

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 29, 2023

STATE

- **India's First Telecom Center Of Excellence**
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given approval for the establishment of the country's inaugural Telecom Center of Excellence in Saharanpur.

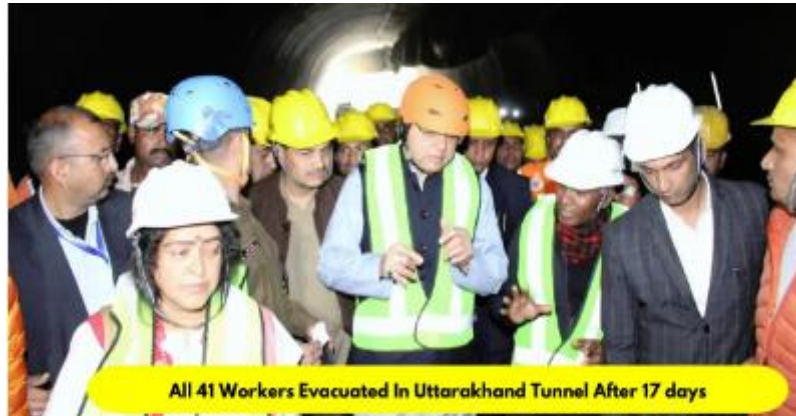


- ✓ The foundation stone for this ground-breaking initiative is set to be laid on December 5, 2023, marking a significant leap in telecom and technology innovation.
- ✓ The primary objective is to develop and promote cutting-edge technology in the telecom sector.
- ✓ This state-of-the-art center will be constructed at a cost of Rs 30 crore, fostering innovation and growth in the telecommunications sector.
- ✓ The choice of the IIT Roorkee campus in Saharanpur is strategic, promising opportunities for employment for the youth of the state.

NATIONAL

- **Silkyara-Barkot Tunnel in Uttarakhand**

- ✓ On November 23, 2023, after **17 harrowing days** trapped underground, all **41 workers** were successfully rescued from the collapsed **Silkyara-Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand, India.**



- ✓ The rescue operation, which involved a combined effort of the Indian Army, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and local authorities, became a symbol of human resilience and determination in the face of adversity.
- ✓ The **4.5 km-tunnel** is part of the Centre's ambitious Char Dham project aimed at providing all-weather connectivity between four prominent Hindu shrines in **Uttarakhand – Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.**

SCHEMES

- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana**
- ✓ The Government has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another five years from 1st of January 2024.



- ✓ Under the scheme, five kg of free food grains are being provided per month to over 81 crores poor in the country and Antyodaya households get 35 kg of free food grains per month.

- ✓ PMGKAY is the World's biggest social welfare schemes aimed at ensuring food and nutrition.

INTERNATIONAL

- **4th edition of ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum (AIGIF)**
- ✓ India along with 10 ASEAN Member States were represented by 200 participants, at the 4th edition of the annual ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum (AIGIF) that was launched in Langkawi, Malaysia.



- ✓ The AIGIF is an annual programme focused on fostering a strengthened relationship between India and AMS on the premise of cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation.
- ✓ While on one side it aims to give exposure to social innovations in different countries, it also strengthens governance in the grassroots innovation ecosystem.

AWARDS

- **PRSI National Award**
- ✓ Suganthy Sundararaj received the PRSI National Award for Outstanding Contributions to Healthcare Communications.
- ✓ She received the honour for Outstanding Contributions to the Public Relations Society of India and the public relations industry.



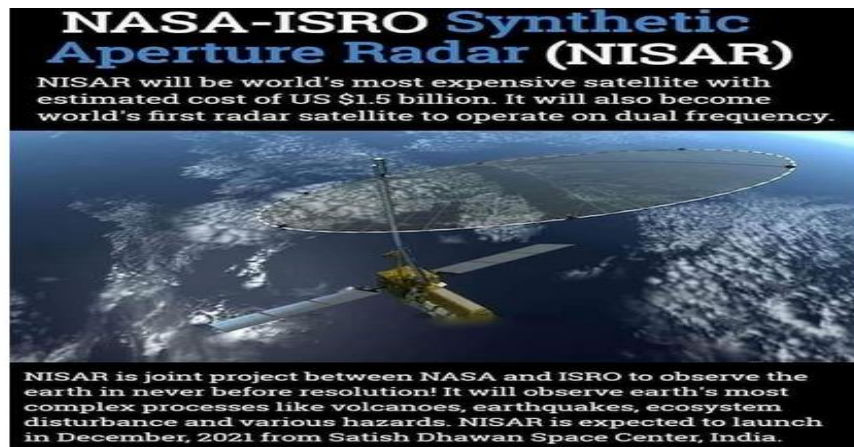
- ✓ He played a key role in the strategic management of public relations in the healthcare sector.
 - ✓ Suganthy Sundararaj received the Award at the International Public Relations Festival in New Delhi.
 - ✓ For more than 40 years, Suganthy Sundararaj executed PR mandate for Apollo Hospitals.
 - ✓ She launched many initiatives during her career to build relationships with the media.
- **Golden Peacock for Best Film at IFFI54**
- ✓ The coveted 'Golden Peacock' for Best Film was conferred upon the Persian masterpiece, 'Endless Borders,' directed by Abbas Amini.



- ✓ An emotionally charged narrative set against the backdrop of an Iranian teacher's odyssey amidst the turmoil ignited by the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- ✓ The film intricately delves into the complexities of prejudice, moral dilemmas, and forbidden love.
- ✓ The jury praised the film's ability to transcend physical and emotional borders, lauding director Abbas Amini's courageous storytelling.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- **NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar)**
- ✓ India & US to Launch Joint Microwave Remote Sensing Satellite for Earth Observation.



- ✓ The satellite will be named NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar).
- ✓ NISAR is targeted for launch onboard India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).
- ✓ NISAR will be highly suitable for studying the land ecosystems, deformation of solid earth, mountain and polar cryosphere, sea ice and coastal oceans on a regional to global scale.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day Of Solidarity With The Palestinian People – November 29**
- ✓ Since 1978, November 29th has held a significant place on the global calendar as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.



- ✓ Originating from a call by the United Nations General Assembly, this day symbolizes a collective commitment to champion the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people.
- ✓ Turkey's unwavering commitment to the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is evident in its diplomatic efforts, financial support, and humanitarian aid.

