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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022**

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## ❖ International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.

- International Day of Epidemic Preparedness on December 27 serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics.
- In its 75th session and 36th plenary meeting on December 7, 2020, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution which declared December 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.
- The decision is part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## ❖ Santosh Kumar Yadav appointed as chairman of NHAI

- Senior bureaucrats Santosh Kumar Yadav has appointed as chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- Yadav, a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, is currently additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- Subhasish Panda, a 1997-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as Delhi Development Authority (DDA) vice chairman.

## ❖ Ganji Kamala V Rao Appointed as CEO at FSSAI.

- Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI stands for Food Safety and Standard Authority of India. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of health and family welfare, the Government of India.
- The FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, of 2006.

### ❖ **Anil Kumar Lahoti named as next railway board chairman and CEO.**

- Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board.
- He will be taking over the chairmanship from Vinay Kumar Tripathi on January 1.

### ❖ **Cyclist Swasti Singh gets Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022**

- International cyclist Swasti Singh has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022.
- The award is instituted by IMFA's charitable wing, IMPaCT.
- Swasti received a cash award of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar function held in Bhubaneswar.
- Mercurial cyclist Swasti has bagged two gold and as many silver medals at the national level.
- The award is given every year to encourage young sports talents.
- Ekalabya Puraskar, instituted by IMPaCT in the year 1993, has come a long way to be recognized as the most prestigious sports award of Odisha, drawing parallels with many national awards.

### ❖ **Kerala's Dharmadam becomes first complete library constituency in India**

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency has achieved a new record recently. It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards.
- CM Vijayan's constituency Dharmadam has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India.
- In his Facebook post, the chief minister Vijayan said that out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards.
- Kerala which was the first state to achieve 100% literacy status in India is also perhaps the only state in India that has a library in every village.

➤ Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker of Kerala is also known as the Father of the Library Movement in India.

### ❖ **UP's Bulandshahr district jail gets FSSAI 5-star rating**

➤ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has given Eat Right Campus and Five Star ratings to the food being served in Bulandshahr Jail in Uttar Pradesh.

➤ In this jail, food is cooked for the prisoners in the state-of-the-art kitchen for the prisoners.

➤ The FSSAI team had investigated the quality of food and the hygiene of the kitchen in Bulandshahr Jail. Bulandshahr Jail is the second jail in Uttar Pradesh to get this honour.

➤ Earlier, District Jail Farrukhabad has also got this certificate.

### ❖ **Pralay Ballistic Missiles : India's First Tactical Quasi-Ballistic Missile**

➤ The decision by the Defence Ministry to procure indigenous short-range ballistic surface-to-surface (SRBM) missile Pralay, a conventional weapon that has become ready for induction in just seven years, gives Indian military the heft to its war-fighting capabilities.

➤ The missile will be India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile and will give the armed forces the capability to hit enemy positions and key installations in actual battlefield areas.

➤ Pralay, along with the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, will form the crux of India's planned Rocket Force — a concept that was envisaged by former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), the late General Bipin Rawat.

### ❖ **Maoist chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' becomes Nepal's new PM**

➤ CPN-Maoist Centre chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' appointed as the new Prime Minister of Nepal for the third time.

➤ Pushpa Kamal Dahal will replace Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress party as the Prime Minister.

➤ President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Prachanda as the prime minister as per Article 76 (2) of the constitution.

- Nepali Congress is the largest party with 89 seats in the House of Representatives.
- The Federal Parliament of Nepal is called Sanghiya Sansad. It is a bicameral house.

### ❖ **Garuda Aerospace:1st Drone Company ever to get double certification by DGCA for 'Kisan Drones'**

- Drone manufacturer Garuda Aerospace has become India's first drone startup to receive both Type Certification and RTPO approvals by DGCA for their indigenously designed Kisan Drones.
- DGCA Type certification is provided on the basis of the quality check of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process for the UAVs.
- The Type certification was introduced by the government of India in August 2021 under Drone Rules and the historic dual DGCA approval validates the Chennai-based startup's tag of being India's most valuable Drone startup.
- Made in India 'Kisan' drones are specially developed for agricultural purposes such as reducing crop losses, crop health monitoring, yield measurement etc. with latest manufacturing capabilities.
- Garuda Aerospace recently raised its \$30 million Series A at a valuation of \$250 million.
- Former Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has invested in it and is also the brand ambassador of the company.
- MS Dhoni has recently launched a drone named 'Droni'.

### ❖ **International Space Registry named one star after Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

- The star with the coordinates 14 05 25.3 -60 28 51.9 has been registered in the International Space Registry on December 25, 2022.
- The star gets the name Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji. Registration Number - CX16408US.”
- This star is located 392.01 light years away from the Earth and is the closest star to the Sun.
- It is also important to note that the nearest-known star to the Sun already has a name. It is called Proxima Centauri (or Alpha Centauri C).

➤ It is a part of the Alpha Centauri star system. Proxima Centauri, a red dwarf that is about one-eighth of the Sun's size, is located over 4.2 light years away from the Earth.

### ❖ **Losar Festival**

➤ Ladakh celebrates Losar Festival on 24 December to mark the Ladakhi New Year.

➤ Ladakhi New Year is the major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated in winter.

➤ The Losar festivities continue for nine more days from the New Year with the offering of prayers in the name of God and Goddess, dances and songs in honour of Ibex and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash.

➤ Losar Festival is also one of the major attractions for tourists in the winter season, as the festival is largely celebrated with several ritual performances and traditional events of songs and dances.

### ❖ **India's Cuisine Ranked Fifth In the List of Best Cuisines of the World**

➤ Indian cuisine has ranked 5th in TasteAtlas' World's Best Cuisine Awards 2022, receiving 4.54 out of five-star ratings.

➤ The Bulgaria-based food website rated "garam masala, ghee, malai, butter garlic naan, keema and 460 more" the best-rated food in India.

➤ Italian cuisine topped the list of the world's best cuisines, followed by Greek cuisine (2nd), Spanish cuisine (3rd), and Japanese cuisine (4th), respectively.

➤ However, among the world's best 'traditional' dishes, only Shahi Paneer from India made it under the top 50 ranking at the 28th spot.

➤ Shahi Paneer from Delhi's Kake Da Hotel received 4.66 stars out of 5 in TasteAtlas world's best dishes.

➤ The top 5 "Best Traditional Dishes" in the world by TasteAtlas' list 2022 are- Kare (Japan), Picanha (Brazil), Ameijoas a Bulhao Pato (Portugal), Tangbao (China), and Guotie (China), respectively.

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(EVERY MONDAY)  
9:00AM TO 9:30AM

1<sup>ST</sup> Prize

3000

3<sup>RD</sup> Prize

1000

2<sup>ND</sup> Prize

2000

4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> Prize

500

6<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> APPRECIATION PRIZES