

CURRENT AFFAIRS DECEMBER 18 2023

- Which company has recently (in Dec '23) signed a Rs 5,336.25 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to procure electronic fuzes for the Indian Army (IA)?
 - **Bharat Electronics Limited**

- In December 2023, the Government of India (GoI) announced the opening of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) 2023-24 (Series III) for subscription during the period December 18-22, 2023. The issue price during the subscription period shall be Rs. _____ per gram.
 - **6,199**

- India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has increased to a 16-month high of _____ year on year (YoY) in October 2023 compared to 6.2% YoY growth in September 2023.
 - **11.7%**

- Which are the Indian Officers were recently (in Dec '23) honoured with the "Golden Owl" for outstanding performance at the Defense Services Command & Staff College (DSCSC) in Sapugaskanda, Sri Lanka?
 - **Major Rohit (Indian Army), Lieutenant Commander Sunay Sharma (Indian Navy) & Wing Commander S Mahajan (Indian Air Force)**

- Who has been recently (in Dec '23) sworn in as the 14th Chief minister (CM) of Rajasthan?
 - **Bhajan Lal Sharma**

- In December 2023, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out a flight trial of an indigenous high-speed tailless flying-wing stealth Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) from Chitradurga,
 - **Karnataka.**

- The Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator (FWTD) has been developed for India's secret unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) programme called _____.
 - **Ghatak**

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- Which country has recently (in Dec '23) commenced the world's deepest, Deep Underground and Ultra-low Radiation Background Facility for Frontier Physics Experiments (DURF)?
 - **China**

 - Which company has recently (in Dec '23) collaborated with France-based Merio to make Advanced Gimbals for the Indian armed forces?
 - **HC Robotics Private Limited**

 - Name the personality from India who has recently (in Dec '23) named as the United World Wrestling's (UWW) Rising Stars of the Year 2023 in Women's Wrestling Category.
 - **Antim Panghal**

 - The _____ Vijay Diwas was observed across India and Bangladesh on 16 December 2023.
 - **53rd**

 - According to the International Energy Agency (IEA) report titled 'Coal 2023-Analysis and forecast to 2026' released in December 2023, Indian coal demand is expected to rise by _____ annually to 1397 million tonnes (Mt) til 2026.
 - **3.5%**