

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar

- The Government Has Instituted A New Set Of **National Awards** In The Field Of Science, Technology And Innovation Known As '**Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar**'.
- This Award Is Meant To Recognize The Notable And Inspiring Contribution Made By Scientists, Technologists, And Innovators In Various Fields Of Science, Technology And Technology-Led Innovation.



- The Award Is In Four Categories, Which Include **Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, And Vigyan Team**.
- The Nominations For These Awards Will Be Invited Every Year On 14th January Till 28th February The **National Science Day**.
- These Awards Will Be Announced On 11th May On The **National Technology Day**, And The Award Ceremony Will Be Held On 23rd August On The **National Space Day** Every Year.
- The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskars Shall Be Given In The **13 Domains**, Namely Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Science, Earth Science, Medicine, Engineering Sciences, Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Technology & Innovation, Atomic Energy, Space Science And Technology, And Others.



## Women Panel Of 13 Vice-Chairpersons

- In A Historic Move, The Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar Constituted An **All-Women Panel Of Vice-Chairpersons In Rajya Sabha** In View Of The Women's Reservation Bill.
- The Panel Comprises **13 Women Rajya Sabha Members** Only For Today As The Rajya Sabha Is Discussing The Women's Reservation Bill Which Is Called As Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023.
- The Panel **Includes P. T. Usha, Jaya Bachchan, Saroj Pandey, Dola Sen, Sulata Deo And Dr. Fauzia Khan.**
- The Chairman Emphasized That Their Presence On The Chair Will Send A Powerful Message To The World At Large And It Would Symbolize That They Held A Commanding Position During This Epochal Moment Of Change.



## International Congress On Chemistry Of Cement

- India will host the International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement (ICCC) in the year **2027 in New Delhi**.
- The Commerce and Industry Ministry announced that the country won the bid to hold this event on a presentation from **the National Council for Cement and Building Materials along with IIT Delhi**.



- It was presented at the ongoing **16th ICCC in Bangkok, Thailand**.
- India defeated Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates to win the bid.
- The ICCC is regarded as the largest and the most prestigious event in the area of Cement and Concrete.



## ICMR Approval for Truenat Test

- **The Indian Council For Medical Research (ICMR) Has Granted Approval For The Use Of The Truenat Test To Diagnose Nipah Virus In Kerala.**
- This Development Is Significant As Hospitals Equipped With Biosafety Level 2 (BSL 2) Laboratories Can Now Conduct The Test.
- Truenat Is **A Chip-Based, Point-Of-Care, Rapid Molecular Test** For Diagnosis Of Infectious Diseases.
- Truenat Was Originally Developed To Detect Tuberculosis (TB) In One Hour.



## India Temporarily Suspends Visa Services In Canada

- India Temporarily Suspends **Visa Services In Canada** Including E-Visa Due To Incitement Of Violence
- Canadian Citizens In A Third Country Will Not Be Able To Apply For An Indian Visa. However, The Spokesperson Informed That Anyone With A Valid Visa Or Other Documents Can Travel To India.
- Briefing On The Hardeep Nijjar Row, The Spokesperson Said That So Far Canada Has Not Provided Any Specific Information On The Matter Whereas India Has Shared Specific Evidence With Canada About Criminal Activities By Individuals Based On Canadian Soil But Has Not Been Acted Upon.





## Liptako Gourma Charter

- Military Leaders From **Mali, Burkina Faso, And Niger** Signed A Significant Mutual Defense Pact Known As The Liptako-Gourma Charter, Marking A Crucial Step In Addressing The Security Challenges Plaguing The Sahel Region.
- The Liptako-Gourma Charter Establishes The Alliance Of Sahel States (AES). Its Aim Is To "**Establish An Architecture Of Collective Defence And Mutual Assistance** For The Benefit Of The Population.
- This Alliance Will Be A Combination Of Military And Economic Efforts Between The Three Countries.
- The Charter Binds The Signatories To Assist One Another, Including Militarily — In The Event Of An Attack On Any One Of Them.
- It Also Binds The Three Countries To Work To Prevent Or Settle Armed Rebellions.



## Kiriteshwari 'Best Tourism Village Of India'

- West Bengal's Kiriteshwari Selected As 'Best Tourism Village Of India' By Union Tourism Ministry.
- The Selection Is Done Among 795 Applications Received From 31 States & UT's.
- The Competition Aims Topromote Tourism As One Of The Key Drivers Of Rural Development And Community Well Being.



### REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Capital of Burkina Faso**

- A. Ouagadougou
- B. Koudougou
- C. Banfora
- D. Kaya

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Company Received Permission From The US FDA To Begin Human Trials Of Its Brain Chip Implant**

- A. OpenAI
- B. Neuralink
- C. DeepMind
- D. Colossal Biosciences

**ANSWER: B**

**3. The Highest Mountain Peak Of Oceania Is**

- A. Mt. Victoria, Papua New Guinea
- B. Mt. Kosciusko, Australia
- C. Mt. Cook, South Island (New Zealand)
- D. Puncak Jaya, Indonesia.

**ANSWER: D**

**4. The Largest Gulf In The World Is**

- A. Gulf of Mexico
- B. Persian Gulf
- C. Gulf of Carpentaria
- D. Gulf of Mannar

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Google Was Founded In 1998 By Larry Page And \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Peter Thiel
- B. Steve Wozniak
- C. Sergey Brin
- D. Elon Musk

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Jeff Bezos Is The CEO Of**

- A. Myntra
- B. Amazon
- C. Snapdeal
- D. Flipkart

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Who Among The Following Is The Co-Founder Of Twitter**

- A. Tim Berners-Lee
- B. Jack Dorsey
- C. Narayan Murthy
- D. Bill Gates

**ANSWER: B**

**8. In Which Year Did The Tibetan Spiritual Leader The Dalai Lama Seek Political Asylum In India**

- A. 1973
- B. 1957
- C. 1959
- D. 1962

**ANSWER: C**

**9. In Which Year Was UNICEF Founded**

- A. 1948
- B. 1946
- C. 1945
- D. 1949

**ANSWER: B**

**10. When Was The Construction Of The Rashtrapati Bhavan Completed**

- A. 1929
- B. 1953
- C. 1949
- D. 1959

**ANSWER: A**

**11. India's First National Park**

- A. Kaziranga National Park
- B. Jim Corbett National Park
- C. Sundarbans National Park
- D. Bandipur National Park

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Which Is The Largest National Park In India**

- A. Sundarbans National Park
- B. Kaziranga National Park
- C. Hemis National Park
- D. Nagarhole National Park

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Buddhist Sites Vaishali & Nalanda Situated In Which State**

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Bihar
- C. Telangana
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: B**



**14. Ramoji Film City Is Located Close To Which Of The Following Cities**

- A. Pune
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Gurugram

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Apart From India In Which Countries Tamil Is An Official Language**

- A. Mauritius & Malaysia
- B. Malaysia & Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka & Singapore
- D. Sri Lanka & Mauritius

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Which State is Given The Popular Name Of 'India's Breadbasket'**

- A. Punjab
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**17. The Khurja Pottery Is Associated With Which State Of India**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**18. The Absorption Of Ink By Blotting Paper Involves**

- A. Viscosity Of Ink
- B. Capillary Action Phenomenon
- C. Diffusion Of Ink Through The Blotting
- D. Siphon Action

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Who Invented The Ball Point Pen**

- A. Biro Brothers
- B. Waterman Brothers
- C. Bicc Brothers
- D. Write Brothers

**ANSWER: A**

**20. In Which Year Was Pulitzer Prize Established**

- A. 1917
- B. 1918
- C. 1922
- D. 1928

**ANSWER: A**