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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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❖ “The World: A Family History of Humanity”

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❖ World Braille Day

➤ World Braille Day is observed globally on 4th January since 2019.

➤ The day aims to recognize the right of access to braille by blind people and raise awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.

➤ The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille – for people with visual disabilities.

➤ Louis Braille was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in northern France.

➤ Braille is a tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots to represent each letter and number, and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols.

❖ 205th anniversary of battle of Koregaon Bhima

➤ The 205th anniversary of the Bhima-Koregaon battle was celebrated peacefully near the Ranstambh (victory pillar) in Perne village, Pune district.

➤ The Bhima-Koregaon battle took place on January 1, 1818, between the British East India Company and the army of Peshwa Bajirao II.

➤ For the Dalit community, the Bhima-Koregaon battle gained renewed significance when Babasaheb Ambedkar visited the site on January 1, 1927.

➤ The battle became a rallying point and a source of pride for the community, as the narrative of Ambedkarite Dalits is that a British army comprising 500 Mahar soldiers defeated a 25,000 strong force of upper caste Brahmins (the Peshwas) in the battle.

❖ **DRDO celebrated its 65th foundation day**

➤ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated its 65th foundation day on 1st January 2023.

➤ It is a premier defence research and development agency under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

➤ DRDO's first project for the Indian military was in surface-to-air missiles (SAM) known as Project Indigo.

➤ It aims to make India self-reliant in critical defence technology and systems.

➤ It was set up in 1958. Its Headquarters is in New Delhi and its current Chairman is Samir V Kamat.

❖ **Election Commission appoints Maithili Thakur as Bihar's state icon**

➤ Folk singer Maithili Thakur has been appointed as the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission.

➤ Thakur, trained in Indian classical and folk music, was recently selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of the Sangeet Natak Akademi for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar for 2021.

➤ The singer will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process.

➤ She has displayed her talent in singing folk songs, particularly in three languages—Maithili, Bhojpuri and Hindi.

❖ **Election Commission of India (ECI) launched 'Mission 929' in Tripura**

➤ Election Commission's 'Mission-929' is a mission to take the voting percentage in Tripura to more than 90%.

- It will focus on 929 polling booths across Tripura with a target to increase the voter turnout to 92 percent in the next assembly elections. However the ECI has yet to announce the poll schedule of Tripura.
- EC is also working on 'Mission Zero Poll Violence' to make the assembly elections peaceful.
- The Tripura Legislative Assembly has 60 seats. The election to constitute the 12th Legislative Assembly of Tripura was held on 18 February 2018.
- The 12th legislative assembly term will end on 22 March 2023.

❖ **CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh**

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore on 1 January 2023.
- All the Ministers and Congress MLA will contribute their first salary to the fund.
- The scheme will aim to provide the facility of higher education to needy children and destitute women.
- The Chief Minister said that children living in childcare institutions, all children being benefited under foster care, destitute women living in Nari Seva Sadan, Shakti Sadan and residents of old age homes would be benefited under this scheme.

❖ **Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI)**

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka and inaugurated the residential and administrative complexes of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- This will be the 6th CDTI of the Bureau of Police Research & Development under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in the country.
- The Devanahalli center of CDTI will serve the forensic needs of the neighbouring States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa and the Union Territory of Daman-Diu.

➤ There are five functioning Central Detective Training Institutes (CDTI) in the country under the Bureau of Police Research & Development.

➤ The first CDTI was set up in Calcutta in 1958. Others are at Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Ghaziabad.

❖ **India gets its first IVF mobile unit for animals**

➤ India got its first In vitro fertilization (IVF) mobile unit for animals in Gujarat's Amreli.

➤ The mobile IVF lab was inaugurated by union minister Purushottam Rupala.

➤ The IVF mobile van was "dedicated in a joint venture of the Government of India and Amar Dairy.

➤ Notably, the IVF is a complex series of procedures used to help with fertility and assist with the conception of a child.

➤ It is a sophisticated reproductive technique used in animals to multiply better female germplasm at a faster pace.

❖ **'SMART' program for Ayurveda professionals.**

➤ The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), the two prominent institutions under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India for regulating medical education and conducting scientific research respectively, have launched 'SMART' (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals).

➤ The program aimed to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.

➤ The proposed initiative is conceptualised with an objective to identify, support and promote innovative research ideas in healthcare research areas including Osteoarthritis, Iron Deficiency Anaemia, Chronic Bronchitis, Dyslipidemia, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Obesity, Diabetes Mellitus, Psoriasis, Generalised Anxiety Disorder, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)".

❖ **Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent Sumitra Sen passes away.**

➤ Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent, Sumitra Sen has passed away. She was honoured with the Sangeet Mahasamman award by West Bengal government in 2012.

➤ Rabindra Sangeet also known as Tagore Songs, are songs from the Indian subcontinent written and composed by the Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore, winner of the 1913 Nobel Prize in Literature.

➤ Rabindra Sangeet refers to the 2000 plus songs and poetry of love and devotion composed by Tagore.

➤ Out of these only 730 songs for which the bard had written the notations are currently sung.

➤ These songs are regarded as cultural treasures of Bengal in both West Bengal and the predominantly Muslim Bangladesh.

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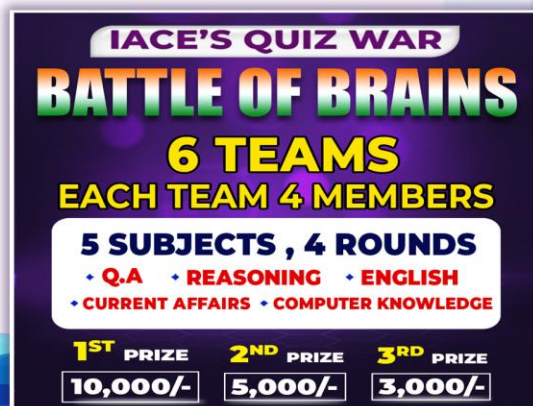


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