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Daily Current Affairs

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Geeta Rao Gupta Appointed US Ambassador For Women Issue

- The **US Senate** Has Confirmed The Appointment Of **Indian-American Geeta Rao Gupta** As The '**Ambassador At Large**' For **Global Issues** Related To **Women** At The State Department.
- Gupta's Nomination Was Confirmed By A **51-47 Vote In The US Senate**
- She Is Regarded For Her Efforts To Promote The Rights Of Women And Girls Through US Foreign Policy.
- She Served As The Executive Director Of The UN Foundation's 3D Program For Girls And Women.
- She Held The Position Of Co-chair Of The UN Millennium Project Task Force On Gender Equality.



Jal Jeevan Mission Achieves 12 Crore Tap Water Connections

- The **Jal Jeevan Mission**, A Flagship Program Launched By The Government Of India, Has Achieved A Significant Milestone By **Providing 12 Crore Tap Water Connections** Across The Country.

- This Achievement Marks A Major Step Towards Ensuring **Access To Clean Drinking Water For Every Household.**
- **5 States (Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat And Punjab) And 3 Union Territories (Puducherry, Daman And Diu And Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Andaman And Nicobar Islands) Have Reported 100% Coverage.**
- Only **3.23 Crore (16.64%)** Households In Villages Had Access To Piped Water Connection Earlier.
- **About Jal Jeevan Mission:**
- It Is A Flagship Programme Of The **Government Of India** Which Was Announced By The PM Modi On **August 15, 2019.**
- The Objective Is To **Supply Potable Tap Water** In Adequate Quantity, Prescribed Quality And On A Regular And Long-term Basis To **Every Rural Household** Of The **Country By 2024.**
- This Mission Comes Under The Ministry Of Jal Shakti.
- The Fund Sharing Pattern Between The Center And The States Under The Mission Is 90:10 For Himalayan And North-eastern States And 50:50 For Other States.
- In The Case Of Union Territories, 100% Contribution Is Made By The Centre



Sanchar Saathi Portal

- Union **Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav** Launched The **Sanchar Saathi Portal** In **New Delhi**.
- It Is Developed By The **Department Of Telecom**.
- It Allows **Citizens To Control The Connections** Associated With Their **Names**. The Portal Consists Of **3 Modules To Enhance Security & Reduce Fraudulent Activities**.
- The Purpose Of The Central Equipment Identity Register Is **To Block Lost Or Stolen Mobiles**.
- Knowing Your Mobile Connection Section Provides An Easy Way **To Cut Unnecessary Connections**.
- An **Artificial Intelligence And Facial Recognition Solution** Has Been Implemented To Identify Fake Customers.



World Telecommunication & Information Society Day-17 May

- World Telecomm & Information Society Day Is Observed On 17 May & Is Organised By The International Telecommunication Union.
- It Aims To Address Connectivity Challenges In Various Regions.
- Theme: "Enabling The Least Developed Nations Through Information And Communication Technologies."



Libyan Parliament Suspends Its PM Fathi Bashagha

- The Suspension Reflects The Internal Conflicts And Challenges Facing The Government In The Country.
- Fathi Bashagha Has Served As PM Of Libya, Leading The Government Of National Accord (GNA).
- Allegations Such As Mismanagement, Corruption, Or Policy Disagreements Suspends Him.
- **Libya**
- Libya Is A Country Located In **North Africa**.
- Most Of The Country Lies In The **Sahara Desert**.
- Capital - **Tripoli**, Currency - **Libyan Dinar**
- Chairman Of The Presidential Council - **Mohamed Al-Menfi**



Australia Cancels QUAD Summit In Sydney

- Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese Said A Quad Summit Would Not Go Ahead In Sydney Next Week Without US President Joe Biden, Who Postponed His Trip To Australia Due To Debt Ceiling Negotiations In Washington.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi Will Speak On Peace, Stability And Prosperity Of A Sustainable Planet** While Participating In The **G7's Outreach Sessions** With Partner Nations During The Bloc's Summit In **Hiroshima** In Japan On **May 19 To 21**.
- The Prime Minister Will Also Speak On **Food, Fertiliser, Energy Security, Health, Gender Equality, Climate Change And Environment, Resilient Infrastructure And Development Cooperation**.
- The PM Will Travel To **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**, From **Hiroshima**.
- He Will Host The **3rd Summit Of The Forum For India–pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC III Summit)** Jointly With The PM Of Papua New Guinea, **James Marape**, On **May 22**.
- Launched In **2014**, It Involves **India And 14 Pacific Island Countries**.
- **What Is The US Debt Ceiling?**
- The Debt Ceiling Is The **US Borrowing Limit** – The **Amount Of Money** That The **Government Can Borrow** To Meet Its **Financial Obligations**, Which Includes Payment To **Federal Employees, The Military, Medical Care And Social Security**. It Also Includes The **Interest On The National Debt And Tax Funds**.
- **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue – QUAD**
- Quad Or **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue** Is A **Group Of 4 Countries: USA, Japan, Australia & India**.
- The Concept Of Quad Was Given By The **Former PM Of Japan Shinzo Abe** In The Year **2007**.
- It Is Now Seen Primarily As A Group **Countering Chinese Influence** In The Region.



India & EU Committed To Work Together On WTO Reforms

- The Union Minister For Commerce & Industry **Piyush Goyal** & The **European Commissioner For Trade Valdis Dombrovskis** Emphasised The Need For Accelerating The Ongoing **India-EU FTA Negotiations** By Finding Convergence On All Issues.
- This Was Discussed During The **Bilateral Meeting** Between The Leaders On The Sidelines Of The **First Ministerial Meeting Of India-European Union Trade And Technology Council (TTC)** Held In **Brussels**.
- Both Sides Also Affirmed Their Commitment To Work Together On Common Priorities For **WTO Reforms** Including Issues Pertaining To **Dispute Resolution Mechanism (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism), Subsidies On Agriculture And Fisheries, ICT Products, Ecommerce Moratorium & Domestic Legislations**.
- The EU Side Had Representatives From Major European Industrial Bodies Including **Business Europe, Digital Europe, Food Drinks Europe, Copa-Cogeca, EFPIA And ACEA. Working Group 3** Focuses On **Trade, Investment And Resilient Supply Chains**.
- The Delegation Of Indian Business Leaders Attending The Meeting In Person Represented Sectors Including **Chemicals, Metals, Textiles, Digital Infrastructure, And Steel** While Representatives Of Other Sectors Like **Agri-food Industry, Marine/ Logistics** Were Present In Virtual Mode.
- **About World Trade Organisation**
- It Was Set Up On **1st January 1995** Replacing The **General Agreement On Tariff And Trade (GATT)**.
- Its Main Purpose Is To Promote **Rule Based Trading Systems** In The World And It Also Settles **Trade Related Disputes** Between The Member Countries.
- HQ: **Geneva, Switzerland**, Members: **164 Member**
- **The European Free Trade Association (EFTA)**
- It Is An Intergovernmental Organization Consisting Of Four Member States: **Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, And Liechtenstein**.
- These Countries Have A **Strong Tradition Of Trade And Economic Liberalization**.
- The Negotiations Cover **Trade In Goods, Services, Investment, IP Rights, & Other Trade Issues**.



Review Questions

1. Reservation To EWS Came Into Existence Through _____.

- A. 103rd Amendment
- B. 105 Amendment
- C. 109 Amendment
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

2. The 49th Chief Justice Of India Is _____.

- A. DY Chandrachud
- B. UU Lalit
- C. Ranjan Gogoi
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

3. Union Minister Of Social Justice & Empowerment Is _____.

- A. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- B. Kiren Rijuji
- C. Virendra Kumar
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

4. PM Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana Is Related To _____.

- A. Reservation To The SC Communities
- B. Employment Opportunities For The SC Communities
- C. Financial Aid To The SC Communities
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

5. SHRESHTA Scheme Is Related To _____ .

- A. Ministry Of Consumer Affairs
- B. Department Of Space
- C. Ministry Of Social Justice
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

6. SVAMITVA Scheme Is Related To _____ .

- A. Ministry Of Panchayati Raj
- B. Ministry Of Social Justice
- C. Ministry Of Law
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

7. Who Is The Union Minister Of Panchayati Raj ?

- A. Arjun Munda
- B. Giriraj Singh
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

8. Gram Urja Swaraj Aims To Promote _____.

- A. Renewable Energy At Gram Panchayat
- B. 100 % Electrification In Gram Panchayat
- C. Reduction In Cost Of Electricity
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

9. India Is Placed At ____ Rank In Global Innovation Index.

- A. 41st
- B. 40th
- C. 39th
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

10. In Scientific Publications, India Ranked ____ Position.

- A. 3rd
- B. 4th
- C. 7th
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

11. Who Is The Current Minister of Consumer Affairs ?

- A. Ravi Jha
- B. Anuj Gupta
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

12. PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Provides ____ .

- A. 5 Kg Rice/Wheat
- B. 6 Kg Rice/Wheat
- C. 4 Kg Rice/Wheat
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

13. The Department Of Consumer Affairs New Mascot Is ____.

- A. Akanksha
- B. Jagriti
- C. Samithi
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

14. World Consumer Rights Day Is Observed On _____

- A. 11 March
- B. 10 March
- C. 15 March
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

15. The Theme Of World Consumer Rights Day 2022 Is _____.

- A. Fair Digital Finance
- B. Jago Grahak Jago
- C. Easy Life For Consumers
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

16. NALSA's Full Form Is _____.

- A. National Law Service Authority
- B. National Legal Savior Authority
- C. National Legal Service Authority
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

17. Edaakhil Portal Is Related To _____ .

- A. Consumer Funding Service
- B. Consumer Complaint Online Service
- C. Consumer Shopping Service
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

18. Bureau of Indian Standards Act Came Into _____

- A. 2013
- B. 2017
- C. 2016
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

19. Bureau of Indian Standards HQ Is In _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

20. _____ Marked The 50th Launch Of PSLV

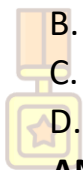
- A. PSLV-C48
- B. PSLV-C58
- C. PSLV-C52
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

21. INS-2B Was Successfully Launched By _____ .

- A. PSLV-C52
- B. PSLV-C54
- C. PSLV-C56
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B



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