

Current Affairs: October 23, 2024

International

1. **Israel Joins ADB**



Israel became the 69th member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), enhancing its global economic engagement and cooperation in Asia.

2. **Egypt Declared Malaria-Free**



The WHO certified Egypt as malaria-free, making it the second country in 2024 to achieve this status, after Cabo Verde.

3. **Maldives Introduces UPI Payments**



Maldives launched India's UPI payment system, expanding digital financial services and promoting financial inclusion in the country.

4. **Vietnam Elects New President**



Vietnam elected military leader Luong Cuong as its new President, restoring political stability and leadership after a period of uncertainty.

Defence

5. **India Launches Fourth Nuclear Submarine**



India launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, marking a major step in strengthening its naval defense capabilities.

6. **Swavlamban 2024**



The Indian Navy's Swavlamban 2024 seminar focuses on promoting innovation and indigenization, aimed at advancing defense technologies.

State

7. - **Odisha Increases Leave for Women Employees**



The Odisha government raised casual leave for women employees by 12 days, bringing the total to 27 days annually to support work-life balance.

Banking

8. **Freo Secures IRDAI License**



Freo received IRDAI approval to offer insurance products, boosting financial inclusion, especially in smaller Indian cities.

9. **RBI Expands Alert List*



The RBI added 13 more unauthorized forex trading platforms to its alert list, bringing the total to 88, aiming to protect investors.

Important Days

10. **Disarmament Week (October 24-30, 2024)**



Disarmament Week raises awareness about global efforts to reduce weapons and promote peace through dialogue and action.

11. **United Nations Day (October 24, 2024)**



Celebrating the establishment of the United Nations in 1945, this day highlights the UN's role in promoting global peace and cooperation.

Sports

12. - **Karnataka Wins National Para-Swimming Championship**



Karnataka topped the 24th National Para-Swimming Championship, securing 392 points to emerge as the overall winner.

