

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Angkor Wat Becomes The 8th Wonder Of The World

- **Angkor Wat**, located in the **heart of Cambodia**, has recently earned the prestigious title of the 8th wonder of the world, surpassing Italy's Pompeii. This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** is not only the largest religious structure in the world but also a testament to architectural brilliance and cultural significance.
- Angkor Wat is an expansive temple complex that spans approximately 500 acres and serves as the largest religious monument in the world.
- Originally constructed in the 12th century by **King Suryavarman II**, the temple was dedicated to the Hindu deity Vishnu.



- Over time, it transformed into a major Buddhist temple, reflecting the transition from Hinduism to Buddhism.
- The site is renowned for its statue of **eight-armed Vishnu**, revered as a protecting deity by the locals.
- Built in the 12th century, Angkor Wat's history is marked by its transformation from a Hindu temple to a Buddhist sanctuary.
- The intricate carvings on the temple walls depict scenes **from Hindu and Buddhist mythology**, providing a visual journey through the religious and historical evolution of the region.

## Chat Assistant “6Eskai”

- IndiGo, India’s largest airline, announced on Monday the launch of its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered chat assistant named “6Eskai.”
- This innovative tool is designed to cater to customer inquiries in a diverse range of languages, marking a significant step forward in enhancing customer service in the aviation industry.



- IndiGo’s move comes in the wake of **Air India’s** introduction of its own AI-powered chat assistant, “**Maharaja**,” on November 10.
- While Maharaja utilizes **Microsoft’s Azure OpenAI service**, 6Eskai is powered by the advanced technology of **Microsoft’s GPT-4**, demonstrating the rapid evolution and adoption of AI in the aviation sector.

## UK Detects First Human Case Of H1N2 Pig Virus

- UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) disclosed the **first human case of H1N2**, or the pig virus, discovered through routine national flu surveillance.
- The **affected individual experienced** mild illness and fully recovered, raising questions about potential pig-to-human transmission.
- The UKHSA detected the case through routine **flu surveillance**, highlighting the unidentified source of infection.



- Despite uncertainties, the agency reported the individual's recovery from a mild illness. This marks the first human instance of **H1N2 in the UK**, underscoring the virus's mysterious origin.
- The H1N2 virus's discovery in **humans prompts reflections on the 2009** swine flu pandemic.
- The current situation raises awareness of risks associated with zoonotic transmission, where viruses move from animals to humans.
- The virus in question contains genetic material from various sources, including pigs, birds, and humans.

## Gold Medal To Ministry Of Ayush

- The **Ministry of Ayush** has been awarded the **Gold Medal** by the 'India Trade Promotion Organization' for its excellent performance in the 'Ministries and Departments' category of the Indian International Trade Fair.
- The Ministry had created an **Ayush pavilion** with various activities in the fair with the aim of promoting scientific evidence based Ayush treatment methods.
- Various curated activities and innovative presentations of the Ministry of Ayush were done by keeping scientific evidence based approach and became the centre of attraction for everyone.



- To promote Ayush-entrepreneurship, a total of 18 Ayush start-ups were given the opportunity by the Ministry of Ayush to exhibit with new products in the pavilion.
- **Free Clinics of Ayush medical** systems like Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homeopathy, Yoga-Naturopathy, Sowa-Rigpa were also facilitated in the Ayush Pavilion.

- Career related advices were also given to the youth in the field of Ayush at the Ayush pavilion.

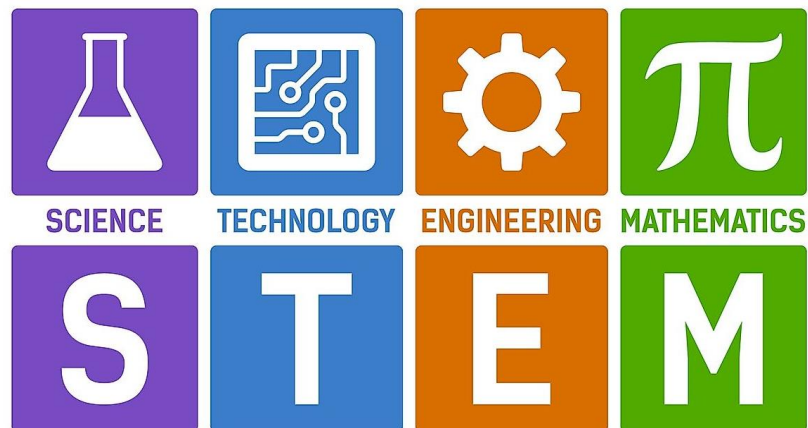
## NASA Administrator Bill Nelson

- NASA Administrator **Bill Nelson** has landed in India for a series of strategic discussions and events aimed at strengthening the partnership between the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Indian Space Research Organisation**.
- The visit marks India's growing stature as a global leader in space exploration and technology.
- The agenda for Nelson's visit is packed with **high-level meetings** with government and **space officials**, focusing on areas such as human exploration, Earth science, and technological innovation.
- One of the highlights of his trip will be a visit to **Bengaluru's NISAR spacecraft facilities**, where he will witness firsthand the progress of the joint Nasa-Isro Earth-observing mission.



- This marks the first time NASA and ISRO have collaborated on hardware development for an Earth-observing mission, symbolizing a new era of cooperation between the two space agencies.
- Additionally, Nelson's visit aligns with the **US and India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology**, initiated by President Joe Biden, fulfilling a commitment to deepen ties in cutting-edge research and development.
- During his stay, Nelson will also engage with students to **discuss STEM education** and inspire the next generation of space explorers, known as the Artemis Generation.





## Boita Bandana

- People in Odisha celebrated **Boita Bandana**, a **boat festival** marking the maritime glory of the region.
- This annual observance takes place on Kartik Purnima, the full moon day in the holy month of Kartik.
- Boita Bandana is a cultural tribute to **Odisha's ancient maritime activities** and trade relations with Southeast Asian countries.



- The festival recalls the maritime **adventures of merchants** who sailed on Boitas to trade with countries like Java, Sumatra, Bali, and Indonesia.
- The act of setting sail on miniature boats with offerings is a gesture of remembrance and gratitude to the sea god Varuna.

## Violence Against Women Globally

- The **World Health Organization's** (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia, Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, has drawn attention to the alarming prevalence of physical and/or sexual violence against women globally.
- Almost one in **three women** worldwide experiences such violence in her lifetime, with intimate partner violence being a significant contributor. The **South-East Asia Region** ranks second-highest, with an estimated 33% prevalence.



- Violence against women is a grievous violation of human rights and has significant health impacts.
- The WHO Regional Director's statements coincide with the start of the annual campaign, "16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women," which runs from November 25 to December 10.



# World Health Organization

- During the **16 days of activism**, WHO, in collaboration with UNFPA's regional office for Asia and the Pacific, is conducting a webinar on recently released guidance for integrating violence against women and girls (VAWG) into training curricula for health professionals.
- The campaign **aims to raise awareness**, promote prevention, and address the critical issue of gender-based violence.

## “Guide On Gender Inclusive Communication”

- Union Minister for **Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs**, Smriti Zubin Irani, is set to unveil the “**Guide on Gender-Inclusive Communication**” on November 28, 2023, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The guide's launch is a **collaborative effort involving** the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), the National Gender and Child Centre (NGCC), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and UN Women.



- **Aligned with the government's commitment** to strengthen 'Nari Shakti,' MWCD continues its initiatives to promote gender equality and empowerment.
- The guide signifies a crucial milestone in this journey, reflecting MWCD's dedication to creating a society where women not only become equal partners in the nation's development but also contribute to the overarching vision of 'Women-led Development' as envisioned by the Prime Minister.

## Vidya Pillai

- **Vidya Pillai** achieved a monumental milestone in her illustrious career as she secured the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship title in Doha, Qatar.
- The Bengalurean showcased a stellar performance, dominating her opponents throughout the championship, with a standout victory of 4-1 against compatriot Anupama Ramachandran in the title clash.



- In the semifinal clash against Bai Yulu, Vidya showcased her expertise with a notable run of 33 in the second frame and an impressive clearance of 63 in the fourth.
- She dominated Group 'A' with an impeccable all-win record and proceeded to outplay compatriot Varshaa Sanjeev 3-0 in the pre-quarters.
- The quarterfinal clash against On Yee showcased Vidya's exceptional skill, as she secured a flawless 4-0 victory, leaving her opponent with only 15 points in the entire match.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Angkor Wat Is Located In**

- A. Vietnam
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Myanmar
- D. Cambodia

**ANSWER: D**

**2. NISAR Is Joint Mission Of ISRO &**

- A. NASA
- B. JAXA
- C. ESA
- D. Roscosmos

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Vidya Pillai Seen In News Relates To**

- A. Badminton
- B. Snooker
- C. Cricket
- D. Soccer

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Who Sworn In As New Zealand's Prime Minister**

- A. Christopher Luxon
- B. Lee Hsien Loong
- C. Gaston Browne
- D. Kokhir Rasulzoda

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Boita Bandana Celebrated In**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Which Organization Received 'Best Employer For Policies In Diversity & Inclusion' Award Organized By Assocham**

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Power Finance Corporation
- C. Reliance Power
- D. REC Limited

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Which State Government Declared November 25 As "No Non-veg Day"**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Which Country Announced Permanent Closure Of Its Embassy In India**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: D**

**9. According To OECD, Which Country Emerges As Foremost Aid Provider In 2022**

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Germany
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Name Of World's Largest Iceberg That Recently Begun An Unusual Journey**

- A. A23
- B. Filchner-Ronne
- C. Ronne-A
- D. A23a

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Where Was 1<sup>st</sup> "Global Professional Accountants Convention" Organized By Institute Of Chartered Accountants Held**

- A. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Who Laid The Foundation Stone For The National Skill Training Institute Plus In Jatni, Odisha**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Naveen Patnaik
- C. Dharmendra Pradhan
- D. Prakash Javadekar

**ANSWER: C**

**13. On Which Date Is National Milk Day Observed**

- A. October 15
- B. November 26
- C. November 27
- D. January 10

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Which Country Inaugurated Largest Single Site Solar Power Plant 'Al Dhafra'**

- A. Israel
- B. UAE
- C. Iran
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: B**

**15. ADB Approved USD 500 Million Loan To Enhance Tertiary Health Care And Medical Education In Which State**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Union Government Exempted Which Institution From Purview Of RTI 2005**

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. CERT-In
- D. Election Commission of India

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Who Unveiled Statue Of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Within The Supreme Court**

- A. Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud
- B. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal
- C. President Droupadi Murmu
- D. Prime Minister Narendra Modi

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Who Was Not A Member Of Drafting Committee Of The Indian Constitution**

- A. Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar
- B. N. Gopalswami Ayyangar
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru
- D. K.M Munshi

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Company Partnered With Mastercard To Offer Digital Supply Chain Financing Solution For India's MSME**

- A. August 20
- B. August 23
- C. August 25
- D. August 27

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Organization Partnered With Survey Of India To Create 3D Digital Twin Mapping Program In India**

- A. Genesys International's
- B. National Mapping Agency
- C. DRDO
- D. ISRO

**ANSWER: A**