

# Daily Current Affairs

## 22 January 2024

### Alliance For Global Good, Gender Equity & Equality

- India announced a **new alliance for Global Good, Gender Equity and Equality, at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting** in Davos, Switzerland.
- The **primary and stated objective** of this new Alliance is to bring together global best practices, knowledge sharing and investments in the identified areas of women's health, education, and enterprise.



- The Alliance will be taking **forward the commitments of the G20 leaders** for the benefit of the larger global community as a follow-up to the activities of the **Engagement Group and initiatives under the G20 framework**, inter alia, the Business 20, Women 20 and G20 EMPOWER.
- Union Ministers Smriti Irani and Hardeep Singh Puri and WEF Chairman Klaus Schwab were present in the meeting.
- Ms Irani said that the idea of this alliance emerged from the G20 Leaders' Declaration, and India's abiding commitment to the cause of women-led development as propounded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

# WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

- She also congratulated WEF for being a very strong support to India.
- **Klaus Schwab**, the WEF's founder and chairman, offered his full support for the endeavor. He said that WEF will not only support the alliance but will be a strong partner.
- He also thanked India for sending such a **strong delegation in an election year**. This year's **unique initiative at WEF, led by Union Minister of Women & Child Development, was a first ever women leadership lounge**, hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## First Pilot Project To Make Jet Fuel From Alcohol

- **The first pilot technology project to make jet fuel from alcohol** was inaugurated by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** in Pune.
- This project will produce **sustainable biological aviation fuel or SAF**. This pilot project has been set up in the research and development department of **Praj Udyog Group in Pirangut Industrial Estate** near Pune.



- The Minister said, there is a huge **demand for this bio aviation fuel** in the global market, and it is a big challenge to provide the necessary raw materials for it.
- He added, that most of the **countries around the world** have great expectations from India for biofuel.
- He **congratulated the engineers of Praj Udyog Group** for setting up this project in India before Brazil and expressed confidence that this project will truly be a pioneer for the world.
- The flight from **Pune to Delhi** was completed last year using bioaviation fuel made from alcohol. At that time, Puri welcomed the flight at the Delhi airport.
- This **biofuel production industry** will have a huge scope in the future as even if at least one percent of the total aviation fuel used in India is blended with this sustainable bio aviation fuel, at least 14 crore litres of biofuel will be needed every year.

## India Cuba Sign MoU On Digital Public Infrastructure

- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** signed an MoU with the **Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Cuba** on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for **Digital Transformation** in New Delhi.



- The MoU intends to promote **digital transformation** through capacity-building programs, exchange of best practices, and other collaborative activities to mutually benefit the digital ecosystems of both countries.
- The Ministry of Electronics and IT said that India will collaborate with Cuba by building upon **development partnership on digital transformation** leading to a smooth adoption of Digital Public Infrastructure in Cuba.

## Bal Puraskar

- President Draupadi Murmu will felicitate **Aaditya Bramhane** from Maharashtra's Nandurbar district by **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**.



- He will be **honored posthumously** for his brave act of saving the lives of two cousins. Last year in May, he did this brave act during a visit to the town of his uncle.

## CDSL's Multi Lingual Initiatives

- **Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)**, Asia's first listed depository, took a significant step towards inclusivity and **accessibility in the capital market landscape**.
- **SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch** launched two groundbreaking multi-lingual initiatives at the silver jubilee function.



- Empowering Inclusion with **Multi-Lingual CAS: 'Apka CAS – Apki Zubaani'**. CDSL introduced a **revolutionary upgrade in investor Consolidated Account Statement (CAS)**, enabling investors to receive statements in their preferred language among **23 diverse Indian languages**.

- This initiative, titled ‘Apka CAS – Apki Zubaani,’ aims to **provide easier accessibility**, offering investors a consolidated view of their securities held in a demat account in a language of their choice.
- Breaking Communication Barriers with ‘**CDSL Buddy Sahayta 24\*7**’ Chatbot. A unique multi-lingual chatbot, ‘CDSL Buddy Sahayta 24\*7,’ on the CDSL website seeks to simplify investors’ journeys towards ‘Atmanirbharta’ or self-sufficiency.
- Starting with **support in four languages**, the chatbot provides round-the-clock assistance, becoming a constant companion for investors navigating the complexities of the securities markets.



## ‘My School My Pride’

- In a progressive move aligning with the **National Education Policy (NEP)-2020**, the state of **Himachal Pradesh** has unveiled the ambitious ‘**My School-My Pride**’ **campaign** under the ‘**Apna Vidyalay**’ programme.
- This initiative is set to revolutionize the quality of education in government schools, providing a holistic approach to student growth and development.
- The ‘**My School-My Pride**’ **campaign aims** to encourage active participation from individuals and organizations to adopt schools and contribute to various aspects of students’ growth.



- Stakeholders are urged to play a **pivotal role in providing career counseling**, offering remedial teaching, coaching students for examinations, and engaging in community support services.
- Under the '**Apna Vidyalay**' programme, stakeholders are not only encouraged to **contribute their time and expertise** but also make **monetary contributions** for infrastructure development, sponsor events, provide scholarships, and support the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) programme.
- This multi-faceted approach ensures a comprehensive enhancement of the overall educational environment.



- A notable aspect of the initiative is the **'Giving back to society' initiative**, which invites **retired teachers, professionals, housewives, and other members** of the society to become part of the academic support team.
- Members of this team will volunteer to teach students without expecting any payment or honorarium.
- This ensures **continuous academic support**, particularly during teacher shortages or leaves. Dignitaries, Members of Parliament, MLAs, and government officers are actively encouraged to adopt at least one government school as patrons.



## SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

- This involvement includes **suggesting improvements** and staying informed about students' progress. Officers from the education department will act as mentors for specific schools, further enhancing the support system.
- To ensure transparency, accountability, and real-time monitoring of activities, the **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)** will launch an online portal dedicated to the 'Apna Vidyalaya' programme.



- Adding to the holistic approach, the **'systematic adolescent management and value addition dialogue'** (SAMVAD) component will educate school-going adolescents on moral values, drug awareness, nutrition, legal knowledge, and empowerment schemes.
- This visionary initiative comes as a **beacon of hope for the public education system in Himachal Pradesh**, catering to over 55% of students in government schools.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Who Will Represent India At G-77 Third South Summit In Kampala**
  - A. Dr. S Jaishankar
  - B. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
  - C. V. Muraleedharan
  - D. Smriti Irani

**ANSWER: C**

- 2. Theme Of 19th Non Aligned Movement Summit Held In Uganda**
  - A. Deepening Cooperation For Shared Global Affluence
  - B. Advancing Sustainable Development Goals
  - C. Strengthening Global Security
  - D. Enhancing Economic Prosperity

**ANSWER: A**



**3. AT 'Regulation Of Coaching Centers 2024' Guidelines, Minimum Age For Student Enrollment In Coaching Centers**

- A. 14 years
- B. 16 years
- C. 18 years
- D. 20 years

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Where Was 1<sup>st</sup> Pilot Project To Make Jet Fuel From Alcohol Inaugurated**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Bhubaneshwar

**ANSWER: C**

**5. 'My School My Pride' Project Launched By**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Which State Recently Launched The Mahtari Vandana Yojana**

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar

**ANSWER: A**

**7. What Is The Qanat System, Recently Mentioned In The News**

- A. Modern irrigation technique
- B. Ancient water-supply system
- C. Ancient taxation system
- D. Ancient Harvesting method

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Who Has Been Appointed As First Female Neutral Umpire By The ICC For A Bilateral Series**

- A. Sue Redfern
- B. Nida Dar
- C. Shivani Mishra
- D. Mary Waldron

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Chang'e 6 Mission In News, Is Associated With Which Country**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Which State Government Has Prohibited Government Offices From Purchasing Petrol And Diesel Vehicles From January 1, 2024**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Response To Warming Oceans, What Adaptation Strategy Have Women In Zanzibar Adopted To Overcome Challenges**

- A. Transitioning To Deep-sea Fishing
- B. Embracing Climate-resilient Sponge Farming
- C. Expanding Seaweed Cultivation
- D. Shifting To Traditional Fishing Methods

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Term "Magic Islands," Refers To Features Found On Which Astronomical Body**

- A. Saturn
- B. Mars
- C. Titan
- D. Mercury

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Recently WHO Certified Which Country As A Malaria-free Country**

- A. Cabo Verde
- B. Nigeria
- C. Tanzania
- D. Kenya

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Objective Of Japan's Optical-8 Satellite Launched By H-IIA Rocket**

- A. Intelligence gathering for national security
- B. Space exploration
- C. Weather forecasting
- D. Satellite internet services

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Krishna Raja Sagara Dam, Is A Gravity Dam, Located In Which State**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Maharashtra

**ANSWER: A**

**16. IUCN Status Of 'Himalayan Wolf', In Their Red List**

- A. Endangered
- B. Vulnerable
- C. Least concern
- D. Critically endangered

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Shaun Marsh Recently Retired From Cricket, Is Player From Which Country**

- A. Australia
- B. South Africa
- C. Afghanistan
- D. India

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Which City Was Venue Of International AYUSH Conference & Exhibition 2024**

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Dubai, UAE
- C. Mumbai, India
- D. London, UK

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Which Portal Recently Launched By IMD, Provides Weather Services For Farmers In Multiple Languages**

- A. Monsoon Mission Portal
- B. Panchayat Mausam Sewa Portal
- C. Monsoon Research Agenda Portal
- D. Mausam Sewa Portal

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Petr Fiala, Guest Of Honour At 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit, Is The Prime Minister Of Which Country**

- A. Czech Republic
- B. Slovakia
- C. Hungary
- D. Austria

**ANSWER: A**