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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 18 January 2023

### **Kollam Becomes First Constitution Literate District In India**

- Kerala's Kollam District Has Become The 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Literate District In The Country.
- The Campaign Has Been Launched To Educate The Residents Of Kollam District Of Kerala About The Basics Of The Constitution.
- Its Objective Is To Make Kollam District A Constitutionally Literate District.
- This Achievement Is The Result Of A 7 month Long Constitutional Literacy Campaign Launched Jointly By Kollam District Panchayat, District Planning Committee & Kerala Institute Of Local Administration To Create Awareness About The Laws Of The Country And The Rights Of Citizens
- The Entire Population Of Kollam Above The Age Of 10 Years Was Informed About The Preamble Of The Constitution And The Historical Background Of The Document, Its Basic Principles, Fundamental Rights Of Citizens And Legal Remedies.



# **OECD Appointed Claire Lombardelli As Chief Economist**

- UK's Claire Lombardelli Has Been Appointed As The New Chief Economist Of The Organization For Economic Co-operation And Development.
- He Has **Replaced Lawrence Boon** Of **France**, Who Has Held The Post **Since 2018**.
- She Is Currently The Chief Economic Adviser To The UK Treasury.
- Organisation For Economic Co-operation And Development:
- It Is An Intergovernmental Economic Organisation Of 38 Countries.
- It Was Established In 1960 To Promote Economic Progress And World Trade.
- Headquarters Paris (France).
- India Is Not A Member Of OECD.



# Neelakurinji On The List Of Protected Plants

- The Ministry Of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF) Has Listed Neelakurinji Under Schedule III Of The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Including It On The List Of Protected Plants.
- The Center Increased The Earlier Protected List Of 6 Plant Species To 19.
- Those Who Uproot Or Destroy The Plant Will Be Fined Rs 25,000 And Imprisoned For 3 Years.
- Cultivation And Possession Of This Plant Is Not Allowed.
- Neelakurinji Is A Shrub Found In The Western Ghats In The Shola Forests (Southern Part Of India).
- Neelakurinji Flowers Are Violet-blue In Colour And Bloom Once In 12 Years.
- It Has Also Given The Name Nilgiris To The Mountains Of The Region Owing To Its Blue Color.





• It Is As An Endangered Species.

### **B20 India Inception Meeting To Be Held In Gandhinagar**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> 15 Meetings Of The Business 20 (B20) India Inception Meeting Will Be Held In Gandhinagar From January 22nd To 24th, 2023.
- India Has Been Assumed As The G20 Under The Leadership Of PM Narendra Modi.
- Theme : 'Responsible, Fast, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Business.





### Akane & Victor Won The Malaysia Open Badminton

- Denmark's Victor Axelsen (2 Time World Champion & Defending Olympic Champion) And World Champion Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) Have Won The Men's And Women's Singles Titles Respectively In Malaysia Open Badminton 2023.
- Viktor Axelsen Of Denmark Won The Tournament For The 2<sup>nd</sup> Time In A Row By Defeating Kodai Naraoka Of Japan In The Men's Singles Final.
- Japan's Akane Defeated World Number Four Ahn Se-young Of South Korea, 20, To Win The Title.



# UN Declares Abdul Rehman Makki A Global Terrorist

- United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Listed Pakistan-based Terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki As A Global Terrorist.
- He Has Been Declared A 'Global Terrorist' Under UNSC's ISIL (Da'esh) And Al Qaida Sanctions Committee.
- India Criticised China For Blocking The Resolution Of Sanctions.
- He Has Already Been Listed As A Terrorist By India & The USA For His Involvement In Fundraising, Recruiting And Radicalising Youths To Plan Attacks In Jammu And Kashmir.
- He Is The Brother-in-law Of Lashkar E Taiba (LeT) Chief And 26/11 Mastermind Hafiz Saeed.

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# ASI Discovers Two 1200-year Old Miniature Stupas

- The Archaeological Survey Of India Has Discovered Two 1200-year-old Miniature Stupas Near The Sarai Tila Mound Within The World Heritage Site ' Nalanda Mahavihara' Complex In Nalanda District.
- These Stupas Were Famous As Votive Offerings In India As Early As The 7<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Stupas:
- Stupa Is A Mound-like Or Hemispherical Structure Containing Relics That Is Used As A Place Of Meditation.
- Stupas Evolved From Chortens In Tibet And Pagodas In East Asia.
- Stupas Reached Its Peak During The Reign Of Ashoka





# China's Population Drops For 1<sup>st</sup> Time Since 1961

- Negative Population Growth Has Now Started In China.
- The Death Rate In China Is More Than The Number Of Children Born.
- The Biggest Decline In The Population Of China Has Been Recorded After The Year 1961.
- 9.56 Million People Were Born In 2022, While 10.41 Million People Died In China.
- China's Birth Rate In 2022 Was Just 6.77 Births Per 1,000 People, Down From 7.52 Births In 2021, The Lowest Ever.
- The Number Of Chinese Women Of Childbearing Age, Which The Government Defines As 25 To 35, Has Declined By Nearly 4 Million.
- One Child Policy:
- One Child Policy Implemented Between 1980 And 2015 Is The Main Reason For Decline In China's Population.
- Women In China Do Not Want Children Because Of The Failure Of Society And Men To Take Responsibility For Raising Children.



# **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Becomes First Constitution Literate District In India
- A. Kochi
- B. Periyar
- C. Kollam
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 2. Who Is The Current Governor Of Kerala?
- A. Arif Mohammad Khan
- B. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- C. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 3. OECD Appointed \_\_\_\_\_ As Chief Economist.
- A. Kristalina Georgieva
- B. Mathias Cormann
- C. Claire Lombardelli
- D. Lawrence Boon

#### ANSWER: C

- 4. The HQ Of OECD Is In
- A. Geneva
- B. Paris
- C. New York
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 5. Which Of The Following Is Not A Member Of OECD?
- A. Australia
- B. Denmark
- C. India
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 6. Neelakurinji Is Classified Under \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Extinct
- B. Vulnerable
- C. Endangered Species
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 7. Niligiri Mountains Are Spread Around \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Odisha
- D. None Of The Above

#### ANSWER: B

- 8. B20 India Inception Meeting To Be Held In \_\_\_\_
- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Surat
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 9. Which Of The Following Is Not A Member Of G-20?
- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Mexico
- D. Colombia

#### ANSWER: D

#### 10.India Joined The G20 Troika In Year \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2020

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D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 11.Where Is The HQ Of UNSC?

- A. Washington D.C
- B. New York
- C. Paris
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 12.India Assumed UNSC Monthly Presidency In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. January 2022
- B. September 2022
- C. December 2022
- D. None Of The Above

#### ANSWER: C

#### 13.Dhamekh Stupa Is Located In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Sanchi
- B. Leh
- C. Sarnath
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 14.Shanti Stupa Is Located In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Leh
- B. Kushinagar
- C. Bodh Gaya
- D. None Of The Above

#### **ANSWER: A**

### 15.Mahabodhi Stupa Is Located In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Thotlakunda
- B. Leh
- C. Bodh Gaya
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C** 





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