

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 15, 2024

NATIONAL

- **78th Independence Day**
- ✓ On 15th August 2024, 78th Independence Day celebrated in India.



- ✓ The Prime Minister hoisted the national flag at the iconic Red Fort and inspected the Guard of Honour.
- ✓ The Government of India has declared the theme for this year to be Viksit Bharat, or Developed India.
- ✓ It symbolises the vision of a developed nation by 2047 and reflects the Government's commitment to transform India.
- ✓ The year 2047 will be the 100th year of India's independence from colonial rule.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **28th Central & State Statistical Organizations Conference**
- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (has organized the 28th conference of central and state statistical organizations.



- ✓ The theme of this conference was the 'Use of Data for Decision Making- Strengthening State Statistical System.'
- ✓ A wide range of subjects of common interest between Central and State Government departments were discussed during the conference.
- ✓ Representatives of more than 30 Central Ministries and departments with State and Union Territories attended the conference.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Three New Ramsar Sites

- ✓ India has added three new Ramsar sites to wetlands network. With this, the number of total Ramsar sites in India has increased to 85.



- ✓ **Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary** and **Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu** have been added to the list of India's Ramsar sites.
- ✓ Tawa Reservoir of Madhya Pradesh has also been added to the list of India's Ramsar sites.
- ✓ As of June 2024, India had a total of 82 Ramsar sites.
- ✓ A Ramsar Site is a wetland site that has been designated as being of international importance by the Ramsar Convention.

