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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ❖ International Year of Millets 2023 kicks off in India

- The government of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi spearheaded the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution for declaring the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets and the proposal of India was supported by 72 countries.
- UNGA declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets in March 2021.
- January 2023 is the focused month for the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, and the States of Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, and Rajasthan for conducting events and activities related to the millets year.
- Millet is a common term for categorizing small-seeded grasses that are often called Nutri-cereals.
- Some of them are sorghum (jowar), pearl millet (bajra), finger millet (ragi), little millet (kutki), foxtail millet (kakun), proso millet (cheena), barnyard millet (sawa), and kodo millet (kodon).
- India produces more than 170 lakh tonnes of millet, which is 80 percent of Asia's and 20 percent of global production.

## ❖ Ajay Kumar Srivastava becomes new MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank

- Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been elevated as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank with effect from January 1, 2023 from his current posting as executive director.
- Indian Overseas Bank is one of the public sector banks (PSB) in India.
- Apart from him Government of India has appointed Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliyar, chief general manager at Bank of Baroda as executive director in IOB for a period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after 1 January 2023.

## ❖ **BSE appoints Sundararaman Ramamurthy as MD and CEO**

➤ India's leading stock exchange BSE announced that it has appointed Sundararaman Ramamurthy as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective January 4, 2023.

## ❖ **Dinesh Kumar Shukla appointed as the chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)**

➤ Dinesh Kumar Shukla has assumed the charge as chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

➤ He has been appointed on this post for a period of three years.

➤ The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board was constituted on November 15, 1983, by the President of India by exercising the powers conferred by the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, to carry out certain regulatory and safety functions under the Act.

## ❖ **Indian Science Congress**

➤ Prime Minister will inaugurate inaugural session of the 108th Indian Science Congress through video conferencing on January 3, 2023.

➤ Indian Science Congress, the annual gathering of researchers in the country is organised by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA).

➤ Theme: “Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment.”

➤ The first meeting of the Congress was held from January 15-17, 1914 at the premises of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

➤ Sections covered in ISC: There are fourteen sections which includes Agriculture and Forestry Sciences, Earth System Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Medical Sciences etc.

➤ Established in 1914, ISCA is a professional body under Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology.

➤ ISCA owes its origin to the foresight and initiative of two British Chemists, namely, Professor J. L. Simonsen and Professor P.S. MacMahon.

### ❖ **Prajjwala Challenge**

➤ Recently, the Ministry of Rural Development under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the Prajjwala Challenge

➤ Aim: To invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform the rural economy. This Mission is looking for ideas which are broadly categorised into

a) Focus on Women and the Marginalized section of the community

b) Localised Models

c) Sustainability

d) Cost Effective solutions

e) Multi-sectoral ideas and solutions

➤ Shortlisted ideas will be acknowledged by the Mission and will be provided mentorship support from an expert panel and incubation support to scale up. The top 5 ideas will be rewarded with Rs. 2 Lakh each.

➤ DAY-NRLM is one of the flagship poverty alleviation programs which aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms for the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services.

### ❖ **India assumes chairmanship of Wassenaar Arrangement for one year**

➤ India has assumed the chairmanship of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement on 1 January 2023 for one year.

➤ The 42-member Wassenaar Arrangement is a voluntary export control regime that monitors transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods.

➤ At the 26th annual plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement held in Vienna during November 30-December 1, Ireland's ambassador Eoin O'Leary handed over the chairmanship to India's ambassador Jaideep \*Mazumdar, who is the permanent representative to the UN and international organisations in Vienna.

➤ The WA Plenary is the decision-making and governing body of the Arrangement that operates on consensus. It is composed of representatives of all Participating States who normally meet once a year at Vienna, Austria.

➤ India joined the Wassenaar Arrangement in December 2017 as its 42nd participating state.

### ❖ **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva sworn in as Brazil's president**

➤ The veteran left-wing politician, known widely as Lula, also led the country between 2003 and 2010 and defeated Jair Bolsonaro last October.

➤ Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world area wise after Russia, Canada, China, and the United States.

➤ 60% of the Amazon rainforest which is considered the lung of the earth lies in Brazil.

### ❖ **Croatia adopts euro, enters borderless Europe club on New Year**

➤ Croatia has switched to the euro and entered Europe's passport-free zone – two important milestones for the country after joining the European Union (EU) nearly a decade ago.

➤ The Balkan nation Croatia bid farewell to its kuna currency and became the 20th member of the eurozone.

➤ It is now the 27th nation in the Schengen zone, the world's largest passport-free travel area, which enables more than 400 million people to move freely around its members.

➤ Croatia, a former Yugoslav republic of 3.9 million people that fought a war of independence in the 1990s, joined the EU in 2013.

### ❖ **Satyendra Nath Bose**

➤ The 129th birth anniversary of Satyendra Nath Bose has been celebrated recently

- Satyendra Nath Bose was a Mathematician and physicist from India. Born on January 1, 1894, Bose collaborated with Einstein to develop what we now know as the Bose-Einstein statistics.
- He was appointed to the position of Reader in Physics at the University of Dhaka. It was here that he made his most significant contributions to physics.
- Bose designed equipment for setting up an X-ray crystallography laboratory at the university, and wrote several papers on a range of subjects, such as 'D2 Statistics', and 'Total Reflection of Electromagnetic Waves in the Ionosphere'.
- In 1945, he left Dhaka to return to his alma mater, the University of Calcutta, as the Khaira Professor of Physics. He retired from the University of Calcutta in 1956 and spent a year as the Vice Chancellor at the Viswa-Bharati University.
- Bose was awarded Padma Vibhushan, one of the highest civilian awards in the country, by the Indian government in 1954.
- He served as president of many scientific institutions, which include the Indian Physical Society, National Institute of Science, Indian Science Congress, and the Indian Statistical Institute.
- He also acted as an advisor to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, and later became a Fellow of the Royal Society.

#### ❖ **Koustav Chatterjee becomes India's 78th Grandmaster**

- Nineteen-year-old Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster. He is also the tenth GM from West Bengal.
- GrandMaster is the highest title apart from World Champion awarded to Chess players International Chess Federation FIDE. India's 1st Chess GrandMaster was won by Viswanathan Anand at the age of 14 in 1988.
- FIDE currently awards the title of GM to a player who achieves a 2500 FIDE classical (or 'standard') rating and three GM norms.

- ❖ **Hockey Madhya Pradesh clinches Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's U-18 title**
- In Hockey, Madhya Pradesh defeated Odisha 6-5 to clinch Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 Qualifiers title in Bhubaneswar.
- Haryana claimed third place in the competition with a win against Jharkhand 2-0 in the 3rd and 4th place clash.
- Best Goalkeeper award has been won by Ravi (Haryana).
- With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.

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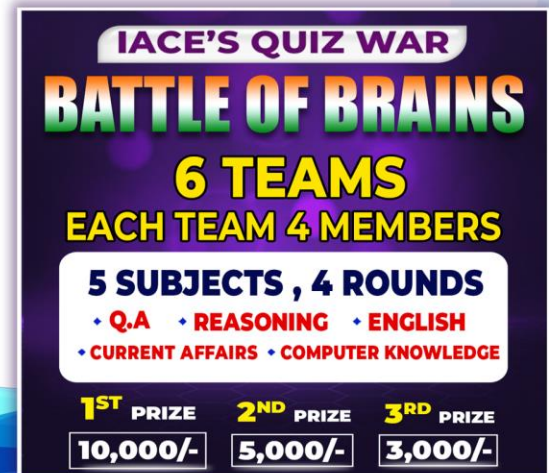


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