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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

25th & 26th Dec 2022

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❖ Good Governance Day

- Good Governance Day is observed every year, in honour of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee's birthday, India observes "Good Governance Day".
- The day is devoted to former prime minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2014 announced that "Good Governance Day" will be observed annually on December 25 in memory of the former PM.
- The "Bharat Ratna" award was given to him on March 27, 2015.

❖ Veer Bal Diwas

- Prime Minister of India had recently announced that 26th December will be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas', to mark the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons.
- On December 26, 1707, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh attained martyrdom when they were executed on the orders of Aurangzeb.
- Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru.
- He became the Sikh guru at the age of nine, following the demise of his father, Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru.
- Also known for his significant contributions to the Sikh religion, including the introduction of the turban to cover hair.
- He is renowned for founding the principles of Khalsa or the Five 'K's i.e kesh (uncut hair), kanga (wooden comb), kara (iron or steel bracelet), kirpan (dagger) and kachera (short breeches).
- He fought against the Mughals later in the battle of Muktsar in 1705.

➤ Guru Gobind Singh was killed by a Mughal assassin in 1708, a year after the death of Aurangzeb.

❖ **Shamsher Singh appointment as the new MD, CEO of company.**

➤ State Bank of India: SBI Funds Management has appointed Shamsher Singh as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.

➤ SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara , Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 July 1955.

❖ **VinFuture Special Prize 2022**

➤ Professor Thalappil Pradeep, Indian Scientist, India Institute of Technology, Madras received VinFuture special Prize on 20th December 2022 in Hanoi.

➤ Prof Thalappil Pradeep was awarded for the innovation of a low-cost filtration system to remove arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater.

➤ Thalappil Pradeep is an Indian scientist and professor of chemistry in the Department of Chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. He has received the Padma Shri award in 2020 for his distinguished contribution to the field of science and technology.

➤ He received the Nikkei Asia Prize in 2020, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Prize in 2018, and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in 2008.

➤ The VinFuture Prize 2022 was held in Hanoi.

❖ **RBI Emerges As The Largest Gold Buyer across globe.**

➤ With 132.34 metric tonnes (MT) of gold purchase, RBI emerged as the largest buyer of the yellow metal among central banks between April 2020 and September 2022.

➤ Also, RBI was the top gold buyer among its peers in 2020 while it stood third in 2021.

➤ In 2020, it bought 41.68 MT of gold while in 2021 and 2022 (till September end) it bought 77.5 MT and 31.25 MT respectively.

❖ 'Bomb Cyclone' Winter Storm hits US.

- Bomb Cyclone: Bomb Cyclone has thrashed US and Canada with extreme climate. The bomb cyclone occurred due to a low temperature of -40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Bomb Cyclone is created when the air of different masses whether cold or dry comes together. The warm air rises and makes a cloud system which lowers the air pressure.
- These cloud system forms storms and circulates counter clockwise in the low-pressure area. A bomb Cyclone is a mid-latitude storm in which the central pressure drops fast at one millibar per hour for 24 hours.
- During the Bomb Cyclone, within a few hours, the temperature may drop by more than 11 degrees Celsius. The air pressure is predicted to drop from 1003 millibars to 968 millibars.

❖ 28th Kolkata International Film Festival.

- Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura (The Golden Wings of Water cocks) of Bangladesh and Upon Entry of Spain won the Best Film Award at the 28th Kolkata International Film Festival.
- Upon Entry is a film from Spain which is a story about the unexpected interrogation of a couple from Barcelona that has to go through after landing in New York with pre-approved immigration visas.
- Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura is a Bangladeshi Film that revolves around the journey of a peasant who is affected by the fury of nature.
- The best film at the International Film Festival gets the Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award and prize money of ₹51 lakh.
- The Special Jury award in the Indian Language film category was conferred on Chhaad (the Terrace), the debut film of Indrani Chakraborty.

❖ 10th Edition of North East Festival Begins

- The 10th Edition of the North East Festival began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

- The festival aims to promote the North East region's diverse life, culture, traditions, and tourism. Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the MSME Exhibition at the North East Festival.
- The last two editions were held in Guwahati in a hybrid model due to rising Covid in the national capital.
- Since its inception in 2013, this festival has contributed a lot in promoting tourism in the North Eastern states.

❖ **BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award.**

- Beth Mead has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at Euro 2022.
- Beth Mead defeated Germany in the finals at Wembley to win England's first major women's football trophy. The 27-year-old competed against Ben Stokes and Ronnie O'Sullivan for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 award.

❖ **FIFA 2022 World rankings**

- FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association): FIFA has officially announced the 2022 world rankings, and Brazil hold on to their No. 1 spot and 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked 2nd.
- Morocco has improved from 22nd to 11th in the FIFA world ranking, following their achievements at the 2022 FIFA Global Cup.
- Japan also moved up four spots to 20th, while the USA and Switzerland each moved up three spots with the Americans ranked 13th in the world and Switzerland in 12th.
- India is ranked 106th.

❖ **Forbe's: highest-paid female athletes in the world**

- India's badminton star PV Sindhu is the only Indian player in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world.

➤ Sindhu, the 2016 Tokyo Olympics silver medalist, is ranked 12th in the list, which is topped by Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka.

➤ The 27-year-old Sindhu, who won the singles gold and doubles silver at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham earlier this year, earned \$7 million out of her total earnings of \$7.1 million.

➤ For the third year in a row, Osaka topped Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. The list is once again dominated by tennis players.

❖ Junior International Badminton Championship title

➤ Arunachal Pradesh's 7-year-old Geto Sora has won the Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship title in the below 9 years category.

➤ He won the Championship title after beating Malaysian Jaryl Teh in the final played at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on 23 December 2022.

➤ The Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship was held in Kuala Lumpur from 19-23 December 2022.

➤ In November 2022, the 7-year-old Sora had won the U-9 boys singles titles in the BTY-Yonex-Singha Championship, which was held at the Banthongyord Badminton School in Bangkok, Thailand.

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