

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 11, 2023

COURT VERDICT

- **Supreme Court Upholds Abrogation Of Article 370**
- ✓ The Supreme Court's landmark decision on December 11, 2023, upheld the Union Government's 2019 move to abrogate the special status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 of the Constitution.



- ✓ The judgment, delivered by a Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, addressed key constitutional questions and outlined significant conclusions.
- ✓ The Supreme Court validated the Union Government's decision to revoke the special status of J&K under Article 370, emphasizing that the state had no internal sovereignty. The court clarified that the concurrence of the State Government was not necessary, and Article 370 was deemed a temporary provision.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **27th WAIPA World Investment Conference**

- ✓ Invest India, the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of the Government of India, is set to host the 27th World Investment Conference (WIC) from December 11-14, 2023.



- ✓ The event, under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), promises to be a groundbreaking platform for global investment promotion and innovation stakeholders.
- ✓ This year's conference will delve into the theme of "Empowering Investors: IPAs Pioneering Future Growth." The focus is on discussing investment policies and trends, providing a unique opportunity for collaboration, trade, investments, and knowledge sharing.

DEFENCE

➤ Table-Top Exercise

- ✓ In a significant step towards fostering gender inclusivity and strengthening the capabilities of women military personnel in peacekeeping operations, the Indian Army recently conducted a table-top exercise (TTX) for women officers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).



- ✓ This exercise, held at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi from December 4 to 8, is part of the ongoing joint military training initiatives between India and ASEAN member states.

- ✓ The exercise stands as a landmark initiative, explicitly designed to promote gender inclusivity and elevate the capabilities of women military personnel operating in peacekeeping environments.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Nobel Prize Day: December 10**
- ✓ Nobel Prize Day 2023 is observed on the 10th of December 2023.



- ✓ Alfred Nobel's father was an engineer himself and Alfred Nobel expressed early interest in engineering, and explosives in particular.
 - ✓ Nobel became interested in stabilizing the unpredictable explosive nitroglycerin. Later he re-evaluated his life's goals and decided to use his earnings to set up a prize that recognized the best in humanity.
- **International Mountain Day – December 11**
 - ✓ Every year on December 11, we celebrate International Mountain Day to remind ourselves of the incredible importance of mountains in our lives. This year, the theme is “Restoring Mountain Ecosystems.”



- ✓ Mountains cover about 27% of the Earth's land, and they are like nature's treasure chests.

- ✓ They are home to 15% of the world's population! Not only that, but they also host around half of the world's biodiversity hotspots, which means they're like a haven for various plants and animals.
- **UNICEF Foundation Day: December 11**
- ✓ UNICEF Foundation Day 2023 is observed on the 11th of December 2023.



- ✓ UNICEF was created by the N. Relief Rehabilitation Administration in 1946 to provide relief funds for children and mothers affected by World War II with immediate aid.
- ✓ UNICEF relies entirely on contributions from governments and private donors.
- ✓ In 2019, UNICEF's 137 government partners, along with intergovernmental organizations and inter-organizational arrangements, contributed \$4.7 billion.

