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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

12th to 14th Feb 2023

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❖ World Pulses Day

- World Pulses Day is an annual event celebrated on February 10th to raise awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses.
- The goal of this day is to promote the use of pulses as a sustainable food source and highlight their importance for a healthy diet and a healthy planet.
- In the year 2023 theme of the day is “Pulses for a Sustainable Future”.
- Pulses also known as legumes, are considered as global foods, and are produced in almost every country. In 2019, the UN General Assembly dedicated a day to Pulses to increase awareness and access to pulses globally.
- As the International Year of Pulses concluded, Burkina Faso, a landlocked country in West Africa, proposed the observance of World Pulses Day.
- Finally, in 2019, the UN General Assembly dedicated February 10 as World Pulses Day.

❖ World Unani Day

- World Unani Day is observed on February 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of “Hakim Ajmal Khan”, an eminent Indian Unani physician.
- The first Unani Day was celebrated in 2017 at the Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad.
- The main objective is to spread the awareness in masses and action about healthcare delivery through the Unani system of medicine worldwide through its preventive and curative philosophy.
- The Unani system of medicine has a long and impressive record in India. It was introduced in India by the Arabs and Persians sometime around the eleventh century.

➤ The Unani system of medicine originated in Greece. Its foundation was laid by Hippocrates.

❖ **World Radio Day**

➤ Every Year on February 13 every year as World Radio Day.

➤ Radio has been a means of communication and expression for ages.

➤ Radio is one of America's longest-standing and most influential mass media.

➤ It was decided by UNESCO on November 03, 2011, during its 36th conference.

➤ It celebrated the radio as the mass media reaching the widest audience in the world.

➤ It is observed to preserve the timeless medium and create awareness of the importance of radio in the world.

➤ The theme for World Radio Day 2023 is "Radio and Peace" which aims to focus on the importance of independent radio to foster peace and prevent conflict.

➤ The first true radio transmission of voice was made by Guglielmo Marconi in 1895. On June 8, 1936, Indian State Broadcasting Service became All India Radio.

➤ Radio waves are a type of energy that travels in waves.

❖ **National Women's Day**

➤ National Women's Day is celebrated on February 13, every year.

➤ The day marks the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.

➤ Referred to as the 'Nightingale of India', Sarojini Naidu was born on February 13, 1879.

➤ Sarojini Naidu was the first female governor of the United Provinces, which is the modern-day state of Uttar Pradesh. Due to her political and academic prowess, she was chosen in 1925 to lead the Indian National Congress.

➤ She was not only a freedom fighter, but she also fought a lot for the rights of women.

➤ The world recognises Sarojini Naidu for her literary accomplishments and was first recognised as the 'Bul Bule Hind' when her collection of poems was published in 1905 under the title Golden Threshold.

➤ On the occasion of Sarojini Naidu's 135th birth anniversary, that is, on 13 February 2014, the celebration of National Women's Day was started in the country.

❖ **Kuldeep arya appointed as director in Union Department of Rural development**

➤ Shri Kuldeep Arya IAS (Gujarat 2009), has been appointed as Director in the D/o Rural Development, under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of five years from the date of taking over charge of the post.

➤ Kuldeep Arya, a 2009-batch IAS officer whose term as the additional chief electoral officer in the office of the chief electoral officer in Gujarat, ended on January 31, has been appointed to the post of director in the Union department of rural development.

➤ Shri Giriraj Singh has taken charge as the Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. The Minister of Rural Development is the Chairman of these three organisations and the Secretary of the *Ministry is the Vice-Chairman. The Minister is currently Mr Giriraj Singh, and the Secretary is Subrahmanyam Vijay Kumar.

❖ **President Draupadi Murmu appoints new governors in 13 states**

➤ President Droupadi Murmu appointed 13 new Governors while transferring five.

➤ One Governor has been appointed as new Lt. Governor of Ladakh.

➤ The fresh appointments are:

a) Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik, (Retired) Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

b) Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Sikkim

c) C P Radhakrishnan, Governor of Jharkhand

d) Shiv Pratap Shukla, Governor of Himachal Pradesh

e) S. Abdul Nazeer, Governor of Andhra Pradesh

f) Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Assam

➤ Change of states of some current governors:

a) Justice (Retd) Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, Governor of Andhra Pradesh appointed as Governor of Chhattisgarh.

b) Anusuiya Uikye, Governor of Chhattisgarh appointed as Governor of Manipur.

c) La. Ganesan, Governor of Manipur appointed as Governor of Nagaland.

d) Phagu Chauhan, Governor of Bihar appointed as Governor of Meghalaya.

e) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Himachal Pradesh appointed as Governor of Bihar.

f) Ramesh Bais, Governor of Jharkhand appointed as Governor of Maharashtra.

g) Brig (Dr) B D Mishra (Retd), Governor of Arunachal Pradesh appointed as Lt. Governor of Ladakh.

❖ **Journalist Dr. Prasad bags Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award**

➤ Veteran Journalist Dr. A.B.K. Prasad has been chosen for the prestigious "Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award" for excellence in Journalism-2020 for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.

➤ Dr. Anne Bhavani Koteswara Prasad, popularly known as ABK, journalistic career spread over 75 years and has the singular honour of being the editor of all the mainstream journals of Andhra Pradesh. He also served as the Chairman, Official Language Commission, during the period 2004 to 2009 in the united Andhra Pradesh.

➤ The award was conferred by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, Chairperson of the Press Council of India, and the award will be presented on February 28 at Deputy Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

❖ **Mrf's Mammen Gets Atma Lifetime Achievement Award**

- MRF Ltd. Chairman and Managing Director K.M.Mammen received the ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) Annual Conclave 2023 held in New delhi.
- He received the award for making the achievement that has brought MRF to the milestone of over INR 19,000 crore earnings, and also for his distinctive and outstanding leadership qualities, invaluable contribution.
- Mr. Mammen has been at the helm of every landmark achievement that has brought MRF to the milestone of over ₹19,000 crore turnover and in its ranking, of being amongst one of the top tyre companies in the world.
- Hisashi Takeuchi, managing director & CEO - Maruti Suzuki India Ltd presented the award to Mammen at the ATMA annual conclave 2023 at New Delhi.

❖ **68th India International Garment fair**

- Union minister Darshana Jardosh, inaugurated the 68th India International Garment Fair (IIGF) today at India Export Mart, Greater Noida from 7 to 9 February'2023.
- The 68th IIGF is being organized by International Garment Fair Association wherein around 250 exhibitors are showcasing their products for Autumn/winter 2023-24.
- The 67th IIGF held during 20-22 June 2022 at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida.
- IIGF has been extensively recognized as one of the leading Fairs for the Indian Readymade Garment sector the world over.
- Gautam Budh Nagar is termed as the "apparel city" as it generates a revenue of about ₹40,000 crore.

❖ **Uttar Pradesh government launches portal for 'One Family, One ID'**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has finally launched the portal for creation of 'Family ID - One Family One Identity', to identify families as a unit for implementing the 'one job per family' proposal.

- The database entered in the portal will be helpful in better management of beneficiary schemes, timely targeting, and transparent operation, giving 100 percent benefit of the scheme to eligible people and simplification of government facilities for the general public.
- The ID will be available to all such families who are not qualified for the National Food Security Scheme, while the ration card ID of those families will be regarded as their family ID.
- Families without jobs can be recognised and given priority access to suitable employment opportunities on the basis of the integrated database gained through Parivar ID.

❖ **2nd Indian Rice Congress**

- President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the second Indian Rice Congress at National Rice Research Center Institute (NRRI) in Bidyadharpur.
- The theme of the second Indian Rice Congress is “Changes in Rice Research: Recent Scientific Developments and the World Food Crisis”.
- The international program will be held for four days till 14th February.
- In this Rice Congress, various topics including national food security, global food crisis, increase of rice production in changing climate will be discussed.
- The congress focused on the global food crisis and the recent scientific developments that will help in increasing the production and yield of paddy crops
- ICAR-NRRI has developed India's first high protein rice, called CR Dhan 310 and NRRI has also released a high-zinc rice variety, called CR Dhan 315.
- The ARRW located at ICAR-NRRI organized the congress. ARRW is the Association of Rice Research Workers. It was founded in 1961.
- Cuttack is called Silver city and has several heritage values like Jagannath Temple (74 km from Cuttack), Konark city (65 km from Cuttack), Nandan Kanan National Park, Chilika lake, etc.

❖ **Joe Acaba: Chief Astronaut of NASA**

- NASA has selected veteran astronaut Joe Acaba as chief of the Astronaut Office.

- Acaba replaces Drew Feustel, who spent two years as deputy chief and has been acting chief of the office since NASA astronaut Reid Wiseman left the post late last year.
- NASA's Chief acts as the Chief of the NASA Astronaut Corps as well. The NASA Astronaut Corps selects and trains the astronauts.

❖ **World Government Summit 2023**

- The 10th edition of the World Government Summit (WGS 2023) officially kicks off in Dubai.
- Held under the theme "Shaping Future Governments," the Summit will bring together thought leaders, global experts and decision makers from around the globe to share policies, and models that are essential in shaping future governments.
- The representatives of 150 countries has travel from around the globe to attend the World Government Summit 2023.
- The first World Government Summit was held in 2013. In 2017, the first Global Dialogue for Happiness was conducted. In 2018, the first Global Artificial Intelligence Forum was conducted.

❖ **12th World Hindi Conference**

- The three-day 12th World Hindi Conference will be held in Fiji from the 15th of February.
- The Conference is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in association with the Government of Fiji.
- The main theme of the Conference is 'Hindi: From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence'.
- It is for the first time that Fiji will be hosting the conference. English, Fijian and Fijian Hindi are the three official languages of Fiji.
- The first world Hindi conference to popularize Hindi as a global language was held in Nagpur in 1975. Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister of India.

❖ **Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021**

- India's national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India (QCI) has been ranked 5th in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021.
- The GQII ranks the 184 economies in the world on the basis of quality infrastructure (QI).
- India's overall QI system ranking continues to be in the Top 10 at the 10th position.

❖ **4000 years old rock carvings found in Tamil Nadu**

- 4,000-year-old rock carvings were discovered by historians at Thanimaduvu in Thumbarampattu village within the Kalvarayanmalai circle of Kallakurichi district.
- These carvings show animals like cow, deer, pig, dog etc., near them human figure with bow and arrow in hand and some human figure without weapons.
- These carvings depict the living environment of a hunter-gatherer and Neolithic herding society.

❖ **Cyclone Gabrielle hits New Zealand**

- All the cyclones in the northern hemisphere rotate anti-clockwise. And the cyclones in the southern hemisphere rotate clockwise direction. This is because of the Coriolis force of the earth.

❖ **Indian Golfer Aditi Ashok Won Kenya Ladies Open Title 2023**

- India's Aditi Ashok won her fourth Ladies European Tour title at the Kenya Ladies Open 2023 golf tournament at Vipingo Ridge, Kenya.
- Her first LET title comes after winning the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open in Abu Dhabi in 2017.
- She finished with a score of 12-under 280 at the Vipingo Ridges after shooting a final round of 67-70-69-74.
- Aditi Ashok turned pro in 2016 and also represented India at Rio 2016 Olympics.

- In the same year, Aditi Ashok won the Women's India Open to become the first Indian to win a LET golf title. She also clinched the Qatar Open that year.
- In 2021, Aditi Ashok narrowly missed out on becoming the first Indian golfer to win an Olympic medal after finishing fourth at Tokyo 2020.

❖ Maharashtra won the title of Khelo India Youth Games 2023

- Maharashtra, with 56 gold medals and a total tally of 161, won the Khelo India Youth Games 2023 title in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Khelo India Youth Games is a flagship event under the government of India's Khelo India initiative.
- The KIYG 2023 was the fifth edition.
- Maharashtra has won a total of 161 medals - 56 gold, 55 silver and 50 bronze.
- Maharashtra had earlier won this title in 2019, 2020 as well.
- Haryana had won this title in 2018 as well as last year.
- Haryana claimed the first runners-up trophy with 128 medals - 41 golds, 32 silvers and 55 bronze. Hosts Madhya Pradesh managed 39 golds, 30 silvers and 27 bronze medals to finish third on the KIYG 2022 medals table.

❖ Jean-Eric Vergne Wins Inaugural Hyderabad E-Prix

- DS Penske Automobiles veteran Jean-Eric Vergne won the action-packed Formula E Prix at Hyderabad on 11 February.
- After an action-packed qualifying session and the 32-lap final race, Jean-Eric Vergne of team DS PENSKE automobiles emerged the winner for the 2023 Greenko Hyderabad E-Prix Round 4.
- Nick Cassidy (Envision Racing) and Antonio Felix da Costa (TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team) settled for second and third places respectively.

- The winning trophy was presented by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur.
- This is the first Formula E race held in India.
- Hyderabad E-Prix was held on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake and India's first street circuit was built near NTR Garden.
- The next race will be held on February 25, 2024 in Cape Town.