

## Daily Current Affairs 17.01.2022

### Important News: World

#### International Film Festival



- The 9-day long **20th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF)** was inaugurated at the National Museum premises in Dhaka on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 by the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr A K Abdul Momen.
- High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami was present as special guest on the occasion.
- The film festival is showcasing 225 films spread in ten categories.
- Films from 70 countries are being shown at various venues during the festival.
- The **Indian entries** to the Festival include films like Koozhangal directed by P S Vinodraj, Avijatrik directed by Subhrajit Mitra, Mayar Jonjal directed by Indranil Roychowdhury, and Aandaal directed by Shareef Easa among the 35 entries.
- The Lebanese-German film 'The Anger' directed by Maria Ivanova was the inaugural movie of the festival.

#### About Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF):

- DIFF is organised by the Rainbow film Society established in 1977.
- DIFF was started in 1992.

Source: newsonair

### Important News: India

#### National Startup Awards 2021



- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Piyush Goyal presented the **National Startup Awards 2021**.

- A total of 46 Startups have been recognized as winners of **National Startup Awards 2021** along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) conceived the National Startup Awards to recognize and reward outstanding Startups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative products or solutions and scalable enterprises, with high potential of employment generation or wealth creation, demonstrating measurable social impact.
- Shri Goyal called upon the Startups to focus mainly on five areas to make India the No. 1 Startup ecosystem in the world:
  1. Develop solutions & content in Indic languages
  2. Encourage products & solutions that have a larger social & economic impact
  3. Promoting Startups in every district across the country, - Establish 'Startup Access centers' in every district
  4. Creating Innovation zones at the level of Urban Local Bodies
  5. Adopt best practices from across the globe & enhance India's global competitiveness

**Note:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that **January 16** will be celebrated as **National Startup Day**, to take the Startup culture to the far-flung areas of the country.

**Source: PIB**

## India grants financial assistance of over USD 900 million to Sri Lanka to overcome forex crisis



- **India** has announced a USD 900 million loan to **Sri Lanka** to build up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports.
- Sri Lanka is currently experiencing a shortage of almost all essentials due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.
- These comprise deferment of Asian Clearing Union settlement of over \$509 million and currency swap of \$400 million.

### Facts about Sri Lanka:

- **Capitals:** Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Currency:** Sri Lankan rupee
- **President:** Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- **Prime Minister:** Mahinda Rajapaksa

**Source: ET**

## Important News: Defence

### In a first, India to export Brahmos missiles to the Philippines





- **India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** will be exported first time and missiles will be purchased by Philippines.
- The Philippines has approved the purchase of anti-ship cruise missile BrahMos. This deal has been done for about \$ 374.9 million.
- **BrahMos Aerospace**, an India-Russian joint venture, produces the supersonic cruise missile 'BrahMos' that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or from land platforms.
- The BrahMos order is the first major military export by India.
- Last year, India and the Philippines signed a defence arrangement that would enable export of defence equipment to Manila.
- Other countries in Southeast Asia, including Vietnam and Indonesia, have also expressed their interest in buying BrahMos from India, to which end discussions are ongoing.

**Source: India Today**

### **Indian Navy conducts Passage Exercise (PASEX) with Russian Navy**



- Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer, INS Kochi, conducted Passage Exercise (PASEX) with Russian Navy's RFS Admiral Tributs on 14 January 2022 in the Arabian Sea.
- Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built Guided Missile Destroyer INS Kochi along with RFS Admiral Tributes of the Russian Navy undertook the Passage Exercise (PASEX) in the Arabian Sea on 14 January 2022.
- This is for the first time that the Indian Navy has tested its indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer and was tested with the Russian Federation Navy to showcase India's defence capabilities.
- The exercise showcased cohesiveness and interoperability between the two navies and included tactical manoeuvres, cross-deck helicopter operations and seamanship activities.

**Exercise between India and Russia:**

- Indra: Joint Exercise (Army, Navy, Air Force)

Source: TOI

### **Important News: Science**

#### **Cryogenic Engine for Gaganyaan: ISRO**



- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully conducted qualification tests of the **Cryogenic Engine for Gaganyaan human space programme**.
- The ISRO Propulsion Complex in Tamil Nadu conducted the test for 720 seconds duration and met the test objectives.
- The engine will further undergo four more tests for a cumulative duration of 1810 seconds.
- The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark III launch vehicle to be used for the Gaganyaan programme will use two cryogenic engines.
- This engine developed by ISRO is named as Vikas.

#### **Note:**

- India's first Human Space Mission '**Gaganyaan**' will be launched in 2023.
- ISRO is planning to conduct the first Unmanned Mission under Gaganyaan program by the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence.

Source: The Hindu

### **Important News: Sports**

#### **West Indies legend Clive Lloyd awarded knighthood for his services to Cricket**



- **Clive Lloyd**, the former Captain of the West Indies Cricket team, has been given the honour of knighthood for his services to the game of Cricket.
- He was also a former West Indies team manager and selector, and ICC Match Referee. In 2009 he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- A **knighthood** is a title that is given to a man by a British king or queen for his achievements or his service to his country. A man who has been given a knighthood can put 'Sir' in front of his name instead of 'Mr'.

Source: ndtv

## Important News: Important Days

### Indian Army Day



- **Indian Army Day** is celebrated every year on January 15 in recognition of Field Marshal KM Cariappa as the first commander-in-chief of the Indian army.
- This year marks the 74th Army Day.
- Indian Army Day's theme for the year 2022 was **"In Stride with the Future"**.
- The Indian Army originated from the East India Company, which was known as the British Indian Army and later named the National Army after India's independence.

#### Note:

- **28th Chief of Army Staff:** General Manoj Mukund Naravane
- The new uniform of the Indian Army was unveiled on the occasion of the Army Day Parade.
- On the occasion of 74th Army Day, the world's largest Khadi national flag was displayed on the highest hill near Jaisalmer military station in Rajasthan.

Source: India Today