

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-AUGUST 25,2023

NATIONAL

- **The winners of the 69th National Film Awards - were announced at the National Media Center in New Delhi on August 24.**
- ✓ Feature and non-feature films certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, were eligible for the awards.
- ✓ The Best Feature Film award has been given to Rocketry: The Nambi Effect (Hindi) and the Best Non-Feature Film award has been bagged by Ek Tha Gaon directed by Srishti Lakhera
- ✓ Hindi movie “Kashmir Files” has been awarded the Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration and Telugu movie “RRR” has bagged the Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment
- ✓ Allu Arjun has won the award for Best Actor for his stellar performance in the movie Pushpa (The Rise Part I) while Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon have become joint winners of the Best Actress Award for Gangubai Kathiawadi and Mimi, respectively.
- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Award for best debut film went to ‘Meppadiyan’ in Malayalam while the prize for best film on social issues went to Assamese ‘Anunaad-the Resonance’.
- ✓ Pankaj Tripathi won the award for best supporting actor for ‘Mimi’, while Pallavi Joshi won best supporting actress for the film ‘The Kashmir Files’.
- ✓ Nikhil Mahajan (Godavari – Marathi) won the best Director award, while Devi Sri Prasad and M M Keeravani bagged the best Music Director award separately under the category ‘Songs’ and ‘Background Music’.
- ✓ Kaala Bhairava (RRR) and Shreya Ghoshal (Iravin Nizhal) won the best play back singer award in Male and Female categories.
- ✓ Shoojit Sircar’s biopic ‘Sardar Udham’ won the award for best Hindi film as well as honours for best cinematography, audiography (re-recording final mixing), production design and costume design.

- ✓ The best original screenplay award, meanwhile, went to Malayalam film 'Nayattu' and its writer Shahi Kabir.
- ✓ Telugu blockbuster 'RRR' won six awards, while Sanjay Leela Bhansali's biopic 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' was a close second with five awards
- ✓ 'Kadai Vivasayi'(The Last Farmer) won the best Tamil film award
- ✓ The Award for Best Book on Cinema has gone to "Music by Laxmikant Pyarelal: The Incredibly Melodious Journey" by Rajiv Vijayakar.
- ✓ A total of 280 films from 28 languages were submitted for the awards in year 2021, which includes 31 categories in Feature film, 24 in non-feature and 3 in script writing on cinema.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Yevgeny Prigozhin, leader of the Wagner mercenary group - has reportedly died in a plane crash.**



- ✓ Prigozhin was on a private jet that crashed north of Moscow in the Tver Region on August 23
- ✓ The jet, en route from Moscow to St Petersburg, was carrying seven passengers and three crew.
- ✓ Embraer, the Brazilian maker of the jet, said that it had stopped providing any support for the aircraft in 2019 because of sanctions.
- ✓ Dmitry Utkin, Wagner group commander and one of the founders of the group, was also killed in the crash
- ✓ The crash comes two months after Prigozhin led a short-lived armed rebellion against Russia's military leadership in June.
- ✓ It was seen as the biggest challenge ever to President Vladimir Putin's authority since he came to power.
- ✓ Prigozhin, however, called off the action within 24 hours in a deal struck by Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **On August 24, Isro - switched on the payloads on Vikram and started moving Pragyan, the rover, on the lunar surface**

VIKRAM & PROPULSION PAYLOADS ACTIVE

Vikram	Propulsion Module
Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE): To study lunar surface's ability to conduct/transfer heat	Spectro-polarimetry of HABitable Planet Earth: Study Earth's habitable planet-like features and use info to explore exoplanets
Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA): To measure frequency of quakes (seismicity) in the area where Vikram landed	Rover Payloads Activate Today
Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere & Atmosphere: Study count of ionised gas particles & how it changes	LASER Induced Breakdown Spectroscope: To know about chemical on surface to learn more on mineral composition
	Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer: Study composition of iron, titanium, calcium, magnesium, etc

- ✓ A day earlier, Chandrayaan-3 lander Vikram touched down on Moon's south polar region
- ✓ According to Isro, three of the lander payloads, Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA), Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere and Atmosphere (RAMBHA) and Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE), were turned on.
- ✓ Earlier, on August 20, the space agency had activated the Spectro-polarimetry of HABitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) payload on the propulsion module.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 is estimated to have cost Rs. 600 crore, whereas the failed Russian mission Luna-25 cost Rs.1,600 crore.
- ✓ India now has 15 scientific instruments studying a variety of things on Moon and, from there, Sun and Earth.
- ✓ Of these, eight are on Chandrayaan-2 orbiter circling Moon since 2019.

SPORTS

- **Norway's World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen - defeated Indian GM R Praggnanandhaa in tiebreakers in the final of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan on August 24**



- ✓ The world No. 1 beat Praggnanandhaa in the first tie-break match and then ended the second game with a draw, to win the finals 1.5-0.5
 - ✓ The two classical games on August 22 and 23 had ended in draws forcing the final to a tie-break.
 - ✓ For the five-time World Championship winner Carlsen, who has been at the top of the sport for 12 successive years, this was his first-ever World Cup title.
 - ✓ Praggnanandhaa has earned a whopping sum of \$80,000, while Carlsen is taking home \$110,000 for winning the World Cup title.
 - ✓ Fabiano Caruana, whom Praggnanandhaa had defeated in the semi-final, has beaten Nijat Abasov and has taken the third place.
 - ✓ The 18-year-old also became the third youngest player – after the legendary Bobby Fischer and Carlsen – to qualify for the Candidates 2024 tournament.
 - ✓ Praggnanandhaa is the only Indian player after Anand to book a spot in the Candidates and had the previously beaten Carlsen in an online tournament last year.
 - ✓ Praggnanandhaa became an International Master at the age of 10, and two years later, he became a GM
- **The global wrestling body, United World Wrestling (UWW) - suspended the membership of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) over its failure to conduct elections.**
- ✓ This means Indian wrestlers will not compete at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia next month under the Indian flag and when they do win a gold medal, India's national anthem will not be played.
 - ✓ The Indian wrestlers will have to compete as 'neutral athletes' at the Olympic-qualifying World Championships, starting September 16.
 - ✓ The UWW decided to suspend the WFI, as the ad-hoc panel, led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, did not honour the 45-day deadline for conducting the elections.
 - ✓ The IOA had appointed the ad-hoc panel on April 27 and was supposed to hold elections within 45 days.
 - ✓ On April 28, the global Wrestling body warned WFI that it could suspend the Indian federation if the deadline to hold elections is not honoured.
 - ✓ Originally, the WFI was to hold elections on May 7, but the Sports Ministry declared the process null and void after star Indian wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik renewed their protest against outgoing WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

