



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 23, 2024

### STATE

- **Strategic Alliance for Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) in Varanasi**
- ✓ The Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark has led to the creation of the Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) in Varanasi.



- ✓ This tripartite initiative, involving the Government of India, IIT-BHU, and Denmark, aims to rejuvenate the Varuna River using sustainable approaches.
- ✓ The project features a hybrid lab model at IIT-BHU and an on-field living lab at the Varuna River, fostering collaboration among government bodies, academic institutions, and local communities.

### SPORTS

- **Diana Pundole: First Indian Woman Racer to Win National Championship**
- ✓ Diana Pundole, a teacher and mother from Pune, has made history as the first Indian woman to win the national championship in the saloon category at the MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 held in Chennai.



- ✓ Her achievement is especially notable as it comes in a sport traditionally dominated by men, highlighting her determination and skill despite numerous challenges.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Space Day – August 23**
- ✓ India is set to commemorate its first National Space Day in 2024, marking a historic milestone in the nation's journey of space exploration.



- ✓ Spearheaded by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), this day represents a momentous occasion to celebrate India's growing prominence in the global space community.
- ✓ National Space Day is not merely a reflection on past triumphs but a forward-looking event aimed at inspiring future generations and underscoring the pivotal role of space science and technology in shaping our world.
- **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition – August 23**

- ✓ On the night of August 22-23, 1791, a momentous event occurred in Saint Domingue, known today as the Republic of Haiti.



- ✓ This night marked the beginning of an uprising that would play a pivotal role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.
- ✓ The rebellion, which later evolved into the Haitian Revolution, sent shockwaves through the colonial world and became a symbol of resistance against slavery and oppression.

