

## Daily Current Affairs 25.01.2022

### Important News: World

#### Peru declares 'Environmental Emergency'



- The Peruvian government declared a 90-day “**Environmental Emergency**” in damaged coastal territories, after an oil spill that saw 6,000 barrels of crude oil pour into the sea.
- The spill was caused by freak waves, which resulted from the eruption of a volcano in Tonga.
- Peruvian authorities say that this measure will allow for “sustainable management of the affected areas,” through “restoration and remediation” work.
- The oil spill came out of a tanker belonging to the Spanish energy firm Repsol.

#### **Environmental Impacts:**

- Harmful to aquatic life
- Toxic Effects
- Threat to Mangroves

#### **Economic Impacts:**

- Tourism
- Power Plants
- Fishing

**Source: Indian Express**

### Important News: India

#### India emerges as largest exporters of cucumber and gherkins in the world



- India has emerged as the largest exporter of **cucumber and gherkins** in the world.
- India has exported cucumber and gherkins to the tune of 1,23,846 Metric Tonnes with a value of USD 114 million during April-October (2020-21).
- In 2020-21, India had shipped 2,23,515 Metric Tonnes of cucumber and gherkins with a value of USD 223 million.

- Following directions of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** undertook a series of initiatives in infrastructure development, product promotion in the global market and adherence to food safety management system in processing units.
- **Gherkins** are exported under two categories -- cucumbers and gherkins, which are prepared and preserved by vinegar or acetic acid and cucumbers and gherkins, which are provisionally preserved.
- Gherkin cultivation, processing and exports started in India during the early 1990s with a modest beginning in Karnataka and later extended to the neighbouring states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

**Source: PIB**

### **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar- 2022**



- 29 Children have been conferred the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2022**, selected from all regions of the country for their exceptional achievements in Innovation (7), Social Service (4), Scholastic (1), Sports (8), Art & Culture (6) and Bravery (3) categories.
- There are 15 Boys and 14 Girls among the awardees belonging to 21 States and UTs.
- During the function, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** gave digital certificates to the 61 winners of PMRBP 2021 and 2022 using a **Block Chain**-driven technology developed by IIT Kanpur under the **National Blockchain Project**.

#### **About Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar:**

- The Government of India presents PMRBP awards to children for their exceptional achievement in six categories namely Innovation, Social Service, Scholastic achievements, Sports, Art & Culture and Bravery.
- Each awardee is given a medal, a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/- and a certificate.

**Source: PIB**

### **Important News: Award and Honours**

#### **Former Japan PM Shinzo Abe conferred Netaji Award 2022**



- **Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** was conferred with the **Netaji Award 2022** by Netaji Research Bureau.
- Consul General of Japan in Kolkata Nakamura Yutaka received the honour on behalf of Abe at a function at the Elgin Road residence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 125th birth anniversary.
- Moreover, in January 2021, India bestowed the Padma Vibhushan on former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the country's second-highest civilian honour.

**Source: India Today**

### **Prajakta Koli becomes India's first UNDP Youth Climate Champion**



- Prajakta Koli has become India's first **UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion**.
- Prajakta Koli is a content creator on various online platforms like youtube, Instagram, etc.
- The title has been conferred to her following her contribution towards mental health, women's rights and girl child education through various global social campaigns.

#### **About UN Development Programme (UNDP):**

- It is a United Nations organization tasked with helping countries eliminate poverty and achieve sustainable economic growth and human development.
- **Headquarters:** New York, United States
- **Founded:** 22 November 1965
- **Parent organization:** United Nations General Assembly

**Source: Business Standard**

### **India's Koozhangal wins best film award at 20th Dhaka International Film Festival**



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- During the recently concluded **20th Dhaka International Film Festival** in Dhaka, **Indian movie Koozhangal** won the best film award in the Asian Film Competition category.
- Apart from this, four more Indian entries were included among the 17 awards given away for the films.

**Koozhangal:**

- It's a Tamil-language drama directed by director PS Vinothraj and is produced by top South Indian actress Nayanthara and her husband Vignesh Shivan under their banner Rowdy Pictures.
- The film was screened at the 50th International Film Festival Rotterdam held in the Netherlands last year, where it received the Tiger Award at the festival.
- It was also selected as India's entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 94th Academy Awards, but did not make the final nomination.

Source: newsonair

**Important News: Sports**

**Syed Modi India International 2022**



- The **Syed Modi India International** is an international badminton tournament, which is held annually in India.
- The tournament was inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Badminton Association (UPBA) in 1991 as the 'Syed Modi Memorial Badminton Tournament' in memory of the Commonwealth Games champion Syed Modi.
- Venue: Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, Lucknow, India
- Two-time Olympic medalist, **P.V. Sindhu** has won the **Women's singles title** at the Syed Modi International tournament 2022. Sindhu defeated compatriot Malvika Bansod.

**List of Winners:**

<b>Men's singles</b>	<b>Women's singles</b>	<b>Men's doubles</b>	<b>Women's doubles</b>	<b>Mixed doubles</b>
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<b>Winner-</b> Not awarded	<b>Winner-</b> P V Sindhu (India)	<b>Winner-</b> Man Wei Chong (Malaysia), Tee Kai Wun (Malaysia)	<b>Winner-</b> Anna Cheong (Malaysia), Teoh Mei Xing (Malaysia)	<b>Winner-</b> Ishaan Bhatnagar (India), Tanisha Crao (India)
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Source: newsonair

### Important News: Important Days

#### National Voters' Day



- **National Voters' Day (NVD)** is observed on January 25 every year.
- **Theme** for NVD 2022 is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'.
- The day was established to mark Election Commission's foundation day on January 25 in 2011, by the Government of India.
- On the occasion, National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices for the year 2021-22 will be conferred on State and District level officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections in different spheres.

#### About ECI (Election Commission of India):

- It is a permanent and independent body established by the Constitution of India directly to ensure free and fair elections in the country.
- **Formed:** 25 January 1950
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Commission Executives:**
  1. **Sushil Chandra**, Chief Election Commissioner
  2. **Rajeev Kumar**, Election Commissioner
  3. **Anup Chandra Pandey**, Election Commissioner

Source: India Today

#### National Tourism Day



- **National Tourism Day** is celebrated on January 25 every year across the country.
- This day is observed by the Government of India to encourage tourism and explain the essential role of tourism in the growth of the country.
- The **World Tourism Day** is celebrated on 27 September.

**Source: India Today**

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