



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 07, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- **IIT Madras Sets Its First International Campus**
- ✓ IIT Madras has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to establish an international campus on the picturesque Zanzibar Island in East Africa.



- ✓ To kickstart its operations, the IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus is offering Bachelor of Science (BS) and Master of Technology (MTech) programs, with a focus on Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ✓ The courses offered at IITM Zanzibar are open to students of all nationalities, including Indians.
- ✓ This openness encourages a diverse learning environment that fosters global perspectives and cross-cultural collaboration.

### NATIONAL

- **India's Largest Cold Oil Production Facility**

- ✓ Bharat Botanics is a leading brand of wood-pressed edible oil, offering pure, natural, and chemical-free products.

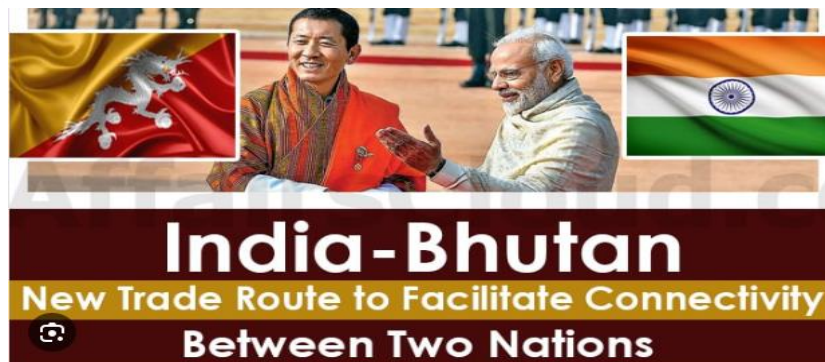


- ✓ The company has announced the opening of a 16,000 square feet automated facility in Rajkot, Gujarat, to meet the rising demand for its products.
- ✓ The facility aims to promote 100% hygiene and transparency, as well as sustainability and wellness, by providing healthy edible oils for customers.
- ✓ The company is also a symbol of Atmanirbharta, as it supports local communities, translates literary works from Tamil, and publishes papers and books on Indian music.

## INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

### ➤ India and Bhutan

- ✓ India and Bhutan boost trade and connectivity ties.
- ✓ Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck visits India for a week-long trip with a delegation of senior officials.



- ✓ The two leaders positively assessed expanding partnership between the two countries, including in new areas of connectivity in its broadest form.
- ✓ It was decided to undertake the Final Location Survey (FLS), in consultation with the Bhutanese side, of the proposed cross-border rail link connecting Kokrajhar in Assam to Gelephu in Bhutan through Indian support, according to a joint statement issued after the talks.

- ✓ The two sides also agreed to consider establishing rail-link between Banarhat (West Bengal) and Samtse (Bhutan).

## DEFENCE

- **‘Surat’, the First Navy Warship Named After a City in Gujarat**
- ✓ ‘Surat’ is the latest and most advanced warship of the Indian Navy, under construction at the Mazagon Dock Limited in Mumbai.



- ✓ It is the first warship named after a city in Gujarat, honoring Surat’s rich maritime heritage and legacy of shipbuilding.
  - ✓ It is part of the Project 15B program, which involves building four stealth guided missile destroyers with cutting-edge technology and features.
  - ✓ The crest of ‘Surat’ depicts a lion, a diamond, and a ship, symbolizing the strength, prosperity, and seafaring spirit of the city.
- **Saab**
  - ✓ Sweden's Saab has become the first foreign company to bag 100% FDI in India's Defence projects.

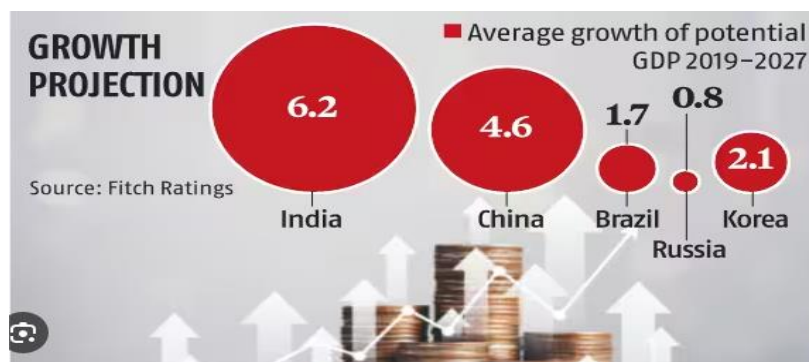


- ✓ Currently, India allows only 74% FDI in the Defence sector under the automatic route. After that, clearance can be obtained on a case-by-case basis.

- ✓ The rules for clearance were relaxed in 2015. Saab has set up a new company – Saab FFV India to make the new generation of the Cal-Gustaf M4 system.
- ✓ A new facility to manufacture shoulder-fired rockets will be set up by Saab in Haryana.
- ✓ It will be the first time that Saab will manufacture shoulder-fired rockets outside Sweden.

## ECONOMY

- **Fitch Upgrades India's Mid-Term GDP Growth Forecast to 6.2%**
- ✓ Fitch, a rating agency, has revised India's GDP growth projection for the mid-term from 5.5% to 6.2%, reflecting confidence in India's economic potential.



- ✓ The revision is based on a more optimistic outlook for India's economic trajectory, while China's slowdown has a negative impact on the emerging market outlook.
- ✓ Fitch has also reduced the growth forecasts for several other emerging markets, such as Russia, Korea, and South Africa, due to demographic trends and pandemic disruptions.
- ✓ Fitch expects India to grow at 6.3% in 2023-24, indicating continued optimism in the country's economic prospects.

## AWARDS

- **Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023**
- ✓ For promoting sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission received the Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023.

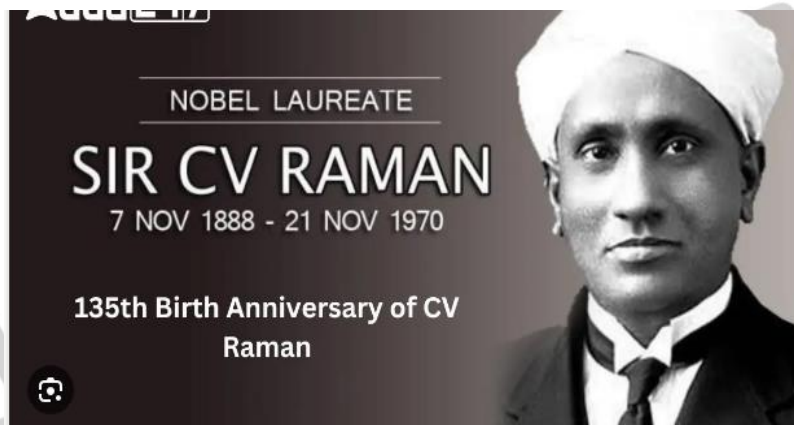




- ✓ Kerala received the award in the 'Best for Local Sourcing - Craft and Food' category.
- ✓ The Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission has been selected for this award along with Eswatini, a landlocked country in southern Africa.
- ✓ The Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission is implementing women-friendly tourism projects with the help of the UN.

## PERSONALITIES

- **CV Raman's 135th Birth Anniversary: A Tribute to the Nobel Laureate**
- ✓ On 7 November, we commemorate the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. CV Raman. CV Raman was a pioneering Indian physicist who discovered the Raman Effect, the scattering of light by molecules, in 1928.



- ✓ He was the first Indian and the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for his discovery, which opened new avenues for research in spectroscopy and molecular physics.
- ✓ He published over 450 papers and founded the Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru.
- ✓ He was a recipient of many awards and honors, both national and international, such as the Bharat Ratna, the Lenin Peace Prize, the Franklin Medal, and the Knighthood.

## SPORTS

- **FIDE Grand Swiss Chess Event**



- ✓ On November 5, India celebrated a historic moment as both Vidit Gujrathi and R. Vaishali emerged victorious at the Grand Swiss tournament held at the Isle of Man, securing coveted spots in the Candidates tournament, set to take place in Toronto early next year.
- ✓ The Grand Swiss tournament is a prestigious chess event that garners worldwide attention due to the coveted qualifying spots it offers.
- **Asian Champions Trophy 2023**
- ✓ The Indian women's hockey team has emerged victorious in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023, securing the gold medal for the second time in the competition's history.



- ✓ The tournament's final match, which sealed India's triumphant moment, took place on 5th November 2023, at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Mundra Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi.
- ✓ India displayed exceptional prowess by defeating Japan 4-0 in the final match.

## OBITUARY

- **Leela Omchery**
- ✓ A Tribute to the Padma Shri Awardee and Music Scholar.



- ✓ Leela Omchery was a **renowned classical musician and accomplished musicologist** who passed away at the age of 94.
- ✓ She was the **head of the music department** at **Delhi University** for 28 years. She also translated literary works from Tamil, such as **Kalki's Parthiban Kanavu**.
- ✓ She published over **450 papers** and several books on various aspects of Indian classical and folk music.
- ✓ She received the **Padma Shri** in 2005 and many other awards and honors for her invaluable contributions to the field of music.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Cancer Awareness Day – November 07**
- ✓ National Cancer Awareness Day is an annual observance in India, held on November 7th, aimed at raising public awareness about the importance of early cancer detection, prevention strategies, and the critical aspects of cancer treatment.



- ✓ With its emphasis on early detection, prevention, and treatment, this observance plays a crucial role in galvanizing society to combat this life-threatening disease.
- **Infant Protection Day: November 07**
- ✓ Theme for 2023: 'Ensuring Every Child's Right to Thrive.'
- ✓ The day is dedicated to creating awareness among people about the importance of infant care, especially during the early years of growth.



- ✓ This day promotes the urge to reduce the child mortality across the world.
- ✓ Currently, the infant mortality rate for India in 2023 is 26.619 deaths per 1000 live births, a 3.89% decline from 2022.

