

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 21, 2023

TAMIL NADU

➤ **IIT Madras Launches Incubator Information Platform**

- ✓ In a game-changing move, the Centre for Research on Startups and Risk Financing (CREST), an Institute of Eminence Research Centre at IIT Madras, has introduced an exclusive information platform tailored for incubators and accelerators.



- ✓ India's first information platform on Incubators & Accelerators. With approximately 1,000 active incubators in India, the platform addresses the historical challenge of scattered information by providing a centralized hub for comprehensive details.
- ✓ The newly launched platform is designed to streamline the startup ecosystem by acting as a one-stop-shop for relevant data.

STATE

➤ **Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill**

- ✓ In a significant move towards addressing social inequality, the Governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, approved the 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill' on November 17.



- ✓ The bill raises the reservation quota for Backward, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 50% to 65%, surpassing the 50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court.
- ✓ The 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill' brings about a comprehensive reevaluation of reservation quotas across various categories.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ India- Australia 2+2 Dialogue



- ✓ India and Australia are set to hold the second 2+2 Ministerial dialogue on Monday where the upcoming Quad summit is expected to figure prominently while the sides will also take stock of the on-going negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).
- ✓ The dialogue comes shortly after the IndiaU.S. 2+2 dialogue last week and will be an opportunity to discuss regional developments including the crisis in West Asia.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ Global Fisheries Conference India 2023

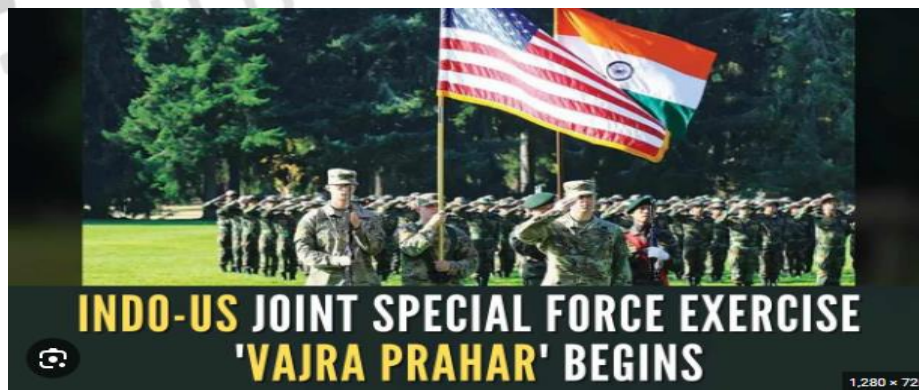
- ✓ Union Minister of Fisheries Parshottam Rupala inaugurated ‘**Global Fisheries Conference India 2023**’ at Science City in **Ahmedabad**.



- ✓ Theme: **Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth.**
- ✓ Organized by the Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy Department.
- ✓ It serves as a platform to forge partnerships with national and international stakeholders for growth in India's fisheries sector.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2023**
- ✓ The 14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, known as “**VAJRA PRAHAR 2023,**” kicked off at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya, on November 21.



- ✓ Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR is a collaborative effort between the Indian Army and the US Army Special Forces.
- ✓ Its primary objectives include the exchange of best practices and experiences, particularly in joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- ✓ The exercise plays a crucial role in improving interoperability and fostering stronger defense cooperation between the armies of India and the United States of America.

AWARDS

➤ IITM Professor Bags National Award



- ✓ Rajnish Kumar, a faculty member in the chemical engineering department of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), who has bagged the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award in the field of engineering for the year 2022, has been pursuing research on sequestering carbon dioxide (CO₂), a process by which carbon is returned to earth.
- ✓ Prof. Kumar has been working on the project for the last three years and his research got him the award.

➤ Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- ✓ On 19th 2023, the **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** for Peace, Disarmament and Development, 2022 was jointly awarded to the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)** and **Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI)** as representatives of the Covid warriors in the country.



- ✓ Former Vice President M Hamid Ansari presented the award to Indian Medical Association President Sharad Kumar Agarwal and Trained Nurses Association of India President Roy K George.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Television Day – November 21**

- ✓ World Television Day, observed globally on November 21, goes beyond seeing TV as just an electronic device. In 1996, the United Nations organized the first World Television Forum on November 21.



- ✓ According to the United Nations - World Television Day is a reminder of the power of visual media, its role in global communication, and the responsibility to deliver truthful information in a world where trust in media is crucial.
- ✓ In 2023, the theme is 'Accessibility'.

➤ **World Fisheries Day - November 21**

- ✓ World Fisheries Day is observed annually on November 21st to raise awareness about the importance of fisheries and advocates for sustainable fishing practices.



- ✓ In 1997, the "World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers" met in New Delhi, leading to the establishment of the "World Fisheries Forum."
- ✓ Theme for 2023 "Build enabling policy environments for small-scale artisanal fisheries."

