

Weekly Current Affairs (22nd-28th January 2023)

Q1) Vikram Dev Dutt appointed as Director-General of DGCA



- The appointment committee on Saturday appointed **Vikram Dev Dutt** as the **Director-General of the “Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- He will succeed **Arun Kumar** who will resign on 28 Feb. 2023.

Other appointments

Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, (Ministry of Commerce)	Arti Bhatnagar
Additional Secretary (Department of Commerce)	Amardeep Singh Bhartia
Additional Secretary (National Disaster Management Authority)	Alok
Additional Secretary (Ministry of Housing)	Satinder Pal Singh

About DCGA

- DGCA is a **Statutory body under the Aircraft Act 2020** and regulate civil aircrafts in India.

Ministry of Civil Aviation - **Jyotiraditya Scindia**

Q2) BSF launches “Operation Alert” exercise to step up security along India-Pakistan border

- The Border Security Force (BSF) has started an “**Operation Alert (Ops Alert)**” exercise to enhance security on the India-Pakistan border in **Gujarat & Rajasthan** ahead of upcoming Republic Day.
- This 7-day long exercise include Regions such as **Harami Nala** t Entire creek

About BSF

- The Border Security Force (BSF) is a **Paramilitary Force in India guarding India & Pakistan border.**

Formed- **1 December 1965**

Director- General - **Sujoy Lal Thaisen**

Ministry responsible- **Ministry of Home Affairs**

Present Home Minister - **Amit Shah**

Q3) Chandigarh gets North India’s largest floating solar project



- Union Territory Administrator **Banwarilal Purohit** inaugurated **North-India’s largest floating solar project at Sector-39 in Chandigarh.**
- The floating solar project has a capacity of 2,000kWp and built at a cost of Rs.11.70 crores.
- He also inaugurated a 500kWp floating solar project with fountains at Dhanas Lake.

Q4) 74th Republic Day 2023: Key Highlights

- Nation celebrates the **74th Republic Day 2023** on January 26
- **President of Egypt “Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi”** is the Chief Guest of this year’s Republic Day Parade which was hosted on
Kartavya Path (earlier name Rajpath)
- **IL-38 of Indian Navy** flew on the Kartavya path for the first and last time.
- For the 1st time **formation of “Bheem” & Vajrang”** showcased.
- For the 1st time **IL-38 & 9 Rafale Aircrafts** participated in the air show.
- Newly appointed **Agniveer** was also a part of the parade for the first time.

Q5) Padma Awards 2023 announced



- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced the list of Padma Awards 2023 recipients on 26 January.
- Padma Awards 2023 will be conferred by the **President of India** at ceremonial functions which will be held at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Padma Awards 2023 is given to **106 Personalities which include: 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan & 91 Padma Shri**

Awardees include

- 3 duo cases

(in case of duo cases, the award is counted as one)

- 19 women

- 2 Foreigners/NRI

- 7 Posthumous

Padma Vibhushan Awardees (6)

<u>Person</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>State</u>
1) Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	U.P
2) Balkrishna Doshi (Posthumous)	Architecture	Gujarat
3) Shri Dilip Mahalanobis (Posthumous)	Medicine	West Bengal
4) Shri SM Krishna	Public Affairs	Karnataka
5) Shri Zakir Hussain	Art	Maharashtra
6) Shri Srinivas Vardhan	Science & Engi.	USA

Padma Bhushan Awardees (9)

Person	Field	State/Country
1) Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
2) Ms. Sudha Murty	Social Work	Karnataka
3) Shri SL Bhyrappa	Literature & Edu.	Karnataka

4) Shri Deepak Dhar	Science & Engineering	Maharashtra
5) Ms. Vani Jairam	Art	Tamil Nadu
6) Swami Chinna Jeeyar	Spiritualism	Telangana
7) Ms. Suman Kalyanpur	Art	Maharashtra
8) Shri Kapil Kapoor	Literature	Delhi
9) Shri Kamlesh D Patel	Spiritualism	Telangana

Padma Shri Awardees (91)

Some prominent Padma Shri Awardees

Person	Filed	State
Rakesh Jhunjhunwala	Industrialist	Mumbai
(posthumous)		
Anand Kumar	Founder of super 30	Bihar
MM Keeravani	“RRR” music composer	
Raveena Tandon	Indian Actress	Mumbai
Suman Kalyanpur	Singer	

Name	Field	State/Country
Dr. Sukama Acharya	Others - Spiritualism	Haryana
Ms. Jodhaiyabai Baiga	Art	Madhya Pradesh
Shri Premjit Baria	Art	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
Ms. Usha Barle	Art	Chhattisgarh

Shri Munishwar Chanddawar	Medicine	Madhya Pradesh
Shri Hemant Chauhan	Art	Gujarat
Shri Bhanubhai Chitara	Art	Gujarat
Ms. Hemoprova Chutia	Art	Assam
Shri Narendra Chandra Debbarma (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Tripura
Ms. Subhadra Devi	Art	Bihar
Shri Khadar Valli Dudekula	Science & Engineering	Karnataka
Shri Hem Chandra Goswami	Art	Assam
Ms. Pritikana Goswami	Art	West Bengal
Shri Radha Charan Gupta	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Modadugu Vijay Gupta	Science & Engineering	Telangana
Shri Ahmed Hussain & Shri Mohd Hussain *(Duo)	Art	Rajasthan
Shri Dilshad Hussain	Art	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Bhiku Ramji Idate	Social Work	Maharashtra
Shri C I Issac	Literature & Education	Kerala
Shri Rattan Singh Jaggi	Literature & Education	Punjab
Shri Bikram Bahadur Jamatia	Social Work	Tripura
Shri Ramkuiwangbe Jene	Social Work	Assam
Shri Rakesh Radheshyam Jhunjunwala (Posthumous)	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
Shri Ratan Chandra Kar	Medicine	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Shri Mahipat Kavi	Art	Gujarat
Shri M M Keeravaani	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Areez Khambatta (Posthumous)	Trade & Industry	Gujarat
Shri Parshuram Komaji Khune	Art	Maharashtra

Shri Ganesh Nagappa Krishnarajanagara	Science & Engineering	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Maguni Charan Kuanr	Art	Odisha
Shri Anand Kumar	Literature & Education	Bihar
Shri Arvind Kumar	Science & Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Domar Singh Kunvar	Art	Chhattisgarh
Shri Risingbor Kurkalang	Art	Meghalaya
Ms. Hirabai Lobi	Social Work	Gujarat
Shri Moolchand Lodha	Social Work	Rajasthan
Ms. Rani Machaiah	Art	Karnataka
Shri Ajay Kumar Mandavi	Art	Chhattisgarh
Shri Prabhakar Bhanudas Mande	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
Shri Gajanan Jagannath Mane	Social Work	Maharashtra
Shri Antaryami Mishra	Literature & Education	Odisha
Shri Nadoja Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa	Art	Karnataka
Prof. (Dr.) Mahendra Pal	Science & Engineering	Gujarat
Shri Uma Shankar Pandey	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Ramesh Parmar & Ms. Shanti Parmar *(Duo)	Art	Madhya Pradesh
Dr. Nalini Parthasarathi	Medicine	Puducherry
Shri Hanumantha Rao Pasupuleti	Medicine	Telangana
Shri Ramesh Patange	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
Ms. Krishna Patel	Art	Odisha
Shri K Kalyanasundaram Pillai	Art	Tamil Nadu
Shri V P Appukuttan Poduval	Social Work	Kerala
Shri Kapil Dev Prasad	Art	Bihar
Shri S R D Prasad	Sports	Kerala
Shri Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri	Art	Karnataka
Shri C V Raju	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Bakshi Ram	Science & Engineering	Haryana

Shri Cheruvayal K Raman	Others - Agriculture	Kerala
Ms. Sujatha Ramdorai	Science & Engineering	Canada
Shri Abbareddy Nageswara Rao	Science & Engineering	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Pareshbhai Rathwa	Art	Gujarat
Shri B Ramakrishna Reddy	Literature & Education	Telangana
Shri Mangala Kanti Roy	Art	West Bengal
Ms. K C Runremsangi	Art	Mizoram
Shri Vadivel Gopal & Shri Masi Sadaiyan *(Duo)	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
Shri Manoranjan Sahu	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Patayat Sahu	Others - Agriculture	Odisha
Shri Ritwik Sanyal	Art	Uttar Pradesh
Shri Kota Satchidananda Sastry	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Sankurathri Chandra Sekhar	Social Work	Andhra Pradesh
Shri K Shanathoiba Sharma	Sports	Manipur
Shri Nekram Sharma	Others - Agriculture	Himachal Pradesh
Shri Gurcharan Singh	Sports	Delhi
Shri Laxman Singh	Social Work	Rajasthan
Shri Mohan Singh	Literature & Education	Jammu & Kashmir
Shri Thounaojam Chaoba Singh	Public Affairs	Manipur
Shri Prakash Chandra Sood	Literature & Education	Andhra Pradesh
Ms. Neihunuo Sorhie	Art	Nagaland
Dr. Janum Singh Soy	Literature & Education	Jharkhand
Shri Kushok Thiksey Nawang Chamba Stanzin	Others - Spiritualism	Ladakh
Shri S Subbaraman	Others - Archaeology	Karnataka
Shri Moa Subong	Art	Nagaland
Shri Palam Kalyana Sundaram	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
Ms. Raveena Ravi Tandon	Art	Maharashtra
Shri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh

Shri Dhaniram Toto	Literature & Education	West Bengal
Shri Tula Ram Upreti	Others - Agriculture	Sikkim
Dr. Gopalsamy Veluchamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
Dr. Ishwar Chander Verma	Medicine	Delhi
Ms. Coomi Nariman Wadia	Art	Maharashtra
Shri Karma Wangchu (Posthumous)	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh
Shri Ghulam Muhammad Zaz	Art	Jammu & Kashmir

Q6) Draupadi Murmu approves 412 “Gallantry Awards 2023” to Armed Force personnel



- President of India Draupadi Murmu approved **412 Gallantry Awards** on the eve of the 74th Republic Day 2023.
- The 412 Gallantry Awards include **6 Kirti Chakras including 4 posthumous and 15 Shaurya Chakras including 2 posthumous.**
- Awards include 1 bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 92 Sena Medals, 1 Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) , 7 Vayu Sena Medals and 29 **Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVM).**
- The President also awarded the President’s “**Tatrakshak Medal to Indian Coast Guard Personnel.**”

About Gallantry Awards

- Kirti Chakra is the 2nd highest **Peacetime Gallantry Awards** given by the President of India to the Indian Armed Forces personnel. The 3rd highest is the Shaurya Chakra.
- The Highest Peacetime Gallantry Award is **Ashoka Chakra**.

Wartime Gallantry awards - **1) Param Vir Chakra (Highest)**

2) Maha Vir Chakra

3) Vir Chakra

Peacetime Gallantry Awards

- **1) Ashoka Chakra**

2) Kirti Chakra

3) Shaurya Chakra

Q7) India signed MoU between Prasar Bharti and National Media Authority of Egypt

- Minister of Information and Broadcasting **Anurag Singh Thakur** and Foreign Minister of Egypt **Sameh Hassan Shoukry** signed an MoU between “**Prasar Bharati**” & “**National Media Authority.**”
- India & Egypt signed MoU for **3 years**.
- Under this agreement, broadcasters of both the countries will exchange their programmes in their different genres.

Capital of Egypt - **Cairo**

Currency of Egypt - **Pound**

Other News

Q1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed **21 Islands of” Andaman & Nicobar” after the 21 Param Vir Chakra winners.**

Q2) Recently, **Nagaland** celebrate the **3rd edition of “Fruit Festival”** for 2 days.

Q3) Lt. Governor of Ladakh **RK Mathur** has launched the **Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN)** in Leh.

- **This 14-digit ULPIN** would help in the digitization of land records.

Q4) The Shanghai Cooperation Meeting to be held in **August 2023** under **India's** chairmanship.

- SCO meet is to be held under the theme "**FOR A SECURE SCO**" where SECURE stands for:
 - S- Security for Citizens, E- Economic Development**
 - C- Connectivity, U- Unity, R- Respect**
 - E- Environmental Protection**

Formation of SCO - **1996**

Members of SCO - **8 (India, Pakistan, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)**