

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 25, 2023

NATIONAL

- **NCERT To Replace 'India' With 'Bharat' In Upcoming Books**
- ✓ In a significant move, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has given its approval to replace the term “India” with “Bharat” in all textbooks across the country.



- ✓ One of the most talked-about proposals is to replace the name ‘India’ with ‘Bharat’ in textbooks.
- ✓ This change is expected to reflect the traditional and indigenous name for the country.
- ✓ The idea behind this recommendation is to emphasize the historical and cultural significance of the name ‘Bharat’ while acknowledging the nation’s rich heritage.
- ✓ The committee has also suggested a shift from ‘ancient history’ to classical history’ in the curriculum.

SCHEMES

- **Kasanoi Erappila Thittam (KET) - KET scheme**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has prioritised the nutritional status of patients diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) and identified as severely ill and undernourished.



- ✓ In an initiative of its own, the State TB Cell has roped in volunteers to provide food baskets containing a recommended portion of high-protein food, and in the past year, has reached out to 38,235 patients across the State.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Tamil Nadu Kasanoi Erappila Thittam (TNKET), the wellbeing of patients is assessed at the point of diagnosis.
- ✓ Those with very severe undernutrition or respiratory insufficiency or poor performance status (unable to stand without support) are prioritised for a comprehensive assessment and inpatient care.

ECONOMY

- **India to Surpass Japan In 2030**
- ✓ India To Surpass Japan In 2030 To Become 2nd Largest Economy Of Asia, Says S&P Global.



- ✓ By 2030, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is predicted to reach a whopping \$7.3 trillion, making it the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, just after China.
- ✓ India's GDP, when measured in United States dollars (USD), is predicted to jump from \$3.5 trillion in 2022 to \$7.3 trillion by 2030.
- ✓ This rapid expansion will make India's economy second only to China in the Asia-Pacific region.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Vikram-1 Rocket

- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace unveils Vikram-1 rocket, scheduled for launch in 2024.



- ✓ **Space start-up Skyroot Aerospace** unveiled its indigenously built **Vikram-1 rocket** which is expected to deliver satellites to **low earth orbit early 2024**.
- ✓ Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh also inaugurated '**The MAX-Q Campus**', the new headquarters of the start-up at the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park at **Mamidipally in South Hyderabad**.
- ✓ Vikram-1 is a **multi-stage** launch vehicle with a capacity to place around **300 kg of payloads in Low Earth Orbit**.

OBITUARY

➤ Padma Shri Dr Birendra Nath Dutta

- ✓ Well-acclaimed academician, musician and lyricist **Dr Birendra Nath Dutta** passed away at the age of 90 years.



- ✓ One of the experts of the research and education in the folklore sector of the State, and the entire north-eastern region, he was a source of inspiration as well as knowledge.
- ✓ He was recognized with the prestigious Padma Shri award in the field of 'Literature and Education' in 2009, and the Jagaddhatri Harmohan Das Sahitya Puraskar in 2010.

