

Daily Current Affairs-26/01/2021

1. Gujarat inks pact with Adani Ports for India's largest multi-modal logistics park

- The Gujarat Government inked an agreement with India's largest ports operator, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), to set up India's largest multi-modal logistics park.
- The park, which will be spread across 1,450 acres at Virochan Nagar near Sanand automobile hub, will attract investments worth ₹50,000 crore in the logistics and transport space.
- This park will be directly connected with the Dedicated Freight Corridor and all major ports. The park will have a dedicated Air Cargo Complex.
- **Facts of about Gujarat:**
Capital: Gandhinagar
Governor: Acharya Devvrat
Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani

2. Bharat Parv 2021 to be inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla on 26th January 2021

- The annual event Bharat Parv is being organised on a virtual platform from 26th Jan to 31st Jan 2021 wherein themed pavilions of multiple States & UTs will showcase their tourism destinations, cuisine, handicraft and other features.
- **Note:** Ministry of Tourism, Government of India organizes Bharat Parv every year since 2016 in front of the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of Republic Day Celebrations from 26th to 31st January.

3. BSF launches operation 'Sard Hawa' at Rajasthan border

- Border Security Force (BSF) on January 21 launched operation 'Sard Hawa' at the western international border of Rajasthan, under which vigil will be beefed-up to check the instances of infiltration due to the dense fog in the area.
- This operation will continue till January 27 with an aim that there is no intrusion.
- Significantly, BSF runs Operation "Garam Hawa" in summer season and operation "Sard Hawa" during the winter season as a routine exercise.
- **Facts about Border Security Force (BSF):** It is India's Primary border guarding organisation on its border with Pakistan and Bangladesh.
Headquarters: New Delhi
Founded: 1 December 1965
Director-General: Rakesh Asthana

4. Joint Military Exercise in Andaman Sea

- Towards enhancing joint operational readiness, Indian Armed Forces conducted a large-scale conjoint military training exercise "KAVACH" along with "AMPHEX-21" in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

- The exercise was conducted under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) with participation of Eastern Naval Command (ENC) and Army Southern Command (SC) involving assets of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

5. **Global Firepower Nations Index (2021) - Military Strength Ranking**

- According to the defence analytics website, Global powers ranked by potential military strength.
- The finalized Global Firepower ranking below utilizes **over 50 individual factors** to determine a given nation's **PowerIndex ('PwrIndx')** score with categories ranging from military might and financials to logistical capability and geography. There are currently **138 countries** considered for the Global Firepower (GFP) annual defense review (which currently covers the year 2021).
- First rank- United States of America
- Second rank- Russia
- Third rank- China
- **Fourth rank- India**
- Fifth rank- Japan

6. **New ant species discovered from Kerala named after JNCASR researcher, evolutionary biologist Prof. Amitabh Joshi**

- Two new species of a rare ant genus have been discovered in India. The species of the ant genus *Ooceraea* found in Kerala and Tamil Nadu add to the diversity of this rare genus. They differ from others of the same genus on the basis of the number of antennal segments.
- One of them found in the Periyar Tiger Reserve of Kerala, has been named *Ooceraea joshii*, in honour of Prof. Amitabh Joshi, a distinguished evolutionary biologist from **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)** an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- The other, named *Ooceraea decamera*, was discovered from Alagarkoil in Madurai.

7. **First-ever treaty to ban nuclear weapons enters into force**

- The first-ever treaty to ban nuclear weapons (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons-TPNW) entered into force, hailed as a historic step to rid the world of its deadliest weapons but strongly opposed by the world's nuclear-armed nations.
- When the treaty was approved by the U.N. General Assembly in July 2017, more than 120 approved it. But none of the nine countries known or believed to possess nuclear weapons - the United States, Russia, Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel - supported it and neither did the 30-nation NATO alliance.

- The treaty received its 50th ratification on 24 October 2020 and came into effect from 22 January 2021.

8. Justice Gita Mittal appointed chairperson of BCCC

- The Board of Directors of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has appointed Justice Gita Mittal, former chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir high court, as the new chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
- Mittal will succeed former Supreme Court judge, Justice Vikramajit Sen, whose tenure as BCCC chairperson has ended.
- Justice Gita Mittal, who served as the first woman Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, is also the **first woman chairperson of BCCC**.
- **About BCCC:** Founded in June 2011, BCCC is the independent self-regulatory body set up by the IBF to examine content-related complaints relating to all non-news and general entertainment channels in India.

9. Danish World War II drama 'Into the Darkness' bags Golden Peacock Award at 51st IFFI

- The epic World War II film 'Into the Darkness' (De forbandede år) which portrays the story of a Danish electronics factory owner who is forced to produce for the occupying Nazi forces, has won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the just-concluded 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). It is directed by Anders Refn.

10. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar- 2021

- 32 children have been awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2021.
- **About Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar:** It, formerly known as the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, is India's Highest Civilian Honour bestowed upon exceptional achievers under the age of 18.
- The award was instituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India in 1996 to recognize children with exceptional abilities and outstanding status in various fields such as arts, culture, design, innovation, research, sports, social service and bravery.

11. Haridwar teen Shrishti Goswami becomes Uttarakhand CM for one day

- To mark the National Girl Child Day (24 January), Haridwar teenager Srishti Goswami took charge as the chief minister of Uttarakhand for one day.
- 19-year-old Goswami, a student of BSc Agriculture, lives in Daulatpur village of the district.
- The one-day chief minister had administered from Gairsain, the summer capital of the state.
- **Note:** She had in 2018 become the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Bal Vidhan Sabha. In 2019, she went to Thailand to take part in Girls' International Leadership.

12. January 26, Republic Day of India

- India is celebrating its 72nd Republic Day this year.
- **Note:** Republic Day of India is celebrated on January 26 to mark the day when the Constitution of India came into effect. The Constitution of India, which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, came into effect on January 26, 1950.
- **Flight lieutenant Bhawana Kanth** will be a part of the Republic Day parade this year to become the first woman fighter pilot to take part in India's biggest ceremonial event on January 26.
- This year, **Rafale fighter** jet will also take part in the Republic Day parade for the first time.
- **A tableau from Union Territory of Ladakh** will participate in the Republic Day Parade on Rajpath for the first time this year.
- For the first time, a 122-member strong contingent of the **Bangladesh Armed Forces** will participate at the Republic Day celebrations.
- On the occasion of Republic Day, 2021, 73 personnel have been **awarded Fire Service Medals**.
- A total of 946 Police personnel have been awarded Medals (**Award of Gallantry Medals / Service Medals**) on the occasion.
- The President of India has approved the conferment of **Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards – 2020** on 40 persons.