

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 08, 2023

STATE

- **Geographical Indication Tag**
- ✓ Meghalaya's Lakadong turmeric, known for its exceptional quality, has been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag.



- ✓ Considered one of the **finest turmeric** varieties globally, **Lakadong turmeric** boasts an impressive **curcumin content** ranging from 6.8 to 7.5 percent.
- ✓ The GI tag is expected to enhance marketing opportunities for farmers, ensuring customers have access to the genuine product.
- ✓ Alongside Lakadong turmeric, three more products from Meghalaya were honoured with the GI tag: **Garó Dakmanda** (traditional dress), **Larnai pottery**, and **Garó Chubitchi** (alcoholic beverage).

DEFENCE

- **India's New Vice Chief Of Navy Staff**
- ✓ In a significant development within the Indian Navy, a major reshuffle is set to take place at the top echelons of the force, with Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi slated to assume the position of Vice Chief of Naval Staff on January 4.



- ✓ This transition marks a crucial moment for the Navy, as Vice Admiral Tripathi steps into a role responsibility for overseeing the modernization efforts of the force.
- ✓ Notably, the Indian Navy is set to acquire MQ-9B Predator drones and Rafale fighter jets, underscoring the strategic importance of the position.

PERSONALITIES

- 4 Indians among Forbes list of 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' of 2023



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Steel Authority Of India Chairperson Soma Mondal and Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw are the four Indians among the 100 named in Forbes' annual list of 'The World's Most Powerful Women'.
- ✓ The most inspirational woman who leads the list is European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen. She occupies this ranking for the second consecutive year.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Google Reveals 'Gemini'**

- ✓ Google parent company Alphabet made a significant announcement on unveiling Gemini, its latest and most advanced AI model to date.



- ✓ In a bid to outpace competitors like OpenAI's GPT-4 and Meta's Llama 2, Gemini represents a major leap forward for the tech giant in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence.
- ✓ Gemini marks the first AI model to emerge from Alphabet following the merger of its renowned AI research units, DeepMind and Google Brain.