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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

12th & 13th Dec 2022

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❖ 'Miracles of Face Yoga'

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❖ International Universal Health Coverage Day

➤ International Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually on 12th December. The day is marked to promote the importance of building robust, resilient, world-class healthcare systems globally.

➤ According to the UN, this year's theme, "Build the world we want: A healthy future for all," emphasises the importance of equity, trust, healthy surroundings, investments, and accountability in order to build strong health systems.

➤ The United Nations declared December 12th as International Universal Health Coverage Day in 2017.

❖ Unicef Day:

➤ Every year UNICEF Day is celebrated on December 11.

➤ The word UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and the purpose served by the organisation is to save children's lives by providing them with humanitarian aid across the world.

➤ The fund for UNICEF was generated after World War II and then became a permanent organisation in 1953.

➤ The theme to celebrate UNICEF Day 2022 is 'One team for child rights'.

❖ **Ittira Davis appointed as MD & CEO of Ujjivan SFB**

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the reappointment of Ittira Davis as its managing director and chief executive officer for a period of two years.
- Davis has been associated with Ujjivan since March 2015. He has over 40 years of work experience in India, the Middle East, and Europe.
- Prior to Ujjivan, Davis was the managing director of the Europe Arab Bank, London. He has also held leadership positions with Arab Bank plc, Bahrain, and Citibank, India.
- Ujjivan SFB Headquarters: Bengaluru.

❖ **Shaji KV became the new chairman of NABARD**

- Shaji K V has become the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- NABARD is a development bank focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country.
- It is a statutory body established in 1982 under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.

❖ **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu takes oath as Himachal Pradesh CM**

- Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu took oath as the 15th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh along with Mukesh Agnihotri who will be his deputy.
- Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath to both.
- He is the former Himachal Pradesh Congress chief and a four-term legislator.
- The Congress won the state of Himachal with 40 of 68 seats while the BJP claimed win in 25 constituencies.

❖ **Indian-origin Krishna Vavilala receives US President's Lifetime Achievement Award**

- US President Joe Biden has recognised Indian-American and a long time Houstonian, Krishna Vavilala, with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award.

- The Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Awards, led by AmeriCorps, is an annual event held to honour citizens, who exhibit outstanding character, worth ethic, and dedication to their communities.
- 86 years old Krishna Vavilala is from Andhra Pradesh and migrated to the United States.
- He is a retired Electrical Engineer and is the founder and Chairman of the Foundation for India Studies (FIS).
- It is a non-profit organisation, whose Indo-American Oral History Project" won the 2019 Mary Fay Barnes Award for Excellence.

❖ **Mopa International Airport renamed**

- The newly-inaugurated Mopa International Airport in Goa has been named after former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the airport in November 2016.
- Developed at a cost of around Rs 2,870 crore, the airport is built on the theme of sustainable infrastructure.
- The new international airport is located in the Northern part of Goa, about 35 km away from Panaji, the capital city of Goa.

❖ **Jammu and Kashmir on top in making Ayushman Bharat health card**

- The Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory was on Saturday awarded first prize for generating highest number of Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) Identity Cards (IDs).
- Ayushman Bharat Health Account Address is a unique identifier (self-declared username) that enables you to share and access your health records digitally.
- Jammu and Kashmir has also awarded second prize for the highest number of Teleconsultations at UHC Day.
- The award was presented by Union Health & FW Minister Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

❖ Kerala seed farm declared as first carbon neutral farm in the country

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has declared a seed farm, located in Aluva, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country.
- The total amount of carbon emission from the farm, located at Thuruthu in Aluva, in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 ton.
- The state aims to achieve 40 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy sources by 2025.
- Pinarayi Vijayan said the government has also plans to set up model carbon-neutral farms in all the 140 assembly constituencies in the state.

❖ 39th Edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol

- The 39th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette participated in the pre-deployment briefing at Belawan, Indonesia.
- The CORPAT will be executed along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) from 15 to 16 December 2022 and will conclude with a debrief at Port Blair.
- The 39th edition of IND-INDO CORPAT seeks to bolster the maritime cooperation between the two navies and forge strong bonds of friendship between India and Indonesia.
- India and Indonesia have been carrying out CORPATs twice a year since 2002.

❖ Hurun Global 500 rankings: India ranked 5th in the list of valuable companies

- India, with 20 of the most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the fifth position among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms.
- Last year, it ranked ninth with eight companies. The US continued to top the charts, according to the 2022 Hurun Global 500 list. The list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world.

- Of the 20 Indian companies featuring on the list this year, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.
- With a \$202-billion valuation, Reliance Industries (RIL) topped the charts of Indian companies, while it ranked 34th in the world. It was followed by Tata Consultancy Services (\$139 billion) and HDFC Bank (\$97 billion).
- Globally, Apple retained the title of the most valuable company in the world with a market cap of \$2.4 trillion and Microsoft came second (\$1.8 trillion), while Alphabet, the parent company of Google, displaced Amazon to take the third place.
- China came in second with 35 companies, followed by Japan (28) and the UK (21). India and Canada moved up to the fifth place with 20 companies each, adding eight and three companies, respectively, overtaking France and Germany.

❖ **U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity, COP 15 Commences in Canada**

- The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, also called as Conference of Parties (COP-15) commenced in Montreal, Canada on 7 December 2022.
- The two-weeklong conference (7-19 December 2022) was originally scheduled to be held in Kunming, China in October but was shifted to Montreal, Canada due to covid situation in China.
- This is the second part of the COP15. The first part was hosted by China on 18 August 2021 virtually and the second part was to be held in a face to face conference but it has been shifted from China to Canada.
- The Biological diversity conference focuses on nature. It is different from the UNFCCC(United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change) organised Conference of Parties(CoP) which focuses on the problem of global warming and climate change due to emission of greenhouse gasses.

❖ **Three Himalayan medicinal plants included in IUCN Red List**

- Three medicinal plant species found in the Himalayas have made it to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

- mesotropis pelita have been assessed as 'critically endangered', fritillaria cirrhosa as 'vulnerable', and Dactylorhiza hatagiria as 'endangered'.
- mesotropis pelita Commonly known as Patwa, is a perennial shrub with restricted distribution that is endemic to Uttarakhand.
- The species is listed as 'critically endangered' based on its limited area of occupancy (less than 10 sq. km).
- Fritillaria cirrhosa (Himalayan fritillary) is a perennial bulbous herb.
- The third listed species, Dactylorhiza hatagirea (Salampanja), is threatened by habitat loss, livestock grazing, deforestation, and climate change.
- It is extensively used in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and other alternative systems of medicine to cure dysentery, gastritis, chronic fever, cough and stomach aches.

❖ **World Athlete of the Year 2022**

- World champion American hurdler Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis won the World Athlete of the year awards.
- World Athletics also named Adriana Vilagoš of Serbia and American Erriyon Knighton their Rising Star of the Year winners.

❖ **34th King's Cup Regatta**

- Indian sailor Anandi Nandan Chandavarkar claimed the gold medal at the 34th King's Cup Regatta in the Overall Open Skiff category.
- Three participants represented India at the Kings Cup in Phuket.
- While Anandi bagged the gold, Luv Sakpal was ranked fifth overall, and Armaan Malhotra was ranked 12th.
- Anandi has trained under coach Dipesh Nerpagare and was mentored by Amish Ved.

➤ The inaugural Phuket King's Cup Regatta was founded in 1987 by Royal Varuna sailors including Commodore Chris King, Dr Rachot Kanjanavanit, Al Chandler, Adolph Knees and others.

❖ Veteran Lavani Singer Sulochana Chavan passes away

➤ Renowned Marathi Lavani singer Sulochana Chavan has died at the age of 92 in Mumbai due to age-related ailments.

➤ Sulochana Chavan, 92, was a Padma Shri recipient.

➤ Known as 'Lavani Samradnyi' (Queen of Lavani), Sulochana Chavan was one of the most well-known singers in this traditional Maharashtrian musical genre closely associated with the folk theatre form Tamasha.

➤ She was honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award, instituted by the Government of Maharashtra, in 2010. She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2012.

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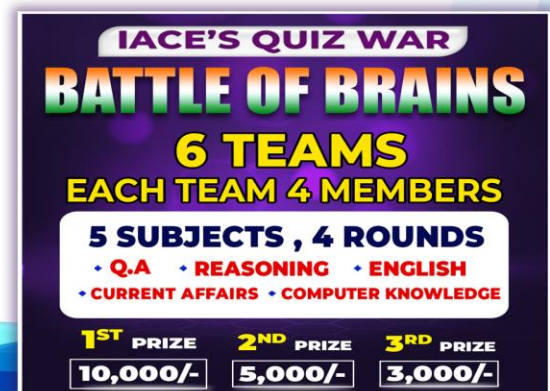
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