

# Daily Current Affairs

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### ‘Best Personality- Empowerment Of Differently Abled’

- In a ceremony organized by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**, Prashant Agrawal, the **President of Narayan Seva Sansthan**, was honored with the prestigious National Award for ‘**Best Personality- Empowerment of Differently-abled.**’
- The award was presented by President Draupadi Murmu at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- The event highlighted Agrawal’s commitment to the **cause of disability empowerment.**
- Prashant Agrawal’s recognition stems from his exceptional efforts in leading initiatives aimed at empowering differently-abled individuals.



- His instrumental role in establishing residential schools, vocational rehabilitation centers, and providing assistive devices has significantly impacted the lives of many.
- Upon receiving the award, Prashant Agrawal expressed his gratitude, dedicating the recognition to the **beneficiaries of Narayan Seva Sansthan.**
- The organization, dedicated to serving humanity and disability causes since **1985**, has achieved significant milestones under Agrawal’s leadership.
- With over **445,000 surgeries** conducted and nearly 40,000 amputees provided with artificial limbs, Narayan Seva Sansthan stands as a beacon of hope for those with disabilities.

## Wax Statue Of Baba Ambedkar

- In a significant tribute to the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, a **wax statue** has been unveiled at the **Jaipur Wax Museum, Nahargarh Fort**.
- The Founder Director of the museum, Anoop Srivastava, shared the motivation behind this addition, citing the demand from tourists and visitors.
- The wax statue was inaugurated on December 6, coinciding with **Mahaparinirvan Day**, commemorating the passing of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.
- Anoop Srivastava highlighted the decision to create the wax statue was **influenced by the numerous tourists** from across India who frequented the museum, expressing a desire to see a representation of Baba Saheb.
- The statue stands as a testament to the enduring **popularity of Dr. B.R.**



- **Ambedkar's legacy and the recognition** of his pivotal role in shaping India's constitutional framework.
- The wax statue finds its place within the **grandeur of Rashtrapati Bhavan**, sharing space with the likeness of another distinguished figure, Bharat Ratna Dr. Abdul Kalam, India's Missile Man.
- This symbolic placement aims to capture the essence of two great personalities who have played crucial roles in shaping the nation's destiny.
- Crafted with meticulous detail, the wax statue stands at an impressive height of **5 feet 11 inches**, weighing **approximately 38 kg**.
- The sculpture faithfully replicates the **iconic image of Baba Saheb**, depicting him **with the Constitution book in hand** and adorned in his signature blue suit. This faithful representation serves to evoke the image deeply embedded in the minds of the people.

## Infinity Forum 2.0

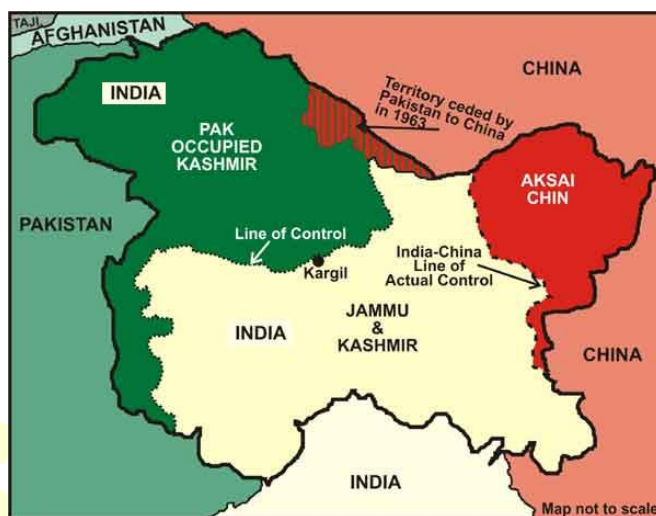
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** is set to address the second edition of the **Infinity Forum**, a premier **Financial Technology** event.
- The event, hosted by the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** and **GIFT City**, is under the auspices of the Government of India.
- Building on the success of its **inaugural edition in December 2021**, the Infinity Forum 2.0 promises to be a global thought leadership platform focusing on financial services.
- The central theme of the **2nd edition** is **'GIFT-IFSC: Nerve Centre for New Age Global Financial Services.'**
- This theme will be explored through three tracks, highlighting the pivotal role of the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in shaping the future of global financial services.
- The **first edition of the Infinity Forum**, organized in 2021, saw an overwhelming response with over 95,000 registrations from more than 80 countries.
- A key highlight of the event was the **'FinTech Showcase,'** featuring over 100 virtual exhibitors alongside the main proceedings.



- The IFSCA conceived the forum as a space for exploring progressive ideas, addressing critical issues, and showcasing innovative technologies from around the world.
- Anticipating the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, the second edition of the Infinity Forum is organized in a hybrid mode.
- This format aims to **ensure inclusivity**, allowing a diverse audience to engage with the discussions and insights presented.

## POK Is Ours : 24 Seats Reserved For Region

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah told the Lok Sabha that **24 seats have been reserved for Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK)** as the territory "is ours".
- The Home Minister was speaking in the Parliament during a debate on the **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023** and the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023**. Delimitation Commission has reserved 24 seats for Pakistan occupied Kashmir.



- The Centre has set up a **Delimitation Commission** for the delimitation of assembly and parliamentary constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Amit Shah said that **Jammu had 37 seats** earlier but **now it has 43** where **Kashmir had 46 seats** previously but **now has 47**.

REDRAWING SEATS		
REGION	PROPOSED	PREVIOUS
Jammu	43	37
Kashmir	47	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83*</b>

\*FOUR OF LADAKH THAT IS NOW SEPARATE UT  
5 Lok Sabha seats (number unchanged)  
18 Assembly seats each to have



- PoK, **24 seats have been reserved since PoK** is ours," Shah said in the Parliament.
- He further noted that there will now be 5 nominated members in the J&K Assembly with the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
- "Earlier, two women were nominated by the Governor in the state assembly. And now, **two of the Kashmiri migrants**, out of whom one must be a woman, and one person from PoK,".
- During the course of this discussion, Amit Shah also seized the opportunity to take aim at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, holding the late Prime Minister of India responsible for the PoK issue.



- "As per Shah, Jammu and Kashmir suffered due to two major "blunders" by Nehru. These were announcing the ceasefire and taking the Kashmir issue to the United Nations.
- J&K Witnessed Terrorism After 1980s. "People Who Were **Native Residents** Were Displaced. No One Cared About Them . If They Had Eliminated Terror At That Time, Neither They (Kashmiri Pandits) Would Have Had To Leave Nor Would I Need To Bring These Bills," He Said.
- "When They (Kashmiri Pandits) Were Displaced, They Had To Become Refugees In Their Own Country AT Data, **46,631 Families And 157,967 Individuals** Were Displaced Within Their Own Country In Such A Way That Their Roots Were Uprooted This Bill Is To Give Them Rights, Representation," He Said.

## "Green Rising"

- UNICEF's **Generation Unlimited**, in collaboration with India's **Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change** will unveil the **"Green Rising"** initiative at COP28 in Dubai.
- The global **"Green Rising"** initiative and the **"Green Rising India Alliance"** marks a collaborative effort involving UNICEF, Generation Unlimited, and a diverse network of public, private, and youth partners.
- The main goal is to **mobilize millions of young people** worldwide, encouraging their active participation in green initiatives addressing and adapting to the severe impacts of climate change on their communities.



- The **"Green Rising"** initiative focuses on **engaging youth for impactful** environmental actions at the grassroots level, aligning with the global effort to address the severe impacts of climate change.
- Through the **YuWaah campaign in India**, the focus is on engaging youth to drive impactful environmental actions at the grassroots level, inspired by the Mission Life movement.
- Over 83 billion dollars have been mobilized within the first seven days of the COP28, marking a new era of climate action.
- The conference saw **historic declarations on food systems**, health, renewable energy, and efficiency, with initiatives targeting the decarbonization of heavy-emitting industries.

## 'Surya Nutan'

- In a significant move towards sustainability, **Indian Oil Corp. Ltd (IndianOil)** and **EKI Energy Services** have joined forces to promote “**Surya Nutan,**” an innovative **indoor solar cooking system** developed by IndianOil.
- This collaboration aims to leverage carbon finance and other sustainable means to enhance the production, distribution and adoption of **this eco-friendly cooking solution.**



- IndianOil, a **Fortune 500 company** with a prominent presence in India's hydrocarbon sector, has committed to achieving **net-zero carbon emissions by 2046.**
- As part of its diversification strategy, the state-owned oil and gas producer has ventured into alternative energy sources.
- The development of “Surya Nutan” underscores IndianOil's dedication to environmentally friendly solutions.



- “Surya Nutan” is a **stationary, rechargeable** and kitchen-connected indoor cooking solution, utilizing IndianOil’s patented technology.
- This innovative system represents a **sustainable approach to cooking**, aligning with global efforts to reduce carbon footprints and embrace renewable energy solutions.

## International Anti Corruption Champion

- **Nikhil Dey**, an **Indian social activist**, has been named as the **International Anti-Corruption Champion** by the US State Department.
- He has been acknowledged for his noteworthy **support of social movements** that oppose corruption in government welfare programs in India by encouraging transparency and accountability, public audits, and participatory democracy.



- Dey's efforts as a co-founder of **Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS)** contributed to anti-corruption and transparency reforms in India, assisting the state of Rajasthan in establishing public policies that promote accountability and transparency.

## 1,000 Qubit Quantum Chip Named ‘Condor’

- **IBM has recently unveiled** its latest quantum computing milestone with the **introduction of Condor**, a quantum processor boasting an **impressive 1,121** qubits.
- This marks a significant advancement in IBM’s quantum roadmap, showcasing a quantum machine with over **1,000 qubits for the first time**.
- However, the company is now shifting its focus from sheer qubit quantity to prioritizing error resistance in its quantum machines.



- For several years, **IBM has been diligently** following a quantum computing roadmap characterized by a doubling of qubit numbers annually.
- The culmination of this effort is the **Condor chip, featuring 1,121** superconducting qubits arranged in a distinctive honeycomb pattern.



- This achievement builds upon IBM's previous breakthroughs, including a **127-qubit chip in 2021 and a 433-qubit** one in the preceding year.
- Quantum computers harness the principles of quantum mechanics, exploiting phenomena such as entanglement and superposition.
- These **unique aspects** allow qubits to exist in multiple collective states simultaneously, enabling the performance of computations beyond the capabilities of classical computers.
- Despite their **promising potential, quantum states** are susceptible to errors. IBM acknowledges this challenge and is adjusting its strategy to focus on improving error resistance rather than pursuing larger qubit counts.
- The company recognizes that error-correction techniques are crucial for the practical implementation of quantum computing.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Condor Is Chip Launched By**

- A. IBM
- B. HCL
- C. Intel
- D. Dell

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Surya Nutan Is Project Of**

- A. HPCL
- B. Indian Oil
- C. BPCL
- D. Reliance

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Wax Statue of Baba Ambedkar Unveiled At**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kota
- C. Chennai
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Who Is Declared As International Anti Corruption Champion**

- A. Ranjeet Mehta
- B. Nikhil Dey
- C. Manoj Kumar
- D. Ankit Kumar

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Which Country Recently Withdraw From BRI**

- A. Myanmar
- B. Kenya
- C. Italy
- D. Kiribati

**ANSWER: C**

**6. National Award For 'Best Personality- Empowerment Of Differently Abled' Is Given To**

- A. Sandeep Aggarwal
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Prashant Aggarwal
- D. Siddhant Chopra

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Reason Behind \$2.5 Billion Surge In India's Foreign Exchange Reserves Reported By RBI**

- A. Increased government spending
- B. Foreign portfolio flows into the debt market
- C. Rise in exports
- D. Reduction in imports

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Who Is Set To Become Chairman Of India Debt Resolution Co Ltd**

- A. Narayan Seshadri
- B. Diwakar Gupta
- C. An independent director
- D. KPMG executive

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Andry Rajoelina Is The President Of**

- A. Mozambique
- B. Mauritius
- C. Madagascar
- D. Malawi

**ANSWER: C**

**10. India Resumed Importing Crude Oil From**

- A. Iran
- B. Russia
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Venezuela

**ANSWER: D**

**11. In Which Indian State Hump WWII Museum Inaugurated To Honor Fallen Airmen Of Allied Forces During World War II**

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Telecommunications Company Recently Became 8<sup>th</sup> Company To Surpass Rs.6 Lakh Crore Market Capitalization**

- A. Reliance Jio
- B. Bharti Airtel
- C. Vodafone Idea
- D. BSNL

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Who Has Recently Assumed The Role Of Executive Director At IBBI**

- A. Jithesh John
- B. Ritu Sharma
- C. Vikram Kapoor
- D. Neha Singh

**ANSWER: A**

**14. In Which Indian City Were 115 Million-year-old Early Cretaceous Shark Fossils Discovered**

- A. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- C. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- D. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Which City Declared Safest City In India For 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year, As Per NCRB**

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

**ANSWER: D**



**16. Google Doodle Recently Celebrated Which Elephant Known For Its Big Tusks**

- A. Ahmed, The Elephant
- B. Kavi, The Elephant
- C. Raju, The Elephant
- D. Simba, The Elephant

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Hambantota Port, Seen In The News, Is In Which Country**

- A. Israel
- B. Ukraine
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: C**

**18. What Is The Expansion Of PDI, Launched By The Ministry Of Panchayati Raj**

- A. Panchayat Development Index
- B. Panchayat Distribution Index
- C. Panchayat Direction Index
- D. People Development Index

**ANSWER: A**

**19. What Is The Trend Of Cybercrimes And Economic Offences In 2022**

- A. Increased
- B. Decreased
- C. Remained same
- D. No data

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Tata Motors Opened Its 4<sup>th</sup> Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility In Which Indian State**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: B**