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## ❖ Lokmanya Tilka National Award 2023 was received by Prime Minister

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune, Maharashtra, on the occasion of the 103rd death anniversary of freedom fighter Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

➤ This award was instituted in 1983 by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust and is given every year on 1st August .

➤ It is given to persons who have made remarkable and extraordinary contributions, working for the progress and development of the nation.

➤ Modi will be the 41st recipient of this award.

➤ Earlier, former President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, Pranab Mukherjee, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Indira Gandhi, Dr. Manmohan Singh and eminent persons like N R Narayan Murthy, and Dr. E. Shridharan have been honored with this award.

➤ PM dedicated his award and donated the prize money of Rs 1 lakh to the Namami Gange project.

## ❖ G20 EMPOWER Summit was inaugurated in Gandhinagar

➤ Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the G20 EMPOWER summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat .

➤ The theme of this summit was ‘Women-Led Development: ensuring a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth’.

➤ The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal Ministry for EMPOWER which is the G20 Alliance for Empowerment and Progress of Women’s Economic Progression.

➤ It is a private sector led initiative under the Sherpa Track that aims to accelerate women’s leadership and empowerment in the private sector across G20 countries.

### ❖ **MoU was signed between TRAI and C-DoT**

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, TRAI, and Centre for Development of Telematics have signed MoU to establish mechanism of technical and institutional cooperation in telecommunications.
- This collaboration will open new horizons in policy research, regulatory studies, and knowledge dissemination of upcoming technologies in the telecom and broadcasting sectors.
- Trai Centre of Studies and Research (Trai CSR) was established as an entity within Trai with a mandate to conceptualise, coordinate, and enable technological studies in the telecom and broadcasting sectors.

### ❖ **Sangampreet Singh & Avneet Kaur – Gold medals at WUG 2023**

- Sangampreet Singh Bisla and Avneet Kaur emerged as the compound archery champions at the 31st World University Games in Chengdu.
- This victory helped India to ensure an impressive haul of three gold, one silver and three bronze medals in archery competitions of the World University Games.
- Adding to their triumph, the Indian compound archery team also secured a silver medal in the women's team event.

### ❖ **World Coffee Conference to be held in Bengaluru**

- Bengaluru, the coffee capital of India, is all set to host the fifth edition of the World Coffee Conference (WCC 2023) between September 25 and 28.
- India will be hosting a World Coffee Conference for the first time, with its fifth edition promoted by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO).
- ICO is the primary intergovernmental organisation dedicated to promoting coffee trade and fostering cooperation among coffee-producing and consuming nations.
- Tennis player Rohan Bopanna would be the brand ambassador of the event.
- ICO is organising the event in collaboration with the Coffee Board of India.

➤ WCC (2023) is being organised for the first time in Asia and it is set to bring immense benefits to coffee farmers in India.

➤ Sustainability through Circular Economy and Regenerative Agriculture is the central theme for the event, featuring conferences, exhibitions skill-building workshops.

### ❖ **Women's Tennis Association title 2023 was won by Iga Swiatek**

➤ Iga Swiatek captured her fourth title of the 2023 season and her very first on home soil extending her lead atop the Hologic WTA Tour Rankings.

➤ She now holds a 645-point advantage over No.2 Aryna Sabalenka.

➤ This week marks the 70th week at No.1 for Swiatek, who has held the top ranking since April 4, 2022.

➤ She becomes the first Dutchwoman to move into the Top 50.

### ❖ **Stuart Broad's retirement from International Cricket**

➤ England pacer Stuart Broad announced his retirement from international cricket.

➤ He sits fifth on the all-time list of wicket-takers and is one of only two fast bowlers to take over 600 wickets.

➤ He has also played in 167 test matches, 121 one-day internationals, and 56 international T20 games.

➤ In Test cricket, he stands as the sole English player boasting two hat-tricks to his credit and is only the second fast bowler and second bowler for England to reach this milestone.

### ❖ Muslim Women's Rights Day – August 1st

- Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed across the nation on August 1st to celebrate the enactment of the law against triple talaq.
- The central government enacted the law on August 1, 2019, that has made the practice of instant triple talaq a criminal offence.
- The government has strengthened self-reliance, self-respect and self-confidence of the Muslim women of the country and protected their constitutional, fundamental and democratic rights by bringing the law against the triple talaq.

### ❖ CAIT launched Digital Nagarik Forum

- The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has announced the creation of a National Digital Nagrik Forum, an online platform that aims to advance the rights of traders and consumers and other sections of the society.
- It's objective is to shape policy discourse around digital economy trade in India with a view to contribute to the Government of India's vision of creating a trillion-dollar digital economy while maintaining an open, safe, trusted and accountable internet ecosystem.
- The forum was launched by Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane in New Delhi at a two day National Conclave by CAIT.
- The Digital Nagrik Forum will study emerging technologies such as block chain and artificial intelligence, to assess their impact on retail trade and, at the same time safeguard consumers' interests.

### ❖ SIDBI's collaboration with CIIE

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has announced the SIDBI Accelerator Fund in partnership with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad's startup incubator, CIIE.CO, with an initial corpus of INR 40 Cr.

- The partnership is a part of SIDBI's programme, India of Tomorrow, under which it collaborates with different incubators in the country to enable seed funding to startups in exchange for equity and promote deeptech and science-led innovation.
- Over the past twenty years, CIIE.CO has backed over 350 startups across sectors, with a broad focus on three thematic areas: deeptech, digitisation and climate tech.

### ❖ GST E-Invoice Rule Update

- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) announced a significant change in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rules in India.
- As per the new guidelines, companies with a turnover of more than ₹5 crore will be required to generate electronic invoices (e-invoices) for their business-to-business (B2B) transactions or exports.
- Previously, this requirement applied only to companies with an annual revenue of ₹10 crore or above.
- The inclusion of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the e-invoicing regime is seen as a positive development that can benefit both businesses and the government.

### ❖ National Mission on Libraries

- National Mission on Libraries is a scheme, granting students, researchers, professionals, children, and differently-abled individuals, access to books and information.
- The National Mission on Libraries is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture under the Government of India, aimed at the modernization and digital interconnection of almost 9,000 libraries throughout the country.
- Its primary goal is to grant readers easy access to a vast array of books and information.
- The foundation for the National Mission on Libraries (NML) was laid down by the National Policy on Library and Information System (NAPLIS) in 1985.
- A committee chaired by Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya envisioned NAPLIS to foster, promote, and sustain the organizations, availability, and use of information.