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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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World Heritage Nomination 2022-2023

- Union Ministry of Culture has nominated Sacred Ensembles of the **Hoysalas temples** for consideration as a World Heritage site for the year 2022-2023.
- The sacred ensembles of the Hoysalas, built in the 12th-13th centuries and represented by the three components of **Belur, Halebid, and Somnathapura** in Karnataka.
- **Chennakeshava Temple, Belur:**
- Constructed around 1117 AD and took 103 years to complete.
- The temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu known as Chennakesava, which means beautiful (chenna) Vishnu (Keshava).



- **Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebidu:**
- Built around 1121 AD during the reign of the Hoysala King, Vishnuvardhana Hoysaleshwara.
- The temple, dedicated to Shiva, was sponsored, and built by wealthy citizens and merchants of Dorasamudra.



- **Keshava Temple, Somnathapura:**
- It is a Vaishnava Hindu temple on the banks of River Kaveri at Somnathapura, Karnataka, India.
- The temple was consecrated in 1258 AD by Somanatha Dandanayaka, a general of the Hoysala King Narasimha III.



Chhattisgarh to Implement ONORC Scheme

- Chhattisgarh becomes 35th State/UT to implement One Nation One Ration Card
- ONORC now covers 96.8% of NFSA population across 35 States/UT's
- ONORC is a technology-driven distribution system that makes food security portable across the country.

- Under ONORC plan from August 2019, more than 56 Crore portability transactions have been recorded in the States/UT's
- Presently, a monthly average of about 2.5 Crore portability transactions (including inter-State, intra-State, and PM-GKAY food grain transactions) are being recorded in the States/UTs under ONORC



World Wetlands Day 2022

- World Wetlands Day is observed every year on February 2nd all over the world. It is celebrated to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and our planet.
- This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar.
- This year's theme of World Wetlands Day is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature", which highlights the importance of actions to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands for humans and planetary health.
- Two new Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance), Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in U.P were also announced on the occasion by Shri Yadav.
- India now has a network of 49 Ramsar sites covering an area of 10,93,636 hectares, the highest in South Asia. Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in UP provides a safe wintering and staging ground for a large number of species of the Central Asian Flyway while Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary is a coastal wetland with rich avifaunal diversity providing a safe habitat to endangered and vulnerable species.
- On the occasion, "National Wetland Decadal Change Atlas" prepared by the Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad was also released highlighting the

changes which have happened in Wetlands across the country in the past decade. The original Atlas was released by SAC in 2011 and has over the years been used extensively by all the State Governments also in their planning processes.



WORLD WETLANDS DAY

CELEBRATED ANNUALLY ON
2nd FEBRUARY

Mithali Raj Stands 2nd in ICC ODI Women Rankings

- Mithali Raj has reached the no. 2 spot in the latest Women's ODI Batting Rankings released by ICC, ahead of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022. Mithali Raj has a total of 738 points to her credit and sits second to Australian player Alyssa Healy with 750 points.
- Alongside Mithali, opener Smriti Mandhana is the only other Indian player to find herself in the top 10 rankings. As per the latest rankings, Mandhana sits sixth on the list with a total of 710 points to her credit. Mandhana was recently awarded the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2021 for her brilliant performances for the Women in Blue across all formats.



Mithali Raj

Alyssa Healy

Smirti Mandhana

World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 Award

- Veteran Indian Hockey goalkeeper P R Sreejesh has won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade.
- In 2020, Indian Women's hockey captain Rani Rampal became the first Indian to win the honour for her 2019 show
- Sreejesh beat competition from sport climber Alberto Gins Lopez of Spain and Italy's wushu player Michele Giordano for the award.
- Sreejesh, a former captain of Indian Men's Hockey Team and part of the Tokyo Olympics-bronze medal winning side, received around one lakh twenty seven thousand votes, whereas Lopez got around sixty seven thousand votes and Giordane accumulated over fifty two thousand votes.
- The 33-year-old was the only Indian nominated and was recommended by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- In the FIH Stars Awards in October, Sreejesh was named the goalkeeper of the year for 2021.
- Sreejesh has represented India in 244 senior international matches. At the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Sreejesh led the Indian hockey team to the quarterfinals of the tournament. He led the Indian team that won the silver medal at the 2016 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy held at London.



Chinese New Year Being Celebrated

- Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar and solar Chinese calendar.
- In Chinese and other East and Southeast Asian cultures, the festival is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival as the spring season in the lunisolar calendar traditionally starts with lichun, the first of the twenty-four solar terms which the festival celebrates around the time of the Lunar New Year.
- China is celebrating the Spring Festival, its most important annual festival as it entered the Lunar new Year of the Tiger on Tuesday, bidding goodbye to the Lunar Year of the Ox.
- Chinese residents normally ring in the start of the New Year with fireworks, lanterns, balloons, food, and family time. But this year, it is very different. This year the celebrations coincide with the Beijing Winter Olympics, which open near the end of the weeklong holiday.
- The Year of the Tiger, according to the Chinese Zodiac, runs from Feb. 1, 2022, to Jan. 21, 2023.
- In Chinese culture, the tiger symbolizes bravery, vigor, and strength and it is believed that it can lift people from adversity and usher in final auspiciousness and peace.
- In his Spring Festival message to the Chinese people, President Xi Jinping underscored the importance of unity of the country in forging ahead towards national rejuvenation as he is widely expected to continue for an unprecedented third five-year term in power, unlike his predecessors who retired after two terms.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. UNESCO's World Heritage Centre (WHC) is located at

- A. Paris
- B. Oslo
- C. Berlin
- D. Tokyo

ANSWER: A

2. Convention for the "Protection of the World's Cultural and Natural Heritage" was signed in

- A. 1962
- B. 1972
- C. 1982
- D. 1992

ANSWER: B

3. Recently _____ was Selected as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List From India

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Durga Puja
- C. Dholavira
- D. Ramappa Temple

ANSWER: B

4. Current Captain of Indian Women's Cricket Team

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Jemimah Rodrigues

ANSWER: B

5. Current Captain of Indian Women's Hockey Team

- A. Rani Rampal
- B. Deepti Sharma
- C. Harleen Deol
- D. Pooja Vastrakar

ANSWER: A

6. Hoysaleswara Temple built by King Vishnuvardhana is in

- A. Halebidu
- B. Belur
- C. Somnathapura
- D. Warangal

ANSWER: A

7. ONORC Scheme was launched in

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

ANSWER: D

8. Ramsar City is in

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. India
- D. Syria

ANSWER: B

9. Ramsar Convention was signed in

- A. 1971
- B. 1981
- C. 1991
- D. 2001

ANSWER: A

10. Currently how many Ramsar Sites are there in India?

- A. 43
- B. 45
- C. 48
- D. 49

ANSWER: D



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