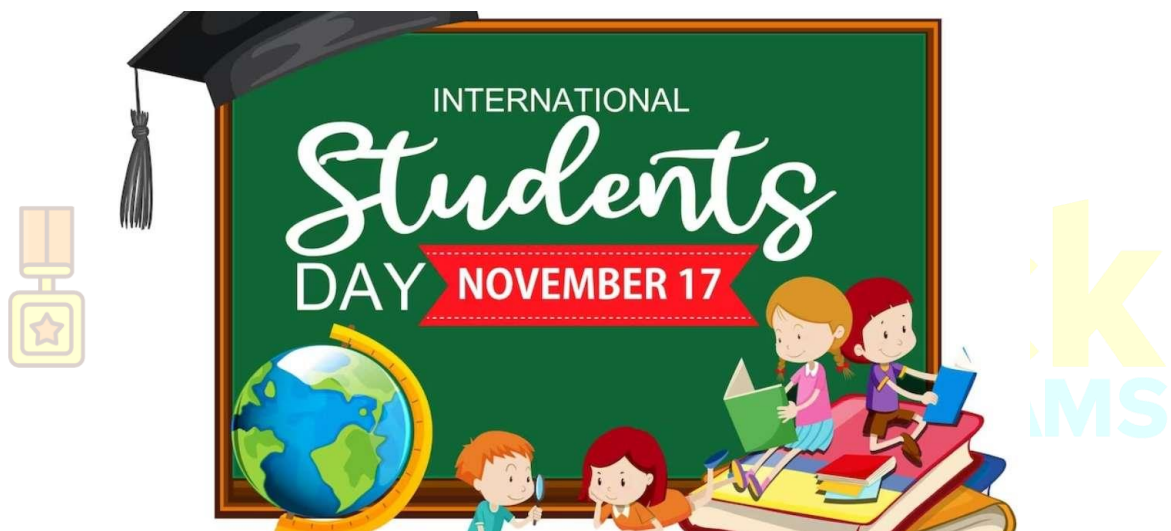


# Daily Current Affairs

## 17 November 2023

### International Students Day

- **International student's Day 2023** is observed on **November 17th** to honor the global student's community.
- International students travel long distances from their home countries to pursue higher education. International Students Day was **first celebrated in 1941 in London**.



- This day is marked on the anniversary of Nazi's invasion of a university in Prague in 1939.
- On that night, Nazis stormed all university dormitories in Prague and in other towns as well, beating and arresting thousands of students when they were asleep, who were then taken to the prison in Pankrác and then to the military barracks in Ruzyne.

## Global Fisheries Conference

- Union Minister for Fisheries **Parshottam Rupala** has said that fish production has increased manifold in the last nine years due to various schemes taken up by the government.
- Mr Rupala stated this while addressing the curtain raiser press conference in New Delhi for **Global Fisheries Conference India 2023**, which will be held on the 21st and 22nd of this month in Ahmadabad, Gujarat.
- The two-day Conference will be held to celebrate '**Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth**' on the occasion of **World Fisheries Day**.



- He **said India is the 3rd largest fish-producing country** with around 8 percent share in global fish production.
- Mr Rupala said that the fisheries sector contributes to India's economy in a big way and provides livelihood for over 2.8 crore fishers and fish farmers at the primary level.
- An average of 38 lakh fishers per year are insured under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme.
- The aim of the conference is to **reach out to the various domestic and global fisheries sector** stakeholders to build partnerships, fostering collaborative efforts and promoting the Indian Fisheries sector.
- It is also an opportunity to explore the Research and Development and opportunities that are shaping the fisheries landscape.

## Global South Summit

- India is set to host the **second Voice of Global South Summit** on Friday in a virtual format.
- The summit would focus on sharing the key **outcomes achieved in various G20** meetings over the course of India's Presidency with the countries of the Global South.



- The **challenges posed by global developments** are also likely to be discussed. The Summit will serve as a platform to discuss ways to sustain the momentum generated toward the common aspiration of a more inclusive, representative and progressive world order.
- The summit will be structured into 10 sessions. The inaugural and concluding sessions will be at the Government level. The sessions will be **hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.
- The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' Session is **Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust** and that of the Concluding Leaders' Session is **Global South- Together for One Future**.
- The first edition of the Voice of Global South Summit was hosted by India in virtual format in the month of January this year.
- The summit brought together 125 countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform.



## 'WETEX And Dubai Solar Show'

- Thirty Indian companies associated with **the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** made its presence at the '**WETEX and Dubai Solar Show**' in Dubai from November 15th to 17th, 2023.
- Engaging in sectors such as **power, energy, water, solar, and engineering**, these companies explored bilateral trade opportunities with the UAE.
- The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Mr. Sunil Kumar, Consul at the Consulate General of India in Dubai.

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معرض دبي للطاقة الشمسية  
DUBAI SOLAR SHOW

- **WETEX (Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition)** is a leading international exhibition and conference dedicated to water, energy, sustainability, and green technologies.
- It is **held annually in Dubai, United Arab Emirates**, and is organized by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA).



- WETEX provides a platform for showcasing the **latest innovations** in sustainable technologies, and brings together key industry players, policymakers, and experts from around the world to discuss and share best practices.
- The participation of Indian companies underscores the nation's diverse industrial capabilities and signals its global relevance.



## Climate Innovation Competition

- Pakistan-based cleantech startup **She-Guard** emerged victorious at the 'ClimateLaunchpad Asia-Pacific' finals, showcasing their innovative biodegradable and plastic-free sanitary product.



- The startup's mission is to transform **banana crop waste into affordable**, eco-friendly **sanitary napkins**, addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, public health and solid waste management in Pakistan.

- **Mehreen Raza, the founder and CEO of She-Guard**, expressed gratitude for the support of ClimateLaunchpad and emphasized the importance of ensuring that every woman can access basic menstrual hygiene.
- Raza highlighted the startup's dedication to achieving this goal in a sustainable manner.
- ClimateLaunch Pad, **organized by Europe's leading climate innovation initiative, EIT Climate-KIC**, stands as the world's largest green business competitive for climate innovators.

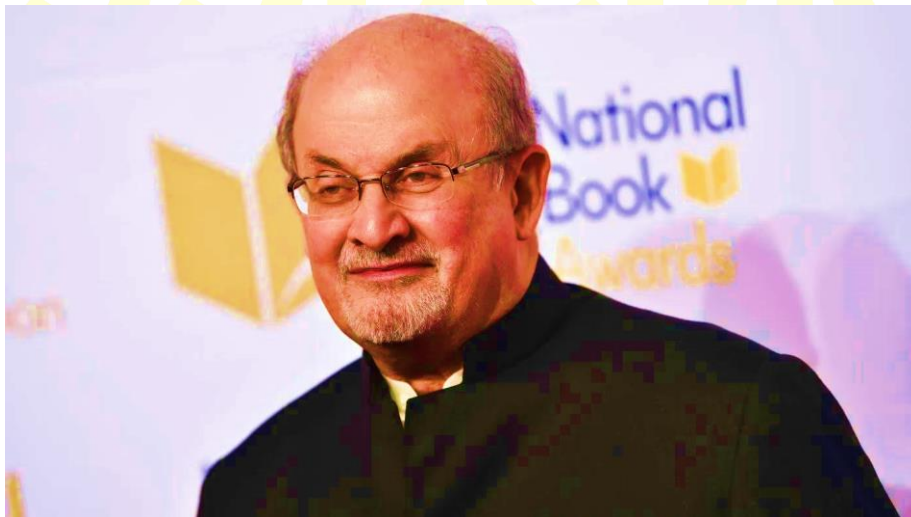


- Since 2013, the program has provided a vibrant program for individuals passionate about making a positive difference by developing climate solutions through entrepreneurship.
- **Vietnamese startup Alverno** secured the runner-up position with its low-cost thermal energy storage solution for renewable energy, designed for the drying of agricultural products like tea, coffee and rice.
- **Japanese startup Aonbarr** claimed the third spot with an innovative idea using seawater to generate hydrogen as a green energy source.



## Lifetime Disturbing The Peace Award

- World-renowned author **Salman Rushdie**, celebrated for groundbreaking works like **'The Satanic Verses,'** received the inaugural **'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'** from the Vaclav Havel Center.
- Simultaneously, **Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah** was honored with the **'Disturbing the Peace Award for a Courageous Writer at Risk'** during a ceremony.



- Recently, Rushdie unveiled the publication of his latest book titled **'Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder.'**
- The Vaclav Havel Center also bestowed the 'Disturbing the Peace Award to a Courageous Writer at Risk' upon Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah.
- Despite being imprisoned, Abdel-Fattah remains a symbol of resistance against Egypt's authoritarian regime.



- Acclaimed author Adhaf Soueif, Abdel-Fattah's aunt, accepted the award on his behalf, highlighting his appreciation for the award's name, "Disturbing the Peace."

## AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy

- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** to establish a **world-class football academy** is set to materialize in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**, on November 21, 2023.
- The AIFF-FIFA academy, initiated under the **FIFA Talent Development Scheme (TDS)**, will be inaugurated by **Mr. Arsene Wenger**, Chief of Global Football Development at FIFA.



- Under the **FIFA Talent Development Scheme**, the academy aims to provide a **world-class platform for nurturing young football talent**.
- The active involvement of global football leaders, including Mr. Arsene Wenger, reflects a shared commitment to elevating football standards and fostering a new generation of football stars in India.





- The **FIFA TDS is a comprehensive program** designed to collaborate with Member Associations globally, aiming to enhance the competitiveness of their national football teams.
- In line with this initiative, FIFA has introduced the **Talent Coaching Programme**, intending to provide active on-ground support to Member Associations.
- The scheme focuses on developing the football ecosystem by fostering talent at grassroots levels.

## 'Nest' Initiative

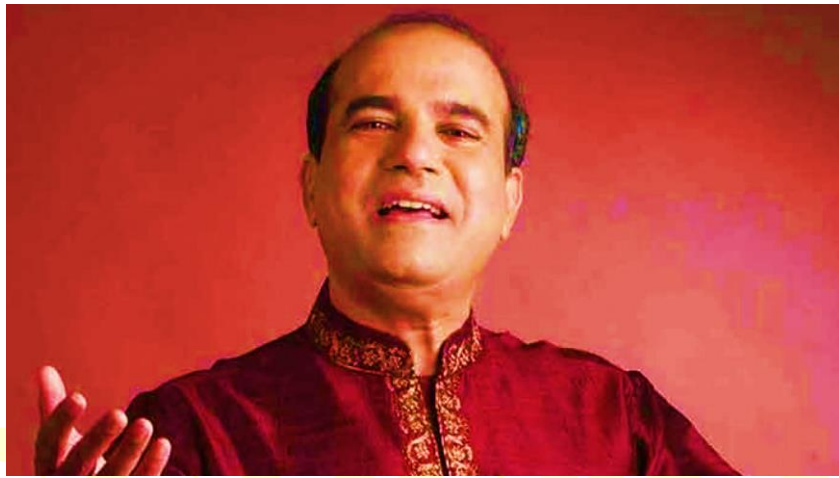
- In a move to promote **sustainable and environmentally friendly construction** practices in the domestic housing sector, the **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)**, a part of the Confederation of Indian Industry, has launched a new rating and **certification initiative called 'Nest.'**



- 'Nest' would encourage individual homeowners and the residential sector to embrace green building features, leading to reduced electricity consumption, lower water usage, and the creation of healthier living spaces.
- The Tamil Nadu government will be the partner state for the Green Building Congress 2023, while the World Green Building Council will support this significant initiative focused on sustainable and eco-friendly construction practices in India.

## Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023

- The Maharashtra government has chosen the esteemed playback singer and National Award winner, **Suresh Ishwar Wadkar**, as the recipient of the prestigious '**Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award**' for 2023.
- The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, recognizing Wadkar's remarkable contribution to the world of music.



- Suresh Wadkar's selection for the 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' is a testament to his exceptional contribution to the music industry.
- The award not only recognizes his achievements but also underscores the rich cultural heritage and talent within Maharashtra.
- The ceremony, yet to take place, will celebrate the achievements of these artists who have left an indelible mark on the cultural tapestry of the state.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. International Students Day Celebrated On**

- A. 17<sup>th</sup> November
- B. 19<sup>th</sup> November
- C. 20<sup>th</sup> November
- D. 21<sup>st</sup> November

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Global Fisheries Conference Will Be Held In**

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: C**

**3. World Fisheries Day Celebrated On**

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- B. 19<sup>th</sup> November
- C. 20<sup>th</sup> November
- D. 21<sup>st</sup> November

**ANSWER: D**

**4. WETEX Annual Exhibition Held In**

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. UAE
- C. Russia
- D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Who Received Lifetime Disturbing The Peace Award 2023**

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Abdel-Fattah
- C. William Faulkner
- D. John Grisham

**ANSWER: A**

**6. AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy Is Opened In**

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhubaneshwar
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Who Is Selected For Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023 Is**

- A. Suresh Ishwar Wadkar
- B. Asha Bhosle
- C. Sonu Nigam
- D. Kala Ramnath

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Startup She Guard Emerged Victorious At 'Climate Launchpad Asia-Pacific Belongs To Which Country**

- A. Vietnam
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: B**

**9. 'Billie Jean King Cup' Is Associated With Which Sports**

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Tennis
- D. Basket Ball

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Silkyara Tunnel, Seen In The News, Is Located In Which State**

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: B**



**11.As Per A Recent UN Report, Which Region Was Ranked As World's Worst Region For Water Scarcity**

- A. Africa
- B. South America
- C. South Asia
- D. Europe

**ANSWER: C**

**12.Transporter-9 Mission Is Associated With Which Country**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Russia
- D. Israel

**ANSWER: A**

**13.Which Union Ministry Proposed To Establish Cyber Security And Management Systems Regulations**

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

**ANSWER: A**

**14.What Is The Rank Of India In The OBI Inclusiveness Index**

- A. One Hundred Seven
- B. One Hundred Seventeen
- C. One Hundred
- D. One Hundred Five

**ANSWER: B**

**15.'Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation, And Research (KHIR) City' Is Associated With Which State/UT**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Carlo Rovelli Seen In News, Is Associated With Which Profession**

- A. Politician
- B. Sports person
- C. Physicist
- D. Businessperson

**ANSWER: C**

**17. 'AAINA Dashboard For Cities' Portal Launched By Which Union Ministry**

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Electronics and IT

**ANSWER: B**

**18. 'Pump Storage Project' Is Associated With Which Union Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Coal
- B. Ministry of Steel
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of MSME

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Which Of The Following Classical Dances Is Described In The Book 'Abhinaya Darpana', Which Is Also Known As "Ekaharya"**

- A. Bharatanatyam Dance
- B. Kathakali Dance
- C. Kuchipudi Dance
- D. Kathak Dance

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Which Institution Released The 'Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution By 2040 Policy Scenario Analysis**

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Bank
- C. UNEP
- D. OECD

**ANSWER: D**

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