



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### India Mobile Congress (IMC 7th Edition) 2023 and 100 5G labs Initiative

- The **Prime Minister of India** inaugurated the **7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the [India Mobile Congress 2023](#) in New Delhi.**
- **India Mobile Congress (IMC)** is the **largest telecom, media, and technology forum** in **Asia** to be held from **27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.
- Theme of IMC: **'Global Digital Innovation'**.
- The **IMC 2023** aims to strengthen India's position as a developer, **manufacturer**, and exporter of key **cutting-edge technologies**.
- The Prime Minister awarded 100 '5G Use Case Labs' to educational institutions across the country.
- The **'100 5G labs initiative'**, is an endeavor to realize the opportunities associated with [5G technology](#) by encouraging the development of 5G applications.
- The rollout of **5G** has been completed, with plans to extend coverage nationwide by **March 2024**.

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### Dark Patterns Buster Hackathon 2023

- The **Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India** in collaboration with **IIT (BHU)**, launched **Dark Patterns Buster Hackathon 2023**.
- The **deliverables** of the Hackathon will be to design & prototype innovative apps or software based solutions such as browser extensions, plugins, add-ons, mobile applications.
- It can detect the **use, type** and scale of dark patterns for e-Commerce platforms.
- The winners will be rewarded with a **Certificate of Achievement**.
- The objective of the initiative is to provide protection to consumers from all types of **unfair trade practices**.

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### World Polio Day

- **World Polio Day** is celebrated every year on **October 24** to create awareness around the **importance of [polio vaccination](#)** to protect children.
- Polio is a very **infectious illness** that has been around since ancient times, is a life threatening and disabling disease that can spread from person to person and can cause paralysis or may cause **weakness** in arms or legs.
- Polio virus can live in an infected a person's throat and intestines and can be contracted by food and water in unhygienic conditions.
- It can spread through a sneeze or feces of an infected person.
- **Oral polio vaccine (OPV):**
  - It produces antibodies in the blood to protect the individual against polio paralysis by preventing the spread of poliovirus to the nervous system.
- **Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV):**

- It is an injectable three dose vaccine and can be either administered alone or along with other vaccines (e.g., diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and haemophilus influenzae).

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