

Weekly Current Affairs (15th -21st Jan 2023)

Q1) Miss USA wins Miss Universe 2022



- Miss USA R' **Bonney Gabriel** crowned as the **71st Miss Universe 2022** beauty pageant organised in the Louisiana.
- The crown was presented to him by the Miss Universe 2021 **Harnaaz Sandhu of India**.

Additional Information

- Harnaaz Sandhu is the **3rd women to win the Miss Universe title in 2021**.
- 1st Indian to win the Miss Universe title was **Sushmita Sen in 1994**. 2nd Indian to won was **Lara Dutta in 2004**.
- 1st women to win the Miss Universe title was **Armi Kuusela of Finland**.

Q2) Capt. Surbhi Jakhmola becomes the 1st woman officer to be posted at BRO

- Captain Surbhi Jakhmola becomes the 1st women **officer of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to be posted on a foreign assignment.**
- She is woman officer of the 117 Engineer Regiment of the Indian Army.
- She has been deployed by BRO under **Project Dantak in Bhutan.**



Latest News

- Recently, Indian Army deployed the woman officer **Capt. Shiva Chauhan** to a **Siachen post (world's highest battlefield)**

About BRO

Formed- **7 May 1960**

Headquarter- **New Delhi**

Director-General- **Rajeev Chaudhary**

Q3) Brazil appoints Sonia Guajajara as 1st Minister of indigenous people



- President of Brazil has appointed **Sonia Guajajara** as the **1st new Ministry of Indigenous people**.
- She is the leader of an organization that represents around 300 indigenous ethnic groups in Brazil.
- She also featured in the top 100 most influential people in 2022 published by the Time's Magazine.

President of Brazil - **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**

Capital of Brazil - **Brasilia**

Currency of Brazil - **Brazilian Real**

Q4) Viacom 18 bag Women's IPL media rights

- Viacom 18 has won the bid for media rights for the Women's IPL T20 Challenge at a amount of **Rs. 951 crore for 5 years**.
- BCCI will launch the Women's IPL league in March 2023.
- The auction for the woman's IPL was conducted by the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) in Mumbai.

Additional Information

- BCCI will organise **Men's IPL T20 2023 in March 2023**.
- Men's IPL 2022 won by the **Gujarat Titans beating Rajasthan Royals**.

Chairman of IPL - **Rajeev Shukla**

Formation of BCCI - **1928**

President of BCCI - **Roger Binny**

Q4) Country's 1st "Centre for excellence in Online Gaming" in Shillong

- The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) **Rajeev Chandrashekhar** said that the country's 1st "**Centre for Excellence in Online Gaming**" will be set up in **Shillong (Meghalaya)**
- The Minister announced another initiative of MeitY to set up a state-of-the-art facility under the **National Institute of Electronics and IT (NIELIT)**.

About MeitY

Union Cabinet Minister - **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**

Minister of State - **Shri Rajeev Chandrashekhar**

Q5) Rajasthan becomes the 1st state in India to implement Blindness control policy

- Chief Minister of Rajasthan **Ashok Gehlot** has implemented country's **1st Blindness Control Policy** with the objective of “**Right to Sight.**”
- The policy was implemented under a campaign of **Nirogi Rajasthan.**
- Under the Blindness control policy, the Rajasthan govt. will run various programmes in different govt. medical hospitals.

Governor of Rajasthan - **Kalraj Mishra**

Chief Minister of Rajasthan - **Ashok Gehlot**

Q6) Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni won the Bangkok Open Tennis Title 2023

- Top seeded Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni won in the **Men's Doubles title** in the **2023 Bangkok Open Tennis title.**
- They defeated Indonesian Christopher Rungkat & Australian Akira Santillan 2-6, 7-6, 14-12.
- They will next complete in the **Australian Open** where they have been given a wild card entry.

Q7) Virat Kohli became the 5th highest run scorer in the ODI Cricket

- Indian star batsman **Virat Kohli** became the **5th highest run scorer in the ODI cricket.**
- He achieved this milestone during the third ODI between India and Sri Lanka.
- He has overtaken **Mahela Jayawardena** to become the 5th highest run scorer.

Top 5- highest run scorer in ODI series

Player	Runs
1) Sachin Tendulkar (IND)	18,426
2) Kumar Sangakkara (SL)	14,234
3) Ricky Ponting (AUS)	13,704
4) Sanath Jayasuriya (SL)	13,430
5)Virat Kohli (IND)	12,754

Q8) India's largest student-run festival "Saarang" conducts at IIT Madras

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Annual fest "**Saarang**" has been conducted in a physical mode.
- This year is the **28th edition of Saarang festival** which is the largest student-run festival.
- The theme chosen for this year Saarang festival is "**Mystic Hues**"
- The 5-day long festival was organised from 11th to 15th January 2023.

Q9) PM Modi flagged off "Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express"

- PM Modi will flagged off **Secunderabad (Telangana) to Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) Vande Bharat Express** during his recent visit to Telangana.
- The train will cover around a distance of around 700 km in 8 hours and 30 minutes.
- It will be the **8th Vande Bharat Express** to be introduced by the Indian Railways.
- The 1st Vande Bharat was launched in **2019 between New Delhi & Varanasi.**

Q10) India will be covered by “Doppler Weather Radar Network” by 2025

- Ministry of Earth Science **Dr. Jitendra Singh** announced that India will be covered by “**Doppler Weather Radar Network**” by **2025**.
- The announced came during the **148th foundation day of “Indian Meteorological Department” (IMD)** on 15 Jan. 2023.
- IMD has taken proactive steps to increase the Radar Network from a mere 15 in 2013 to 37 in 2023.
- IMD commissioned **4 Doppler Weather Radars in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Jammu & Kashmir**.
- A Doppler radar network is a system of multiple radar stations that work together to provide comprehensive coverage of a specific area.

Q11) World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023 organizes in Davos

- The 5-day long World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting begins on 16 January in **Davos (Switzerland)**
- It is the **53rd edition of WEF** organised from 16th January till 20th January.
- The theme for 53rd edition of WEF is “**Cooperation in a Fragmented World**”
- India’s top leaders are anticipated to take a significant part in the summit.

About World Economic Forum

Formed- **1971**

Headquarter-**Colongy, Geneva (Switzerland)**

Chairman- **Klaus Schwab**

Q12) PM Modi announced “Aarogya Maitri” project to provide medical supplies to developing nations.

- PM Modi announced a new “**Aarogya Maitri Project**” under which India will provide essential medical facilities to any developing nations affected by the disasters and human crisis.
- PM Modi announced this project during the 2-day virtual “**Voice of Global South Summit**”
- He also proposed to set up a “**Centre of Excellence**” to facilitate development solutions to these countries.

Additional Information

- During the pandemic, India’s “**Vaccine Maitri**” initiative supplied vaccines made in India to over 100 countries.

Q13) EU inaugurates 1st “Mainland Satellite Launch Pad”

- The European Union and **Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf** inaugurated the **EU’s 1st “mainland orbital launch complex.”**
- The European Union is looking to boost its ability to launch small satellites in space with a new **launch pad in Arctic Sweden.**

About European Union

Formation - **1993**

Headquarter- **Brussels (Belgium)**

President - **Ursula Von Der Leyen**

Q15) India announced to donate “12,500 doses of Pentavalent Vaccines” to Cuba

- Recently, India has announced donation of **12,500 doses of “Pentavalent Vaccines” to Cuba.**
- It was announced during the **Meenakshi Lekhi’s (Union Minister of State for External Affairs) visit to Cuba.**
- The Pentavalent Vaccine provides protection to a child from diseases such as **Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Hepatitis B & Hib.**

About Cuba

Capital- **Havana**

Currency- **Peso**

President- **Miguel Diaz Canel**

Official language - **Spanish**

Q16) “Toolsidas Junior” movie to be screened at SCO film festival.



- National-award winning Rajiv Kapoor & Sanjay Dutt starrer film “**Toolsidas Junior**” will be showcased at the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) film festival**.
- The movie will be screened as a part of the “**Children Focus Section**” of the festival to be held from **27th -31st January 2023**.

About SCO

- SCO Summit 2022 was held in **Samarkand (Uzbekistan)**
- SCO summit 2023 will be held in **India (Goa) in May**.

Founded- **2001**

Headquarter- **Beijing (China)**

Secretary-General- **Zhang Ming (China)**

Member countries- **9 (Iran, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Russia)**

- India & Pakistan officially joined the organization in **2017**

Q17) Sri Lanka will introduce its stamp with Jawaharlal Nehru’s portrait on its Independence Day

- **Sri Lanka** will introduce its **stamp with India’s 1st Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru’s portrait** on its **75th Independence Day**.
- The celebration will be held under the theme “**Namo Namu Matha- A Step Towards Century**”
- The government will announce its new reformist course for the next 25 years for the implementation of a stable government policy right until the 100th Independence Day celebrations in 2048.

About Sri Lanka

Capital – **Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte**

(legislative)

Columbo (Judicial)

President – **Ranil Wickremeshinghe**

Prime Minister - **Dinesh Gunawardena**

Q18) A “Rare Orange Coloured bat” spotted in Chhattisgarh’s “Kanger Valley National Park”



- A **rare orange “coloured bat”** known as “**Painted Bat**” has been spotted in a banana plantation in village of **Kanger Valley National Park in Chhattisgarh.**
- The scientific name of this painted bat is “**Kerivoula Picta.**”
- This species has been kept under the category of “**globally endangered**”

National Parks of Chhattisgarh- **Guru Ghasidas National Park,**
Indravati National Park

Scientific Names of some species

Species	Scientific name
Tiger	Panthera Tigris
Lion	Panthera Leo

Dog	Canis lupus familiaris
Cat	Felis Catus
Human	Homo Sapiens
Mosquito	Culicidae

Short News

- PM of New Zealand **Jacinda Ardern** resign.
Chris Hipkins likely to be the PM of New Zealand.
- Winner of the “ISA Award” for service to humanity

- **Dr. Sanduk Ruit (Nepal)**

This is the top civilian award of **Bahrain**

- According to the “Global Firepower Index 2023” ,India ranked as the **4th most powerful Army in the world out of 145 countries.**

The most powerful country in the world is **USA** followed by **China, Russia & India.**

- The Ministry of Tourism will organize the **1st “Global Tourism Investors Summit” in New Delhi** from 10th -12th April 2023.

Tourism Minister- **G. Kisan Reddy**

- Winner of the “Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022”
- **Harish Damodaran**

He won the award for his book “**Broke through Breakthrough**”

