

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

STATE

➤ **Utkela Airport Inaugurated in Odisha Under UDAN Scheme**



- ✓ Utkela Airport inaugurated in Odisha under UDAN scheme. Direct flight route between Utkela and Bhubaneshwar introduced.
- ✓ Flight covers the distance in just one hour and twenty minutes. Nine-seater Cessna C-208 aircraft deployed.
- ✓ Utkela Airport boasts a well-designed runway with a length of 917 meters.
- ✓ Odisha's aviation infrastructure now includes a total of five airports.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Indo-US Task Force to Boost Electronics Trade to \$100 Billion by 2033**
- ✓ ICEA sets up task force to increase Indo-US electronics trade from \$8 billion to \$100 billion within a decade.



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- ✓ The task force will focus on policy and regulatory adaptations, technology sharing, and co-production.
- The partnership is expected to create new jobs and opportunities for Indian businesses and start-ups.

ECONOMY

- **UPI Crosses 10 Billion Transactions in a Month for the First Time**
- ✓ UPI, India's instant payment system, has crossed the mark of 10 billion transactions in a month for the first time.



- ✓ The milestone was achieved in August 2023, with a total of 10.5 billion transactions recorded on the platform.
- ✓ The volumes are mainly driven by three players in the segment -- PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the achievement, calling it a testament to the people of India embracing digital progress.

IMPORTANT DAY

- **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023: September 1-30**



- ✓ Rashtriya Poshan Maah is a month-long campaign to improve nutrition in India.
- ✓ The campaign will focus on key themes such as exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding.
- ✓ Activities will be held at the village, block, and district levels to engage diverse segments of the community.
- ✓ The campaign is a collaborative effort between the government, NGOs, and other stakeholders.

