

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 23/24-01-2021

### 32 Children Awarded Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2021



The **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) for the year 2021** has been conferred to **32 children**, hailing from from 32 districts of 21 States/UTs..

The PMRBP award is given by the Government of India to the children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments, in the fields

of **innovation, scholastic, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery.**

Distribution of 32 awards based on the respective categories

- Art & Culture – 7
- Innovation – 9
- Scholastic achievements – 5
- Sports – 7
- Bravery – 3
- Social Service 1

### BSF launches Operation ‘Sard Hawa’ at Rajasthan border



The **Border Security Force (BSF)** has launched “**Operation Sard Hawa**” on the western international border of **Rajasthan**.

The Operations aims to check the instances of infiltration due to the dense fog cover in the region, and increase security on the border areas in Jaisalmer.

The week long operation has been launched on 21 January 2021, and will continue till 27 January 2021, keeping in view Republic Day of India.

### Uttar Pradesh Government launches ‘Udyam Sarathi App’ for Youths on the 71st Foundation Day of the State

**Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched the ‘**Udyam Sarathi App**’ on the occasion of the **71st Foundation Day** of the state, on **24 January 2021**.

The app will enable the youths to get every information related to self-employment and the job industry, across the state.

Udyam Sarathi App will comprise of a varied range of data regarding business opportunities in different departments and sectors, including the state and Central governments, and anywhere and at any time.

It has been launched under the **One District One Product (ODOP) scheme**.

The Uttar Pradesh Day celebration will run from **24 January to 26 January, 2021.**

The theme of Uttar Pradesh Day 2021 is ‘**Respect for self-reliant Uttar Pradesh, women young farmers, development of all**’.



### **China Overtakes Germany as Largest Current Account Surplus Country : Ifo Report**



**China** overtook **Germany** to become the country with the **world’s largest current account surplus in the year 2020**, as per a survey by the **Munich-based Ifo institute.**

Ifo (Information and Forschung) Institute for Economic Research is a research institution based in Munich, Germany, which analyses economic policy .

The current account surplus of China more than doubled to \$310 billion in 2020, while the current account surplus of Germany shrank for the fifth year in a row in 2020 to \$261 billion.

**Japan** ranked third with a current account surplus of \$158 billion.

### **Mongolian Prime Minister Khurelsukh Ukhnaa & his Government Resigns**



The **Prime Minister of Mongolia, Khurelsukh Ukhnaa**, has resigned along with his entire government, following protests and public outrage over the government’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 52-year-old served as the Prime Minister of Mongolia from 4 October 2017 to 21 January 2021.

### **Indo-Tibetan Border Police wins IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship 2021 in Gulmarg**



The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** has won the **10th National Ice Hockey Championship trophy**, by defeating team Ladakh with the score line (goals) 5-1.

The National Ice Hockey Championship was organised by **Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI)**, from 16 to 22 January, 2021 at Gulmarg Ice Rink, in Jammu and

Kashmir (UT).

Eight teams took part in the championship, which took place at an altitude of 8,694 feet where the temperatures is below freezing point (Minus 1 degree).

## Veteran Bureaucrat, poet and Hyderabad historian Narendra Luther passes away at 89



Noted historian, author, poet and retired bureaucrat **Narendra Luther** has passed. He was 88. A 1955 batch IAS officer, Luther was closely associated with the **history and culture of erstwhile Hyderabad state and its rulers.**

Luther had served in various positions before retiring as the chief secretary of the undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1991.

He has penned a number of books on the history, heritage and architecture of Hyderabad.

## Legendary American talk-show host Larry King passes away at 87



The **iconic American radio and television host**, and paid spokesman, **Larry King**, has passed away. He was 87.

King has quizzed thousands of world leaders, politicians, entertainers, athletes, and everyday people for CNN and other news outlets in a career spanning more than six decades.

He rose to fame in 1978 as a radio host of The Larry King Show and then hosted **Larry King Live on CNN** for about 25 years from 1985 to 2010.

## First Parakram Diwas being celebrated on 23rd January 2021

The inaugural edition of the **`Parakram Diwas`** is being celebrated on **23 January 2021** all over India.

The day has been declared by the Modi Government on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**

From now on, every year the **`Parakram Diwas`** will be held on 23rd January to celebrate his birthday and honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation.

## National Girl Child Day : January 24



In India the **National Girl Child Day (NGCD)** is observed annually on **January 24** since 2008.

The day was initiated by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** to:

Spread awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by girls in the country.

Promote awareness about the rights of a girl child.

Increase awareness on the importance of girl education, health, and nutrition.

## National Voters' Day: January 25



India observes “National Voters’ Day” every year on **January 25** to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process.

The day has been started from January 25, 2011 to mark the **Foundation day of Election Commission of India (ECI)**, which was

established on 25th January 1950.

2021 marks the 11th National Voters’ Day (NVD).

The theme of NVD 2021 is, ‘**Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed**’.

## National Tourism Day of India: January 25

- Every year, **January 25** is celebrated as **National Tourism Day in India**.
- The day was established by the Government of India to promote tourism and raise awareness of the importance of tourism for the country’s economy.

