

Daily Current Affairs

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Indian Air Force Day

- The Indian Air Force IAF is going to celebrate its 91st Air Force day. Officially the Indian Air Force was established on **8 October, 1932**.
- Every year Air Force Day is celebrated on 8 October. This special location will be celebrated and displayed over the **holy Sangam area of Prayagraj** by the Indian Air Force flying its aircraft in the IAF formation along with others.
- In the celebration of Air Force day there will be a total number of 120 aircraft taking part in the air display in Prayagraj.



- This is the first AF Day parade which was commanded by a woman officer, **GP Capt Shaliza Dhama**. She is also the first woman officer of the IAF to command a combat unit.
- For the first time, the parade had an all-women contingent composed of the newly inducted Agniveer Vayu women, who marched shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts.
- The parade also included a flight of Garud Commandos of the IAF for the first time. The Garuds have recently completed 20 years of service to the nation.



India's Historic Re-election as AIBD GC President

- India has been re-elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC) for an unprecedented third successive term.
- This remarkable accomplishment, announced by Apurva Chandra, Secretary of the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, signifies a monumental moment in AIBD's history.



- The decision showcases the immense confidence bestowed upon India by broadcasting organizations across the Asia Pacific and the global arena.
- **Established in 1977** under the auspices of UNESCO, AIBD stands as a prestigious institution with 92 member organizations spanning 44 countries.

- Among its members are 26 government representatives from various countries, comprising 48 broadcasting authorities and broadcasters, along with 44 affiliates from 28 nations and regions across Asia, Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States, and North America.



Samia Suluhu Hassan

- **Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan** arrived in New Delhi for a four-day state visit, during which she will participate in bilateral meetings and exchange MoUs with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Ministry of External Affairs said the Tanzanian President will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhawan on Monday and then she will participate in the wreath-laying ceremony to be held at the Rajghat. Later she will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a Memorandum of Understanding will be exchanged between the two countries. The Ministry further said that President Droupadi Murmu will also hold a formal meeting with the Tanzanian counterpart at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- A Presidential visit from Tanzania is taking place after a span of over 8 years.



The Mahabharata: Mewari Miniature Paintings

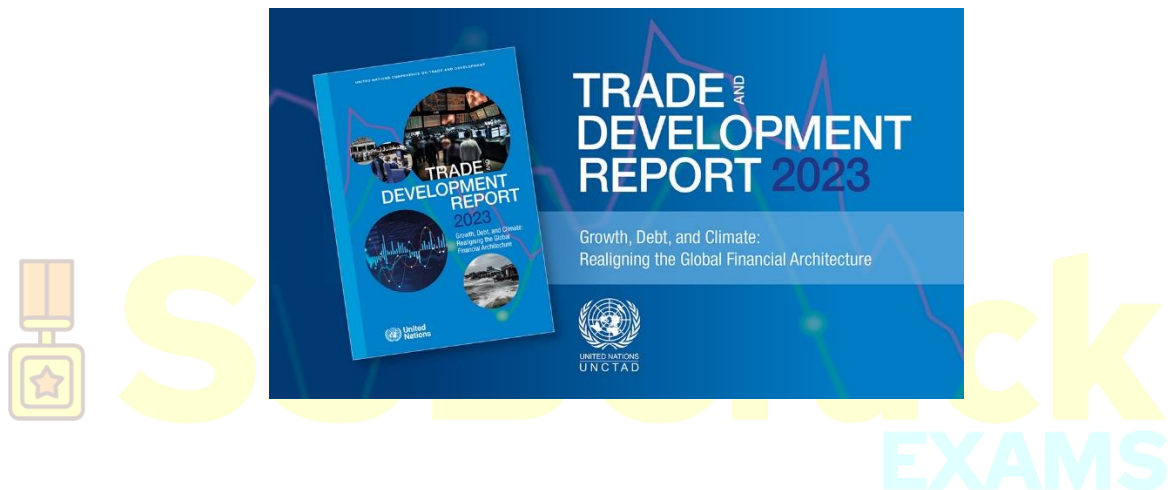
- Chandra Prakash Deval (Rajasthani literature expert) and Alok Bhalla (academic-translator) have recently authored “The Mahabharata: Mewari Miniature Paintings (1680–1698) by Allah Baksh”.
- It is a four-volume set of books showcasing nearly 2,000 never-before published miniature artworks about the Mahabharata.
- These were commissioned by Maharana Jai Singh of Udaipur.
- They were painted between 1680 and 1698 by his court painter Allah Baksh.
- Each painting includes a verse from the Mahabharata in Mewari written by Pandit Kishan Das, related to the image.
- These radiant miniatures follow almost every story of the Mahabharata.
- The emphasis in these paintings is on the pain that the earth and its creatures endure when human beings tragically fail to fulfil their dharma, loosely translated as moral duty.
- The paintings are symbolically charged, with clear and luminous colors, restrained and precise lines.



Trade and Development Report 2023

- According to the 2023 Trade and Development Report released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the global economy is expected to experience a growth rate of **2.4%**.
- UNCTAD has labeled this sluggish growth as "**stalled speed**," defining a global recession as a growth rate below 2.5%.

- **Specifically concerning India**, UNCTAD has revised its economic growth forecast for 2023 upward to 6.6%, surpassing the previous estimate of 6%. However, it predicts a slight dip in India's growth to 6.2% for the year 2024. India's economic growth is primarily being driven by government expenditures and favorable external trade conditions. Nevertheless, a significant concern is the "historic" unemployment rate of 8.5% reported in June 2023.
- Established in 1964, UNCTAD is a permanent intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting the integration of developing countries into the global economy in a development-friendly manner. Its headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When was the Indian Air Force officially established

- A. 8 October 1947
- B. 8 October 1932
- C. 15 August 1947
- D. 26 January 1950

ANSWER: B

2. Women Officer Who Commanded First-ever Air Force Day Parade

- A. R.K.S. Bhaduria
- B. Capt. Shiksha Varthaman
- C. GP Capt. Shaliza Dhani
- D. Group Captain Veena Saharan

ANSWER: C

3. Name Of Location Where IAF Displays Its Aircraft On Air Force Day

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Ahmedabad

ANSWER: C

4. What Does AIBD Stand For

- A. Asian Institute For Broadcasting Development
- B. Asia-pacific Institute For Broadcasting Development
- C. All India Broadcasting Directorate
- D. Association For International Broadcasting Development

ANSWER: B

5. Primary Goal Of European Union's New Green Bond Standards

- A. To Increase Profits For Companies
- B. To Promote Transparency And Credibility In The Green Bond Market
- C. To Reduce The Use Of Green Bonds
- D. To Encourage Greenwashing

ANSWER: B

6. What Is "Greenwashing" In The Context Of Environmental Claims

- A. A Type Of Environmental Legislation
- B. A Marketing Strategy To Promote Green Products
- C. Spending More On Environmental Conservation
- D. Misleading Claims Of Environmental Friendliness

ANSWER: D

7. What Is A Green Bond Used For

- A. Funding Environmentally Harmful Projects
- B. Funding Projects With Positive Environmental Benefits
- C. Investing In The Stock Market
- D. Paying Off National Debt

ANSWER: B

8. Where Will India Art Architecture & Design Biennale 2023 Take Place

- A. Bharat Mandapam
- B. Red Fort
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Rashtrapati Bhawan

ANSWER: B

9. What Is The Main Focus India Art Architecture & Design Biennale

- A. Promoting Indigenous Art And Creativity
- B. Showcasing International Art
- C. Highlighting Modern Architecture
- D. Celebrating Global Heritage

ANSWER: A

10. Which Country's President Is Samia Suluhu Hassan

- A. Iran
- B. Tanzania
- C. China
- D. Israel

ANSWER: B

11. Operation Al-Aqsa Flood Relates To

- A. Iran – Iraq
- B. Russia – Ukraine
- C. Israel – Palestine
- D. N Korea – S Korea

ANSWER: C

12. Operation Israel Defense Forces Launch In Response To Hamas Attack

- A. Operation Iron Dome
- B. Operation Al-Aqsa Flood
- C. Operation Sword of Justice
- D. Operation Iron Swords

ANSWER: D

13. Who Painted Mewari Miniature Paintings Of Mahabharata

- A. Maharana Jai Singh of Udaipur
- B. Pandit Kishan Das
- C. Allah Baksh
- D. Chandra Prakash Deval

ANSWER: C

14. When Were Mewari Miniature Paintings Of Mahabharata Created

- A. 1680–1698
- B. 2000–2005
- C. 1800–1820
- D. 1900–1920

ANSWER: A

15. What Do Mewari Miniature Paintings Emphasize

- A. The Victory Of Good Over Evil
- B. The Pain Endured By The Earth And Its Creatures
- C. The Importance Of Love And Compassion
- D. The Achievements Of Great Warriors

ANSWER: B

16. HQ Of UNCTAD Is In

- A. New Delhi India
- B. Geneva Switzerland
- C. Madrid Spain
- D. Hague Netherlands

ANSWER: B

17. Where Is Nokia's 6G Lab Facility Located

- A. Chennai
- B. Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

18. Who Has Had Their Tenure Extended As The Chairman Of SBI Until August Of Following Year

- A. Rajnish Kumar
- B. Chanda Kochhar
- C. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- D. Dinesh Khara

ANSWER: D

19. Which State Will Be The Location Of Sarakka Central Tribal University

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Delivered Inaugural Uranium Shipment To Bangladesh For Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Russia
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: C