

22nd and 23rd January 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) Brazil and Argentina

- Brazil and Argentina aim for greater economic integration, including the development of a common currency, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Argentine leader Alberto Fernandez said in a joint article they penned.
- They also decided to advance discussions on a common South American currency that can be used for both financial and commercial flows, reducing costs of operations and external vulnerability.
- The plan, set to be discussed at a summit in Buenos Aires, will focus on how a new currency which Brazil suggests calling the "sur" (south) could boost regional trade and reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar



NATIONAL

1) Parakram Diwas

- On Parakram Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The islands would be named after the 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.
- The historic significance of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and to honour the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Ross Islands was renamed as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep by the Prime Minister during his visit to the Island in 2018.
- 2) Remote Electronic Voting Machine

























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- As many as eight national and 40 regional political parties held a discussion with the Election Commission on Remote Electronic Voting Machine.
- The development came after the commission extended the date of submission of written views by political parties (on various issues with regard to RVM) to February 28, 2023.
- Though the parties appreciated ECI's initiative of calling all parties for discussion, they had a plethora of queries on the same.

3) 'Hakku Patra'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed title deeds or 'Hakku Patra' to over 52,000 eligible beneficiaries from the Lambani nomadic tribes residing in northern Karnataka.
- The five families were among the 50,000-plus families to whom land title deeds were distributed during the programme.
- The event was organised by the state Revenue Department at Malkhed, in the Kalaburagi district of Karnataka.

ELIGIBILITY : 10th/Matriculation AGE : 18-25/27 LAST DATE : 17-02-2023 EXAM DATE : APRIL 2023

4) AMPHEX 2023

- Indian Navy has carried out a six-day-long mega military exercise along with the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.
- The "largest" biennial tri-services amphibious exercise AMPHEX 2023 was conducted from January 17 to 22.
- The exercise is to review the preparedness of the Indian Navy and the Army during the war, national calamities and coastal security enforcement.
- The exercise is being conducted near the Naval Enclave at Suryaraopeta village in Kakinada rural Mandal off Kakinada coast.

STATE NEWS

1) 'International Craft Summit'





















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- Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur. The International Craft Summit is the first-of-its-kind craft summit to feature pioneer craftspersons, culture, and art enthusiasts.
- CM Naveen Patnaik addressed the inaugural event of the International Craft Summit virtually and noted that it is a historic occasion for Odisha.

2) 'School of Eminence'

- Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the 'School of Eminence', an ambitious project of the Punjab government. CM Bhagwant Mann noted that it is a revolutionary step towards ensuring a bright future for students.
- The Punjab government fixed a budget of Rs 200 crore for the 'School of Eminence' project.



3) UNESCO World Heritage Site tag

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has nominated the maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo to seek a UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.
- The historic maidams of Ahom Kingdom in Charaideo were chosen out of 52 sites for the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.

4) 'SVAMITVA'

- Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur launched the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) in the Union Territory, with both hill councils of Kargil and Leh welcoming the initiative.
- The 14-digit ULPIN would help in the digitization of land records and also reach a conclusive land titling. Terming ULPIN as a "game changer" and the next step in 'SVAMITVA' for digitization and computerization of land revenue records.
- R K Mathur informed the importance of 100 percent coverage of land revenue records in Ladakh and completion of the exercise at the earliest.





















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5) First Green Energy State

- The Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025 by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching to green products.
- The State is projected as a Power State in the Country and under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state government is resolute to promote, develop and harness optimally, the huge energy potential of the State.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Vikram Dev Dutt

- The appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt as the next director general in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation. He will take over as the head of the aviation regulator on February 28, 2023.
- He will be succeeding the incumbent DGCA chief Arun Kumar. Earlier, Dutt had also served as the CMD of Air India. He had taken charge in January last year.
- In 2022, Dutt was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India Ltd as part of a seniorlevel bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre. Dutt is a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre. Kumar, a 1989-batch IAS officer, was leading the DGCA as its director general since July 2019.



SPORTS

1) Korean sensation An Seyoung

- Korean sensation An Seyoung wins the women's singles final in the India Open Badminton Championship held at D. Jadhav Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- An Seyoung defeated the World No. 1 Japanese Akane Yamaguchi 15-21, 21-16, and 21-12 at the India Open Badminton Championship.



















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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- President Droupadi Murmu has conferred upon Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- This year, 11 children have been selected for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar from which, four are from Art and Culture field, one for Bravery, two for Innovation, one for Social Service, and three for
- Out of the 11 children, six are boys and five are girls from all over the nation.

The winners of PMRBP (Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar) get a medal along with a certificate. Apart from that, they also receive an amount of 1 Lakh Rupees.

- Besides, they also take part in Republic Day Parade in Rajpath on 26th January every year.

2) Odisha State Disaster Management Authority

- For the year 2023, Odisha State Disaster Management Authority and Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram, both in the Institutional category, have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for their excellent work in Disaster Management.













