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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**DESCRIPTIVE**

## ❖ **RBI approves Hinduja Group entity acquisition of Reliance Capital**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved five Hinduja Group representatives as directors on the board of Reliance Capital, which is undergoing insolvency proceedings.
- The directors are: Amar Chintopanth, Shardchandra V Zaregaonkar, Moses Newling Harding John, Bhumika Batra, and Arun Tiwari.
- The RBI's approval came along with its 'no-objection' for IIHL's Rs 10,000 crore resolution plan for Reliance Capital, and the proposed transfer of control of the bankrupt company to IIHL's wholly owned subsidiary, IIHL BFSI (India).
- The RBI has stipulated that pursuant to the change of control and management, the company will maintain strict arm's length distance with respect to any transaction with the IndusInd Bank, which is owned by the Hinduja Group.
- It also said that after the implementation of the resolution plan, any change in the shareholding will be subject to the prior approval of the RBI.
- It directed that a copy of an order by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approving the IIHL's resolution plan will have to be submitted to the bank.

## ❖ **World Toilet Day – November 19**

- World Toilet Day (WTD) is an official United Nations international observance day on 19 November to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.
- Worldwide, 4.2 billion people live without "safely managed sanitation" and around 673 million people practice open defecation.
- Sustainable Development Goal 6 aims to "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all".
- In particular, target 6.2 is to "End open defecation and provide access to sanitation and hygiene".
- World Toilet Day exists to inform, engage and inspire people to take action toward achieving this goal. The UN General Assembly declared World Toilet Day an official UN day in 2013, after Singapore had tabled the resolution (its first resolution before the UN's General Assembly of 193 member states). Prior to that, World Toilet Day had been established unofficially by the World Toilet Organization (a Singapore-based NGO) in 2001.

## ❖ **World Children's Day - November 20**

- World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

➤ Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights.

➤ Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

➤ World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

➤ The theme for 2023 is 'For every child, every right'.

### ❖ **Australia clinched 6<sup>th</sup> cricket World Cup title**

➤ Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

➤ Virat Kohli was awarded with the "Player of the tournament" title for his exemplary performance.

➤ He scored a total of 765 runs in 11 innings, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup.

➤ Mohammed Shami finished as the leading wicket taker of the World Cup 2023.

## ❖ Former RBI Governor S. Venkitaramanan Passed Away at the age of 72 years

- S Venkitaramanan, the former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), passed away recently.
- S Venkitaramanan was the 18th Governor of the RBI, serving for two years from 1990 to 1992.
- Prior to this, he was Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance from 1985 to 1989.

## ❖ IMA and Nurses' association honoured with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2022 jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association and the Trained Nurses

Association of India as representatives of the COVID-19 warriors in the country.

- Sonia Gandhi, as head of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, said the award was for every doctor, nurse, paramedic, and karamchari for their selfless service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the award to Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal, president, Indian Medical Association, and Professor (Dr.)

Roy K. George, president, Trained Nurses Association of India.

- Last year, the award was given to Pratham, a not-for-profit learning organization created to improve the quality of education in India.

### ❖ Animation film on Ahom warrior chosen for IFFI 2023

- 'Lachit – The Warrior', an animation film written and directed by Parthasarathi Mahanta and produced by Mina Mahanta and Indrani Baruah has been selected for the prestigious International Film Festival of India, 2023.
- The story of Lachit dates back to the seventeenth century Assam.
- The Warrior, an audio-visual film on Lachit Barphukan, traces the genesis of the military commander's ancestry, his charismatic personality, his dexterous skills in diplomacy and naval warfare, physical prowess, unmatched valour, and most importantly, his resolute sense of patriotism.
- It chronologically narrates the unfolding of events, starting with the launching of a series of onslaughts against the invading Mughals. Under Lachit, Guwahati was won back from the Mughals in September-October, 1667.
- After a series of intermittent skirmishes, the battle of Alaboi was fought in the year 1669 (August 5) and eventually, the military campaigns decisively ended in the battle of Saraighat (1671), where the Mughals were completely vanquished.

### ❖ Perumal Murugan wins JCB Prize for Literature

- Renowned Tamil writer Perumal Murugan has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2023 for his novel 'Fire Bird', which is translated into English by Janani Kannan.
- While Murugan was awarded 25 lakh rupees as the prize money, the translator has received an additional 10 lakh rupee prize.

➤ Originally written in Tamil as 'Aalanda Patchi', 'Fire Bird' is a thought-provoking and profound exploration of the innate human desire for stability in a world that is ever- changing.

➤ In Fire Bird, Perumal Murugan takes a universal story of lives that are tied to land and tells it with astonishing particularity. Janani Kannan's translation carries into English the rhythms not only of Tamil but of an entire way of being,

❖ **Sheynnis Palacios from Nicaragua wins Miss Universe title 2023**

➤ Sheynnis Palacios, representing Nicaragua, the first to wear from her country, won the Miss Universe crown at the 72nd edition of the fashion pageant. The show took place in San Salvador, El Salvador at Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena.

➤ Sheynnis was also crowned as Miss Nicaragua 2023 earlier this year and has a strong social media presence.

➤ Miss Thailand, Anntonia Porsild, was first runner-up and Miss Australia, Moraya Wilson, the second runner-up.

➤ Eighty-four women competed for the crown in the 72nd edition of the competition.

➤ Miss Universe was last held in El Salvador in 1975. This year's event was another opportunity for President Nayib Bukele to tout changes made under his administration, especially greatly improving the country's safety.

### ❖ **Djokovic wins ATP Finals title**

- Novak Djokovic won a record-breaking seventh ATP Finals title with a straight-set victory over home favourite Jannik Sinner.
- The world No 1 took an hour and 43 minutes to win 6-3, 6-3 as the Serbian continues to break records at the age of 36.
- It was his fourth win over Sinner, who had recorded a first-ever victory against Djokovic in the group stage in Turin and was the first Italian to reach the final.

### ❖ **54<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to begin in Goa**

- The opening ceremony of the 54<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India will be held at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim and the nine-day event will be inaugurated by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- The Film Bazaar announced its 10 recommended films for the 54<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India IFFI.
- This year, the selection boasts a diverse mix of fiction, docu-shorts, documentaries, a horror film, and even an animated feature which deal with themes relating to the diaspora, both in India and abroad, patriarchy, urban angst, extreme poverty, climate crises, nationalism, and sports and fitness.
- The films are in English, Hindi, Bengali, Marwari, Kannada, and Maori a language of New Zealand and bring together an eclectic mix of subjects.

➤ The Films include ANU directed by Pulkit Arora, ROTI KOON BANASI directed by Chandan Singh Shekhawat, TUESDAY’S WOMEN directed by Imaad Shah, GIDDH directed by Manish Saini, GOPI directed by NishanthGurumurthy and IRON WOMEN OF MANIPUR directed by Haoban Paban Kumar.

### ❖ **Global Fisheries Conference India 2023**

➤ In India, fisheries and aquaculture sector provides livelihood, employment, and entrepreneurship to more than 2.8 crore (28 Million) fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and several lakhs along the value chain.

➤ With total of 174 lakh Tonnes (17.4 Million Tonnes) fish production in FY 22-23, India is the 3rd largest fish-producing country, contributing around 8% share in global fish production.

➤ The country is also 2nd largest aquaculture producer. Our total fish and fish product export stands at 17.35 lakh Tonnes (1.73 Million Tonnes) valuing Rs. 63,690 crore (\$8.09 Billion) in FY 2022-23.

➤ Frozen shrimp retains the top position as the major export item with an export earning of Rs 43,135.58 crore (\$5.48 Billion) in FY 2022-23.

➤ With the aim of reaching out to the various domestic and global fisheries sector stakeholders and build partnerships, fostering collaborative efforts and promoting the Indian Fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India is organizing a two-day Global Fisheries Conference 2023 at Gujarat Science City, Hebatpur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for celebrating “Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth”.

➤ With an unwavering commitment to the persistent growth of this vital sector, the Global Fisheries Conference offers a unique platform for various value chain players (fishers, fish farmers, FFPOs, SHGs, input suppliers, processors, marketers etc.), policymakers, researchers, academicians, sector experts, and enthusiasts to chart the course for the future.

### ❖ **Golden Gate Declaration of APEC**

➤ The 30th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting concluded in San Francisco with the adoption of the Golden Gate Declaration.

➤ The declaration underscores the commitment to creating a resilient and sustainable future for all member economies.

➤ United States is passing the APEC host year responsibilities to Peru as the host of APEC in 2024.