

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 16 February 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :DEFENCE



Indian Navy Carried Out Maiden Landing Of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), MiG-29K On INS Vikrant:-

The Naval variant of the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) made its maiden landing onboard INS Vikrant, the country's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC). This is also the first time a fixed-wing aircraft has landed on the carrier as part of its operationalization. A twin-engine MiG-29K fighter jet landed and took off after that. "A historical milestone achieved towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat by the Navy as Naval pilots carry out landing of LCA [Navy] onboard INS Vikrant," Navy spokesperson Cdr. Vivek Madhwal said.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :APPOINTMENT



Mahindra Finance Appointed Raul Rebello As MD And CEO-Designate:-

Raul Rebello has been named Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer-Designate at Mahindra Finance, the vehicle financing division of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group. Raul will succeed Ramesh Iyer as MD and CEO when he retires on April 29, 2024, according to a statement from Mahindra Finance. Raul, 45, joined Mahindra Finance as COO on

September 1, 2021. Prior to that, he worked for Axis Bank for 19 years, most recently as Executive Vice President and Head, Rural Lending and Financial Inclusion.

DAILY UPDATE 3: APPOINTMENT



Shamika Ravi Appointed As Member In EAC-PM:-

Shamika Ravi, an economics professor and researcher, has been appointed to Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM). Shamika Ravi is a non-resident senior fellow in the Brookings Institution's governance studies programme in Washington, D.C. The EAC-PM is currently chaired by economist Bibek Debroy and has one full-time member and six part-time members. Ravi previously served on the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and has published extensively in peer-reviewed academic journals.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : ECONOMY



Reliance Retail To Accept Digital Currency For Payments:-

Reliance Retail recently announced that it has begun accepting retail payments in the form of the RBI's Digital Rupee. Reliance Retail stores across the country will accept India's digital currency. On December 1, 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the first pilot of its retail Digital Rupee. This currency, according to the RBI, is available in the form

of a digital token that represents legal tender. The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) is also available in the same denominations as paper money and coins.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :NATIONAL



Government Approved Conversion Of Rs 16,133 Crore Interest Dues Of Vodafone Idea Into Equity:-

The government has approved the allotment of equity shares worth Rs 16,133 crore to the debt-ridden telecom company Vodafone Idea, making the government the company's largest shareholder with a 33.44 percent stake. The shares were given to the government in exchange for the conversion of interest due from the deferment of adjusted gross revenue and spectrum auction payments. Vodafone Idea previously estimated that the government would hold 33.14 percent of the company, with promoters Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group holding 18.07 percent and 32.29 percent, respectively.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :SPORTS



National Ice Hockey Championship: ITBP Wins 3rd Consecutive Time:-

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) central ice hockey team won the 12th edition of the Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship for men- 2023, which was held in Leh, Ladakh. In the final, the ITBP team defeated the Ladakh Scouts 1-0. The mountain-trained Force has won this premier national ice hockey championship for the third time in a row. The ITBP, established in 1962, protects the Himalayan high altitude frontiers in difficult terrain and climatic conditions.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : RANK AND REPORT



Payment Acceptance Devices Under PIDF Increase To 1.87 Crore Till Dec 2022:-

According to the latest RBI status update, the number of payment acceptance devices, both physical and digital, deployed under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as of December 31, 2022, was approximately 1.87 crore. The Reserve Bank's PIDF Scheme, which got into effect on January 1, 2021, subsidises the deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (physical and digital modes) in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and northeastern states of the country. The Reserve Bank, authorised card networks, and card issuing banks all contribute to the PIDF.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : AWARDS



Dr Peggy Mohan Bags 'Mathrubhumi Book Of The Year' Award:-

Author Dr. Peggy Mohan won the 'Mathrubhumi Book of the Year' award at the fourth Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters (MBIFL 2023). Her book, 'Wanderers, Kings, and Merchants,' depicts the evolution of language as a result of migrations. The Trinidad-born author, a linguist with a PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan in the United States, moved to India and taught Language Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia University in New Delhi.

DAILY UPDATE 9 : MISCELLANEOUS



Indian Railways Launched WhatsApp Food Delivery Facility For Passengers:-

"In a step further towards the making its e-catering services more customer-centric, Indian Railways has recently started WhatsApp communication for the railway passengers to order food through e-catering services," the Ministry of Railways said in a statement. Initially, a two-stage implementation of e-catering services via WhatsApp Communication was planned. To begin, based on customer feedback and suggestions, WhatsApp communication has been implemented for e-catering services on select trains. This will eventually be extended to other trains.

DAILY UPDATE 10 : AGREEMENT



HDFC Bank Tie-Up With NIIT For Training Program For Relationship Management Roles:-

HDFC Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, has joined forces with NIIT Limited, a global talent development corporation, to create a large pool of skilled Virtual Relationship Management professionals for the banking industry. The four-week programme is designed to develop learners' in-demand and advanced sales skills, allowing them to acquire new customers for a variety of services and products. The immersive programme is intended to create a pool of skilled Virtual Relationship Managers who are ready to deploy.