

24 January, 2022 Current Affairs

1. India Ratings decrease GDP growth at 8.6% for FY22



- India Ratings has revised downwards its GDP growth forecast for 2021-22 to 8.6 per cent from the consensus 9.2 per cent projected earlier.
- According to an India rating analysis, National Statistical Organisation (NSO) is likely to peg the FY22 real gross domestic product growth at Rs 147.2 lakh crore.
- This translates into a GDP growth rate of 8.6 per cent, down from the 9.2 percent forecast in the first advance estimate released on January 7, 2022.

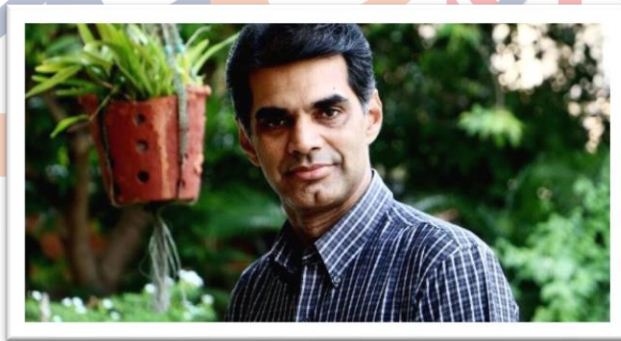
2. Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurates Second Bangladesh Film Festival in Agartala

- Inaugurating the festival, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said that with the opening of new channels of communication including waterways and railways, Tripura is becoming the commercial corridor of North East and also providing huge potential for film-making.
- The three-day-long film festival at Agartala is part of the golden jubilee celebration of the liberation of Bangladesh.
- The festival is showcasing the best movies related to the liberation war of Bangladesh to commemorate the glorious history of 1971 and the role of India in the liberation of Bangladesh.

3. **Ukraine's Parliament imposes 'state of emergency' to deal with the situation arising out of threat from Russia**

- Ukraine's parliament has imposed a national state of emergency aimed at helping to forge a response to the threat of a Russian invasion.
- The measure was overwhelmingly approved on the same day that Moscow began to evacuate its Kyiv embassy and Washington stepped up its warnings about the chances of an all-out Russian attack. The state of emergency allows Ukraine's regional governments to adopt heightened security measures that range from tighter ID and vehicle checks to more stringent policing.
- They apply to all parts of Ukraine except for two Russian-backed eastern separatist regions where a deadly insurgency has killed more than 14,000 people in the past two years.

4. **K.N. Raghavan named as new Chairman of International Rubber Study Group**



- Executive Director of the Indian Rubber Board, K.N. Raghavan has been elected the new Chairman of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).
- He will officiate as Chairman of the group for the next two years. He will preside over the meeting of the heads of delegation scheduled for March 31 at Singapore.

- India, being both a producer and a consumer of rubber, will be in a good position to protect the interests of both producers and consumers in the IRSG -the only international commodity body approved by the Common Fund for Commodities for development financing in the rubber sector.

International Rubber Study Group Secretary-General: Salvatore Pinizzotto

International Rubber Study Group Formed: 1944

International Rubber Study Group Headquarters: Singapore

5. Health Minister launched the "National Policy Guidelines on Bio-Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship"

- Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has launched on 24 February 2022 the "National Policy Guidelines on Bio-Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship" in New Delhi.
- The vision of this policy is to create an innovation-led entrepreneurial ecosystem in India with the ultimate goal of positively impacting human health and well-being.

6. Third anniversary of the launched of PM-KISAN

- On the occasion of third anniversary of the launched of PM-KISAN, over Rs 1.80 lakh crore transferred directly into farmer families bank accounts.
- On 24 February 2022 is the third anniversary of the launch of "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi" (PM-KISAN) Scheme.

7. 100 Districts in The Country Become 'Har Ghar Jal' Under Jal Jeevan Mission

- Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved the significant milestone of providing tap water to every home of 100 districts across the country.
- Chamba, in Himachal Pradesh, has become the 100th 'Har Ghar Jal' district, the fifth aspirational district to be covered under the initiative.

8. Dredging Museum 'Nikarshan Sadan' inaugurated by the Union Minister

- Sarbananda Sonowal who is India's union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH has inaugurated Nikarshan Sadan" – The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam.
- This museum displays models of different types of dredgers, vintage photos & historical milestones from the Eastern Port City of Vizag.

9. India's first para-badminton academy launched in Lucknow



- India's first **para-badminton academy** has been set up in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**. It has all the advanced equipment and facilities. The set-up will improve **India's medal prospects** at the **2024 Paralympics** to be held in **Paris, France** at **Stade de France stadium**.
- The badminton centre has been launched by the head national coach of the Indian para-badminton team, Gaurav Khanna, in association with **Ageas Federal Life Insurance**.

10. PV Sindhu wins title at Syed Modi badminton 2022



- Ace Indian shuttler, **PV Sindhu** has bagged the women's singles title at the **Syed Modi International Tournament** in Lucknow. Sindhu beat fellow Indian **Malvika Bansod** 21-13 21-16 to win her second Syed Modi title after 2017.
- The 2022 Syed Modi International badminton tournament was held at Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 18 to 23 January 2022.

Winners in other categories:

- Men's singles: Final was declared a 'No Match' between Arnaud Merkle and Lucas Claerbout, after one of the finalists tested positive for Covid-19.
- Men's doubles: Man Wei Chong and Tee Kai Wun (Malaysia)
- Women's doubles: Anna Cheong and Teoh Mei Xing (Malaysia)
- Mixed Doubles: Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Castro (India).

11. Parakram Diwas: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose 125th Birth Anniversary



- The Indian government has decided to celebrate **January 23rd** as '**Parakram Diwas**' to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**. This year is the **125th** Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- Netaji was born on **January 23, 1897**. The day is celebrated to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation.

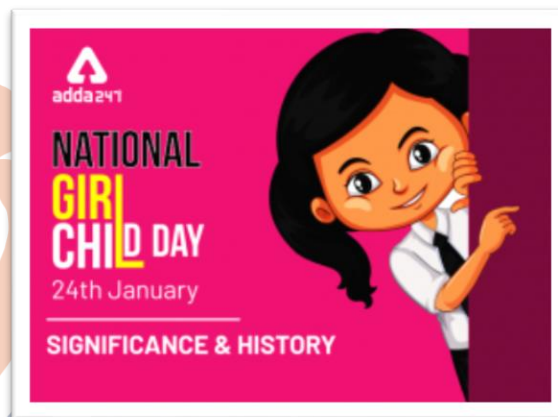
12. International Day of Education observed on 24 January



- The **International Day of Education** is marked every year on **24 January** globally to celebrate the role of education in bringing global peace and sustainable development.

- The first-ever International Day of Education was celebrated on **24 January 2019** as per the resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly on **December 3rd 2018** to celebrate the role of education in development.
- The theme of 4th International Day of Education in 2022 is **Changing Course, Transforming Education**. The celebration is led by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

13. National Girl Child Day observed on 24 January 2022



- In India, the **National Girl Child Day (NGCD)** is observed annually on **January 24**. The day aims to focus on the inequalities faced by girls, to promote the education, health & nutrition of the girl child, and to spread awareness about the rights of a girl child. The day was observed for the first time in **2008** as an initiative by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India**.
- The day was initiated to spread awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by girls in the country. The day promotes awareness about the rights of a girl child and increases awareness on the importance of girl education, health, and nutrition.

14. Former India footballer Subhas Bhowmick passes away



- Former India footballer **Subhas Bhowmick** has passed away at the age of 72 years due to prolonged illness. He was born in West Bengal. He was part of the Indian Football team that won a bronze medal at the **1970 Asian Games (held in Bangkok)**.
- He also scored a hat-trick against the Philippines in the Merdeka Cup in 1971. He has also served as the coach for football teams like Mohun Bagan and East Bengal.