

Daily Current Affairs-16/12/20

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone for three ambitious projects in Kutch, Gujarat



- Projects include the world's biggest renewable energy park, sea water desalination plant and milk processing dairy plant.
- The **Hybrid Renewable Energy Park** project is one of its kind and world class, green energy project situated near Vighakot village of Kutch district. It will produce 30 Giga watt solar and wind energy on a vast expanse of wasteland.
- The **sea water desalination plant** at Mandvi in Kutch, will convert sea water for potable purposes for nearly 8 lakh people of 300 villages.
- The 130 crore rupee **milk processing dairy plant** of Sarhad dairy will process 2 lakh liter of milk per day along with packaging facility.

2. NITI Aayog releases a white paper " Vision 2035 - Public Health Surveillance in India"



- The white paper lays out India's vision 2035 for public health surveillance through the integration of the three-tiered public health system into Ayushman Bharat.
- Citizen-friendly public health surveillance system will ensure individual privacy, enabled with a client feedback mechanism. India aims to provide regional and global leadership in managing events that constitute a public health emergency of international concern.

3. **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) launches E-agricultural spot market platform**



- BSE has launched an electronic spot platform for agricultural commodities - "BSE E-Agricultural Markets Ltd. (BEAM)" - through its subsidiary BSE Investments.
- The platform facilitates spot agricultural commodities transactions across value chain consisting of producers, intermediaries, ancillary services and consumers.
- **Note: BSE Limited**, formerly known as the Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd., is an Indian stock exchange located at Dalal Street, Mumbai. Established in 1875, it is Asia's oldest stock exchange.



4. UNESCO to launch international prize in the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



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- UNESCO has decided to launch an international prize in the field of ‘creative economy’ in the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Starting November 2021, the dollar 50 thousand award will be given away once in two years for global economic initiatives of the youth.
- **Sheikh Mujibur** was a Bangladeshi politician. He is called the “Father of the Nation”. He served as the first President of Bangladesh and later as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- **Note:** UNESCO has declared 2021 as ‘International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development’.
- Currently, there are 23 UNESCO International Awards in the name of international celebrities and organisations.

5. Launch of 2nd Project 17A Ship ‘Himgiri’



- **‘Himgiri’**, the first of the three Project 17A ships being built at M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata was launched.
- **P17A ships are the first gas turbine propulsion and largest combat platforms ever built at GRSE.**
- **Note:** Under the Project 17A program, a total of seven ships, four at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and three ships at GRSE are being built with enhanced stealth features, advanced indigenous weapon and sensor fit along with several other improvements.



6. Co-WIN mobile app announced for COVID-19 vaccine delivery



- The Union Health Ministry has announced a digital platform called 'Co-WIN' to monitor the entire vaccination process and enable people to register themselves for the vaccination.
- **Note:** This Co-WIN app will have 5 modules that will help vaccinators, administrators and people who will get these vaccine shots. These modules would include administrator module, registration module, vaccination module, beneficiary acknowledgement module and report module.

7. F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020



- **Max Verstappen (Red Bull)** won the F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020.
- **Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes)** got second position and **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)** got third position.

8. December 16, Vijay Diwas

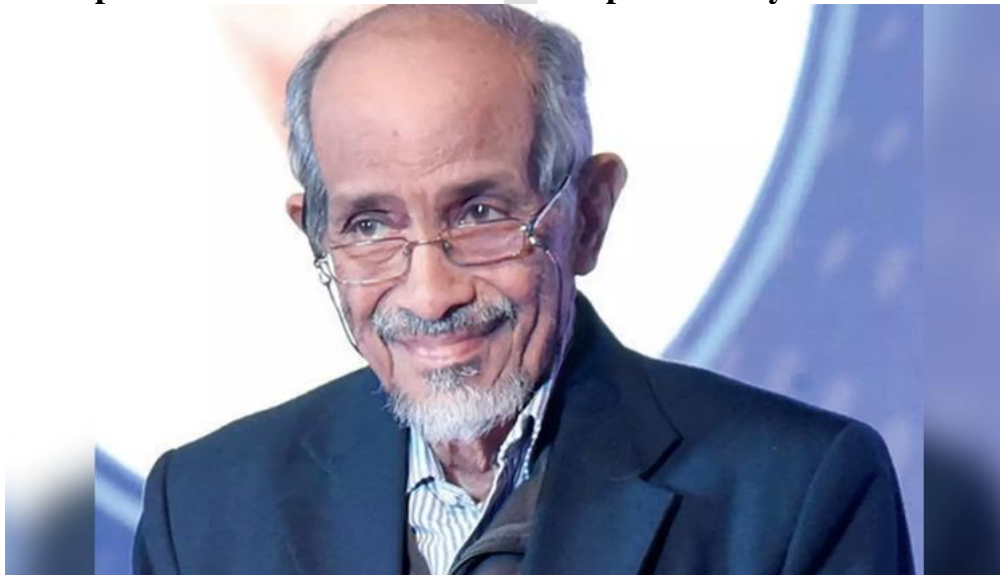
- Vijay Diwas is commemorated every 16th December in India, to remember Indian military's victory over Pakistan in Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 for the

liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.



- **Note:** Same day is commemorated in Bangladesh as Bijoy Dibos.

9. Aerospace scientist Roddam Narasimha passes away



- Eminent aerospace scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Roddam Narasimha who served at the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc) died at 87.