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## ❖ **New commemorative coin of N.T.Rama Rao**

- Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (28 May 1923 – 18 Jan 1996), often referred to by his initials NTR was an Indian actor, filmmaker and politician who served as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for 7 years over three terms.
- Marking the centenary birth celebrations of NTR, the Central government has issued a special Rs.100 coin.
- The coin has a diameter of 44 mm and has 50 % silver, 40% copper, 5 % nickel and 5 % zinc.
- On one side of the coin are the Three Lions and Ashoka Chakra.
- While the other side displays a captivating portrait of NTR, adorned with the inscription 'Centennial Birth Year of Shri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao' in Hindi and English.
- The coin will be marked with years 1923–2023 to commemorate NTR's birth centenary.

## ❖ **Nutrition Awareness Index 2023**

- The 'Right to Protein' campaign released the 'Nutrition Awareness Index 2023', a state-wise index assessing awareness, affordability, and accessibility of nutrition in India as perceived by end-consumers.
- The Nutrition Awareness Index aims to serve as an important tool to advance the vision of nutrition security in India with regards to commitments, practices and management.
- Developed by YouGov, the index is calculated based on the survey conducted with over 2000 representative of adult urban internet users who are 18 years of age and above, across 20 states with the highest Gross Domestic product(GDP) in 2022.

➤ Punjab emerged as the top state, scoring 11% above the national average, while Bihar ranked at the bottom, scoring 10% below the national average.

➤ This index highlights the perceptions and understanding of nutrition across various states and strives to improve human well-being and enhance nutrition security in India.

### ❖ **Exercise Bright Star 2023**

➤ India has sent five Mig-29 fighter aircraft and six transport aircraft such as two IL-78, two C-130 and two C-17 aircraft to Cairo to participate in the 34-nation tri services exercise Bright Star at Cairo air base in Egypt.

➤ The countries participating in the exercise are the United States, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Qatar and others.

➤ This is for the first time that the Indian Air Force is participating in the exercise.

➤ The IAF transport aircraft will also provide airlift to approximately 150 personnel from the Indian Army.

➤ The objective of the exercise is to practice planning and execution of joint operations.

➤ Besides leading to the formation of bonding across borders, such interactions also provide a means to further strategic relations between participating nations.

### ❖ **Neeraj clinches Gold in the World Athletics Championships 2023**

➤ Neeraj Chopra achieved a historic milestone for India by securing the country's inaugural gold medal in the Men's Javelin event at the 2023 World Athletics Championships held in Budapest, Hungary.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded Neeraj Chopra as an embodiment of excellence, highlighting his unwavering commitment, precision, and passion.

➤ Anurag Thakur, the Union Sports Minister, referred to Neeraj as the "golden boy" of Indian athletics, acknowledging his triumph in the men's javelin throw event.

### ❖ **Badminton World Championship**

- An Se Young of Korea Republic and Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand won their maiden women's and men's singles titles in the World Badminton Championship held in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- While Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan of China won the women's doubles title for a record of fourth time in the World Badminton Championship.

### ❖ **World Water Week 2023**

- World Water Week 2023 will focus on innovation at a time of unprecedented challenges.
- The theme of this event is , ‘Seeds of Change: Innovative Solutions for a Water-Wise World’.
- It invites a rethink of how water is managed, and urges consideration of the ideas, innovations, and governance systems that are needed in an increasingly unstable and water scarce world.
- It is organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), World Water Week 2023 aims to explore how water can be a powerful tool to address the water crisis, global warming, biodiversity loss, poverty, and many other water-related challenges.
- It will draw on the latest scientific knowledge and experiences from around the world. It aims to be an inclusive, hands-on conference for people who want to use water as a tool to change the world.

### ❖ **SBI launches Aadhaar-based enrolment for social security schemes**

- The country's largest lender State Bank of India introduced a facility to allow customers to enroll in social security schemes by just furnishing an Aadhaar card.
- Aim: To make the process of enrolling in various social security schemes simpler.
- Customers visiting CSPs will need only their Aadhaar cards to enrol in schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, and the Atal Pension Yojana.

### ❖ **DBS partners with Maptrasco to complete the first eBL transaction**

- DBS, in partnership with commodities trader Maptrasco, announced the completion of the first “live” transaction of electronic Bills of Lading (eBL) for shipments between Singapore and India.
- This landmark first shipment marks a pivotal moment for businesses operating in both Singapore and India.
- It grants them the opportunity to engage with the Trade Trust network through their preferred Trade Trust-enabled platforms.

### ❖ **Veteran lyricist Dev Kohli passes away**

- Veteran lyricist and poet Dev Kohli passed away in Mumbai.
- He had penned over a hundred songs for Bollywood films such as Baazigar, Hum Aapke Hain Koun, Maine Pyaar Kiya, Shoot Out At Lokhandwala, among many others.
- He last wrote songs for the Kangana Ranaut-starrer Rajjo, which had music by Uttam Singh.
- From Shankar-Jaikishan to Vishal-Shekhar, Dev Kohli worked with different generations of composers in a career that spanned from 1969 to 2013.

## ❖ National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE)

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today released National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), marking an important and transformative step towards the implementation of National Education Policy.
- The Minister addressed the 1st Joint workshop of the National Curriculum Framework Oversight Committee and the National Syllabus and Teaching-Learning Material Committee.
- The development of the NCF-SE was guided by a vision to align education with the demands of the 21st century and the ethos of the Indian knowledge system.
- Under the stewardship of Prof. K Kasturirangan, a Steering Committee was formed to create a curriculum aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, emphasizing the 5+3+3+4 design of schooling.
- This framework addresses the entire educational journey from foundational to secondary stages. The framework introduces multidisciplinary education, nurturing values, fostering creative pedagogies, and preparing students for practical problem-solving.

## ❖ NASA, SpaceX launch sends four astronauts from four countries to International Space Station

- NASA and SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft has blasted off carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The Dragon spacecraft carried by a Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- The mission carried astronauts from four countries to the ISS — Jasmin Moghbeli of NASA, the European Space Agency's Andreas Mogensen, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Satoshi Furukawa, and Konstantin Borisov, a Russian cosmonaut.
- The agency's SpaceX Crew-7 mission is the seventh commercial crew rotation mission for NASA.

### ❖ **Asian Development Bank to create climate change and health hub**

- India in partnership with the Asian Development Bank is set to open a climate change and health hub in the national capital Delhi
- Objective: To facilitate knowledge sharing, promote partnerships and innovations, and also help countries beyond the G-20, especially developing countries.
- Climate change affects all of us and this centre will give us the opportunity to have different partners discussing this important issue and learning from each other.

### ❖ **Kaziranga National Park to get its first woman Field Director**

- Chief conservator of forests Dr Sonali Ghosh is set to become the first woman field director of Kaziranga National Park from next month.
- The Assam government has already issued an order posting Ms Ghosh as the head of the forest, famed for the one-horned rhinos, spread across Nagaon, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong, Sonitpur and Biswanath districts, with effect from September 1.
- The Indian Forest Service (IAS) officer will take charge of the park from incumbent field director Jatindra Sarma, who will retire on August 31.
- She will become the first woman to hold charge as director of the 118-year-old KNP.