

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 05, 2023

DEFENCE

- **INS Sandhayak**
- ✓ The **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** Ltd delivered the largest-ever survey vessel built in the country, **INS Sandhayak**, to the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The **110-meter-long vessel** is the first in a series of four survey ships being constructed by GRSE for the navy, marking a crucial milestone in the indigenous shipbuilding industry.



- ✓ The Sandhayak-class vessels boast comprehensive capabilities, making them invaluable assets to the Indian Navy. These survey ships can **conduct full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys**.
- ✓ **Each ship can carry a helicopter, participate in low-intensity combat scenarios, and function as hospital ships.**

AWARDS

➤ India's Safeena Husain honoured with Qatar WISE Prize 2023



- ✓ **Safeena Hussain**, founder of 'Educate Girls,' has become the **first Indian woman to bag the WISE Prize** worth 5 lakh USD for mobilizing 14 lakh out-of-school girls in Indian villages to get back to mainstream education.
- ✓ The prize, awarded by the Qatar Foundation at the 11th Edition of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Summit earlier this week in Doha, is one of the most prestigious awards in education.
- ✓ The WISE prize was established in 2009 by the Qatar Foundation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Soil Day: December 05**

- ✓ Every year on December 5, people worldwide unite to commemorate World Soil Day (WSD), an occasion dedicated to recognizing the pivotal role soil plays in sustaining life on Earth.



- ✓ This annual event serves as a poignant reminder of the intricate relationship between soil, plants, animals, and humans.

- ✓ The United Nations has declared the theme for World Soil Day 2023 as ‘Soil and water, a source of life.’ This theme underscores the vital link between soil and water, which collectively contribute to over 95 percent of our food production.
- **International Volunteer Day: December 05**
- ✓ International Volunteer Day (IVD) is an annual event observed on December 5th, celebrating the immense contributions of volunteers worldwide.



- ✓ Established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1985, IVD not only recognizes the selfless efforts of volunteers but also emphasizes their role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building resilient communities.
- ✓ The 2023 theme, “The Power of Collective Action: If Everyone Did.”

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Forbes Asia Heroes Of Philanthropy List**
- ✓ Three prominent Indian business leaders – Nandan Nilekani, KP Singh and Nikhil Kamath, have earned a coveted spot on the 17th edition of Forbes Asia’s Heroes of Philanthropy list.



- ✓ **Nadan Nilekani**, co-founder and chairman of the renowned tech **giant Infosys**, has been acknowledged for his substantial contribution of Rs.3.2 billion (USD 38 million) to his alma mater, IIT Bombay.
- ✓ **KP Singh**, chairman emeritus at **DLF**, made a remarkable move in August by divesting his remaining direct stake in the renowned real estate firm he once chaired.
- ✓ **Nikhil kamat**, co-founder of **Zerodha**, is another notable name on the list.

