

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

### NATIONAL

- **Hoysala Temples - India's 42nd UNESCO's World Heritage Site**
- ✓ The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala, the famed Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid and Somananthpura in Karnataka have been added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage list.



- ✓ This inclusion marks the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India and comes just a day after Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan also received this distinguished recognition.

### SCHEMES

- **SHREYAS Scheme**
- ✓ The Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS scheme), comprising four central sector sub-schemes, has been instrumental in empowering thousands of students from Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) since its inception in 2014.



- ✓ This umbrella scheme encompasses “Top Class Education for SCs,” “Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs,” “National Overseas Scheme for SCs,” and “National Fellowship for SCs.”
- ✓ The scheme aims to offer high-quality coaching to economically disadvantaged SC and OBC candidates, enabling them to participate in competitive exams and gain admission to prestigious technical and professional higher education institutions. Families with a total annual income of up to 8 lakhs are eligible for this scheme.

## DEFENCE

- **Operation Sajag**
- ✓ Operation Sajag,’ a comprehensive drill was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast on September 18, 2023. It is a significant event in the realm of coastal security.



- ✓ This operation involves all stakeholders in the coastal security construct and plays a pivotal role in revalidating the coastal security mechanism while enhancing awareness among fishermen operating at sea.
- ✓ During ‘Operation Sajag,’ an extensive checking and verification process was initiated, targeting the documents and crew passes of all fishing boats, barges, and crafts at sea.



### ➤ **P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System**

- ✓ India's defense capabilities receive a significant boost with the development of the P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System, an indigenous marvel designed to enhance the paradropping capabilities of the country's Armed Forces.



- ✓ This innovative system, entirely developed within India, promises to revolutionize the way military stores are paradropped on the battlefield.
- ✓ P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System has been developed by the P7 Heavy Drop System which is capable of para-dropping military stores up to 7-ton weight class from IL 76 aircraft.

## **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

### ➤ **People's G20**

- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Secretary, Apurva Chandra, recently unveiled an ebook titled "People's G20" in New Delhi, offering a detailed insight into India's G20 Presidency.



- ✓ This ebook serves as a comprehensive documentation of India's significant role in the G20 Summit and its various initiatives during its tenure.
- ✓ The book is divided into three distinct parts, each shedding light on different aspects of India's G20 Presidency.

- ✓ The ebook “People’s G20” serves as a valuable resource for those interested in understanding India’s role in the G20 and the impact of its Presidency.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Red Panda Day – September 16**
- ✓ Every year, on the third Saturday in September, the world comes together to celebrate International Red Panda Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the plight of these enchanting creatures.



- ✓ This year, on September 16, we once again unite in our efforts to protect the red panda, a species teetering on the brink of extinction.
- ✓ These charming animals are native to the Eastern Himalayas, spanning regions in China, Nepal, and Bhutan.

