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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

**12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**

**DESCRIPTIVE**

## ❖ National Youth Day

- National Youth Day is celebrated on 12th January every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- National Youth Day is celebrated on 12th January 1984 when the Government of India declared that National Youth Day will be celebrated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- The main purpose of celebrating National Youth Day is to promote the ideals and ideologies of Swami Vivekananda among the youth. To encourage them to embrace the teachings of Swami ji in their life to find the path to enlightenment.
- The theme of National Youth Day 2023 is 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'.

## ❖ Jayen Mehta appointed new CMD of Amul

- RS Sodhi resigned as the Managing Director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which owns the brand Amul.
- Jayenbhai Mehta will succeed RS Sodhi as the new Managing Director of the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF).
- Jayen Mehta will remain the head of Amul brand for an interim period.
- Sodhi was appointed Amul MD in 2010.
- Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) is an Indian dairy state government cooperative society, based in Anand, Gujarat. Formed in 1946, it is a cooperative brand managed by Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF).

## ❖ Anurag Kumar appointed CMD of Electronics Corporation of India Limited.

## ❖ Digital India Awards 2022

➤ e-NAM( National Agriculture Market) , a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi.

➤ The e-Vivechna app (Madhya Pradesh) was awarded the platinum award in digital initiatives at grassroots level.

➤ The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, as Chief Guest of the event, has conferred the Digital India Awards, 2022

➤ e-NAM is a digital platform integrating 1260 APMC mandis across 22 States and 3 UTs to facilitate online trading of 203 agriculture and horticulture commodities to enable farmers to realize better remunerative prices for their produce.

## ❖ 'Naatu Naatu' song from 'RRR' wins Best Original Song award

➤ Director S S Rajamouli's 'RRR' has bagged a trophy for best original song at Golden Globes Awards 2023.

➤ The movie won Golden Globe for Best Original Song, for the track ‘Naatu Naatu’.

➤ The historical epic has also been nominated in the Best Non-English Language Film category at the 80th Golden Globes.

➤ India previously made its presence felt in the Best Original Score category over a decade ago, when AR Rahman won for Danny Boyle’s Slumdog Millionaire.

## ❖ `RRR`, `The Kashmir Files` shortlisted for Oscars 2023

➤ Vivek Agnihotri's film 'The Kashmir Files' has been shortlisted for Oscars 2023.

➤ Actors Anupam Kher, Mithun Chakraborty, Darshan Kumar and Pallavi Joshi are also shortlisted for the best actor category.

➤ Rishabh Shetty's 'Kantara', Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', Paan Nalin's 'The Chello Show' and SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' have also made it to the Oscar shortlist.

➤ Apart from these, Shaunak Sen and Kartiki Gonsalves' documentary 'All That Breathes' 'The Elephant Whispers' is also a part of the list.

➤ This is perhaps the first time India has made it to four Oscar shortlists, the stage before nominations.

### ❖ **Aparna Sen Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award at Jaipur Film Festival**

➤ Actress Aparna Sen was honored with a lifetime achievement award at the opening ceremony of the 15th Edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival.

➤ Aparna Sen debuted in Satyajit Ray's 'Teen Kanya' in 1961.

➤ Aparna Sen is an Indian Film Director, screenwriter, and actress who is known for her works in Bengali cinema.

➤ She has received nine National Film Awards, five Filmfare Awards, and thirteen Bengal Film Journalists Association Awards. The Government of India has honored Aparna Sen with Padma Shri.

### ❖ **Joshimath declared 'landslide-subsidence zone'**

➤ Joshimath, the gateway to Hemkund Sahib and Badrinath, has been declared a landslide-subsidence zone.

➤ The tiny town of Joshimath in Uttarakhand is on edge with 610 of a total of 4,500 buildings developing cracks.

➤ Joshimath is a hill town located on the Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway (NH-7) in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.

➤ The city is a tourist town as it serves as a rest stop for people visiting Badrinath, Auli, Valley of Flowers, and Hemkund Sahib.

➤ The United States Geological Survey describes land subsidence as a gradual settling or sudden sinking of the Earth's surface due to removal or displacement of subsurface earth materials.

➤ Subsidence is most often caused by the removal of water, oil, natural gas, or mineral resources out of the ground by pumping, fracking, or mining activities. This feature can also be caused by natural events such as earthquakes, soil compaction, erosion and sinkhole formation.

### ❖ **Sudarsan Pattnaik builds world's largest hockey stick**

➤ Eminent sand artist Padma Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik has sculptured world's largest hockey stick on the banks of Mahanadi River.

➤ Pattnaik has created a 105-ft long hockey stick, using 5,000 hockey balls.

➤ The sand artist used over five tonne of sand for the sand art which also showcases the newly built Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

➤ The sand artist has also been awarded Padma Shri in 2014, for his participation in a globally renowned sand art competition.

➤ Till now, Sudarshan Pattnaik has participated in more than 60 international sand art championships as well as festivals.

➤ He also holds the Guinness Record (2017) for building the tallest sand castle at 48 feet.

### ❖ **Herbalife Nutrition Pvt ltd partnered Smriti Mandhana as nutrition sponsor**

➤ Nutrition company Herbalife Nutrition India Private Limited is partnering with international women's cricketer, Smriti Mandhana as a 'nutrition sponsor'.

➤ Multiple renowned Indian athletes like Virat Kohli, Mary Kom, Lakshya Sen, and Manika Batra have partnered up with Herbalife Nutrition.

### ❖ **Henley Passport Index Report 2023**

➤ Henley Passport Index has released its quarterly list of the most powerful passports.

- For a fifth year in a row, the Japanese passport has been crowned the world's most powerful passport with the holders gaining visa-free access or visa on arrival to 193 countries.
- Another Asian country occupied the second spot on the table. A Singapore passport allowed the holder to have visa-free access to 192 countries across the globe. Alongside, Singapore, South Korea also occupied the second spot.
- Germany and Spain occupied the third spot as the passport holders of the two countries managed to have their way in 190 countries.
- The European countries of Italy, Finland and Luxembourg occupied the fourth position on the list with passport holders enjoying visa-free access to 189 countries.
- The Indian passport ranks 85th in the world's most powerful passport index 2023 and gives visa-free entry to 59 destinations worldwide.
- The Henley Passport Index is the original, authoritative ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.

### ❖ **India & Japan to hold Maiden Air Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023'**

- India and Japan are all set to commence the maiden joint air exercise Veer Guardian 2023. Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) will hold the first bilateral air exercise at Hyakuri Air Base in Japan from 12 January 2023 to 26 January 2023.
- This maiden air exercise will also be the first time when an Indian Air Force woman fighter pilot would be part of the Indian contingent for aerial wargames in a foreign land.
- The participating IAF contingent will include four Su-30 MKI, two C-17 & one IL-78 aircraft.
- F-15s and 4 F-2 fighter jets will be involved in this bilateral exercise from the Japanese side.

### ❖ **Prithvi-II missile successfully tested-fired in Odisha**

- India successfully carried out a test launch of tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II from a test range off the Odisha coast.
- The Prithvi-II missile has a range of around 350 kilometres.



- It said that the Prithvi-II missile is a well-established system and has been an integral part of India's nuclear deterrence.
- The Prithvi II missile is a short-range, surface-to-surface ballistic missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) of India.
- It is part of India's Prithvi missile series, which includes the Prithvi-I, Prithvi-II, Prithvi-III, and Dhanush.
- The Prithvi II is an indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile, and is capable of carrying a payload of up to 500 kilograms.
- The missile is powered by a liquid propulsion system and has a high-thrust engine.

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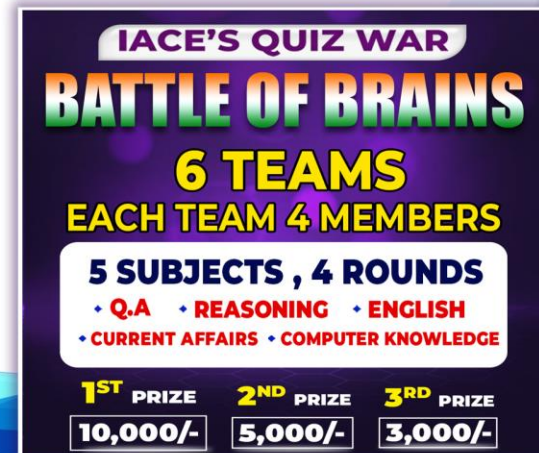


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