

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 28 December 2022

DAILY UPDATE 1 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



Tamil Nadu Govt Launches 'Friends Of Library' Programme:-

At Dindigul, the Tamil Nadu government has launched the 'Friends of Library' scheme, under which books will be personally delivered to those who are unable to visit state-run libraries. Volunteers will be used for this purpose, said School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, who launched the scheme in Dindigul. Accordingly, differently abled persons, senior citizens, children and hospital in-patients among others who cannot come to a library will benefit from the initiative.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :SPORTS



England's Rehan Ahmed Becomes Youngest To Claim five-wicket haul On Test Debut:-

Debutant Rehan Ahmed bowled his heart out, during the third Test between Pakistan and England, becoming the youngest bowler in Test history to claim a five-fer. In Pakistan's second innings, Ahmed got his five-fer by dismissing Agha Salman. Rehan Ahmed (18y and 128d) became the youngest debutant in men's Test cricket history to claim a five-fer, surpassing current Australian Test captain Pat Cummins, who did so when he was 18 years and 196 days old.

DAILY UPDATE 3:SPORTS



France's Karim Benzema Announced Retirement From International Football:-

Karim Benzema, the France striker, announced his retirement from international football on his 35th birthday, a day after France lost the World Cup final on penalties to Argentina. The Ballon d'Or winner, who has 37 goals in 97 appearances, was expected to lead France's attack in Qatar but was forced to withdraw due to a thigh injury sustained in training the day before the tournament. In 2007, Benzema made his international debut. He competed in the European Championships in 2008 and 2012, as well as the World Cup in 2014.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : AWARDS



Digital India Awards 2022: India's Smart Cities Mission Wins Platinum Icon:-

The Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data". The award was announced under the 'Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development' category. The DataSmart Cities Initiative is an important step toward developing a robust data ecosystem that allows cities to make evidence-based decisions. It aims to use data to improve governance in India's 100 Smart Cities.

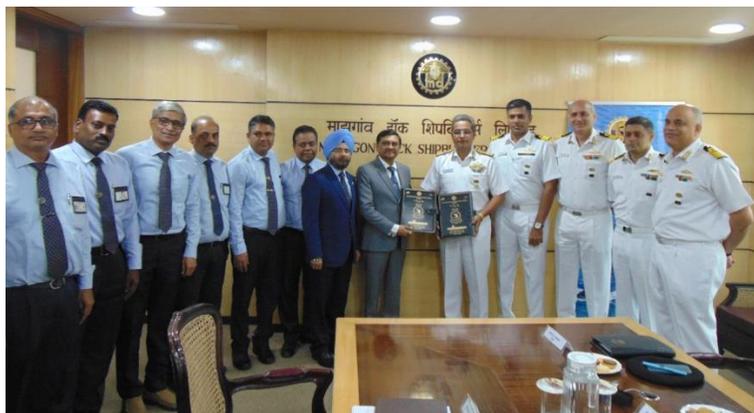
DAILY UPDATE 5 :SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES



UAE To Host The 13th WTO Ministerial Meeting In 2024:-

The United Arab Emirates was selected to host the World Trade Organization's 2024 ministerial conference, the largest global gathering of trade ministers. The meeting, scheduled for the week of February 26, 2024 in Abu Dhabi, comes at a critical time for the world economy, which is reeling from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an ongoing pandemic, and a simmering trade war between the world's two largest economies. WTO ministerial meetings are typically held twice a year and frequently provide political impetus to advance international trade negotiations.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :DEFENCE



Fifth Scorpene Submarine 'Vagir' Delivered To Indian Navy:-

According to officials, the Indian Navy has received the fifth scorpene-class submarine Vagir ahead of its planned commissioning next month. The induction of the Project-75 submarine is expected to strengthen the Indian Navy's combat capability. India has been focusing on strengthening its maritime capability with a focus on the Indian Ocean, amid concerns about China's growing forays into the region, which is considered the Indian Navy's backyard. Project-75 includes the indigenous construction of six submarines of Scorpene design.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : DEFENCE



Indian Forces Acquiring 'Pralay' Ballistic Missile For Striking Targets At 150-500 Km:-

In the midst of the ongoing conflict with China, India's armed forces are set to acquire the 'Pralay' ballistic missile, which can hit targets from 150 to 500 kilometres away. The proposal is also significant because it comes at a time when Indian forces are developing a rocket force, which has been discussed at the highest levels of the Defense Ministry. Admiral R Hari Kumar recently stated that the late Gen Bipin Rawat was working on the creation of a rocket force to counter border enemies.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : ECONOMY



KALYANI FERRESTA™

JyotiradityaScindia Launched Country's First Green Steel Brand "KALYANI FERRESTA":-

Steel Minister JyotiradityaScindia launched KALYANI FERRESTA, India's first green steel brand, in New Delhi. This first-of-its-kind steel was created by the Kalyani Group, a Pune-based steel company, using renewable energy resources, leaving no carbon footprints in the environment. The launch, according to Mr. Scindia, represents a paradigm shift in the steel industry. The Minister expressed confidence that, from now on, many countries will be inspired by India to move toward green steel manufacturing and industry decarbonization.

DAILY UPDATE 9 : NATIONAL



Nitin Gadkari Launches First-Ever 'Surety Bond Insurance' For Infrastructure Projects:-

Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, launched one of India's first Surety Bond Insurance products from Bajaz Allianz. According to Gadkari, India is well on its way to becoming a \$5 trillion economy, and insurance will play a critical role in this growth. The availability of both liquidity and capacity will be increased by this new Surety Bond instrument. Surety Bond Insurance is a risk transfer tool that protects the Principal from losses that may occur if the contractor fails to perform their contractual obligations.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :BANKING



IDFC FIRST Bank Launched ZERO Fee Banking Savings Accounts:-

IDFC FIRST Bank announced ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts and waived fees on 25 commonly used banking services. The banking services include savings accounts such as cash deposit and withdrawal at branches, third party cash transactions, demand drafts, IMPS, NEFT, RTGS, cheque book, SMS alerts, interest certificates, insufficient balance for ATM transactions, international ATM usage and so on. The bank said that customers maintaining as low as ₹10,000 Average Monthly Balance, as well as the ₹25,000 AMB savings account variant will enjoy these benefits.