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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ❖ World Pneumonia Day - 12th November

- World Pneumonia Day is celebrated every year on November 12 by the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF and several other international organisations to create awareness about Pneumonia, its symptoms, causes, and treatment.
- It is one of the leading causes of death in children under five years old despite being a preventable and treatable disease.
- Theme of 2023: “Championing the fight to stop Pneumonia”
- Lung organ is affected by Pneumonia disease. The World Pneumonia Day was first hosted in the year 2009.
- Haemophilus influenzae type B and streptococcus Pneumonia are the two most common cause of deadly pneumonia.
- Air sacs in an infected individual’s lungs become inflamed due to deposit of fluid.
- India targets to eliminate pneumonia by 2025.
- Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the first indigenously developed Pneumonia vaccine. It was developed by Serum Institute of India.

## ❖ The Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud inaugurated the ‘Mitti cafe’

- The Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud inaugurated the “Mitti cafe” in the premises of Supreme Court of India along with other judges.
- The newly built cafe is completely run by the specially-abled staff.

- The managers of the cafe are visually-impaired, have cerebral palsy, and are paraplegic.
- Mitti cafe is being run by an NGO which works with people of special needs and to provide them with employment opportunities.
- Across India, there are already 35 cafes operating at Bangalore airport and at offices of various MNCs.
- The NGO has started its work in 2017 and has created job opportunities for those who are specially abled.

### ❖ **Italian Luxury Brand, Enters Indian Market**

- French luxury group Kering's esteemed menswear brand, Brioni, has officially landed in India, with the help of DS Luxury, a distinguished entity under the umbrella of Dharampal Satyapal Group Limited.
- The Italian luxury brand's first boutique will open in Delhi's The Chanakya mall and will offer ready-to-wear clothing and accessories, as well as bespoke services.
- India's luxury goods market, although small, is among the world's fastest-growing, with projections to reach \$8.5 billion in 2023, marking a rise of \$2.5 billion over 2021, as per research firm Euromonitor International.

### ❖ **Union Forest Minister Gave Away 'Eco Warrior Awards 2023'**

- India's first ever dedicated award show for Indian Forest Service officers, the Eco Warrior Awards 2023, was held to honor exceptional individuals and initiatives that have made significant contributions to environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

➤ Eco Warrior Awards 2023 was organised jointly by Indian Masterminds and Indian Forest Service Association, and the awards were sponsored by HPCL - a Maharatna company in oil and gas sector; GAIL - India's leading Natural Gas Company; and Okiwana - Ye E Sahi Hai.

➤ The event commenced with a National Conclave on Forest and Wildlife Conservation, where IFS officers - Suneesh Buxy, Vivek Saxena, Saurabh Sharma, Bishwajit Mishra, Dr. Mohan Ram, Amit Anand, Millo Tasser, Parveen Kaswan, SK Awasthi, Sudha Ramen - and MD of Jungle Lodges & Resorts Ltd, Bengaluru, Manoj Kumar, offered their valuable suggestions.

#### AWARDEES :

➤ The first award of the night was presented for the category 'Forest Protection' to Vasu Kanojia, DFO, North Seoni, Madhya Pradesh.

➤ The second award was for 'Wildlife Conservation' and it was given to Dr. Mohan Ram for his exemplary work in wildlife conservation in Gir Forest, Gujarat.

The next award under the category of 'Wildlife Protection' went to Ritesh Sarothiya, Regional Deputy Director, NR, WCCB, Headquarters, MoEF & CC, Delhi.

The award for the 'Best Use of Technology for Conservation' went to Biswajit Mishra, currently serving as CCF, (CTI), in Bengaluru.

The last award was the 'Award for Community Connect' and it went to Millo Tassar, Conservator of Forests in Arunachal Pradesh.

### ❖ **Dubai Airshow 2023**

- The Dubai Airshow 2023 is gearing up for a notable face-off as India's Tejas fighter jets prepare to compete with China's J-10C and Pakistan's JF-17 Thunder Block-3 fighter aircraft for attention.
- The event is being held from November 13 to 17 at the Dubai World Central, this airshow is renowned as one of the world's premier aviation events, providing a platform for a diverse range of commercial, business, and military aircraft.
- India, China, and Pakistan are set to showcase their domestically-produced aircraft, showcasing their capabilities on the global stage. While India's Tejas and China's J-10C are indigenously manufactured, Pakistan's JF-17 is a collaborative effort between the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex and China's Chengdu Aerospace Corporation.
- Despite their differences, these neighboring nations aim to highlight their locally manufactured aircraft, asserting their positions in the international aviation arena.

### ❖ **Samsung unveils its generative AI model Samsung Gauss**

- Samsung has for the first time publicly unveiled its own generative AI model dubbed Samsung Gauss.
- The South Korean tech giant's generative AI model is named after famed mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss who established the normal distribution theory, popularly known as the bell curve.
- The name reflects Samsung's ultimate vision for the models, which is to draw from all the phenomena and knowledge in the world in order to harness the power of AI to improve the lives of consumers everywhere.

➤ According to the tech giant, Language is a generative language model designed to enhance work efficiency by helping in tasks such as writing emails, summarizing documents, and translating.

### ❖ **Mika becomes world's first AI human like robot CEO**

➤ A Polish rum company Dictador announced that it has appointed AI-powered humanoid robot 'Mika' to lead the firm.

➤ As the first CEO female robot, Mika is a board member who steers operations on Dictador's behalf.

➤ This first human-like robot, with AI, in a company structure, will change the world as we know it, forever.

➤ According to Fox, Mika is a research project between Dictador and Hanson Robotics, a Hong Kong-based engineering and robotics company known for its development of human-like robots with AI for consumer, entertainment, service, healthcare, and research applications. The two firms customised the robotic CEO to represent the company and its unique values.

### ❖ **Former SBI chairman Dhruba Narayan Ghosh passes away at 95**

➤ Dhruba Narayan Ghosh, one of the doyens of Indian banking, passed away, in Kolkata.

➤ Ghosh was the chairman of SBI from 1985 to 1989 and has been credited for many financial reforms in the country.

➤ D. N. Ghosh was a bureaucrat, banker, professor, and corporate leader. It was during his time at the SBI, that the computerization drive of branches began.

### ❖ **Japan gets a new Island after an undersea volcano eruption**

- The world's newest island has been formed off the coast of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Ocean following an undersea volcanic eruption around 1,200 km south of Tokyo.
- It is located about 1 km off the southern coast of Iwo Jima, started its latest series of eruptions on October 21.
- This unnamed island was formed after it rose from the ocean and was documented in pictures taken by the country's Maritime Self-Defense Force on November 1.

### ❖ **Centre to unveil PM Kisan Bhai to end trader's monopoly**

- To help small and marginal farmers, who do not have the capacity to hold their produce in warehouses and wait for better prices, the Centre plans to incentivise them under a scheme likely to be named PM Kisan Bhai (Bhandaran Incentive) scheme.
- Kisan Bhai is expected to empower farmers, allowing them to retain their crops for a minimum of three months post harvest.
- This is seen as an attempt to break the monopoly of traders in deciding prices of crops.
- This initiative grants farmers the autonomy to decide when to sell, in contrast to the current practice where most crops are sold around harvest, typically spanning 23 months.
- The government hopes that by providing monetary support for storage and promoting e-NWR trade through the online platform e-NAM, farmers will have more control over prices and access to a larger number of buyers.

### ❖ **Dhiraj earns India's first quota place in Paris Olympics**

- Dhiraj Bommadevara secured India's first Paris Olympics quota in archery by winning a silver medal at the Asian Continental Qualification Tournament.
- He defeated Iran's Mohammadhossein Golshani Asl 6-0 in the Archery Continental Qualifying Tournament (ACQT) semifinal in Bangkok.
- He reached the final with two straight-set wins but lost to his Chinese Taipei opponent in an intense shoot-off.

### ❖ **Indian men's team clinches gold in Asian Half Marathon**

- The Indian men's team won gold medal while the women's side clinched a bronze in the inaugural Asian Half Marathon Championship.
- The Indian men's team consisted of Sawan Barwal, Kartik Kumar and Abhishek Pal.
- Barwal, who clocked 1 hour 4 minutes and 30 seconds, also won an individual bronze medal while Kumar (1:05:21) and Pal (1:08:05) finished fifth and 13th respectively.
- Poonam Dinkar, Kavita Yadav and Rima Patel represented the women's team.
- Poonam (1:19:28s), Kavita (1:19:33s) and Rima (1:19:40s) finished ninth, 10th and 11th respectively in the individual event.
- The timings of the individual athletes were added up to decide the team winner.

### ❖ **Alex Marquez wins Malaysian MotoGP sprint race**

- Alex Marquez won the Malaysian MotoGP sprint race at Sepang ahead of championship rival duo Jorge Martin and Francesco Bagnaia, who saw his lead at the top cut to 11 points.
- Spain's Marquez romped home on his Ducati nearly 1.6 seconds ahead of compatriot Martin, who gained two points on Italy's Bagnaia in their championship tussle with three races left.

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