

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 01, 2023

NATIONAL

- **Blod+: India's First On-Demand Blood Platform**
- ✓ Blod.in has unveiled its groundbreaking healthcare software and logistics platform, Blod+.
- ✓ This innovation aims to revolutionize blood management and delivery, addressing the alarming issue of blood wastage in healthcare facilities across the country.



- ✓ The platform's mission is to ensure that **hospitals have steady access to blood**, ultimately reducing wastage significantly.
- ✓ Blod+ surpasses industry norms, reducing the average sourcing time for blood from 6 hours to an average of **2 hours and 7 minutes**. This remarkable improvement ensures that critical patients receive timely access to blood, potentially saving countless lives.

AWARDS

- **SKOCH Gold Award 2023**

- ✓ The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), which is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the Ministry of Power, has been honoured with the prestigious SKOCH Gold Award 2023.



- ✓ This award is a notable recognition of the company's achievement in the power sector.
- ✓ The prestigious award was conferred upon PGCIL in recognition of the revolutionary Pugalur Thrissur 2000 MW Voltage Source Converter High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System that it developed.
- **Légion d'Honneur' (National Order of the Legion of Honour)**
- ✓ Lalithambika VR, 60, was conferred the 'Légion d'Honneur' (French highest civilian award) for her engagement in space cooperation between France and India.



- ✓ The scientist, who was the director of the Human Spaceflight Programme at the ISRO, has been recognised by France for her role in the signing of the first joint agreement for cooperation between the French National Space Agency CNES and the ISRO on human spaceflight.
- ✓ She was the first director of the directorate of the human space programme at the ISRO in 2018.
- **Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters)**



- ✓ Arshia Sattar, eminent scholar of Indian literature and mythology, acclaimed translator, author, and co-founder and director of the literary residency, Sangam House, was conferred the insignia of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) at a special ceremony at the Consulate General of France in Bengaluru.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Worlds AIDS Day – December 01**
- ✓ December 1, marks as the World AIDS Day 2023 which is observed annually since 1988, serving as a crucial occasion to raise awareness about HIV/ AIDS, commemorate those who have lost their lives to AIDS-related illnesses and show solidarity with people living with HIV.



- ✓ The **theme for World AIDS Day 2023, “Let Communities Lead!”** This theme emphasizes the collective strength and influence of communities in driving initiatives related to HIV awareness, prevention and healthcare.