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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

24 February 2022

Praggnanandhaa Defeats World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen

- Indian teenage chess grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa has created a history by defeating world chess champion, Magnus Carlsen at the online rapid chess competition.
- Achieving the remarkable feat, Praggnanandhaa became the 3rd Indian to defeat Carlsen after Vishwanathan Anand and P Harikrishna.
- Congratulations have been pouring in for the 16-year-old ever since he defeated the chess king.
- Sachin, MK Stalin, Modi govt, Vishwanathan Anand have wished Praggnanandhaa.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over R Praggnanandhaa for winning against the noted champion Magnus Carlsen in online Chess tournament.
- In a tweet, the Prime Minister said:
- "We are all rejoicing on the success of the young genius R Praggnanandhaa. Proud of his accomplishment of winning against the noted champion Magnus Carlsen. I wish the talented Praggnanandhaa the very best for his future endeavours."



Annual Frontiers Report 2022

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released its Annual Frontiers Report named Noise, Blazes and Mismatches.
- The Frontiers report identifies and offers solutions to three environmental issues: urban noise pollution, wildfires and phenological shifts that merit attention and action from governments and the public at large to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.
- Recommendations:
- Appreciating and adopting indigenous fire management techniques.
- A preventive approach, rather than reactive approach by engaging vulnerable groups, will help adapt to the wildfires.
- It is important to enhance fire-fighting capabilities and strengthen community resilience-building programmes
- It is important to focus on long-range weather forecasting.
- Focus on remote-sensing capabilities such as satellites, ground-based radar, lightning detection as well as data handling.




Extension Of PM CARES Scheme For Children

- The Centre has extended the PM Cares for Children Scheme till 28th February 2022, which was earlier valid till 31st December 2021.
- The scheme was launched on 29th May, 2021 with the aim to support children who lost both or surviving parent(s), legal guardian/adoptive parents or single adoptive parent to Covid-19.
- The status of children in need of care and protection included orphans (10,094), lost either parent (1,36,910) and abandoned (488) taking the total to 1,47,492.
- PM-CARES Fund: The government has set up the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM-CARES Fund) to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation like posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The Fund is a public charitable trust with the Prime Minister as its Chairman. Other Members include Defence Minister, Home Minister and Finance Minister.


 Government stands with children **who lost their parents due to COVID-19**


 Such children to **get a monthly stipend** once they **turn 18 and a fund of 10 lakh when they turn 23 from PM CARES**

 **Free education to be ensured** for children who lost their parents to COVID-19

 Children will be assisted to **get an education loan for higher education & PM CARES will pay interest on the loan**

 Children will **get free health insurance of 5 lakh under Ayushman Bharat till 18 years** & premium will be paid by PM CARES

 Children represent the future of the country and we will do everything to support and protect the children: **PM Narendra Modi**

 It is our duty, as a society, to care for our children and instil hope for a bright future: **PM Narendra Modi**



PM CARES
Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief
in Emergency Situations Fund

National Means Cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme

- Ministry of Education has approved the continuation of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMSS) over the 15th Finance Commission cycle for a period of five years i.e. from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with financial outlay of Rs. 1827.00 crore.
- It is a central Sector Scheme, launched in 2008-09 to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to reduce drop-outs in class VIII.
- 22.06 lakh scholarships have been sanctioned till 2020-21 involving an expenditure of Rs. 1783.03 crore.
- Scholarship of Rs. 12000/- per annum (Rs.1000/- per month) per student is awarded to selected students every year for study in classes from IX to XII.
- The selection of students awarded the scholarships is made through an examination conducted by the State Governments.
- Scholarships are disbursed by the State Bank of India directly into the bank accounts of students on a quarterly basis.

Ayush Start-Up Challenge

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in association with Startup India has launched the 'Ayush Start-up Challenge'.

- It was launched to encourage start-ups and individuals working on innovations in the field of Ayurveda and alternative healing.
- The winners of 'Ayush Start-up Challenge' will receive both a cash prize and incubation support from the AIIA.
- Cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh for the winner and Rs. 50,000 for the runner-up.
- 3 entry categories for participating start-ups:
- Ayush Food Innovations:
- Ayush Bio-instrumentation (Hardware solutions)
- Ayush IT Solutions (Software solutions).
- There will be two winners in each of the 3 categories.



Prevention Of Sexual Harassment At Workplace

- 1st Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace held on 23rd February 2022 under the aegis of Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice.
- Shri Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, Union Law Secretary, while addressing the women officers/officials of the Department of Legal Affairs, highlighted that sexual harassment at the workplace is a violation of the Fundamental Rights under Article 14, 21 of the Constitution.
- Until and unless the women come out and open, it will be difficult to bring in changes in attitudes.
- There are various challenges attached to it and the first step entails talking and writing the incident/complaint to the Complaints Committee.
- Cyber Crime has also opened a new way of sexual harassment which is a huge challenge.
- Law Secretary pointed out the provisions under the I.P.C. that cover crimes relating to women.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Employment and Social Outlook Report

- A. IMF
- B. ILO
- C. WEF
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

2. World Food Price Index

- A. World Bank
- B. Food and Agricultural Organisation
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. IFAD

ANSWER: B

3. International Intellectual Property (IP) Index

- A. Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)
- B. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNDP

ANSWER: A

4. “My Body is My Own” Report

- A. United Nations Population Fund
- B. World Bank

- C. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. UN Women

ANSWER: A

5. 'State Of The Economy' Report - India

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. Department of Economic Affairs
- D. Asian Development Bank

ANSWER: B

6. 'State Of The Forest' Report - India

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of New And Renewable Energy

ANSWER: B

7. "Net Zero By 2050" Report

- A. UNFCCC
- B. IEA
- C. UNDA
- D. IMF

ANSWER: B

8. World Giving Index

- A. UNDP
- B. Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
- C. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

9. Global Report On Racial Justice And Inequality

- A. World Bank
- B. UNHRC
- C. IMF

D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

10. "The Race Against Time For Smarter Development" Report

A. World Development Report

B. Global Economic Prospects

C. UN Sustainable Development Report

D. UNESCO Science Report

ANSWER: D

11. World Investment Report

A. UNCTAD

B. World Bank

C. International Monetary Fund

D. New Development Bank

ANSWER: A

12. Annual Report On Children And Armed Conflict

A. World Bank

B. UN

C. IMF

D. Niti Aayog

ANSWER: B

13. Suicide Worldwide Report

A. WHO

B. IMF

C. ICJ

D. ICC

ANSWER: A

14. State Of Global Climate Report

A. World Meteorological Organisation

B. Food and Agriculture Organisation

C. NITI Aayog

D. NABARD

ANSWER: A

15.Mission 2070: A Green New Deal For A Net Zero India

- A. FAO
- B. WEF
- C. IMF
- D. Niti Aayog

ANSWER: B

16.Annual Overview Of Future Needs

- A. OCHA
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNFPA
- D. UNHCR

ANSWER: A

17.Good Governance Index Is Released By

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

ANSWER: D

18.The Human Development Index (HDI)

- A. World bank
- B. UNDP
- C. IMF
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: B

19.Agricultural Marketing And Farm Friendly Reforms Index

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20.Living Planet Report

- A. International Union for Conservation of Nature
- B. Worldwide Fund for Nature
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. World Nature Organization

ANSWER: B

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