

## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 18 January 2023**

### **DAILY UPDATE 1 :RANK AND REPORT**



#### **India's Unemployment Rate Rises To 8.30% In Dec 2022:-**

The unemployment rate in India rose to 8.30% in December, the highest in 16 months, from 8.00% the previous month, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). According to the data, the urban unemployment rate increased to 10.09% in December from 8.96% the previous month, while the rural unemployment rate decreased to 7.44% from 7.55%. According to CMIE data, the unemployment rate in the northern state of Haryana rose to 37.4% in December, followed by 28.5% in Rajasthan and 20.8% in Delhi.

### **DAILY UPDATE 2 :ECONOMY**



#### **India's International Financial Assets Drop By \$56.5 Bn In Q2:-**

The net claims of non-residents on India increased by \$34.3 billion during the second quarter of FY23, reaching \$389.6 billion in September, according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data on India's International Investment Position (IIP).

According to the data, India's international financial assets fell by \$56.5 billion between July and September 2022, with valuation losses accounting for the majority of the decline. According to the RBI, reserve assets remained the dominant component (62.9% share) of India's international financial assets.

## DAILY UPDATE 3: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



### US Approves World's First Vaccine For Declining Honey Bees:-

The United States has approved the use of the world's first honey bee vaccine. It was designed to protect bee colonies from American foulbrood disease, a bacterial infection that attacks bee larvae and weakens colonies. According to the biotech firm behind its development, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently approved a conditional licence for the vaccine. Bees play an important role in many aspects of the ecosystem as pollinators. The vaccine works by introducing inactive bacteria into the royal jelly fed to the queen, resulting in immunity in the queen's larvae.

## DAILY UPDATE 4 : APPOINTMENT



### Gem And Jewellery Domestic Council Elects Saiyam Mehra As Chairman:-

The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) announced that its members have elected Saiyam Mehra as Chairman and Rajesh Rokde as Vice Chairman for a two-year term (2023-24). GJC represents over 6 million industry participants, including manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, laboratories, gemologists, designers, and allied service providers. Rokde said GJC is constantly creating newer and better platforms for the industry and his focus will be on connecting with the maximum number of people creating a synergy for development of the industry.

## DAILY UPDATE 5 :ECONOMY



### National Saving Certificate Interest Rate Hiked For Jan-Mar 2023 Quarter:-

The government has increased the interest rates on a few small savings schemes by 20 bps to 110 bps for the January-March 2023 quarter. This announcement was made by the finance ministry in a circular issued on December 30, 2022. Interest rates on schemes such as the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme, the Monthly Income Savings Scheme, the National Savings Certificate, Kisan Vikas Patra, and all post office time deposits have been raised. However, the interest rates on the Public Provident Fund and the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana have not changed for this quarter.

## DAILY UPDATE 6 :AGREEMENT



### International Hockey Federation tie-up with JSW as global World Cup partner:-

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has entered into an agreement with the JSW Group to host the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. The JSW group is committed to using sports as a means of nation-building and supports and promotes Olympics in India and has created an Olympic Training Institute in the Inspire Institute of Sport as well as has Olympic training centres across the country. The 15th edition of FIH's flagship event for men was started from 13 January and will conclude on 29 January in Odisha, India.

## DAILY UPDATE 7 : AGREEMENT



### **GA-ASI Announced Strategic Partnership With Bharat Forge To Manufacture Aerostructures:-**

General Atomics, a US-based drone manufacturer, has signed an agreement with Bharat Forge, a leading Indian forging company. The move is expected to aid India in developing a manufacturing ecosystem for high-end drones. General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI), a subsidiary of General Atomics, and Bharat Forge Ltd. have announced a collaboration. GA-ASI added in a statement that it is confident that its collaboration with Bharat Forge will result in significant capability development for both companies.

## DAILY UPDATE 8 : BANKING



### **Axis Bank Partners With OPEN To Launch A Fully Digital Current Account:-**

Axis Bank, a private lender, recently announced a partnership with OPEN (Open Financial Technologies), a digital banking fintech company, to launch a digital current account for its customers, who include SMEs, freelancers, homepreneurs, influencers, and others. Current account holders will have access to Axis Bank's more than 250 banking services, as well as OPEN's financial automation tools for business management, such as payments, accounting, payroll, compliance, expense management, and other services.

## DAILY UPDATE 9 :BANKING



### SEBI Issues Debt Broker License To Zerodha-Backed GoldenPiTechnologies:-

GoldenPi Technologies, a Bengaluru-based fintech firm, has been granted a debt broker licence by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). GoldenPi became the first online bond platform provider to receive a debt brokerage licence from Sebi as a result of the development. The regulator issued regulations for online debt trading platforms last year, stating that no company or individual shall act as an online bond platform provider unless they have a certificate of registration as a stock broker under the SEBI Regulations, 2021.

## DAILY UPDATE 10 :AWARDS



### Jalna And Nagpur Police Won 'Best Police Unit' Award In Maharashtra:-

Jalna district police and Nagpur city police in Maharashtra have won the state's 'Best Police Unit' awards for 2021 for maintaining law and order, using modern technology, evolving community policing, and administration. Jalna police received the 'Class A' award, while Nagpur police received the 'Class B' award. Police units with fewer than 6,100 Indian Penal Code cases are classified as 'Class A,' while those with more than 6,100 IPC cases are classified as 'Class B,' according to a police circular.