

Divya Kala Mela 2023-2024

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is set to inaugurate the Divya Kala Mela 2023 in Bengaluru.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ 'Divya Kala Melas' organized across India is part of the initiative to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwD) during the year 2023-2024.
- ❑ Around 100 Divyang artisans from 20 states/UTs will display their products in categories such as home décor, clothing, stationery, eco-friendly items, packaged food, organic products, toys, gifts, and personal accessories.
- ❑ The Mela will also feature cultural activities and performances by Divyangjan artists, providing a platform for marketing and showcasing their skills.



e-SCR Portal

- The Supreme Court of India's monumental project of translating all of its 36,000 judgments into Scheduled Languages achieved unprecedented speed in 2023, with the E-SCR portal starting with just 2,238 translated judgements as of January and ending the year with over 31,000 rulings translated.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ e-SCR portal is an initiative to provide the digital version of the apex court's judgements in the manner as they are reported in the official law report.
- ❑ The Supreme Court has developed a search engine with the help of the National Informatics Centre.
- ❑ It is comprising elastic search technique in the database of e-SCR and the search facility in e-SCR provides for free text search, search within search, case type and case year search, judge search, year and volume search and bench strength search options.
- ❑ It will provide free access to its about 34,000 judgements to lawyers, law students and the common public.
- ❑ These verdicts will be available on the apex court website, its mobile app and on the judgment portal of the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG).



Bubble Baby Syndrome

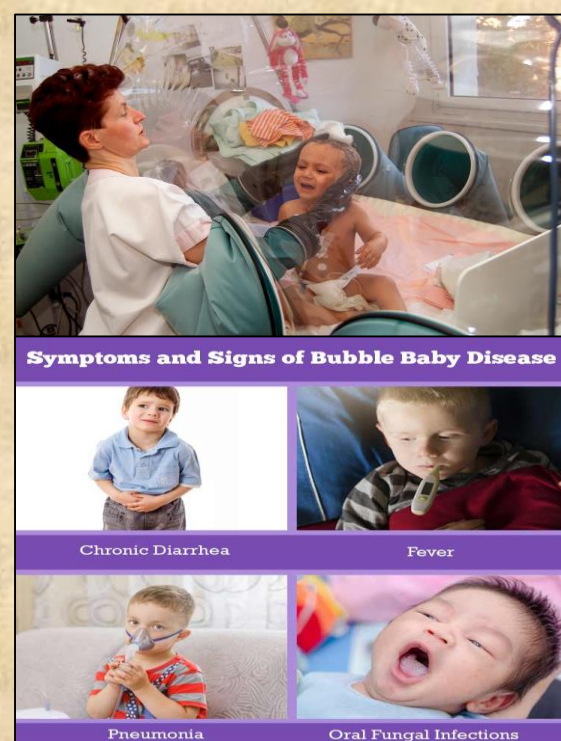
- A two-month-old girl with bubble baby syndrome underwent bone marrow transplant (BMT) in Mumbai recently.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ Bubble baby syndrome, known medically as Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) is very rare genetic disorder that causes life-threatening problems with the immune system.
- ❑ It is a type of primary immune deficiency.
- ❑ The disease is known as "living in the bubble" syndrome because living in a normal environment can be fatal to a child who has it.

❖ SCID:

- ❑ In a developing baby, the immune system starts in the bone marrow. Stem cells can become any of three different types of blood cells.
- ❑ SCID is a "combined" immunodeficiency because it affects both of these infection-fighting white blood cells.
- ❑ In SCID, the child's body has too few lymphocytes or lymphocytes that don't work properly.
- ❑ Because the immune system doesn't work as it should, it can be difficult or impossible for it to battle the germs—viruses, bacteria, and fungi—that cause infections.
- ❑ Causes:
 - Inherited mutations in more than a different genes cause SCID.
 - This means one or both birth parents pass down the disease to their child.
- ❑ Symptoms: Babies with SCID may appear healthy at birth, but problems can start soon after.
- ❑ Treatment: SCID is a pediatric emergency.
 - Without treatment, babies are not likely to survive past their first birthday.
 - The most common treatment is a stem cell transplant (also called a bone marrow transplant).



Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh : Chief Of Material Of The Indian Navy

- Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh assumed duties as the **Chief of Material of the Indian Navy**.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ He took over from **Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani**, who retired following **39 years of praiseworthy service** spearheading the Navy's maintenance efforts.
- ❑ Vice Admiral Deshmukh graduated as an **Engineer Officer from Mumbai's VJTI university in 1986**.
- ❑ He holds a **Master's in Engineering** and is an **alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College**.
- ❑ The Admiral has served in various **technical and staff roles** involving ships, dockyards, headquarters and trial commands during his **extensive naval journey**.
- ❑ Vice Admiral Deshmukh oversaw **critical milestones** like the commissioning of **India's first indigenous aircraft carrier** and **light combat aircraft's maiden launch** from it.



Nina Singh : First Woman Chief Of Industrial Security Force

- Senior Indian Police Service officer Nina Singh took charge as **Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ She became the **first woman to head the specialized security organization** and the **30th CISF Director General**.
- ❑ The CISF is a **specialized Indian federal police agency** under the **Home Ministry**.
- ❑ It is one of the **Central Armed Police Forces** guarding key **national infrastructure**.
- ❑ The CISF provides **security cover to over 356 industrial units and sites across India**. Nina Singh is a high-achieving **1989-batch officer** from the **Rajasthan cadre**.



10th Edition Of Sagar Parikrama

- India's Fisheries Minister **Parshottam Rupala** inaugurated the **10th edition of Sagar Parikrama** – a coastal yatra spreading awareness about government welfare schemes among fishermen.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ Sagar Parikrama **signifies the government's hands-on approach** to further **empower the fishing community**.
- ❑ The **coast-to-coast outreach drive** promotes **participatory last-mile delivery across the fisheries value chain**.
- ❑ Officials hope that **translating training & assets** into enhanced, **sustainable marine productivity** will unlock the sector's **immense growth potential**. The **10th phase** of Sagar Parikrama began from **Chennai Port**.
- ❑ **Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala** and **Union Minister of State Dr. L. Murugan** jointly inaugurated the mission which will travel through **Nellore, Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam**.
- ❑ The Union Ministers will interact with the **fishing communities living in the coastal areas**.
- ❑ They will also deliberate on the **schemes implemented by the Government for fishermen** and also those in the related fields. They will also **distribute welfare schemes** meant for the **fishing community**.



Surya Namaskar : Gujrat Set a Guinness World Record

- Gujarat set a **Guinness World Record** with over **50,000 people** performing 'Surya Namaskar' simultaneously at **108 venues**.

❖ Key Highlights:

- ❑ The main event took place at **Modhera Sun Temple in Mehsana**.
- ❑ Surya Namaskar also known as **Sun Salutation**, is a **yogic practice** that involves a **series of 12 postures or asanas**.
- ❑ The practice is said to **pay respect to the sun**.
- ❑ Regular **practice of Suryanamaskar ensures** proper and efficient functioning of not only the muscles and joints of the body but also stimulates the internal organs. Especially the stomach and other abdominal organs as it involves alternative stretching and compression at the abdominal area.

