



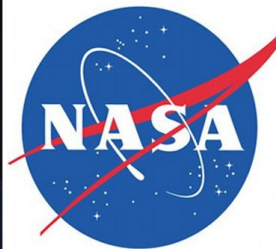
FVF **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-JANUARY**

STATES

- **Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (retd) - has given his consent to a Bill providing 30% horizontal reservation to domiciled women of the state in government jobs**
- ✓ Uttarakhand Public Services (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Bill, 2022 was passed by the state assembly on November 29 last year
- ✓ With the governor's consent to the Bill, it has become an Act
- ✓ The eligible beneficiaries of the Act include women citizens of India whose domicile of origin is Uttarakhand and who have not obtained a permanent domicile certificate elsewhere
- ✓ The Act will also be applicable to woman citizen of India whose domicile of origin is not Uttarakhand but who has obtained a permanent domicile certificate in the state

PERSONALITIES

- **AC Charania, an India-American aerospace industry expert - has been appointed as NASA's new chief technologist**



- ✓ He has been designated as principal advisor to Administrator Bill Nelson on programmes and technology policy at NASA's headquarters.
 - ✓ Charania will be looking after NASA's agencywide investments, mission requirements across six mission directorates, external stakeholders, collaboration with other agencies and the private sector
 - ✓ He replaced another Indian-American Bhavya Lal who had been the acting chief technologist till January 3.
 - ✓ Prior to joining NASA, Charania has also worked in strategy and business development for the Virgin Galactic (now Virgin Orbit) LauncherOne small satellite launch vehicle programme.
- **Indian-origin cabinet minister Ranj Pillai - will take oath as the tenth premier of Canada's territory of Yukon on January 14**



- ✓ He becomes the second politician of Indian heritage to head a region in Canada
- ✓ Pillai, whose roots can be traced from Kerala, was unanimously chosen as the leader of Yukon Liberal Party on January 8
- ✓ Pillai was the only candidate in the running when nominations closed a day earlier
- ✓ Pillai will become just the second premier in Canadian history of Indian heritage, following Ujjal Dosanjh who held that post in the province of British Columbia between 2000 and 2001.

DEFENCE

- **The defence ministry - gave preliminary approval to three indigenous capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 4,276 crore**
- ✓ Of these, two proposals are for the Indian Army, whereas one is for the Indian Navy.
 - ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on January 10
 - ✓ All three proposals have been cleared under the Buy (Indian- Indian Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category, which refers to procurement of indigenously designed and developed products from Indian manufacturers

- ✓ This is the highest priority procurement under the Defence Acquisition Procedure of 2020 (DAC-2020).
- ✓ The first AoN was accorded for acquisition of HELINA anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs), launchers and associated support equipment.
- ✓ This ATGM, designed by the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) will provide a potent anti-tank capability to the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), designed by Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL)
- ✓ The ALH is already equipped with a cannon, rocket launchers, and electronic warfare systems.
- ✓ The HELINA missile, which can destroy enemy tanks at ranges out to seven kilometres, completes the weaponisation of the ALH
- ✓ The DAC also accorded AoN for procurement of the DRDO's very short range air defence (VSHORAD) infrared homing missile system, which is being designed and developed by the DRDO.
- ✓ This missile can shoot down enemy aircraft at ranges out to seven kilometres.
- ✓ The third weapons system that the DAC approved for procurement was the BrahMos launcher and fire control system (FCS) for the Navy's three Shivalik-class frigates and six Next Generation Missile Vessels (NGMVs).
- ✓ The NGMVs are robust, 1,500-tonne vessels, whose Indo-Russian BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles can reach targets 295-kilometres away

APPOINTMENTS

- **RBI deputy governor Michael Patra - has been reappointed for a one-year period.**



- ✓ Patra is the deputy governor in charge of the monetary policy department and has played a key role in the monetary easing by the central bank during the pandemic.
- ✓ The appointment was for one year from January 15 or until further orders.
- ✓ Patra is one of the three internal RBI members in the rate-setting policy committee.

- ✓ He served as an executive director of RBI from 7 October 2014 to 14 January 2020, before being elevated to the post of deputy governor from 15 January 2020 onwards.
- ✓ Patra, a career central banker since 1985, has worked in various positions in the Reserve Bank of India

SPORTS

- **Vrinda Rathi, Janani Narayanan and Gayathri Venugopalan - became the first female trio to officiate in the prestigious Ranji Trophy.**



- ✓ In the ongoing Ranji Trophy, Gayathri is officiating in the second-round match between Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh in Jamshedpur
- ✓ Janani and Vrinda are umpiring in the Railways-Tripura game in Surat and Goa-Pondicherry clash in Porvorim
- ✓ The 32-year-old Vrinda was the official BCCI scorer for the 2013 Women's World Cup.

