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## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 1-12-2021

### NATIONAL

#### Navy gets new Naval Chief

- **Admiral R. Hari Kumar** was appointed as the **25<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Naval Staff**, succeeding **Admiral Karambir Singh**.
- Admiral Hari Kumar has previously served the Indian Navy for 39 years and has been honoured with **Param Vishist Seva Medal**, **Ati Vishist Seva Medal** and **Vishist Seva Medal**.

#### BSF celebrates Raising day

- The Border Security Force is celebrating its **57<sup>th</sup> Edition of Raising day** on Dec1 2021.
- Director General of **BSF Pankaj Kumar Singh** added that strict border patrolling along with installation of surveillance devices has drastically brought down cases of cattle smuggling between India and Bangladesh, and the India-Bangladesh border have been majorly fenced and around 10 to 12% area is not fenced because of the difficult terrain.

#### Additional Fact-

1. Border Security Force was established on **Dec1 1965**, after the Indo-Pak war, to ensure security of the borders of India sharing with Pakistan and Bangladesh.
2. It has an **Air Wing**, **Marine wing** and an **Artillery Wing** with **186** battalions and **2,57,363** army personnel.
3. It is headed by Director General **Pankaj Kumar Singh**.

#### Three member committee appointed on EWS quota

- A **three member** committee was appointed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to review the criteria for **10%** reservation of Economically Weaker Section in Educational institutions and Government Jobs.

- The three member committee consists of former Finance Secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**, Indian council of Social Science Research Member Secretary **V.K Malhotra** and the Principal Economic Advisor **Sanjeev Sanyal**.
- The committee has been provided with three weeks time to submit the report.

## Judges Bill and Assisted reproductive technology bill passed in the houses

- **Law minister Kiren Rijuju** has passed the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2021 amid the walkout of 12 Mp,s
- Health Minister **Mansukh Mandavia** also passed the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2020, which will be taken up in the Lok sabha for discussion.
- The Rajya Sabha is set to discuss the **Dam Safety Bill, 2019**.

## Workshop on Natural Farming

- A national workshop on **Natural farming** was organized by Agriculture vertical, **NITI Aayog** involving **Krishi Vigyan Kendras**.
- It was organized as a part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India.
- More than 1000 participants including State Government and KVK officials, researchers from ICAR and Agriculture Universities and farmers have attended the workshop virtually across the country.

# INTERNATIONAL

## Barbados to become newest republic

- **Barbados**, one among the **caribbean island**, will become the **world's newest republic** removing the Queen as its head of state.
- The Prince of Wales will be the representative of the queen in the handover ceremony at **National Heroes Square** but the island nation will remain in the Commonwealth.
- Prime Minister **Mia Mottley** described it as a chance for the island to assert itself and show greater self-confidence

# BANKING, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

## India's GDP expanded

- According to a data released by **National Statistical Office**, India's GDP is likely to grow **8.4%** in Jul- Sep Quarter. GDP growth in the second quarter of the current fiscal was slower than the **20.1%** expansion in the previous quarter
- The gross domestic product (GDP) had contracted by **7.4%** in the corresponding July-September quarter previous year.
- The agriculture sector contributed **4.5%** growth, Manufacturing also saw a **5.5%** increase.

## Data on Fiscal Deficit released

- India's fiscal deficit for the first seven months of current fiscal year, was at **5.47 lakh crore** rupees or **36.3%** of the budgeted target for the whole year, as per the data released by **Comptroller and Auditor General**.
- The data also revealed that the net tax receipts were at **Rs 10.53 lakh crore**, while total expenditure was **Rs 18.27 lakh crore**.
- While the Fiscal deficit during the budget estimate 2020-21 during the corresponding period last year stood at **119.7%**.
- The Fiscal deficit of the current year which is at **9.3%** of the GDP is better than the previous year which was at **9.5%** of the GDP.

## RBI's Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit report released

- The **Reserve Bank of India** released **Data on sectoral deployment of bank credit**, collected from selected **33** scheduled commercial banks which accounts for about **90%** of the total non-food credit deployed.
- The data showed that, non-food bank credit growth saw a raise to **6.9%** in October 2021 as compared to **5.2%** in October 2020.
- A growth of **10.2%** was registered on Credit to agriculture and allied activities this year as compared to **7.2%** in the previous year.
- Credit growth to industry hiked up to **4.1%** in October 2021 from a contraction of **0.7%** in October 2020.
- Credit growth of services continued to decrease by **2.9%** in October 2021 from **8.6%** in the previous year.

# SPORTS

## Seventh Ballon d'Or for Messi

- Argentina's star footballer **Lionel Messi** won the most prestigious **Ballon d'Or** award for the best player in the world for the **Seventh** time.
- He now holds a record of holding the most Ballon d'Or awards by any player beating Robert Lewandowski and Jorginho.
- The **women's Ballon d'Or** was bagged by **Alexia Putellas** of **Spain**.

# MISCELLANEOUS

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> is observed as the **World AIDS day 2021**, This year the theme for the day was given as '**End inequalities, End AIDS and End Pandemics**'.
- Indian Poet and Lyricist **Sirivennela Seetharama Reddy** Fades away, he has inked more than **3000** songs and was awarded with **Padma Shri** on 2019.



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