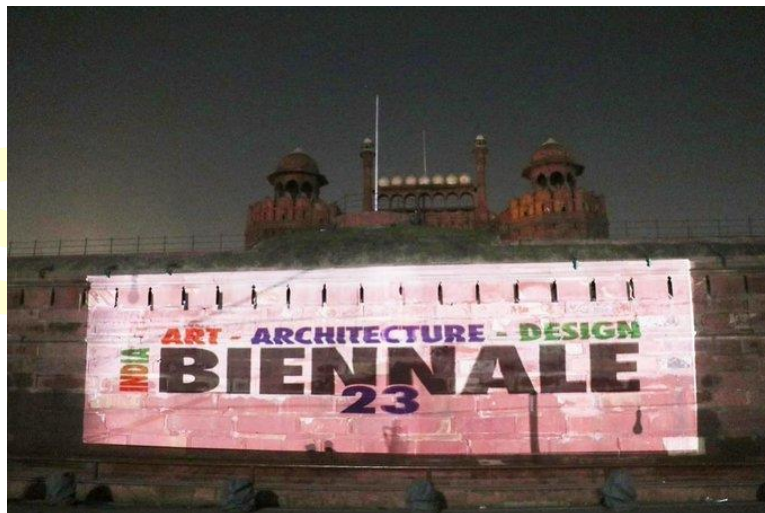


# Daily Current Affairs

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### Indian Art Architecture & Design Biennale

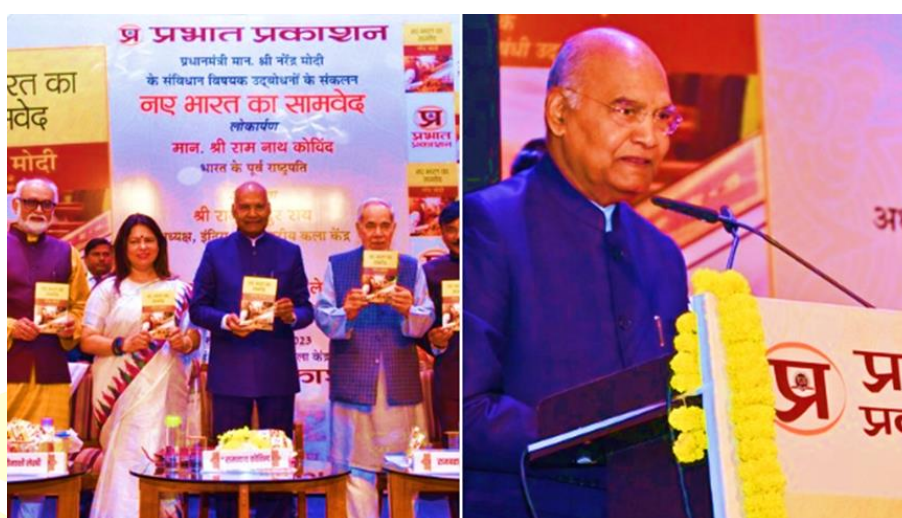
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **first Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale** at Red Fort in New Delhi.
- On the occasion, he will also inaugurate **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre** for Design at Red Fort and the student Biennale- Samunnati.
- IAADB is being organized in line with the **PM's vision** to develop and institutionalise a flagship global cultural initiative in the country.



- IAADB is designed to **initiate a holistic conversation** between artists, architects, designers, photographers, collectors, art professionals and the public to strengthen the cultural dialogue.
- During the one-week-long event from the 9th to the 15th of this month, different theme-based exhibitions will be showcased every day.
- It will also **provide avenues and opportunities** to expand and collaborate with the creators of art, architecture, and design as part of the evolving economy.

## Naye Bharat Ka Samveda

- Former President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** launched a book “ **Naye Bharat ka Samveda**” in New Delhi.
- The book is a compilation of **speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on the Indian Constitution.
- In his keynote address, Mr. Kovind said that, if every citizen of the nation has adequate knowledge about the Constitution then everything will be easy.



- He further added that the citizens will be able to understand that makers of the constitution were concerned about the last person of the society.
- Speaking about the book, Mr. Kovind said that PM Modi repeatedly **recalls the Constitution** and urges people to know as much as possible about it.
- He added, Prime Minister refers to the **Constitution of India as the only book** for code of conduct and guidance for the government.

## India's Goods Sector Surpasses Services In Exports

- The government has said that **Goods (Merchandise) sector** has **surpassed the services sector** in export for the first time.
- Electronic and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, this has been possible due to the **Make in India initiative** of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- He said, the export has **reached 762 billion dollars** in the last financial year. The **Goods (Merchandise) export** has gone upto **453 billion dollars**, while **services export** was at **309 billion dollars**. Mr Vaishnaw said India will soon reach one trillion dollar exports.

- The Minister said, the **export of mobile phones** has reached the 4th position in overall exports due to Make in India.
- The country has exported mobile phones worth more than **eleven billion dollars** in the last fiscal.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched **Make in India initiatives** to promote manufacturing the sector in the country. India will soon reach the top two positions in the exports of mobile phones.



## Garba Of Gujarat Inscribed On The UNESCO

- The **Intergovernmental Committee** for the Safeguarding of the **Intangible Cultural Heritage** inscribed 'Garba of Gujarat' on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during its 18<sup>th</sup> session, taking place in Kasane, **Botswana**.
- The inclusion of Garba now makes it **India's 15th inscription** on the List.
- A ritualistic and **devotional dance** performed throughout the State of Gujarat, and across India, Garba is celebrated for nine days during the festival of **Navaratri**.



- The festival is dedicated to the worship of the **feminine energy or Shakti**.
- The cultural, performative, and visual expressions of this feminine energy are expressed through the Garba dance.
- The **performative and visual celebration** of Garba takes place within homes and temple courtyards, public spaces in villages, urban squares, streets, and large open grounds. Garba thus becomes an all-encompassing participatory community event.

## National Mission For Manuscripts

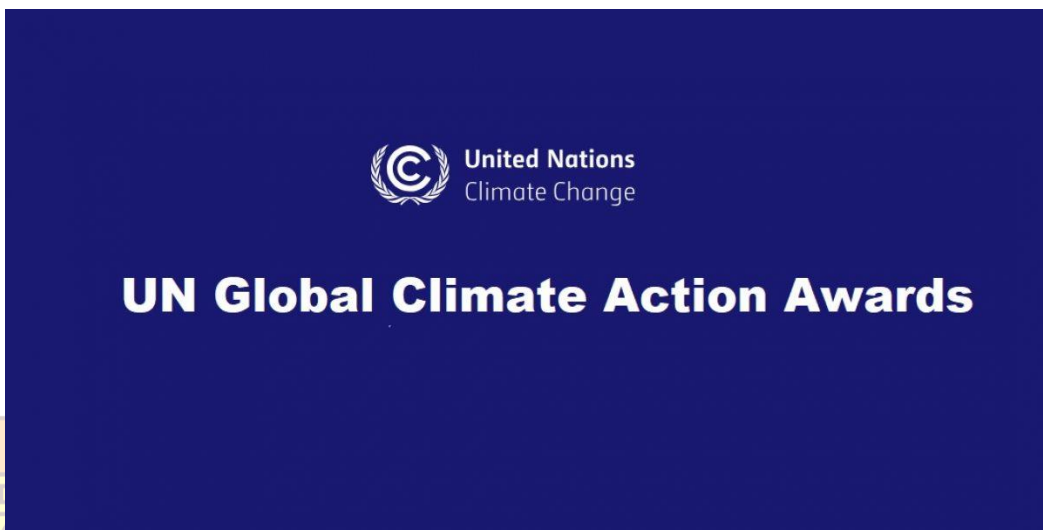
- The **National Mission for Manuscripts** has documented **52 lakh manuscripts** and conserved **90 million folios** across the country.
- Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said this in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha.



- The mission has uploaded one lakh **25 thousand manuscripts** on its cloud platform, out of which **75 thousand manuscripts** are available for research purposes on public domain.
- Mr Reddy said, the objective of the Mission is to locate manuscripts through national level Survey and Post-Survey.
- The objective of the mission is also to **promote access to manuscripts** by digitizing the rarest and most endangered manuscripts.

## Climate Champions

- Amidst the global efforts to combat climate change, two remarkable individuals, **Michelle Zárate Palomec from Mexico and Sebastian Mwaura from Kenya**, are set to be honored as winners of the **UN Global Climate Action Awards**.
- Their outstanding contributions, aimed at creating **sustainable, resilient**, and equitable communities, will be celebrated during the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference COP28 in Dubai.



- At the age of 27, **Zárate Palomec** leads initiatives within Espacio de Encuentro de las Culturas Originarias to provide **clean and sufficient water** to marginalized indigenous communities in Oaxaca, Mexico.
- Her work addresses water scarcity challenges and combats social and gender inequalities exacerbated by water pollution.



- Co-founder of **Yna Kenya**, **35-year-old Mwaura** is recognized for his efforts in accelerating the **adoption of electric vehicles**.

- His organization focuses on establishing a robust **charging network** powered by renewable energy sources, while also creating employment opportunities for women through the HerGo program in the e-mobility transport sector.

## Geographical Indication Tag

- **Meghalaya's Lakadong turmeric**, known for its exceptional quality, has been granted the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- Agriculture Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh made the announcement, highlighting the positive impact on local farmers and authentic product access for consumers.



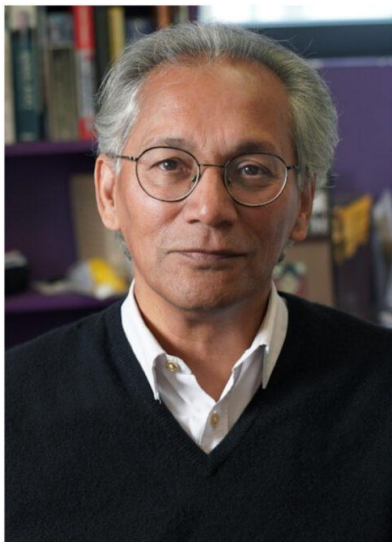
- Considered one of the **finest turmeric** varieties globally, **Lakadong turmeric** boasts an impressive **curcumin content** ranging from 6.8 to 7.5 percent.
- Grown organically in the Lakadong area of Jaintia Hills, this turmeric is renowned for its dark color, and cultivation is carried out without the use of fertilizers.
- The GI tag is expected to enhance marketing opportunities for farmers, ensuring customers have access to the genuine product.
- Alongside Lakadong turmeric, three more products from Meghalaya were honored with the GI tag: **Garó Dakmanda** (traditional dress), **Larnai pottery**, and **Garó Chubitchi** (alcoholic beverage).
- **Curcumin**, a **polyphenol** found in turmeric, exhibits multifaceted benefits, targeting various signaling molecules and demonstrating cellular-level activity.

- Its positive effects span inflammatory conditions, metabolic syndrome, pain management, and assistance in addressing inflammatory and degenerative eye conditions.
- Renowned for its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, curcumin also proves beneficial for kidney health.



## Samir Shah

- The U.K. government has selected **Samir Shah** to serve as the new chair of the **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)**.
- Shah was born in **Aurangabad** and immigrated to the U.K. in 1960.
- With over four decades of experience in the media industry, Shah has held various positions, including a stint as a non-executive director at the BBC.



- Samir Shah is currently heading the media company **Juniper TV**, a British company.
- He served on the U.K. government’s Commission **on Race and Ethnic Disparities**, playing a key role in producing the controversial March 2021 report.
- The report recognized racism while emphasizing the influence of socio-economic factors, culture, religion, geography, and family on opportunities.

## Google Reveals ‘Gemini’

- Google parent **company Alphabet** made a significant announcement on unveiling **Gemini**, its latest and most advanced **AI model to date**.
- In a bid to outpace competitors like OpenAI’s GPT-4 and Meta’s Llama 2, Gemini represents a major leap forward for the tech giant in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence.
- Gemini marks the **first AI model** to emerge from Alphabet following the merger of its renowned AI research units, **DeepMind and Google Brain**.



- The amalgamation has given rise to a unified division named Google DeepMind, helmed by DeepMind CEO Demis Hassabis.
- Gemini sets itself apart by being **“multimodal,”** demonstrating the ability to comprehend and process diverse types of information concurrently.
- This includes text, code, audio, images, and videos, positioning Gemini as a versatile tool for a wide range of applications.



## Meira Chand

- **Singapore** recently bestowed its prestigious **Cultural Medallion** upon three distinguished individuals, recognizing their artistic excellence and significant contributions to the nation's rich arts and culture.
- Among them, **Meira Chand**, an eighty-one-year-old **Indian-origin writer**, shares this esteemed accolade with novelist **Suchen Christine Lim** and Malay dance veteran **Osman Abdul Hamid**.
- President **Tharman Shanmugaratnam** presented the Cultural Medallion to the recipients in a ceremony held at the Istana.
- The award, the city-state's highest arts honor, is accompanied by an **SGD 80,000** grant for each awardee, supporting their continued artistic endeavors.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who Will Inaugurate Indian Art, Architecture And Design Biennale**

- A. President Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- C. Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy
- D. Former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Where Will Indian Art, Architecture & Design Biennale Inaugurated**

- A. Red Fort in New Delhi
- B. Qutub Minar in New Delhi
- C. Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi
- D. India Gate in New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**3. During Which Festival Is The Garba Dance Celebrated**

- A. Diwali
- B. Holi
- C. Navaratri
- D. Lohri

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Michelle Zárate Palomec Seen In News Belong To**

- A. Mexico
- B. Kenya
- C. Dubai
- D. India

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Sebastian Mwaura Seen In News Belong To**

- A. Mexico
- B. Kenya
- C. Dubai
- D. India

**ANSWER: B**

**6. What Is The Primary Focus Of Sebastian Mwaura's Organization**

- A. Water conservation
- B. Solar energy
- C. Electric vehicles
- D. Agriculture

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Lakadong Turmeric Received GI Tag Belongs To**

- A. Kerala
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Gujarat
- D. Punjab

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Who Has Been Selected As New Chair Of British Broadcasting Corporation**

- A. Meira Chand
- B. Rajeev Reddy
- C. Narinder Bhardwaj
- D. Samir Shah

**ANSWER: D**

**9. What Is Latest AI Model Unveiled By Google's Parent Company**

- A. Llama 2
- B. GPT-4
- C. Gemini
- D. DeepMind

**ANSWER: C**

**10. In Which Field Meira Chand Received Recognition From Singapore**

- A. Dance
- B. Writing
- C. Painting
- D. Music

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Initiative Of PM Modi Is Attributed To Rise In Goods Sector Exports**

- A. Make in India
- B. Digital India
- C. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- D. Skill India

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Book Was Launched By Former President Ram Nath Kovind**

- A. Exam Warriors
- B. Naye Bharat ka Samveda
- C. Jyotipunj
- D. Sakshi Punj

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Country Has Framed 'One Province, One Policy' Plan To Handle Financial Risk**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. UK

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Largest Survey Vessel Built In India, Recently Delivered By GRSE**

- A. INS Sandhayak
- B. INS Sahayak
- C. INS Sweekar
- D. INS Sandesh

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Which Institution Releases 'Composite Water Management Index' In India**

- A. Jal Shakti Ministry
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. WAPCOS
- D. DPIIT

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Names Of Tropical Cyclones In Bay Of Bengal Are Chosen From**

- A. Suggestion of various countries
- B. Suggestion of UNESCO
- C. Suggestion of UNEP
- D. Suggestion of UNFCCC

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (SLHEP) Is In Which State**

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which Entity Received "Outstanding Contribution To Brand India" Award**

- A. ISRO and Team Chandrayaan-3
- B. Department of Space and PSLV Development Team
- C. Indian National Space Agency and Team Chandrayaan-2
- D. National Space Society of India and Gaganyaan Team

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Which Word Was Chosen As Oxford University Press Word Of The Year**

- A. Rizz
- B. Swiftie
- C. Situationship
- D. Prompt

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Kalchakra Ceremony Is Associated With Which Of The Following Ceremonies**

- A. Hinduism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Jainism
- D. Islam

**ANSWER: B**