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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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❖ **World Hindi Day**

- World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is observed on January 10. The day is observed to promote the language.
- January 10 also marks the anniversary of the language being spoken for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly.
- Vishwa Hindi Diwas is different from Hindi Diwas, which is observed on September 14.
- Vishwa Hindi Diwas was first celebrated in 2006 under the instructions of then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.
- The date of January 10 was chosen as Hindi was spoken for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly on January 10, 1949.
- On January 10, 1975, the first World Hindi Conference officially began. It took place in Nagpur from January 10 to January 12, 1975.

❖ **“Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking”**

- Author: Tamal Bandyopadhyay.

❖ **MS Dhoni Releases Autobiography of Prof. K.K. Abdul Gaffar**

- Techno-educationalist, Professor K.K. Abdul Gaffar's autobiography, 'Njaan Sakshi' (me as the witness), was released by cricket legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

❖ **Paytm Payments Bank appoints Surinder Chawla as the new MD & CEO**

- Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of veteran banker Surinder Chawla as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

- The term for the appointment is three years.
- Chawla will succeed Paytm Payment Bank's last CEO Satish Kumar Gupta who retired in October 2022, with Deependra Singh Rathore serving as the interim CEO.

❖ 'Award for Global Leadership' : CJI Chandrachud

- Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Center in recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in the country and around the world.
- The award will be presented to him at an online event on January 11.
- Chandrachud obtained an LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from the Harvard Law School in the United States.
- The "Award for Global Leadership" is the Centre's highest Professional Honor.
- The past recipients include Ambassador Samantha Power, Former US Permanent Representative to the United Nations and current Director of the Agency for International Development, Brad Smith, Vice Chair of Microsoft, and Kenneth Frazier, former Chair and CEO of Merck.
- Chief Justice Chandrachud, took oath as the Chief Justice of India in November 2022.
- He is an Indian judge who is currently serving as the 50th Chief Justice of India.

❖ Adar Poonawala received Patangrao Kadam Award

- CEO of the vaccine manufacturer Serum Institute of India Adar Poonawalla has been conferred with the Patangrao Kadam award.
- Adar Poonawalla was carrying forward the legacy of his father Dr Cyrus Poonawalla as SII has manufactured 160 vaccines.
- Dr. Patangrao Kadam was a leader who created 190 institutes to provide quality education and created quality human resource.

❖ Kerala becomes first state in India to go fully digital in its banking service

- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan recently declared Kerala as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service.
- Last year in July, Kerala had also become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service.
- Kerala also received three 'Digital India' awards for advancement in the digital sector.

❖ India to Host Virtual Summit of 120 Countries of Global South

- India will host 'The Voice of Global South' Summit on January 12-13. As many as 120 countries will participate in the summit.
- The virtual summit is significant as India currently holds the presidency of the G20 group.
- The 'Voice of Global South Summit' under the theme 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose' envisages bringing together countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform.
- 'Global North' refers loosely to countries like the US, Canada, Europe, Russia, Australia and New Zealand, while 'Global South' includes countries in Asia, Africa and South America. This classification is more accurate as the countries share similarities in terms of wealth, indicators of education and healthcare, etc.

❖ India provides 75 buses to Sri Lanka as part of its 'Neighbourhood First' policy

- India has handed 75 passenger buses to Sri Lanka as part of its assistance towards strengthening public transport infrastructure in the cash-strapped country.
- A total of 500 buses will be supplied to Sri Lanka through Indian assistance.
- As part of its 'Neighbourhood First' policy, India has extended multi-pronged assistance to Sri Lanka to help the country tide over its worst economic and humanitarian crisis since its independence from Great Britain in 1948.
- In May last year, the Sri Lankan government declared a debt default on over \$51 billion in the foreign loan, a first in the country's history.

➤ While in January, India announced a \$900 million loan to Sri Lanka to build up its depleted foreign reserves as the financial crisis began to unfold.

❖ **New British Indian Army Memorial to be built in Scotland**

➤ A new British Indian Army memorial has been approved to be built in the Scottish city of Glasgow to commemorate the sacrifices of millions of Indian soldiers who fought alongside the British during the two world wars.

➤ In this, the contribution of more than 40 lakh Indian soldiers who fought on behalf of Britain in both the world wars will be shown.

➤ Scotland, the local council of Glasgow has approved plans to build a memorial. Glaswegian City Council is now making the final preparations to build the memorial.

➤ This war memorial will be built near an art gallery and museum named 'Kelvingrove'.

➤ The contribution of those Sikh and Muslim soldiers who participated in the Second World War will be specially shown in the memorial.

❖ **'Cherchera' Festival**

➤ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel celebrated the Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

➤ The Cherchera festival of Chhattisgarh is celebrated on the full moon night of the 'Paush' Hindu calendar month.

➤ It is to celebrate the happiness and joy of taking crops to their homes after cultivation.

❖ **Anahat Singh clinches U-15 British Junior Open title**

➤ Indian squash prodigy Anahat Singh clinched the girl's Under-15 squash title at the most prestigious British Junior Open tournament in Birmingham.

➤ The 14-year-old defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt, 3-1 in the final.

➤ The British Junior Open is held in January every year in the UK where all the best players from all over the world compete to win the coveted title. This year it was held after a Covid-induced gap of two years from the 4th to the 8th of January.

➤ Earlier, Anahat won the girls under 11 title in 2019 and became runners-up in 2020 in the girls under 13 categories.

❖ Dutch Tallon Griekspoor wins maiden ATP tour title

➤ Tallon Griekspoor of the Netherlands clinched his maiden ATP Tour title when he beat Frenchman Benjamin Bonzi in a thrilling final at the Tata Open Maharashtra.

➤ The Haarlem-born Griekspoor also became the first player from the Netherlands to win a hard-court title since 2002 US Open semifinalist Sjeng Schalken won in Stockholm in 2001.

➤ Griekspoor (World No. 95) won a thrilling 4-6 7-5 6-3 title against his French opponent in two hours and 16 minutes to clinch the fifth edition of Tata Open Maharashtra title.

➤ Both the players put on a scintillating performance in front of a packed Center Court crowd at the Balewadi Stadium and enthralled the fans with their breathtaking shot-making and tenacity.

❖ Novak Djokovic wins Adelaide International

➤ Novak Djokovic beat unseeded American Sebastian Korda 6-7 (8), 7-6 (3), 6-4 Sunday to win the Adelaide International.

➤ The 21-time Grand Slam winner won the match 6-7 (8-10), 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 in three hours and nine minutes.

➤ Djokovic also equalled Rafael Nadal's tally of 92 ATP singles titles in the Open Era.

➤ The former World No.1 also won his 34th match in a row on Australian soil since the beginning of 2019.

❖ Youth Games 2022

➤ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the mascot, torch and anthem 'Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do...' of the fifth edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2022.

- The name of the Khelo India torch has been given as "Amarkantak". The figure of Maa Narmada has been made on it.
- Madhya Pradesh is hosting the fifth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. In this sports event, to be held from the 30th of January to the 11th of February, six thousand players will show their sports skills in eight different cities for 13 days.
- For the first time, water sports namely Kayaking Canoeing, Canoe Salaam and Fencing will be part of this edition of Khelo India Games.

❖ **Gareth Bale announces retirement from professional football**

- Gareth Bale has announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 33.
- It brings an end to a career that saw Bale excel for Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur, Real Madrid and LAFC, while also establishing himself as one of the greatest players in Welsh football history.
- Bale became Wales' youngest player when he made his debut as a substitute at the age of 16 years and 315 days old against Trinidad & Tobago in May 2006. Having scored 41 goals, he remains their all-time top scorer.
- He captained Wales in their first European Championship in 2016, making the semi-finals, and helped them qualify again for Euro 2020, before reaching the 2022 World Cup for the first time since 1958.

❖ **Sania Mirza announces her retirement from professional Tennis**

- Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza (36-year-old), the former doubles World No. 1, has confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis.
- She has won six Grand Slam doubles titles
- She won her first grand slam in 2009 by winning Australian Open Mixed doubles title with Mahesh Bhupathi. The pair also won the French Open 2012.
- She won her 3rd mixed doubles title at the US Open in 2014 with Brazil's Bruno Soares.

- Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis of Switzerland won 3 women's doubles – Wimbledon 2015, the US Open 2015 and the Australian Open 2016
- Mirza became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title in 2005.
- In 2007, She was ranked among the 30 and also reached her career-high ranking of world number 27(Singles).
- She was ranked India's No 1 in Singles from 2003 till her retirement from Singles in 2013.

❖ **Doyen of Kashmiri literature 'Rehman Rahi' passes away**

- Noted poet, lyricist, academic and Jnanpith awardee, Prof Rahman Rahi passed away. He was 98.
- In 1961, at the age of 36, Rahi was honoured with the Sahitya Akademi award. In 1999, he won the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India, for his contribution to literature.
- In recognition of his contribution to literature, Rahi was in 2007 awarded the Jnanpith award, the country's oldest and highest literary award presented every year to celebrated authors for their outstanding contribution towards literature.
- He was conferred the award for his Kashmiri collection 'Siyah roode jaren manz' (In black vernal showers) published in 2004.

❖ **“Father of laparoscopic surgery”: Dr Tehemton E Udwadia passes Away**

- Padma Awardee Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia, an Indian Surgeon and Gastroenterologist, who was known as the 'father of laparoscopic surgery in India' passed away, at the age of 88.
- He was born on 15th July 1934 in the Bombay Presidency, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India).
- He was the 1st surgeon in India to introduce laparoscopy in surgery in 1972, and the 1st to perform laparoscopic surgery in the developing world in 1990.
- In 2000, Dr Tehemton E Udwadia received the SAGES Millennium Award from the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons.

- In the same year (2000), he was awarded the Dr B. C. Roy Award, the highest Indian award in the field of Medicine, from the Medical Council of India.
- In 2004, he has conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri, India's 4th highest civilian award, in 2006 and Padma Bhushan, India's 3rd-highest civilian award, in 2017, for Medicine.

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