

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 13 December 2022

### DAILY UPDATE 1 :OBITUARIES



#### 'City Of Joy' Author Dominique Lapierre Passes Away:-

Dominique Lapierre, the French author who wrote the iconic book City of Joy about Kolkata, has died. He was 91. Born in July 30, 1931, Lapierre began his career as a reporter for Paris-Match. He went on to write several books, six of which he co-wrote with US journalist Larry Collins. Is Paris Burning?, a well-known book about the liberation of Paris during World War II, is one of those six. The novel The City of Joy was released in 1985. It depicted the crippling poverty of Kolkata, then known as Calcutta, with compassion.

### DAILY UPDATE 2 :INTERNATIONAL



#### 3 Indian-Origin Women Scientists Among Australia's "Superstars Of STEM":-

Three Indian-origin women, Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee, are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians chosen as Australia's STEM Superstars. Every year, Science and Technology Australia (STA), the country's peak body in the sector that represents over 105,000 scientists and

technologists, assists 60 Australian experts in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in becoming highly visible media and public role models.

## DAILY UPDATE 3: APPOINTMENT



### Sanjay Kumar Named As Secretary Of Department Of School Education:-

Sanjay Kumar has been appointed as the new secretary of the Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy. He was previously the secretary of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' Department of Youth Affairs. Kumar also served as the state's principal secretary for education. He is a 1990 batch IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer. Kumar took over for Anita Karwal, who served from November 28, 2020 to November 28, 2022.

## DAILY UPDATE 4 : SPORTS



### 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament For Blind:-

On December 5, the third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind was launched at Gurugram's Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium. Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and India are among the nations taking part. The tournament will feature 150 players in total. Until December 17, a total of 24 matches will be played in 9 cities across the country. The tournament is being held to commemorate World Disability Day around the world. Yuvraj Singh, a former Indian batsman, is the tournament's brand ambassador.

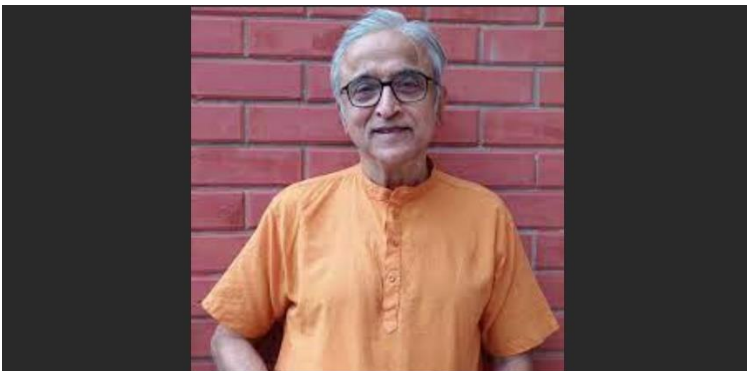
## DAILY UPDATE 5 :APPOINTMENT



### **Vijender Sharma Elected As The President Of The Institute Of Cost Accountant Of India:-**

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India has announced the election of Vijender Sharma as president and Rakesh Bhalla as vice president for 2022-23. The institute, which is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament, is administered by the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Mr. Vijender Sharma served as Vice President and Chief Management Officer. CMA Rakesh Bhalla served on the Institute's Central Council and as Chairman of the Direct Tax Committee in the previous term 2021-22.

## DAILY UPDATE 6 :APPOINTMENT



### **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar Named As Chairperson Of The National Statistical Commission:-**

The Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI) announced that the Government of India appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Professor Emeritus at CMI, as the part-time chairperson of India's National Statistical Commission (NSC) for a three-year term. Mr. Karandikar will take on this role as an additional responsibility in addition to his current position as Professor Emeritus at CMI. He began as a visiting professor at CMI in 2010, and served as Director from January 2011 to April 2021.

## DAILY UPDATE 7 : ECONOMY



### **NSE Launches New Nifty Bharat Bond Index:-**

The National Stock Exchange's subsidiary NSE Indices has announced the addition of a new index to the Nifty Bharat Bond Index series. The Bharat Bond Index series is structured around a target maturity date, with each index measuring the performance of a portfolio of 'AAA' rated bonds issued by government-owned entities maturing in a specific year. NSE Indices launched the first two indices in the Bharat Bond Index in December 2019, with maturities in April 2023 and April 2030.

## **DAILY UPDATE 8 : ECONOMY**



### **NPCI Extends UPI Volume Cap Deadline By 2 Years Till Dec 2024:-**

The deadline for existing Third Party App Providers who exceed the proposed volume cap has been extended by two years until December 31, 2024, according to a statement from the National Payments Corporation of India. The decision was made after considering the current usage and future potential of UPI, as well as other relevant factors. At the moment, players such as Google Pay and PhonePe dominate the UPI market. To avoid such concentration in the UPI market, the NPCI issued a directive in 2020 to cap the share of transactions.

## **DAILY UPDATE 9 : RANK AND REPORT**



## State of Global Water Resources Report 2021 Released By WMO:-

The World Meteorological Organization has released its first State of Global Water Resources report, which assesses the effects of climate, environmental, and societal change on Earth's water resources. The purpose of this annual stocktake is to aid in the monitoring and management of global freshwater resources in an era of increasing demand and limited supply. It reveals hotspots for changes in freshwater storage and emphasises the cryosphere's (snow and ice) critical role and vulnerability.

## DAILY UPDATE 10 :AWARDS



## New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022: Filmmaker SS Rajamouli Won Best Director:-

RRR director SS Rajamouli was named Best Director by the New York Film Critics Circle. The New York Film Critics Circle (NYFCC) announced the winners on its social media platforms. RRR has received a rousing reception in foreign markets, prompting Variance Film to launch a massive Oscar campaign for the film. The film, which stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR in lead roles, is vying for nominations in every major category, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, and more.