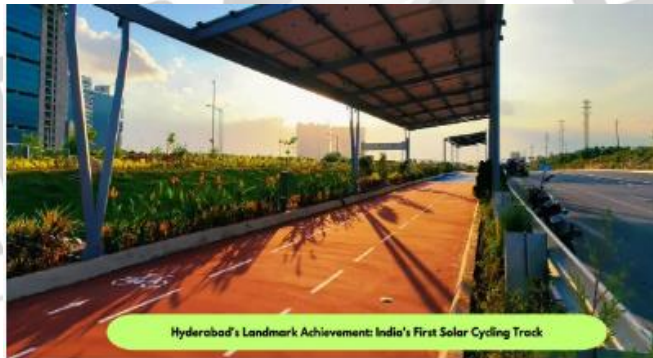




EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 10, 2023

STATE

- **Hyderabad's Landmark Achievement: India's First Solar Cycling Track**
- ✓ Hyderabad, India, proudly inaugurated its first solar roof cycling track, Healthway in a stride towards promoting eco-friendly and active mobility.



- ✓ Healthway aims to encourage cycling as a means of transportation while incorporating sustainability and technological innovation.
- ✓ The 23-kilometer-long Healthway cycling track comprises two distinct stretches: a pink line spanning 8.5 kilometers from Nanakramguda to the Telangana State Police Academy and a blue line stretching 14.5 kilometers from Kollur to Narsingi.
- ✓ It boasts five different access points, making it convenient for cyclists across the city.

SCHEMES

- **GST Amnesty Scheme 2023**
- ✓ The **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council**, in its **52nd meeting** has announced an **amnesty plan** to streamline the process of appealing against demand orders issued by tax inspectors.



- ✓ Under the existing GST rules, an individual has a **three-month window** from the date of issuance of an assessment order to file an appeal against it. This period can be extended by one additional month.
- ✓ To avail of this extended appeal period, taxpayers will be required to make an increased pre-deposit. Previously set at 10 percent of the tax demand, the pre-deposit has now been raised to **12.5 percent**. This change ensures that taxpayers have a vested interest in their appeals while providing some financial flexibility.
- ✓ This move reflects the Council's commitment to making the GST system more taxpayer-friendly.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India-Sweden Innovation Day**
- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addresses the 10th "India-Sweden Innovation Day" meeting on 9 October 2023.



- ✓ Both countries are commemorating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations and the fifth anniversary of the Sweden-India Joint Declaration on Innovation Partnership.
- ✓ The event aims to harness respective areas of expertise to spearhead environmentally sustainable growth.

DEFENCE

- **Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2023 (AJHE-23) – CHAKRAVAT 2023**
- ✓ AJHE, known as CHAKRAVAT, is a significant initiative that has evolved since its inception in 2015 into a multi-agency endeavour that includes the active participation of India's armed forces, paramilitary forces, disaster response organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, and international organizations.



- ✓ The Annual Joint HADR Exercise is conducted on a rotational basis by India's three armed services: the Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN), and Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ✓ On October 11, 2023, a Multi-Agency Capability Demonstration will take place. This segment will showcase rescue and relief drills, emphasizing the nuances and important lessons learned in disaster response.

AWARDS

- **Nobel Economics Prize in 2023**
- ✓ The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences 2023 will be awarded to Claudia Goldin.
- ✓ She has received the award "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes".



- ✓ She is only the third woman to win the Nobel economics prize.
- ✓ Understanding women's role in the labour market is important for society.
- ✓ Claudia Goldin's research increased understanding of the underlying factors, which have to be addressed in the future.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Mental Health Day – October 10**

- ✓ World Mental Health Day on October 10th is a global initiative that brings organizations and individuals together to commemorate the importance of mental well-being.
- ✓ World Mental Health Day was established by the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) in 1992.



- ✓ This occasion serves to enhance knowledge, raise awareness, and drive actions that promote and protect the mental health of all individuals as a fundamental human right.
- ✓ World Mental Health Day 2023 provides a platform for individuals and communities to unite under the theme “Mental health is a universal human right.”