

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 15, 2023

NATIONAL

- **India's Fastest' Solar-Electric Boat “Barracuda”**
- ✓ 'India's fastest' solar-electric boat “Barracuda” launched.



- ✓ Furthering the objective of eco-friendly maritime transportation, Barracuda was launched on December 13 at the yard of Navalvt Solar and Electric Boats located near Aroor in Alappuzha.
 - ✓ It is named after the fast, long fish, the barracuda.
 - ✓ Navalvt Solar and Electric Boats had won the World's Best Start-up award in the Mobility and Transport category at the Berlin Start-up Energy Transition Awards 2023.
- **ASEAN-India Millet Festival**



- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare inaugurated ASEAN-India Millet Festival at New Delhi.
- ✓ In line with the International Year of Millets, the festival aims to increase awareness and establish a larger market for millet and millet based products.
- ✓ Millet provides benefits to farmers, consumers, environment, makes an important contribution to global food-nutrition security.

ECONOMY

- **TN Ranks Fourth in attracting FDI**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranks fourth in attracting FDI in the period between Oct 2019 and September 2023, after Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat.

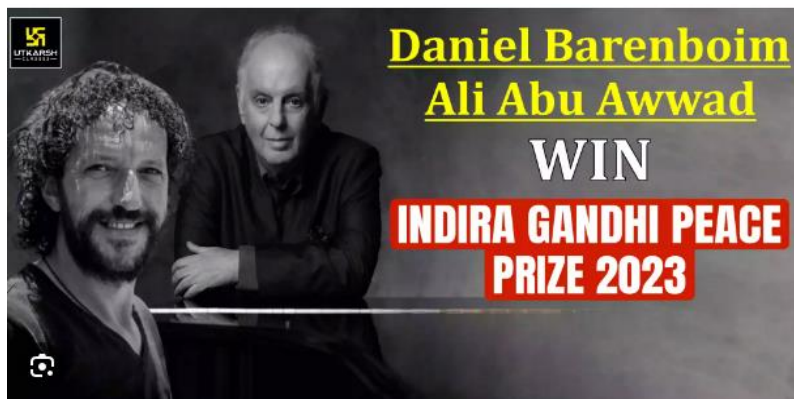


- ✓ Cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow into Tamil Nadu has touched nearly \$10 billion in the last four years from the period between October 2019 and September 2023.
- ✓ The total FDI inflow includes equity inflow, equity capital of unincorporated bodies, re-invested earnings and other capital.
- ✓ The State-wise details are maintained for the equity component of total FDI inflow since October, 2019.

AWARDS

➤ **2023 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize**

- ✓ 2023 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development awarded to Ali Abu Awwad and Daniel Barenboim.



- ✓ The award has been given for their efforts in bringing together the youth and peoples of Israel and the Arab World for a non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict.
- ✓ Maestro Barenboim is an Argentine-born, distinguished classical pianist.
- ✓ Mr. Awwad is a distinguished Palestinian peace activist who has been working tirelessly with the people of Palestine and Israel for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

➤ **Nyholm Prize For Chemistry Education Excellence**

- ✓ Professor Savita Ladage from Mumbai's Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, has been awarded the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for Education.



- ✓ Professor Ladage's tireless advocacy for the significance of chemical education has earned her this esteemed award.

- ✓ She has played a pivotal role in mentoring chemistry educators and spearheading impactful teacher and student programs that have significantly contributed to the enhancement of chemistry education in the country.

