

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 13 January 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :OBITUARIES



Socialist leader, ex-Union minister, 7-time MP Sharad Yadav passes away at 75:-

Sharad Yadav, a veteran socialist and former Union minister, died on January 12 at the age of 75. Yadav, a trained engineer, was drawn to Ram Manohar Lohia's socialism and entered politics in 1974. He was a key figure in the formation of the Janata Dal in the 1980s, which defeated the Congress in the 1989 Lok Sabha elections, and was one of the key players who persuaded then-Prime Minister V P Singh to implement the Mandal Commission report. From 1999 to 2004, he was in charge of the civil aviation and food portfolios in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



'SMART' Program For Ayurveda Professionals Launched To Regulate And Boost R&D In Ayurveda:-

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), two institutions under the Ministry of Ayush, government of India, responsible for regulating medical education and conducting scientific research, respectively, have launched the 'SMART' initiative (Scope for

Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals). The SMART programme aims to increase scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurvedic colleges and hospitals.

DAILY UPDATE 3:SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES



Indian Library Congress Inaugurated By Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan In Kannur:-

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan recently inaugurated the Indian Library Congress at Kannur's Collectorate Ground. The event was organised in collaboration with Kannur University by the People's Mission for Social Development and the Library Council. Dr V Shivdan presided over the event, and Higher Education Minister Dr R Bindu announced the dedication of 100 new libraries to the Kannur district. The three-day congress was attended by approximately 3,000 delegates from across the country.

DAILY UPDATE 4 :INTERNATIONAL



Qin Gang Appointed As China's New And Youngest Foreign Minister:-

China has named Qin Gang, its ambassador to the United States and a trusted aide to President Xi Jinping, as its new foreign minister, as the two countries seek to repair strained relations. The 13th National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee made this decision. Qin, 56, takes over for Wang Yi, who has served as foreign minister for the past

decade. Wang, 69, was elected to the Chinese Communist Party's Politburo and is expected to play a larger role in Chinese foreign policy.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :BOOKS



Former IAS Kaki Madhava Rao Authored A New Book “Breaking Barriers”:-

Former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao has written a new book titled "Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary" that discusses the dynamics of civil services at the ground level and fills knowledge gaps about micro policies and governance. Emesco Books Private Limited is the publisher of the book. K Madhava Rao is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the 1962 batch who retired as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh (AP). In 1939, he was born in the village of Pedamaddali in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :MISCELLANEOUS



BCCI Announced Yo-Yo Test And Dexa To Be A Part Of India Selection Criteria:-

The BCCI has decided to place a greater emphasis on player fitness ahead of the upcoming 2023 ODI World Cup, and has reintroduced the Yo-Yo test as one of the selection criteria for the Indian national team. Aside from the Yo-Yo test, the

Dexa (bone scan test) has been added to the selection criteria. The decision was made by the BCCI at a high-profile review meeting in Mumbai. The meeting, which had been postponed since India's semi-final exit from the T20 World Cup in November, finally took place, with BCCI president Roger Binny and honorary secretary Jay Shah in attendance.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : NATIONAL



PM Modi Inaugurated Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute Of Water And Sanitation:-

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS) was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata, West Bengal. SPM-NIWAS was established with a budget of Rs 100 crore. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) aims to bridge the knowledge and capacity building gap in the field of public health engineering, sanitation, and hygiene through short, medium, and long-term courses through this apex institute on Water and Sanitation.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : NATIONAL



Election Commission Launches 'Mission-929' To Take Voter Turnout In Tripura To Over 90%:-

According to an official, the Election Commission (EC) is focusing on 929 polling booths across Tripura, with a target of 92% voter turnout in the upcoming assembly elections. "To turnaround the relatively low voting percentage in these booths, the EC has launched 'Mission-929'. Apart from an awareness campaign, poll officials will visit senior citizens and

persons with disability, and appeal them to cast their votes," according to the official. According to the official, the EC is also working on 'Mission Zero Poll Violence' to ensure peaceful assembly elections.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :DEFENCE



Captain Shiva Chauhan Becomes The 1st Women Officer To Be Operationally Deployed In Siachen:-

Captain Shiva Chouhan of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed at Kumar Post in the Siachen Glacier at an elevation of 15,632 feet. Capt. Chouhan is a Bengal Sapper Officer from Rajasthan was commissioned in May 2021. On January 2, she was inducted into the Siachen Glacier. The team of Sappers led by her will be responsible for a variety of combat engineering tasks and will be stationed at the post for three months, according to the Army.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :AWARDS



Golden Globe Awards: RRR Wins Best Original Song:-

Telugu film RRR made history by becoming the country's first Golden Globe winner. RRR, starring Jr NTR and Ram Charan as real-life freedom fighters KomaramBheem and Alluri Sitaramaraju, is the first Indian film to be nominated for a Golden Globe, Hollywood's highest honour. In 2021, a video for the hit song "NaatuNaatu" was shot in front of Ukraine

President Volodymyr Zelensky's official residence. Accepting the award, composer MM Keeravani expressed his delight at the song's success. Several Indians, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressed their delight at the news.