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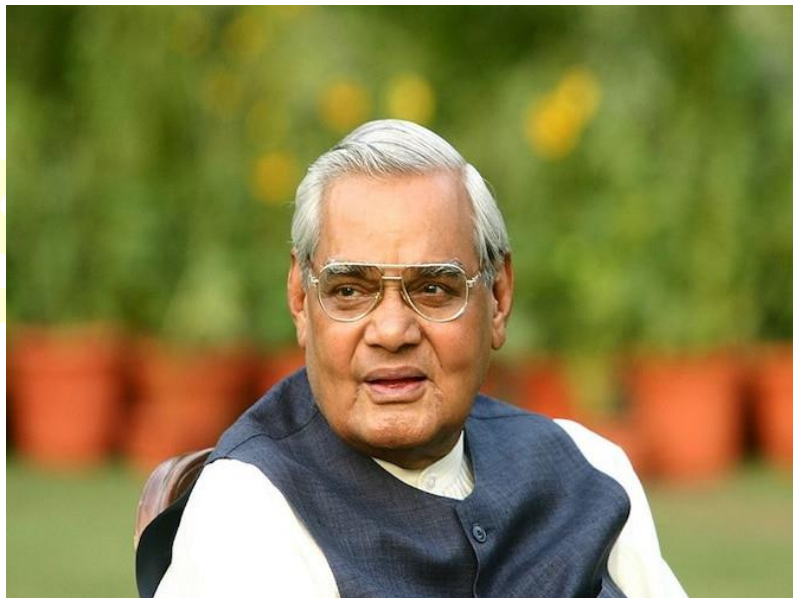# 26 December 2023

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release first series of eleven volumes of Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in New Delhi.
- The programme will be organised on the occasion of the **162nd birth anniversary of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya**.
- In Amrit Kaal, it has been the Prime Minister's vision to bestow fitting recognition to freedom fighters who have contributed immensely to the service of the Nation.

- The bilingual (English and Hindi) work in eleven volumes, spread across about four thousand pages, is a **collection of the writings and speeches of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviy**a, collected from every nook and corner of the country.
- These volumes comprise his unpublished letters, articles, and speeches, including memorandums, the editorial content of the **Hindi weekly 'Abhyudaya'** started by him in 1907, statements given before the Royal Commission, and a diary written by him.
- The work of researching and compiling the documents written and spoken by Madan Mohan Malaviya was undertaken by the Mahamana Malaviya Mission, an institution devoted to propagating the ideals and values of Madan Mohan Malviya.

Good Governance Day

- Good Governance Day will be celebrated on the **birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- The day is celebrated on the **25th of December every year** to foster awareness among the people of the country about accountability in Governance and Government.
- The genesis of Good Governance Day can be traced back to December 23, 2014, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was awarded the Bharat Ratna, along with Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumously).
- In recognition of this prestigious honor, the **Narendra Modi-led government** declared December 25 as Good Governance Day, aiming to celebrate Vajpayee's enduring legacy.

- Born on **December 25, 1924, in Gwalior**, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's political journey was marked by distinction. **Serving as the Prime Minister of India thrice,** he held office during critical junctures in the country's history.
- Beyond politics, Vajpayee was a prolific poet and writer, leaving an indelible mark on Indian literature. His leadership, marked by statesmanship and vision, paved the way for several transformative initiatives.
- The **core objectives** of Good Governance Day extend beyond mere celebration. It serves as a platform to educate citizens about their roles and responsibilities in a democratic setup.
- By fostering awareness about government accountability and administration, the day aims to create an informed citizenry capable of holding the government

responsible for its actions. In the spirit of good governance, December 25 is not just a day off but a day of active participation in nation-building.

- The day serves as a **platform to educate citizens about the responsibilities** and duties of the government. Its primary objective is to bridge the gap between citizens and the government, fostering active participation from both parties and promoting good governance principles.

Ministry of Rural Development & with JioMart

- The **Ministry of Rural Development** (MoRD) has taken a significant step by forging **an alliance with JioMart**, a Reliance Retail venture.
- This partnership aims to extend the market reach of products created by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) associated with the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission** (DAY-NRLM), thereby empowering rural artisans.

The Saras Collection
Exquisitely handcrafted products
from finest Self Help Groups in India

SARAS HANDICRAFTS | SARAS HANDLOOM TEXTILES | SARAS GROCERY & PANTRY | SARAS OFFICE ACCESSORIES | SARAS PERSONAL CARE & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- Facilitating SHGs' **integration as sellers on the JioMart e-commerce platform**.
- Providing guidance and support to DAY-NRLM-aligned SHGs for expanding their online businesses.
- Supporting MoRD's **SARAS collection initiative** to widen the consumer base for SHG products.
- Joint participation in training programs and workshops to enhance SHG sellers' proficiency in digital selling on JioMart.
- This partnership highlights MoRD's dedication to enhancing **livelihood opportunities for SHGs**.
- JioMart, leveraging its expansive **network and digital commerce platforms**, aims to foster growth and enable the digitization of numerous SHGs.
- The collaboration endeavors to revolutionize India's digital retail landscape and contribute to the '**Make in India' initiative.**

- JioMart will aid SHGs in setting up and navigating their accounts on the platform. Furthermore, post-launch, JioMart commits to ongoing training and support for the continual growth of SHG businesses.
- The partnership also opens doors for SHGs to partake in marketing promotions on the JioMart platform.

Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize

- The renowned **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize** has named poet-critic **Sukrita Paul Kumar** as its sixth recipient for her book, "**Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems".**
- This prestigious award recognizes outstanding literary work from around the globe, promoting world peace, literature, art, education, and human rights.
- At the award ceremony, Kumar received a **cash prize of USD 5,000**, a Tagore statue, and a certificate acknowledging her significant contribution to literature.

- In recognition of his exceptional contributions to social welfare, Nobel laureate **Abhijit Banerjee was awarded** the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for **Social Achievemen**t.
- This further signifies the award's dedication to highlighting both artistic and societal impacts.

- Founded in **2018 by US-based publisher Peter Bundalo**, the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize has established itself as a valuable platform for celebrating literary excellence and championing human rights and world peace.
- The award's commitment to both artistic and social impact makes it truly unique and impactful.
- Last year, the prize was awarded to acclaimed journalist-author **Raj Kamal Jha** for his novel **"The City and The Sea**." This legacy of recognizing distinguished literary voices continues with Sukrita Paul Kumar's well-deserved win, and one can expect the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize to continue its important role in the years to come.
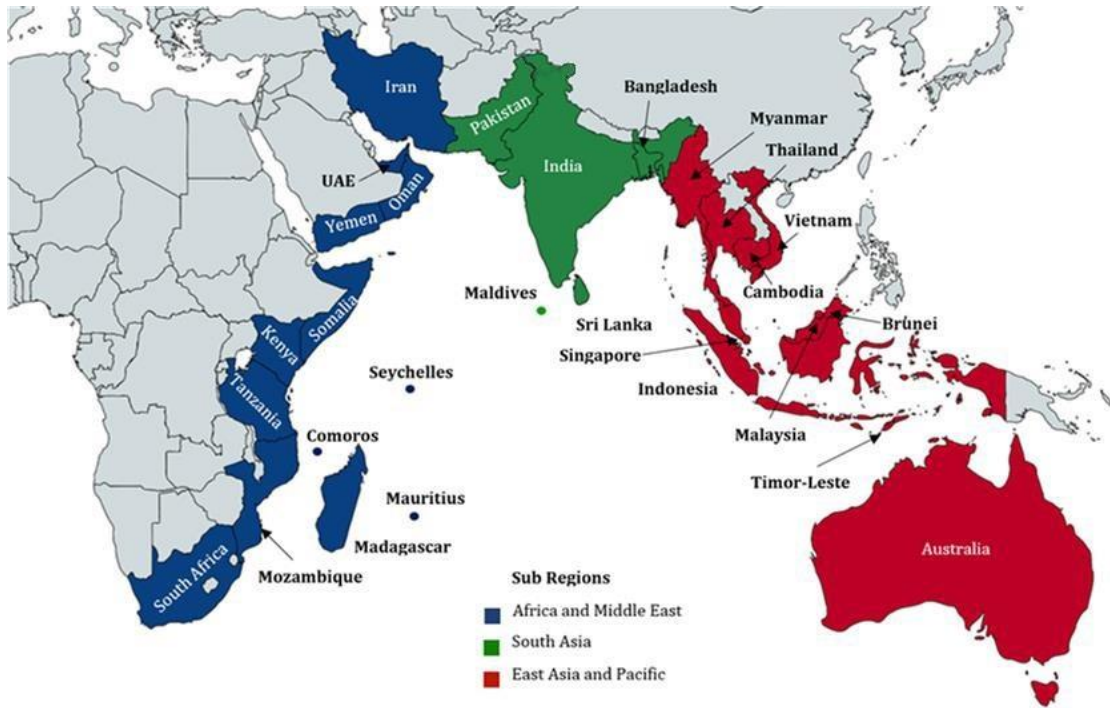
'Paat Mitro' App

- The **Ministry of Textiles**, in its continuous efforts to support and **empower jute farmers**, has introduced the **"Paat-Mitro" mobile application**.
- Developed by The **Jute Corporation of India Limited** (JCI), this application is a significant step towards providing essential information about **Minimum Support Prices (**MSP) and agronomy to jute farmers.

- The launch took place during the 'Jute Symposium,' with Smt. Rachna Shah, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, inaugurating the application, which is available in six languages.
- The **primary objective of the Paat-Mitro application** is to empower jute farmers by offering crucial information about Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and agronomic practices.
- All functionalities of the application are provided to **users free of charge**, making it easily accessible to jute farmers.
- Apart from MSP and agronomic practices, the application includes information on Jute Gradation Parameters, Farmer-centric schemes like **'Jute-ICARE,'** weather forecasts, JCI's Purchase Centres' locations, and Procurement Policies.
- Payment Tracking: Farmers can track the status of payments for the raw jute they sell to JCI under the MSP Operation.
- Incorporating the latest technology, the application includes a **Chatbot to address farmers'** queries and provide real-time assistance.

Indian Ocean Naval Symposium

- The 8th edition of the **Indian Ocean Naval Symposium** (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs (CoC) concluded **in Bangkok, Thailand**.
- The conclave organized by **Royal Thai Navy** began on the 19th of this month. Chiefs of Navies or Senior Delegates from 27 Members or Observer countries participated in the event.
- Chief of the Naval Staff, **Admiral R Hari Kumar**, attended the event with a three-member Indian Naval delegation.

- During the Conclave of Chiefs, **Thailand assumed the duties of Chair of IONS**, and the Work Plan for the next two years was finalized.
- As a first, the **Flag designed by India was selected as the IONS Flag**. India also took over as the co-chair of IONS Working Groups on Maritime Security and HADR for the forthcoming cycle.

Amnesty To More Than 1000 Convicts

- Sri Lankan President **Ranil Wickremesinghe** granted amnesty to more than a thousand convicts, and they were released from jails across the country to mark Christmas.
- Among those freed today were people jailed for not being able to pay **outstanding fines.**

- The latest pardon came after **police arrested nearly 15,000** people during a weeklong military-backed anti-narcotics drive that was halted on the eve of Christmas.
- A police statement said 13,666 suspects were arrested while nearly 1,100 addicts were detained and sent for compulsory rehabilitation at a military-run facility.

Anmol Kharb

- In Badminton, **Anmol Kharb** has won the women's singles title at the **National Badminton Championships 2023 in Guwahati**. The teenager lost the first game of the final to Tanvi Sharma but fought back to level the score.
- The men's singles title clash saw an upset as the unseeded Chirag Sen secured the national title after defeating fourth-seed Tharun M.

- In the mixed doubles **summit clash, Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto** defeated the sixth-seeded duo of Nitin Kumar-Navdha Manglam 21-13, 21-8 to claim their maiden national title.
- **Priya Devi Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra** lifted the women's doubles title with a win over Ritika Thaker-Simran Singh. The men's doubles final was an edge-of-the-seat thriller where K Pruthvi Roy-Suraj Goala caused an upset by defeating Krishna Prasad Garaga-Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala.

Extraordinary Moments That Have Global Impact In 2023

- **Chandrayaan 3's Momentous Touchdown at the Moon's Southern Pole** - Among the remarkable highlights in the footage, Chandrayaan 3's historic landing on the moon's south pole takes center stage. This extraordinary accomplishment not only showcases India's advanced space capabilities but also marks a monumental stride in lunar exploration.

- **India Leads the Charge:** Rapid 5G Deployment Surpasses Global Standards, India has achieved one of the world's swiftest 5G rollouts, spanning 738 districts and catering to nearly 100 million users. This rapid implementation signifies a significant milestone in India's technological progress, promising transformative impacts across industries and solidifying the nation's position as a global telecommunications frontrunner.

- **Swarved Mahamandir**: Hosting the World's Largest Meditation Center PM Modi recently inaugurated the Swarved Mahamandir in Uttar Pradesh, the world's largest meditation center, featured prominently in the video. This spiritual sanctuary embodies India's cultural opulence and commitment to nurturing inner peace and spiritual well-being.

- **PM Modi Flags Off World's Longest Ganga River Cruise** , Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches MV Ganga Vilas, the world's longest river cruise and India's maiden domestically manufactured cruise vessel. Spanning 3,200 km over approximately 51 days and featuring three decks, 18 suites accommodating 36 tourists, this cruise culminates in Dibrugarh, Assam, via Bangladesh.

- **PM Narendra Modi's UN Yoga Session** In a distinctive and symbolic demonstration of India's dedication to wellness, the video showcases Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading an extensive yoga session at the United Nations. This event not only secured a Guinness World Record but also spotlighted India's commitment to promoting health and mindfulness globally.

- The video emphasizes **Air India's feat in securing the world's largest aircraft deal**, emphasizing India's prominence in the aviation sector. This groundbreaking agreement not only bolsters the national carrier but also enhances India's global stature in aviation.

- **India's Soaring Economy**: Global Fast-Track Growth , The video proudly highlights India's claim as the world's fastest-growing economy in 2023. This economic surge has played a pivotal role in shaping India's narrative as a global force, drawing attention and admiration from across the globe.
- **Digital Payments Progress** In the age of digital transformation, India has emerged as a frontrunner in digital payments. The video showcases India's expertise in this realm, illustrating the nation's seamless integration of technology into its financial landscape and its strides in digital innovation.

- **Surat's Architectural Marvel**: Hosting the World's Largest Office Building Surat takes the spotlight with the inauguration of the world's largest office building. This architectural marvel not only stands as a testament to India's urban development but also reaffirms the nation's commitment to grand-scale infrastructure creation.

- **Uttar Pradesh Sets Guinness World Record** with 22 Lakh Diyas in Ayodhya's Deepotsav, Uttar Pradesh etches history by illuminating Ayodhya with over 22 lakh diyas. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath leads a symbolic chariot procession, securing a Guinness World Record by simultaneously lighting 2.2 million lamps during the deepotsav celebrations, a triumph of culture and unity.

AYODHYA DEEPOTSAV 2023 SETS NEW WORLD RECORD BY LIGHTING OVER 22 LAKH DIYAS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2023 Awarded To

A. Sukrita Paul

B. Anita Bishnoi

C. Riddhi Lakhanpal

D. Kirti Jha

ANSWER: A

2. Good Governance Day Celebrated On

A. 23rd December

B. 24th December

C. 25th December

D. 26th December

ANSWER: C

3. 'Paat Mitro' App Launched By

A. Ministry Of Textiles

B. Ministry Of Rural & Development

C. Ministry Of Skill Development

D. Ministry Of Home Affairs

ANSWER: A

4. Seen In News Anmol Kharb Is Related To

A. Soccer

B. Badminton

C. Tennis

D. Cricket

ANSWER: B

5. Which State/UT Suggested Centre To Grant "Migrated Minority" Status

A. Punjab

B. Delhi

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. **Which State Adopted A Bill To Make Its Language Compulsory For State Government Jobs**
   A. Tamil Nadu
   B. Kerala
   C. Karnataka
   D. Manipur
   ANSWER: A

7. **India Handed Over 75 Passenger Buses To Which Country As A Part Of Its 'Neighbourhood First' Policy**
   A. Bangladesh
   B. Sri Lanka
   C. Nepal
   D. Thailand
   ANSWER: B

8. **Which Union Ministry Runs The MAARG Platform**
   A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
   B. Ministry of Science and Technology
   C. Ministry of Education
   D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
   ANSWER: A

9. **Road Transport And Highway Ministry Announced To Scrap All Government Vehicles Older Than How Many Years**
   A. 10
   B. 15
   C. 20
   D. 25
   ANSWER: B

10. **Which State Hosted B20 Conference, For Business Community**
    A. Assam
    B. Manipur
    C. Odisha
    D. Gujarat
    ANSWER: B

11.Indian Railways Introduced A Bharat Gaurav Deluxe Tourist Train To Showcase The Heritage Of Which Country

A. Kerala
B. Gujarat
C. Goa
D. Assam
   ANSWER: B

12.Central Board Of Irrigation And Power Award Conferred On Which Institution

A. REC
B. NTPC
C. ONGC
D. GAIL
   ANSWER: B

13. Which Institution Released Guidelines For Assessment Of Child Suspects In Heinous Offences

A. UNICEF
B. NITI Aayog
C. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
D. National Commission for Women.
   ANSWER: C

14. Which State Passed A Bill To Provide Reservation In State Government Jobs From 60 Percent To 77 Percent

A. Kerala
B. Jharkhand
C. West Bengal
D. Andhra Pradesh
   ANSWER: B

15. Mission Launched By Indian Government To Evacuate Its Citizens From Sudan

A. Operation Gandhi
B. Operation Kaveri
C. Operation Vande Bharat
D. Operation Rescue
   ANSWER: B

16. Aragam Set To Made India's Largest Book Village, Is In Which State

A. Assam

B. Jammu and Kashmir

C. Kerala

D. West Bengal

   ANSWER: B

17. Governing Body Of The Department Of Atomic Energy In India

A. Atomic Energy Commission of India

B. NITI Aayog

C. Department of Space

D. DRDO

   ANSWER: A

18. Stable Auroral Red Arc Has Been Observed Recently In Which State

A. West Bengal

B. Ladakh

C. Assam

D. Goa

   ANSWER: B

19. Which City Is Set To Launch 'Kaveri 2.0' Web-based Property Registration Application

A. Chennai

B. Bengaluru

C. Pune

D. Mysuru

   ANSWER: B

20.According To Recent Data From The NCRB Which City Leads In Food Adulteration Cases In 2022

A. Hyderabad

B. Mumbai

C. Chennai

D. Kolkata

   ANSWER: A