

# Daily Current Affairs

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### “Millets: Seeds of Change” Exhibition

- **Google Arts & Culture, in collaboration with India’s Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**, presents an engaging digital exhibition titled “Millets: Seeds of Change.”
- This exhibition delves into the **journey of millets, showcasing** their evolution from ancient staples to contemporary superfoods, and emphasizes their nutritional value, role in climate resilience, and potential to address global food security challenges.



- The exhibition explores the significance of millets, tracing their evolution and showcasing their diverse varieties, cultivation techniques, and culinary versatility.
- It features contributions from notable chefs like Chef Thomas Zacharias, who offer tantalizing millet recipes, driving the millet revival movement forward. Amit Sood, Director of Google Arts & Culture, and Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary of India’s Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, highlight the collaboration’s mission to harness technology for cultural preservation and global engagement.



- Shri Ahuja emphasizes **India's leadership in championing millets**, while Sood underscores the exhibition's transformative impact on both present and future worlds. The exhibition offers interactive elements such as quizzes and crosswords, enriching visitors' experiences and providing an engaging and informative exploration of millets' significance. Explore the exhibition on the Google Arts & Culture website or app, available on iOS and Android platforms.

## IndiaSkills 2024

- **India's biggest skill competition**, The IndiaSkills 2024, has started today in New Delhi. Over the next four days, more than 900 students from 30 states and Union territories will showcase their skills in 61 different areas, from traditional crafts to the latest technologies.



- Skill development Secretary Atul Kumar Tiwari, who inaugurated the opening ceremony called it a win-win situation for both the youth as well as industries. Winners of IndiaSkills, with the help of the best industry trainers, will prepare for the **WorldSkills Competition** scheduled to take place in Lyon, France in September this year.
- The WorldSkills will have 1,500 competitors from over 70 countries. The event aims to emphasize the significance of skill development in nation-building.

## MoU With University Of Bolton Institute Of Medicine

- **AIIMS New Delhi** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **University of Bolton** Institute of Medicine to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education.



- The medical institute said in a release that the MoU was signed through a virtual event by executives from both institutions.
- It added that the partnership will **encompass various initiatives** such as staff and student exchange, educational conferences and collaborative degree programmes.
- Hailing the deal as a milestone, Director of AIIMS, Professor M. Srinivas said that this will help the institutes to address global challenges and share expertise with the world.



## Microsoft's AI And Cloud Boost

- **Microsoft Corp.** has announced plans to invest a staggering **€4 billion** (approximately \$4.3 billion) in building cloud and AI infrastructure in France. This latest investment highlights the company's continued focus on advancing its AI capabilities and expanding its cloud services globally.
- **Microsoft's investment aims** to create a vibrant AI ecosystem in France. The company aims to train a million people and provide support to 2,500 startups by 2027.



- This initiative aligns with **France's strategic focus** on developing AI as a key area of growth and innovation. Earlier this year, Microsoft unveiled a partnership with Mistral AI, a Parisian startup competing in the AI realm. The collaboration included a **€15 million investment** from Microsoft, further solidifying the company's commitment to fostering AI innovation in France.



- Microsoft's announcement coincides with President Emmanuel Macron's **"Choose France" summit**, which aims to attract foreign companies and position France as a financial hub for the European Union. The investment is part of a broader effort to promote France's AI and technology ambitions, with other tech giants like Amazon.com Inc. also committing significant investments in infrastructure and computing.
- **Microsoft's investment in France** is part of the company's broader strategy to accelerate spending on its Azure cloud and related AI tools. Earlier this year, the company announced a similar €3.2 billion investment in Germany, and in April, it invested \$1.5 billion in the Abu Dhabi AI firm G42.

## Shyaamnikhil

- **P Shyaamnikhil from Tamil Nadu** has etched his name in the annals of Indian chess history by becoming the **country's 85th Grandmaster (GM)**. The 31-year-old chess prodigy, who embarked on his journey at the tender age of eight, finally secured the coveted third and final GM norm at the prestigious 2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament.



- Before the start of the Dubai event, Shyaamnikhil needed just one win and eight draws to attain the coveted GM title. Although he had accumulated the required 2500 ELO rating points and secured two GM norms way back in 2012, the elusive third norm eluded him for over a decade. Nevertheless, his unwavering determination and skills ultimately paved the way for his triumphant ascent to the Grandmaster's ranks.
- **Born in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, in 1992**, Shyaamnikhil's chess journey began when he relocated to Chennai to pursue his passion. His talent was evident from an early age, as he earned the International Master (IM) title in 2011 and secured his first GM norm at the Mumbai Mayor's Cup the same year. The second GM norm followed at the Indian Championship, setting the stage for his ultimate achievement.
- **The Grandmaster and International Master titles** are among the highest accolades in the world of chess, awarded by the esteemed World Chess Federation (FIDE). To become a GM, a male player must earn at least a 2500 FIDE Elo rating and achieve three Grandmaster's norms in international competitions, while women must attain a 2300 Elo rating and three Women Grandmaster's norms.

## TCS Unveils Global AI Centre

- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has announced the creation of a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in the French capital, Paris. The announcement was made during the prestigious **"Choose France Summit"** hosted by President Emmanuel Macron, underscoring TCS's commitment to the French market and the global AI landscape.



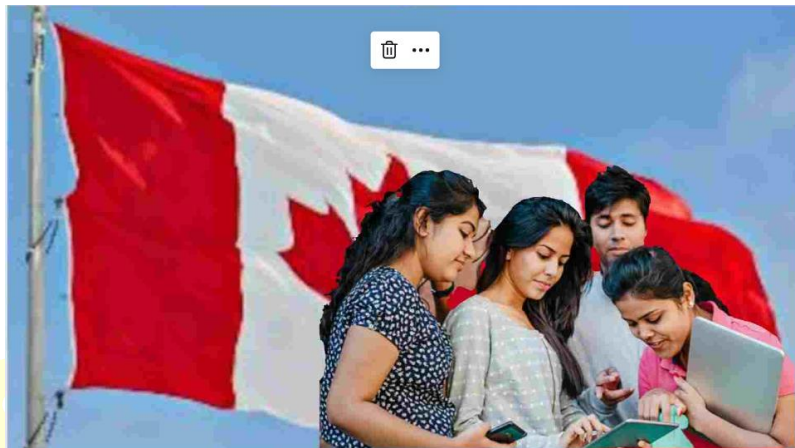
- The new AI centre will be based in the upcoming TCS PacePort in the La Défense area of Paris, set to be inaugurated in June 2024.
- This state-of-the-art facility will become the **seventh addition to TCS' global Pace network**, joining the ranks of innovation hubs in cities like Amsterdam, London, New York, Pittsburgh, Toronto, and Tokyo.
- The TCS AI Centre of Excellence in Paris will leverage the company's global ecosystem of startups, academia, and research organizations to bring the best of global AI capabilities to French companies.



- This collaborative approach aims to tap into France's deep talent pool in design and engineering, fostering the development of advanced human-centric AI technologies.
- Initially, the centre will focus on cutting-edge areas such as brain-computer interface, building empathy in machines, and unleashing the power of AI in arts and culture. Paris's position as a global hub for culture, arts, and design will provide a unique advantage and impetus to these innovative initiatives.
- The **centre will initially focus on** boosting human-centered AI capabilities for the banking and financial services, manufacturing, and consumer sectors. TCS plans to hire new talent and partner with universities to offer internships and projects, supporting France's National AI Mission.

## Indians Shift To LMIA Route

- **Canadian Government** Put A Limit On The Number Of Foreign Students It Would Accept In January. This Had A Big Effect On People From India And Other Countries Who Wanted To Study There.
- The Goal Of This Two-year Strategy Is To Control The High Number Of Immigrants Who Have **Put A Strain On Local Resources**.
- The Limit Will Lower The Number Of Accepted Study Permits From 390,000 In 2023 To **About 360,000 In 2024**, A 35% Drop.



- With The New Limits On Student Visas, A Lot Of Indians Who Want To Move To The United States Are Looking For Other Ways To Do It.
- The **Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA)** Program Is Becoming More Popular. Because Of The LMIA, Canadian Companies Can Hire Foreign Workers If They Can't Find Any Good Canadian Options. An Approved LMIA Shows That A Foreign Worker Is Needed And Is Often The First Step In Getting A Work Permit.
- A **Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA)** Is A Report That Employment And Social Development Canada (ESDC) Gives Out To Look At How Hiring A Foreign Worker Will Affect The Job Market In Canada.





- **A Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA)** Checks To See If A Foreign Worker Is Needed And Where There Are No Open Canadian Workers.
- People From Other Countries Can Get Work Permits If Their Lmias Are Approved. It Is Important To Note That Lmias Are Tied To A Particular Employer And Job, And They Have Expiration Dates.
- From A Few Weeks To A Few Months, Processing Times Depend On The Stream And The Area. Most Employers Have To Pay CAD 1,000 Per Job For An LMIA, But Some Agricultural Positions Don't Have To Pay Anything. Employers Must Also Show That They Have Tried To Hire People In Canada Before Applying.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. Who Signed MoU With University Of Bolton Institute Of Medicine

- A. AIIMS Delhi
- B. AIIMS Bhubaneshwar
- C. AIIMS Bhopal
- D. AIIMS Jodhpur

**ANSWER: A**

### 2. Shyaamnikhil Became The \_\_\_\_\_ Grandmaster

- A. 82<sup>nd</sup>
- B. 83<sup>rd</sup>
- C. 84<sup>th</sup>
- D. 85<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: D**

### 3. In Which Year, East India Company Acquired Bombay From Portuguese

- A. 1663
- B. 1668
- C. 1670
- D. 1689

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Fusobacterium Nucleatum Bacteria Found In Which Part Of Human Body**

- A. Heart
- B. Brain
- C. Mouth
- D. Lungs

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Which States Are Related With Dispute Of Mullaperiyar Dam**

- A. Kerala & Tamil Nadu
- B. Rajasthan & Gujarat
- C. Bihar & Jharkhand
- D. Telangana & Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Which State Decided To Implement Central Government's SMART-PDS Scheme**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: B**

**7. What Amount Has India Contributed To The U.N. Counter-terrorism Trust Fund**

- A. \$200,000
- B. \$300,000
- C. \$400,000
- D. \$500,000

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Which Country's Third Aircraft Carrier, Fujian, Recently Completed Its Maiden Sea Trial After Six Years Of Construction**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Cricketer Devon Thomas Banned By ICC, Belongs To Which Country**

- A. England
- B. Australia
- C. West Indies
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Cook Islands Are Located In Which Ocean**

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. South Pacific Ocean
- C. Southern Ocean
- D. Indian Ocean

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Day Is Celebrated As 'National Technology Day' Every Year**

- A. 10 May
- B. 11 May
- C. 12 May
- D. 13 May

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Where Was 19<sup>th</sup> Session Of United Nations Forum On Forests Held**

- A. Paris
- B. New York
- C. California
- D. London

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Central Government Has Permitted Exports Of 14,000 Tons Of Non-basmati White Rice To Which Country**

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Singapore
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: B**

**14. What Is The Theme For 'International Nurses Day 2024**

- A. Our Nurses, Our Future, The Economic Power of Care
- B. Closing the Gap
- C. Nurses: A Voice to Lead
- D. Nurses: A Force for Change

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Ibu Volcano Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Chile
- B. Ecuador
- C. Indonesia
- D. Tonga

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Which Company Announced Its First Ever Partnership With Hockey India For The National Women's Hockey League 2024**

- A. Pepsico
- B. Coca Cola
- C. Nestle
- D. Parle Agro

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Kami Rita Became The First Person In The World To Climb Mount Everest 29 Times, Belongs To Which Country**

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar

**ANSWER: C**

**18. The 'ASHVA' Range Of All-terrain Vehicles With Military Potential Was Developed In Which City**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Indore
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Varanasi

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Surjit Patar Was Poet Of Which Language**

- A. Punjabi
- B. Marathi
- C. Tamil
- D. Telugu

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Which Among Following Act Provided For The Public Service Commission In India For The First Time**

- A. Government of India Act 1919
- B. Indian Councils act 1909
- C. Government of India Act 1935
- D. Government of India act 1858

**ANSWER: A**

