

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - January 09, 2024

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Let's check this news about Project Veer Gatha. Then, we will move ahead.

Project Veer Gatha 3.0

The Ministry of Defence in collaboration with the Ministry of Education launched Project Veer Gatha 3.0 as part of the Republic Day Celebrations 2024. The Project was instituted under Gallantry Awards Portal in 2021 and the main aim of the project is to disseminate acts and life stories of brave hearts among students.

Key Points:

- A) The major objective of the project is to raise the spirit of nationalism and patriotism among students along with civic consciousness.
- B) More than 1 crore students from around 2 lakh schools participated in the event.
- C) The Project was launched as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th year of Independence.



[Image Source: Mygov.in]



Bird species start shifting to higher elevations at Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary

The team of researchers at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru presented a report stating that many bird species at the Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh have started shifting to higher elevations due to rising temperatures. The study was published in Global Ecology and Conservation.

Key Points:

- A) The Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Himalayan foothills of West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh and is situated in the biodiversity Hotspot area of Eastern Himalayas.
- B) The Wildlife Sanctuary derives its name from the Red Eagle Division of the Indian army posted in the 1950s in the area.
- C) The study found that understory insectivores are negatively impacted by climate change.



[Image Source: phys.org]

KYC norms for Politically Exposed Persons

The Reserve Bank of India updates Know Your Customer (KYC) norms for Politically Exposed Persons (PEP), to meet Financial Action Task Force Terms. Politically Exposed Persons are defined as individuals entrusted with public functions by a foreign country including the head of states and governments.

Key Points:

- A) The Regulated Entities under the new norms have the option to establish relationships with PEPs.

B) Significant steps are to be taken by Regulated Entities to open an account for PEP along with reasonable measures to establish source of funds.

C) FATF was established in 1988 during the G7 summit and is taken with responsibility to combat money laundering and terrorist financing at Global level.



[Image Source: The Indian Express]

Images of Supernova 30 Doradus B

The NASAs Chandra X Telescope has captured images of remnants of Supernova 30 Doradus B. The colourful image of the spectacle shows remains of two exploded stars. The celestial spectacle is located 160,000 light years from Earth in the Large Magellanic Cloud.

Key Points:

A) The X Ray data from Chandra X rays Observatory combines with Infrared data from NASAs Spitzer space Telescope and Optical observations from Blanco 4 metre Telescope in Chile.

B) The X rays contain winds of Particles propelled by a pulsar known as Pulsar Wind Nebula.

C) The NASAs Chandra X Observatory was launched on July 23, 1999 to detect X-rays emissions from very hot regions of the Universe.

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[Image Source: India Today]

Four Stars of Destiny

Short extracts from the book “Four Stars of Destiny” written by Indian Army Chief General MM Naravane have been published recently. The Book provides information about unknown aspects of high level decision making during the 2020 China Border crisis along with other National Security developments.

Key Points:

- A) The Excerpts also give details about communications with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh when PLA mobilised at Rechin LA Pass in Ladakh.
- B) MM Naravane served as the 28th Chief of Army Staff and held titles like Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.
- C) The Indian Army is currently reviewing the memoir before its publication as per Army rules.



[Image Source: The Hindu]

India and Mauritius to jointly develop Small Satellite

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) along with Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) signed an MoU for development of small satellites. The satellite will be launched by ISRO in 2024.

Key Points:

- A) The total Estimated cost of the Project of development of Small Satellite is 20 crore and is borne by India.
- B) India also helped Mauritius in setting up a ground tracking station in 1986 to assist its satellite and launcher missions.
- C) A Country level space agreement was signed in 2009 between India and Mauritius which governs the current operation.



[Image Source: PmIndia.gov.in]

NASA announced winners under NIAC programme

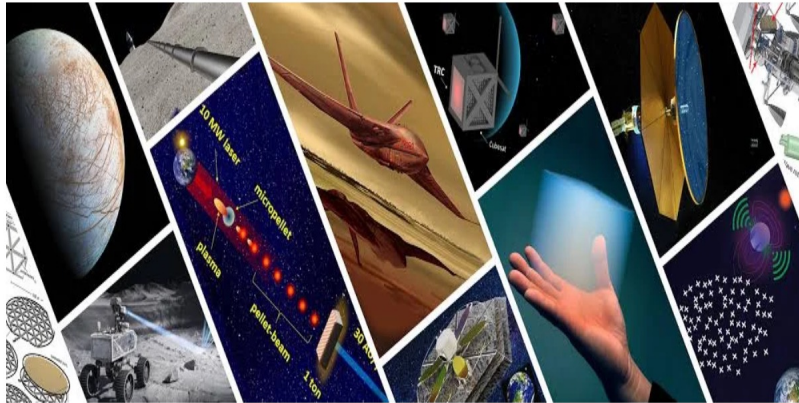
NASA announced 13 ideas as winners under the NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) programme. These ideas are responsible for inspiring many daring missions that NASA undertakes for the benefit of humanity. Each of the ideas chosen from among companies and institutions across the US received USD 175,000 in grants.

Key Points:

- A) One of the concepts named Maggie was chosen as the winner that aims to build an intelligent Drone for Aerial ground Mars exploration.
- B) These concepts chosen as winners will become breakthrough Innovations over the next 20-30 years.

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C) The NIAC program fosters Pioneering ideas by funding early stage technology studies for future consideration.



[Image Source: NASA]

Naya Ayodhya Project

The “Paying Guest” Scheme launched by Uttar Pradesh Government is helping “Naya Ayodhya Project” gain momentum by boosting tourism and employment. The Scheme introduces the rich culinary heritage of Awadh to saints and visitors from India and Abroad.

Key Points:

- A) The Major aim of the scheme is to provide homestays to visitors from country and abroad and provide them with unique dining experiences featuring millet dishes.
- B) Under the scheme a target of registering 1000 houses in Ayodhya that can be used as Homestays is kept by the State Government.
- C) 464 individuals have been issued certificates out of 600 applications under the Paying Guest Scheme.



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[Image Source: ANI]

Uganda to host 19th NAM Summit

The 19th Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit is being organised in Kampala in Uganda from January 17th to 20, 2024. The African country will also host Third South Summits and G77 meetings. Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar will represent India at the 19th NAM summit.

Key Points:

- A) NAM is a group of 120 countries not aligned to any ideology or any major Power bloc established in 1961 in Belgrade, Serbia.
- B) Uganda will chair the NAM grouping from 2024-27 and it was chosen as the host on October 19, 2019 at a meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- C) The NAM grouping consists of 18 Observer countries and 10 Observer Organisations.



[Image Source: Nam.go.ug]

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Germany beats Poland to win United Cup

Zverev led Germany had beaten top seed Poland to win its first United Cup Title in Sydney. Alexander Zverev saved two match points to win over Hubert Hurkacz in the Men's singles finals keeping the hopes alive to win the maiden United Cup.

Key Points:

- A) Iva Swiatek swept past Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-0 in the women's finals.
- B) The Scoreline of the mixed doubles event was 6-4, 5-7, 10-4.
- C) The final was held at Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney, Australia.



[Image Source: India Today]

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