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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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**DESCRIPTIVE**

## ❖ Indian scientist honored as one of Europe's top talents in biology

- Dr. Mahima Swamy an Indian scientist has been chosen to join the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) Young Investigator network, recognising her as one of the top talents in biology in Europe.
- Dr. Mahima Swamy, who hails from Bengaluru, is one of the University of Dundee's most revered experts within their School of Life Sciences where she heads a research group that investigates immune responses in the intestine.
- Due to her research, she has been chosen to join the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator network.

## ❖ Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022

- The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards, also known as “,” gave significant recognition to the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M).
- The best programme awards went to the IIT Madras courses, BS Data Science and NPTEL in partnership with IISc Bangalore.
- The institute has been awarded and its BS in Data Science and Applications is awarded the silver in the best online programme category.
- While, the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, run by IIT Madras, won the gold in the lifelong learning category.

## ❖ Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill

- Maharashtra Assembly has passed the Lokayukta Bill 2022, which brings the Chief Minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman.

- Cabinet minister Deepak Kesarkar introduced the bill, which seeks to bring the chief minister and the cabinet under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman.
- The Lokayuktas were set up in several states while Maharashtra was one of the first states to establish an anti-corruption body through an Act in 1971.
- Maharashtra's new bill empowers the Lokayukta to investigate both the chief minister and the council of ministers.
- Maharashtra Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act, 1971, is currently in force in the state and under the existing law, the anti-corruption ombudsman could only recommend action against government officials.
- Under Maharashtra's new bill, bureaucrats will also fall under the Lokayukta's ambit.

#### ❖ **WAPCOS Ranked as Top Consulting Firm by the Asian Development Bank.**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in its report released on annual procurement, ranked Indian-PSU company WAPCOS as top amongst consulting services firms in water and other infrastructure sectors, with the highest sanctioned financed amount.
- In another report on its members' Fact Sheet – 2022 released by the ADB, WAPCOS figured amongst the Top 3 consultants from India involved in consulting services contracts under ADB loan, grant, and technical assistance projects in energy, transport and water, and other urban infrastructure sectors.
- WAPCOS was established by the government of India in 1969 under the aegis of the Ministry of Water Resources to utilize India's knowledge and expertise in the field of water resources by sharing and exporting technology to friendly developing nations.
- In 1979 the name of the Company was changed from "Water and Power Development Consultancy Services (India) Limited" to "Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited."

#### ❖ **1st Bekal International Beach Festival.**

- It is being inaugurated in Kerala. It is a 10 days festival. It showcases the country's rich cultural diversity and magnificence in the majestic Bekal Beach Park.

- Around five lakh people from all over the world enjoy this festival at three places of Chandragiri, Tejaswini and Payaswini.
- The festival reflects a cross-section of culture and the unique identity of the land.
- More than 1,000 international, national and local artists performed at the Beach Festival.

### ❖ **Ramappa Temple**

- President of India lays the Foundation Stone for the Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Ramappa Temple.
- Ramappa Temple, also known as the Rudreshwara temple, is a Kakatiya style Hindu temple dedicated to the god Shiva, located in Telangana.
- The medieval Deccan Ramappa Temple which dates back to 1213 AD, was built by the patronage of the Kakatiya ruler Kakati Ganapathi Deva under the authority of his Chief Commander Rudra Samani.
- The temple got its name Ramappa because of its chief sculptor Ramappa. Ramappa Temple is probably the only temple in India that is named after the architect.
- In 2021, the temple was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as "Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana".

### ❖ **Dhanu Yatra**

- The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh at the Odisha.
- Dhanu Yatra is an annual drama-based open-air theatrical performance celebrated in Bargarh, Odisha.
- It is considered the largest open-air theatre in the world. Spread over five square km, the entire town of Bargarh turns into a stage for the yatra.
- The 'Dhanu Yatra' which marks the victory of good over evil, came into existence in Bargarh in 1947-48 as part of the celebration of the country's Independence and is held annually.

➤ Theme: The plays in the festival start with the dethroning of Emperor Ugrasen of Mathura by angry Kansa over the marriage of his sister Devaki with Vasudev. The festival will conclude with the death of demon king Kansa and restoration of the throne to Ugrasen.

### ❖ **South Africa's Farhaan Behardien Announces Retirement**

- South African batter Farhaan Behardien announced retirement, concluding an 18-year international cricketing career.
- The 39-year old has represented the Proteas in 59 ODIs and has 1074 runs and 14 wickets under his belt.
- Behardien made his first-class debut in 2004.
- The all-rounder was a part of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2012, 2014 and 2016 as well as the Cricket World Cup in 2015.
- He last represented the Proteas in November 2018 in a T20I against Australia in Carrara.

### ❖ **“Archery Asia Cup 2022”**

- Indian archers dominated the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from 20 to 25 December 2022.
- India has topped the medal tally with 10 medals – five golds, three silvers and two bronze.
- Seven of India's 10 medals at the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 were won by compound archers.

### ❖ **Brijesh Damani wins National Billiards Championship**

- Asian Games silver medalist Brijesh Damani clinched his maiden National Billiards Championship in Indore.
- He beat fellow PSPB player Dhruv Sitwala.
- In the quarterfinals, Indian Oil's Brijesh beat B. Bhaskar of Karnataka and reigning World 6Red Champion S. Shrikrishna in the semifinal.
- So far, Brijesh has bagged six international medals, including a silver at the Guangzhou Asian Games in 2010.

**IACE'S UNIQUE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

**IACE'S QUIZ WAR**

**BATTLE OF BRAINS**

**6 TEAMS**

**EACH TEAM 4 MEMBERS**

**5 SUBJECTS , 4 ROUNDS**

- ◆ **Q.A** ◆ **REASONING** ◆ **ENGLISH**
- ◆ **CURRENT AFFAIRS** ◆ **COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE**

**10,000/-**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE**

**5,000/-**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE**

**3,000/-**