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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

18th & 19th Dec 2022

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❖ **Goa's Liberation Day**

- Goa Liberation Day is observed on 19 December every year in India and it marks the day Indian armed forces freed Goa in 1961 following 450 years of Portuguese rule.
- The Portuguese colonised several parts of India in 1510 but by the end of the 19th-century Portuguese colonies in India were limited to Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Anjediva Island.
- On August 15, 1947, when India gained its Independence, Goa was still under the Portuguese rule.
- The 36-hour military operation, conducted from December 18, 1961, was code-named 'Operation Vijay' meaning 'Operation Victory,' and involved attacks by the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Army.

❖ **International Migrants Day**

- The International Migrants Day is observed globally on 18 December every year. The day is marked by the United Nations, through the UN-related agency International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- The theme for this year is "Integrating migrants into primary health care".
- On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly acquired a resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, to recognize the contributions made by millions of migrants to the economies of their host and home countries promotes respect for their basic human rights.
- The day was firstly observed in 1990.

➤ International Organization for Migration (IOM) Headquarters: Grand-Saconnex, Switzerland, Founded: 6 December 1951, Director General: António Vitorino.

❖ National Minorities Rights Day

➤ Every year, December 18 is observed as the Minorities Rights Day to uphold the right to freedom and equal opportunities for the ethnic minorities in India and create awareness about the respect and dignity of the minorities. India has faced many obstacles since the British Rule regarding basic human rights.

➤ 18 December was declared as the Minorities Rights Day back in 1992 by the United Nations. The NCM was established by the Union Government under the National Commission for Minorities Act, in 1992.

➤ The theme for Minorities Rights Day 2022 is centred around “All in 4 Minority Rights” as part of the commemoration of the 30-year anniversary of the UN Declaration being adopted.

❖ Cindy Hook named as CEO of 2032 Olympic organising committee

➤ The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committee has named American executive Cindy Hook as its first CEO.

➤ Brisbane was chosen as the host city for the 2032 Olympic Games. The Summer Olympics were twice held in Australia, in Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000.

❖ India declares candidature for next tenure at UN Security Council

➤ India has declared its candidature for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the 2028-29 term.

➤ India on December 1 assumed the monthly rotating Presidency of the Security Council, the second time after August 2021 that India is presiding over the Council during its two-year tenure as an elected UNSC member.

➤ The previous eight terms that India has been in the Council are 1950-1951, 1967-1968, 1972-1973, 1977-1978, 1984-1985, 1991-1992 and 2011-2012.

➤ UNSC rules of procedure say that the Council presidency rotates between each of the 15 members of the UNSC in alphabetical order.

❖ **GI Tags**

➤ The Assam's Gamosa, the Telangana's Tandur Redgram, and Ladakh's Raktsey Karpo apricot variety are just a few of the items that have received the Geographical Indications (GI) label from the government.

➤ The overall number of GI has reached 432.

➤ Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala are the top five states with the greatest number of GIs,

➤ A GI is primarily a produced product (handicrafts and industrial goods), an agricultural product, or a natural product that comes from a specific geographic region. Such a name typically carries a guarantee of quality and originality, which is mostly attributed to the location of its origin.

❖ **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) renamed as PM VIKAS Scheme**

➤ The Minister of Minority Affairs has informed that the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) has now been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme.

➤ The integrated scheme converges five erstwhile schemes of the Ministry viz. Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil. The scheme has been approved by the Cabinet for the period of 15th Finance Commission.

➤ PM VIKAS aims to improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship.

❖ **"Arunodoi 2.0 scheme"**

➤ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated 'Arunodoi 2.0 scheme' .

- This scheme aims to help 17 lakh women in Assam.
- Under this scheme, women will receive Rs 1,250 in their bank account every month.
- One of 18 flagship schemes of the Government of Assam in operation, Arunodoi was launched on December 1, 2020. The amount is usually transferred to the bank account of each beneficiary by the 10th of every month.
- The total financial outlay of Rs 4,142 crore per annum for Arunodoi.

❖ **Mette Frederiksen re-elected as the Prime Minister of Denmark**

- Mette Frederiksen has been re – elected as the Prime Minister of Denmark.
- She is the Danish Politician who has been prime Minister of Denmark since June 2019.
- She is also the youngest Prime minister in Danish history.
- Denmark is the scandivian country comprising the jutland peninsula and numerous Island.

❖ **FIFA World Cup 2022**

- Argentina defeated France by 4-2 in penalty shootout after the match drawn 3-3 in the normal time. Previously, it has won world cup in 1986.
- France Kylien Mbappe (8 Goals) won Golden Boot by out scoring Messi, who scored 7 goals in FIFA World Cup 2022.
- The Golden Boot, is awarded to the World Cup's top goal scorer.
- Miroslav Klose, a fellow German who scored 16 goals in four seasons, owns the record for the most goals scored in FIFA World Cups (2002, 2006, 2010, 2014).
- Former Brazilian striker Ronaldo, who has 15 goals to his credit, is Klose's closest rival.
- The record for most goals scored by a male player in international football belongs to Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal).
- FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), the worldwide governing organization of football, was established in 1904 and organized the competition.

- Brazil (in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, and 2002) has won five tournaments, followed by Italy with four and Germany with three. The inaugural FIFA World Cup winners, Uruguay.
- The total prize money for the FIFA World Cup 2022 final in 2022 is \$72 million. The winners would receive a massive prize money of USD 42 million. The Runner Up will get \$30 million.
- France won the FIFA World Cup 2018.
- Lionel Messi of Argentina wins the Golden Ball 2022 FIFA World Cup. The Golden Ball is presented to the player who has performed the best overall.
- Argentina's Emiliano Martinez won the golden glove for the best goalkeeper at the FIFA World Cup 2022.

❖ **Iga Swiatek, Rafael Nadal crowned ITF World Champions 2022**

- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has announced that Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek have been named 2022 ITF World Champions, following impressive seasons in which both players won two Grand Slam singles titles.
- Nadal and Swiatek are among 11 players who have been announced as ITF World Champions this week. In the doubles category, Rajeev Ram of USA and Great Britain's Joe Salisbury are first-time winners of the ITF Men's Doubles World Champion award, while the Czech pair of Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova win the ITF Women's Doubles World Champion award for the third time.
- At junior level, two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up Gilles Arnaud Bailly of Belgium has been rewarded for a season of consistent performances, while Roland Garros girls' singles champion Lucie
- Havlickova of Czech Republic was crowned as ITF Girls World Champion.
- As ITF Women's World Champion, Swiatek becomes the first Polish singles player to win the award – and just the second Polish player to do so in any category, after 2017 ITF Men's Doubles World Champion Lukasz Kubot.

➤ Diede de Groot is named ITF Women's Wheelchair World Champion for the fourth consecutive year.

❖ **Neeraj Chopra, most written-about athlete in 2022**

➤ Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been written most number of times in various articles in the year 2022, who has displaced Jamaican sprint legend Usain Bolt from the top of the list after years.

➤ Neeraj Chopra, the Tokyo Olympics men's javelin champion, led the way with 812 articles ahead of the Jamaican women's sprint trio of Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah (751 articles), 100m world champion Shelley-Ann Fraser-Pryce (698 articles) and 200m world champion Shericka Jackson (679 articles).

➤ The data collated by media analysis company Unicepta was cited by World Athletics, the global governing body for athletics.

➤ Neeraj Chopra had a very successful 2022. He won the silver medal at the World Athletic Championships 2022 in Eugene, Oregon, becoming only the second Indian to win a worlds medal after Anju Bobby George's bronze in the women's long jump in 2003.

➤ Neeraj Chopra also became the first athlete from India to win the Diamond League final this year.

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