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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ❖ **Armed Forces Flag Day**

- Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on December 7 every year.
- It aims to honour the martyrs, veterans, and serving personnel of the Indian military.
- The day has been marked every year since 1949 to celebrate the valiant efforts undertaken by military personnel to safeguard the country's borders and raise funds to ensure their and their family's well-being.
- It aims to raise donations for the welfare of the Armed Forces Staff.
- It is observed to enable more public participation in Armed Forces.
- The Defense Minister's Committee on August 28, 1949, created the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.
- In 1993, the Defense Ministry of India amalgamated all relevant welfare funds, including funds for war victims, the Kendriya Sainik Board Fund, the ex-welfare servicemen's fund, and other units, to establish the Armed Forces Flag Day fund.

## ❖ **Diwali Stamp-Power of One Awards**

- Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker have been honoured with this year's annual 'Diwali- Power of One' award here for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world.
- The award, which is also known as the 'Oscars of Diplomacy', is presented to former top diplomats of the United Nations or a member state for their effort to help form a more perfect, peaceful and secure world for all."
- The 2022 award ceremony was co-organised by Diwali Foundation USA and the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and the Permanent Missions of

Chile, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Morocco, Oman and Sri Lanka to the United Nations.

➤ Previous honourees of the award include former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women Lakshmi Puri, former UK Ambassador to the UN Matthew Rycroft, Ukraine's former UN envoy Yuriy Sergeyev and Vietnam's former Permanent Representative to the UN Nguyen Phuong Ngai.

➤ The UN General Assembly recognised the significance of Diwali in its resolution in 2014.

### ❖ **Print and Digital Media Association (PADMA)**

➤ The government has approved the Print and Digital Media Association (PADMA) as a self-regulatory body for publishers of news and current affairs across the country.

➤ The organisation — with 47 digital news publishers on board — will look at grievances related to digital media news content on their platforms.

➤ With this, the Ministry has approved nine self-regulatory bodies since May 2021 under rule 12 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

➤ They include DIGIPUB News India Foundation, Confederation of Online Media (India), and NBF- Professional News Broadcasting Standards Authority, among others.

➤ Self-regulatory bodies will “oversee and ensure adherence by the publisher to the code of ethics; address grievances which have not been resolved by publishers within 15 days; hear appeals filed by the complainant against the decision of publishers etc.

### ❖ **Jeevan Pramaan**

➤ Recently, the Jeevan Pramaan Patra have been disbursed by the Government using the network of Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country.

➤ Jeevan Pramaan is a biometric enabled digital service for pensioners. Pensioners of Central Government, State Government or any other Government organization can take benefit of this facility.

- The scheme was launched on November 10, 2014.
- In order to get this life certificate the individual drawing the pension is required to either personally present oneself before the Pension Disbursing Agency or have the Life Certificate issued by authority where they have served earlier and have it delivered to the disbursing agency.
- Using Jeevan Pramaan, a pensioner can now digitally provide proof of his/her existence to authorities for continuity of pension every year instead of requiring to present himself/herself physically or through a Life Certificate issued by specified authorities.
- The Digital Life Certificate facility is not available to Remarried or Re-employed Pensioners. They are required to submit the Life Certificate the conventional way to their Pension Disbursing Authority.

#### ❖ **India to organize 12th World Hindi conference in Fiji**

- The 12th World Hindi Conference is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Fiji from 15 to 17 February 2023 in Fiji.
- The decision to organize the 12th World Hindi Conference in Fiji was taken at the 11th World Hindi Conference held in Mauritius in 2018.
- The first World Hindi Conference was held in 1975 in Nagpur, India. Since then, 11 such conferences have been organized in different parts of the world.
- The main theme of the Conference is "Hindi: From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence".
- The Website and Logo for the Conference were launched earlier in October 2022 in New Delhi by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar.

#### ❖ **India to Become 8th Largest Advertising Market in 2023**

- According to GroupM's global end-of-year forecast, India is expected to surpass Brazil to become the eighth-largest advertising market in 2023. /

➤ In 'This Year, Next Year 2022', GroupM has ranked India as the ninth-largest advertising market globally.

➤ According to the report, India's total advertising revenue in 2022 has grown by 15.8 per cent to touch \$14.9 billion, led by growth in pure-play digital advertising. In 2023, it is expected to increase by 16.8 per cent.

#### ❖ **4 Indian women's in the list of 100 Most Influential Women's: BBC report**

➤ The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has published the list of 100 most influential women in the world and has included women from several areas such as politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature.

➤ The BBC's 100 most influential women's list also includes four Indians: Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, and social worker Sneha Jawale.

#### ❖ **SIPRI: HAL and BEL in the top 100 defence companies list**

➤ The government's Make-in-India push in indigenous defence production seems to be bearing positive results as the two Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), have improved upon their previous rankings among the arms producing companies of the world.

➤ HAL ranked at 42nd as BEL bagged the 63rd place with a total evaluation of \$5.1 Billion in 2021. They were ranked 43 and 69 in 2020.

➤ India is the world's second-biggest importer of weapons after Saudi Arabia and is also the world's third-biggest spender on defence after the US and China.

#### ❖ **IIT Madras researchers develop Ocean Wave Energy Converter**

➤ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' that can generate electricity from sea waves.

➤ The system, dubbed Sindhuja-I, was deployed by the researchers about six kilometres from the coast of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, where the sea has a depth of about 20 metres.

➤ Sindhuja-I can currently produce 100 watts of energy. It will be scaled up to produce one megawatt of energy in the next three years.

➤ The Sindhuja-I system consists of a floating buoy, a spar and an electrical module.

### ❖ **Hrishikesh Kanitkar appointed Indian women's team batting coach**

➤ Former India cricketer Hrishikesh Kanitkar has been appointed the batting coach of the women's cricket team.

➤ The top-order batter Kanitkar, who represented India in 2 Tests and 34 one-dayers has a significant experience in coaching.

➤ He has previously coached Goa and Tamil Nadu Ranji teams and was also part of the VVS Laxman-led coaching staff in the recently concluded men's white-ball series in New Zealand.

➤ Kanitkar was also the coach of the U-19 cricket team which earlier this year won the World Cup.

➤ On the other hand, former head coach of the women's team Ramesh Powar will now join Laxman at the National Cricket Academy as part of the restructuring module of the BCCI.

### ❖ **Shafali Verma named India's captain for U19 Women's T20 World Cup**

➤ Shafali Verma, a veteran of two Tests, 21 ODIs and 46 T20Is will lead a 15-member Indian squad in the inaugural Women's Under-19 World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in South Africa from January 14 to January 29.

➤ The Haryana-based cricketer Shafali Verma has played 46 T20Is, 21 ODIs, and two Tests.

➤ Along with Shafali, explosive wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh has also been included in the team. Richa has played 17 ODIs and 25 T20Is in her senior career.

➤ The ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup featuring 16 teams will take place in South Africa. India is placed in Group D alongside South Africa, UAE and Scotland.

## ❖ Noted economist Y.K. Alagh passes away

- Former Union minister and eminent economist Yoginder K Alagh has passed away at the age of 86.
- Alagh was also an emeritus professor at the Ahmedabad-based Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research.
- He had a doctorate degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.
- Alagh was a Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat.
- From 1996-98, Alagh served as the minister of power, planning, and programme implementation in the Government of India.
- He was also a member of the Planning Commission.

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<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Prize</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 5<sup>TH</sup> Prize</b>	<b>500</b>

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