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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 21 December 2022

### Latvia Host Joint Expeditionary Force Summit At Riga

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit Meeting Of The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) Was Hosted By Latvia Hosted In Riga.
- It Was Founded In 2015 After The NATO Summit Meeting In 2014.
- Member Countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden And The UK.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit Highlights The Aggression Of Russia In Ukraine And Changes In The Security Climate In The North Atlantic, Baltic Sea And The High North Regions.
- It Has Been Set Up Which Can Respond To Crises In The High North And Northern Europe Caused By Russian Aggression.
- Latvia:
- It Lies In North Eastern Europe And Is One Of The 3 Baltic Countries (Others Lithuania And Estonia).
- Latvia Was Under The Soviet Union And It Became Independent After The Collapse Of The Soviet Union In 1991.
- Capital: Riga , Prime Minister: Krisjanis Kariņš, Currency: Euro



## FIFA World Cup Awards 2022

- Golden Boot Award: Kylian Mbappe (France)
- Golden Ball Award: Lionel Messi (Argentina)
- Golden Glove Award: Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
- FIFA Young Player Award: Enzo Fernandez
- Top 4 Team Rankings: Argentina (Winner)
- France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) And Morocco (4th)
- FIFA Fair Play Award: England.
- Silver Boot Award: Lionel Messi
- Bronze Boot Award: Olivier Giroud (France)
- Silver Ball Award: Kylian Mbappe
- Most Goals In FIFA World Cup 2022: Kylian Mbappe (France) – 8 , Lionel Messi (Argentina) – 7, Julian Alvarez (Argentina) – 4.



## India Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Globally In The Publication Of Scientific Papers

- According To Dr Jitendra Singh (Union Minister For Science & Technology), India Has Been Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Globally In The Publication Of Scientific Papers.
- Quoting The Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 Report Of The United States By National Science Foundation (NSF).

- **India's Position Globally In Scientific Publications, Has Improved From 7<sup>th</sup> Position In 2010 To 3<sup>rd</sup> Position In 2020.**
- India's Scholarly Output Increased From 60,555 Papers In 2010 To 1, 49,213 Papers In 2020.
- **China Leads The World In The Publication Of Scientific Papers Followed By The USA.**



EXAMS

## 15<sup>th</sup> COP Of The UN Convention On Biological Diversity

- **The 15<sup>th</sup> Conference Of The Parties (COP 15) Of The United Nations Convention On Biological Diversity Chaired By China And Hosted By Canada, Adopted The "Kunming- montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" (GBF), Which Sets Four Goals And 23 Targets For 2030.**
- **It Provides A Global Roadmap For The Conservation, Restoration And Sustainable Management Of Biodiversity And Ecosystems For The Next Decade.**
- **4 Goals And 23 Targets Have Been Set Which Are To Be Achieved By 2030.**
- **Over 190 Nations Of The World On 19 December Agreed On A Historic Package Of Measures & To Catalyze, Enable And Inspire Urgent And Transformative Action By Governments And Local Governments, With Civil Society Participation, To Prevent Biodiversity Loss.**



## 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting Of GST Council

- The Meeting Was **Chaired** By **Nirmala Sitharaman (Union Finance Minister)**.
- The Meeting Was Attended By **Pankaj Choudhary (Union Minister Of State For Finance)**, **Finance Ministers Of States & Union Territories** And **Senior Officers From Union Government & States**.
- **Establishment And Powers Of GST Appellate Tribunal In 2023.**
- **Reduction In GST Rate On Health Insurance From 18% To 12%.**
- A Decision Will Be Made In Areas On **Online Gaming, Casinos, Gambling, And Horse Racing**.
- Certain **Offences** Relating To GST Are Expected To Be **Decriminalized**.
- **What Is GST Council ?**
- It Is A **Joint Forum Of The Center And The States** Which Was Established By The **President** In Accordance With **Article 279A (1)** Of The **Amended Constitution**.
- The **GST Council** Has Been Notified As A **Constitutional Body** To Deal With Issues **Related To GST**.
- **Members In GST Council:**
- **Union Finance Minister (Chairman)**, **Union Minister Of State (Finance)** From The **Centre**.
- **Each State Minister In Charge Of Finance Or Taxation Or Any Other Minister** May Be **Nominated As A Member**.
- **What Is GST ?**
- It Was Introduced Through The **101st Constitution Amendment Act, 2016**.

- **GST Merged Indirect Taxes Like Excise Duty, Value Added Tax (VAT), Service Tax, Luxury Tax Etc.**
- **It Is One Of The Biggest Indirect Tax Reforms In The Country (One Nation One Tax).**



## UAE To Host The 13<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Meeting In 2024

- **The 13<sup>th</sup> World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Meeting Will Be Hosted By The United Arab Emirates (UAE) In February 2024.**
- **The 12<sup>th</sup> WTO's Ministerial Conference Was Held In Geneva, Switzerland, From June 12 To June 17.**
- **It Was Originally Meant To Be Held In Kazakhstan In 2020.**
- **World Trade Organisation (WTO):**
- **It Was Set Up On 1 January 1995 Replacing The General Agreement On Tariff And Trade (GATT).**
- **Its Main Objective Is To Promote Rule Based Trading Systems In The World And To Settles Trade Related Disputes Between The Member Countries.**
- **The Headquarters Of WTO: Geneva, Switzerland.**
- **The Ministerial Conference Is The Topmost Decision-making Body Of The World Trade Organisation And Usually Meets Every Two Years.**
- **Director General Of WTO : Dr Ngozi -Okonjo-iweala (Nigeria).**
- **There Are 164 Member Countries.**
- **Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.**



## Jitendra Singh Inaugurated 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' Campaign

- **Union Minister For Personnel, Public Grievances, And Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh Inaugurated The 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore', A Nationwide Campaign Under The Good Governance Week 2022 In New Delhi.**
- **He Also Launched The Good Governance Week Portal.**
- **373 Best Governance Practices Were Identified For Discussion In District Level Workshops.**
- **The Workshop Will Be Organised On The 23<sup>rd</sup> Of This Month.**
- **In The 5 Days Campaign, Over 300 New Services Identified By District Collectors Across The Country Will Be Added For Online Service Delivery.**
- **The Nationwide Campaign For Redressal Of Public Grievances And Improvement In Service Delivery Will Be Organised In All Districts, States And UTs Of The Country.**
- **More Than 700 District Collectors Will Participate In The Campaign And Officers Will Visit Tehsil And Panchayat Samiti Headquarters.**
- **Good Governance:**
- **It Refers To Processes And Institutions That Produce Outcomes That Make The Best Use Of Resources While Meeting The Needs & Welfare Of Society. Every Citizen Of The Nation Is Primarily Concerned With The Efficient Functioning Of The Government.**



## Ashwini Vaishnaw Becomes 1<sup>st</sup> Chancellor Of Gati Shakti University

- Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister Of Railways) Has Been Appointed As The Chancellor Of Gati Shakti University, Vadodra, By President Draupadi Murmu.
- President Also Appointed Dr Manoj Chaudhary As The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chancellor Of Gati Shakti University.
- The Central Government Introduced A Bill In The Lok Sabha To Convert The National Rail And Transportation Institute Into Gati Shakti University, An Autonomous Central University.
- Gati Shakti University Was Granted The Central Status By The Union Cabinet In July 2022.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Of The Following Is Not A Baltic Country ?**

- A. Sweden
- B. Lithuania
- C. Estonia
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Who Is The Current Prime Minister Of Latvia ?**

- A. Vitālijs Rubenis
- B. Jurijs Rubenis
- C. Krisjanis Kariņš
- D. Vilnis Edvīns Bresis

**ANSWER: C**

**3. FIFA 2022 Golden Boot Award Goes To \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Kylian Mbappe
- C. Emiliano Martinez
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**4. FIFA 2022 Golden Ball Award Goes To \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Kylian Mbappe
- C. Emiliano Martinez
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

5. **FIFA 2022 Golden Glove Award Goes To \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Kylian Mbappe
- C. Emiliano Martinez
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

6. **Most Goals In FIFA World Cup 2022 By \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Cristiano Ronaldo
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Kylian Mbappe
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

7. **India Ranked \_\_\_ In The Publication Of Scientific Papers.**

- A. 7<sup>th</sup>
- B. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- C. 1<sup>st</sup>
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

8. **15<sup>th</sup> COP Of The UN Convention On Biological Diversity Was Hosted by \_\_\_\_.**

- A. China
- B. Canada
- C. USA
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

9. **15<sup>th</sup> COP Of The UN Convention On Biological Diversity Was Chaired by \_\_\_\_.**

- A. China
- B. Canada
- C. USA

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. GST Was Introduced Through \_\_\_\_\_ Constitution Amendment.**

- A. 102<sup>nd</sup> Constitution Amendment
- B. 101<sup>st</sup> Constitution Amendment
- C. 103<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Amendment
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

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