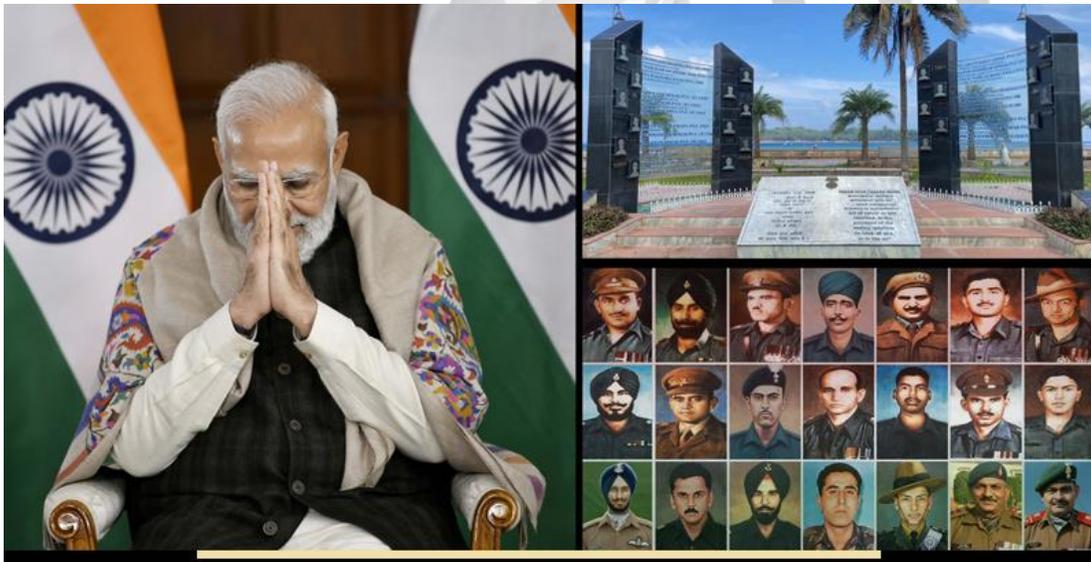


## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS—JANUARY 24, 2023

### NATIONAL

- On January 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – named 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar after the 21 recipients of Param Vir Chakra, the country's highest military honour



- ✓ The PM addressed the function held to mark the 126<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, called Parakram Diwas, through video conferencing
- ✓ During the programme, the PM unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep in Andaman & Nicobar islands
- ✓ Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep is an island where the founder of the Indian National Army had unfurled the tricolour.
- ✓ The grand commemoration of Netaji's birth anniversary comes after the installation of his statue at the canopy near India Gate on September 8, 2022

#	Param Vir Chakra awardees	Islands Name
1.	Major Somnath Sharma	Somnath Island
2.	Subedar and Hony Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM	Karam Singh Island
3.	2nd Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane	Rane Island
4.	Nayak Jadunath Singh	Jadunath Island
5.	Company Havildar Major Piru Singh	Piru Island
6.	Capt GS Salaria	Salaria Island
7.	Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa	Dhan Singh Island
8.	Subedar Joginder Singh	Joginder Island
9.	Major Shaitan Singh	Shaitan Singh Island
10.	CQMH. Abdul Hamid	Hamid Island
11.	Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore	Tarapore Island
12.	Lance Naik Albert Ekka	Ekka Island
13.	Major Hoshiar Singh	Hoshiar Island
14.	2nd Lt. Arun Khetrapal	Khetrapal Island
15.	Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon	Sekhon Island
16.	Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran	Ramaswamy Island
17.	Naib Subedar Bana Singh	Bana Island
18.	Captain Vikram Batra	Batra Island
19.	Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey	Pandey Island
20.	Subedar Major (then RifleMan) Sanjay Kumar	Sanjay Island
21.	Subedar Major Retd (Hony Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav	Yogendra Island

- ✓ The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, the second largest unnamed island after the second Param Vir Chakra awardee, and so on.
- ✓ The first recipient of the award was Major Somnath Sharma, who lost his life while fighting against Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar airport on November 3, 1947.
- ✓ Of the 21 people who have received the Param Vir Chakra, 20 served in the Indian Army and one in the Indian Air Force.
- ✓ Previously, Ross Island was renamed Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep by the Prime Minister during his visit to the Island in 2018.
- ✓ Neil Island and Havelock Island were also renamed Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep.

- **The Centre - has launched an electronic immunisation registry based on Co-WIN platform for India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP).**
- ✓ Named U-WIN, the platform will be used to register and vaccinate every pregnant woman, record her delivery outcome, register every newborn delivery, administer birth doses and all vaccination events thereafter
- ✓ Presently, it is being implemented in two districts of each state and Union Territories on a pilot basis.
- ✓ The U-WIN will be the single source of information for immunisation services, updating vaccination status, delivery outcome, planning of RI sessions and reports like antigen wise coverage etc.
- ✓ All states and UTs have been trained on U-WIN functionalities and objectives for a pilot project in 65 districts, while staff and healthcare workers have been trained on all modules of U-WIN.

## COMMITTEES

- **The Union Government - announced a five-member Oversight Committee that will probe the charges against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and activities of the Wrestling Federation.**
- ✓ The committee will be headed by legendary boxer and Indian Olympic Association's athletes commission chairperson M C Mary Kom



- ✓ The other members of the Oversight committee include Olympic medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, former badminton player, and Mission Olympic Cell member Trupti Murgunde, former CEO of Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Cdr (retd) Rajesh Rajagopalan and former SAI executive director (Teams) Radhika Sreeman.
- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur announced the formation of the committee on January 23
- ✓ The Oversight Committee will also run the day-to-day affairs of the wrestling federation.
- ✓ Mary Kom and Yogeshwar are also part of a separate seven-member probe panel named by the IOA to specifically investigate the allegations of sexual harassment against Singh and others.

- ✓ The sports ministry has given four week deadline for the oversight committee to submit its report, while no such time frame has been fixed for the IOA probe panel.
- ✓ The wrestlers have been staging a protest since January 18, accusing WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment of women wrestlers, sponsorship fund embezzlement, and athletes' mismanagement
- ✓ The group of protesting wrestlers was led by Olympians Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dhaiya and Deepak Punia

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The five-day Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Film Festival – will be held in Mumbai from January 27-31**



- ✓ Among the member countries of SCO, Pakistan will not participate in the upcoming festival
- ✓ All other SCO member countries — China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — have sent their cinematic nominations across various sections of the film festival
- ✓ Both India and Pakistan were admitted to the SCO in 2017.
- ✓ India took over the presidency of the SCO following the nine-member bloc's summit at Samarkand in Uzbekistan in September last year.

## AWARDS

- **President Droupadi Murmu - conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2023 on 11 children at an award ceremony held in New Delhi on January 23**
- ✓ After the award ceremony, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will interact with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees on January 24, 2023.
- ✓ This will be followed by a meeting with the Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, and Minister of State, Munjpara Mahendrabhai



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar are being conferred upon children in the age group 5 – 18 years, for their excellence in six categories - Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports.
- ✓ This year, four students are being awarded in the art and culture category, one for bravery, two for innovation, one for social service and three children have been selected for sports category.
- ✓ Of the 11 children selected for the prestigious award, there are 6 boys and 5 girls belonging to 11 States and UTs.
- ✓ In this award ceremony, each awardee will be given a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate
- ✓ In 2022, the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) was conferred to 29 exceptional children, which included 15 boys and 14 girls from all over India.

## **NATIONAL DAY**

### ➤ **National Girl Child Day – January 24**



- ✓ National Girl Child Day is celebrated on January 24 to raise awareness about the rights and gender inequality faced by a girl child in the country
- ✓ The day, an initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, has been celebrated in India every year since 2008.
- ✓ The day is marked to provide all support and opportunities to the girls of the country
- ✓ The theme for National Girl Child Day 2023 has not been officially announced
- ✓ In order to encourage girl children, the government launched a number of initiatives and programs aimed at improving the lives of girl children.
- ✓ These included the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Save Girl Child, Educate Girl Child) campaign, which aimed to increase the enrolment of girls in schools and reduce the dropout rate, as well as the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, a savings scheme for the girl child.
- ✓ Globally, the International Girl Child Day is observed on October 11, since 2012

