CURRENT AFFAIRS – HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Classes IX-XII

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCEM) in Madhya Pradesh on 1st July.

2. Prime Minister inaugurated the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress in New Delhi on 1st July.

3. Centre announces Tomato Grand Challenge hackathon to generate innovative ideas to ensure availability of tomato to the consumers at affordable prices and help tomato farmers get value for the produce.

4. A two-day Startup20 Summit under India's G20 Presidency was held 3rd and 4th July in Gurugram, Haryana.

5. Shri Motibhai R. Chaudhary Sagar Sainik School in Boriyavi village of Mehsana, Gujarat is set to become the first Sainik School in India to be operated by a cooperative organization- Dudh Sagar Research and Development Association (DURDA), an entity of Dudh Sagar Dairy.

6. External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar visited Kiduthani project in Tanzania, undertaken by India to provide drinking water to thirty thousand households in Zanzibar.

7. The opposition parties of India formed a coalition named INDIA — Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance.

8. Former Chief Minister of Kerala, Oommen Chandy passed away on 18th July 2023.He was 79.

9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Gujarat and inaugurated the newly built greenfield airport at Rajkot.

International News
1. The United States is considering a controversial tool called Solar Radiation Management (SRM) to address global warming.
2. Argentinian scientists have embarked on a crucial mission to study and protect the elusive Santa Fe frog, known for its striking "leopard-print" appearance. This unique amphibian is found in the regions of Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay.

3. Imperial College London and Empa have collaborated to develop an innovative prototype drone known as FireDrone. This cutting-edge technology aims to address the limitations of current drones used in firefighting and can be sent into burning buildings or woodland to assess hazards and provide crucial first-hand data from danger zones.

4. Every year on 14th July, France commemorates an important event known as Bastille Day. In recent times, the Bastille Day Parade in France has gained international attention, and this year, India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, was invited as the Guest of Honour.

5. Singapore Passport Tops Henley Passport Index 2023 as World Most Powerful.

6. China launched world's first methane-fuelled space rocket.

7. Twitter has replaced its iconic blue bird logo with a white 'X' as its new official logo following Elon Musk's takeover of the platform.

8. Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe visited India on July 21 and met PM Modi to finalise the implementation of several Indian projects related to power and energy, agriculture, and maritime issues in the island nation.

9. Schools in Washington DC would now teach students about the Sikh community as the District of Columbia State Board of Education included Sikhism in its social studies curriculum. This makes Washington DC the 18th state in the US to provide knowledge about Sikhs in schools.

SPORTS NEWS

1. KABADDI

India beat Iran 42-32 to win the Asian Kabaddi Championship held at Busan, South Korea.

2. ATHLETICS

 - **Neeraj Chopra** won the Diamond League Javelin title held at Lausanne, Switzerland with a throw of 87.66m.

- **India won 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze medals** to finish third in the 25th Asian Athletics Championships held at Bangkok, Thailand.

3.FOOTBALL

India beat Kuwait 5-4 to win the SAFF Bangabandhu Football Championships 2023 held at Bengaluru, India.

4. ARCHERY(COMPOUND)

India's Priyansh won the Men's under-21 World Archery Youth Championship beating Aljaz Brenk of Slovenia 147-141, held at Limerick, Ireland.

5. FORMULA ONE (CAR RACING)   \

Max Verstappen won the British Grand Prix. McLaren's Lando Norris finished second. The Grand Prix was held at Silverstone, Britain. It was Red Bull's 11th win in a row to equal McLaren's 1988 record.

6. BADMINTON

- **Lakshay Sen** won the Canada Open BWF Super 500 beating Li Shi Feng of China in the final held at Calgary, Canada.

- **Satwiksairaj Renkareddy and Chirag Shetty** won the final of Korea Open Super 500 Badminton tournament beating World no. 1 Fajor Alfian and Mummad Rian of Indonasia held at Yeosu, Korea.

7. ARCHERY(RECURVE)

Parth Salunke became the first Indian archer to win a Gold in the Recurve category of the Youth World Championships. The Indian team won a tally of 11 medals.

8. TENNIS

Carlos Alcaraz of Spain beat Novak Djokovic to win the Men's Singles title while the Women's singles championship was won by **Marketa Vondrousova** of Czech Republic beating Ons Jabeur of Tunisia in the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

9. SNOOKER

Keerthan Pandian won the World Under- 21 Snooker Championships held at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

1. Conservationists released 5,000 Partula tree snails on the islands of Tahiti and Moorea, the largest release till date of an "extinct in the wild" species. The snails, which keep the forest healthy by eating decaying plants and fungi, were originally displaced by human introduction of predator species.

2. American scientist and women's rights activist **Eunice Newton Foote** is credited to have laid the foundation for discovery of the greenhouse effect and its role in the warming of Earth's climate.

3. World Health Organization (WHO) recently declared **aspartame**, an artificial sweetener used in the food industry, as a possible carcinogen.

4. India and Malaysia can now trade in Indian rupee.

5. PNB Launches Virtual Branch in the Metaverse with Immersive 3D Experience.

6. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrated the **World Kiswahili Language Day** on 7th July.

7. India's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 was launched on July 14, at 2:35 P.M. from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

IT NEWS

1. Text abbreviations are shortened versions of a word or phrase used. The abbreviations and acronyms are used to save time, avoid typing and ensure a social media post stays within a certain character limit. Following is the list of abbreviations which are used commonly to express **Opinion and Reactions:**

POV – Point of View	**TBH** – To be honest
YNK – You never know	**YGTR** – You got that right
GMTA – Great minds think alike	**CWOT** – Complete waste of time
AAMOF – As a matter of fact	**FWIW** – For what it's worth
GRATZ – Congratulations	**TL;DR** – Too long; didn't read

2. Data security is the practice of protecting digital information assets from unauthorized access, disclosure, modification, or theft. This practice guards data against accidental or intentional threats and preserves its confidentiality and integrity in an organization. The following are the terms related to data security:

- ReCAPTCHA: A service from Google that works to protect websites from spam and abuse caused by robots. A user is presented with a Turing test to distinguish them from a robot.

- White hat hacking: Hacking that is meant to do minimal damage and is usually done out of curiosity.

- Deepfake is the process of developing audio, image, or video clip that has been edited and manipulated to appear real or believable. The most damaging effect of the popularity of deep fakes is that they can smoothly convince somebody into believing a particular story.

3. In today's digital world, maintaining online privacy has become increasingly important. With the rise in cyber threats and data breaches, safeguarding your personal information is crucial. Following these steps, you can enhance your digital security and have peace of mind while browsing the internet.

- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA)

- Consider using a virtual private network (VPN) for secure browsing.

- Use HTTPS-enabled websites for encrypted communication.

- Learn to identify phishing emails, messages, and fraudulent websites.

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