

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 02, 2024

DEFENCE

- **Largest International Air Exercise 'Tarang Shakti'**
- ✓ India is set to host its first multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024', in two phases starting on August 6th in Sular, Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ Around 30 countries will participate, with ten countries bringing their fighter aircraft.
- ✓ The exercise aims to showcase India's defence capabilities and enhance cooperation among the participating militaries.
- ✓ The first phase will be held from August 6th to 14th in Sular, Tamil Nadu.

ECONOMY

- **GST Collection Surges 10.3% in July 2024 to 1.82 Lakh Crore**
- ✓ In July 2024, India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose by 10.3% to 1,82,075 crore, marking a significant increase from 1,65,105 crore in July 2023.



- ✓ This uptick highlights strong domestic consumption and economic resilience.

APPOINTMENT

- **Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair**
- ✓ Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair has become the first woman to be appointed as Director General Medical Services (Army).
- ✓ Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair assumed the office on August 01, 2024.
- ✓ Earlier, she was the first woman to hold the post of DG Hospital Services (Armed Forces).



- ✓ She is also the first woman Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command, and Training Command, Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ✓ She was nominated as an expert member of Dr Kasturirangan Committee. This committee was for drafting part of the medical education component of the National Education Policy.

RANKING

➤ **India Ranked 2nd Largest Aluminium Producer in the World**

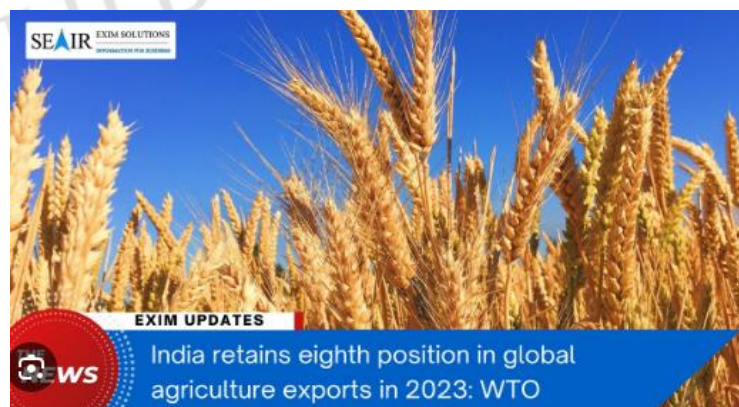
- ✓ India has solidified its position as a global leader in mineral production, with impressive rankings across several key minerals.



- ✓ The country stands as the 2nd largest Aluminium producer, the 3rd largest lime producer, and the 4th largest iron ore producer in the world.
- ✓ These rankings underscore India's significant contribution to the global mineral industry and highlight its growing importance in the sector.

➤ **India Retains Eighth Position in Global Agriculture Exports in 2023**

- ✓ India held onto its position as the world's eighth-largest exporter of agricultural products in 2023, despite a decline in exports from \$55 billion in 2022 to \$51 billion.



- ✓ This stability comes amid a general decrease in agricultural exports among seven of the top ten exporting nations.

