



## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 27-03-2023**

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **Bhupender Yadav Launches Aravalli Green Wall Project**

- Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Aravalli Green Wall Project at Tikli village in Haryana in a program organized on the occasion of International Forest Day.
- The project will increase the green cover and biodiversity of Aravallis through afforestation, reforestation and restoration of water bodies.
- It will also improve soil fertility, water availability and climate resilience of the region.
- The project will benefit the local communities by providing them with employment opportunities, income generation and ecosystem services.
- The project is part of the Union Forest Ministry's vision of creating green corridors across the country to combat land degradation and desertification.

#### **Indian Government Launches DigiClaim Platform**

- The Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- This platform is aimed at expediting the disbursement of insurance claims to farmers who have availed themselves of crop insurance.
- To demonstrate its effectiveness, the Minister used the platform to transfer a total insurance claim of Rs. 1,260.35 crore to insured farmers in several Indian states.
- The newly launched DigiClaim platform will enable farmers to receive their insurance claims directly in their bank accounts, in a transparent and accountable manner.
- The technology behind this platform has been developed through the integration of the National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) and the Public Finance Management System (PFMS).

#### **Cabinet Hikes Dearness Allowance (DA) by 4%**

- The cabinet has announced a 4% increase in dearness allowance for central government employees and pensioners.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the release of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to

Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 01 January 2023.

- The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both dearness allowance and dearness relief would be more than Rs 12 thousand 815 crore per annum.
- The increase in Dearness Allowance is as per the approved formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.
- Dearness Allowance (DA) is compensation given to employees to offset the effects of inflation and is calculated as a percentage of an employee's basic salary.

## **BANKING**

### **RCB Partners with Equitas Small Finance Bank**

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has partnered T20 cricket team Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for the 2023 season of the T20 league.
- The RCB team will don the Equitas Small Finance Bank logo on the lead trousers as part of the team's jersey.
- It is to communicate that Equitas has been playing a progressive role in transforming the lives of individuals through their lending and social responsibilities of 'beyond banking'.

## **SPORTS**

### **Women's World Boxing Championships**

- Neetu Ghang has won the gold medal by defeating Mongolia's Lutsekhan Altantseg in the final of the 45-48kg category at the Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi.
- The 22-year-old Neetu won the gold medal in the minimum weight category by defeating Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg 5-0 in the final match.
- The IBA World Boxing Championships, and the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, are biennial boxing competitions.
- This is organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA), which is the sport governing

body.

## **AWARDS & PRIZES**

### **Abel Prize 2023**

- Luis Caffarelli of Argentina has been awarded the 2023 Abel Prize.
- Caffarelli has been awarded the prize for his contributions to the field of nonlinear partial equations and free-boundary problems in mathematics.
- Caffarelli was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, making him the first Abel Prize laureate from South America.
- Currently, he is a professor at the University of Texas, Austin.
- It is named after Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-29), who in his short life made pioneering contributions in a multitude of fields.
- The award carries a monetary prize of 7.5 million kronor (about \$720,000) and a glass plaque designed by Norwegian artist Henrik Haugen.
- The prize is awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

## **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

### **AHF Athletes Ambassador**

- National women's hockey team midfielder Salima Tete has appointed the AHF Athletes Ambassador from India for a term of two years.
- Tete accepted the certificate and the position during the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Congress in Mungyeong, Korea.
- Tete, who led the Indian women's junior hockey team to a fourth-place finish at the 2021 FIH Women's Junior World Cup in Potchefstroom, South Africa, is among four players from Asia to be appointed for the position.

# DEFENCE

## Indian Army and Air Force Conduct 'Vayu Prahar' Exercise

- The Indian Army and Air Force conducted a 96-hour multi-domain air and land exercise named 'Vayu Prahar' in the eastern sector.
- The exercise took place in the second week of March amid the ongoing standoff between India and China on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- Its main objective was to draw up plans that could coordinate multi-domain operations and enhance the combat capabilities of the Indian Army and Air Force in the eastern sector.
- The exercise involved the use of various combat assets including fighter jets, transport aircraft, helicopters and ground forces.
- The exercise was conducted to test the readiness and interoperability of the Indian Army and Air Force in a joint operational environment.
- Exercise Vayu Prahar is a joint military exercise conducted by the Indian Army and Air Force and aims to enhance coordination and rehearsal between various agencies for rapid mobilisation, transport and deployment of forces.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## ISRO Launches Heaviest Rocket LMV-3

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched India's largest Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) rocket (OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites) onboard from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The LVM-III will deploy 36 satellites of the UK-based Network Access Associated Ltd (OneWeb) to Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- The OneWeb Group Company has inked a contract with ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Ltd to launch 72 satellites into LEO.
- The first satellite deployment collaboration between the two organisations took place in

October 2022 with ISRO launching 36 satellites of OneWeb.

- OneWeb is a global communication network powered from space, enabling connectivity for governments and businesses.

## OBITUARY

### Gordon Moore Passed Away

- Intel co-founder and pioneer in the microprocessor industry, Gordon Moore, has passed away in Hawaii. He was at the age of 94.
- Gordon Moore was an American engineer and entrepreneur.
- He co-founded Intel Corporation, one of the world's largest semiconductor chip makers.
- Moore has made significant contributions to the development of many important technologies, including the integrated circuit and the semiconductor industry.
- He has received numerous awards and honours for his work, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and has been inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.



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