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## Important News: International

### EU Scientists Confirm 2023 As Hottest Year

#### Why in News:

- According to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), 2023 was the planet's hottest on record by a substantial margin and likely the world's warmest in the last 1,00,000 years.

#### Key Points:

- C3S confirmed 2023 as the hottest year in global temperature records going back to 1850.
- Since June 2023, every month has been the world's hottest on record compared with the corresponding month in previous years.
- Countries agreed in the 2015 Paris Agreement to try to prevent global warming surpassing 1.5C, to avoid its most severe consequences.
- Last year, the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere rose to the highest level recorded, of 419 parts per million.
- Alongside human-caused climate change, temperatures were boosted by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which warms the surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean and contributes to higher global temperatures, in 2023.
- The C3S mission is to support adaptation and mitigation policies of the European Union by providing consistent and authoritative information about climate change.
- C3S is one of six thematic information services provided by the Copernicus Earth Observation Programme of the European Union.
- C3S provides an important resource to the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS).

**Source: The Hindu**



## Gabriel Attal Becomes France's Youngest-Ever Prime Minister

### Why in News:

- Gabriel Attal, at 34, became France's youngest Prime Minister, and the first to be openly gay.

### Key Points:

- Gabriel Attal's appointment as France's new prime minister is a major political move by French President Emmanuel Macron. Attal, who is 34 years old, not only becomes the nation's youngest prime minister in history, but also the first out gay public servant to occupy this esteemed role.
- Under the French political system, the President appoints the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister is directly accountable to Parliament.
- Mr. Attal, who was previously education minister and has occupied several government positions since Mr. Macron was elected in 2017, becomes France's youngest and first openly gay prime minister.
- A recent Ipsos-Le Point opinion poll suggested he is France's most popular politician.
- Following the departure of Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, Atal is expected to play a key role in setting the direction of the administration.

**Source: The Hindu**



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## Important News: National

### Wings India To Be Held At Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport

#### Why in News:

- Wings India 2024 will be held At Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport from Jan 18-21, 2024.

#### Key Points:

- The event will showcase an array of new-generation aircraft displays, allied aviation services, auxiliary unit industries, and advancements in the tourism sector.
- Organized by the Airports Authority of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, this four-day event is anticipated to be Asia's largest congregation.
- India is one of the fastest-growing aviation markets and currently the third-largest civil aviation market in the world.
- International tourist arrivals are expected to reach 30.5 million by 2028.
- Freight traffic at Indian airports is expected to cross 11.4 MT by 2032.
- By 2025, the Government of India aims to operationalize more than 220 airports.
- 50 airports under a low-cost model to be developed all over the country, including under PPP.

**Source: Wings India**

### Piyush Goyal Inaugurates Indus Food 2024

#### Why in News:

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 'Indus Food 2024', exhibition to showcase India's vibrant and diverse food ecosystem, being held in India Exposition Mart, Greater Noida.

#### Key Points:

- 'Indus Food' is the most comprehensive F&B marketplace in the South Asia region, showcasing F&B products, F&B processing, and packaging technology.



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- 'Indus Food' fuels the F&B business by facilitating connections between buyers and brands with outstanding services like internationally hosted buyer programs and online matchmaking programs, bridging relationships, and strengthening connections.
- The event is being organized by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI).
- TPCI is an apex trade and investment promotion organization notified in the Foreign Trade Policy.
- TPCI is also recognized and supported by the Department of Commerce, Govt. of India.
- The council provides strategies for expanding business internationally, by organizing specialized business events and simultaneously working with the Government by providing policy suggestions which are essentially based on inputs collated from research and industry stakeholders.

**Source: PIB**

## Red Ant Chutney of Odisha Receives (GI) Tag

### Why in News:

- On January 2, 2024, the Red Ant Chutney of Odisha was awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag.

### Key Points:

- In Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, red weaver ants are used to make a chutney or a watery semi-solid paste known as "Kai Chutney."
- This chutney is renowned in the region for its medicinal and nutritional properties.
- Red weaver ants, scientifically known as *Oecophylla smaragdina*, are notable for their extremely painful sting, capable of causing blisters on the skin.
- Hundreds of tribal families in the district make a living by collecting and selling these insects and chutneys.
- The ants and their eggs are gathered from their nests and cleaned before being used.
- The chutney is made by grinding a mixture of salt, ginger, garlic, and chilies.
- Similar red ant chutneys can also be found in other eastern states such as Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.



- These ants are commonly found in the forests of Mayurbhanj, including the Similipal forests, which constitute Asia's second-largest biosphere.

**Source: Hindustan Times**

## India to Chair UNESCO's World Heritage Committee and Host 46th Session

### Why in News:

- In a first, India is set to chair and host its 46th session UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in New Delhi from 21st to 31st July 2024.

### Key Points:

- On January 9, India's Permanent Representative to UNESCO Vishal V. Sharma underlined the country's growing importance and dedication to preserving the world's natural and cultural heritage.
- It was decided to convene the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee in India during the 19th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee in 2023.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, is a specialised UN agency to foster global peace and national security through collaborative efforts in education, arts, science, and culture.
- The crucial UNESCO World Heritage Committee session convenes annually, comprising representatives from 21 member states. Its primary function is to contribute significantly to the expansion of the esteemed list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, highlighting the importance of international cooperation in preserving cultural and natural treasures.

**Source: Hindustan Times**



## Samir Kumar Sinha Assumes Role As DG In Defence Ministry

### Why in News:

- Senior IAS officer Samir Kumar Sinha has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) in the Defence Ministry.

### Key Points:

- Senior IAS officer Samir Kumar Sinha has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) in the Defence Ministry, as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- Samir Sinha, a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, is currently working in his Assam-Meghalaya cadre.
- Samir Sinha's appointment comes at a time when the Defence Ministry is focusing on enhancing its acquisition capabilities. His role is pivotal in streamlining and overseeing the procurement process, contributing to the strengthening of the country's defense infrastructure.

Source: Economic Times

DRDO launches assault rifle 'Ugram' for Indian Army

### Why in News:

- Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched indigenous assault rifle 'Ugram' of 7.62x51 mm caliber for the Indian Army.

### Key Points:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched Ugram, a state-of-the-art assault rifle of the 7.62 x 51 mm calibre, which has been indigenously designed, developed and manufactured in collaboration with a private industry partner. The assault rifle has been designed for the operational requirements of armed forces, paramilitary and state police entities.



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- The first operational prototype of the rifle, which has been named Ugram, which means ferocious, was unveiled at the hands of Dr Shailendra V Gade, Director General, Armament and Combat Engineering Systems of the DRDO in Pune.
- The rifle has an effective range of 500 metres and weighs less than four kilograms and has been developed by DRDO's Pune-based facility Armament Research and Development Establishments (ARDE) in collaboration with Hyderabad-based Dvipa Armour India Private Limited.
- The rifle has a 20 round magazine and fires in both single and full auto mode. The configuration of the rifle is comparable to the latest AK and AR type rifles and it has a rivet-free design, making it robust.

**Source: The Indian Express**

