



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2023**

### **Awards**

The Indian poet and critic who has been awarded the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for her book Salt and Pepper: Selected Poems – **Sukrita Paul Kumar**

The well-known Palestine activist and music conductor who have been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2023 – **Ali Abu Awwad and Daniel Barenboim**

The noted Hindi writer who has been chosen to be awarded the 33rd Vyas Samman 2023 by KK Birla Foundation for her memoir Yadein, Yadein aur Yadein – **Ms Pushpa Bharti**

The scientist from Indian Space Research Organisation who has been conferred with the Legion d'Honneur of France for promoting Indo-French space cooperation – **Ms. V R Lalithambika**

### **Defence**

The Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer which was commissioned into the Indian Navy by the Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai is named – **INS Imphal**

The 4th edition of joint military exercise conducted by India and Vietnam at Hanoi from 11 December to 21 December 2023 is named – **VINBAX-2023**

### **Persons**

The former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog who has been appointed the Chairman of the newly constituted 16th Finance Commission – **Dr Arvind Panagariya**

The Indian politician and actor, recipient of highest award of Tamil Nadu, Kalaimani and founder of political party DMDK who passed away on 28 December 2023 – **Vijayakanth (Narayanan Vijayaraj Alagarwami)**

The American singer and song-writer who has been chosen as the Time Person of the Year 2023 – **Taylor Swift**

## **New Chief Ministers**

The leader of Bhartiya Janata Party who has been chosen to the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh – **Shri Mohan Yadav**

The leader of Bhartiya Janata Party who has been chosen to the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan – **Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma**

The leader of Bhartiya Janata Party who has been chosen to be the 4th Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh – **Shri Vishnu Deo Sai**

The leader of Zoram's Peoples Movement who has been sworn as the new Chief Minister of Mizoram – **Shri Lalduhoma**

The leader of Indian National Congress who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Telangana – **Shri Revanth Reddy**

## **Sports**

The team which has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023 defeating Rajasthan in the finals played in Rajkot – **Haryana**

The Indian tennis players who have been inducted into International Tennis Hall of Fame – **Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes**

The Argentinian footballer who has been chosen as the Athlete of the Year 2023 by Time magazine – **Lionel Messi**

## **Places**

The African nation which has announced its decision to quit the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries – **Angola**

The country with which India has signed the Migration and Mobility Agreement under which seasonal and non-seasonal workers from India would get a reserved quota – **Italy**

The venue of International Gita Mahotsav held from 07 Dec to 24 December 2023 – **Kurukshetra, Haryana**

The airport in Gujarat which has been declared by the Union Cabinet to be an international airport – **Surat**

The state in which Samakka Saralokka Central Tribal University has been approved to be set up by the Parliament – **Telangana**

The place in Jharkhand where the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Deoghar**

The venue of the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC held from 30 November to 12 December 2023 (COP-28) – **Dubai, UAE**

### **Miscellaneous**

The United Nations Organisation has declared 2024 as the International Year of – **Camelids**

The severe gangrenous disease of the mouth and face which has been added by the World Health Organization (WHO) to its official list of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) – **noma (cancrum oris)**

The new subvariant of COVID-19 which has been detected in the state of Kerala – **JN.1**

The multimodal large language AI model developed by Google DeepMind, a subsidiary of Google is named – **Gemini**

The Bay of Bengal cyclone which hit the eastern coast of India causing heavy rainfall and destruction in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh was named – **Cyclone Michaung**

The folk-dance form from Gujarat which has been included in the UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage – **Garba**

### **Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023**

#	Language	Work	Author
1.	Assamese	Dr. Pranavjyoti Dekar Srestha Galpa (Short stories)	Pranavjyoti Deka
2.	Bengali	Jaler Upar Pani (Novel)	Swapnamay Chakrabarti
3.	Bodo	Jiu-Safarni Dakhwn (Short Stories)	Nandeswar Daimari
4.	Dogri	Daun Sadiyan Ek Seer (Poetry-Ghazal)	Vijay Verma
5.	English	Requiem in Raga Janki (Novel)	Neelum Saran Gour
6.	Gujarati	Sairandhree (Epic Poetry)	Vinod Joshi
7.	Hindi	Mujhe Pahachaano (Novel)	Sanjeev
8.	Kannada	Mahabharatha Anusandhanada Bharathayatre (Essays)	Lakshmisha Tolpadi
9.	Kashmiri	Yeth Waweh Halay Tsong Kous Zalay (Poetry)	Manshoor Banihali
10.	Konkani	Varsal (Short Stories)	Prakash S. Parienkar
11.	Maithili	Bodha Sanketan (Essays)	Basukinath Jha
12.	Malayalam	Malayala Novelinte Deshakalangaal (Literary Study)	E.V. Ramakrishnan

13.	Manipuri	Yachangba Nang Hallo (Poetry)	Sorokkhaibam Gambhini
14.	Marathi	Ringan (Novel)	Krishnat Khot
15.	Nepali	Nepali Loksahitya Ra Loksanskritiko Parichaya Essays)	Judhabir Rana
16.	Odia	Aprastuta Mrutyu (Poetry)	Ashutosh Parida
17.	Punjabi	Mann Di Chip (Poetry)	Swarnjit Savi
18.	Rajasthani	Palakati Preet (Poetry)	Gaje Singh Rajpurohit
19.	Sanskrit	Shunye Meghganam (Poetry)	Arun Ranjan Mishra
20.	Santhali	Jaba Baha (Short Stories)	Taraceen Baskey
21.	Sindhi	Hathu Pakidijain (Poetry-Ghazal)	Vinod Asudani
22.	Tamil	Neeervazhi Paduvum (Novel)	Rajasekaran (Dvibharathi)
23.	Telugu	Rameshwaram Kaakulu Marikonni Kathalu (Short stories)	T. Patanjali Sastry
24.	Urdu	Rajdev Ki Amrai (Novel)	Sadiqua Nawab Saher

### **Important Days of December**

<b>World AIDS Day: 01 December 2023</b>
Designated by: World Health Organisation
Theme: Let Communities Lead
First Observed in: 1988
<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 03 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 1992
<b>International Volunteer Day: 05 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
Theme: The power of collective action: if everyone did
First Observed in: 1986
<b>World Soil Day: 05 December 2023</b>
First launched by: International Union of Soil Sciences (2002)
Endorsed by: Food and Agricultural Organisation (Jun 2013)
Accepted by: United Nations General Assembly (Dec 2013)
Theme: Soil and Water: A Source of Life
<b>International Civil Aviation Day: 07 December 2023</b>
Established by: International Civil Aviation Organisation (1994)
Adopted by: United Nations General Assembly (1996)
Theme (upto 2023): Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development
<b>International Anti-Corruption Day: 09 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2003
Theme: Uniting the World against Corruption

<b>United Nations Human Rights Day: 10 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
Theme: Freedom, Equality and Justice for All
First Observed in: 1948
<b>International Mountains Day: 11 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2003
<b>International Universal Health Coverage Day: 12 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
Theme: Health for All: Time for Action
First Observed in: 2017
<b>International Migrants Day: 18 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2000
<b>International Human Solidarity Day: 20 December 2023</b>
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2006

### **International Hockey Federation (FIH) Awards 2023**

The following players have been awarded by the International Hockey Federation for the year 2023.

- Player of the Year (Female): **Xan de Waard** (Netherlands)
- Player of the Year (Male): **Hardik Singh** (India)
- Goalkeeper of the Year (Female): **Savita** (India)
- Goalkeeper of the Year (Male): **Pirmin Blaak** (Netherlands)

### **Khelo India Para Games 2023**

Venue: Delhi

Held from 10 December to 17 December 2023

#### **Medals Tally**

#	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Haryana	40	39	26	105
2.	Uttar Pradesh	25	23	14	62
3.	Tamil Nadu	20	08	14	42
4.	Gujarat	15	22	20	57
5.	Maharashtra	12	07	16	35

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