

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 27 January 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :APPOINTMENT



Retired DG Of BSF Pankaj Kumar Singh Appointed Deputy NSA:-

Pankaj Kumar Singh, a retired director general of the Border Security Force (BSF), has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat for a two-year term. Singh, a 1988-batch IPS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed on a re-employment contract, according to an official order. Singh previously worked for the Union government as the Inspector General of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh and as the IG (Operations) at the CRPF headquarters in Delhi. Before becoming BSF DG, he also served in the BSF.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :NATIONAL



ASI Patna Circle Discovered Two 1200-Year-Old Miniature Stupas At Nalanda:-

During landscaping work near the Sarai Tila mound within the grounds of "Nalanda Mahavihara," a world heritage site in the state's Nalanda district, the Patna circle of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered two miniature votive stupas dating back 1200 years. The stupas, which are made of stone, depict Buddha figures. The archaeological remains

of a monastery and academic institution that existed between the third and thirteenth centuries CE are housed at the Nalanda Mahavihara site.

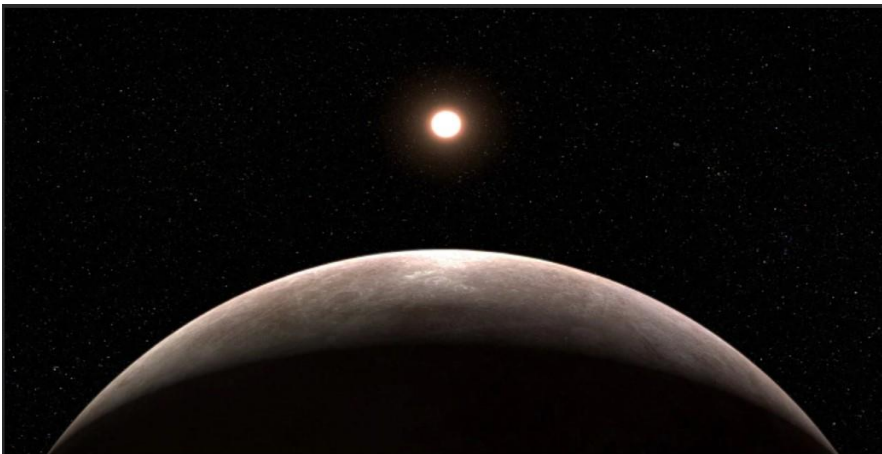
DAILY UPDATE 3: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Entire Country To Be Covered By Doppler Weather Radar Network By 2025:-

“The entire country will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network by 2025 to predict extreme weather events more accurately,” said Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh. The Minister also dedicated 200 Agro Automated Weather Stations to the Nation and stated that it is planned to establish 660 District Agro Meteorological Units (DAMUs) by 2025, increasing from 3,100 blocks in 2023 to 7,000 blocks in 2025 under Agro-Meteorological Services. Agro-Meteorological Services was founded in order to directly assist the country's farmers.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Discovers New Exoplanet Named LHS 475b:-

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced the discovery of the James Webb Space Telescope's first new exoplanet. The planet has been named LHS 475 b by researchers, and it is roughly the same size as Earth, according to the agency. The planet, which is only 41 light-years away, orbits very close to a red dwarf star and

completes a full orbit in just two days. Researchers hope that because of the Webb telescope's advanced capabilities, they will be able to detect more Earth-sized planets in the coming years.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :INTERNATIONAL



India Announced The Donation 12,500 Doses Of Pentavalent Vaccines To Cuba:-

India has pledged to donate 12,500 doses of pentavalent vaccine to Cuba. The decision was made during a visit to Cuba by Union Minister of State for External Affairs MeenakashiLekhi. During her visit, MeenakashiLekhi held a meeting with Cuba's President Miguel Diaz-Canel and discussed matters of bilateral importance and political and economic cooperation. Pentavalent vaccine provides protection to a child from 5 life-threatening diseases - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Hepatitis B and Hib.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :STATE



Kollam Becomes First Constitution Literate District In India:-

Kollam has become the country's first constitution-literate district, in a remarkable achievement. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced the achievement at a ceremony in Kollam presided over by Finance Minister KN Balagopal. The district's success is the result of a seven-month Constitution literacy campaign launched jointly by the Kollam district

panchayat, District Planning Committee, and Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KLA) to raise awareness about various aspects of the country's laws and citizen rights.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : AWARDS



'Naanera' Bagged 'Golden Kailasha' Award In Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival:-

Deepankar Prakash's Rajasthani film Naanera won the Golden Kailasha award for best movie at the 8th edition of the Ajanta-Ellora film festival. According to the release, Naanera also won awards for best director, best screenplay, and best editor. According to a press release, the best picture award, announced by FIPRESCI India jury N Vidyashakar, included a trophy and a cash prize of Rs one lakh. KoliEsr (chicken curry), a Kannada film, won awards for best child artist (ApekshaChornaHalli) and best actress (AkshathaPandavapura).

DAILY UPDATE 8 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



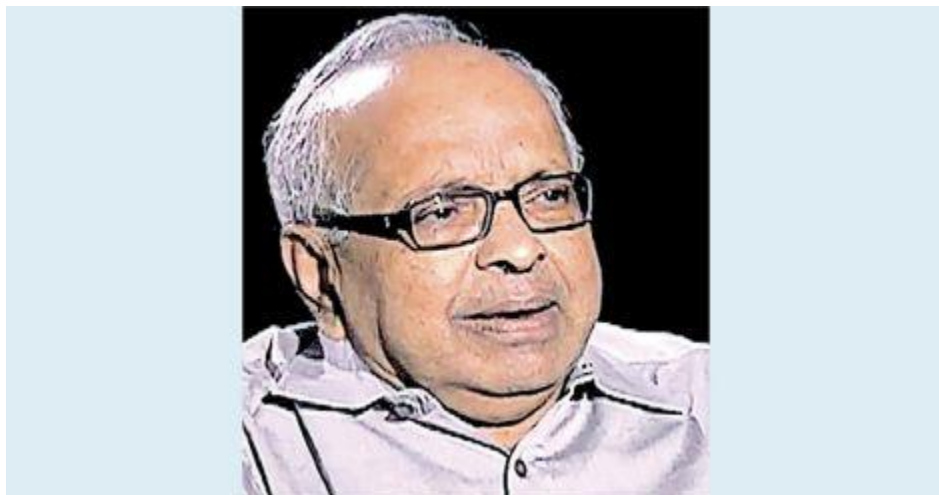
PadhoPardesh Scheme Discontinued By Ministry Of Minority Affairs:-

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has ended the scheme of interest subsidies on education loans for students from minority communities studying abroad (PadhoPardesh). The Indian Banks' Association notified all banks last month that the PadhoPardesh Interest Subsidy Scheme would be discontinued in 2022-23. The scheme so far was being implemented through Canara Bank, the designated nodal bank. The reason why the scheme has been discontinued could not be ascertained.



Adani Enterprises To Deploy Hydrogen-Powered Trucks For Mining:-

Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) will develop a hydrogen-fuel cell electric truck (FCET) for mining logistics and transportation as part of its green hydrogen mission. The company recently signed a pilot project agreement with India's commercial vehicle major Ashok Leyland and Canadian Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) fuel cell maker Ballard Power. This collaboration will result in Asia's first planned hydrogen-powered mining truck, making Adani Group the first in Asia and one of the first in the world to use hydrogen fuel cell-powered mining trucks.



Leading Scientist A.D. Damodaran Passes Away:-

AD Damodaran, a renowned scientist and former director of the CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), died at the age of 87 in Thiruvananthapuram. He also chaired the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment. He worked at the Nuclear Fuels Complex in Hyderabad and was a visiting scientist at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram as well as the Indian Institute of Metals. Damodaran became director of CSIR-NIIST in May 1985 and remained in that position for 12 years.