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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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### International & National News

#### Vijay Diwas



- Vijay Diwas is observed on **16th December** every year to **mark India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war.**
- The Government of India decided on 3rd December 1971, that India would go to war with Pakistan to save Bengali Muslims and Hindus.
- This war was fought between India and Pakistan for 13 days.
- On 16th December 1971, the chief of the Pakistani forces with **93,000 soldiers** surrendered unconditionally to the allied forces consisting of the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini in Dhaka.
- **Mukti Bahini** refers to the armed organizations that fought against the Pakistan Army during the Bangladesh Liberation War. **It was a guerrilla resistance movement.**
- **Bangladesh** was born on this day. Hence, Bangladesh celebrates **its independence day (Bijoy Dibos)** on **16th December** every year.

#### Indira Gandhi Peace Prize



#### Context

- Classical pianist **Daniel Barenboim** and peace activist **Ali Abu Awwad** have been named the winners of the **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2023**
- It is given for their **efforts in bringing together the youth and people of Israel and the Arab world** for a non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

#### About

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development is a **prestigious award presented annually to individuals or organizations** that have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of international peace, disarmament, and development.
- The award is named after the late **Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi**, and was established in **1986** by the **Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.**



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## Net direct tax receipts



## Context

- India's **net direct tax collections** had grown **23.4%** to hit **₹10.64 lakh crore** by November 30, attaining 58.34% of the Budget estimates for the year
- The gross direct tax kitty by the end of last month had reached **₹12.67 lakh crore**, a **17.7% rise** over the same period of the earlier year.
- Refunds paid out to income taxpayers had reached **₹2.03 lakh crore**.

## Logistics costs in India



## Context

- A report has been released by the **National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** commissioned by the **Commerce and Industry Ministry**.
- It highlighted that India's logistics costs had **reduced from a range of 8.6% to 9.8% in 2013-14 to 7.8%-8.9% of GDP in 2021-22**
- The estimate dispels earlier estimates that pegged the country's logistics costs as high as **14% of GDP**.
- The data relied on National Accounts Statistics for data such as the **output of transport services, storage and warehousing sectors**

## UWW Rising Star of the Year



## Context

- Antim Panghal (53kg)** has been named **United World Wrestling (UWW) Rising Star of the Year 2023** in women's section.
- Antim **won a silver** in her senior Asian championships debut, defended her U-20 World title and then won bronze at the World Championships.
- She has been a **two-time World under-20 champion and senior Worlds bronze medallist**

## Khelo India Para Games

## Context

- Tokyo Olympics champion **Manish Narwal** claimed **gold in the 10m air pistol SH1** category of the Khelo India Para Games



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- In table tennis, **Paralympics and Para Asiad medallist Bhavina Patel** won 3-0 over Gujarat statemate **Shamim Chawda** in the Class 4 category.
- The **Khelo India Para Games (KIPG)** are an annual sports event under the Khelo India initiative for disabled athletes

### Ethanol production

#### Context

- The Government has allowed the **use of cane juice, and B-molasses** to make ethanol
- It is a reversed decision as initially the decision was to ban the use of sugarcane juice for making ethanol as it allowed utilisation of the juice as well as B-heavy molasses to produce the green fuel but capped the **diversion of sugar at 17 lakh tonnes**

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