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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 17 January 2023

### Piyush Goyal Launched MAARG Portal

- **Piyush Goyal (Commerce And Industry Minister) Launched The MAARG Platform (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, And Growth).**
- **It Would Facilitate Mentorship Between Startups And Entrepreneurs Across Sectors, Stages, And Functions.**
- **It Will Allow Startups To Connect With Mentors & Discuss Their Mentorship Needs. Startups Can Connect With Academics, Industry Experts, Successful Founders, Seasoned Investors And Others To Receive Personalized Mentorship, Clarity & Practical Advice On Growth Strategy.**



### India's Richest 1% Own More Than 40% Of Total Wealth

- According To **Oxfam International** Recent Report , **More Than 40 % Of India's Total Wealth** Is Held By **Just 1 % Of The Country's Richest People**, While **50 % Of The Population** Has Only **3 % Of The Country's Total Wealth**.
- The **Total Number Of Billionaires** Has Increased From **102 In 2020 To 166 In 2022**.
- The **Total Wealth Of The 100 Richest People Of India** Has Increased To **US\$ 660 Billion** I.E. About **Rs 54.12 Lakh Crore**.

- From The Beginning Of The **Corona Epidemic In The Country To November 2022, The Wealth Of The Country's Billionaires Has Increased By 121 %.**
- **About 64 % Contribution** Has Been Given By The People Coming From The **Weakest 50 % Sections** Of The Country In Terms Of **Economic Status.**
- A **5 % Tax On India's Ten Richest People** Could Provide Enough **Money To Get Children Back To School.**



## National Startup Day 2023

- To Promote And Encourage New Businesses In The Country, **PM Narendra Modi Announced That Every Year 16 January Will Be Celebrated As 'National Startup Day'.**
- In The Year **2022, India Celebrated The First 'National Startup Day'.**
- As Part Of The **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations, At Over 75 Locations In The Country Several Events Were Organised With An Aim To Promote the Spirit Of Entrepreneurship And Innovation By Involving The Startup Community.**



## Maghi Mela Festival

- This Festival Is Being Celebrated From **January 14 In Punjab**.
- It Has Been Celebrated In **Sri Muktsar Sahib City In Punjab In Memory Of The 40 Sikh Warriors Who Died Fighting The Mughals In The Battle Of Khidrana In 1705**.
- **The Khidrana Was Named Muktsar Or Mukti Kund**.
- It Is Held Every Year In The **Holy City Of Sri Muktsar Sahib In January Or In The Month Of Magh As Per Nanakshahi Calendar**.
- **In 1704, The Khidrana War Began During The Siege Of Anandpur Sahib By The Mughals, 40 Sikh Soldiers Deserted Their Posts**.
- **Battle of Khidrana**
- **In 1704, During The Siege Of Anandpur Sahib By The Mughals, 40 Sikh Soldiers Abandoned Their Posts And Fled**.
- **Near Amritsar, A Woman Named Mai Bhago Scolded Them And Challenged The Fighters To Return To Anandpur Sahib In The Service Of Their Guru**
- **With Mai Bhago The Inspired Soldiers Marched Towards Anandpur Sahib To Help Guru Gobind Singh**.
- **He Met Guru Gobind Singh At Khidrana Where He Came Face To Face With The Mughal Army And Sacrificed His Life In The Process**.



## Magh Bihu Or Bhogali Bihu Festival

- **Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister Of Shipping And Waterways) Burn The Traditional Assamese Meji (Bonfire) In Guwahati As Part Of The Magh Bihu Or Bhogali Bihu Celebration**.

- **Bhogali Bihu** Which Is Also Known As **Magh Bihu** Is Being Celebrated In Every Year In Assam.
- It Is Celebrated In The **Month Of ' Magha ' (Middle Of January)**.
- **This Is A Festival Of Farmers.**
- The Sun God Is Worshipped On This Day In Different Parts Of India In The Form Of Various Festivals Such As **Pongal (Tamil Nadu), Maghi (Punjab) And Uttarayan (Gujarat)**.
- The Main Attraction Of This Festival Is Food.
- **The Night Before 'Bhogali Bihu'** Which Falls On **15th January** Is Called '**Uruka** ' Which Means **The Night Of Feasts**.
- **The Villagers Build Bamboo Huts Called ' Bhelaghor ' Or Community Kitchen** Where They Start With The Preparations For The Festival.



## **World Economic Forum Begins At Davos**

- **The 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition Of The World Economic Forum (WEF) Begins On 16 January 2023 In Davos, Switzerland.**
- It Will Be Organised Till **20 January 2023**.
- **Theme: 'Cooperation In A Fragmented World'**.
- **Ukraine Crisis, Global Inflation, Climate Change Etc. Were The Main Topics Of Discussion.**
- **European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, European Parliament President Roberta Metsola, South African President Cyril M. Ramaphosa, Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez, South Korean President Yoon Suk Attending This Meeting.**

- **Ashwini Vaishnav, Mansukh Mandaviya, Smriti Irani, RK Singh, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde Are Also Participating.**
- **Gautam Adani, Sanjiv Bajaj, Kumar Mangalam Birla, N Chandrasekaran, Nadir Godrej, Sajjan Jindal, Sunil Mittal Etc Are Also Participating.**
- **World Economic Forum**
- **It Is A Swiss Non-profit Organisation.**
- **It Was Establishment In 1971.**
- **Headquarters: Cologny (Switzerland).**
- **Founder And Executive Chairman: Klaus Schwab.**
- **Chairperson: Borge Brende**



## **Anahat Singh Wins Girls' U-15 Title In British Junior Open**

- **Anahat Singh Won The Girls Under-15 Squash Title At The British Junior Open, In Birmingham, UK.**
- **Delhi's Anahat Singh Defeated Egypt's Sohela Hazem 3-1 In The Final.**
- **The Win Makes Anahat The Most Successful Indian Player In The British Junior Open.**
- **The British Junior Open Is Held Every Year In January In The UK Where All The Best Players From Around The World Compete To Win The Title.**
- **Anahat Represented India At The Commonwealth Games Has Reached The Finals In All Three Of Her Appearances At The British Junior Open.**



## Yuki Bhambri And Saketh Myneni Won Bangkok Open

- Yuki Bhambri And Saketh Myneni Won The Bangkok Open Title With Their 6<sup>th</sup> Title Together On The ATP Challenger Tour.
- They Beat Indonesian Christopher Rungkat And Australian Akira Santillan 2-6, 7-6, 14-12.
- The 28-year-old Yuki Can Achieve A Career - Best ATP Ranking Of 90 In Doubles, While The 35-year - Old Saketh Can Move Up To 74.
- They Will Next Compete At The Australian Open (First Grand Slam Of The Season) Where He Has Been Given A Wild Card Entry.



## RRR Wins Critics Choice Award

- SS Rajamouli's Film 'RRR' Won The 28<sup>th</sup> Critics' Choice Awards 2023 For Best Foreign Language Film And Best Song.
- RRR Recently Received The Golden Globe Award For The Song ' Naatu Naatu '. It Stars Famous Actors Ram Charan And Jr. NTR In Lead Roles.
- For Best Song, It Was Against 'Where The Crowded Sing', ' Guilmeri Del Toro Pinocchio', 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' And 'White Noise'.
- For Best Foreign Language It Was Against 'All Quiet On The Western Front', 'Argentina 1985', ' Bardo', 'False Chronicle Of A Dumpful Of Truths', 'Close' And 'Decision To Leave



## India Registers Biggest Win In ODI History

- India Beat Sri Lanka By 317 Runs In The 3<sup>rd</sup> ODI In Thiruvananthapuram To Register The Biggest Win By Runs In ODI History.
- India Scored 390 Runs In 50 Overs Losing 5 Wickets.
- The Sri Lankan Team Could Only Manage 73 Runs In 22 Overs.

Team	Against	Difference	Year
India	Sri lanka	317	2023
New Zealand	Ireland	290	2008



Australia	Afghanistan	275	2015
South Africa	Zimbabwe	272	2010
South Africa	Sri Lanka	258	2012



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **MAARG Platform Stands For \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Mentorship, Access, Assistance, Resilience, And Growth
- B. Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, And Growth
- C. Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resource, And Growth
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

2. **Who Is The Union Commerce And Industry Minister ?**

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. Anurag Thakur
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**3. The HQ Of OXFAM Is In \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Nairobi
- B. Muscat
- C. New York
- D. Paris

**ANSWER: A**

**4. The Current Director Of Oxfam Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Gabriela Bucher
- B. Alexander Pulit
- C. James Willis
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**5. National Startup Day 2023 Is Observed On \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. 10 January
- B. 15 January
- C. 16 January
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**6. The Theme Of National Startup Day 2023 Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- B. India Startup 2023
- C. Encourage Startup Industries
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: D**

**7. The Battle Of Khidrana Was Fought In \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. 1698
- B. 1705
- C. 1701
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Bhogali Bihu Festival Is Celebrated In \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Tripura
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**9. 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition Of The World Economic Forum Begins In \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Davos
- B. Geneva
- C. Bern
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. The Theme Of World Economic Forum 2023 Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Sustainable Development
- B. Cooperation In A Fragmented World
- C. Economical Cooperation Segment
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**11. The HQ Of World Economic Forum Is In \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Cologny
- B. Geneva
- C. Davos

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Who Is The Current Chairperson Of World Economic Forum ?**

- A. David Bless
- B. Klaus Schwab
- C. Borge Brende
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**13. \_\_\_\_ Wins Girls' U-15 Title In British Junior Open 2023.**

- A. Anahat Singh
- B. Anamika Singh
- C. Anshita Kaur
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**14. World Economic Forum Was Establishment In \_\_\_\_.**

- A. 1972
- B. 1971
- C. 1984
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**15. \_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_ Won Bangkok Open Tennis 2023.**

- A. Ramkumar Ramanathan & Rohan Bopanna
- B. Viktor Durasovic & Casper Ruud
- C. Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

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