

National News

The 2nd Roundtable of G20-Leadership Scientific Advisers has begun.

- Under **India's G20 leadership**, the **second roundtable** of G20-led **scientific advisors** from around the world began on **August 28**. This conference is held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. **Ajay K Sood, Chief Scientific Adviser** of the country participated on behalf of the Government of India.
- It is significant that the theme of the conference is '**Opportunities in One Health, Diversity, Equity and Access in Science and Technology, Integrating Global Efforts to Expand Access to Scientific Knowledge**'.

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- **India** recently handed over the **B20 chairmanship to Brazil** to host the G20 events until **2024**.
- **The current B20 India President N Chandrasekaran** handled these G20 events well and it is significant that India has led the world this year with the theme of **Vasaudeva Katumbakam (One Family, One Future, One Earth)**.

Agreements have been made to monitor and improve treatment of zoonotic diseases.

- The **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB)** under the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** and the **Tata Institute of Genetics for Society (TIGS)**, headquartered in **Bangalore**, have entered into an MoU to focus **scientific research on detection of infectious diseases in animals (zoonotic diseases)**.
- It is seen as significant that the agreement is aimed at promoting the '**One Health**' concept of **collaboration and development of animal diseases of viral and bacterial origin**.

International news

Sri Lanka's first Karnataka Cultural Festival has started.

- **Sri Lanka's first Karnataka Cultural Festival** has been held on **August 25**, the Sri Lankan government announced in its latest announcement.
- It is significant that this festival is organized by **M.E World Peace Foundation in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center and International Cultural Council of India**.
- The Srilankan government said the event celebrated the **traditional cultural diversity** of the two countries and marked a significant moment in the shared **cultural heritage of India and Sri Lanka**.

Indian Air Force Plans to Participate in Egypt's Tri-Army Exercise "Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23"

- **The Indian Air Force (IAF)** has arrived in **Egypt** to participate in Exercise **BRIGHT STAR-2023**, a **multilateral tri-army exercise** to be held on **August 27** at **Cairo (West) Air Base, Egypt**.
- This exercise is held **every two years** and the exercise is scheduled to be held from **August 27 to September 16, 2023**.
- It is significant that the exercise will be conducted with the **main objective of speeding up defense planning and its implementation through joint operations**.

Emmerson has been elected as the President of Zimbabwe for the second time.

- It has been announced that the incumbent **Emmerson Mnangagwa** has been **re-elected** for a **second and final five-year term** in the recently concluded elections in **Zimbabwe**.
- World political experts say the **ZANU-PF party** has retained its **leadership** of government in **Zimbabwe's 43-year history** since the nation's renaming following **independence from white minority rule in 1980**.

Favara, an instant payment system for the Maldives, has been launched by the government of the country.

- **Maldives Vice President Faisal Naseem** launched **Favara**, the country's common instant payment method, on **August 26**, according to a statement issued by the **country's President's Office**.

- Note that the **Favara solution** was developed and developed by the **Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA)**.
- It is designed to provide **convenient, innovative** and **affordable** access to **digital financial services** and enable users to **make and receive payments instantly**, the country's government said.

State news

Supreme Court Advocate K Parameshwar Appointed as Additional Advocate General of UP Govt.

- **K Parameshwar**, a senior and eminent advocate of the **Supreme Court**, has been appointed as the **Additional Advocate General (AAG)** of the **Uttar Pradesh** state government in **August 2023**, the Union government's latest notification said.
- Hailing from **Tripunithura, Kerala**, he has been working as an advocate in the **Supreme Court** for the **last 16 years**. It is also reported that **Parameshwar will appear in Supreme Court cases on behalf of the state government**.

Appointments

Nalinda was appointed as CEO of LAUGFS Gas Company.

- **LAUGFS Gas Plc** has appointed **P. Nalinda Kurukulasooriya** as its **Chief Executive Officer**, according to an announcement issued by the company.
- Notably, he has been appointed to the post following the elevation of the existing CEO, **Dr. W. Niroshan J Pieries**, as the **CEO** of the company's **Cluster Management**. The company said that **he is expected to further improve the company through his various sector experience**.

Dhillon was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT Mandi.

- **The President of India Murmu** has appointed retired **Lt. Gen. Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon** as the **Chairman** of the **Board of Governors (BoG)** of the Indian Institute of Technology, **Mandi**, an official statement issued by the Central Government on **August 27** said.
- He has been appointed to this post for a period of three years. It is also significant that he has received medals like **Uttam, Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal in his 39 years of military career**.

Awards

A teacher from Visakhapatnam has been selected for the best teacher award at the national level.

- It is significant that **M Uma Gandhi**, working as a second class teacher (SGT) at **GVMC School, Shivajipalam, Visakhapatnam**, has been selected for the **"Best Teacher Award"** by the Union **Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)**.
- He will receive this prestigious award from **President Draupadi Murmu** on **September 5** in the national capital, **New Delhi**, the **August 2023** notification of the Central Government stated.

Sports news

SP Sethuraman has won the National Chess Championship for 2023.

- **Grandmaster S.P. Sethuraman** has won his title at the 2023 and 60th National Chess Championship held in **Pune** on **August 26**.
- **The Petroleum Sports Development Council** member retained the title with **9.5 points** in the ninth and final round. It is significant that he has won this title for the **second time**. He won the championship award for the **first time** in **2014**. He received a cash prize of **₹6,00,000** for the win.

Shweta has won the title of Miss Diva Universe 2023.

- **Shweta Sharda** from **Chandigarh** won the title of **Miss Diva Universe 2023** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Notably, **Sonal Kukreja** from **Delhi** won the **Miss Diva Supranational 2023** crown and **Trisha Shetty** from **Karnataka** won the **Miss Diva 2023 runner-up** crown in this final. It is seen as special that **Shweta Sharda** will represent **India** in the **72nd Miss Universe pageant** to be held in **El Salvador** this year.

India's Neeraj Chopra becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal at the 2023 World Athletics Championships.

- The country's legendary **javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** won **India's first gold** at the finals of the 2023 World Athletics Championships in **Budapest, Hungary** on **August 27** night.
- Notably, he retained his medal with a throw of **88.17 meters** in the men's javelin final at the **World Athletics Championships**.

Medal	Winner	Country
Gold	Neeraj Chopra	India
Silver	Arshad Nadeem	Pakistan
Bronze	Jakub vadlejch	Czech

HS Prannoy becomes the 5th Indian to win a medal at the World Badminton Championship.

- Legendary badminton player **HS Prannoy** on **26th August** became the **fifth Indian to win a medal in men's singles at the World Badminton Championship 2023**.
- Prannoy lost to Thailand's **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** by 21-18, 13-21, 14-21 to clinch the **bronze medal**. With this, it is significant that India has retained **four bronze** and **one silver medals** in men's singles category in the history of world badminton.

Obituary

Famous poet Jayanta Mahapatra passed away.

- **Legendary poet Jayanta Mahapatra** (age 95) passed away on **August 27** at a hospital in **Cuttack, Odisha** due to old age.
- Born in **Cuttack** on **October 22, 1928**, he is notable for being the **"First Indian poet to receive the Sahitya Akademi Award for English Poetry"**. The year was seen as significant because he withdrew the **Padma Shri** award in **2009** in protest against **"rising intolerance in India"** in **2015**.

Important day

National Sports Day 2023

- **National Sports Day** is celebrated every year on **August 29**, the birthday of India's famous and greatest hockey player, **Major Dhyan Chand**.
- It is significant that he represented India in almost **185 matches** in his entire career from **1926 to 1948**. The day is celebrated with the theme **"Honoring Sportsmen"**. This day is also known as **Rashtriya Khel Divas**.