

Weekly Current Affairs (8th – 14th January 2023)

Q1) Surinder Chawla appointed as new CEO of Paytm Bank



- **Mr. Surinder Chawla** appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and CEO of the Paytm Payment Bank by the approval made by the RBI.
- Mr. Chawla appointed in this post for a period of **3 years**.
- He was succeeded by **Satish Kumar Gupta** who was retired in October 2022.

Chairman of Paytm - **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

Formation of Paytm - **2010**

Q2) Kevin McCarthy elected as the new Speaker of the US House of Representative



- Kevin McCarthy appointed as the next Speaker of the US House of Representatives.
- He was chosen the next Speaker after a longest 15th round of voting.

- He has succeeded **Nancy Pelosi** who is a member of Dominican party.
- Kevin McCarthy is a member of the Republican Party. He was elected as the House Minority Leader from 2019 to 2023.

Additional Information

President of USA - **Joe Biden (47th)**

Vice-President of USA - **Kamala Harris (46th)**

Q3) Belinda Clarke becomes 1st women cricketer to have statue cast in Sydney Cricket Ground



- Former Captain of Australia **Belinda Clark** becomes the 1st woman cricketer to have **statue cast in Sydney Cricket Ground**.
- The 52-year's statue unveiled in a **Bronze sculpture**.
- The statue stands alongside other Australian greats such as **Richie Benaud, Fred Spofforth, Stan McCabe, and Steve Waugh**.

Q4) 6th National Men's Boxing Championship 2022



- **6th National Men's Boxing Championship 2022** was held in **Hisar (Haryana)**

Winner - **Service – 10 medals (G-6, S-1, B-3)**

2)Railway – 7 medals (G-2, S-3, B-2)

3) Punjab- 9 medals (G-1, S-2, B-6)

Q5) CM of Odisha inaugurates FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023



- CM of Odisha **Naveen Patnaik** inaugurate the **FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023**.
- This year's the hosting nation is **India** and will be played in 2 venues 1) Birsa Munda Cricket Stadium (World's largest Hockey Stadium), Raurkela and second venue is Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneshwar.
- Total **16 teams** will complete in the tournament which will begin from 13-29 January 2023.

- Renowned Sand artist **Sudarshan Pattnaik** built the **World's largest hockey sculpture on the banks of Mahanadi river in Cuttack.**
- He built a **105- feet long hockey stick.**

Additional Information

- **Belgium** are the current champions of the Men's Hockey World Cup.
- The previous edition was held in **India in Bhubaneswar.**
- The 1st Men's Hockey World Cup was played in **1971** with the **Pakistan** emerging as the winner after beating Spain in the final.
- **Pakistan** has the most no. of titles (**4 titles**).

Q5) India surpass Japan to become 3rd Largest Auto Market globally



- India has surpassed Japan in terms of Auto Sale last year to become the 3rd largest Auto Market in the world for the first time in history.
- **China** remains at the 1st position in terms of Auto Sale.
- Adding the last month's sales to the chart bring the total to roughly 4.25 million units which is greater than Japan's total of 4.2 million units.
- **Maruti Suzuki** is the largest carmaker in India.

Additional Information

- **Japan, Britain & Italy** jointly build the **6th Generation Fighter Jets**

Name- **Mitsubishi F-X fighter jet**

Q6) 1st G-20 meeting will be held in Puducherry on 31 January

- Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry **Tamilisai Soundararajan** said that the 1st G-20 meeting will be held in **Puducherry** on 31 Jan. 2023.
- Lieutenant governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan released the G 20 logo for the meeting. She also inaugurated a “selfie booth”, stickers, posters in presence of CM of Puducherry **N. Rengaswamy**.

Additional Information

- **G20 Summit 2023** will be hosted by **India (U.P)**
- **Kolkata** will host the **1st Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion meeting**.

Q7) Bihar Government Begins Caste Survey in state

- Bihar cabinet on July 2 2022 has decided to conduct caste-based survey in the state following at the central level rule for conducting such an exercise.
- The state government will spend Rs. 500 crore for this exercise.
- The 1st phase will begins from January 7 and will ends on January 21 2023
- The survey will end on 31 May 2023.

Additional Information

Chief Minister of Bihar - **Nitish Kumar**

Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar- **Tejashwi Yadav**

Governor of Bihar - **Phagu Chauhan**

- Amit Shah unveils statue of “**Lok Prakash Narayan**” in Bihar

Height- **14 feet**

Q8) India to host the “**Voice of the Global South Summit**”

- India will virtually host the “**Voice of the Global South Summit**” on 12th and 13th January 2023.
- The theme of the summit is “**Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose**”
- The summit will focus on the elimination of various issues faced by the South countries.
- More than 120 countries have been invited for this summit.

Q9) Director Aparna Sen received Lifetime Achievement Award at Jaipur Film Festival



- Veteran Actor- Director Aparna Sen will be honoured with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the **15th Jaipur International Film Festival (JIIF)**.
- She her film debut in Teen Kanya in **1961** directed by Satyajit Ray.

Other Awards

Yellow Rose Award - **Tiger 24**

Best Romantic Film Award - **Who Am I**

Q10) Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud conferred with the "Global Leadership Award"



- Chief Justice of India (CJI) **DY Chandrachud** has been conferred with the "**Award for Global Leadership**" by Harvard Law School Center.
- He was awarded for his lifetime legal profession in country and around the globe.
- He will be presented the award online on 11 January.
- DY Chandrachud was appointed as the **50th Chief Justice of India** on 9 November 2022.

Q11) Anahat Singh wins Girls U-15 Squash title at British Junior Open 2023



- Indian squash player **Anahat Singh** won the Girl's U-15 title at the **British Junior Open 2023** held at Birmingham (UK) from 4 to 8 January 2023.
- The 14-year-old defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt 3-1 in the final.
- She will next represent India in the **Asian Junior Team Championship** to be held in **Chennai** in February 2023.
- Latest achievement of her was in the December 2022 where she won the **Scottish Junior Open** in the U-17 category.

Q12) Bhupendra Patel inaugurates International Kite Festival 2023

- Chief Minister of Gujarat **Bhupendra Patel** has inaugurated the International Kite Festival in **Ahmedabad** from the 8th -14th January 2023.
- The theme for this festival was **G20- “One Earth, One Family, One Future.”**
- The G20 delegates invited in this festival to exchange their culture.

Additional Information

- Ahmedabad is situated on the bank of **Sabarmati river**.
- Ahmedabad is also known as the **“Manchester of India,”**

Q13) Amit Shah inaugurates Marling Polo Statue in Manipur.



- Union Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the **122-foot-high “Marling Polo Statue” in Imphal (Manipur)**.
- In Manipur, Polo game is known as **Sagol Kangjei**.

- He also inaugurated “Churachandpur Medical College” & hoisting of **175 feet tall National Flag at headquarter of INA (Moirang)**
- Marjing is considered the god of polo and features a pony as his career.

Additional Information

Chief Minister of Manipur - **N.Biren Singh**

Governor of Manipur - **La Ganeshan**

Q14) Khelo India National Women Kho Kho League set to take place in Punjab

- The Khelo India Senior Women Kho Kho League will be held at **Chandigarh University (Punjab)** from 10th-13th January 2023 and it will be held in 3 phases.
- The league is being organised by the Kho Kho Federation of India.
- The Kho Kho Women’s League for Junior and Sub-Junior age groups will be held in **Hotwar (Ranchi)** from 16th-19th January 2023.

Q15) Kerala becomes country’s first fully digital banking state

- Chief Minister of Kerala **Pinarayi Vijayan** has declared Kerala as the country’s 1st state **to go fully digital in its banking service.**
- Kerala is the only state in India that has declared “the right to internet” as a basic right to its citizens.
- He has also announced that the ambitious **Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) project** will reduce the digital divide.

Additional Information

Chief Minister of Kerala - **Pinarayi Vijayan**

Governor of Kerala - **Arif Mohammad Khan**

Upcoming Meetings of G20 Groups

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| • 1 st “Health Working Groups” meeting | Trivendrum (Kerala) |
| • 1 st “Educational Working Group” meeting | Chennai |
| • 1 st “Employment Working Group” meeting | Jodhpur |
| • 1 st “Energy Working Group” meeting | Bengaluru |
| • 1 st “Environment & Climate Working Group” | Bengaluru |
| • 1 st “Tourism Working Group” meeting | Kutch |
| • 1 st “Agriculture Working Group” meeting | Indore |
| • 1 st “Culture Working Group” | Khajuraho (M.P) |

Q16) Henley Passport Index 2023 for Q1 released

- According to the report, **India is ranked 85th among the 193 countries.**
- India saw a jump of 2 spots from its previous ranking of **87th** in the last quarter of 2022.
- An Indian passport holder can travel to 59 countries.
- India shared its ranking with **Mauritania & Uzbekistan.**
- **Japan remained in the top position** as the most favourable passport in the world.
- The USA was among the top 22 with visa-free access to 186 destinations.
- **Afghanistan** is ranked at the bottom in the list giving the passport access to only 27 countries.

Q17) Manpreet Singh Monica becomes the 1st female Sikh Judge in US



- Indian-Origin **Manpreet Singh Monica** has scripted history by becoming the **1st Sikh Judge in the USA**.
- She was sworn in as a judge of the “**Harris Country Civil Court**” at Law no. 4 in Texas.
- Singh was born and raised in Houston and now lives in Bellaire with her husband and two children.

Q18) Centre named new Integrated Food Security scheme as PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)



- The New Integrates Food Security Scheme which was rolled by the Centre in this year has been renamed as the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)**.
- The scheme aims to provide **free food grains to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries**.
- The Central Govt. will spend over Rs. 2 Lakh crore in 2023 as food subsidy under NSFA.

About PMGKAY

- It is a programme under Garib Kalyan Package to launched during **covid -19 to help poor fight against the battle**.
- Its nodal ministry was **Finance Ministry**.
- Under this scheme, the govt. provides **additional 5 kg free of cost food grains per month (rice/wheat) to around 80 crore beneficiaries**.

Q19) World Bank predicts India's Economic Growth to slow down to 6.9% in FY23

- According to the Global Economic Prospects Report, The World Bank has projected the Economic Growth rate of India to decline **6.9% in Financial Year of 23 (FY23)** which is lower than the previous growth rate of India of **8.7% (FY22)**.
- The World Bank has also predicted that global growth in 2023 would slow to **1.7% from 3%**.

About World Bank

Founded - **1944**

Headquarter- **Washington D.C**

President - **David Malpass**

MD & CFO- **Anshula Kant**

Q1) India's 1st "Coal gasification-based Talcher Fertilizer Plant" will be ready by October 2024.



- Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** announced that the nation's 1st Coal gasification-based **Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha** will be ready by October 2024.
- When operational, the plant will help us reduce our dependence on Urea export.

Coal Gasification

- It is a process in which coal is partially oxidised with air, Oxygen, steam or Carbon Dioxide to form a fuel gas.
- This gas is then used for deriving energy. It produces **Syn-gas which** is a mixture of **CH₄ (Methane) + CO (Carbon Monoxide) + Hydrogen (H₂) + Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and Water Vapour**

Other News

- 1) **Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber** will be the President for the **UNFCCC COP-28 2023 in UAE.**
- 2) India will send **3-person 6,000 meter below sea** to search for Mineral resources under **“Samudrayaan Mission”**
Name of vehicle- **MATSYA 6000**
- 3) Grand Cultural program **“Sur Sarita-Symphony of Ganga”** was **organised in Varanasi** during the launching ceremony of world's longest river cruise on 12 January.