

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 22, 2023**

### **NATIONAL**

#### ➤ **Telecommunications Bill 2023**

- ✓ The Lok Sabha recently approved the Telecommunications Bill, 2023, a significant piece of legislation that empowers the government to temporarily take control of telecom services in the interest of national security.



- ✓ The bill, passed by a voice vote after a brief debate, also addresses the allocation of satellite spectrum and grants the government authority to assume possession of a telecom network during public emergencies or in the interest of public safety.
- ✓ The bill outlines provisions for stopping transmission and intercepting messages in case of public emergencies.
- ✓ It emphasizes that such measures are essential to prevent incitement for committing offenses during times of crisis.

### **SCHEMES**

#### ➤ **MSME Ministry Unveils 3 RAMP Sub-Schemes**

- ✓ Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane unveiled three pioneering sub-schemes under the existing RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity) programme.



- ✓ These initiatives aim to encourage the adoption of sustainable technology, promote circular economy projects, and tackle the persistent challenge of delayed payments.
- ✓ **The MSME Green Investment and Financing for Transformation Scheme (MSE GIFT Scheme)** is designed to propel enterprises towards adopting green technology.
- ✓ **The MSE Scheme for Promotion and Investment in Circular Economy (MSE SPICE Scheme)**, marks the government's first-ever support for circular economy projects.
- ✓ In a move to modernize dispute resolution processes, the MSME Ministry introduced **the MSE Scheme on Online Dispute Resolution for Delayed Payments.**

## SPORTS

- **Chennai Grand Masters 2023 - Chess**
- ✓ In Chennai Grand Masters 2023 tournament, Dommaraju Gukesh clinched the title by drawing with Pentala Harikrishna.



- ✓ Arjun Erigaisi secured the second position in the Chennai Grand Masters 2023.

- ✓ Pentala Harikrishna finished the tournament on third position with 4 points. Arjun and Gukesh secured 4.5 points out of 7.
- ✓ Gukesh takes the lead in the FIDE Circuit by winning this title.
- ✓ He can qualify for the Candidates Tournament 2024 if he keeps the lead till 1st January 2024.

## OBITUARY

### ➤ **Dr. V Mohini Giri**

- ✓ Dr. V Mohini Giri died at the age of 86 following a brief illness. She was a renowned women's rights activist. She has been an icon of the women's rights movement.



- ✓ She was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2007 for her work in the field of women's rights.
- ✓ She was the former Chair of the National Commission for Women.
- ✓ She was the former Chair of the Central Social Welfare Board. She was also the Chairperson of the Guild of Service. It is a New Delhi-based social service organisation.
- ✓ In 1972, she founded the War Widows Association. She was the daughter-in-law of former President Dr. V V Giri.

## REPORT

### ➤ **India Skills Report 2024**

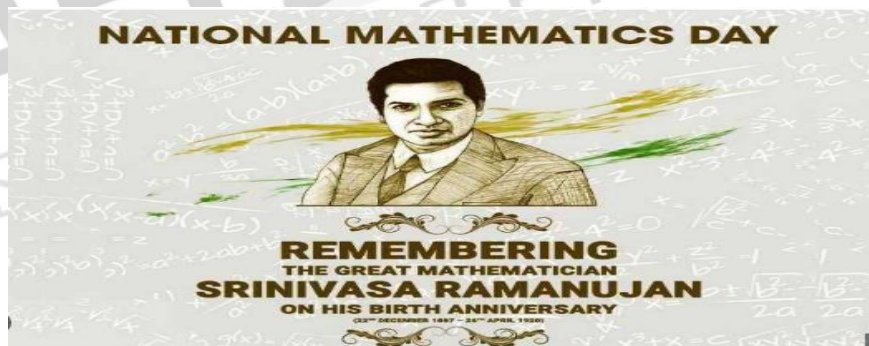
- ✓ As per the India Skills Report 2024, Kerala is the most preferred State to work in India. Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram have emerged as premier employment destinations for the youth in the country.



- ✓ According to this report, in urban area, both men and women prefer to work regardless of their age.
- ✓ This report has been published by talent assessment agency Wheebox in collaboration with AICTE, CII, AIU, Google, and Taggd.
- ✓ In overall employability among the 18-21 age group, Kerala secured second position.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Mathematics Day – December 22**
- ✓ Every year on December 22, the nation reveres the brilliance of Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of the greatest mathematicians in history, as National Mathematics Day (NMD).



- ✓ This day coincides with the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, born on December 22, 1887, in Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ National Mathematics Day aims to propagate the significance of mathematics in various aspects of life and illuminate Ramanujan's remarkable contributions.

