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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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❖ WHO appoints Jeremy Farrar as Chief Scientist

- The World Health Organization has named Jeremy Farrar as its new Chief Scientist.
- He replaces Soumya Swaminathan, who was the UN health agency's first appointee to the job, just ahead of the pandemic.
- Farrar is Director of the Wellcome Trust, and will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023.
- Before joining Wellcome in 2013, Farrar, a clinician scientist, spent 17 years as Director of the Clinical Research Unit at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Vietnam where his research interests were in global health with a focus on emerging infectious diseases.

❖ Dr. PC Rath elected as President of Cardiological Society of India

- Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, Dr PC Rath, was formally elected president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-24, in an annual meeting held in Chennai.
- The CSI is a national body of cardiologists within India and those settled abroad. It has more than 5,000 members and was formed in 1948 under the stewardship of Bharat Ratna Dr Vidhan Shankar Roy, who served as the first president of the society.

❖ Venkaiah Naidu receives SIES award for public leadership

- Former vice president Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES).
- The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields.
- The SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai.

❖ **CJI Inaugurates Digitisation Hubs in 10 districts of Odisha**

- Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs (DCDH) in Odisha
- With this inauguration, a total of 15 DCDHs have now become functional in the state, with each catering to a neighbouring district, thus covering all 30 district courts.
- The hubs at Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Sonepur, will take care of digitisation work of all 30 districts of the state.
- Orissa High Court, with its digitisation initiatives, is now a “role model” for all other high courts of the country. Very soon, the Orissa High Court would be mentoring the entire judiciary of the nation in the field of digitisation.

❖ **Tramjatra (tram’s journey)**

- The Tramjatra is a travelling carnival to celebrate 150 years of Kolkata’s iconic tram.
- It seeks to educate the younger generation about climate change, air pollution and sustainable development.
- It will also call upon the West Bengal government to preserve the historic mode of transport.
- It is a moving tram carnival that was started back in 1996 jointly by enthusiasts from Melbourne and Kolkata.
- At the time, Kolkata, the only Indian city where the tram still runs, was home to about two dozen routes. Today, the number of routes that remain operational has shrunk to just two.
- The theme of the 2023 Tramjatra will be Heritage, Clean Air and Green Mobility.

❖ **Tamil Nadu: 1st in providing medical consultation through Telecommunication**

- Tamil Nadu has become the first in India by providing medical advice to 22 lakh 58 thousand 739 people through health centers operating in Tamil Nadu.

- The welfare for all scheme is currently in force to ensure quality and free healthcare to all people in the country.
- The objective of this project is to provide medical advice through telecommunication devices.

❖ **Bosnia gets 'candidate status' to join the European Union**

- European affairs ministers from the 27 EU nations has agreed to endorse a recommendation from the bloc's executive arm to grant Bosnia candidate member status.
- The step is expected to be signed off formally by EU leaders at a summit in Brussels.
- Bosnia will join seven other nations with candidate status: Turkey, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Moldova and Ukraine.
- Ukraine and Moldova were the most recent countries to be made candidates when they were given the status in June, four months after Russia unleashed its war on Kyiv.
- Kosovo has announced its intention to apply for membership before the end of the year.

❖ **8th India International Science Festival to be held in Bhopal**

- The eighth edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in Bhopal next month to celebrate the country's achievements in the field of science, technology and innovation.
- India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022 will be held at the capital city of India's heart-Bhopal from 21-24 January 2023.
- It is one of the first major events to be held after India took over G-20 Presidency.
- IISF is the initiative of the Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Science of Government of India in association with Vijnana Bharati which is a science movement with swadeshi spirit led by eminent scientists of the country.
- The IISF 2022 is the eighth edition since its inception in 2015.

➤ The first and second IISF were held in New Delhi, the third in Chennai, the fourth one in Lucknow, fifth in Kolkata, sixth through virtual mode and the last one IISF was held in Goa which witnessed a footfall from over 5 lakh people worldwide.

❖ 2022 WTA Player of the Year

➤ Polish Tennis player Iga Swiatek has been honoured with the 2022 WTA Player of the Year award for the first time for her achievements in 2022.

➤ She is currently ranked World No.1

➤ She has won a total of 67 matches in the 2022 season.

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6 TEAMS

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5,000/-

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