

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 15, 2023

NATIONAL

➤ International Trade Fair - 2023

- ✓ The 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair -2023 will begin at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

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- ✓ The theme of the fourteen day fair is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam which emphasizes the significance of interconnectedness and cooperation in trade for achieving sustainable growth and well-being.
- ✓ Over three thousand exhibitors from India and abroad will participate in the fair.
- ✓ Representatives from 13 countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Oman, Egypt, Nepal, Thailand, Turkiye and Vietnam.

SCHEMES

➤ PM Kisan Bhai Scheme

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture is planning to launch the **PM Kisan Bhai** scheme by the end of December to support **small and marginal farmers** who face challenges in storing and selling their produce.



- ✓ **Warehousing Rental Subsidy and Prompt Repayment Incentive:** The scheme has two components – **WRS** and **PRI**.
- ✓ WRS provides farmers with a subsidy of 4 per quintal per month for storing their crops in scientifically built warehouses for up to three months.
- ✓ PRI reduces the interest rate on pledge finance availed against eNegotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWRs) traded via the eNational Agriculture Market (eNAM) platform or other registered e-trading platforms.

INTERNATIONAL

- **6th India OPEC Energy Dialogue**
- ✓ The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue took place at the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, Austria, underscoring a mutual commitment to global energy stability and prosperity.



- ✓ Recognizing the pivotal role of India in global economic growth and energy demand, the parties acknowledged the World Oil Outlook 2023.
- ✓ This forecasted India as the fastest-growing major developing economy, projecting long-term growth of 6.1% between 2022-2045 and accounting for over 28% of incremental global energy demand during the same period.
- ✓ As India stands as the third-largest energy consumer, crude oil importer, and the fourth-largest global refiner, the collaboration between India and OPEC becomes not only essential but also natural.

PERSONALITIES

➤ Shital Mahajan

- ✓ Indian skydiver **Shital Mahajan** jumped off a helicopter from the height of 21,500 ft in front of the **world's highest peak, Mt Everest.**



- ✓ She became the first woman to do so.
- ✓ Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444ft.
- ✓ Mahajan is a well-known Indian skydiver who holds several skydiving records and is the recipient of the fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 2001.

