



# Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

### 18 October 2023

### **National and International News**

# International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023



### **Key points:**

- Theme: 'Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All.'
- United Nations officially designated October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- It recognizes and acknowledges efforts of people in poverty, amplifies their concerns, and honors their role in poverty alleviation.

### Selfie points to showcase 'good work'



### Context

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has directed its departments to set up geotagged selfie points to "showcase good works done in the Defence" sector.

### **Key points**

- The Ministry of Defence directs the setup of 822 geotagged selfie points.
- Points showcase achievements in the **Defence** sector, possibly featuring PM Modi.
- Aim is to make people feel part of the **Defence** initiative.
- Themes include Atmanirbhar Bharat, empowerment, research & development, etc.





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Modi 'directs'	ISRO	to	land	man	on	moon	by
2040							

### Context

- The Indian Prime Minister instructed ISRO for indigenous space station by 2035.
- Aims for landing an Indian on the Moon by 2040.
- Plans to establish "Bharatiya Antariksha Station" by 2035.

### **About ISRO**

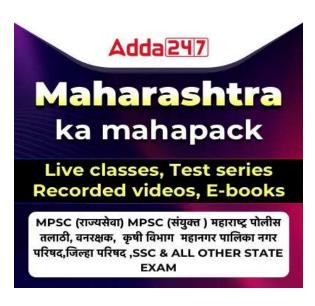
- ISRO is the space agency under the Department of Space of Government of India, headquartered in the city of Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Its vision is to harness space technology for national development, while pursuing space science research and planetary exploration.
- Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL) is a Marketing arm of ISRO for promotion and commercial exploitation of space products, technical consultancy services and transfer of technologies developed by ISRO.
- Shri S. Somanath is the incumbent chairman of ISRO.

### Waheeda Rehman gets Phalke Award

### Context

- President gave away the national film awards for 2021 under various categories at the 69th edition of the ceremony
- The prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award was conferred on veteran actor Waheeda Rehman.

Other Award recipients (in table below)





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redRail makes real-time train info accessible via
WhatsApp

### Context

- redRail, a rail ticketing platform, offers journey updates, including live train status and PNR status, via WhatsApp.
- Passengers can access information by sending 'Hi' to redRail's Railbot number on WhatsApp (+91 9538039911).

# Modi unveils long-term blueprint for India's maritime economy

### Context

Prime Minister unveiled the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' while inaugurating Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai through video conference.

### **Key points**

- Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 is a long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.
- Blueprint focuses on port enhancement, sustainability, and global cooperation.
- Emphasizes sea routes in global trade and reliable supply chains.
- Major ports' capacity doubled, big vessel turnaround time reduced.
- Foundation stone laid for ₹23,000 crore projects in alignment with blue economy.





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### India and U.K. discuss Indo-Pacific and trade

### Context

Reaffirming mutual commitment to maritime freedom, India and the U.K. discussed the situation in the Indo-Pacific region.

The discussion was held during the inaugural "2+2" Foreign and Defence Dialogue.

### **Key points**

- The two sides also discussed possibilities for further collaboration in trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, and strengthening peoples connect.
- They discussed ideas regarding counterterrorism, HADR and maritime security.

### Person in news: Daniel Noboa



### Context

- Banana empire heir **Daniel Noboa**, became Ecuador's youngest-ever President-elect. (33yrs)
- He vowed to "restore peace" to a country ravaged by a bloody drug gang war.

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