

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 6, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **President Droupadi Murmu - is embarking on a four-day visit to Tamilnadu and Puducherry from August 5**
- ✓ On her first day, Murmu visited Theppakadu Elephant Camp, one of Asia's oldest Elephant camps, at the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Nilgiris district and interacted with Mahouts and kavadis.



- ✓ During the interaction, the President said that it must be a matter of pride that the activities of Tamil Nadu Forest Department got global recognition for its elephant care management through the Oscar winning documentary "The elephant whisperers".
- ✓ Murmu said she was happy to learn about the Tamil Nadu government plans to set up a state-of-the-art elephant conservation centre and eco complex at Theppakadu elephant camp to make it a pioneer in Asian elephant conservation.
- ✓ She was happy to note that the traditional knowledge and experience of the people belonging to Bettakurumbar, Kattunayakar and Malasar tribal communities is being utilized to manage the Theppakadu Elephant Camp.
- ✓ Further, Murmu felicitated mahout couple K Bomman-V Bellie, stars of the Oscar-winning short documentary film 'The Elephant Whisperers', and 37 other mahouts during her first visit to the elephant camp.

- ✓ Bellie was recently appointed as the first woman kavadi by the Tamil Nadu government.
 - ✓ Upon landing, Murmu was received by forest minister M Mathiventhan, tourism minister K Ramachandran, additional chief secretary Supriya Sahu, west zone IG R Sudhakar, Nilgiris collector S P Amrith and Nilgiris superintendent of police K Prabakar.
 - ✓ On August 6, Murmu is scheduled to address the 165th convocation of the University of Madras in Chennai and later rename the Durbar Hall at the Raj Bhavan in the state capital as Bharathiyar Mandapam, after the national poet Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi.
 - ✓ After the ceremony, she will have an interaction with the 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups' at Rajbhavan, Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ During her two-day visit to Puducherry, the President will take part in several programmes including inaugurating the Linear Accelerator of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), on August 7.
 - ✓ On August 8, at Auroville, the president will visit the Matrimandir, a city exhibition and inaugurate a conference on "Aspiring for Supermind in the City of Consciousness"
- **On August 5, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman - laid the foundation stone for a site museum in Adichanallur in Tuticorin district.**



- ✓ During the event, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the archaeological sites and inaugurated the newly built hut over the trenches.
 - ✓ This hut has toughened glass on the excavated trench for visitors to stand on and look below.
 - ✓ The idea is a first-time venture in India, though it's popular in China, Iran, and European countries.
- ✓ Addressing the event, the Finance Minister said the carbon dating of the burial urns takes the civilization back to 1384 BCE and beyond.

- ✓ Further, she added that the central government is also coming up with ten tribal museums in the country to showcase the lives of indigenous people
 - ✓ The site museum in Adichanallur is one of the five museums announced by the finance minister in the Union Budget 2020–21.
 - ✓ The Union government has set aside Rs.2,500 crore for these five museums.
 - ✓ The archaeological excavations in Adichanallur date back more than a century to Alexander Rea, a British archaeologist.
 - ✓ More than 5,000 antiquities were excavated from the Adichanallur site.
 - ✓ The site museum will be scientific and will use QR code technology for visitors to learn about the antiquities in display.
 - ✓ The ASI has been instructed to build an amphitheatre and prepare a sound and light show so that visitors can understand how people lived.
- **The Tamil Nadu government - has introduced a flat 9% registration charge on the total cost of the flat with immediate effect.**
- ✓ Till now, separate registration charge was charged for sale deed (9%) and construction agreement (4%).
 - ✓ From now on, in cases of completed constructions, there shall be only one combined sale deed, entailing a stamp duty and flat registration fee of 9%
 - ✓ This is the third fee hike by the registration department in the past few months
 - ✓ Already, the state has increased the guideline value and 20 services of the department, including construction agreement and power of attorney.
- **Puducherry Lieutenant governor Tamilisai Soundararajan - has accorded approval for the unanimous resolution passed by the Puducherry legislative assembly on statehood**



- ✓ Passed in March this year, the resolution urges the Union government to bestow full-fledged state status on the Union territory of Puducherry.
- ✓ The lieutenant governor has forwarded the resolution to the Union home ministry to decide on the issue.

- ✓ The legislative assembly has so far passed unanimous resolutions seeking statehood on 14 occasions in the last two decades.
- ✓ With Puducherry as the headquarters, the Union territory has three enclaves – Karaikal in Tamil Nadu, Mahe in Kerala, and Yanam in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ All parties barring BJP included the statehood demand in their 2021 assembly poll manifesto.

STATES

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma - recently launched Amrit Brikshya Andolan web portal/mobile application on August 2**



- ✓ Amrit Brikshya Andolan is an initiative to plant one crore saplings of commercial value by September 17, 2023.
- ✓ To encourage public participation, the government has introduced incentives for individuals who register and plant saplings.
 - ✓ Accordingly, those who register by uploading geo-tagged photographs of their sapling planting will receive Rs.100 in their bank account.
 - ✓ Further, if the saplings survive for three years, the person will be paid an additional Rs.200.

NATIONAL

- **The government – recently launched the Study In India (SII) portal, a one-stop platform to provide information about higher education institutions (HEIs) in India for international students**
- ✓ The portal was launched by Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on August 2
- ✓ Apart from the various ministers, ambassadors of more than 10 countries and students from Russia, Thailand, Japan, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Kazakhstan and the Republic of Korea who are currently studying in India were present at the event.

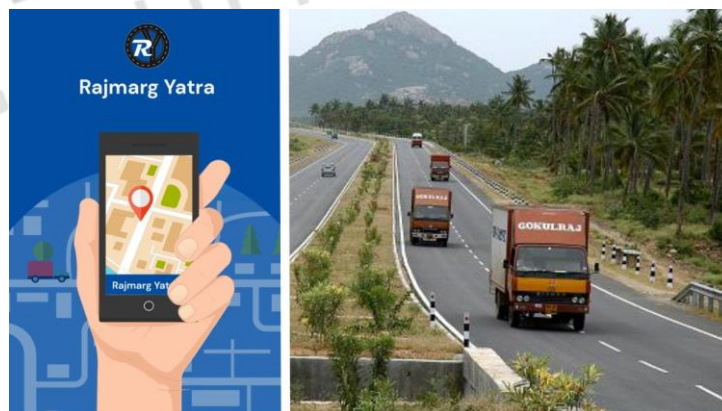
- ✓ The portal will showcase the academic programmes in the HEIs covering undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral programmes as well courses in Indian Knowledge System (IKS) such as Yoga, Ayurveda, classical arts and more.



- ✓ It will have information about the academic facilities, research support and related information available in the institutes.
- ✓ The portal will be a one-stop spot for student registration, visa application process, choosing the desired courses and receiving offer letters from the institute.
- ✓ The SII programme is a flagship project introduced by the Ministry of Education (MoE) in 2018.
- ✓ The programme aims to increase the number of international students in India and promote India as the preferred study destination, providing affordable and quality education as per global standards.
- **The Ministry of Home Affairs – has recently introduced a new category of visa named ‘Ayush visa’ for foreign nationals seeking treatment under the Ayush system of Indian traditional medicine.**
 - ✓ This would be a special visa scheme for foreigners which includes therapeutic care, wellness, and yoga.
 - ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had initially announced the creation of a special Ayush Visa category for facilitating foreign nationals' travel to India seeking Ayush therapy, at Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in April 2022.
 - ✓ The introduction of the Ayush visa category is part of India's roadmap for the "Heal in India" initiative of the government.
 - ✓ This initiative aims to boost India as a medical value travel destination and to promote medical tourism in the country.
 - ✓ The Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are the main stakeholders in this initiative.
- **The Central government - launched e-CARe (e-clearance for after life remains) portal recently on August 3 to facilitate fast transfer of mortal remains of Indian nationals who die abroad**



- ✓ The government will depute nodal officers from Airport Health Organization who will be monitoring the portal continuously for any distress call
 - ✓ To avail the facility, the applicant will have to submit scanned copies of four documents—death certificate, embalming certificate, NOC from Indian Embassy or consulate and cancelled passport of the deceased.
 - ✓ The portal has two provisions—one for bringing dead bodies from aboard while other one is to bring mortal remains.
 - ✓ This portal will ensure seamless coordination and transparency in the entire procedure.
 - ✓ As a part of the process, the information will be updated through email, text & what app messages to Central International Health Division, Nodal officer, APHOs, consignees and respective airlines.
- **The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) - has introduced a new app called 'Rajmarg Yatra' to enhance user experience on National Highways**



- ✓ The 'Rajmarg Yatra app' is a citizen-centric unified mobile application, available for both android and iOS mobile phone users, in both Hindi and English
- ✓ It serves as a one-stop repository of all essential information for National Highway users.
- ✓ The app will allow users to get real-time weather conditions, details of nearby toll plazas, petrol pumps, hospitals, hotels and other essential services and timely traffic alerts.

- ✓ Using the app, the users can easily report any issues related to highways, with attaching the geo-tagged videos or photos for better clarity.
 - ✓ The mobile app is integrated with various bank portals and thereby making it convenient for users to recharge their FASTags.
 - ✓ The app also has over-speeding notifications and a built-in voice assistant to encourage safe driving behavior.
- **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal - recently launched Port Health Organisation (PHO) module in Sagar Setu -- National Logistics Portal (Marine)**



- ✓ The Port Health Organisation module has been developed as a part of 'Ease of Doing Business' and implementing the digitisation process in the maritime process.
- ✓ With a focus on public health, the Port Health Organisation will conduct disease surveillance, health inspections, and quarantine measures to safeguard citizens and port workers.
- ✓ The PHO module will help the shipping agents, PHO's, port authorities, customs etc allowing easier access to functionalities of PHO clearance by 'online'.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan – was arrested from his residence in Lahore on August 5**
- ✓ The move follows after a trial court sentenced him to three years in prison for concealing details of gifts given to him by foreign dignitaries while in office.
 - ✓ Imran has the right to appeal the verdict in the Toshakhana corruption case, which involves illegal selling of state gifts, when he was in power from 2018 to 2022.
 - ✓ Other than announcing the jail term, the court also imposed a fine of Rs.1,00,000 on the Tehreek-e-Insaf chief.



- ✓ The conviction technically disqualifies the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf chief from electoral politics for five years.
- ✓ The case was filed against Imran Khan by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for concealing details of Toshakhana gifts.
 - ✓ Toshakhana is a government repository where presents offered to government officials during their foreign visits are kept.
- ✓ Imran Khan is facing a number of legal issues over the issue of his retention of gifts.
- ✓ Imran Khan is facing over 150 cases brought against him since he was ousted in April last year

INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **India - has handed over Rs.450 million in advance to Sri Lanka to fund its unique digital identity project on August 4**



- ✓ The funding constitutes 15% of the total required funds for the successful implementation of the island nation's digitalisation programme
- ✓ The core objective of the Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project (SL-UDI) is to gather biographic and biometric information, such as facial, iris, and fingerprint data, which will be stored in a centralized system to issue identification cards

adhering to the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

- ✓ The project aims to achieve more effective and efficient delivery of government services, poverty reduction, welfare programs, and financial inclusion by providing better access to banking and other products and services.
- ✓ The project commenced with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sri Lanka and India in March 2022
- ✓ Later, an Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Project Monitoring Committee (JPMC) was established to oversee the project's progress.
- ✓ The Government of India is responsible for overseeing the software development for the SL-UDI, supporting Sri Lanka's digitalization programme.

COMMITTEES

- **The Rohini Commission, constituted to examine the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) - has submitted its report to President Droupadi Murmu on July 31, the last working day of the commission**



- ✓ The Commission for Other Backward Classes was appointed through an October 2, 2017 notification to examine the sub-categorisation of OBC and received as many as 13 extensions to its tenure.
- ✓ Justice G Rohini, a retired chief justice of the Delhi High Court is its chairperson.
- ✓ The four-member Commission had been entrusted with the task to study the various entries in the Central List of OBCs.
 - ✓ It was also tasked with recommending correction of any repetitions, ambiguities, inconsistencies and errors of spelling or transcription for sub-categorization within such OBCs
 - ✓ The commission is entrusted to examine the extent of inequitable distribution of benefits of reservation among the OBCs, and work out the mechanism, criteria, norms and parameters in a scientific approach

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The G-20 Ministerial Summit on Women Empowerment - concluded in Gandhinagar on August 3.**



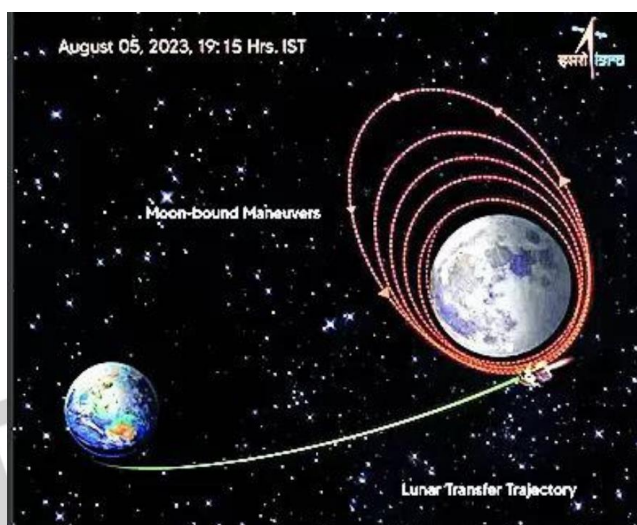
- ✓ The G20 EMPOWER Summit was organised around the theme- “Women-Led Development: ensuring a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth”
 - ✓ The Summit had a total participation of over 300 participants, including 263 domestic participants and 70 international delegates from 13 G20 and 4 guest countries and 8 International Organisations.
 - ✓ The Inaugural session of the EMPOWER Summit was addressed by Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smriti Zubin Irani along with Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel
 - ✓ The delegates deliberated upon the five major issues pertaining to women-led development in all sectors including education, digital skills, and women entrepreneurs.
 - ✓ Previously, under G20 EMPOWER 2023, two international level meetings were held in February and April in Agra and Thiruvananthapuram respectively.
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Women20 (W20) and the EMPOWER Summit under G20 are specifically dedicated to women and their inclusion for the development.
- **President Droupadi Murmu - inaugurated ‘Unmesha’ – International Literature Festival and ‘Utkarsh’ – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on August 3**



- ✓ The 'Unmesha' festival celebrates international literature, while the 'Utkarsh' festival celebrates folk and tribal performing arts.
- ✓ Both the festivals were organised by the Ministry of Culture
- ✓ The 'Unmesha' festival is organized with the support of Sahitya Akademi, and the 'Utkarsh' festival is organized along with Sangeet Natak Akademi.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- On August 5, India's third lunarcraft Chandrayaan-3 - entered the lunar orbit after escaping Earth's gravity and covering a distance of 384,400 km in three weeks in deep space



- ✓ The LOI manoeuvre was performed from ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru with support from Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) antennas at Byalalu, near Bengaluru.
- ✓ The orbit achieved is 164 km x 18074 km, as intended.
- ✓ The next operation —reduction of orbit — is scheduled for August 6 at 11pm
- ✓ This is the third time that an Indian spacecraft has entered the lunar orbit with the previous two Chandrayaan missions had also reached this phase
- ✓ If the rest of the current mission goes as per the plan, the mission will soft-land near the Moon's little-explored south pole at 5.47 pm on August 23
 - ✓ If the soft landing is successful, it will make India the fourth country in the world to do so after US, Soviet Union and China.
- ✓ On 14 July, GSLV Mark 3 (LVM 3) heavy-lift launch vehicle successfully launched Chandrayaan-3 into orbit from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota
- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 is equipped with a lander, a rover, and a propulsion module along with scientific instruments onboard to study the Moon's surface.
 - ✓ The lander is named 'Vikram' after Dr Vikram A Sarabhai, the father of the Indian Space Programme, while the robotic rover vehicle is named as 'Pragyan', which translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit

- ✓ Chandrayaan's maiden mission was in 2008, followed by Chandrayaan-2, which also failed while attempting a soft landing on September 7, 2019
- **On August 4, NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab – re-established full communications with Voyager 2 spacecraft**
- ✓ Two weeks ago, Voyager 2 stopped communicating because of a wrong command sent by controllers to the space craft.
 - ✓ The space agency lost contact with Voyager 2 on July 21 when the mission team accidentally sent a command that pushed the spacecraft's antenna 2 degrees away from Earth.
- ✓ On August 2, NASA's Deep Space Network sent a new 'interstellar shout' command in hopes of repointing the antenna, using its highest power transmitter facility at the huge radio dish antenna in Canberra, Australia
- ✓ It took more than 18 hours for the command to reach Voyager 2 — more than 12 billion miles (19 billion kilometers) away — and another 18 hours to hear back.
- ✓ Voyager 2 has been in space since its launch in 1977 to explore the outer edges of the solar system.
 - ✓ The spacecraft has helped in discovering some details about the interstellar space
 - ✓ Its twin, Voyager 1, is currently the most distant functional spacecraft, located 15 billion miles (24 billion kilometres) away.
 - ✓ Voyager 1 crossed into interstellar space in 2012, and Voyager 2 crossed in 2018
- **The first instance of captive breeding of Himalayan vulture - was recorded in India at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati.**



- ✓ These vultures were rescued from different poisonings and accidents in 2011-2012.

- ✓ The conservation breeding of the Himalayan vulture at Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre (VCBC) at Rani in Assam is the second such instance in the world, after France
- ✓ In India, there are four Vulture Conservation Breeding Centres, located at Pinjore in Haryana, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Rani in Assam, and Rajabhatkhawa in West Bengal
- ✓ The Himalayan vulture mostly lives in the Himalayas on the Tibetan plateau
- ✓ They are categorized as 'Near Threatened' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species.

DEFENCE

- **Russia - has recently commenced naval exercises, named Ocean Shield-2023, in the Baltic Sea**



- ✓ The drills took place at the same time NATO was holding its own Baltic Sea exercises.
- ✓ Russia last carried out mass military exercises in the Baltic Sea in June, two months after Finland became NATO's newest member in April.
- ✓ The Russian exercises will involve more personnel and aircraft than the last round and will feature the use of live weapons
- ✓ The Ocean Shield-2023 exercises will involve forces practising how to "protect sea lanes, transport troops and military cargo, as well as defend the coastline"
- ✓ More than 200 combat exercises will involve some 6,000 personnel, 30 warships and boats and 30 aircrafts

BUSINESS/ECONOMY

- **The government – has recently launched the Vivad se Vishwas-2 scheme for settling contractual disputes involving the government and government undertakings**
- ✓ The move is aimed at promoting ease of doing business and will cover disputes up to September 30, 2022.

- ✓ The scheme will apply to all domestic contractual disputes where one of the parties is either the Government of India or an organisation operating under its control.
- ✓ The one-time settlement scheme will cover cases where the court order was passed by April 30, 2023, and the arbitral order was given by January 30, 2023
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the scheme in the Union Budget 2023-24.
- ✓ The scheme aims to resolve the government's contractual disputes with private parties and clear the backlog of litigations
- ✓ It will be applicable to all kinds of procurement, including the procurement of goods, services, and works as well as contracts under Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements.
- ✓ Eligible claims will be processed only through the government e-marketplace (GeM)
- ✓ The deadline for submitting claims under the scheme is October 31.

APPOINTMENTS

- **The Centre – had extended the tenure of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba by another year beyond August 30, 2023.**



- ✓ This is the third extension for Rajiv Gauba to the post, making him the longest-serving cabinet secretary
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Personnel, the appointments committee of the cabinet (ACC) approved the extension of Rajiv Gauba, a 1982 batch Jharkhand cadre IAS officer, for a period of one year beyond August 30.
- ✓ The centre relaxed the All-India Services (AIS) rules to extend the tenure of Rajiv Gauba by another year.
- ✓ Gauba, a former Union home secretary, was appointed to the country's highest administrative job for two years in 2019
- ✓ Rajiv Gauba is widely recognised as the key architect behind the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

- ✓ This act played a pivotal role in the reorganisation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.
- ✓ Gauba has held several crucial positions within the government.
- ✓ He served as the Secretary in the Union Urban Development Ministry and played a significant role as an Additional Secretary in the Home Ministry, particularly in handling matters related to left-wing extremism.
- ✓ After a successful tenure as the Chief Secretary of Jharkhand for 15 months, he returned to serve in the central government in 2016.

AWARDS

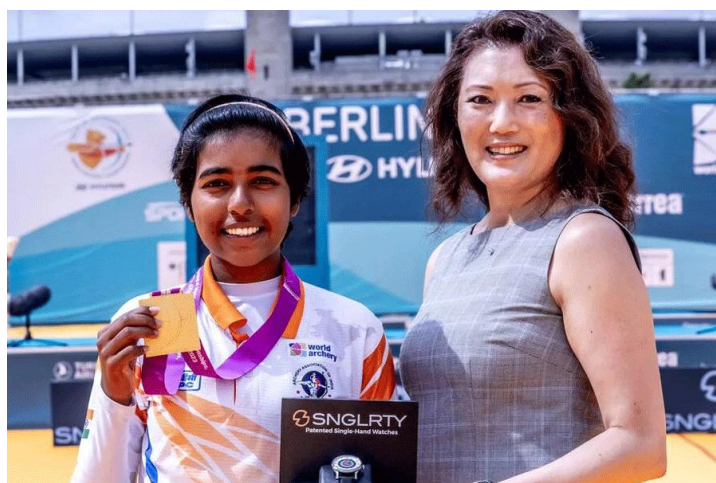
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - was conferred with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award at an event in Maharashtra's Pune on August 1.**



- ✓ The Prime Minister received the award that was constituted by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983.
- ✓ The award is given to people who have worked for the progress and development of the nation and whose contribution can be looked upon as remarkable and extraordinary
- ✓ It is presented every year on August 1, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, to honour his legacy
- ✓ PM Modi will become the 41st recipient of the award.
- ✓ It has previously been presented to luminaries such as Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, Pranab Mukherjee, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Indira Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, N R Narayana Murthy, E Sreedharan, among others.

SPORTS

- **On August 5, Indian archer, Aditi Swami - became the youngest-ever world champion at 17 years**



- ✓ In the individual women's compound event final in Berlin, Aditi defeated Mexico's Andrea Bercerra with a near perfect score of 149 out of a possible 150 points to win the country's first ever individual title at senior level
 - ✓ The class 12 student also became a double world champion in less than two months, having won the Under-18 title in Youth Championships in Limerick, Ireland on July 8.
 - ✓ Earlier, Aditi became just the fourth Indian - after Palton Hansda (2006), Deepika Kumari (2009, 2011) and Komalika Bari (2019, 2021) - to win an individual medal at the World Archery Youth Championships
 - ✓ She is now the first individual world champion in archery from India, across any discipline and gender.
 - ✓ On August 4, Aditi along with Parneet Kaur and Jyothi Surekha Vennam had secured India's first ever World Archery Championships gold by winning the compound women's team final.
 - ✓ Later in the day, Ojas Deotale also became the world champion when he bagged the compound men's title with a sheer perfect score of 150
 - ✓ Deotale, who hails from Nagpur in Maharashtra, defeated Lukasz Przybylski of Poland by one point in a thrilling finish en route to the men's title.
 - ✓ Incidentally, both Aditi and Deotale train at the same under academy in Satara under coach Pravin Sawant.
 - ✓ With these medals, India recorded their best ever finish in the showpiece event with four medals -- three gold and one bronze.
- **India's ace long jumper Jeswin Aldrin - won the gold at the CITIUS Meeting athletics in Bern, Switzerland with an effort of 8.22m on August 4**
- ✓ The CITIUS Meeting in Bern is a World Athletics Tour bronze-level event.
 - ✓ Aldrin has been down with injury and fitness concerns for the last four months.
 - ✓ He withdrew from the Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok, Thailand, and the Lausanne Diamond League, both in July, due to these concerns.
 - ✓ The 21-year-old Aldrin had jumped 8.42m, the best in the world so far this season, during the National Open Jumps Competition at Bellary, Karnataka on March 2



- ✓ Tamil Nadu's Aldrin won a silver medal in the National Inter-State Championships in June in Bhubaneswar with a jump of 7.98m and qualified for the World Athletics Championships (August 19-27) in Budapest, Hungary.
- **The 132nd edition of Asia's oldest football event, the Durand Cup - kicked off on August 3.**



- ✓ A total of 24 teams, divided into six groups, are set to compete for the prestigious title.
- ✓ First played in Shimla in 1888, the Durand Cup stands as the third-oldest football competition globally.
- ✓ This year's line-up features teams from the Indian Super League, the I-League, and the Armed Forces.
- ✓ Additionally, the tournament has expanded to include army teams from Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.
- ✓ A total of 43 matches will be played across four venues in Assam and West Bengal, which include Guwahati, Kokrajhar, Siliguri and Kolkata.
- ✓ The final match of the tournament will be played on September 3 at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (Salt Lake Stadium) in Kolkata.
- ✓ Originating as an Army Cup in 1888, the Durand Cup has been organized by the Indian armed forces
- ✓ The tournament is named after its founder, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, who served as the foreign secretary of India from 1884 to 1894.

- ✓ Initially, the tournament was exclusive to British India Army troops, but it later opened its doors to civilian teams as well.
- ✓ The winning team in the Durand Cup receives three prestigious trophies - The Durand Cup itself, a rolling trophy and the original prize
- ✓ The record for the most tournament victories is held jointly by two iconic football clubs - Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. (16 each)
- ✓ Mohun Bagan boasts the record for the most tournament appearances, having participated 29 times from 1950 to 2022.

