

## 27 MARCH CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. Assam Rifles Foundation Day



- Assam Rifles Raising Day is celebrated every year on 24 March. This year the 187th Raising Day of the Assam Rifles was celebrated.
- The Assam Rifles Was Started In The Year 1835 Under The British Raj. It Is The Oldest Paramilitary Force In The Country.
- Initially Its Name Was ‘Cachar Levy’ Which Was Later Changed To Assam Rifles In 1917.
- It Functions Under The Union Ministry Of Home Affairs But Is Controlled By The Indian Army. The Motto Of The Assam Rifles Is ‘Sentinels Of The North-East’.
- At Present There Are 46 Battalions Of Assam Rifles And The Sanctioned Strength Of Personnel Is 65,143.

- The Assam Rifles Served In The Middle East And Europe During World War I And Mainly In Burma During World War II.

## 2. First state to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods

- Kerala is in the process of becoming the first state to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods. The government has earmarked Rs 6 crore in the budget for the year 2022-23 for the state.
- In the first phase carbon-neutral farming will be implemented in 13 farms under agriculture department and tribal areas and state seed farm at Aluva will be converted into carbon-neutral farm. In its second phase, model carbon neutral forms will be developed in all 140 assembly constituencies.
- The Department of Agriculture is completing the process of adopting new methods in the cultivation phases, which will now reduce carbon emissions and help in storing carbon in the soil. Through these new farming methods, it will help to improve soil health, crop rotation, increase fertility, change soil irrigation methods and limit the use of fertilizers.

### 3. International Day for Achievers



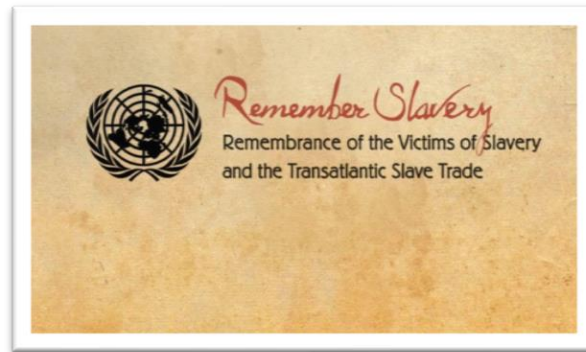
- ‘International Day for Achievers’ is observed every year on 24 March. The purpose of celebrating this day is to strengthen the confidence of those who make every effort to reach their set goals.
- This day is celebrated globally in different ways. On this occasion, students who have made exemplary achievements in their field of study in schools and organizations are rewarded. People share their achievements and goals on social media with the #InternationalDayForAchievers hashtag.

Achievers can be from any field like arts, science, sports, education, health and social work etc.

## 4. Sujalam 2.0 Campaign

- Recently, on 23 March 2022, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has started the Sujalam 2.0 campaign. This campaign has been started for greywater management through people's participation.
- 'Groundwater: making the invisible visible' was chosen as the theme of the campaign.
- 9 Ministries Signed A Joint Consultation To Look Into How Greywater Management Can Be Planned Based On A Convergence Model Along With Those Directly Involved In The Implementation Of The Programme.
- The List Of These 9 Ministries Includes The Ministry Of Rural Development, Ministry Of Jal Shakti, Ministry Of Youth Affairs And Sports, Ministry Of Women And Child Development, Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare, Ministry Of Tribal Affairs, Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change, Ministry Of Education And Ministry Of Panchayati Raj. Is Included.
- Funds For Greywater Management Will Be Provided From The Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin Phase II Or Through Grants From The 15th Finance Commission As Well As Under MGNREGA.
- It refers to wastewater from homes, office buildings, etc. without faecal contamination. Its sources include shower, sink, washing machine, bath etc. It is less pathogenic than waste water so it is safe to reuse for the purpose of toilet flushing, crop irrigation etc.

## 5. International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery



- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed every year on 25 March. This day was first celebrated in the year 2008 under the theme “Breaking the Silence, Lest We Forget”.
- In 2007, the United Nations designated 25 March every year as the ‘International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery’ for annual international observances. This day is celebrated in memory of those who suffered and died due to the ‘transatlantic slave trade’. Slavery has been called the biggest violation of human rights in history.
- 15 million men, women and children have been victims of the ‘transatlantic slave trade’ over 400 years. The day also focuses on raising awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice.