the son of **former Prime Minister Sen**, as the new Prime Minister of the country, according to the **7th decree** issued by the government of the country on August 07.
- With the country's king appointing Manet as prime minister, the party's leader and his cabinet formed from the party must win a "**vote of confidence**" on **August 22**.

### The UAE Ministry of Climate and Trends Research Center has entered into an MoU.

- The **Ministry of Climate and Environment** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **TRENDS Research and Development Center** in August 2023, aiming to further strengthen the **UAE's climate change and environmental sustainability goals** as part of its efforts.
- These MoUs are aimed at promoting and strengthening cooperation between the two organizations in various fields related to sustainability, environment and other shared interests.

### Government of India plans to provide Rs 45 crore financial assistance for Sri Lanka's digital identity development project.

- In a significant step forward in promoting **Sri Lanka's positive digital transformation**, the Government of India has provided a financial assistance of **Rs 45 crore** in August 2023 in support of a **Unique Digital Identity Development Programme**.
- This has been confirmed by the President's Office in **Colombo**, Sri Lanka in its latest statement on receipt of funds from the **Government of India**. And this initiative is aimed at playing a key role in the successful implementation of the country's digitization **enhancement process**.

### Niger has announced the closure of its airspace amid threats of military intervention from neighboring countries.

- In a situation where **ECOWAS**, the Coordinating Group of West African Nations, warned of the use of force if the recently deposed **President Mohamed Bazoum** is not reinstated by midnight on **August 06**, the announcement has been made to close **Niger's airspace, citing military intervention by neighboring countries**.
- It is notable that following the detention of the country's president, **Mr. Bazoum**, on **July 26, 2023**, the country's **army chief, General Abdurrahmane**, has announced himself as the new leader and president of the country.

### Tagore's 82nd death anniversary is observed in Bangladesh.

- The 82nd birth anniversary of **India's first Nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore**, is being observed in **Bangladesh on August 06**. As per **Gregorian calendar**, Tagore died on **07th August 1941** at the age of 80 but in **Bangladesh his memorial day is observed on "22nd Srabon"** as per **Bengali calendar (i.e. 06th August)**.
- Known as **Gurudev**, it is significant that he left a deep mark on the culture of the Indian subcontinent (pre-independence India), especially Bengal, through his musical and artistic performances.

## State news

**An initiative called Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 Immunization has been launched in Coimbatore district.**

- **Indrathanush (IMI) 5.0**, a highly intensified mission aimed at protecting under-five children, launched an immunization drive in Coimbatore district on **August 07**.
- **The first phase of the campaign** will be held from **August 7 to August 12**. The initiative has been launched with the objective of providing medical assistance to pregnant women who have not received the adult **tetanus diphtheria (DT)** vaccine and to **children under five years of age who have missed vaccinations in the National Immunization Reference Schedule**.

**Prayagraj city has been identified as a key development site under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0).**

- **The Union Ministry of Tourism** has announced in its latest notification that '**Naimisharanya**' and '**Prayagraj**' in the state of **Uttar Pradesh** have been identified as major development destinations under "**Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)**".
- According to this, the central government has launched the "**Swadesh Darshan Scheme**" (**SDS**) in the financial year **2014-2015** for the integrated development of tourism circuits in the country and under this there are **08 schemes of thematic circuits identified in the state of Uttar Pradesh**.

**The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation Recruitment Bill 2023 has been passed.**

- The Telangana State Legislative Assembly passed the **Telangana State Road Transport Corporation Recruitment Amendment Bill 2023** on **August 07** evening.
- **State Transport Minister Ajay Kumar** tabled the Bill in the Assembly after the State Governor **Dr. Tamilisai** gave his approval earlier. This bill has been passed with the aim of ensuring significant improvement in the transport sector of the state.

## Appointments

**Keki Mistry has been appointed Financial Services Strategy Advisor at Adar Poonawala's firm.**

- **The giant Cyrus Poonawalla Group** has appointed **Keki Mistry** as "**Strategic Advisor**" for all primary and subsidiary financial services companies under **Adar Poonawalla**, it said in a statement on **August 07**.
- It is notable that he has many years of experience and was the **Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of HDFC Limited** prior to this appointment. Its highlight is that the Cyrus Poonawalla organization established India's best and largest biotechnology company and the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, **Serum Company**, in **1966**.

## Sports news

**Stefanos Tsitsipas wins the Los Cabos ATP 250 trophy.**

- Famous Greek tennis player **Stefanos Tsitsipas** has won the "**ATP 250**" title or trophy of Los Cabos on August 05 night.
- He defeated **Australia's Alex De Minaur** 6-3, 6-4 to win the trophy. It is notable that this is the **10th of his career**.

**Aditi became the first Indian to win the individual world title at the World Archery Championships.**

- **Aditi Swami** became the first Indian to win a world championship title in the individual category at the final of the **World Archery Championship series held in Berlin, Germany on August 05**.
- It is notable that he defeated **Andrea Becerra** of Mexico with a score of **149-147** in this final match.

### **Prarthana Thombare has won the Women's Doubles Championship at the Barcelona Tennis Series.**

- **Prarthana Thombare** won the women's doubles title at the **women's tennis tournament held in Barcelona, Spain on August 06.**
- It is notable that she teamed up with Russian player Tikhonova and won this title by defeating **France's Estelle** and **Latvia's Diana** in the final round with the score of **3-6, 6-1, 10-7.**

### **The Kadam -Bhagat pair have won gold in the four-nation Para Badminton series held in England.**

- World top-ranked men's doubles pair **Sukant Kadam and Pramod Bhagat** have won gold medals in the **SL3 and SL4** categories at the Four Nations Combined Para-Badminton International Tournament in **Sheffield, England.**
- In men's doubles, Katham and Bhagat won the gold medal by defeating another Indian pair of Manoj Sarkar-**Deep Ranjan Bisoyee by 21-17 21-17.**

### **Obituary**

#### **Renowned singer Gaddar, known as Battleship, passed away.**

- Famous Telugu singer Gaddar (age 74) popularly called **Battleship** passed away on August 06 2023 in Hyderabad. His birth name is **G Vithal Rao.**
- Notably, in 2011 **Jai Polo** won the **Nandi Award for "Best Male Playback Singer"** in a special program for Telangana. His announcement last month to launch a new political party called the **"Gaddar Praja Party"** was seen as significant among the youth.

### **Important day**

#### **National Handloom Day 2023**

- **National Handloom Day** is observed on **07th August every year** with the aim of promoting the handloom industry, recognizing the initiatives and skills of the weavers involved in the industry and preserving the heritage and culture of the community.
- The theme for this year is **"Handlooms for Sustainable Fashion".**