

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group

- The 4th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting Begun In Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh To Finalize The 2023 G20 Sustainable Finance Report.
- Three Priority Areas Have Been Outlined For The SFWG Meeting. The First One Is Mechanisms For Mobilization Of Timely And **Adequate Resources For Climate Finance**.
- The Second Issue Which Is Being Discussed Is Enabling Finance For The **Sustainable Development Goals**. The Last Topic Is **Capacity Building** Of The Ecosystem For Financing Toward Sustainable Development.
- These Priority Areas Reflect India's Focus On Sustainability And The Theme Of India's G20 Presidency "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" Or 'One Earth. One Family. One Future'.
- The Two-Day Meeting Under India's G20 Presidency Brings Together Over 80 Delegates From G20 Member Countries, Special Invitee Countries And International Organisations.



Walter Alfred Passes Away

- Former Press Trust Of India (PTI) Journalist Walter Alfred, Who Covered Many Landmark Events In The Last Century, Passed Away At The Age Of 103. The Veteran Journalist Breathed His Last At His Residence Near Mumbai.

- From Covering India's Independence And The Days Of Indira Gandhi's Emergency To Reporting On The India-Pakistan And Vietnam Wars To Rubbing Shoulders With Leaders From Jawaharlal Nehru And Pakistani General Ayub Khan To Former Indonesian Premier Sukarno, Alfred Had Seen It All.
- His Legacy As A Journalist Was Marked By A Rich Tapestry Of Experiences, Including Encounters With World Leaders And Moments Of Arrest In Pakistan.
- He Traversed The Globe As A PTI Correspondent And Witnessed Some Of The Most Historic Moments Of The 20th Century.



Solar Power Revolution

- **UAE** Has Solidified Its Position Among The **World's Foremost** Leaders In Solar Energy Utilization, A Remarkable Achievement Driven By The Visionary Initiatives Of The UAE Government's Dedicated Leadership, As Outlined In A Recent Report Released By The Energy Institute Statistical Review Of World Energy.
- The UAE Stands As The **Sixth-Highest Per Capita Consumer** Of Solar Energy On The Planet, Trailing Behind Only Australia, The Netherlands, Japan, Israel, And Chile.
- The Nation Has Spearheaded Colossal Solar Ventures, Including Shams, Noor Abu Dhabi, And Al Dhafra In The Emirate Of Abu Dhabi, In Addition To Being Home To **The World's Largest Single-Site Solar Project, The Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park In Dubai.**
- As The UAE Gears Up To Host COP28 At Expo City Dubai, Set To Run From November 30th To December 12th, 2023, It Becomes Increasingly Evident That The Nation Is Steadfastly Progressing Towards Achieving Net Zero Emissions. COP28 Is Poised To Bring Together An Impressive Assembly Of Over 70,000

Participants, including Heads Of State, Government Officials, International Industry Leaders, Representatives From The Private Sector, Academics, Experts, youth delegates, and non-state actors, converging for the world's premier climate conference. The UAE's role in this pivotal event will underscore its commitment to advancing global climate action and charting a sustainable course for the future.



One Health Approach For Pandemic Preparedness

- The **Department Of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry Of Fisheries Animal Husbandry & Dairying**, Government Of India, In Partnership With The **World Organisation For Animal Health (WOAH)**, Successfully Organized A Multi-Sectoral Workshop "**Risk-Based Management Of Spill Over Events In Wildlife In India**" Hyderabad.
- The Workshop Focused On Four Key Objectives On Enhancing Stakeholder Knowledge About Wildlife-Origin Disease Risk Analysis, Conducting A Thorough Gap Analysis Of India's Risk Assessment And Management, Simulating Disease Spillover Scenarios, And Fostering Communication And Awareness Among Relevant Stakeholders.
- The Workshop Concluded With Discussions On The Way Forward, Emphasizing The Importance Of A One Health Approach, Cross-Sectoral Collaboration, And Pandemic Preparedness.



**World Organisation
for Animal Health**

Founded as OIE

First Global Symposium On Farmers' Rights

- President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurated The 1st Global Symposium On Farmers' Rights In New Delhi.
- This Symposium, Organized By The Secretariat Of The International Treaty On Plant Genetic Resources For Food And Agriculture (International Treaty) Of The Food And Agriculture Organization (FAO) In Rome, Was Hosted By The Union Ministry Of Agriculture And Farmers Welfare.
- President Murmu, In Her Address, Underscored The Pivotal Role Of The Global Farming Community As The Foremost Conservers Of Crop Diversity. She Emphasized That Farmers Bear A Unique Responsibility And Wield Considerable Power In Safeguarding And Revitalizing Various Plant And Species Varieties Crucial For The Well-Being Of All.
- The President Acknowledged The Tireless Efforts Of Indian Farmers In Conserving Local Plant Varieties, Taming Wild Plants, And Nurturing Traditional Variants. These Contributions Have Served As The Foundation For Crop Breeding Programs, Thereby Ensuring Food And Nutritional Security For Both Humans And Animals.



Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- The Centre Has Approved The Scheme For The Release Of A Grant To Support LPG Connections To Women Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- Addressing Media After The Union Cabinet Meeting, Information And Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur Said In New Delhi That Under It, A Total Of 75 Lakh LPG Connections Over Three Years From Financial Year 2023-24 To 2025-26 Will Be Released.
- He Informed That The Total Financial Implication Of The Scheme Will Be One Thousand 650 Crore Rupees. Mr Thakur Added That So Far 9.60 Crore LPG

Cylinders Have Been Distributed Under The Ujjwala Scheme And Another 75 Lakh Free LPG Connections Will Be Given To Women From Poor And Needful Families So That They Can Avail Of The Benefits From The Scheme.

- He Informed That As Per The Existing Modalities Of Ujjawala 2.0, The First Refill And Stove Will Also Be Provided Free Of Cost To Ujjwala Beneficiaries.



Planet May Have Water Ocean And Possibly A Life

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope In Its Study Of K2-18 B, An Exoplanet, Discovered The Presence Of Carbon Dioxide And Methane. This Suggests That K2-18b Could Be A Hycean Exoplanet, One Which Has The Potential To Possess A Hydrogen-Rich Atmosphere And A Water Ocean-Covered Surface.
- Planets That Orbit Stars, Other Than Our Sun, Are Called Exoplanets. Planet K2-18 B Is 120 Light Years From Earth And Orbits The Cool Dwarf Star K2-18 A.
- It Is 8.6 Times As Massive As Earth And The Size Lies That Of Between Earth And Neptune.
- The Abundance Of Methane And Carbon Dioxide, And Shortage Of Ammonia In This Planet Support The Hypothesis That There May Be A Water Ocean Underneath A Hydrogen-Rich Atmosphere.
- The Observations Of James Webb Also Provided A Possible Detection Of A Molecule Called Dimethyl Sulfide (DMS). On Earth, DMS Is Only Produced By Life.
- NASA Now Intends To Conduct Follow-Up Research With The Telescope's MIRI (Mid-Infrared Instrument) Spectrograph That They Hope Will Further Validate Their Findings And Provide New Insights Into The Environmental Conditions On K2-18 B.



NGT Tells M.P. Govt. To Stop Motorised Boats

- The National Green Tribunal Has Ordered That Cruise Boats And Other Motor Propelled Boats Stop Operating In The Upper Lake In Bhopal.
- The Order Came After Environmentalist Subhash Pandey Approached The Tribunal, Highlighting That A Cruise Vessel Has Been Permitted In **The "Bhoj Wetland"** By The Madhya Pradesh Government.
- The Wetland Is Also A Ramsar Site With International Importance And Has Two Lakes -- Upper Lake, Also Called Bhojtal (Bada Talaab) And Lower Lake Or Chhota Talaab.
- Spread Over About 31 Km, The Upper Lake Is An Important Source Of Drinking Water For The City. About 12 Lakh People Of Bhopal Are Dependent On This Water Body.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Fourth G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting Held In

- A. Chennai
- B. Varanasi
- C. Goa
- D. Delhi

ANSWER: B

2. Recently Seen In News Walter Alfred Was

- A. Scientist
- B. Mathematician
- C. Journalist
- D. Actor

ANSWER: C

3. WOAHA Formed In

- A. 1924
- B. 1934
- C. 1944
- D. 1947

ANSWER: A

4. HQ Of World Organisation For Animal Health

- A. Geneva
- B. Paris
- C. New York
- D. Hyderabad

ANSWER: B

5. Samba Dance Is Famous In

- A. Brazil
- B. Peru
- C. Argentina
- D. Mexico

ANSWER: A

6. DRDL stands for

- A. Defence Research and Development Laboratory
- B. Differential Research and Documentation Laboratory
- C. Department of Research and Development Laboratory
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Headquarters Of UNO Are Situated At

- A. Paris
- B. Geneva
- C. Haque (Netherlands)
- D. New York, USA

ANSWER: D

8. First International Peace Congress Was Held In London In

- A. 1564 AD
- B. 1798 AD
- C. 1843 AD
- D. 1901 AD

ANSWER: C

9. Hockey Was Introduced In The Asian Games In

- A. 1966 in Bangkok
- B. 1958 in Tokyo
- C. 1962 in Jakarta
- D. 1970 in Bangkok

ANSWER: B

10.HQ Of ESCAP

- A. Geneva
- B. Bangkok
- C. Washington
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

11. ESCAP stands for

- A. European Society Council for Africa and Pacific
- B. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific
- C. Economic and Social Commission for Africa and Pacific
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. First Chief Commissioner Of Delhi

- A. Shankar Prasada
- B. Anand Dattahaya Pandit
- C. Bhagwan Sahay
- D. Venkata Vishwanathan

ANSWER: A

13. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Was _____ President Of India

- A. 10th
- B. 11th
- C. 12th
- D. 13th

ANSWER: B

14. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 Was Launched By

- A. Ministry Of Skill Development
- B. Ministry Of Education
- C. Ministry Of Home Affairs
- D. University Grants Commission (UGC)

ANSWER: B

15. Himalayan Mountaineering Institute is at

- A. Dispur
- B. Marmago
- C. Dehradun
- D. Darjeeling

ANSWER: D

16. Golden Temple, Amritsar Is India's

- A. Largest Gurdwara
- B. Oldest Gurudwara
- C. Both Option A And B Are Correct
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

17. Firdausi Was

- A. A Poet
- B. Well Known For His Epic 'Shahnama'
- C. Both Option A And B
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

18. This Scientist Is Well Known For His Theory Of Relativity

- A. Thomas Alva Edison
- B. Albert Einstein
- C. Marconi
- D. James Watt

ANSWER: B

19. For galvanizing iron which of the following metals is used

- A. Zinc
- B. Copper
- C. Silver
- D. Tin

ANSWER: A

20. Dr. Zakir Hussain Was

- A. First Vice President Of India
- B. First Speaker Of Lok Sabha
- C. The First Muslim President Of India
- D. First President Of Indian National Congress

ANSWER: C

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