

## Daily Current Affairs 23.09.2021

### Blue Flag Certification



- The **Kovalam beach in Tamil Nadu and Eden beach in Puducherry** have been awarded the prestigious Blue Flag certification, an international eco-level tag.
- India now has **10 Blue Flag beaches**.
- **Foundation for Environment Education (FEE) in Denmark** which accords the globally recognized eco-label - Blue Flag certification, has also given re-certification for 8 nominated beaches **Shivrajpur-Gujarat, Kappad-Kerala, Ghoghla-Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri-Karnataka, Rushikonda-Andhra Pradesh, Golden-Odisha and Radhanagar- Andaman and Nicobar**, which were awarded the Blue Flag certificate in 2020.

#### About Blue Flag Certification:

- It is a globally recognized eco-label accorded on the basis of 33 stringent criteria in four major heads which are environmental education and information, bathing water quality, environmental management and conservation and safety and services in the beaches.

Source: PIB

### India's 70th Chess Grandmaster



- **R Raja Rithvik** from **Telangana** has become **India's 70th Chess Grandmaster (GM)**, achieving his third and final norm at a recent event in Hungary.
- Rithvik, who earned his first GM norm in 2019, achieved his second and third norms in less than a month.
- Viswanathan Anand became the 1st GM from India in 1988.
- Pune's Harshit Raja became India's 69th GM in August 2021.

**Source: The Hindu**

## National Steering Committee

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- The Ministry of Education has formed the **12 member National Steering Committee for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks** in line with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- The committee will be chaired by former **ISRO Chairman Dr K Kasturirangan**. He was also Chairman of the Drafting Committee of NEP, 2020.

### Terms of Reference of the Committee:

- As per the perspectives of the NEP 2020, the Committee will develop four National Curriculum Frameworks- i.e., the National Curriculum Framework for School Education, National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education, National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education and National Curriculum Framework for Adult Education.
- Tenure of the National Steering Committee will be three years from the date of its notification.

**Source: PIB**

## Integrated Aroma Dairy Entrepreneurship

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- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has proposed **Integrated Aroma Dairy Entrepreneurship** for Jammu & Kashmir to augment the income of farmers.
- The same can be effectively integrated with **Aroma Mission** which has already been launched in J&K by CSIR under the aegis of Union Ministry of Science & Technology.
- Recently, **CSIR Floriculture Mission** has been launched in 21 States and Union Territories of India.

### About Aroma Mission:

- The Aroma Mission, also popularly referred as "**Lavender or Purple Revolution**", has started from J&K and transformed the lives of farmers.

**Nodal Agencies:** The nodal laboratory is CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow.

**Source: PIB**

## New Chief of Air Staff



- Government has decided to appoint **Air Marshal V R Chaudhari**, presently Vice Chief of Air Staff, as the next **Chief of the Air Staff** after the retirement of Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.
- V R Chaudhari was commissioned into the Fighter stream of Indian Air Force on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1982 and has held various Command, Staff and Instructional Appointments at various levels including the present one as Vice Chief of Air Staff.
- Chaudhari is a recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medals.

**Source: Indian Express**

## Swami Brahmanand Award 2021



- **Anand Kumar, Mathematician** was conferred with the **Swami Brahmanand Award 2021** for his contribution in the field of education through his '**Super 30**' initiative.

### About Swami Brahmanand Award:

- The award is given every year to people who have done special work in the education sector or for the welfare of the cow.
- It has been instituted in the name of Swami Brahmananda, a freedom fighter, former MP and a saint known for his sacrifices and his contribution in the field of education.
- **Note:** Friederike Irina Bruening, a German national, received the first Swami Brahmanand Award for cow protection in 2019.

**Source:TOI**

## September 23, International Day of Sign Languages

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### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has proclaimed 23 September as the **International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL)** in order to raise awareness of the importance of sign language.
- The 2021 **theme**, declared by the World Federation of the Deaf, is **“We Sign For Human Rights”**.

#### **Background:**

- The proposal for the Day came from the **World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)**, a federation of 135 national associations of deaf people.
- The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.
- The International Week of the Deaf was first celebrated in September 1958.

**Source:** [un.org](http://un.org)

## Multi-member ward method

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- The decision to implement multi-member ward system instead of one-member ward system in Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils was taken at the state cabinet meeting.
- It was decided to amend the law to ensure reservation of backward class citizens in civic bodies.
- The existing one member ward system will remain in the Mumbai Municipal Corporation. Given Mumbai's huge population and the number of voters in the wards, it is not possible to create a multi-member system.
- It was decided at the meeting that a sugar museum would be set up to showcase the development of the sugar industry in Maharashtra.

**Source:** AIR News