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# Daily Current Affairs

## 17 May 2023

### Online Education Program 'Pahal' For Rural Children

- Chief Secretary **Durga Shankar Mishra** Inaugurated An **Online Rural Education Programme 'Pahal'** At **Lucknow**.
- This Programme Has Been Prepared By The **Department Of Secondary Education** In Collaboration With **IIT Kanpur**.
- The Initiative Aims To Provide **Educational Opportunities** To **Rural Children** Who Have Limited Access To Quality Education.
- It Is Designed To **Bridge The Education Gap** Between **Rural And Urban Areas**.
- In The Initial Phase, **Free Online Education** Will Be Provided In **10 Government Secondary Schools**.



### Pasang Sherpa Has Become The 2<sup>nd</sup> Person To Conquer Everest For The 26<sup>th</sup> Time

- 46-Year-Old **Pasang Dawa Sherpa**, Has Become The **2<sup>nd</sup> Person** To Climb Mount **Everest** For The **26th Time**.
- He Has Been Climbing Everest Almost Every Year Since His **1<sup>st</sup> Successful Climb** In **1998**. **Kami Rita**, A Climber Who Is The **1<sup>st</sup> Person** To **Conquer Mt Everest** For The **26th Time**.
- **About Mount Everest**
- It Is Located In The **Mahalangur Himal Sub-range** Of The **Himalayas**.

- Its Summit Point Is Located On The **China–Nepal Border** With A Confirmed **Elevation Of 8,848.86 M (29,031.69 Ft) In 2020.**
- The Mountain Is Named After The Former Surveyor General Of India, **George Everest.**
- It Is Known In Tibetan As Chomolungma, Meaning "**Goddess Of The World,**" And In Nepali As **Sagarmatha,** Meaning "**Peak Of Heaven.**" **In 1953, Edmund Hillary And Tenzing Norgay** Became The **1<sup>st</sup> Climbers** To Reach The Summit Of **Mount Everest.**



## **Vuppala Praneeth Becomes India's 82<sup>nd</sup> Grandmaster**

- 15-year-old Chess Player **Vuppala Praneeth** From **Telangana** Has Become The **82<sup>nd</sup> Grandmaster Of India.**
- He Defeated **GM Hans Niem Of USA** During The Final Round Of **Baku Open 2023.**
- Praneeth Clinched His **1<sup>st</sup> GM-Norm** And **International Master (IM) Title** At The Tournament In March **2022.**
- He Earned His **2<sup>nd</sup> Gm-norm** At The **Biel Mto** In July **2022.**
- **The 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Grandmaster Was Viswanathan Anand,** Who Held The Title In **1988.**
- **Anand Is A 5 Time World Champion** And Is Considered One Of The Greatest Chess Players Of All Time.



## India, EFTA Steps Towards A New Trade And Partnership Agreement

- **India And The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Have Taken Important Steps Towards A New Trade And Partnership Agreement.**
- **Commerce And Industry Minister Piyush Goyal Held Discussions With Representatives Of EFTA To Work Towards A Comprehensive New Trade And Partnership Agreement.**
- **European Free Trade Association (EFTA)**
- **EFTA Has Established Bilateral Relations & Cooperation In The Field Of Trade & Commerce.**
- **The Objective Of This Cooperation Is To Strengthen Economic Ties And Promote Mutually Beneficial Trade Between The Two Countries. The EFTA Consisting Of 4 Member States: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, & Liechtenstein**



## Bhupender Yadav Launches Meri LiFE App

- The **Meri Life App**, Launched By Union Minister For **Environment, Forest, And Climate Change**, Shri **Bhupender Yadav**, Which Aims To Nudge People Towards Taking Action To **Protect The Environment** And Adopt **Sustainable Lifestyles**.
- The App Encourages Individuals To Participate In A Series Of **Life-related Tasks**.
- **Mission LiFE**
- It Was Launched By The **PM On October 20, 2022**, In **Kevadia, Gujarat**, Seeks To Bring About **Behavior Changes In Individuals** Through Simple, Actionable Steps.
- It Emphasizes Mindful And Deliberate Utilization, Encouraging People To Move Away From **Mindless And Wasteful Consumption Patterns**.



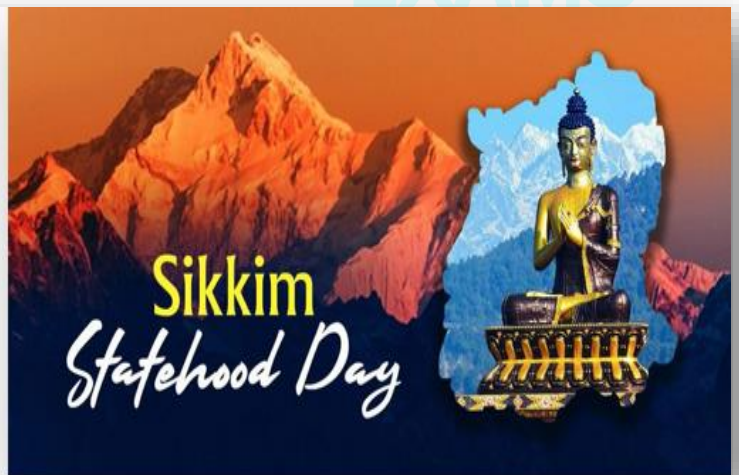
## Manoj Soni To Take Oath As UPSC Chairman

- Educationist **Manoj Soni** Will Take Oath As The Chairman Of **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- Soni, Who Joined The Commission As The Member On June 28, 2017, Has Been Performing The Duties Of The UPSC Chairman Since April 5, 2022.
- Soni Has Served **3 Terms As Vice-chancellor**.
- These Include **2 Consecutive Terms** From August 1, 2009, To July 31, 2015, As VC Of **Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), Gujarat**; And One Term As **VC** Of The **Maharaja Sayajirao University Of Baroda** (The MSU Of Baroda) From April 2005 To April 2008.



## 48<sup>th</sup> Sikkim Statehood Day – 16 May

- **Sikkim** Commemorates Its **Statehood Day** Annually On **May 16** To Acknowledge Its Integration With India And Its Emergence As The **22nd State In The Country**.
- Formerly A **Kingdom In The Himalayas**, Sikkim's Journey Towards Statehood Had A Lot Of Twists And Turns.
- **Sikkim** Became A **State In India**, And The **Monarchy Was Abolished On May 16**.
- The **Indian Parliament Amended The Constitution** To Permit The Formation Of A New State.
- The **36<sup>th</sup> Amendment** Created **Sikkim As A Full State** And Added Its Name To The Constitution's **First Schedule**.



## Review Questions

1. 9<sup>th</sup> World Ayurveda Congress Was Held In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Goa
- B. New Delhi
- C. Indore
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

2. Who Is The Current Union Minister Of Agriculture And Farmers Welfare?

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Narendra Tomar
- C. Jyotiraditya Scindia
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

3. PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme Was Launched In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 2017
- B. 2010
- C. 2019
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

4. PM Fasal Bima Yojana Was launched in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 2017
- B. 2016
- C. 2019
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

5. Soil Health Card Scheme Was Introduced In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 2011
- B. 2010
- C. 2015

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**6. National Mission For Edible Oils Was Launched In \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2014-15

B. 2015-16

C. 2016-17

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**7. National Beekeeping & Honey Mission Started In \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2014

B. 2020

C. 2017

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Per Drop More Crop Mission Is Related To \_\_\_\_.**

A. Irrigation

B. Insurance

C. Fertilizers

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Kisan Rail Was Started In \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2012

B. 2022

C. 2020

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**10. RCS-UDAN Was Launched In \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2017

B. 2021

C. 2018



D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**11. India's Re-election To ICAO Council For The Period \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2023-27

B. 2022-2026

C. 2022-2025

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**12. International Civil Aviation Organization HQ Is In \_\_\_\_.**

A. Paris

B. Rome

C. Montreal

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Krishi UDAN Scheme Was Launched In \_\_\_\_.**

A. 2021

B. 2020

C. 2022

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Good Governance Week Was Observed On \_\_\_\_.**

A. 12-18 December 2022

B. 16-23 December 2022

C. 19-25 December 2022

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Civil Services Day Is Observed On \_\_\_\_.**

A. 21 April

B. 29 March

C. 25 December

D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**16.WHO Global Centre For Traditional Medicine Started At \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Kerala
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: A**

**17.Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022 Was Held In \_\_\_\_.**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**18.The Theme Of International Yoga Day 2022 Was \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Health Is Yoga
- B. Yoga For Humanity
- C. Yoga For Life
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**19.Who Is The Current Union Minister Of Ayush?**

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. Arjun Munda
- C. Sarbananda Sonowal
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**20.7<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day Was Observed On \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. 24<sup>th</sup> October
- B. 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- C. 21<sup>st</sup> October
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

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