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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ❖ National Voters Day

- National Voters Day 2023 is observed on 25th January 2023. As the name suggests, National Voters Day 2023 is dedicated to the voters of our country who go out and vote on election days to fulfill their suits as a citizen of India.
- The day also focuses on encouraging the younger generations to cast their vote responsibly and mandatorily. This year, India is going to celebrate its 12th National Voters Day on 25th January 2023.
- In 2011, the Government of India announced that 25th January will be observed as National Voters Day henceforth.
- On 25th January 1950, the Election Commission of India was established and hence the Government of India decided to celebrate the day to emphasize the importance of casting vote for the citizens of India.
- The theme of National Voters Day 2023 is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'.

## ❖ International Day of Education

- The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 24 January as International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming January 24 as the International Day of Education on December 3, 2018.
- The adoption of this resolution was co-authored by Nigeria and other 58 member states and demonstrated the unwavering political support to transform actions for equitable and quality education for all.

- The theme of the 2023 International Day of Education is 'To invest in people, prioritize education.'
- Recently, Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay has decided to dedicate the 2023 International Day of Education (January 24) to Afghan girls and women.

### ❖ **National Girl Child Day**

- On January 24, the nation celebrates National Girl Child Day.
- National Girl Child Day aims to work towards eliminating the barriers faced by women and girls when it comes to education, health, work and other aspects of life.
- National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year in order to raise awareness about the gender inequality faced by girls in India.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development introduced National Girl Child Day in 2008.
- The Indian government has not officially announced a theme for National Girl Child Day 2023.
- It is said that the celebration this year will be around the slogan, "Digital Generation, Our Generation, Our Time is Now—Our Rights, Our Future."

### ❖ **IAMAI's TravelTech Committee appoints Sanjay Mohan as Chair**

- The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has announced the appointment of Sanjay Mohan, group chief technological officer (CTO), MakeMyTrip India as the chair of the TravelTech Committee.
- Additionally, Rikant Pittie, co-founder, EaseMyTrip and Yang Li, head-public affairs (APAC), Booking.com, have been appointed as the new co-chairs.

### ❖ **Shamalbhai B Patel appoints as chairman of Amul**

- Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) that markets milk and dairy products under the Amul brand has announced the appointment of Shamalbhai B Patel as its chairman and Valamjibhai Humbal as vice chairman.

### ❖ **Aska police station of Odisha's Ganjam district became the country's number one police**

- Union home minister Amit Shah awarded Aska police station in Odisha's Ganjam district as the number one police station in the country in the annual ranking of police stations for 2022.
- The award was given during the DGsP/IGsP Conference – 2022 which began in National Agriculture Science Complex, New Delhi.
- Prashanta Kumar Sahoo, the inspector in-charge of Aska police station received the prestigious award with the certificate of appreciation from Shah.
- Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been awarded the second best police station award.
- Banbasa police station in Champawat district of Uttarakhand has been selected as the third best station.
- Sadar Bazar police station was adjudged the best police station in the year 2021.
- The ranking of police stations across the country is an annual exercise by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

### ❖ **23 tableaux to be represented in 74th Republic Day parade**

- During the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2023, twenty-three tableaux - 17 from States/Union Territories and six from various Ministries/Departments - will roll down the Kartavya Path.
- The tableaux will symbolize the nation's rich cultural legacy, economic prosperity, and strong internal and external security.
- The States/UTs tableaux for the Republic Day parade were chosen on a zonal basis.

### ❖ **Indian Air Force to conduct 'PRALAY' exercise in Northeast**

- The Indian Air Force is going to conduct mega air exercise 'Pralay' from February 1 to 5.

- The major exercise, involving all key Air Force assets, will be carried out along the Line of Actual Control in the Northeastern regions of India.
- The exercise will also include the drone squadrons that were recently moved to the Northeast.
- The involvement of the drone squadrons boosts the Indian Air Force's capabilities to keep a watch over any hostile activity along the Sikkim and Siliguri corridor.
- Apart from exercise Pralay, the Northeast is also going to see another major Command-level exercise Poorvi Akash in the first week of February.
- The exercise will involve transport and other aircraft as well as the main combat arms of the Air Force including Rafale and Sukhoi-30 fighter jets.
- This is the second command-level exercise conducted by the Air Force in recent months.

### ❖ **Shanghai Cooperation Organization Film Festival 2023 to be held in Mumbai**

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Film Festival will be organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in Mumbai from January 27 to January 31, 2023.
- A total of 57 films from SCO countries will be screened at the SCO Film Festival. In which 14 feature films will be screened in the competition section and 43 films will be screened in the non-competition section.
- Marathi movie Godavari and Gujarati movie Chello Show will compete with 12 other films from the SCO member nations, including Chinese flicks B for Busy and Home Coming.

#### About SCO:

- SCO is a multilateral organisation, which was established on 15 June 2001.
- Headquarters - Beijing, China
- 8 member countries - China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

➤ Three observer states - Belarus, Iran and Mongolia

### ❖ **First Youth20 meeting to be held on Feb 6-8 in Guwahati**

➤ On the sidelines of the G20 summit, the first meeting of Youth20 (Y20) will be held in Guwahati from February 6-8.

➤ This is the first of the various meetings to be held on the five Y20 themes across India in a run-up to the final Youth-20 Summit in August 2023.

➤ More than 250 delegates from across the world are expected to participate in the 3-day event in Assam.

➤ It will focus on five themes of Future of Work; Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction; Peace Building and Reconciliation; Youth in Democracy and Health, Wellbeing and Sports.

➤ Youth20 is one of the eight official engagement groups under the G20 umbrella. (Labour20, Parliament20, Science20, SAI20, Startup20, Think20, Urban20, Women20)

➤ The Y20 India Summit in 2023 would exemplify India's youth-centric efforts and provide an opportunity to showcase its values and policy measures to the youth across the globe.

➤ Its objective is to find out the thinking of the youth and incorporate their suggestions in the policy proposals. It is an attempt to create a channel of contact between G20 governments and their local youth.

### ❖ **SAFAR system**

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➤ SAFAR is an air quality monitoring system. It was introduced by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) to provide location specific information on air quality in near real time and its forecast upto 3 days in India.

➤ It is developed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, along with India Meteorological Department (IMD) and National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF).

- Objective: To increase awareness among the general public regarding the air quality changes in their city well in advance so that appropriate mitigation measures and systematic action can be taken up for betterment of air quality and related health issues.
- The World Meteorological Organization has recognised SAFAR as a prototype activity on the basis of the high quality control and standards maintained in its implementation.
- AQI is calculated based on the average concentration of a particular pollutant measured over a standard time interval (24 hours for most pollutants, 8 hours for carbon monoxide and ozone).
- Eight individual pollutants are monitored for the calculation of AQI in India. These are PM10, PM2.5, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, ground-level ozone, ammonia, and lead.
- To calculate AQI, data for a minimum of three pollutants must be present, of which one should be either PM10 or PM2.5.

### ❖ **Makkah got World's longest calligraphic mural on road to Makkah's Grand Mosque**

- The Grand Mosque Road in Makkah now features the longest calligraphic painting in the world, the most recent addition to the holy city's aesthetic appeal.
- The 75-metre mural, created by the artist Amal Felemban, is one of a number of sculptures and installations that already beautify Makkah as part of a programme conducted by the local government to improve its aesthetic appeal and show off Saudi heritage and culture to pilgrims.

### ❖ **Thai shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn wins India Open Badminton title**

- Thai shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn won the India Open title.
- He defeated World No.1 Denmark's Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles final of the India Open Badminton Championship 22-20, 10-21 and 21-12 at K. D. Jadhav Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- Earlier, Korean sensation An Seyoung won the Women's singles final.

- She beat World No.1 Japanese Akane Yamaguchi 15-21, 21-16, 21-12.
- Republic of Korea's An Se Young became the first player from her country to win the women's singles title.

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