

CURRENT AFFAIRS DECEMBER 23 2023

- On 11th December 2023, Union Minister of AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal, released a commemorative postal stamp to mark the first foundation day of the _____ (Institute).
 - **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa**
- Which bank has recently (in Dec '23) received authorisation to collect revenue on electronic Government Receipt Accounting System (e-GRAS) from the Government of Assam?
 - **Bandhan Bank**
- In December 2023, Union Minister of Mines Pralhad Joshi launched the National Geoscience Data _____ (NGDR) Portal & the Roadshow on Critical Minerals in New Delhi, Delhi.
 - **Repository**
- Which company has recently (in Dec '23) entered a contract worth Rs 488.25 crore with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the repair and maintenance of equipment and systems onboard naval vessels?
 - **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
- In December 2023, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract worth Rs. _____ with Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Limited for the procurement of six Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVS) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
 - **1614.89 crore**
- Who is the current (as of Dec '23) Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN)?
 - **Antonio Guterres**
- The Winter solstice means _____, will be celebrated on 21st December 2023.
 - **Shortest Day & Longest Night in Northern Hemisphere**
- Which ministry developed the Bhoomi Rashi portal?
 - **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**

- Name the University that has recently (in Dec '23) signed an MoU with the Zoological Survey of India working under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 - **Madurai Kamaraj University**
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has formed a committee headed by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director-General _____ to probe the parliament security breach in December 2023.
 - **Anish Dayal Singh**
- In December 2023, Sandeep Batra was re-appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of _____ (Bank).
 - **ICICI Bank**
- Who is the present (as of Dec '23) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)?
 - **Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri.**
- Who is the present (as of Dec '23) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HDFC Life Insurance Company?
 - **Vibha Padalkar**
- Which state government has recently (in Dec '23) initiated the Rajiv Gandhi Swarozgaar Yojna-2023 (RGSY) to generate self-employment opportunities and promote entrepreneurship among local youth?
 - **Himachal Pradesh**
- When was the United Nations (UN) International Human Solidarity Day 2023 observed across the globe?
 - **20th December 2023**
- In December 2023, _____ became the most expensive player in the history of Indian Premier League (IPL) and joined Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for Rs 24.75 crore to play in the 2024 IPL season.
 - **Mitchell Aaron Starc (Australia)**
- Which of the following personalities from India have recently (in Dec '23) won the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) men's Player of the Year and the FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award respectively at the 2023 FIH annual Hockey Star Awards?
 - **Hardik Singh and Savita Punia**

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- Name the Israeli film that has recently (in Dec '23) won the Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award for Best Film in the International Competition Category at the 29th Kolkata International Film Festival – 2023 (KIFF – 2023).
- **Children of Nobody**

