

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS—JANUARY 29, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Chief minister M K Stalin - will launch a new project titled, 'chief minister on field study' from February 1**
- ✓ The field study will review the implementation of various development and welfare schemes of the government and functioning of the administrative machineries in all districts of the state.
- ✓ The state-wide campaign will be launched in the Vellore region and will cover the districts of Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai on February 1 and 2.
- ✓ Under the new initiative, the CM, along with his cabinet colleagues, government secretaries and heads of the departments will visit all districts
- ✓ During the visit, the delegation will review whether government schemes related to drinking water, sanitation, child nutrition, rural and urban development and livelihood enhancement and services extended by various departments including revenue, education and health reach the public without any hassles.
- ✓ The delegation led by the chief minister will interact with the representatives of the farm associations, self help groups, industrial and trade forums in the districts Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai on February 1.
- ✓ The delegation will review the law and order situation in these four districts on the same day.
- ✓ It will initiate efforts to redress the grievances of different sections of the people from these four districts at a meeting attended by the district collectors of the four districts on the next day.

STATES

- **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel - announced to give monthly allowance to unemployed youth from next financial year.**
- ✓ The announcement was made by the CM while addressing the public on 74th Republic Day at the Lalbag Parade grounds in Jagdalpur.

- ✓ The promise to provide allowance to the unemployed youth was made by the Congress ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls.
 - ✓ Further, Bhupesh Baghel said that the construction workers registered with the Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board for a period of three years will get a grant of Rs.50,000 for building their houses.
 - ✓ The CM also announced to provide an annual aid of Rs.10,000 to each gram panchayat to organise tribal festival in areas like Bastar and Surguja divisions and scheduled areas of the state from the next financial year
 - ✓ The Election Commission of India has planned to conduct the assembly elections of Chhattisgarh in November 2023.
- **In Nagaland, the third edition of the annual Orange festival 2023 - concluded at Rusoma village in Kohima district recently on January 25.**



- ✓ The two day festival was organised in collaboration with the department of Horticulture, Agriculture, Rural Development, Land Resources and Kohima Smart City.
 - ✓ The festival featured several stalls like sale of handicraft, organic vegetables and fruits, food items, sale of orange saplings, workshop on orange and coffee plantation and signature campaign on “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao”.
 - ✓ Rusoma Village is situated about 8 kilometres from the state’s capital and cultivates pure organic oranges, leading to the celebration of the Orange festival.
 - ✓ At present, there are about 35,000 standing trees of orange plantation in Rusoma village and is generating an income of more than Rs.40 Lakh to the village.
- **The Jharkhand Government – has recently launched the first survey of migrant population within the state**
- ✓ Starting this month, over 60 enumerators will travel across 24 districts of the state, covering 11,000 households, to conduct the first Jharkhand Migrant Survey (JMS).
 - ✓ The aim of the exercise is to map the major sectors of engagement for migrant workers, find the social security benefits available to their families and identify the health hazards they face.

- ✓ The initiative is part of the state's Safe and Responsible Migration Initiative (SRMI), which was launched in 2021-end and includes the preparation of a database of migrant workers.
- ✓ Apart from Jharkhand, Kerala has conducted migrant labour surveys, followed by states like Tamil Nadu and Punjab

NATIONAL

- **Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal - inaugurated the National Logistics Portal (Marine) (NLP-M) in New Delhi on January 27**



- ✓ It is a one-stop platform aimed at connecting all the stakeholders of the logistics community using IT.
 - ✓ National Logistics Portal will be a single window for all trade processes of the logistics sector spread across the country covering all modes of transport to provide a seamless end-to-end logistic service coverage.
 - ✓ The portal is based on four core tenets — carrier, cargo, banking and finance, and regulatory bodies and Participating Government Agencies (PGAs).
 - ✓ The portal will now replace the port community system (PCS) being used by ports for logistics mapping.
 - ✓ NLP-M has been developed by Portall Infosystems, with Ernst & Young as the project management consulting firm.
- **The philanthropic foundation of PEPSICO and CARE - jointly launched the “She Feeds the World” program in India.**



- ✓ The global agriculture-focused women empowerment programme will commence from two districts in North Bengal of West Bengal.
 - ✓ In India, it aims to reach more than more than 48,000 women, men and children and indirectly benefit 1,500,000 individuals in West Bengal.
 - ✓ PepsiCo procures 2 lakh tonnes of potatoes from West Bengal for snacks out of six lakh tonnes across India.
 - ✓ The company works with 27,000 farmers across nine states in the country.
 - ✓ The PepsiCo Foundation invested \$ 18.2 million to scale CARE's 'She Feeds the World' initiative in six countries
 - ✓ "She Feeds the World" is already supporting female farmers in 5 countries - Egypt, Uganda, Peru, Thailand and Vietnam.
 - ✓ The initiative is projected to impact five million small-scale women producers and their families over six years between 2018 and 2024.
 - ✓ CARE is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to empowerment of marginalised women and girls
 - ✓ PepsiCo, which set up its factory in West Bengal in 2004, already trained 1,500 women in the state in agri techniques and farming as part of the PepsiCo-USAID Women Farmer Economic Empowerment Program.
- **The new Ignyte IGN – 7 helmets of Steelbird - has become the first helmet in India to meet the ECE 22.06 standard, which was introduced first in 2020**



- ✓ It is also the first helmet in India to receive triple homologation as it conforms to DOT FMVSS Noy, 218 for US market and India's BIS safety standards.
- ✓ With a starting price of Rs 6,199 only, this helmet is unique in terms of safety.
- ✓ The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe set the ECE standards for helmets.
- ✓ The ECE 22.06 standard includes a low-speed crash test, impact resistance test, and lots more
- ✓ In India, IS:4151 was the first helmet standard, which was released by ISI in 1993.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **The Supreme Court – has recently allowed the use of purse seine nets for fishing beyond the territorial waters of Tamil Nadu but within the Exclusive Economic Zone with certain conditions.**

- ✓ On January 24, a bench of Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli ordered that only registered fishing vessels will be given permission to do purse seine fishing.
- ✓ As per the order, the purse seine fishing would be allowed only twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, that too between 8 am and 6 pm the same day,
- ✓ The Fisheries Department will give permission to such boats only if an approved Vessel Tracking System (VTS) is installed in them.
- ✓ Purse Seine Fishing involves a method where a vertical net attached to a vessel is targeted at dense schools of fish in open water in curtain formation the bottom of which is drawn together to enclose the fish.
- ✓ Earlier, on February 17, 2022, Tamil Nadu government has passed an order banning the use of purse seine nets for fishing within its territorial waters (12 nautical miles or 22 km from the coast line).
- ✓ The state government has contended that this method of fishing is harmful to marine life, including fish.
- ✓ The Madras High Court had held that there is no illegality or unconstitutionality in banning the use of purse seine nets for fishing in Tamil Nadu

INTERNATIONAL

- **The Swedish government - has announced an "International Information Campaign" to discourage refugees from coming to the country.**
- ✓ The main objective of the campaign is to inform about the Swedish migration policy to prevent people coming into Sweden
- ✓ Under the initiative, among other things, information package will be issued to foreign authorities and other authorities with contact points abroad.
- ✓ The government has already proposed admitting a quota of only 900 total refugees in 2023, after allowing at least 5,000 each year since 2018
- ✓ About 76% of the refugees who arrived in the Nordic countries in 2019 ended up in Sweden

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **On January 28, India – has exported the first consignment of aviation gasoline that powers UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) and piston engine aircraft used by flying schools.**



- ✓ State-run IndianOil exported the first consignment of 80 barrels of aviation gasoline — also called AV Gas — to Papua New Guinea from Mumbai's Jawaharlal Nehru Port
 - ✓ IndianOil is the only domestic manufacturer of the fuel, having started production in September last year.
 - ✓ Until recently AV Gas was imported at a huge cost from European countries for decades amidst the western ban on fuel from Russia
 - ✓ There is a significant demand for the AV Gas fuel in countries in South America, Asia Pacific, Middle East, Africa and Europe.
- **India – was elected as Vice-Chair and to represent the Asia & Pacific region at FAO's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group.**
- ✓ The 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) was recently held at Rome during 18 -20 January 2023
 - ✓ Dr B N Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR, and the National Coordinator, vice-chaired the Session, chaired by the USA and also acted as Rapporteur.(Reporting officer)
 - ✓ Along with India, Spain, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tonga, and Brazil will also hold the Vice Chair position
 - ✓ The Working Group was established by the FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)
 - ✓ It functions to review technical issues, advise and make recommendations to the Commission and further implement the Commission's programme related to AnGR at global level.

COMMITTEES

- **The Centre - has notified three grievances appellate committees (GACs) that will address users' complaints against social media and other internet-based platforms.**
- ✓ Each of the three GACs will have a chairperson, two whole-time members from different government entities and retired senior executives from the industry for a term of three years from the date of assumption of office.
 - ✓ The first panel will be chaired by the chief executive officer of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre under the home ministry.
 - ✓ Retired IPS officer Ashutosh Shukla and Punjab National Bank's former chief general manager and chief information officer Sunil Soni have been appointed as whole-time members of the panel.
 - ✓ The second panel will be chaired by the joint secretary in charge of the policy & administration division in the ministry of information and broadcasting.
 - ✓ Indian Navy's retired Commodore Sunil Kumar Gupta and Kavindra Sharma, former vice-president (consulting), L&T Infotech, have been appointed.

- ✓ The third panel will be chaired by Kavita Bhatia, a senior scientist in the ministry of electronics and information technology.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Union minister of commerce and industry, Piyush Goyal – inaugurated the inception meeting of Startup20 (S20), the first startup engagement group of G20.**



- ✓ During his address, the Minister delivered the mantra of SENSE — share, explore, nurture, serve and empower — to trigger growth of the global startup ecosystem
- ✓ He addressed a gathering of around 200 delegates from G20 countries as well as nine observer countries, international organisations and the Indian startup ecosystem via video message
- **The 30th National Child Science Congress - began at Science City in Ahmedabad on January 27**



- ✓ Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST), Gujarat Council of Science City, and SAL Education are hosting the five-day congress which will conclude on 31st January.

- ✓ Gujarat will be hosting the National Children's Science Congress for the fourth time
 - ✓ The theme of the 30th session of the National Children's Science Congress is 'Understanding Eco System for Health & Well-being'.
 - ✓ More than 1400 delegates including child scientists, escort teachers, evaluators, and government officials will attend the congress, which is a flagship program for students of 10 to 17 years of age group
 - ✓ As many as 850 students from across the country will showcase their unique projects in Congress.
 - ✓ Another highlight of the National Children's Science Congress is that students are allowed to present their projects in any language
- **India's first stack developers conference - was held recently on January 25 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi**



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics & Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated the conference
- ✓ It was organised by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ✓ The conference was attended by over 100 digital leaders from the Industry, Government, start-ups and unicorns and academia.
- ✓ Delegates from G20 countries and G20 Secretariat have also attended the Conference.
- ✓ India Stack will be one of the focus areas at the World Government Summit 2023 which will be held at Abu Dhabi next month.
- ✓ India Stack is a multi-layer cluster of digital solutions — Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-Win, GeM, DIKSHA, Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission, GSTN — implemented by the government, which has played a key role in India's digital transformation.

- **The India-UAE Partnership Summit – was launched in Dubai on January 25 to drive the two countries strategic’ development plans and to build new economic partnerships**



- ✓ The summit, held at Dubai Chambers’ headquarters, was inaugurated by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry
- ✓ During the summit, various sectors such as textiles, green energy (wind, solar and hydro), connectivity infrastructure such as airports, ports and roads, as well as waste management, were outlined as key areas of opportunity.
- ✓ The summit was organised by the International Business Linkage Forum (IBLF) in partnership with Dubai International Chamber, which is one of the three chambers operating under Dubai Chambers
- ✓ India and UAE have signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in 2022

DEFENCE

- **The “largest” biennial tri-services amphibious exercise AMPHEX 2023 - was conducted recently from January 17 to January 22 near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh**



- ✓ The joint operations conducted during the exercise witnessed the participation of a large number of troops from the Indian Army, amphibious warships from the Indian Navy, and aircraft from the IAF.

- ✓ Before the exercises, the improved combat uniform was unveiled by the Chief of Army Staff during Army Day on January 15
- ✓ The Indian Army has also obtained the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) of the design and camouflage pattern of its newly introduced Camouflage Pattern Dress.
- ✓ The copyright of the design is with the Indian Army for 10 years and it is extendable by another five years.
- ✓ As per orders, these uniforms can only be sold in the Unit Run Canteens of the Indian Army.
- ✓ On the other hand, as part of the Puneet Sagar Abhiyaan, the Eastern Naval Command has dedicated one day every month towards undertaking coastal clean-up activities, including rivers and lakes
- ✓ The aim of this exercise is to create awareness regarding plastic usage, and its impact on the oceans, rivers, and water bodies.

SPORTS

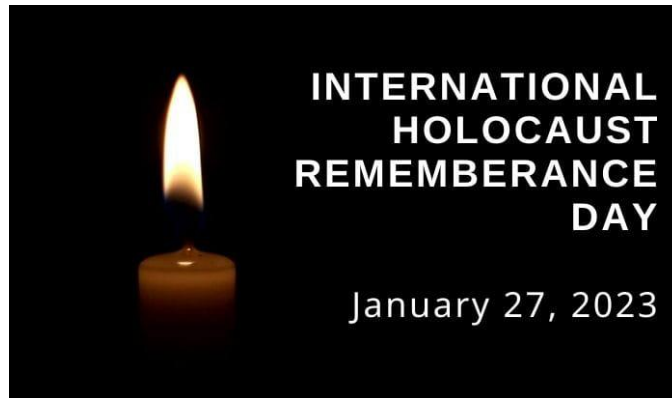
- **The first-ever white card in football - was shown by the referee during the women's quarterfinal match between Sporting Lisbon vs Benfica recently on January 21**



- ✓ The White card is a new initiative launched by Portugal's National Plan for Ethics in Sport (PNED) in an attempt to recognise acts of fair play on the field.
- ✓ The pilot project has been implemented in the Portuguese leagues with the guidance of the Portuguese Football Federation.
- ✓ The Portuguese referee Catarina Campos became the first referee to issue the white card
- ✓ While players get yellow and red cards as punishment for breaching any rules, the white card reportedly serves a different purpose.
- ✓ It was shown as appreciation to the medical personnel of both teams, who rushed out to the pitch after a woman fan complained of feeling ill and fainted in the stands
- ✓ The white card is shown to teams for showing sportsmanship during games and also to recognise the acts of fairplay.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Holocaust Remembrance Day – January 27



- ✓ The Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed every year to reflect on the atrocities inflicted by Hitler that resulted in the deaths of around 6 million Jews.
- ✓ The day commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in January 1945 from Nazi control.
- ✓ On this day, the world remembers the killing of six million Jews, two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, and millions of others by the Nazi forces and their collaborators.
- ✓ During the Hitler's regime from 1933 to 1945, Hitler's German Nazi administration killed many ethnic groups, notably European Jews, who were regarded as an inferior race.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly declared in November 2005 that January 27 to be observed worldwide as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- ✓ The United Nations Holocaust memorial ceremony in the United Nations General Assembly Hall will be held under the theme 'Home and Belonging' for 2023

