

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

### **STATE**

#### ➤ **Kashmir to Host Miss World 2023**



- ✓ Julia Eric Morely, CEO of Miss World, reveals that the 71st Miss World competition will be held in Kashmir in December 2023.
- ✓ The announcement was made during a press conference in Kashmir, with Morely expressing excitement and emotion about the event.
- ✓ The final show is set for December 8, with a grandeur-filled month leading up to it in November.
- ✓ CEO Morely praised the warmth and hospitality of the people of Kashmir and expressed the Miss World organization's eagerness for the event.

#### ➤ **Chokuwa Rice: Assam's "Magic Rice" – GI Tag**



- ✓ Chokuwa Rice, renowned as Assam's "Magic Rice," receives the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique heritage and characteristics.
  - ✓ With roots in the history of the Ahom dynasty, Chokuwa is a semi-glutinous Sali rice primarily cultivated around the Brahmaputra River region.
  - ✓ Chokuwa rice is categorized into Bora and Chokuwa types based on amylose content, offering distinctive culinary possibilities.
  - ✓ Known for its ease of preparation and nutritional value, it pairs well with various accompaniments and plays a central role in Assamese cuisine.
  - ✓ The GI tag grants legal protection and authenticity to products originating from specific geographic areas, emphasizing their unique heritage.
- **Bhaderwah Rajma & Ramban Sulai Honey - GI Tag**
- ✓ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey, both hailing from the picturesque districts of Doda and Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.



- ✓ **Bhaderwah Rajmash**, often referred to as **red beans** holds a special place in the hearts and palates of those in the **Chenab Valley**. With its distinct flavour and texture, this legume is not only a **staple food** item but also a **cultural symbol** of the region.
- ✓ The Sulai honey of **Ramban district** has gained recognition not only for its exquisite taste but also for its **organic nature**. In fact, in 2015, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi presented organic Sulai honey to **Queen Elizabeth** during his visit to Britain, showcasing the region's natural bounty to the world.

## NATIONAL

### ➤ NITI Aayog and UNDP Collaborate to Advance India's SDGs



- ✓ NITI Aayog and UNDP join forces to accelerate India's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ The collaboration focuses on localizing SDGs, enhancing data-driven monitoring, uplifting underdeveloped regions, and promoting cooperative federalism.
- ✓ It emphasizes initiatives like the Aspirational Districts and Blocks program to transform underdeveloped areas.
- ✓ The partnership aims to showcase India's successes in realizing its development priorities and inspire other nations.
- ✓ The collaboration reflects a long-term commitment to shaping a more equitable and prosperous future for India.

### ➤ 'One Nation, One Election'

- ✓ On 1st September, the Indian government announced the formation of a committee led by former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, to delve into the feasibility of 'One Nation, One Election.'



- ✓ This development follows the government's announcement to hold a special parliamentary session from September 18th to 22nd, 2023, which has led to curiosity about the session's purpose.
- ✓ 'One Nation, One Election' is a concept aimed at synchronizing elections for the **Lok Sabha (the lower house of India's Parliament)** and all state assemblies.
- ✓ The central idea is to hold these elections simultaneously on a single day or within a specific time frame.
- ✓ This proposal has garnered strong support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reflecting the government's seriousness as a series of elections loom.

## ECONOMY

- **India achieves 7.8 per cent GDP growth for April-June quarter**
- ✓ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 7.8% in Quarter 1 2023-24, reaching Rs 40.37 lakh crore.
- ✓ This is a decrease from the 13.1% growth rate in Q1 2022-23.
- ✓ India remains the fastest-growing major economy.
- ✓ China's economy grew by 6.3% YoY in Q2 2023.
- ✓ The agriculture sector in India grew by 3.5% in Q1 2023-24.
- ✓ The manufacturing sector in India grew by 4.7% in Q1 2023-24.

## APPOINTMENT

- **Geetika Srivastava - India's First Female Charge d'Affaires**
- ✓ Geetika Srivastava, a 2005 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, appointed as India's new chargé d'affaires at its high commission in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- ✓ She breaks the tradition of male-dominated diplomatic appointments to Pakistan, marking a significant step towards gender equality.



- ✓ This historic appointment signifies India's commitment to empowering women in leadership roles and progressive diplomacy.
- ✓ Srivastava previously served in the Indian Embassy in China and held roles in the Regional Passport Office in Kolkata and MEA's Indian Ocean Region division.

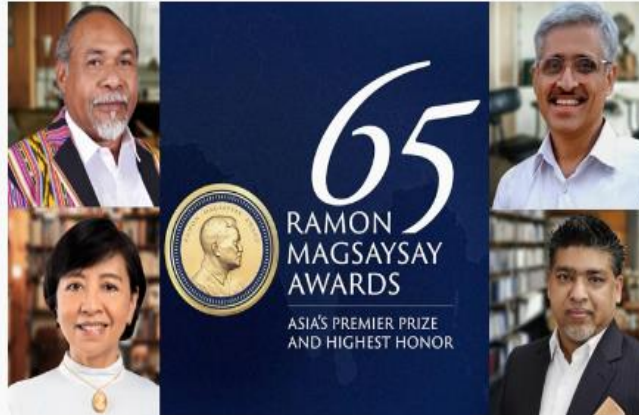


- ✓ She takes charge as the first woman to lead the Indian High Commission in Pakistan, a notable milestone after 77 years of Independence.

## AWARDS

### ➤ 65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2023

- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award, often called the ‘Nobel Prize of Asia’, is a notable accolade that represents exceptional spirit and influential leadership.



- ✓ This year, in the ceremony's 65th edition, four Asians were given the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- ✓ **Korvi Rakshand from Bangladesh** – For providing education to underprivileged children.
- ✓ **Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste** – Food security and environmental protection.
- ✓ **Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from Philippines** – Peace negotiator.
- ✓ **Dr Ravi Kannan from India** - A renowned oncologist, who helps underprivileged cancer patients avail medical treatment has been honoured with the Magsaysay Award 2023 for his contribution in the health sector.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

### ➤ India's Largest Home-Built Nuclear Plant - Starts Operations

- ✓ In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.



- ✓ This milestone marks a pivotal moment in India's quest for energy self-sufficiency and underscores the nation's commitment to harnessing indigenous nuclear technology.
- ✓ The **Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP)** initiated its commercial operations on June 30, 2023, but initially operated at only 90 percent of its capacity. On August 31, 2023, the plant finally achieved its full operational potential.

## IMPORTANT DAY

- **National Nutrition Week: 1-7 September**
- ✓ National Nutrition Week (NNW) is observed annually in India from September 1 to 7.



- ✓ It aims to raise awareness among people about the vital role of nutrition and the significance of cultivating healthy eating habits.
- ✓ In India, National Nutrition Week was first celebrated in 1982.
- ✓ The theme of Nutrition Month 2023, according to UNICEF, is "Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All".

