

## Daily Current Affairs 22/12/2021

### Important News: World

#### 1. Humanitarian trust fund for Afghanistan: Organisation of Islamic Cooperation



##### Why in News

- A meeting of foreign ministers from the **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** agreed to establish a humanitarian trust fund to address the growing economic crisis in Afghanistan.

##### Key Points

- The fund will be set up under the **Islamic Development Bank** to channel aid to Afghanistan in coordination with other groups.
- Allowing Afghanistan access to its financial resources would be pivotal to preventing economic collapse and said realistic pathways to unfreezing billions of dollars in frozen central bank reserves should be explored.

##### Trust Fund by United Nation:

- The United Nations has set up a special trust fund to provide urgently needed cash directly to Afghans through a system that has pulled billions of dollars from Afghanistan's closed central bank reserves since the Taliban takeover in August 2021. Germany is a first contributor to the fund.

##### About Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC):

- OIC, formerly the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, is an international organization (Muslim-majority countries).
- **Membership:** 57 member states
- **Headquarters:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

- **Founded:** 1969
- Facts about Islamic Development Bank:**
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Source: Indian Express

### Important News: India

2. **PM Modi visits Prayagraj and participates in a programme attended by lakhs of women**



#### **Why in News**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** visited Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh and participated in a programme being held to empower women, especially at the grassroot level.

#### **Key Points**

- The Prime Minister transferred an amount of Rs. 1000 crore in the bank account of **Self Help Groups (SHGs)**, benefitting around 16 lakh women members of the SHGs.
- This transfer is being done under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)**, with 80,000 SHGs

- receiving Community Investment Fund (CIF) of Rs. 1.10 lakh per SHG and 60,000 SHGs receiving Revolving Fund of Rs. 15000 per SHG.
- The programme witnessed the Prime Minister encouraging **Business Correspondent-Sakhis (B.C.-Sakhis)**, by transferring Rs. 4000 as first month's stipend in account of 20,000 B.C.-Sakhis.
  - During the programme, the Prime Minister also transferred a total amount of over 20 crore to more than 1 lakh beneficiaries under the **Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Scheme**.
  - The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of 202 Supplementary Nutrition Manufacturing Units.

Source: PIB

### 3. Bajrang Punia to take Prime Minister's 'Meet the Champions' campaign ahead



#### Why in News

- **Olympic Bronze Medallist Bajrang Punia** will take Prime Minister's 'Meet the Champions' campaign ahead.

#### Key Points

- The unique initiative is part of the Government's 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', and was kicked off by Olympic Gold Medallist Neeraj Chopra in Gujarat this month.
- Taking the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unique school visit campaign ahead, Indian wrestler and Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medallist Bajrang Punia will visit Haryana's Aarohi Model School in Panipat on December 23rd and

meet the young students to talk about the importance of Santulit Aahaar (Balanced Diet), Fitness and Sports.

- The special school campaign is jointly being organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Source: PIB

### Important News: State

#### 4. Nagaland creates three new districts- Tseminyu, Niuland, Chumukedima



#### Why in News

- **Nagaland government** created three new districts in the state, taking the total number of districts to 15.
- The three new districts are **Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumukedima**.

#### Key Points

- Tseminyu became the 13th, Niuland 14th, and Chumukedima the 15th district of the northeastern state.
- Niuland and Chumukedima have been carved out of Dimapur district, while the Tseminyu sub-division in Kohima district has been upgraded to a district.

#### Facts about Nagaland:

- **Capital:** Kohima
- **Governor:** Jagdish Mukhi
- **Chief Minister:** Neiphiu Rio

Source: Business Standard



## 5. Odisha CM inaugurates Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva scheme



### Why in News

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated the **Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva scheme** and launched air ambulances for residents of four tribal-dominated districts — Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nuapada and Kalahandi.

### Key Points

- Under the new scheme, critical patients can be airlifted to hospitals in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, and specialised doctors — neurologists, nephrologists and cardiologists from various medical colleges and private hospitals — will fly to the four districts under per a pre-arranged schedule to treat patients.
- A team of doctors, including a cardiologist and urologist, took the inaugural flight from Biju Patnaik airport in Bhubaneswar to Malkangiri.

**Source: Indian Express**

## 6. Punjab CM declares Sri Krishan Balram Rath Yatra as state festival



### Why in News

- Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi declared the annual Sri Krishan Balram Rath Yatra a state festival.

### Key Points

- The announcement was made during flagging off the 25th Sri Krishan Balram Rath Yatra.
- The yatra was carried out after a gap of two years due to coronavirus restrictions.
- The chief minister also announced Rs 2.51 crore for the ISKCON temple in Ludhiana.

Source: HT

## Important News: Appointment

## 7. Gabriel Boric to become Chile's youngest ever president



### Why in News

- Leftist former student leader, 35-year-old **Gabriel Boric**, will become Chile's youngest president and one of the youngest political leaders in the world.

**Key Points**

- Boric won with 56% of the votes, while his opponent 55-year-old José Antonio Kast trailed with 44% of the votes.
- Boric will take office in March 2022.

**Facts about Chile:**

- **President:** Sebastian Pinera (Current President)
- **Capital:** Santiago
- **Currency:** Chilean peso
- **Continent:** South America

Source: Indian Express

**8. Rishabh Pant appointed as Uttarakhand's brand ambassador**



**Why in News**

- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** appointed Indian wicket-keeper batsman **Rishabh Pant** as the **state brand ambassador**.

**Key Points**

- Rishabh Pant has been appointed the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand with an aim to promote sports and create mental health awareness among the state's youth.
- Pant, 24, was born in the state's Roorkee town in Haridwar district.

Source: Indian Express



## Important News: Person and Books

### 9. Venkaiah Naidu released Telugu book titled 'Gandhi Topi Governor'



#### Why in News

- M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India has released the Telugu book titled '**Gandhi Topi Governor**' by **Padma Awardee Dr Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad**.

#### Key Points

- Padma Awardee Dr Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad is the Chairman of the Official Language Commission, Andhra Pradesh.
- The book chronicles the life of Barrister Idpuganti Raghavendra Rao.
- Idpuganti Raghavendra Rao was a prominent freedom fighter, Legislator and the Governor of the Central Provinces in the British Administration.