

NATIONAL

1. India-China LAC

Why in news – India and China agreed to intensify efforts for expeditious disengagement and de-escalation.

Key Points –

- Since 2020, Corps Commanders of India and China have been discussing resolution of the flashpoints along the LAC.
- Friction points - Depsang Plains (Y-junction) and Demchok (ChardingNinglung Nullah, Saddle Pass).
- The Depsang Plains are located close to the strategically important Daulat Beg Oldie.
- Earlier, both sides deciding to pull back from the Galwan Valley, Pangong Tso and Patrolling Points in the Gogra and Hot Springs area.



- Both Japan's atomic agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have approved the plan.
- Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) can filter 62 different radioactive elements but can't filter out the radioactive isotope tritium.
- Units to measure radioactivity - Becquerels, curies and picocuries.

About Tritium –

- A form of hydrogen that occurs naturally in Earth's atmosphere. (far less dangerous than cesium-137 or strontium-90).
- Emits a weak beta particle that can be stopped by a sheet of plastic or human skin.
- Even if tritium gets into the body, the risks are low.
- Does not accumulate (Unlike mercury in tuna fish).

2. Yevgeny Prigozhin

Why in news – Head of the Wagner Group Yevgeny Prigozhin died in a plane crash.

Key Points –

- Wagner Group was responsible for supplying mercenaries to conflicts in regions like Ukraine and Niger.
- His men had relocated to Africa after a coup attempt in Moscow in June 2023.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 15th BRICS Summit 2023

Why in news – It was held in Johannesburg, South Africa (August 22 to August 24, 2023).

Key Points –

- Chairman - Cyril Ramaphosa. (South African President)
- Theme - BRICS and Africa: Partnership for mutually accelerated growth, sustainable development and inclusive multilateralism.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin didn't

INTERNATIONAL

1. Fukushima nuclear water

Why in news – Japan is releasing the Fukushima nuclear power plant's cooling water into the ocean.

Key Points –

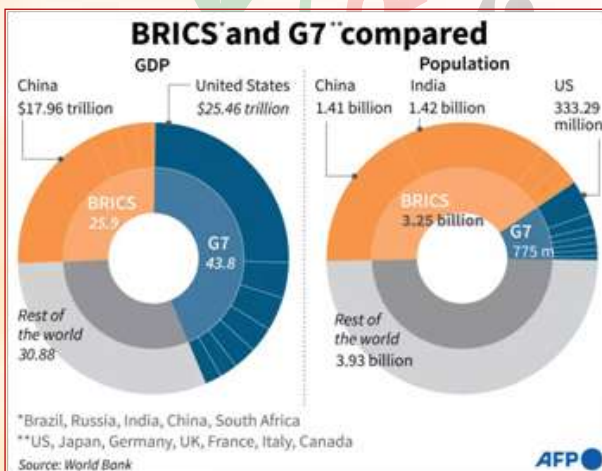
- The Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear power plant was destroyed during a tsunami in 2011.

tattend in person because of ICC arrest warrant.

- Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov sent on his behalf.
- BRICS nations -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Value Addition –

- The term BRIC was first introduced in Building Better Global Economic BRICS publication (2001) by Jim O'Neill.
- The BRIC leaders held their first meeting in July 2006 at St. Petersburg, Russia.
- The first BRIC summit took place in Yekaterinburg, Russia on June 16, 2009.
- South Africa was accepted as a full member Foreign Ministers held a meeting (New York) in 2010.



2. BRICS new members

Why in news - BRICS invited 6 more countries to join the alliance on August 24, 2023.

Key Points –

- Invited countries - Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Egypt, and Ethiopia.
- It can strengthen the group's claim of being a 'voice of the Global South.'
- Their membership will begin in January.
- Now it will represent almost half the

world's population and include 3 of the world's biggest oil producers (S.Arabia, the UAE and Iran).

- BRICS decisions are unanimous i.e., all members must agree for any move to go ahead.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. 69th National Film Awards 2023

Why in news – The 69th National Film Awards were announced on August 24, 2023 in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- It honoured the best of Indian cinema from the year 2021.
- Established in 1954, the National Film Awards are overseen by the Directorate of Film Festivals.
- It is given by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Winners list –**

Category	Winner
Best Feature Film	Rocketry
Best Hindi Film	Sardar Udham
Best Maithili Film	Samanantar
Best Director	Nikhil Mahajan (movie – Godavari)
Best Actor	Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
Best Actress	Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) and Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
Best Child Artist	Bhavin Rabari (Chhello Show)
Best Supporting Actor	Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
Best Film Critic	Purushothama Charyulu
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	RRR
Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration	The Kashmir Files



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Women's Equality Day 2023

Why in news – It is celebrated on August 26.

Key Points –

- Theme - #EmbraceEquity.
- It honours the adoption of the 19th Amendment (1920) in the US Constitution that supports the rights of women.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Book "Drunk on Love"

Why in news – The book "Drunk on Love: The Life, Vision and Songs of Kabir" is written by Vipul Rikhi.

Key Points –

- Published by - HarperCollins India.
- It aims to capture the life of mystic poet Kabir through popular legends, his vision and his poetry.

SPORTS

1. FIDE World Cup

Why in news - GM Magnus Carlsen won the World Cup crown by defeating GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa.

Key Points –

- Magnus Carlsen is a 5-time world champion and it is his first World Cup crown.
- Top 3 - Magnus Carlsen (1st, Norway), Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (2nd, India) and Fabiano Caruana (3rd, USA).
- Pragg is the youngest (18 years) World Cup finalist ever.
- Tie-breaker - Two players play two games in rapid succession, each with a time limit of 10 minutes and a 10-second increment for each move.

BIHAR

1. Buniyadi Sanjivani Sewa

Why in news – It is efficiently working under Social Welfare department.

Key Points –

- Aim – to provide basic medical assistance to elderly people, widows and others (e.g., disabled) through mobile therapy vans.
- It was launched on August 10, 2017.
- It is a joint project of the World Bank and the Bihar government.

2. Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF)

Why in news – The first-ever travel and tourism fair (TTF) at Patna to be held on October 7 and 8 at Gyan Bhawan.

Key Points –

- TTF is India's largest and oldest travel show.
- Bihar aims to promote spiritual, eco and wellness and Buddhist travel in the state.
- Bihar has a footfall of over 25 lakh domestic tourists and over 86,000 international tourists.

3. Expressway in Bihar

Why in news – Tejashwi Yadav meets Nitin Gadkari, demands expressway for Bihar.

Key Points –

- NHAI would carry out a feasibility test for building the first expressway in Bihar, from Buxar to Bhagalpur.
- It would be connected to 343-km-long Purvanchal Expressway, originating from Chand Sarai in Lucknow to Haidaria in Ghazipur in UP.
- He urged Nitin Gadkari to start the land acquisition work for the construction of Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway and Raxaul-Dighwara-Haldia Expressway.
- Currently, there is no expressway in Bihar.
- Tejashwi Yadav also holds the road construction department portfolio.

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➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- What rank has India secured in the 16th IOAA (International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics) - **2ndrank.**
- Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is constructing the new highest motorable road in the world named Likaru-Mig La-Fukche in which state/UTs – **Ladakh.**
- Who has become the player with the most trophies in the history of football - **Lionel Messi (44 trophies).**
- Which award has been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award - **Banasthali Vidyapeeth.**
- India is set to achieve \$150 billion Bio-Economy by which year – **2025.**
- Who has graced the celebration of 'ASMITA-Inspirational Stories by Army Wives', organised by the Army Wives Association (AWWA) - **President Droupadi Murmu.**
- The Indian government will launch the 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' invoice incentive scheme from September 1, 2023 in how many states/UTs - **6 (Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Puducherry, Daman & Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli).**
- Which country has approved first respiratory syncytial virus vaccine for use in women during pregnancy to protect baby - **USA.**
- Which body has issued recommendations on license fee for DTH services and policy matters - **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.**
- Recently, Jitendra Singh launched the CSIR Prima ET11, first indigenous e-tractor. It was developed by whom - **Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur.**

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