

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

STATE

➤ Kashmir to Host Miss World 2023



- ✓ Julia Eric Morely, CEO of Miss World, reveals that the 71st Miss World competition will be held in Kashmir in December 2023.
- ✓ The announcement was made during a press conference in Kashmir, with Morely expressing excitement and emotion about the event.
- ✓ The final show is set for December 8, with a grandeur-filled month leading up to it in November.
- ✓ CEO Morely praised the warmth and hospitality of the people of Kashmir and expressed the Miss World organization's eagerness for the event.

➤ Chokuwa Rice: Assam's "Magic Rice" – GI Tag



- ✓ Chokuwa Rice, renowned as Assam's "Magic Rice," receives the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique heritage and characteristics.
 - ✓ With roots in the history of the Ahom dynasty, Chokuwa is a semi-glutinous Sali rice primarily cultivated around the Brahmaputra River region.
 - ✓ Chokuwa rice is categorized into Bora and Chokuwa types based on amylose content, offering distinctive culinary possibilities.
 - ✓ Known for its ease of preparation and nutritional value, it pairs well with various accompaniments and plays a central role in Assamese cuisine.
 - ✓ The GI tag grants legal protection and authenticity to products originating from specific geographic areas, emphasizing their unique heritage.
- **Bhaderwah Rajma & Ramban Sulai Honey - GI Tag**
- ✓ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey, both hailing from the picturesque districts of Doda and Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.



- ✓ **Bhaderwah Rajmash**, often referred to as **red beans** holds a special place in the hearts and palates of those in the **Chenab Valley**. With its distinct flavour and texture, this legume is not only a **staple food** item but also a **cultural symbol** of the region.
- ✓ The Sulai honey of **Ramban district** has gained recognition not only for its exquisite taste but also for its **organic nature**. In fact, in 2015, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi presented organic Sulai honey to **Queen Elizabeth** during his visit to Britain, showcasing the region's natural bounty to the world.

NATIONAL

➤ NITI Aayog and UNDP Collaborate to Advance India's SDGs



- ✓ NITI Aayog and UNDP join forces to accelerate India's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ The collaboration focuses on localizing SDGs, enhancing data-driven monitoring, uplifting underdeveloped regions, and promoting cooperative federalism.
- ✓ It emphasizes initiatives like the Aspirational Districts and Blocks program to transform underdeveloped areas.
- ✓ The partnership aims to showcase India's successes in realizing its development priorities and inspire other nations.
- ✓ The collaboration reflects a long-term commitment to shaping a more equitable and prosperous future for India.

➤ 'One Nation, One Election'

- ✓ On 1st September, the Indian government announced the formation of a committee led by former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, to delve into the feasibility of 'One Nation, One Election.'



- ✓ This development follows the government's announcement to hold a special parliamentary session from September 18th to 22nd, 2023, which has led to curiosity about the session's purpose.
- ✓ 'One Nation, One Election' is a concept aimed at synchronizing elections for the **Lok Sabha (the lower house of India's Parliament)** and all state assemblies.
- ✓ The central idea is to hold these elections simultaneously on a single day or within a specific time frame.
- ✓ This proposal has garnered strong support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reflecting the government's seriousness as a series of elections loom.

ECONOMY

- **India achieves 7.8 per cent GDP growth for April-June quarter**
- ✓ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 7.8% in Quarter 1 2023-24, reaching Rs 40.37 lakh crore.
- ✓ This is a decrease from the 13.1% growth rate in Q1 2022-23.
- ✓ India remains the fastest-growing major economy.
- ✓ China's economy grew by 6.3% YoY in Q2 2023.
- ✓ The agriculture sector in India grew by 3.5% in Q1 2023-24.
- ✓ The manufacturing sector in India grew by 4.7% in Q1 2023-24.

APPOINTMENT

- **Geetika Srivastava - India's First Female Charge d'Affaires**
- ✓ Geetika Srivastava, a 2005 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, appointed as India's new chargé d'affaires at its high commission in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- ✓ She breaks the tradition of male-dominated diplomatic appointments to Pakistan, marking a significant step towards gender equality.



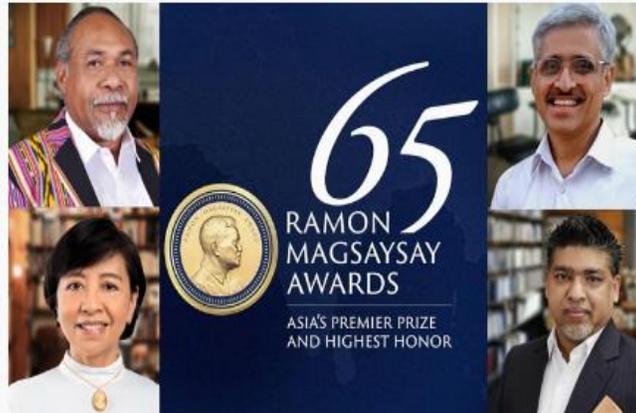
- ✓ This historic appointment signifies India's commitment to empowering women in leadership roles and progressive diplomacy.
- ✓ Srivastava previously served in the Indian Embassy in China and held roles in the Regional Passport Office in Kolkata and MEA's Indian Ocean Region division.

- ✓ She takes charge as the first woman to lead the Indian High Commission in Pakistan, a notable milestone after 77 years of Independence.

AWARDS

➤ 65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2023

- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award, often called the ‘Nobel Prize of Asia’, is a notable accolade that represents exceptional spirit and influential leadership.



- ✓ This year, in the ceremony's 65th edition, four Asians were given the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- ✓ **Korvi Rakshand from Bangladesh** – For providing education to underprivileged children.
- ✓ **Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste** – Food security and environmental protection.
- ✓ **Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from Philippines** – Peace negotiator.
- ✓ **Dr Ravi Kannan from India** - A renowned oncologist, who helps underprivileged cancer patients avail medical treatment has been honoured with the Magsaysay Award 2023 for his contribution in the health sector.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ India's Largest Home-Built Nuclear Plant - Starts Operations

- ✓ In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.



- ✓ This milestone marks a pivotal moment in India's quest for energy self-sufficiency and underscores the nation's commitment to harnessing indigenous nuclear technology.
- ✓ The **Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP)** initiated its commercial operations on June 30, 2023, but initially operated at only 90 percent of its capacity. On August 31, 2023, the plant finally achieved its full operational potential.

IMPORTANT DAY

- **National Nutrition Week: 1-7 September**
- ✓ National Nutrition Week (NNW) is observed annually in India from September 1 to 7.



- ✓ It aims to raise awareness among people about the vital role of nutrition and the significance of cultivating healthy eating habits.
- ✓ In India, National Nutrition Week was first celebrated in 1982.
- ✓ The theme of Nutrition Month 2023, according to UNICEF, is "Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All".

