



### NATIONAL

#### 1. School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication

**Why in news** - Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication in Agartala.

**Key Points –**

- It has been set up under State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD).
- National Waterways 16 - 121km navigable portion of Barak River between Lakhipur and Bhanga in Assam.

#### 2. PayRup

**Why in news** - India's fastest payment app PayRup was launched recently.

**Key Points –**

- It is built by cutting-edge technology of web 3.0.
- PayRup follows SERVQUAL standards to provide the best service experience.

#### 3. 28th Saarang 2023

**Why in news** - IIT Madras annual cultural festival Saarang started on Jan 11, 2023.

**Key Points –**

- Theme 2023 - Mystic Hues.
- 'Panacea' (2023) - IIT Madras campaign surrounding health and hygiene awareness to thwart disease breakouts.

#### 4. 'Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka'

**Why in news** - A Military Tattoo & Tribal Dance Festival 'Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka' would be organized in New Delhi (Jan 23 & 24).

**Key Points –**

- To be organised by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- 2023 marks the 126th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (celebrated as Parakram Diwas).
- Traditional dance performances to be showcased - Khukhri Dance, Gatka, Mallakhamb, Kalaripaytu and Thangta.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. French pension changes

**Why in news** - French PM Elisabeth Borne announced to increase the retirement age from 62 to 64 by 2030.

**Key Points –**

- It would be gradually increased from Sept. 1 by three months each year and reach 64 in 2030.

#### 2. US Navy visit to Diego Garcia

**Why in news** - US Navy nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine visited the remote island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

**Key Points –**

- Submarine name - USS West Virginia.
- Diego Garcia is a highly militarised island, located in the south of the equator.
- Diego Garcia is a part of the Chagos Archipelago, which the UK identifies as British Indian Ocean Territory.
- India is believed to be building a military base of its own in Mauritius' Agalega Island.

#### 3. Constantine II

**Why in news** - Greece's former King Constantine II died aged 82.

**Key Points –**

- He ascended to the throne in 1964.
- He remained in Rome until the junta abolished the monarchy in 1973.

### SECURITY

#### 1. 'Veer Guardian-2023'

**Why in news** - India and Japan held a joint air exercise named "Veer Guardian" January 12 to 26, 2023.

**Key Points –**

- Venue - Hyakuri Air Base, Japan.
- Other joint exercises –
  - A. Japan India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) 2021 - Arabian Sea.
  - B. DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022 – Belgaum.
  - C. Exercise Malabar – India, Japan, the US, and Australia.

- Japan has announced to increase its defence budget from the existing 1% of GDP to 2% by 2027-28.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2023

**Why in news** – It is observed on January 11, 2022 to raise awareness about the plight of human trafficking victims.

##### Key Points –

- Theme - Wear blue and raise awareness.
- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month – January.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

#### 1. "Spare"

**Why in news** – UK's Prince Harry memoir "Spare" was released on January 10, 2023.

##### Key Points –

- It is an autobiography of the Duke of Sussex.

#### 2. "Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story"

**Why in news** – Mansukh Mandaviya officially launched the book.

##### Key Points –

- Author - Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir.

### SPORTS

#### 1. "Hockeyverse"

**Why in news** – Hockey India launched the 'Hockeyverse' on their social media platforms.

##### Key Points –

- Hockey India becomes the first National Sports Federation to enter the world of metaverse.

- FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 is being held at Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Odisha.

#### 2. 15th Hockey World Cup

**Why in news** – Odisha is set to host the FIH Hockey World Cup from January 13 to January 29, 2023.

##### Key Points –

- Venue –
  - A. Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.
  - B. Birsamunda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela.
- The 16-team tournament will be played on the distinctive blue turf.
- India's lone World Cup win came in 1975 in Kuala Lumpur under the captaincy of Ajit Pal Singh, beating arch-rivals Pakistan 2-1 in the final.

### BIHAR

#### 1. Sharad Yadav

**Why in news** – Socialist stalwart and former JD(U) chief Sharad Yadav died at a hospital in Gurgaon.

##### Key Points –

- He was a 7-term Lok Sabha and 4-term Rajya Sabha member.
- Born - July 1, 1947 in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh.
- Bihar was his political home.
- He had fought Lok Sabha elections and won from three States — Madhya Pradesh (Jabalpur), Bihar (Madhepura) and Uttar Pradesh (Badaun).
- Sharad Yadav has been a four-time MP from Madhepura seat in Bihar.
- For the first time in 1999, he defeated Lalu prasad from Madhepura seat.



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### POINTERS

- Which country's 33-year-old Dwaine Pretorius has announced her retirement from international cricket - **South Africa**.
- The central government has extended the term of RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra for how many years – **1 year**.
- Which state government has selected three transgenders as teachers in government schools – **Karnataka**.
- Which state government has decided to take up universal eye screening by covering the entire population of the state under the name “Kanti Velugu” – **Telangana**.
- Which state government has come out with a new policy that allows private land owners to get licence to harness natural resources - **West Bengal**.
- Coffee exports from India, Asia's third-largest producer and exporter, rose by what percent to 4 lakh tonne in 2022 - **1.66%**.
- Which country has taken over the presidency of the European Union (EU) for the first 6 months of 2023 - **Sweden**.
- Which state has become the first to have separate registration for Vintage Vehicles - **Odisha**.
- Which South Indian actress has won the title of 'Most Popular Female Star' - **Samantha Ruth Prabhu**.
- With which country Qatar has signed the world's longest gas supply deal - **China**.



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