

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 30-11-2020

### SHIROMANI GURDWARA PARBANDHAK COMMITTEE (OR SGPC)



**Bibi Jagir Kaur, the first woman to be elected SGPC president more than 20 years ago, has made a comeback and has been elected as the new SGPC president.**

#### About:

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (or SGPC) is an organization in India responsible for the management of gurdwaras, Sikh places of worship in three states of Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal

Pradesh and union territory of Chandigarh.

- SGPC also administers Darbar Sahib in Amritsar.
- The SGPC is governed by the chief minister of Punjab.
- The SGPC manages the security, financial, facility maintenance and religious aspects of Gurdwaras as well as keeping archaeologically rare and sacred artifacts, including weapons, clothes, books and writings of the Sikh Gurus.
- It was formed in 1920.
- The first and the only woman and also incumbent President of SGPC is Jagir Kaur .

### GURU NANAK



**Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurpurab is being celebrated with religious fervour across India and the world today. It marks the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak, who laid the foundation of Sikhism. This year marks the 551st birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.**

#### About:

- Guru Nanak (1469 – 1539), also referred to as Baba Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and is the first of the ten Sikh Gurus.
- His birth is celebrated worldwide as **Guru Nanak Gurpurab on Katak Pooranmashi ('full-moon of the Katak')**
- **Journeys (Udasis):** During first quarter of the 16th century, Nanak went on long udasiya ('journeys') for spiritual pursuits. He visited several places in "nau-khand" ('the nine regions of the earth'), presumably the major Hindu and Muslim pilgrimage centres.
- He preached the message of **ik onkar ('one God')**, who dwells in every one of his creations and constitutes the eternal Truth. With this concept, he would set up a unique spiritual, social, and political platform based on equality, fraternal love, goodness, and virtue.

- Nanak's words are registered in the form of 974 poetic hymns, or shabda, in the holy text of Sikhism, the **Guru Granth Sahib**, with some of the major prayers being the Japji Sahib; the Asa di Var; and the Sidh Gohst.

## TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME (TOPS)



**8 Track and Field Athletes were included in the core group of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme at the 50th MOC meeting held on November 26.**

### About:

- The Target Olympic Podium Scheme is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes.
- The Scheme looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes so that

they can win Olympic medals in 2020 and 2024 Olympics.

- Under the Scheme, the Department of Sports shall identify athletes who are potential medal winners in 2020 / 2024 Olympics.
- The idea of the Scheme is to also keep an eye in the future and fund a Developmental Group of Athletes who are medal prospects for the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles Games in 2028.
- The Mission Olympic Cell is a dedicated body created to assist the athletes who are selected under the TOP Scheme. The MOC is under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Sports Authority (DG, SAI).

## MARCOS



**MARCOS are being deployed in the Eastern Ladakh alongside the Indian Army against the Chinese military. MARCOS are present in the vicinity of the Pangong Tso lake where they will soon be conducting missions using boats.**

### About:

- The Marine Commandos, abbreviated to MARCOS and officially called the Marine Commando Force (MCF), is the special forces unit of the Indian Navy that is responsible for

conducting special operations.

- MARCOS was founded in February 1987. MARCOS are capable of operating in all types of environments; at sea, in air and on land.
- The force has gradually acquired experience and an international reputation for professionalism. The MARCOS regularly undertake specialised maritime operations in Jammu and Kashmir through the Jhelum River and Wular Lake.

## INDIA TARGETS TO FULLY COVERT ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS TO GREEN ENERGY



India's power and renewable energy minister R K Singh said the government is aiming at meeting the complete power demand of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands through renewable energy sources.

### About:

- Government is aiming for 100 per cent renewable energy in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep and India is ready to share expertise among other small island nations.
- India has installed about 1,36,000 megawatts (MW) of Renewable Energy capacity with capacity addition of another 57,000 MW under implementation. The target is now to achieve 450 gigawatts of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030.

### Important Info :

- He was addressing delegates from multiple countries including Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and South Africa here under the Know India Programme.
- The programme is managed by the ministry of external affairs for engagement with Indian origin youth to enhance their awareness about India's art and culture.