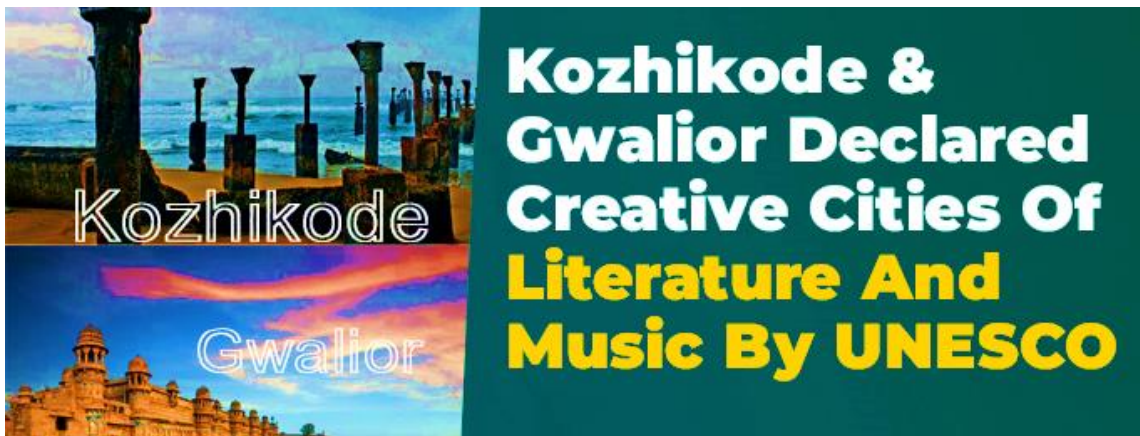# Daily Current Affairs
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UNESCO Creative Cities Network

- Kozhikode, a city nestled in the picturesque landscapes of the Indian state of Kerala, has recently achieved a global milestone by securing a position in the prestigious UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

- This distinguished honor was announced on **World Cities Day**, along with **Gwalior** in Madhya Pradesh, which was acknowledged as a **'City of Music'.**

- **Kozhikode's** newfound title as the **'City of Literature'** signifies a significant breakthrough, solidifying its position as the first Indian city to earn this esteemed recognition.

- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network is a coalition of cities worldwide renowned for their unwavering dedication to incorporating culture and creativity into their developmental agendas.

- These cities are lauded for their innovative approaches to urban planning, which prioritize the well-being of their citizens.

- With the addition of Kozhikode and Gwalior, the network now encompasses **350 creative cities across more than 100 countries**, encompassing **seven distinct creative fields**: Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music.

Kozhikode & Gwalior Declared Creative Cities Of Literature And Music By UNESCO

India Assisted Development Projects In Bangladesh

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bangladesh counterpart **Sheikh Hasina** today jointly inaugurated three Indian assisted development projects through video conferencing.
- **The three projects are** Akhaura - Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link, Khulna - Mongla Port Rail Line, and Unit - II of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant.
- Mr Modi said that India's partnership with Bangladesh is a key aspect of its **Neighbourhood First policy** and Government is dedicated to further strengthen it.
- It is a matter of happiness that they have come together to celebrate the success of India-Bangladesh cooperation.
- Mr Modi said, there has been remarkable progress in India-Bangladesh relations and it is touching new heights. He said, the work which has been done together in the last nine years was not done even in the decades before this.
- Prime Minister said, since 2020, parcel and container trains are also running between India and Bangladesh. The world's biggest cruise, **Ganga Vilas**, between India and Bangladesh, tourism has been boosted.
- In her address, Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina said, there is firm friendship between India and Bangladesh. She paid homage to sacrifice of people of India during 1971 war of Liberation.

World Food India 2023

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the '**World Food India 2023**' on November 3rd at Pragati Maidan in **New Delhi**.
- The three-day event is being organized by the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** to showcase the rich Indian food culture to the world. The theme of World Food India 2023 is **"Processing for Prosperity**".

- Secretary of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries Anita Praveen said over 1200 exhibitors from 23 states and several countries will participate in the event.

Reliance SBI Card

- **SBI Card**, a prominent credit card issuer in India, has collaborated with **Reliance Retail** to unveil the co-branded Reliance SBI Card, a specially curated credit card focused on enhancing the shopping journey for its users.
- By leveraging this partnership, cardholders **gain access to a host of rewards** and advantages within the expansive and diverse ecosystem of Reliance Retail.
- The upcoming launch will **feature two variants**: the Reliance SBI Card and the Reliance SBI Card PRIME, each tailored to cater to specific consumer preferences, providing a range of rewards and lifestyle benefits.

India's First Wifi6 Ready Broadband Network

- **Nokia, a prominent global technology innovator**, has made significant strides in the Indian broadband market through its collaboration with **TATA Play Fiber**, unveiling the country's inaugural **WiFi6-ready broadband network**.
- This strategic move addresses the surging demand for robust broadband connections in both residential and commercial sectors, as digital connectivity continues to be an indispensable aspect of everyday life.
- Under this partnership, **Nokia will furnish** TATA Play Fiber with an extensive suite of **fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) and Wi-Fi equipment**, facilitating the expansion of their broadband network across India.
- By integrating Wi-Fi 6, TATA Play Fiber aims to offer customers a distinctive service experience and superior indoor connectivity.
- This advanced technology supports low-latency applications, making it ideal for activities such as gaming, while delivering gigabit speeds to multiple devices on the Wi-Fi network.
- Additionally, the implementation of the WPA3 standard bolsters network security, ensuring the safeguarding of user data.

Annual Report On Road Accidents In India

- The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has recently unveiled its "Road Accidents in India-2022" Annual Report.
- The report reveals a worrisome surge in road accidents in India during the calendar year 2022, emphasizing the need for comprehensive measures to address this growing crisis.

- According to the report, a staggering total of **4,61,312 road accidents** were reported across various States and Union Territories in India during 2022.
- These accidents resulted in a tragic loss of 1,68,491 lives and caused injuries to 4,43,366 individuals. The figures **represent a distressing increase** of 11.9% in accidents, 9.4% in fatalities, and 15.3% in injuries when compared to the previous year.

International Counter Ransomware Initiative

- A **coalition of 40 countries**, led by the **United States**, is set to sign a pledge committing to **never pay ransoms to cybercriminals** and work towards disrupting the funding mechanisms of hackers.
- This initiative, known as the **International Counter Ransomware Initiative**, seeks to address the growing threat of ransomware attacks worldwide.

- The primary goal of the alliance is to **disrupt the funding mechanisms** of ransomware criminals.

- This will be achieved through improved information sharing about ransom payment accounts.
- Two **information-sharing platforms** will be established, one by **Lithuania** and another jointly by **Israel and the UAE**.

- Partner countries will collaborate on sharing a "black list" through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, containing information on digital wallets used for ransomware payments.
- The initiative will **leverage artificial intelligence** to analyze blockchain data, aiming to identify and track illicit funds associated with ransomware attacks. This effort aligns with the broader objective of cutting off the flow of money to cybercriminals.

"One Nation, One Registration Platform"

- The **National Medical Commission** (NMC) has initiated a mission to allocate a **distinctive identification number** to every physician in the country by the conclusion of 2024.

- Central to this endeavor is the establishment of the **National Medical Register** (NMR), which will function as a centralized repository for all **practicing doctors** in India.

- This step is anticipated to streamline the **healthcare sector and bolster** transparency.

- A trial run for the **National Medical Register** (NMR) is scheduled for launch within the next six months, with the complete implementation set for completion by the end of 2024.

- Dr. Yogendra Malik, a member of the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of the NMC, shed light on this ambitious project.

- The NMR will supersede the current Indian Medical Register (IMR) and will be publicly accessible through the NMC's official website.

- It will provide comprehensive information about registered doctors, including:

- **Unique Identification Number** (UID): Each doctor will receive a unique identification number.

- **Registration Number**: The doctor's registration number for verification.

- **Name and Place of Work**: Details concerning the doctor's identity and workplace.

- **Qualifications**: Information pertaining to the doctor's educational credentials.

- **Specialization**: The doctor's field of expertise.

- **Institute/University**: The name of the institution or university where the qualifications were obtained.

Rohini Nayyar Prize

- In a significant acknowledgment of his remarkable efforts, **Deenanath Rajput**, an engineer-turned-social worker, was awarded the **Second Rohini Nayyar Prize** for his outstanding contribution to rural development.
- The prestigious award was presented in memory of the late economist-administrator Dr. Rohini Nayyar, and it came with a trophy, a citation, and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.
- **Empowering Tribal Women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh**. Deenanath Rajput's commendable work focuses on empowering tribal women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, a region known for its challenges, including Naxalite activities.
- His efforts have been instrumental in positively transforming the lives of over 6,000 tribal women in the area.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 'City Of Literature' In UNESCO Creative Cities Network Is

A. Kozhikode

B. Gwalior

C. Delhi

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

2. What Is The Theme Of World Food India 2023

A. "Feeding The Future"

B. "Food For All"

C. "Processing For Prosperity"

D. "Culinary Delights"

ANSWER: C

3. TATA Play Collaborated With ___Introduce Wifi6 Ready Broadband

A. Google

B. Nokia

C. Samsung

D. Reliance

ANSWER: B

4. Initiative Aimed At Disrupting Funding Mechanisms Of Cybercriminals

A. Cyber Shield Initiative

B. Ransom Free Initiative

C. International Counter Ransomware Initiative

D. Secure Cyberspace Alliance

ANSWER: C

5. Which Country Is Establishing Information Sharing Platform For International Counter Ransomware Initiative

A. Lithuania

B. India

C. Australia

D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

6. **Purpose Of The National Medical Register In India**
A. To Register All The Medical Equipment In The Country
B. To Keep Track Of All Practicing Doctors
C. To Provide Healthcare Services In Rural Areas
D. To Regulate Medical Fees Across The Country
   ANSWER: C

7. **Second Rohini Nayyar Prize Is Awarded To**
A. Deenanath Rajput
B. Prof. RK Singla
C. Dr. Govind Sahay
D. Dr. Deenanath Singh
   ANSWER: A

8. **Which Country Is Providing Financial Assistance To India's "Hunger Project" In Uttarakhand**
A. Norway
B. Sweden
C. Denmark
D. Finland
   ANSWER: A

9. **Which Small Finance Bank Is Fincare Small Finance Bank Set To Merge With**
A. AU Small Finance Bank
B. Bandhan Bank
C. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
D. Equitas Small Finance Bank
   ANSWER: A

10. **Which Of Following Countries Not Recognized By United Nations**
A. Sealand
B. Christiania
C. Crimea
D. All of the these
   ANSWER: D

11.Which Company Acquired Reliance Naval And Engineering In 2023

A. Tata Group

B. Larsen & Toubro

C. Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

D. Swan Energy

ANSWER: D

12.Which Company Is Official Sponsor Of 37ᵗʰ National Games In 2023

A. Google Pay

B. PhonePe

C. Paytm

D. Amazon Pay

ANSWER:B

13.When Is World Stroke Day Celebrated Every Year

A. October 29

B. October 30

C. October 31

D. November 1

ANSWER: A

14.Which Indian Conglomerate Set To Become India's First Iphone Manufacturer After Acquiring Wistron's Indian Operations

A. Tata Group

B. Reliance Industries

C. Adani Group

D. Mahindra & Mahindra Group

ANSWER: A

15.New Speaker Of US House Of Representatives In October 2023

A. Kevin McCarthy

B. Patrick McHenry

C. Mike Johnson

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

16.Which City Is Known As The "Tea City Of India"

A. Kolkata

B. Guwahati

C. Darjeeling

D. Dibrugarh

ANSWER: D

17.Where Did The Indian Army Mark 76th Shaurya Diwas

A. Jammu and Kashmir

B. Punjab

C. Haryana

D. Himachal Pradesh

ANSWER: A

18.Scientists At IISER Have Pinpointed A Circular RNA Virus Known As

A. ciTRAN

B. ciRNA

C. ciHIV

D. ciReplica

ANSWER: A

19.Banni Festival Is An Annual Religious Festival Celebrated In

A. Odisha

B. Bihar

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Gujarat

ANSWER: C

20.Which City Hosted The 7th Edition Of The India Mobile Congress

A. Hyderabad

B. Bengaluru

C. New Delhi

D. Chennai

ANSWER: C