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NATIONAL NEWS

7th 'India Water Week'

- ★ President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the 7th India Water Week in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh on 01 November 2022.
- ★ Denmark, Singapore and Finland will be the partner countries for this event.
- ★ The 7th India Water Week is being organised by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation from 01-05 November 2022 to raise awareness, conserve and use water resources in an integrated manner.
- ★ The theme of the 7th India Water Week 2022 is Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity.
- ★ It will address the issues of sustainability of water resources development and management in the line with sustainable development goals.

Yudh Abhyas in Uttarakhand

- ★ India and the US will conduct a fortnight-long mega-military exercise Yudh Abhyas in Uttarakhand's Auli in October 2022.
- ★ The 18th edition of the exercise is scheduled to take place from 14 October to 31 October 2022.
- ★ The main objective is to enhance understanding, cooperation, and interoperability between the armies of India and the US with several complex drills being planned
- ★ The last edition of the exercise took place in October 2021 in Alaska in the US.

53rd Tiger Reserve of India

- ★ The Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India, which was announced by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
- ★ Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot district of UP is the fourth tiger reserve in the state after Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh.
- ★ Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the UP-MP border in Chitrakoot and about 150 km from Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.
- ★ Covered with northern tropical dry deciduous forests, this area is home to tigers, leopards, bears, spotted deer, sambar, chinkara and other mammals.

PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone of Projects at Jambughoda, Gujarat

- ★ The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of projects worth around 860 crores rupees in Jambughoda, Panchmahal in Gujarat on 01 November 2022.

- ★ The government is focusing on providing employment to the youths, irrigation to the farmers and health facilities to the old age people.
- ★ The new projects will provide new opportunities in education and skill development for the tribal youths.
- ★ PM also highlighted the role of Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana started by Government of Gujarat in the holistic development of tribal region of the state.

First Electronics Manufacturing Cluster

- ★ As part of its objective to strengthen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has approved the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC).
- ★ The project with cost worth of ₹492.85 crores to be set up in Ranjangaon, Pune in Maharashtra.
- ★ The Minister also announced that the Ministry of Electronics and IT plans to give a boost to the 1000 Crore Semicon India Future Design programme to support Semiconductor Design Startups in the state.

CANSO Asia Pacific Conference

- ★ Goa is to host a three-day long Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) conference from 01 November to 03 November 2022.
- ★ Delegates will discuss and collaborate on key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry and turn the vision of the Global Council for Complete Air Transport Systems (CATS) of 2045 into reality.
- ★ Theme of 2022 conference is 'Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local'.
- ★ The conference also covered Digitization and Automation, which play an important role in strengthening CANSO's vision for the skies of the future.
- ★ The Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) is the global voice of the air traffic management (ATM) industry and is shaping future skies.

12th Edition of India Chem-2022

- ★ Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 12th edition of Biennial International Exhibition and Conference India Chem 2022 at New Delhi on 02 November 2022.
- ★ India Chem 2022 has been organised by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) from 02 -03 November 2022.
- ★ The Theme of the 12th India Chem 2022 is 'Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India'.

Greenfield Airport at Hollongi as 'Donyi Polo Airport

- ★ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved naming of greenfield airport at Hollongi, Itanagar as 'Donyi Polo Airport'.

- ★ A resolution was passed by the state government of Arunachal Pradesh to name this airport 'Donny Polo Airport, Itanagar'.
- ★ The 'Doni Polo' reflects the people's respect for the Sun (Doni) and the Moon (Polo), symbols of the state's traditions and rich cultural heritage.
- ★ Doni Polo Airport in Itanagar is the 16th airport in Northeast India.
- ★ The project is being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with the Central Government and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh at a cost of ₹646 crore.

Banking Conferences of Asia, FIBAC 2022

- ★ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated one of the largest annual banking conferences of Asia, FIBAC 2022 in Mumbai on 02 November 2022.
- ★ The FIBAC 2022 has been organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Indian Bank's Association (IBA) on 02 and 03 November 2022 at Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ★ Theme of the Conference is 'Helping India step change its growth: How tech enabled banking can contribute to realization of \$5 trillion economy goal'.
- ★ During the event, he announced that the central bank hopes to launch digitized Kisan Credit Card loans in a full-fledged manner by the calendar year 2023.
- ★ Indian Bank Association is an association of Banks and Financial institutions in India which was set up in 1946.

Northeast's First Fish Museum

- ★ A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, which was announced by the Fisheries Minister Tage Taki.
- ★ The museum will be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP) sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries.
- ★ It will have all the fish species of the state and will act as a training center for the fishermen.
- ★ The proposed cost of the project is ₹100 crore.
- ★ ₹43.59 crore was sanctioned for the project in the current financial year as first instalment.

Invest Karnataka - 2022 Summit

- ★ The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural function of the Global Investors Meet Invest Karnataka 2022 through video conferencing on 02 November 2022.
- ★ The key themes to be addressed during the event will be related to innovation, sustainability, equity and resilience.
- ★ The aim of the Summit is to attract potential investors and establish a growth agenda for the next decade.
- ★ More than 80 speakers will present their views in the three-day event to be held in Bengaluru.

Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo 2022

- ★ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Kerala will organise the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 in Kochi, Kerala from 4-6 November 2022.
- ★ The Conference will be jointly inaugurated by the Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan.
- ★ Theme of the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo 2022 is ‘Azadi@75 – Sustainable AatmaNirbhar Urban Mobility’.
- ★ The conference will focus on designing and implementing efficient, high quality and sustainable transport systems in the cities.

Municipal Bonds with Assistance from US Treasury

- ★ Vadodara city of Gujarat became the second city in India to successfully issue its municipal bonds with the assistance of the US Treasury Department’s Office of Technical Assistance.
- ★ The ₹100 crore fund raised by the bond will be used for infrastructure development in Vadodara.
- ★ Municipal Bonds also known as Muni bonds. It is a debt instrument which is issued by Urban Local Bodies in India.
- ★ The fund is used to develop Infrastructure developments in the municipal areas.
- ★ Earlier Pune was the first city in India to issue Municipal bonds in 2017 with the assistance of US Treasury Department’s Office of Technical Assistance, Finance Ministry in the United States of America is known as Treasury department.

Lakhpati Didi Yojana

- ★ The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhama launched the ‘Lakhpati Didi’ Yojana in Dehradun on 04 November 2022.
- ★ The scheme is part of the government to empower the women of the state.
- ★ The Lakhpati Didi Yojana is being launched by the Rural Development department of the Uttarakhand government under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).
- ★ The government is aiming to enable at least 1.25 lakh women’s associated with various self-help groups (SHG) in the state to earn over one lakh rupees per year (Lakhpati) by 2025.
- ★ The government will tie up e-commerce platforms like Amazon, Flipkart, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) so that the SHG products get national and international markets.

CII Agro Tech -2022

- ★ The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 at Chandigarh on 04 November 2022.
- ★ The CII Agro Tech 2022 has been organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in partnership with Haryana and Punjab government from 4-7 November 2022.

- ★ The CII Agro Tech -2022 is India's premier international initiative exclusively focused on strengthening the Indian Agriculture and Food Processing sector through technology interventions, discussions, and nurturing partnerships.
- ★ Theme of the 15th CII Agro Tech-2022 is 'Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security'.

India's Largest Wind Turbine

- ★ Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) announced that it has installed a wind turbine taller than the world's tallest 'Statue of Unity' at Mundra, Gujarat.
- ★ This turbine has been installed by Mundra Windtech Limited (MWL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL).
- ★ The 200 m long wind turbine has a power generation capacity of 5.2 MW and can provide electricity to about 4,000 homes.
- ★ It is the largest wind turbine in terms of power generation and has a rotor diameter of 160 metres.

UIDAI Launches 'Aadhaar Mitra'

- ★ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched its new Chatbot 'Aadhaar Mitra' or better resident experience.
- ★ The new Chatbot comes with enhanced features like - check Aadhaar enrollment/update status, tracking of Aadhaar PVC card status, information on enrollment centre location etc.
- ★ Residents can even register their grievances and track them using Aadhaar Mitra.
- ★ UIDAI has been again placed at the top amongst all government departments for resolving public grievances for October 2022.

World's First Vedic Clock to be Installed in Ujjain

- ★ Madhya Pradesh education minister Mohan Yadav laid the foundation stone of the world's first Vedic Clock at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- ★ The Jiwaji observatory was constructed by Maharaja Sawai Raja Jaisingh of Jaipur in 1719.
- ★ The clock to be built at an estimated cost of ₹1.62 crore aims to make people familiar with the Vedic time calculation.
- ★ The Vedic clock will be based on Vedic calculation of the time, in which the 24 hours of the day are divided into Muhurats.
- ★ There will be a dedicated mobile application for the readings of the Vedic Clock, and citizens will be able to use it on their smartphones, computers, televisions and other devices.

Mangarh Dham was Designated a National Monument

- ★ Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan's Banswara District has been designated as a National Monument by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- ★ Mangarh Dham is a symbol of tribal perseverance and sacrifice, and it is the shared legacy of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

- ★ At the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid respect to Bhil freedom fighter Shri Govind Guru.

Indian Army Registers IPR of New Design Uniform

- ★ The Indian Army has registered the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of its new design and camouflage pattern uniform.
- ★ The new digital pattern combat uniform for Army soldiers was unveiled on Army Day on 15 January 2022.
- ★ The process for registration of the new Camouflage Pattern and Design of Improved Combat Uniform to establish ownership of the Indian Army has been completed by the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademark, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ★ The uniform's uniqueness is evident with the inclusion of gender-specific modifications for women's combat uniform.

PM Modi to Unveil Logo, Theme and Website of India's G20 Presidency

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 08 November will unveil the logo, theme and website of India's G20 Presidency through video conferencing.
- ★ The logo, theme and website will reflect India's message and the wider priorities for the world.
- ★ Guided by Modi's vision, India's foreign policy is evolving to assume a leadership role on the global stage.
- ★ Taking an important step in this direction, India will assume the presidency of the G20 from 01 December 2022.
- ★ This provides India with a unique opportunity to contribute to the global agenda on important issues of international importance.

"No Money for Terror" Ministerial Conference

- ★ India will host a 2 day "No Money for Terrorism" ministerial conference on 18 November and 19 November 2022 in New Delhi.
- ★ The conference will be hosted by India's premier anti-terrorism agency, National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- ★ Ministers, diplomat, and counterterrorism experts from the Egmont Group member states are likely to attend the 3rd edition of conference.
- ★ The Egmont group is an association of more than 150 countries. It consists of member countries' Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).
- ★ The main aim of the Egmont group is to strengthen information-sharing mechanisms among its members to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and associated predicate crimes.

Government to Constitute 22nd Law Commission

- ★ The Union ministry of Law and Justice constituted the 22nd Law Commission on 07 November 2022.

- ★ The Government appointed former Karnataka High court chief justice Rituraj Awasthi as the chairperson of the Law Commission.
- ★ The five members 22nd Law Commission will have a term of three years.
- ★ Justice Rituraj Awasthi was headed the Karnataka High Court bench which delivered the hijab verdict.
- ★ Justice BS Chauhan was the chairman of the 21st Law Commission whose term expired in August 2018.
- ★ Law commission is a non-statutory body which is set up by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice for suggesting reform in laws in India.

National Bio-Energy Program

- ★ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India has notified the National Bio-Energy Program.
- ★ MNRE has continued the National Bio-Energy Program for the period from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ★ The program is recommended to be implemented in two phases:
 - The first phase of the program has been approved with a budget outlay of ₹858 crore.
 - Biogas program will also assist in setting up household and medium sized biogas units in rural areas.
- ★ MNRE has been promoting bio-energy in India since the 1980s, to harness the vast surplus biomass, cattle dung, industrial and urban bio-waste available in the country for energy recovery.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

- ★ The Ministry of Education declared that in 2022 India will commemorate 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' in schools and higher education institutes on 15 November 2022.
- ★ The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was a name granted by the Union Cabinet of the Government of India on 15 November 2021 to recognize the role of tribal freedom fighters as part of the year-long celebration of India's 75th anniversary of independence.
- ★ The government designated November 15 as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', honouring the memories of valiant tribal independence fighters.
- ★ The project was launched by Union Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.
- ★ Birsa Munda was a historic freedom warrior, social reformer and tribal leader of the country was born on 15 November.

Indian National Cartographic Association

- ★ On 09 November 2022, the 42 International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) was inaugurated by the Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh, in Dehradun.
- ★ The 42nd International Congress is being organized by the National Hydrographic Office from 09 November-11 November 2022 at Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

- ★ The Theme of the 42nd INCA Congress is Digital Cartography to Harness Blue Economy'
- ★ The Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) was founded on 07 August 1979 at Hyderabad.
- ★ It is one of the biggest organizations of its kind in the world.

PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit

- ★ Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will inaugurate the PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit in Varanasi on 11 November 2022.
- ★ The Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India is organising the 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit' on 11 November-12 November 2022.
- ★ The summit will provide a networking platform for key stakeholders from the central government, state governments, industry and think tanks to share and discuss the National Master Plan.
- ★ In October 2021, the government announced the PM Gati Shakti programme.
- ★ It is multi-modal connectivity and will help in improving global competitiveness, boost manufacturing and modernise infrastructure in the country.

First State to Introduce Uniform Gold Prices

- ★ Kerala becomes the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price based on the bank rate.
- ★ The decision to introduce a uniform price on 916 purity 22-carat gold was taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country, and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association.
- ★ The launch of standardized gold rates across the state to safeguard the interest of the consumers and bring price transparency to the trade.
- ★ Uniform gold price based on bank rate offers an opportunity for consumers to purchase gold at a reasonable and transparent price.

BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers Meeting

- ★ India hosted the Second Agriculture Ministerial-level meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) at New Delhi on 10 November 2022.
- ★ It was hosted under the chairmanship of the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ★ The meeting adopted the Action Plan for Strengthening BIMSTEC Agricultural Cooperation (2023-2027).
- ★ An MoU was signed between the BIMSTEC Secretariat and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and approval was given to bring the fisheries and livestock sub-sectors under the Agriculture Working Group.
- ★ Agriculture ministers of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the meeting.

International Telemedicine Conference

- ★ The 18th International Telemedicine Conference organised by Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) in association with TSI Kerala will be held in Kochi, Kerala from 10 November to 12 November 2022.
- ★ Telemedicine-2022 is an annual global conference for healthcare professionals, providers, health insurance providers, online pharmacy chains, industrialists, academic scientists, research scholars and scientists.
- ★ The conference is organised in collaboration with government agencies, private organisations and national and international professional societies.
- ★ The conference aims to build a platform involving health regulators, health funding authorities, service providers and international experts.
- ★ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somnath will participate in this conference as the chief guest and deliberate on how the latest technologies in our country will improve telemedicine facilities.
- ★ The conference will be held at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.
- ★ The theme of the event is ‘Strengthening Health Systems Through Sustainable Telemedicine and Digital Health’.

RFCL Fertilizer Plant at Ramagundam

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12 November 2022 inaugurate the RFCL fertilizer plant at Ramagundam in Peddapalli district of Telangana.
- ★ The plant which started commercial production in 2021 has been revived at a cost of ₹6,338 crore.
- ★ India is a big importer of Urea and meets around 30% of its 35 million tonnes of annual urea requirement from imports.
- ★ China, Oman, UAE, Egypt and Ukraine were the main source of Urea in 2021-22.
- ★ India aims to end imports of urea from 2025 by boosting its local production capacity with the commissioning of new plants.

Asian Conference on Diarrhoeal Disease and Nutrition

- ★ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar addressed the 16th Asian Conference on Diarrhoeal Disease and Nutrition (ASCODD) at Kolkata on 11 November 2022.
- ★ The theme of the Conference was ‘Prevention and control of cholera, typhoid and other enteric diseases in low and middle-income countries through community participation: beyond the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic’.
- ★ The conference was organised by ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases.
- ★ The conference focused on issues such as intestinal infections, nutrition, policy and practice, development of cholera vaccines, contemporary approaches to antimicrobial resistance of intestinal bacteria, including a roadmap to end cholera by 2030.

India's First Hydrogen Fuel Cell Catamaran Vessel in Varanasi

- ★ The Cochin Shipyard signed an MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build the country's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran ship for Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.
- ★ The shipyard also signed another MoU for construction of six electric catamaran ships for Uttar Pradesh and two ships for Guwahati.
- ★ The MoU was signed in Varanasi in the presence of Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and several other dignitaries.
- ★ The air-conditioned hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel will have a seating capacity of 100 passengers.
- ★ It will be deployed in Varanasi after trial in Kochi.
- ★ The air-conditioned electric hybrid vessels were designed for short-distance travel in riverine waters.

'No Money For Terror' Ministerial Conference

- ★ Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India will organize the 3rd Ministerial Conference on 'No Money for Terror' in New Delhi on 18 November and 19 November 2022.
- ★ Representatives from 75 countries and international bodies will attend the two-day conference.
- ★ The objective of this conference is to take forward the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two conferences in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019).
- ★ It will also discuss technical, legal and regulatory aspects of all aspects of terrorism financing.
- ★ The participating countries will also deliberate on how to effectively implement the standards mandated by the Financial Action Terror Force (FATF) and UN listing on terrorist groups and terrorists.

Four Ambitious Schemes for Students and Youths

- ★ The Jharkhand Cabinet has approved four ambitious schemes to promote education and skill development of students and youths.
- ★ The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren approved the 4 schemes and 34 other agendas.
- ★ President Droupadi Murmu will officially launch these schemes on Jharkhand's Foundation Day on 15th November 2022.
- ★ The four schemes are:
 - Higher and Technical Education department's Mukhya Mantri Shiksha Prothsahan Yojana (MMSPY)
 - Eklavya Prasikshan Yojana (EPY)
 - Guruji Student Credit Card Yojana (GSCCY)
 - Labour department's Mukhya Mantri Sarathi Yojana (MMSY).

Odisha Government Announces Relief for Farmers

- ★ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on 15 November 2022 announced an input Assistance of ₹200 crores for the distressed farmers of the drought-affected areas of the state.
- ★ The entire expenditure would be borne by the State Government.
- ★ To help the farmers of the state the Chief Minister has decided to provide assistance out of the state's own resources.

International Travelling Exhibition 'Vaccines Injecting Hope'

- ★ Union Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs Ajoy Ram Meghwal inaugurated an international travelling exhibition "Vaccines Injecting Hope" at the National Science Center, New Delhi on 15 November 2022.
- ★ The exhibition "Vaccines Injecting Hope" has been organised by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and Science Museum Group, London.
- ★ The exhibition tells the story of the global effort to develop covid vaccine started on 15 November 2022 and will tour five cities of Delhi, Nagpur, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata till September 2025 and is expected to reach out to more than 2 million people.
- ★ NCSM is an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Culture. It is a premier body in the field of science communication.

Contingency Fund for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin

- ★ The Union Finance Ministry has authorized release of ₹13,000 crore from the Contingency Fund of India to meet the additional financial demand for implementing the Government of India's flagship Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Gramin (PMAY-G) programme in 2022-23.
- ★ This amount is in addition to the ₹20,000 crore allocated for the programme in the Union Budget 2022-23.
- ★ Under the PMAY-G scheme, the government provides financial assistance of ₹1.20 lakhs per beneficiary for construction of houses in rural areas in plain areas and in the North East and Hilly areas the assistance amount is ₹1.30 lakhs per beneficiary.
- ★ Article 267 of the constitution provides for a Contingency Fund of India for the central government and for each state government.

First Indian Biological Data Center

- ★ Union Minister of state for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh dedicated India's first national repository for life science data 'Indian Biological Data Center' (IBDC) to the nation at Faridabad.
- ★ In this data centre Indian researchers will store biological data from publicly funded research.
- ★ The digitised data will be stored on a four-petabyte supercomputer called 'Brahm'. A petabyte equals 10,00,000 gigabytes.
- ★ The bio-bank now has 200 billion base pair data, including 200 human genomes sequenced under the '1,000 Genomes Project', an international effort to map genetic variations in people.

Assam Government Launches Millet Mission

- ★ The Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on 16 November 2022 launched the “Assam Millet Mission” aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and doubling the farmer’s income.
- ★ The mission also aims at encouraging the farmers to diversify their crops.
- ★ Along with the Millet mission the Chief Minister also launched six soil testing and quality control laboratories Bongaigaon, morigaon, Golaghat, Udalgiri, Karimganj and Darrang.
- ★ Initially the millet mission will cover 25,000 hectares of land and later it will be extended to 50,000 hectares.

Digital Shakti 4.0

- ★ The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched the fourth phase of Digital Shakti Campaign, a pan-India project on digitally empowering and skilling women and girls in cyberspace on 15 November.
- ★ Digital Shakti 4.0 focuses on making women digitally proficient and aware to stand against any illegal or inappropriate activity online.
- ★ The National Commission for Women launched it in association with Cyberpeace Foundation and META.
- ★ Digital Shakti was launched in June 2018 to raise awareness and help women on the digital front across the country.
- ★ Through this project, more than 3 lakh women across India have been sensitised regarding cyber security tips and tricks.
- ★ It is helping women with reporting and redressal mechanisms, data privacy and use of technology for their benefit.

First Greenfield Farm Machinery Plant

- ★ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the first greenfield farm machinery plant of Mahindra and Mahindra at Pithampur in Madhya Pradesh.
- ★ This new farm machinery plant is capable of manufacturing affordable and accessible farm machinery equipment under the Mahindra and Swaraj brands.
- ★ The plant will also manufacture products for export to global markets in Asia, Africa, Europe and the America.
- ★ The facility is capable of manufacturing a range of new products designed at Mahindra’s Global Centers of Technology Excellence in Finland, Japan and Turkey.

Green Hydrogen Hub in Kochi

- ★ The India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) and the Government of Kerala have jointly evaluated a proposal for building the Kochi Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub, a large-scale green hydrogen hub with multiple use cases to the Government of Kerala.
- ★ IH2A’s KGH2 Hub plan is modelled after the Hydrogen Valley projects in the EU, to create production, storage, transmission and end-use infrastructure for green hydrogen (in compressed gas and liquid form) within a 50-km radius cluster in Kochi.

- ★ The plan focuses on the transport use case in the first phase, aligning with the state government's plans for zero-emission transport, to power Hydrogen-ICE retrofitted bus fleets of 60 buses and build the required infrastructure.

Arunachal Pradesh Signs MoU with NHLML

- ★ The Arunachal Pradesh government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for infrastructure development.
- ★ Announced in the Union Budget (2022-23) for the construction of ropeways in hilly terrains across the country for connecting inaccessible areas, decongesting urban areas and improve tourism in states, the national ropeway programme, the 'Parvatmala' project is being undertaken by the NHLML as the executing agency.
- ★ The MoU is expected to bring effective implementation, development, construction, operation and maintenance of the identified projects.

Conference of the Indian Currency Council and Currency Fair

- ★ Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel inaugurated the 104th Annual Conference of the Indian Currency Council and Currency Fair held at the State Museum in the premises of the International Buddhist Institute, Gomtinagar, Lucknow.
- ★ Currency is the reflection of the culture and civilization of any country.
- ★ This gives information about the history and economy of the time, due to which our future generations get the knowledge of our rich culture.
- ★ On this occasion, the Governor released a souvenir based on the compilation of research papers.

Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave

- ★ A two-day 4th edition of Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave is being held at New Delhi.
- ★ It was inaugurated by the Secretary Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals Arun Baroka on 17 November 2022.
- ★ The conclave has been organised jointly by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and International Council of Chemical Associations.
- ★ The conference is being supported by the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ★ The Theme of the 4th edition of Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave is 'Boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions'.
- ★ The two-day event promotes sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals.

First Unani Medicine Regional Center of Northeast

- ★ The Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the new, state of the art complex of Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM) in Silchar, Assam on 20 November 2022.

- ★ It is the first Unani medicine regional center in the North-East.
- ★ The new complex is spread over an area of 3.5 acres built with an investment of ₹48 crores.
- ★ The newly built complex of RRIUM will be under Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), the apex government organization for research in Unani Medicine.
- ★ It will also focus on conducting scientific research on different aspects, fundamental and applied, of Unani medicine and on diseases that are more prevalent in the North East.
- ★ The centre is also equipped to screen patients with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like cardiac, pulmonary, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

IAF Air Fest 2022

- ★ The Indian Air Force annual show, Air Fest 2022 commenced with a visually stunning and breath-taking performances of the Air Force's planes and helicopters at Headquarters Maintenance Command, Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur on 19 November 2022.
- ★ The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ★ The objective of the Air Fest is to showcase various facets of the Indian Air Force and motivate the youth of Nagpur to choose the Indian Air Force for an exciting career.

21st World Congress of Accountants

- ★ The Institute of Chartered Accountant of India (ICAI) is to host the 21st World Congress of Accountants 2022 (WCOA) at the Jio World Centre, Mumbai from 18 November to 21st November, 2022 in a Hybrid mode.
- ★ WCOA 2022 is being held in hybrid mode for the first time ever in the Congress's history.
- ★ The Theme for the year 2022 is 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.
- ★ The Lok Sabha Speaker OM Birla addressed the Congress on 18 November 2022 and described chartered accountants as 'saints of the new economic order'. They are the engines and architects of the economic world.
- ★ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

Camel Conservation Scheme

- ★ The Rajasthan government has approved an outlay of ₹2.60 crore for the Camel Conservation Scheme which is aimed at protecting camels.
- ★ The chief minister has decided to implement the camel conservation and development policy in the budget for the year 2022-23.
- ★ Under the scheme, each female camel and calf will be tagged by the veterinary doctor and an identity card will be issued.
- ★ The camel rearer will be given ₹5,000 while the veterinarian will receive ₹50 honorarium for each identity card.
- ★ On completion of one year of the camel calf, the rearer will get another instalment of ₹5,000.
- ★ The amount of both instalments will be deposited in the bank account of the camel rearer.

Official Website of SCO 2023

- ★ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has launched the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) with the theme of a SECURE SCO.
- ★ The website will highlight the events that will be undertaken under the chairmanship of India next year 2023.
- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had floated the concept of SECURE at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in China in 2018.
- ★ Explaining the SECURE concept, the Prime Minister said 'S' for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E' for environment protection.
- ★ The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a regional group of 8 countries of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

National e-Governance Conference

- ★ The 25th National e-Governance conference will be held at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Kakryal in Katra town of Reasi district in Jammu region on 25 November and 26 November 2022.
- ★ The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), in association with the Union Territory Government of Jammu and Kashmir will organize the conference.
- ★ The theme of the 25th National e-Governance conference is 'Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government Closer'.
- ★ The application and use of Information technology and communication (ICT) in governance is known as e-governance.

JKRIS 7 g-SAM Mobile App

- ★ Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has launched the Jammu and Kashmir Remote Sensing Information System (JKRIS), a spatial data infrastructure initiative and g-SAM (Gram Panchayat Spatial Assets Mapper) mobile app.
- ★ It was launched at the convention of geographic information system (GIS) government officials, professionals and entrepreneurs organised to mark World GIS Day.
- ★ The Geographic Information System technology ecosystem is offering new communication tools to different sectors and making a greater impact in areas like weather forecast, urban and transport planning, security and biodiversity protection.

UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon 2022

- ★ Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon 2022 at the Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida on 22 November 2022.
- ★ The Hackathon has been organized by the Union Ministry of Education.
- ★ Students from 22 African countries are participating in the Hackathon.

- ★ It is a social coding event that brings computer programmers and other interested people together to improve upon or build a new software.

Mukhyamantri Siksha Puraskar Yojana Award and Scholarship Scheme

- ★ Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the Mukhyamantri Siksha Puraskar Yojana Award and Scholarship Scheme.
- ★ The scheme has been introduced to encourage healthy competition between the state schools and also recognize excellence.
- ★ Under the programme, annual awards worth ₹100 Crore per year will be given to school students, educational institutions and principals, teachers and school management committees for achieving excellence in Education and Alumni for their contribution.

Fourth Edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue

- ★ The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was begun on 23 November 2022 in New Delhi. This dialogue will continue till 25 November 2022.
- ★ IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of the Indian Navy.
- ★ The National Maritime Foundation is the knowledge partner of the Navy and the main organiser of each edition of the event.
- ★ The theme of IPRD-2022 is the ‘Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative’.
- ★ As part of the event, globally renowned speakers and eminent panellists will explore how the areas of maritime cooperation can be operationalized optimally and inclusively.

Ponds Constructed Under Mission Amrit Sarovar

- ★ The government has completed the construction of more than 25,000 Amrit Sarovars within the 6 months.
- ★ Under the Mission Amrit Sarovar, a target has been set to build 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by 15 August 2023.
- ★ Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on 24 April 2022 with the resolve to build 75 Amrit Sarovars during the 75th year of independence as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ★ The objective is to build in every district to overcome the water crisis in rural areas of the country.

Youth Festival ‘Sonzal-2022’ at University of Kashmir

- ★ Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Annual Youth Festival ‘Sonzal-2022’ at the University of Kashmir.
- ★ The ‘Sonzal’ annual festival is a great opportunity for young artistes to showcase their talent and provide them the necessary platform to realise the dream of ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’.
- ★ Sonzal means rainbow, which is a symbol of hope, inspiration and good fortune.
- ★ The University of Kashmir has transformed into a center of excellence and has been promoting scientific research, new ideas and knowledge and adapting to rapid changes in fundamental aspects of the educational landscape across the globe.

Pre-Launch Celebration of International Year of Millets

- ★ A pre-launch celebration of the International Year of Millets was held on 24 November 2022 in New Delhi.
- ★ It was organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- ★ Its main objective is to spread awareness about Indian Millets and associate with other countries for the successful global celebration of the International Year of Millets in 2023.
- ★ India is promoting natural farming and re-popularizing nutritious and traditional food grains like millets for sustainable food security.

59th ABU General Assembly 2022

- ★ The government of India owned public broadcaster Prasar Bharti which owns the All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) is hosting the 59th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) General Assembly 2022 from 25 November to 30 November 2022 in New Delhi.
- ★ Prasar Bharti was set up in 1997 by an act of Parliament.
- ★ Prasar Bharati CEO Gaurav Dwivedi announced that around 300 international delegates from 40 countries representing 50 organizations will participate in the event.
- ★ Theme of the 59th ABU General Assembly is 'Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis'.
- ★ The ABU was set up in 1964 is a non-profit, professional association of the broadcasting organizations of Asia and Pacific region.

New Survey Vessel 'Ikshak'

- ★ The Indian Navy launched 'Ikshak', the third of the four Survey Ships (Large) being built by GRSE and L&T at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- ★ It was launched in the presence of VADM MA Hampiholi, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command.
- ★ The ship has been named 'Ikshak' which means 'Guide'.
- ★ The ship has been named to signify the contribution of the Survey ships towards facilitating safe passage for Mariners at Sea.
- ★ SVL ships will replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships with new generation hydrographic equipment to collect oceanographic data.

Aero India 2023

- ★ The Union Ministry of Defence has announced on 27 November 2022 that the biennial air show AeroIndia-2023 will be held at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru's from 13 February to 17 February 2023.
- ★ This year marks the 14th edition of Aero India.
- ★ It is a premier global trade show which provides an opportunity for the international arms industry to showcase their products, technologies and solutions to the Indian military.

First Biodiversity Heritage Site

- ★ The Tamil Nadu government issued a notification declaring the Arittapatti village near Melur in Madurai district, Tamil Nadu (TN) as a biodiversity heritage site under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- ★ It is Tamil Nadu's first and India's 35th Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS).
- ★ The Site spreads in an area of 215 hectares in Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages in the Madurai district.
- ★ Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) are areas that are unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems having rich biodiversity consisting of any one or more endemic species, keystone species or fossil beds or components having cultural or esthetic values.

Global Technology Summit

- ★ The 7th edition of Global Technology Summit will be held in New Delhi in a hybrid format from 29 November to 01 December 2022.
- ★ The Summit which focuses on Geotechnology will be co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India.
- ★ Geotechnology is the use of scientific study and methods in activities related to the earth, rocks, and soil, especially to the earth's mineral resources such as oil and metals.
- ★ The theme for the year Summit 2022 is 'Geopolitics of Technology'.

Har Ghar Gangajal Project in Rajgir

- ★ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on 27 November 2022 launched the Har Ghar Gangajal project in Rajgir.
- ★ This is a unique initiative to make Ganga water available through taps in the dry areas of the state.
- ★ The scheme will help to harvest the excess water of the Ganga during the monsoon season.
- ★ The water will be stored in reservoirs in Rajgir and Gaya before being channeled to three treatment-and-purification plants, from where it will be supplied to the public.
- ★ Har Ghar Gangajal is part of the Bihar Government's Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali scheme.

India Creates Panel to Redesign the Government Job Guarantee Program

- ★ The Union Rural Development Ministry of India has established a panel to restructure its job guarantee program in the hopes of distributing more work to the nation's poorer regions.
- ★ As India's rural communities recovered from the epidemic amid skyrocketing prices and few non-farms job possibilities, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGA) was in high demand.
- ★ The panel would offer institutional mechanisms, such as governance and administrative structures for more efficient use of finances, particularly to alleviate poverty.
- ★ The panel will study spending patterns across several states and pinpoint the causes of variances in its report, which is to be submitted by January.

AMLAN, Mission to Eradicate Anaemia

- ★ Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik launched AMLAN (Anaemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan) a multi-pronged approach in a bid to ensure the complete eradication of the anaemia problem among women and children in Odisha.
- ★ Several departments including Health and Family Welfare, School and Mass Education, Women and Child Development, Mission Shakti and Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC) Development Department will carry out the program.
- ★ The program will benefit about 37 Crore people, which includes pregnant women, lactating mothers, women of reproductive age group, adolescents and children.

RE-HAB Project

- ★ Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman of KVIC launched the ambitious Reducing Human Attacks Using Honey Bees (Re-Hab) Project.
- ★ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission launched the Re-Hab Project (Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Government of India).
- ★ In addition to the honey extractor, Shri Manoj Kumar distributed 330 bee boxes, bee colonies and toolkits to rural beneficiaries in Chausla village.
- ★ The Re-Hab Project is currently active in seven states includes Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Assam and Odisha.
- ★ The KVIC will manage the Re-Hab Project for a year in a specific area.

Chief Guest on Republic Day 2023

- ★ President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2023.
- ★ This is the first time that the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt will be the Chief Guest on Republic Day of the nation.
- ★ Also, this is the first time India has invited a foreign dignitary to the event after the gap of the last two years due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ★ The year 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Egypt.
- ★ Egypt has been invited as a 'Guest Country' during India's Presidency of G20 in 2022-23.

e-Vehicle Charging Stations

- ★ The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has developed a mobile app named KeMapp – 'Kerala E-Mobility App'.
- ★ It will serve as a common platform for accessing the services of e-vehicle charging stations.
- ★ Minister for Electricity K. Krishnankutty formally launched the app at 'ewaTTs '22', an e-mobility conclave organized by the KSEB.
- ★ The app is now in test mode and will soon be available for download on PlayStore.
- ★ KeMapp replaces 4 software solutions for charging-station operations provided by different vendors who had established the stations for KSEB.

- ★ Motorists can use the app to get the locations of charging stations, book lots and make the payment after charging.

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Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference

- ★ Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri attended the Opening Ceremony of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC-2022) on 31 October 2022 at Abu Dhabi.
- ★ The event was hosted by ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company), ADIPEC is one the world's leading events of the energy industry.
- ★ It aims to provide insights on the latest trends affecting an evolving global energy system including the global economy, energy supply as well as next generation of energy solutions.
- ★ The Minister also inaugurated the India Pavilion, set up jointly by Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

21st Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government

- ★ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represented India at a virtual meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 1 November 2022.
- ★ The meeting was attended by SCO Member States, Observer States, Secretary General of the SCO, Executive Director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), Turkmenistan and other invited guests.
- ★ Member countries also called for the improvement of SCO activities and the development of efficient transport corridors for interconnectivity.
- ★ SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organization and was founded in 2001.

Cabinet Approves MoU Between India and Denmark

- ★ On 02 November 2022, the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Denmark on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Development and Management.
- ★ According to the Cabinet the MoU will strengthen cooperation in the field of water resources development and management; rural water supply and sewage/wastewater treatment through direct collaboration between officials, academics, water sectors and industry in the areas under scope of cooperation.
- ★ In September 2020, the Prime Minister of Denmark Mette Frederiksen and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched a Joint Statement on establishment of Green Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

International Book Fair

- ★ The 41st International Book Fair, being organised by the Sharjah Book Authority (SBA) will be held from 02 November to 13 November 2022 at Expo Centre Sharjah.
- ★ The book fair will host several award-winning authors, intellectuals and other literary figures from across the world.
- ★ This year's theme of the fair is 'Spread the Word'.
- ★ The Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India is participating in the Sharjah International Book Fair.
- ★ The Publications Division will offer readers and book lovers a wide variety of books on the history of the Indian freedom struggle and freedom fighters.
- ★ Readers will get a chance to read more than 100 books and magazines in various Indian languages on various subjects.

Indonesia Hands Over G-20 Religious Forum Presidency

- ★ On 03 November 2022, Indonesia handed over the Presidency of the R20 summit, the religious grouping of the Group of 20 Forum, to India which New Delhi will host in 2023.
- ★ Indonesia, which is the host country of the 17th G-20 summit 2022, introduced the R-20 (Religion Forum) event as part of the G-20 meeting for the first time.
- ★ The R20 Summit was inaugurated by the Indonesian President Joko Widodo.
- ★ India will assume the Presidency of the Group of Twenty (or G-20) for one year from 01 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.
- ★ G-20 is a group of 19 countries as well as the European Union.

COP27 Meeting in Egypt

- ★ Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav will lead the Indian delegation to attend the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) scheduled to be held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 06 November to 18 November, 2022.
- ★ The COP 27 conference is being organized by the Bonn, Germany based United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with Egypt being the host country.
- ★ The COP 27 will focus on delivering action on a number of issues critical to tackling the climate emergency.

G-7 Foreign Ministers Meeting

- ★ The Group of 7 (G-7) Foreign Minister's meeting was held at the German town of Muenster on 04 November and 05 November 2022.
- ★ German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock hosted the foreign ministers of United States, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, Italy and Canada.
- ★ Germany is currently the President of the G-7 group.
- ★ The G-7 (Group of Seven) is an organisation of the world's seven largest advanced economies, which dominate global trade and the international financial system.

- ★ Germany invited Ghana, Kenya and the African Union to join the G-7 meeting for discussions on climate change, infrastructure, democracy and addressing conflict and humanitarian crises.

ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in Cambodia

- ★ The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Cambodia from the 11th-13th of November 2022 to attend the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit.
- ★ The Vice President will be accompanied by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- ★ During his three-day official visit, the Vice President will attend the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in Phnom Penh on 12th November 2022.
- ★ He will also participate in the 17th East Asia Summit on 13th November 2022.
- ★ This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.
- ★ He will also have bilateral engagements with the Cambodian leadership and leaders from other countries.

World Heritage Glaciers to Disappear by 2050

- ★ According to new UNESCO data, by 2050 one-third of the World's Heritage Sites of Glaciers will disappear.
- ★ The study, conducted by UNESCO in partnership with the IUCN, shows that these glaciers have been shrinking at an accelerated rate since 2000 due to CO₂ emissions and higher temperatures.
- ★ The report highlights the accelerated melting of glaciers regardless of efforts to limit temperature rise.
- ★ The study suggests that the only effective solution to this environmental threat is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions as quickly as possible.

Malabar Naval Exercise

- ★ The 27th Malabar naval exercise 2022 including the navies of all four Quad countries India, the US, Australia and Japan began on 09 November 2022 on the Yokosuka Island of Japan near the East China Sea.
- ★ Indian Naval ships INS Shivalik and INS Kamorta are participating in the 10-day exercise being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).
- ★ The Japanese Navy is called the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.
- ★ The Indian Naval Chief R Hari Kumar witnessed the opening ceremony of the Malabar exercise.
- ★ The 2021 exercise between the four navies was held in the Philippines Sea and also in the Bay of Bengal.

India Joins MAC

- ★ India has joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

- ★ After joining the alliance, India called for the integration of mangrove conservation with reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) programs for carbon sequestration.
- ★ MAC is an intergovernmental coalition that seeks to accelerate the conservation and restoration of mangrove ecosystems.
- ★ India is among the first five countries to join the MAC, which includes Australia, Japan, Spain and Sri Lanka.
- ★ Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that studies have shown that mangrove forests can absorb four to five times more carbon emissions than landed tropical forests.

Currency Monitoring List

- ★ The US Department of Treasury (American Finance Ministry) on 11 November 2022 has removed India along with Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its Currency Monitoring List.
- ★ India was for the first time put in the currency monitoring list in 2018 and was later on removed later on. But it was again put in the list in April 2021.
- ★ Under the 2015 act of the United States the department of Treasury has to submit a semi-annual report to the United States Congress (American Parliament) in which it mentions major trading partners of the United States which it believes enjoy unfair trade advantage due to currency manipulation.

Google Launches 'FloodHub'

- ★ Google launched a platform called 'FloodHub' to forecast floods.
- ★ FloodHub- a platform that displays flood forecasts and shows when and where floods are likely to occur, so that people at risk can be directly informed of their needs and officials can help them effectively be able to assist.
- ★ Google has expanded its AI flood forecasting services, which were first introduced in 2018 to an additional 18 countries in India, Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

India Signs MoU with Cambodia

- ★ On November 12 India and Cambodia signed 4 MoUs in areas of health, technology, biodiversity conservation and preservation of ancient buildings.
- ★ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar holds a bilateral meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on the sidelines of the ongoing ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- ★ The two had extensive discussions on bilateral relations including human resources, mining and development projects.
- ★ Cambodia also stressed on enhancing cooperation on mine clearance to help Cambodia reach the goal of 'a mine-free Cambodia by 2025'.

11th Member of ASEAN

- ★ The 10 nations group Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit Timor- Leste as its 11th member.

- ★ This was declared by the ASEAN after its summit meeting held in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh on 11 November 2022 Timor- Leste applied for membership of the ASEAN in 2011.
- ★ Timor- Leste will be initially granted an observer status at a high-level ASEAN meeting and it will take years before it becomes a full member of the ASEAN group.

India and Finland

- ★ India and Finland have agreed to enhance cooperation in areas such as Digital Partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and Digital Education.
- ★ This was agreed by the visiting Finland's Minister of Education and Culture, Petri Honkonen and the Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh in a meeting in New Delhi on 14 November 2022.
- ★ Both the countries also agreed on having institutionalized joint working groups in areas of mutual interest and in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation.

The Pandemic Fund Sponsored by World Bank and WHO

- ★ The Pandemic Fund sponsored by the World Bank and World Health Organisation was officially launched at Bali, Indonesia on 13 November 2022 at the sidelines of the G-20 Joint Finance and Health Ministers' Meeting.
- ★ The Pandemic Fund has been established by the World Bank in association with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in September 2022.
- ★ The fund has been set up to provide assistance to the low- and middle-income countries to strengthen their preparedness and response (PPR) to the future epidemics and pandemics.
- ★ The fund will be used to build and strengthen infrastructure in these countries so that they are better prepared to face the risks of future epidemics and pandemics like covid.
- ★ Till date according to the World Bank the fund has received a commitment of \$1.4 billion from 24 donor countries including India.

India Hosts LeadIT Summit with Sweden

- ★ India and Sweden hosted the LeadIT (Leadership for Industry Transition) Summit, on 15 November 2022 on the side-lines of Conferences of Parties (COP 27) being held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November 2022.
- ★ The initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the industrial sector which is a major source of carbon emission in the world.
- ★ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav co-hosted the summit with the Swedish Minister for Climate and the Environment Romina Pourmokhtari.
- ★ The Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) was launched by the governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 at New York City, United States of America.
- ★ It brings together countries and companies that are committed to action to achieve the 2016 Paris Agreement on reduction of carbon emission.

First Global Media Congress

- ★ The three-day first World media Congress was held at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- ★ The conference and exhibition Congress is organised by ADNEC Group in partnership with Emirates News Agency (WAM).
- ★ Theme of the World Media Congress is 'Shaping the Future of the Media Industry'.
- ★ India was represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Information Broadcasting Apurva Chandra.

United Kingdom Government Approved Three Thousand Visas

- ★ On 16 November 2022, the United Kingdom government approved three thousand visas for young professionals from India to work in the country every year.
- ★ This visa is done under the UK-India Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement which was signed in 2021.
- ★ India is the first country to benefit from such a scheme.
- ★ The UK government has approved the UK-India Young Professionals Scheme which offers 3,000 visas to Indian graduates aged 18-30 years to live and work in the UK for up to two years.
- ★ The announcement was made on the sidelines of the 17th edition of the G20 Summit in Bali.

First International Olympic Committee Esports Week

- ★ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that inaugural Olympic Esports Week will take place in Singapore between 22 June and 25 June 2023.
- ★ Esports (Electronic sports) is a competitive sport where Esports athletes use their physical and mental abilities to compete in certain genres of video games in a virtual, electronic environment.
- ★ The Olympic Esports Week will be organized by the IOC In partnership with the Singapore government and the Singapore National Olympic Committee (SNOC).
- ★ The Olympic Esports Week will showcase the best of virtual sports in hybrid physical and simulated sports.

India and European Union Sign Agreement

- ★ India and the European Union (EU) have signed an agreement on cooperation in hi-tech areas such as climate modelling and quantum technologies on 21 November 2022.
- ★ The agreement aims to facilitate collaboration on high performance computing applications using Indian and European supercomputers in areas such as bio-molecular medicines, Covid-19 therapeutics, mitigating climate change, predicting natural disasters and quantum computing.
- ★ The India-EU TTC (Trade and Technology Council) was established between India and the European Union during the visit of the European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on 25 April 2022 at New Delhi.
- ★ This is the first such trade and technology council set up by India with any of its partners.
- ★ India is the second country after the United States of America with which the European Union has signed such an agreement.

First India ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting

- ★ Indian defence minister Rajnath Singh arrived Cambodia to co-chair the first India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting and attend the 9th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus).
- ★ India and Cambodia are celebrating 70 years of diplomatic ties in 2022.
- ★ The year 2022 is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year to commemorate the 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.
- ★ Cambodia is the current chairman of the ASEAN (Association of South East Nation) and all ASEAN related summits and conferences.
- ★ The ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN and its eight Dialogue Partners Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States to strengthen security and defence cooperation for peace, stability, and development in the region.

Australian Parliament Approves Trade Deal with India

- ★ Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on 22 November 2022 announced that the country's Free Trade Agreement with India has been passed by the Australian Parliament.
- ★ It is an interim trade deal which will be gradually converted into a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CEPA).
- ★ This is the second such agreement signed by India with a foreign country after a similar agreement was signed with the United Arab Emirates in March 2022.

Exercise Garud Shakti 2022

- ★ Garuda Shakti, the eighth edition of the series of bilateral exercises is being conducted at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang at Indonesia.
- ★ A contingent of Indian Special Forces soldiers is participating in Exercise Garuda Shakti, a bilateral joint training exercise with Indonesian Special Forces.
- ★ It aims to enhance understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the special forces of both the armies.
- ★ The scope of the joint exercise includes orientation, sharing of information on weapons, equipment, innovations, tactics, techniques and procedures to upgrade the skills of the Special Forces.

DGCA Grants Aerodrome License to Jaipur International Airport

- ★ Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) following which the airport has embarked on an expansion drive.
- ★ The license was previously held by the Airport Authority of India (AAI), the government body which was earlier operating the airport.
- ★ The license has been granted to the airport operator to provide full access to the management and control operations of the airport by the concession agreement.
- ★ The airport management has conducted an extensive survey at Jaipur airport which revealed that present passenger traffic of 50 lakh per annum will reach 1 crore by 2025.

Exercise 'AUSTRALIA HIND 22'

- ★ The Bilateral military training exercise "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" between the Indian Army and the Australian Army will commence on 28 November 2022 at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (Rajasthan).
- ★ The exercise will take place from 28 November to 11 December 2022.
- ★ This is the first exercise in the series of AUSTRALIA HIND with participation of all arms and services contingent from both armies.
- ★ During the exercise, participants will engage in a variety of tasks ranging from joint planning, joint tactical drills, sharing basics of special arms skills.

Joint Military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti -2022'

- ★ India - Malaysia joint military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti -2022' commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia on 28 November 2022.
- ★ Combat-experienced troops of the GARHWAL RIFLES Regiment of the Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army will participate in the exercise.
- ★ It is an annual training event between the Indian and Malaysian Army which has been conducted since 2012.
- ★ The exercise will raise the level of defence cooperation between the Indian Army and the Malaysian Army, which in turn will further boost bilateral relations between the two countries.

Mahatma Gandhi's Bust to be Inaugurated at UNHQ

- ★ A bust of Mahatma Gandhi will be inaugurated as a gift from India to the United Nations during India's presidency of the Security Council in December 2022, the first sculpture of the Mahatma to be installed at the world body's headquarters.
- ★ The bust was made by renowned Indian sculptor Padma Shree awardee Ram Sutar, who has also designed the 'Statue of Unity in Gujarat.
- ★ It will be inaugurated on 14 December 2022, during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to the UN for India's Presidency of the Council for December 2022.
- ★ Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar accepted the sculpture on behalf of the United Nations.

BANKING, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Digital Rupee in the Wholesale Segment

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has on 31 October 2022 announced that it will begin a pilot launch of the Digital Rupee (e₹) for specific use cases.
- ★ The first pilot project of the Digital Rupee will be launched in the Wholesale segment (e₹-W) on 01 November 2022.
- ★ The digital rupee will be used for settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities.

- ★ According to the RBI, nine banks including State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC will participate in the pilot project.

RBI Lifts Ban on New Branches by Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted its 3-year ban on 101-year-old Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) on opening new branches
- ★ This comes in the backdrop of the bank's shares getting listed in the Indian Stock Exchanges on 15 September 2022.
- ★ At present, it has 509 branches – 106 rural, 247 semi-urban, 80 urban and 76 metropolitans.

NAREDCO Sets up NFC to Help Builders in Getting Funds

- ★ National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has formed a Finance Committee (NFC) on the sidelines of NAREDCO 24th Annual General Meeting to enable developers' easy access to funds based on merit and viability of the projects.
- ★ The Committee will operate as one-stop-shop aggregating financing options from multiple large financial institutions.
- ★ Merchant bankers, Resurgent India Limited will be actively associated with the NFC.
- ★ The NFC will also support large-scale projects to access funds through financial institutions and educate members to enhance their credit ratings.
- ★ NAREDCO members can submit their applications online for further processing with minimum documentation.
- ★ The Committee and NAREDCO have partnered with financial institutions to limit the processing and in-principle approval time to 15-30 days for an application.

Dhanlaxmi Bank Under Monitoring

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had placed Thrissur (Kerala)-based private bank Dhanlaxmi Bank under tight monitoring with its financial position coming under greater public scrutiny.
- ★ The Bank's capital-to-risk weighted assets or capital adequacy ratio (CRAR) fell to around 13% at the end of March 2022, down from 14.5% a year earlier, prompting the RBI to assess the bank's financial health.
- ★ Earlier, Dhanlaxmi Bank's capital adequacy has fallen below the required levels and it has even been placed under the RBI's prompt corrective action framework (PCA) to deal with serious deteriorations in its financial position.

India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp

- ★ The Government of India owned India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) launched India's first floating financial literacy camp around the world-famous Dal Lake of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ★ The financial literacy camp was organised under the Niveshak Didi or female Dakiya initiative of the IPPB.

- ★ Niveshak Didi or female dakiya, is a joint initiative of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs with India Post Payment Bank.
- ★ The aim of the scheme is to promote financial and investor education amongst the women.
- ★ Trained women agents of the IPPB educate the general female population to develop adequate knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviour which are needed to manage their money better and plan for their future. This is also called as Financial Literacy.

Currency in Circulation Declines- SBI Ecowrap

- ★ State Bank of India (SBI) in its latest research report Ecowrap published on 03 November 2022 has announced that the currency in circulation declined by ₹7,600 crore in the Diwali week in 2022.
- ★ This was for the first time in the last 20 years that the cash circulation has come down during Diwali festival season.
- ★ According to the report the main reason for the decline in cash circulation was the change in the Indian payment system from a cash led to smartphone led payment economy.
- ★ The innovation in fintech has led to development of interoperable payments systems like Unified Payment Interface (UPI), Wallets and Prepaid Instruments have made it simple and cheaper to transfer money digitally.

Aditya Birla Health Insurance and IDFC FIRST Bank

- ★ Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited. (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), a leading non-bank financial services conglomerate announced its bancassurance partnership with IDFC FIRST Bank.
- ★ The partnership is for the distribution of health insurance products through the Bank's state-of-the-art digital platform and its wide distribution network.
- ★ This bancassurance partnership will help further strengthen ABHI's distribution and unlock growth opportunities through the Bank's wide network.
- ★ This tie-up will help reach the extended market base with 'Health First' insurance solutions thereby increasing insurance penetration.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Partners with Karza

- ★ Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI) partnered with Karza Technologies and a few other technology vendors to launch end-to-end onboarding journeys of customers on the WhatsApp platform.
- ★ It will allow customers to select premium amount, term, illustration generation and premium payment within the WhatsApp journey only.
- ★ The use of Karza's next-generation tech solutions by Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance to comply with KYC norms, extract data through APIs and even get confirmation from customers is a revolution in itself.
- ★ This solution will enable customers to purchase insurance products using WhatsApp within 5 minutes with secured KYC verification and an encrypted chat option provided by WhatsApp.

ADB Provides \$40 Million Loan to Greencell Express

- ★ Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 07 November 2022 has sanctioned a \$40 million loan to GreenCell Express Pvt Ltd to develop 255 e-buses with women-centric security features for the domestic market.
- ★ These buses will serve as many as 50 lakh people every year on 56 routes in India, having security features such as panic buttons connected to command controls for immediate response to enhance safety of passengers, especially women.
- ★ Being electric buses, the project will reduce carbon emissions by 14,780 tonnes per year in India.

MUFG Bank Partners with M1xchange

- ★ MUFG Bank has partnered with M1xchange to facilitate digital invoice financing for the bank's clients.
- ★ Under M1xchange's TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System), MSME suppliers get early funding for their receivables under a bidding mechanism, and this is funded by MUFG Bank, which takes on the credit risk of the corporate buyers.
- ★ This collaboration allows MUFG Bank to leverage the digital ecosystem established by M1xchange thereby enhancing the efficiency of its client services.
- ★ The collaboration with M1xchange demonstrates MUFG's commitment to meeting the growing trade finance needs of the industry.

Emirates NBD Invests USD 100 Million in India

- ★ United Arab Emirates-based bank Emirates NBD announced an additional USD 100 million investment in India operations and added two more branches in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Gurugram, Haryana
- ★ The lender has invested USD 300 million in the last 5 years of its operations in India in three tranches.
- ★ India and the UAE have had long-standing strategic and economic ties over the years, which have further been catalyzed by the recently executed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- ★ The bank's 60-second zero-fee digital funds transfer service to India, Direct Remit, has facilitated 5 million remittances to India worth nearly USD 2 billion in 2022.

Max Life Ties up with Ditto

- ★ Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has announced a life insurance product distribution tie-up with Tacterial Consulting Private Limited, Ditto.
- ★ The tie-up aims to improve Max Life's customer experience by leveraging Ditto's insurance advisory capabilities and technological skill to enhance life insurance penetration in the country.
- ★ Ditto will sell multiple variations of Max Life's protection plan providing comprehensive coverage against Death, Disease and Disability along with applicable riders facilitated through a seamless digital distribution model.

ftcash Gets NBFC License from RBI

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted a license to ftcash, a startup in Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) lending to set up a non-banking financial company (NBFC).
- ★ The company has partnerships with Northern Arc, Ugro and Ambit for providing credit offerings to their customers.
- ★ The NBFC license will allow to bridge the credit gap while offering loans with minimal documentation along with daily repayment options through PoS with equated daily instalments.
- ★ ftcash has raised \$10.2 million in funding and is supported by several investors including Accion, FMO and IvyCap Ventures.

AIIB Partners with GEAPP

- ★ The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) announced a collaboration and strategic investment partnership for mobilizing up to \$1 billion for the financing of green energy transition and renewable energy projects in both the public and private sectors.
- ★ It is to promote energy efficiency financing for MSMEs and explore the internet of things (IoT)-based solutions, greening MSMEs, capacity building of various stakeholders, etc.
- ★ As per India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), India has to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 from the 2005 level.

NPCI Introduces BHIM App

- ★ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) an initiative by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian Banks Association (IBA) has announced the launch of the BHIM App open-source license model.
- ★ In a step ahead towards attaining the goal of 'Digital Payments for All'
- ★ The NPCI will licence the source code of the BHIM app to regulated entities which do not yet have a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) app of their own, to empower them to launch their own UPI app.
- ★ NPCI intends to bridge this gap by extending all the readily available features of UPI to these entities through this BHIM App licensing model which will be an economical and quick-to-market solution for these entities
- ★ BHIM licensing model will empower these entities to offer the benefits of UPI to their customers with a ready UPI application that will help reduce time, effort and costs for the entities.

Sovereign Green Bonds

- ★ The Central government has issued a framework for its proposed Sovereign Green Bonds.
- ★ Nirmala Sithraman in budget had proposed the issuance of Sovereign Green Bond in the 2022-23 financial year.
- ★ The government proposes to issue ₹16,000 crore worth of bonds in the second half of the current financial year.

- ★ Bond is a debt instrument which is issued to raise capital or fund and it creates debt on the issuer. Sovereign Green Bond means that the fund raised from the sale of the bonds will be used for environment friendly projects.
- ★ The government will set up a 'Green Finance Working Committee' headed by the Chief Economic Advisor Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran.
- ★ The committee will select eligible projects for financing.

HDFC Bank Partners with Arzoo

- ★ HDFC Bank (India's largest Private sector Bank) partners with Arzoo (India's fastest-growing Retail Tech Platform) to launch Purchase cards that have been exclusively designed for offline retailers.
- ★ The card offers interest-free credit for up to a month and a credit limit of up to ₹1 crore.
- ★ It is also integrated with the Arzoo mobile application for ease of use during checkout.
- ★ Over 40,000 retail partners who are already on the Arzoo platform will now be able to manage their working capital much more efficiently.
- ★ The Purchase Card will play a pivotal role in mobilizing the economy by providing support to small and mid-sized retailers with easy access to capital.

RBI Revokes Authorisation Certificate

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revoked the certificate of authorisation (CoA) of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- ★ The company is in the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments.
- ★ Following the revocation of the CoA, GI Technology cannot transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments
- ★ However, customers or merchants having a valid claim on the company as PSO, can approach the company for settlement of their claims.

ICICI Pru Sukh Samruddhi

- ★ ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited has launched a new participating savings product, 'ICICI Pru Sukh Samruddhi', which provides customers with guaranteed benefits and growth potential in the form of bonuses.
- ★ Besides, the life cover continues for the entire duration of the policy, including the income period, providing financial security to the family.
- ★ This product also provides a higher maturity benefit to women customers to encourage them to embark on their savings journey and achieve financial independence.
- ★ To address the varied financial needs of customers, this long-term saving product has been made available in two variants – income and lump sum.

German Bank 'KfW' to Provide Loan to SBI

- ★ India's largest commercial bank State Bank of India has signed a 150-million-euro (₹1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects.
- ★ KfW Development Bank was set up in 1948 by the German Government.
- ★ The long-term loan, under the Indo-German solar partnership will facilitate new and upcoming capacities in the solar sector.
- ★ In 2015, the Indian and German government signed a memorandum of understanding to foster solar energy through technical as well as financial cooperation.
- ★ Through this agreement, Germany had expressed its willingness to provide the concessional loans to India in the range of 1 billion euros through KfW.

IFSCA Signs MoU with RBI

- ★ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration in the field of regulation and supervision of regulated entities.
- ★ This MoU facilitates technical cooperation and exchange of information.
- ★ The objective of the agreement is to strengthen the security, stability and soundness of the respective financial ecosystem, thereby ensuring a conducive environment for optimal business growth and economic growth.

European Work Council

- ★ The Indian IT giant company Wipro has reached an agreement with its employee representative to set up a European Works Council (EWC).
- ★ It has become the first Indian company to set up an European works councils for its workers in Europe.
- ★ European works councils (EWCs) are standing bodies that facilitate the information and consultation of employees in Europe.
- ★ It provides an opportunity to employees of the company to be informed and consulted on the transnational companies' strategy and status.
- ★ The first meeting of the Wipro EWC will take place in the first quarter of 2024 where the EWC will elect its chairman and select committee members.

'Best in Class' ESG Ratings

- ★ ESAF Small Finance Bank was awarded the "best in class" rating for the environment, social and governance (ESG) practices from CareEdge Ratings.
- ★ ESAF is also the first Indian member bank of the Global Alliance on Banking on Values (GAVB).
- ★ ESAF SFB has joined the growing tide of financial corporations worldwide in their fight against the practice of 'greenwashing' or faking ESG credentials.

- ★ Greenwashing refers to a situation wherein a corporation or a firm spends more time and money on marketing itself as environmentally friendly than on actually minimizing its environmental impact.

NABARD Sanctions ₹220.50 Crore to Odisha

- ★ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned 57 flood protection projects and 1 rural bridge amounting to ₹220.50 crore for Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
- ★ The project would be implemented by the Department of Water Resources (DOWR- Major & Medium), Government of Odisha.
- ★ The project will help 2 credit-starved districts of Kendrapara and Nuapada, 4 aspirational districts of Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada and Rayagada.
- ★ The proposal also involves the construction of a Box Cell bridge over Sankha creek in the Jagatsinghpur district.

Karnataka Bank Launches CASA Campaign

- ★ Karnataka Bank has launched the CASA (current account savings account) campaign of 2022-2023 for 100 days towards the 100th year of its existence.
- ★ Under this nationwide campaign starting from 15 November 2022 to 24 March 2023, the Bank intends to open more than 3.65 lakhs Current and Savings accounts by the active involvement of all of its workforce in all 883 branches, across India.
- ★ With this campaign, the Bank aims to introduce its attractive digitally powered savings account products to its prospective customers.
- ★ As a part of the project 'KBL-VIKAAS' and Digital transformation initiatives, the Bank has envisioned making available self-initiated digital onboarding platforms to the prospective customers of the Bank.

Maharashtra to Get Loan from ADB

- ★ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has given in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to the Maharashtra government to bring in 5,000 electric buses.
- ★ He was participating in a discussion at the India pavilion at the COP27 international climate conference on decarbonising India's transport sector using e-mobility.
- ★ Maharashtra would follow the model as the public sector, CESL (Convergence Energy Services Ltd) did for the recently-concluded tender for procuring 5,450 e-buses.
- ★ The buses would be run by the winning bidder's drivers, but the ticketing and collection would be done by the transport undertaking.

Special Vostro Rupee Account for Trade with Russia

- ★ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed India's largest private sector bank HDFC Bank and the public sector bank Canara Bank to open a special "Vostro account" for trade in rupees with Russia.

- ★ Vostro is a type of a bank account where a bank holds an account on behalf of other banks in local currency.
- ★ In July 2022 RBI introduced a mechanism for international trade settlements in rupees, aiming to promote exports and facilitate imports.
- ★ This was done to promote trade and investment with Russia which was facing sanction from western countries.

Tata Power Solar Systems Ties up with Union Bank of India

- ★ Tata Power Solar Systems (TPSSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) has tied up with Union Bank of India (UBI) to help the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector switch to solar solutions.
- ★ It is to improve access to green energy and save on the cost of electricity, thus making MSMEs more profitable.
- ★ The association will be implemented under UBI's solar scheme called Union Solar.
- ★ The scheme also requires a minimum down payment of only 20% of the project cost.
- ★ MSMEs can avail of the dual services of Solar EPC by TPSSL, financed through a term loan facility by UBI, wherein industries can avail up to ₹8 crore of the loan amount at interest rates with nil or minimum collateral.

OECD Cuts India Growth Rate Forecast

- ★ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has cut the expected growth rate of the Indian economy in 2022 to 6.6% from its earlier forecast of 6.9%.
- ★ It has retained its earlier forecast of 5.7% in 2023.
- ★ In its latest Economic Outlook report released on 22 November 2022 the OECD expects the world economy to grow by 3.1% down from 5.9% growth in 2021.
- ★ It expects the growth to be 2.2 % in 2023 and 2.7% in 2024.

Shriram Life Gets PFRDA Approval

- ★ Shriram Life Insurance Company (SLIC) is empanelled as an Annuity Service Provider by the Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ★ The empanelment will help the insurance major manage the annuity component of the maturity proceeds under the National Pension System (NPS).
- ★ SLIC's empanelment as ASP will help it mobilize 40% of the NPS maturity amount which will be open to investment in annuity schemes.
- ★ The annuity premium mobilization in India is above ₹25,000 crore per year.
- ★ Annuity Service Provider is an IRDA-registered insurance company empanelled by PFRDA for providing Annuity Services to NPS subscribers upon their exit from the system.

Navi Enters into Co-Lending Partnership with Piramal

- ★ Navi Group, a technology-driven financial products and services company has partnered with Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd to offer digital personal loans in India.
- ★ The partnership would allow the fintech startup to serve 11,000 pin codes across India.
- ★ Under the partnership, customers can get digital personal loans of up to ₹20 Lakh with a tenure of up to 72 months through the startup's app.
- ★ Piramal Finance will fund 80% of the loans generated by the partnership, while the rest will come from Navi Finserv, a subsidiary of Navi Technologies.

ICICI Bank Introduces Deposit-Linked Loans

- ★ ICICI Bank Limited has launched two new products namely Loan Against Deposits (LAD) and Dollar Bonds for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at its branch in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), the Gujarat-based emerging global financial and IT services hub.
- ★ ICICI Bank is the first bank to offer these products in GIFT City.
- ★ The loan against deposits facility is similar to a loan in foreign currency against a deposit in India and includes non-resident external fixed deposits in
- ★ Up to 95% of the deposit value can be availed of using this loan and customers can borrow for flexible tenures at fixed or floating interest rates.

ADB to Invest in the VA Tech Wabag Water Company

- ★ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will invest ₹200 crore in the VA Tech Wabag company which is in the business of treatment of municipal and Industrial wastewater and its technologies.
- ★ This is the first time that ADB's is investing in a private sector water company.
- ★ The Chennai based VA Tech Wabag Company provides technologies and services for total water solutions in both municipal and industrial sectors.
- ★ The fund will be used by the company for its working capital requirements.

HDFC Bank Partners with Flywire

- ★ HDFC Bank Limited has partnered with Flywire Corporation, a global payments enablement and software company to help Indian payers to easily pay international education fees to higher education institutions digitally.
- ★ The collaboration between HDFC Bank and Flywire offers a new method to international education payments that benefits both students and
- ★ The connection enables a smooth and digital payment experience.
- ★ HDFC Bank works directly with Flywire's platform, giving Indian students a fully digital checkout experience for everything from application fees to tuition payments.

Federal Bank Launches NRE Deposits with Higher Interest Rates

- ★ Federal Bank launched a deposit scheme for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) titled 'Deposit Plus', which offers higher interest than the existing Non-Residential External (NRE) NRE fixed deposits.

- ★ The maximum interest rate offered in this scheme is 50 percent for a tenure of 700 days.
- ★ The interest accrued on this scheme will be added to the principal (reinvestment plan) on a quarterly basis.
- ★ Customers have the option of availing loans up to 75% of the deposit amount in the event funds are required prior to maturity.

Bank of Baroda Opens Mid-Corporate Branch

- ★ Bank of Baroda (BoB) has opened its first mid-corporate Branch in Kerala at Kochi.
- ★ The key focus of the mid corporate branch is to increase corporate book size and income to improve turnaround time (TAT) for corporate proposals and provide enhanced service to corporate customers
- ★ The branch will cater to mid-corporate, large corporate, and PSU borrowers and provide corporate loans, trade finance, forex and cash management services.
- ★ The branch was inaugurated by Debadatta Chand, Executive Director in the presence of Rengarajan, GM (Head – Mid Corporate Cluster South) and Sreejith Kottarathil, Zonal Head-Ernakulam.

India's 1st Sticker-Based Debit Card – FIRSTAP

- ★ IDFC First Bank in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced FIRSTAP, India's first sticker-based debit card.
- ★ It is to permit transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a point-of-sale terminal that supports Near Field Communication (NFC).
- ★ This IDFC FIRST Bank Sticker debit card has a complimentary personal accidental cover, round-the-clock services and a variety of RuPay offers.
- ★ The debit card is one-third the size of a regular debit card.
- ★ Customers can affix the Sticker-based Debit Card on any surface of their choice, such as cell phones, identity cards, wallets, tabs and AirPods cases.

Indian Overseas Bank Partners with SMC Global

- ★ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has entered into an agreement with broking partner SMC Global for the opening of 3 in 1 account (SB, demat account and trading account).
- ★ While the SB and demat account will be with IOB, the trading account will be with SMC Global.
- ★ As part of an expansion of services in addition to the existing full-service Brokerage Plan, SMC Global has offered a new brokerage plan named DISCOUNT BROKERAGE for its existing/new clients through our Bank.
- ★ Discount Brokerage Plan facilitates the client to do trading at an attractive brokerage with a flat rate of ₹15 per order for intraday trades and ₹0 on Delivery based trades.

Honda Cars India Signs MoU with IDBI Bank

- ★ Honda Cars India Limited (HCIL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDBI Bank to offer a host of finance schemes for its customers.
- ★ The collaboration between HCIL and IDBI Bank will allow customers to avail of hassle-free affordable financing options and schemes for purchasing Honda Car models.
- ★ The partnership will ensure providing a better customer experience in terms of product and procedures.
- ★ The benefits will include attractive interest rates, minimum processing charges, maximum loan amount and the maximum repayment period.

BUSINESS NEWS

World's Third-Largest Economy by 2027

- ★ According to Morgan Stanley, India is to become the world's third-largest economy by 2027, surpassing Japan and Germany.
- ★ It will also have the third-largest stock market by 2030, because of global trends and important investments in technology and energy.
- ★ Overall, India's GDP is expected to more than double from \$3.5 trillion 2022 to \$7.5 trillion by 2031.
- ★ Over the same period, its proportion of global exports may increase and the Bombay Stock Exchange could rise at an 11% annual rate, achieving a market capitalization of \$10 trillion.
- ★ From 2023 onwards, India will be one of just three economies in the world that can achieve more than \$400 billion in annual economic production growth, rising to more than \$500 billion by 2028.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Tata Consumer Products to Acquire Bisleri

- ★ Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL) is set to acquire India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri, for an estimated ₹6,000-7,000 crore.
- ★ The current management will continue for two years as part of the deal.
- ★ The management team is led by a professional team headed by CEO Angelo George.
- ★ Originally an Italian brand, Bisleri was acquired by the Chauhans in 1969.
- ★ Tata Consumer Products is an Indian fast-moving consumer goods company.

SPORTS

Football4Schools Initiative in India

- ★ Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, on behalf of the Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with world football governing body FIFA and All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India at Mumbai on 30 October 2022.
- ★ The MoU was signed at the sidelines of the final of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 being held in Mumbai, which was won by Spain.
- ★ The Football4 School initiative has been launched by FIFA with a \$100 million budget in 2018.
- ★ The initiative targets to reach over 700 million children across the world with special emphasis on reaching out to all the tribal communities of the world.
- ★ Of the targeted children at least 50% of them will be girls.

Mexican Formula 1 GP 2022

- ★ Red Bull driver Max Verstappen finished in first place at the Mexican Grand Prix 2022 to claim his record-setting 14th win of the season.
- ★ Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and Red Bull's Sergio Perez finished second and third respectively.
- ★ Verstappen is now the most successful driver in the history of the Mexican GP, having secured his fourth title.
- ★ It was the 34th race win of his career and 14th win of the 2022 season.

Track Asia Cup 2022

- ★ Kerala is set to host the Track Asia Cup-2022 cycling tournament, one of the biggest cycling events from 25 to 28 November 2022.
- ★ Around 200 cyclists from over 25 countries in Asia will take part in the event, which is being conducted outside Delhi for the first time.
- ★ Track Asia Cup Cycling 2022 is sanctioned by Asian Cycling Confederation and Cycling Federation of India.
- ★ Track Asia cup is also the selection of Asian countries for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Asian Continental Chess Championship

- ★ Top seeded Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- ★ The Asian Continental Chess Championship was held in New Delhi from 26 October to 03 November 2022.
- ★ R Praggnanandhaa has also qualified for the FIDE World Chess cup to be held in 2023.

Asian Squash Team Championship Title

- ★ The Indian men's squash team led by Saurav Ghosal won its first ever title at the 21st Asian Squash Team Championships 2022.
- ★ The Indian men's team defeated Kuwait 2-0.
- ★ The Hong Kong and Malaysian teams jointly shared the third position.
- ★ The 21st Asian Squash Team Championships was organized by the Asian Squash Federation at Cheongju, South Korea from 31 October to 04 November 2022.
- ★ The women's title was won by Hong Kong which defeated Malaysia in the final. The Indian and South Korean team shared the third spot.

BWF Para World Championships 2022

- ★ Paralympic champion Pramod Bhagat and teenager Manisha Ramadass won gold for India at the BWF Para Badminton World Championship 2022.
- ★ The BWF Para Badminton World Championship 2022 for badminton players with disabilities was held in Tokyo, Japan from 01 to 06 November 2022.
- ★ India ended the championship with 16 medals.

First Indian to Score 1,000 T20 International Runs

- ★ Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav on 06 November became the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in 2022.
- ★ Suryakumar Yadav scored an unbeaten 61 off 26 balls against Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and achieved this feat.
- ★ In 28 innings this year, Suryakumar has scored 1,026 runs at an average of 44.60.
- ★ He has scored these runs at a strike rate of 186.24.

WTA Finals 2022 Title

- ★ Caroline Garcia of France won the WTA (Women Tennis Association) Finals 2022 by defeating Aryna Sabalenka 07 November 2022.
- ★ Caroline Garcia is the second Frenchwoman to win the tournament after Amelie Mauresmo in 2005.
- ★ Iga Swiatek of Poland finished the 2022 tennis year as the top ranked women player.
- ★ WTA was founded by the legendary women Tennis player Billie Jean King in 1973 as an association of professional women tennis players in the world.

FIFA World Cup 2022

- ★ The FIFA World Cup 2022 will be played in five cities of Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.
- ★ It is the first Football World Cup to be held in winter and also the first Football World Cup to be hosted by an Arab country.

- ★ 28 teams have been placed in eight groups, the final will be played at the Lusail Stadium on the 18th of December.
- ★ The FIFA World Cup is an international football competition played by the senior men's national teams of members of FIFA, the sport's global governing body.
- ★ It was started in the year 1930, after that it is organised every four years.

ICC Hall of Fame

- ★ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the most recent luminaries to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- ★ Shivnarine Chanderpaul of the West Indies, Charlotte Edwards of the England Women's team, and Abdul Qadir of Pakistan were elected as the 107th, 108th and 109th members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Hall of Fame respectively.
- ★ They were elected following a voting process that included current members of the organization, media representatives, senior executives from the Federation of International Cricketers (FICA) and the ICC.

Asian Boxing Championship

- ★ Lovlina Borgohain (75 kg), Parveen Hooda (63 kg), Saweety (81 kg) and Alfiya Khan (81+ kg) won gold and were crowned Asian champion at the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on 11 November 2022.
- ★ The ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan is being held from 30 October to 13 November 2022.
- ★ Minakshi (women's 52 kg) had won silver medal as she lost to Kinoshita Rinka of Japan in the final.

Kabaddi World Cup 2025

- ★ The West Midlands in England will host the 4th Kabaddi World Cup in the first quarter of 2025.
- ★ This was announced by the World Kabaddi Federation (WKF) on 12 November 2022.
- ★ This will be the first time that the Kabaddi World Cup will be held outside Asia.
- ★ The 2nd Kabaddi World Cup will be held in 2023 and the 3rd is planned in 2024 but the host of 2023 and 2034 world cup is yet to be announced.

IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022

- ★ Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan on 12 November 2022 inaugurated the IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 at Kochi, Kerala.
- ★ The IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 is being held at Kochi from 9 November to 20 November 2022.
- ★ The International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) was set up in 1981 in Paris, France.
- ★ It is the governing body for the Paralympic sports of goalball, judo and blind football.

ICC T20 Men's World Cup

- ★ The England men's cricket team won its second ICC T20 men's cricket world cup by defeating Pakistan in the final played at the Melbourne cricket stadium on 13 November 2022.
- ★ England are the first men's team in history to hold both the 50-over and 20-over World Cups simultaneously.
- ★ It was organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in Australia from 16 October to 13 November 2022.
- ★ Player of the World Cup was Sam Curran of England for his 13 wickets in the tournament.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022

- ★ The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports awards 2022 on 14 November 2022.
- ★ Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta has been selected for the country's highest sports award Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- ★ 25 Sports persons will receive Arjuna Awards.
- ★ The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30 November 2022.
- ★ It is the highest sporting award for a sports person in India. The Khel Ratna is awarded for outstanding performances in sports for over a period of four years.
- ★ It was earlier called as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and its name was changed to Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 2021.

U-19 Men's T-20 World Cup 2024

- ★ The International cricket governing body International Cricket Council (ICC) announced host countries for U19 events between 2024 and 2027.
- ★ The name of the host was announced after the Board meeting of the ICC was held at Melbourne, Australia on 12 November 2022.
- ★ The ICC U19 Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2024 will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- ★ The ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 will be held in Malaysia and Thailand and the 2027 event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal.
- ★ The first ever ICC U19 Women's T20 world cup will be held in South Africa in January 2023.

IOA Athletes Commission

- ★ Olympic medalists MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang are among 10 eminent sports persons selected as members of the Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) Athletes Commission on 14 November 2022.
- ★ The other seven members of the apex body are Tokyo Olympics silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, 2012 Olympics bronze winner shooter Gagan Narang, veteran table tennis player

Achanta Sharath Kamal, hockey player Rani Rampal, cyclist Bhavani Devi, rower Bajrang Lal and former shot putter OP Karhana.

- ★ All the 10 elected members of the apex body, five men and five women were elected unopposed in the election.
- ★ Under the new constitution of the Indian Olympic Association, the commission should have an equal number of female and male representatives.

ITTF Athletes' Commission

- ★ Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2022 awardee Sharath Kamal has become the first Indian player to be elected in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Athletes' Commission.
- ★ 10 athletes were elected for the ITTF Athletes' Commission for a four-year term from 2022 to 2026.
- ★ Amongst all elected players Sharath Kamal got the second highest votes after 2012 table tennis World Cup silver medallist Elizabeta Samara of Romania.
- ★ Sharath Kamal was also recently elected as the member of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ★ ITTF is the governing body of Table Tennis in the world which was set up in 1926.

India's First Formula E Grand Prix

- ★ HMDA and IRL will hold a first-ever Formula E World Championship race in India at Hyderabad, to be held on 10 and 11 February 2023.
- ★ The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the Indian Racing League (IRL) are jointly organising India's first ever Street Circuit Car Racing at Hyderabad on 19 and 20 November 2022.
- ★ Formula E race is a single-seater motor racing championship where the drivers compete in single-seater cars built by Italian constructor Wolf Racing using Aprilia engines.
- ★ At least 22 electric racing cars are taking part in the trial run to ensure that the track is fit for the forthcoming Formula E race and all the requirements are met as per the FIA specifications.

Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix

- ★ Formula One (F1) world champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull team won the season ending F1 Abu Dhabi race held on 20 November 2022 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- ★ It was his record 15th title of the 2022 season.
- ★ He also ended the 2022 season as the world F1 champion.
- ★ He won his first F1 world championship title in 2021.

Asian Cup Table Tennis

- ★ Manika Batra became the first Indian women player to win a medal at the Asian cup Table Tennis tournament.

- ★ She defeated world No. 6 Hina Hayata of Japan in the women's singles bronze medal match in Bangkok, Thailand on 19 November 2022.
- ★ She became the 2nd Indian player to win a medal at the Asia Cup Table Tennis.
- ★ Before her, Chetan Baboor won silver in 1997 and bronze in 2000.
- ★ The three-day competition was organised by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) at the Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.

6th ATP Finals Title

- ★ The Serbian Novak Djokovic won his sixth ATP finals title at Turin, Italy by defeating the Norwegian player Casper Rudd in the finals played on 20 November 2022.
- ★ The ATP finals marks the end of the ATP calendar for the year 2022.
- ★ With this win Djokovic equalled the record of Swiss great Roger Federer of 6th ATP finals titles.
- ★ Carlos Alcaraz of Spain ended the season as the youngest ranked ATP number one player.

Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23

- ★ Army Red team won the title by defeating Army Green in the 72nd Inter-Services Volleyball Championship held at Eagle Indoor Volleyball Stadium, Secunderabad.
- ★ The Army Red team defeated Army Green by 3-1.
- ★ The event provided an opportunity to outstanding sportsmen for getting selected to the Services Volleyball team.

National U-13 Badminton Championship

- ★ Telangana's Nishanth Bhukya and Odisha's Tanvi Patri emerged champions in the boys and girls singles respectively at the 34th Under-13 National Badminton Championships at the Uttar Pradesh Badminton Academy, Lucknow.
- ★ Fourth seeded Bhukya came from behind to beat Andhra Pradesh's Akhil Reddy Boba 19-21, 21-12, 22-20 in 44 minutes.
- ★ Patri took just 22 minutes to defeat local challenger and 15th seeded Divyanshi Gautam 21-7, 21-10.

Sebastian Vettel Announced His Retirement

- ★ Sebastian Vettel, a German racing driver has announced his retirement from Formula One.
- ★ Vettel won four Formula One World Championships for Red Bull between 2010 and 2013 and he previously spent six seasons with Ferrari.
- ★ Vettel began his Formula One career in 2006 as a test driver for BMW Sauber, making one race appearance in 2007.

Youth World Boxing Championships 2022

- ★ Indian boxers Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj and Devika Ghorpade won gold medals at the IBA (International Boxing Association) Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain on 25 November 2022.
- ★ Vishwanath Suresh from Chennai won his gold medal by defeating Ronel Suyom of Philippines in the men's 48 kg final.
- ★ Devika from Pune won the second gold for India on the day by defeating England's Lauren Mackie in the women's 52 kg final.
- ★ Asian Youth champion Vanshaj from Sonipat won the third gold medal by defeating Demur Kajaia of Georgia in the men's 63.5 kg final.

First Player to Score in 5 Different World Cups

- ★ Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player to score in 5 different World Cups when he scored the first goal against Ghana in the FIFA World Cup.
- ★ In the first match of Group H, Portugal captain Ronaldo scored the first goal in the 65th minute, becoming the first male footballer to score in five different World Cups (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022).
- ★ Cristiano Ronaldo has increased his international goal count to 118. He scored his eighth career World Cup goal in a 3–2 win against Ghana.

Rituraj Gaikwad Sets a World Record

- ★ Rituraj Gaikwad smashed a world record seven sixes in the 49th over of Maharashtra's Vijay Hazare Trophy quarter-final versus Uttar Pradesh at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ★ In the quarter-finals, Maharashtra's Rituraj Gaikwad became the first batsman in List-A cricket to knock seven sixes in one over.
- ★ Gaikwad set this milestone against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad.
- ★ He stayed unbeaten after collecting 220 runs off 159 balls.
- ★ His previous best score in List-A cricket was 187 not out.
- ★ This is also his sixth century in the past eight innings of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

RANKS, INDICES AND REPORTS

List of Countries with Cheapest Manufacturing Costs

- ★ According to a report published by the US News and World Report, India has been ranked top as the country with the cheapest manufacturing cost.
- ★ On a scale of 100, India has scored cent percent when it comes to cheap manufacturing costs.
- ★ According to the report India has an overall score of 37 out of 100 in the 'Open for Business' category.

- ★ In the overall best country ranking, Switzerland has topped the list, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden.
- ★ India has been ranked 31st in the best country ranking amongst 85 countries.
- ★ The report evaluates 85 countries on 73 attributes. The attributes are grouped into 10 sub categories like adventure, agility, entrepreneurship, open for business, social purpose and quality of life.

Performing Grade Index

- ★ The ministry of education, department of school education and literacy released the 2020-21 performance grading index (PGI) rankings.
- ★ Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh and Maharashtra have bagged the top position with the highest scores in the 2020-21 performance grading index (PGI) rankings.
- ★ Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh — have attained level 2 (score 901-950) in 2020-21.
- ★ Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh and Maharashtra have attained the highest scores of 930, 929, 929 and 928 respectively.
- ★ Arunachal Pradesh emerged as the worst-performing, ending up with a score of 669.

Finest Employers Rankings 2022

- ★ According to Forbes' World's Finest Employers rankings 2022, Reliance Industries, the nation's largest corporation is India's best employer and the 20th best company to work for globally.
- ★ It is ranked above Saudi Aramco, Japanese auto titans Honda and Yamaha, US beverage manufacturer Coca-Cola and German automaker Mercedes-Benz.
- ★ The Global list was dominated by the American companies.
- ★ The list was topped by Samsung Electronics.

'Asia's Power Businesswomen' List

- ★ The Forbes Asia magazine released its annual 'Asia's Power Businesswomen' list which includes three Indian women amongst the 20 women from the Asia-Pacific region.
- ★ Among the three Indian businesswomen who feature on the unranked list is Ghazal Alagh, Soma Mondal and Namita Thapar.
- ★ Ghazal Alagh is the co- founder of Honasa Consumer, which is the owner of Mamaearth, The Derma Company.
- ★ Soma Mandal is the first woman chairman of the Public sector company, Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL).
- ★ Namita Thapar is the executive director of the Emcure Pharma (India).
- ★ The list includes three women each from India, Japan, Australia and Indonesia, two each from South Korea, Singapore and Thailand, and one each from Taiwan and China.

QS Asia University Rankings for 2023

- ★ According to the QS Asia University Rankings 2023, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay secured the first position and offers the greatest education in Southern Asia, with IIT Delhi coming in second.
- ★ The QS ranking 2023 is based on academic and employer reputations, the amount of personnel with a PhD and the ratio of international students, among other factors.
- ★ This year's university ranking list includes 760 Asian universities.
- ★ China's Peking University secured the top position in the list.

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)

- ★ The 18th edition of the Climate Change Performance Index -2023 was released by German watch and the Climate Action Network.
- ★ India has improved by two places to rank eighth among 63 countries in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023.
- ★ The report ranked no country for the first three places because "no country performed well enough in all index categories to receive a high overall rating".
- ★ Denmark is placed fourth, Sweden fifth and Chile sixth in the ranking.
- ★ CCPI is developed by not-for-profit organisations German watch and New Climate Institute (Germany) together with the Climate Action Network (CAN International).
- ★ It is an important tool for increasing transparency in international climate strategy and enables comparison of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.

Network Readiness Index 2022

- ★ India has ranked at 61st position in the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022).
- ★ The report was prepared by the US-based non-profit body Portulans Institute compliments India and announced that India has a greater network readiness than would be expected given its income level.
- ★ The Network Readiness Index ranks the 131 countries on 58 variables across four pillars of four different pillars which includes Technology, People, Governance and Impact.
- ★ India improved its score from 49.74 in 2021 to 51.19 in 2022.
- ★ The United States topped the list with an overall score of 80.3. It was followed by Singapore with a score of 79.35 and Sweden with a score of 78.91.

Times Higher Education Employability Rankings

- ★ The Global Employability University Rankings and Survey (GEURS) ranks the top 250 universities in the world for producing employable graduates according to employers.
- ★ This ranking has been released by Times Higher Education (THE).
- ★ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi is the only Indian educational institution in the top 50 in the ranking.

- ★ Among Indian institutions, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru is at the second spot (58), followed by IIT-Bombay at 72.
- ★ Massachusetts Institute of Technology – USA ranked first in the list.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Best International Film at the Saturn Awards 2022

- ★ The film RRR directed by SS Rajamouli and recently released in Japan has won its first major international award.
- ★ The film took home the award for ‘Best International Film’ at the Saturn Awards 2022, which were held in Los Angeles.
- ★ RRR is a period drama starring Jr NTR and Ram Charan as parallel leads.
- ★ RRR, which earned nearly ₹1,200 crore at the worldwide box office has received its first major international award.

‘Friends of Liberation War’ Award

- ★ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina posthumously awarded the prestigious ‘Friends of Liberation War’ honour to former US Senator Edward M Kennedy in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.
- ★ The honour was handed over to his son Edward M. Ted Kennedy Jr.
- ★ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina remembered with gratitude the contribution of Edward Kennedy Sr.
- ★ He announced that Kennedy Sr. took a bold step against the genocide committed by Pakistan on innocent Bengali people despite the role of the US government during the 1971 Liberation War.

Member of the Order of Australia Award

- ★ Amit Dasgupta was honoured with a member of the Order of Australia Award for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship by the Australian government.
- ★ Amit Dasgupta on 03 November 2022 was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM).
- ★ Amit Dasgupta is a former Indian diplomat, author and educator.
- ★ Order of Australia is an award and when it is conferred on a person the Australian government says that they have made the person its member.
- ★ Amit Dasgupta was the Consul-General of India to Australia from 2009 to 2012.
- ★ It was established in 1975 by Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia to honour Australians and others who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2022

- ★ Noted Malayalam novelist Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) has been honoured with the Ezhuthachan Award for the year 2022.
- ★ It is the highest literary award of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi and is given for lifelong contribution to literature.
- ★ Sethu was selected for the award by a committee headed by Kerala Sahitya Akademi president K Satchidanandan.
- ★ He has been honoured with Kendra Sahitya Akademi and Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards.
- ★ It has been named after Thunchaththu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan, a 16th century devotional poet, considered to be the father of Malayalam language.
- ★ The award carries ₹5 lakh and a citation.

Chevalier Award by French Government

- ★ Aruna Sairam, a Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker has received the French government's highest honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.
- ★ Aruna Sairam was chosen for this honour not only for her singing abilities but also for her contributions to the growth of the Indo-French friendship.
- ★ When she was the first to mix Abhang, a Western Indian musical genre, into a traditional South Indian concert, her music transcended geographical boundaries.
- ★ Aruna Sairam is the recipient of several awards including the Padma Shri by the Central Government and the Sangita Kalanidhi by the Music Academy.
- ★ She was also elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021

- ★ President Droupadi Murmu today presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 to the nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ★ The awards are given to recognize the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the society.
- ★ It was instituted in 1973 by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021

- ★ The President of India presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 to the Nursing professionals.
- ★ The award was conferred by the President to two nurses Shashikala Pandey and Ganga Joshi from Kumaon, Uttarakhand.
- ★ Shashikala Pandey, posted at BD Pandey Hospital in Nainital, has been given this honour for her dedication and selfless service towards patients.
- ★ Ganga Joshi has been given this award for her awareness program, special contribution to Covid-19, training of ASHA workers, participation in several trainings at the state and national level.

- ★ These awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

India Agribusiness Award 2022

- ★ Dr. Sanjeev K Balyan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying presented the 'India Agribusiness Award 2022' to the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on 10 November 2022.
- ★ The award was presented at an event organised for the services and support of the fisheries sector.
- ★ The award was given for supporting and playing a significant role in technology upgradation, species diversification in aquaculture, propagation of new and improved fish species, seaweed cultivation, ornamental fishes, training and capacity building on need-based projects.
- ★ Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) is organising 'Agro World 2022'-India International Agribusiness and Technology Fair-2022 from 09 November to 11 November 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Bihari Puraskar Award

- ★ Famous litterateurs Madhu Kankaria and Dr. Madhav Hada were awarded the 31st and 32nd Bihari Puraskar for 2021 and 2022 respectively.
- ★ They were awarded in a program organised in Udaipur on 09 November 2022.
- ★ The award was presented to Madhu Kankaria for his novel 'Hum Yahan The' and to Dr. Madhav Hada for his critical work 'Pacharang Chola Pahar Sakhi Re'.
- ★ Indravaradhan Trivedi, Vice Chancellor of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur the chief guest of the program presented two and a half lakh rupees, citation and emblem to the litterateurs.
- ★ Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991.
- ★ It is given every year for an outstanding work published in Hindi or Rajasthani by a Rajasthani writer.
- ★ The awardees are selected by a selection committee headed by Chairman Hemant Shesh.

The Responsible Tourism Global Award

- ★ World Travel Mart (WTM) London Kerala's sustainable and inclusive tourism project STREET has received the Responsible Tourism Global award.
- ★ The state bagged the award for the commendable work it carried out for 'Conserving Water and Improving Water Security and Supply for Neighbors.
- ★ The award is for the water conservation initiative taken up under the STREET project, which is a first of its kind initiative in the world.
- ★ The STREET (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic Tourism) focuses on theme-based street development approaches at tourism destinations to reduce over concentration of activities at core centers and maximize the local community benefit.

Google for Doodle 2022

- ★ Google has declared Kolkata's Shlok Mukherjee as the winner of the Google for Doodle 2022 competition for his inspiring doodle titled 'India on the Center Stage' for India.
- ★ 'India on the Center Stage' - expresses hope for India's scientific progress to gain further momentum in the years to come.
- ★ The theme of the Doodle for Google contest 2022 was 'In the next 25 years, my India will be'.
- ★ Shloka's doodle will be shown on Google.co.in for 24 hours on November 14, 2022.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

- ★ Spanish film director and writer Carlos Saura will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 at the upcoming 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India in Goa.
- ★ The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa from 20 November to 28 November 2022.
- ★ France is the 'Spotlight' country in 2022 and 8 of its films will be screened under the Country Focus package.
- ★ Austrian film 'Elma and Oscar' directed by Dieter Berner will open the festival, while Christoph Zanussi's 'Perfect Number' will be the closing film.

'Eat Right Station' Certification

- ★ The Food Safety and Standard Association of India (FSSAI) awarded Bhopal Railway Station a 4-star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- ★ The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.
- ★ Its tagline is 'Sahi Bhojan, Behtar Jeevan'.
- ★ The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an FSSAI-empanelled third-party audit agency with ratings from 1 to 5.
- ★ The 4-star rating indicates full compliance by the station to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.

53rd International Film Festival of India 2022

- ★ Renowned Spanish film Director Carlos Saura and Telugu film superstar Chiranjeevi were honoured at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2022.
- ★ The 53rd IFFI is being held in Panaji, Goa. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur on 20 November 2022.
- ★ It is being organised by National Film Development Corporation and Entertainment Society of Goa.
- ★ Spanish film Director Carlos Saura has been honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award.

- ★ Actor Producer Chiranjeevi Konidela has been chosen for the IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022.

Gandhi Mandela Award

- ★ Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, the governor of Himachal Pradesh presented the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 to the 14th Dalai Lama at Thekchen Choeling at McLeodGanj, Dharamshala.
- ★ The Tibetan spiritual leader accepted the Gandhi Mandela Foundation's peace award in New Delhi.
- ★ The Dalai Lama was chosen as the recipient of the prize.
- ★ The Gandhi Mandela Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a government of India registered trust that was established to promote the nonviolent principles of Mahatma Gandhi and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

JCB Prize for Literature in 2022

- ★ The fifth JCB Prize for Literature went to author Khalid Jawed for his work 'The Paradise of Food', which Baran Farooqi translated from Urdu.
- ★ The novel, which was first released in 2014 under the name 'Ne'mat Khana', is the first Urdu-language work to get the honour and the fourth translation overall.
- ★ With the conflict between his household and the outside world, the narrator of 'The Paradise of Food' strives to find his place in a middle-class Muslim family over the course of fifty years.
- ★ Along with a trophy and the prize money of ₹25 lakhs, Jawed also received the sculpture 'Mirror Melting' by Delhi artists Thukral and Tagra.

Sumitra Charat Ram Award

- ★ Uma Sharma, a Kathak exponent has received the 'Sumitra Charat Ram Award' for Lifetime Achievement in appreciation of her contribution to Indian classical music and dance.
- ★ She is a renowned classical dancer who has received the Padma Shri (1973) and the Padma Bhushan (2001) for her distinctive contribution to India's cultural history.
- ★ She received the award from former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Karan Singh and Sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan at a ceremony hosted by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra at Kamani Auditorium.
- ★ The Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement has been granted for the past 11 years to honour outstanding Artists who have made a lasting contribution to the world of Indian Classical Music and Dance.

National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022

- ★ Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Ministry announced the National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022.
- ★ The awards will be given to the winners on 26 November 2022, which will be celebrated as National Milk Day.
- ★ The Award has been given in three categories:

- These categories are: Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle and buffalo Breeds, Best Artificial Insemination Technician and Best Dairy Cooperative, Milk Producer Company, Dairy Farmer Producer Organization.
- ★ The award consists of a cash prize of 5 lakh rupees for first rank, 3 lakh rupees for second rank and 2 lakh rupees for third rank.
- ★ National Gopal Ratna Award is one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for Year 2021

- ★ President Droupadi Murmu will give away the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021, at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 30 November 2022.
- ★ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Adventure Awards for the year 2021.
- ★ The award will be given in four categories, Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement.
- ★ Group Captain Bhawani Singh Samyal will be conferred with Life time Achievement award, Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali with Water Adventure and Naina Dhakad with Land Adventure.
- ★ They will receive statuettes, certificates and award money 15 lakh rupees each.
- ★ Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards are given every year to recognize the achievements of persons in the fields of adventure, to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance.

UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' for 2022

- ★ India's Purnima Devi Barman, an Assam-based wildlife biologist is one of the five 'Champions of the Earth' for the year 2022, was announced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ★ The annual awards are the highest environmental honour that the UNEP confers on individuals and organisations whose actions have a "transformative impact" on the environment.
- ★ She has been honoured in the Entrepreneurial Vision category.
- ★ The other honourees include Arcenciel (Lebanon), Constantino (Tino) Aucá Chutas (Peru), Sir Partha Dasgupta of the United Kingdom and Cecile Bibiane Ndjebet (Cameroon).

Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award 2022

- ★ Museum maker AP. Shreethar was honoured with Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award-2022 in Delhi.
- ★ He is known to have conducted more than 72 shows and exhibitions around the world during his 35 years of travel.
- ★ AP Shreethar is credited as the creator of the world's first Live Art Museum – Chennai's Vintage Camera Museum, Singapore's Vintage Camera Museum (Asia's largest camera museum) and The House of Kalam - a special click art museum in the premises of the late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

- ★ As a recipient of the renowned Lenin Muzeum Award, AP Shreethar specialises in capturing the essence of his subjects with photo realistic renderings.

Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar Award

- ★ Ravi Kumar Sagar, one of the youngest founders and CEO of RK'S INNO group was conferred with the most prestigious Dr Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar award.
- ★ This award was presented to him for his continuous service to the society and he is one of the youngest entrepreneurs of India.
- ★ The Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar is hosted every year by Vande Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation to mark the birth anniversary of late former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ★ The award is given to deserving candidates on Dr. Kalam's birth anniversary to recognize people who have done extraordinary work for the society.

Film Bazaar Section of the IFFI in Goa

- ★ The 5-day long Film Bazaar concluded at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa with Bangladesh feature film 'Agantuk' being named the winner of the Prasad DI award.
- ★ The film has been directed by Biplob Sarkar.
- ★ The Film Bazaar section in the IFFI is a converging point for film buyers and sellers from all across the world with a focus on discovering, supporting and showcasing South Asian content and talent in filmmaking, production and distribution.
- ★ The Kannada film 'Mithya' bagged the Prasad Post-production award, while the multilingual Nepali 'Kumaoni' and Hindi film 'Bahadur' won the Movie buff Appreciation Award.

National Awards for e-Governance

- ★ E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the Gold Award under the category 'Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation' of the National Awards for e-Governance.
- ★ The award is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team e-Governance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.
- ★ The prestigious National Award was handed over to Shri Alok Prem Nagar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj Union by Union Minister of State and Dr. Jitendra Singh during the 25th National Conference on e-Governance at Jammu on 26 November 2022.

UNESCO Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation

- ★ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Mumbai was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022.
- ★ The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation is supported by a partnership between UNESCO and Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation since 2021.
- ★ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was established as the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India in 1922.

Kuvempu National Award

- ★ Rashtraku Kuvempu Prathishtana Kuppali has chosen Tamil poet V Annamalai Imayam for the Kuvempu National Prize for the year 2022, which will be presented at Kuppali's 118th birth anniversary celebration on December 29 in Thirthahalli taluk.
- ★ The 'Kannada National Poet Kwembu Rashtriya Puraskar Award', named after the late poet Kwembu, has been announced by the Writer Institute for the Tamil language.
- ★ The award includes a ₹5 lakh cash reward, a silver medal and a citation.
- ★ Annamalai has written seven novels, six short story collections and a novella under the pen name Imayam.
- ★ Through his writings, Imayam has introduced new sensitivities to Tamil literature. Koveru Kazhudaigal and Pethavan, two of his books, have been translated into English and several other languages.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Secretary, Ministry of Coal

- ★ Amrit Lal Meena took over the charge of the post of Secretary, Ministry of Coal on 01 November 2022.
- ★ Prior to assuming the present post, Amrit Lal Meena, (a 1989 Bihar cadre IAS officer), was holding the charge of Special Secretary (Logistics), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ★ Amrit Lal Meena replaces Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, who retired as Coal Secretary on 31 October 2022.
- ★ He worked in various departments including Rural Development, Urban Development, Building Corporation as Secretary in the Government of Bihar.
- ★ He also worked as Principal Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary in the Road Construction Department, Government of Bihar.

Women Officer to the Post of Inspector General

- ★ India's largest paramilitary force Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has promoted two women officers to the rank of Inspector General for the first time.
- ★ An IG is the head of a sector in CRPF.
- ★ Annie Abraham has been appointed as the IG of Rapid Action Force (RAF) and Seema Dhundia has been posted as IG of the Bihar Sector.
- ★ The Rapid Action Force (RAF) is a specialised anti-riot force of the CRPF.
- ★ The Bihar Sector of CRPF commands about four battalions that are deployed for anti-Naxal operations and other law and order duties.

Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution

- ★ Sanjeev Chopra has assumed charge as the Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution with effect from 31 October 2022.
- ★ He is a 1990 batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre.
- ★ He served as District Collector and District Magistrate in Koraput, Odisha from 1995 to 1997.
- ★ He served as the Managing Director of State Co-operative Banks during 2000-2004.
- ★ He has also served as Secretary in departments like Industry, General Administration, Agriculture and Home.
- ★ He has been awarded the National e-Governance Award by the Government of India for Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation in the year 2020 and 2021.

Prime Minister of Israel

- ★ Benjamin Netanyahu is to become the Prime Minister of Israel.
- ★ Netanyahu's party, the Likud Party won 64 of the 120 seats in the final round of counting held.
- ★ Elections have been held in Israel for the fifth time in the last three years, after which a party has returned to power with an absolute majority.
- ★ Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party won 32 seats, his right-wing religious and nationalist bloc won a total of 64 seats in the 120-seat parliament.
- ★ Lapid's Yesh Atid party won 24 seats.
- ★ Benjamin Netanyahu is the longest-serving prime minister, having been elected five times over the course of 15 years.

Government Set up Radhakrishnan Committee

- ★ The Government of India has set up a four-member high level committee for strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan on 04 November 2022.
- ★ The Committee will suggest measures to the government to strengthen the Assessment and Accreditation processes for the Higher Educational Institutions and prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020.
- ★ Accreditation plays a vital role in making quality assurance an integral part of the functioning of Higher Educational Institutions.

CEO of EESL

- ★ Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has appointed Vishal Kapoor as its chief executive officer (CEO).
- ★ Kapoor holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Railway Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE).
- ★ He worked with Indian Railways in the design, operation and maintenance of rolling stock of Indian Railways.

- ★ He introduced high-capacity car carrying cargo cars in India and exported over a dozen engines to Tanzania and Myanmar.

New President of FIH

- ★ Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 05 November 2022.
- ★ He is also at present the Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Hockey Federation.
- ★ The term of the newly elected President Mohammad Tayyab Ikram will be of two years.
- ★ Mohammad Tayyab Ikram defeated Marc Coudron of Belgium to become the new President of FIH.

Vice Chairman of the Global Telecom Body GSMA

- ★ Airtel Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gopal Vittal has been elected as the deputy chairman of the Global System for Global Association (GSMA) for a period of 2 years from 01 January 2023.
- ★ He is the second Indian to hold a post in the GSMA.
- ★ GSMA was founded in 1995 as an international association of telecom companies which uses the GSM mobile platform.
- ★ Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) technology for mobile communication was developed by Groupe Speciale Mobile (GSM).
- ★ Telefonica Group CEO Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete Lopez continues to be the chairman of the GSMA board. Telefonica is a Spanish multinational telecom company.

Non-Executive Chairman of Four Public Sector Banks

- ★ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), has been appointed Non-Executive Chairman on the Boards of four Public Sector Banks.
- ★ Vijay Srirangam has been appointed as a part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank for three years.
- ★ K G Ananthkrishnan has been appointed as part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of PNB for a term of three years.
- ★ Srinivasan Varadarajan has been appointed as part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Union Bank of India for a term of three years
- ★ The Centre has also appointed Charan Singh as a part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Punjab & Sind Bank for a term of two years.

BYJU'S Appoints Lionel Messi as Global Brand Ambassador

- ★ BYJU'S, the world's leading education technology company has appointed football star and global sports icon Lionel Messi as the first global brand ambassador of its social impact arm, Education For All.
- ★ Byju's 'Education For All' is its attempt to make education equitable, accessible, and free for millions of underserved kids in:

- By 2025, the initiative aims to impact 10 million children.
- In 2022, BYJU'S became the official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.

50th CJI of India

- ★ Justice D Y Chandrachud took oath as the new Chief Justice of India on November 9, 2022.
- ★ President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ★ He succeeded Justice UU Lalit, who retired on 08 November 2022.
- ★ Justice Chandrachud's term will be for two years till 10 November 2024.
- ★ Justice Chandrachud was the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court before his appointment to the Supreme Court with effect from 31 October 2013.
- ★ Recently a bench headed by Justice Chandrachud had allowed medical termination of pregnancy to unmarried women.

Head of ICC Finance and Commercial Affairs

- ★ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of the Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- ★ Jay Shah is also currently the President of the Asian Cricket Council.
- ★ He was elected at the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Board meeting held in Melbourne, Australia on 12 November 2022.
- ★ He will succeed Ross McCollum as chair of the committee.
- ★ The Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee of the ICC is considered to be the second most powerful body of the ICC after the ICC Board.

'Friendship Ambassador' of Switzerland Tourism

- ★ Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.
- ★ As Switzerland Tourism's 'Friendship Ambassador', Chopra will share his experiences in the country to showcase it as the ideal destination for the outdoors and the best for hiking, biking, soft and extreme adventure and snow sports.
- ★ Switzerland tourism sees great potential in attracting a variety of visitors.

CEO of Prasar Bharati

- ★ Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.
- ★ Dwivedi, a 1995 batch officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, will have a tenure of five years from the date he assumes charge.
- ★ Prior to this, Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia, the government's citizen platform.

- ★ Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.

First Female President of Slovenia

- ★ In Slovenia, Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected the country's first female President after beating her conservative rival in the second round of elections.
- ★ Natasa Pirc Musra will be the first woman to serve as president after Yugoslavia broke up and Slovenia became independent in 1991.
- ★ She will replace President Borut Pahor, a centrist politician who has already served two terms as president.

Chairman of ICC

- ★ Greg Barclay has been unanimously re-elected as chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.
- ★ Barkley was appointed as the IIC President in November 2020.
- ★ BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of the powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee of the ICC.
- ★ Greg Barclay-Hale was the President of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and also served as the Director of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015.

SBI Board as Government of India Nominee

- ★ The Union Ministry of Finance has nominated Vivek Joshi as a Director to the Board of State Bank of India (SBI) on 15 November 2022.
- ★ He will replace Sanjay Malhotra as the government nominee.
- ★ The State Bank of India Board of Directors consists of 13 members including the Chairman.

Government has Extended the Term of DGCI

- ★ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has again extended the term of the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr VG Somani by another three months.
- ★ The extension will come into effect from 15 November 2022.
- ★ He was earlier given an extension in August this year for three months. His extended term was to expire on 15 November 2022.
- ★ The Drugs Controller General of India is the head of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ★ Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, CDSCO is responsible for approval of Drugs, Conduct of Clinical Trials, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the quality of imported Drugs in the country.

Government Extends the Term of Enforcement Directorate Director

- ★ The Appointment Committee of the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17 November 2022 has approved the extension of the tenure of the Director of Enforcement Directorate Sanjay Kumar Mishra by one year.
- ★ Sanjay Kumar Mishra was appointed director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a period of two years by an order on 19 November 2018.
- ★ ED was set up in 1956 under the Union Finance Ministry.
- ★ It enforces the criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002, the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act 2018 and the civil sections of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999.

Governor of West Bengal

- ★ The President of India Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr CV Ananda Bose as the 22nd Governor of West Bengal on 17 November 2022.
- ★ He will replace Jagdeep Dhankhar, who was elected as the 14th Vice President of India.
- ★ Dr CV Ananda Bose is a retired IAS officer.
- ★ He served as the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Kerala and has held the rank of secretary to the government of India, been a Vice chancellor.
- ★ He is currently the Chairman of the Habitat Alliance, in consultative status with the UN.

Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog

- ★ The government has appointed senior economist and India's former chief economic advisor Arvind Virmani as a full-time member of NITI Aayog.
- ★ NITI Aayog, which is the government's premier think-tank, is headed by the Prime Minister and presently has three members, VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul.
- ★ Virmani, the founder-chairman of the non-profit public policy organisation Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare, has served as the 13th Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance.
- ★ Virmani, a PhD in Economics from Harvard University, USA has also served as Principal Advisor to the Planning Commission.

Member of the Election Commission of India

- ★ President Droupadi Murmu appointed retired IAS officer Arun Goel as the Election Commissioner with effect from the date he assumes the office.
- ★ A Punjab cadre officer of the 1985 batch, Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey in the poll panel.
- ★ The Election commission members hold office for six years or up to 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- ★ Article 324 gives the President power to appoint members to the Election Commission.

Member of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM)

- ★ Professor Venu Gopal Achanta, Director, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL), New Delhi, has been elected as a member of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM).
- ★ The 27th General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) meeting was held on 15-18 November, 2022 at Paris, France.
- ★ Achanta is among the 18 members elected from different countries and he is the 7th Indian to be elected to the CIPM.
- ★ The CIPM is a supreme international committee which functions under the authority of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM).
- ★ It is responsible for development and implementation of International Systems of Units, universally abbreviated as SI.

President of Kazakhstan

- ★ President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan has been re-elected as the President of Kazakhstan.
- ★ According to the Kazakhstan Election Commission, he has won 81.31% of the votes polled in the Presidential election held on 20 November 2022.
- ★ Kassym-Jomart Tokayev became the President of Kazakhstan on 29 March 2019 after the resignation of the first President of Kazakhstan Nur Sultan Nazarbayev.

First Woman President of the Indian Olympic Association

- ★ High-flying PT Usha is all set to become the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), as she has emerged as the only candidate in the election for the post to be held on 10 December 2022.
- ★ PT Usha has won the Asian Games gold medal. At the same time, in the 1984 Olympics, she finished fourth in the final of the 400 meters hurdles.
- ★ She is currently the committee head of the Pratibha Sangh of India. This committee conducts national level Indian Talent Olympiad exams in schools all over India.
- ★ Ajay Patel of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) is set to be the senior vice-president as he is also the lone candidate for the post.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

A Book by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri

- ★ Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs in the Government of India (GOI) has written a new book titled “DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years”,
- ★ Rupa Publications India is the publisher of the book.

- ★ The book's foreword was written by Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan.
- ★ This book highlights the perspectives of 15 contributors, including some of the university's most distinguished alumni and faculty.

Two Books on PM Modi in Dubai

- ★ Two books on the achievements and legacy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were released by Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Chandrashekhar in Dubai on 06 November 2022.
- ★ The name of the two books is Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery” and “Heartfelt: The Legacy of Faith”.
- ★ These books were released at an event of Vishwa Sadbhavna, NID Foundation to increase the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity among people in the US, Australia and New Zealand.
- ★ More than 300 veterans and distinguished guests of Indian origin were also present on the occasion.

A Book by Nirmala James

- ★ Nirmala James, a retired schoolteacher has written a new book named 'Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions', a documentary on the life and amazing achievements of Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal India's first woman botanist.
- ★ The book was produced by Enview Research and Development.
- ★ The book tells the story of Dr. Janaki Ammal, who achieved her professional goals despite gender and caste hurdles.
- ★ She is well-known for her contributions to cytogenetics and plant breeding. Nirmala James has written over 25 books, including children's books.

Book by Shane Watson

- ★ Shane Watson authored a new book titled 'Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the Best Version of You to Cricket'.
- ★ Winning the Inner Battle, explores the mental side of the game through his own experiences revitalising his career after contemplating retirement in 2015.
- ★ Shane Watson is one of the finest all-rounders in Australian cricket, having represented his country 298 times.

Ruskin Bond Launches Gautaam Borah's New Book

- ★ Gautaam Borah, a senior management professional and the globally regarded author of 'Monetising Innovation', releases his latest book 'Nalanada – Until We Meet Again'.
- ★ Ruskin Bond- a great writer launched the book.
- ★ Gautaam's new book is a movie-like experience that incorporates action, adventure, romance, love, grit and intuition and mystery.
- ★ The book will take you on a breathtaking journey across all of these.

- ★ The book is a compelling narrative of passion, retribution and an age-old mystery.
- ★ It's the story of Neil and Aanchal.

Book Named 'India: The Mother of Democracy'

- ★ Union Education and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the book 'India: The Mother of Democracy', which was prepared and published by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- ★ The book is an attempt to highlight the democratic attitude that has been instilled in India since the birth of civilization.
- ★ This book demonstrates that India has been permeated with democratic ethos since the dawn of civilization.
- ★ According to the Minister, the foundations of democracy may be traced back to the fourth century in India.
- ★ In his address to the 76th United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that India is not only the oldest democracy but also the mother of democracy.

DEFENCE NEWS

The Maritime Partnership Exercise PASSEX

- ★ The Maritime Partnership Exercise PASSEX between the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy concluded in Bay of Bengal.
- ★ The PASSEX involving the India Naval Ship Jalashwa and Kavaratti and the Royal Australian Navy ships HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Anzac was held on 02 and 03 November 2022.
- ★ The Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Anzac visited Visakhapatnam from 30 October to 01 November 2022. This was part of Australia's Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022 (IPE 22).
- ★ A passing exercise is done by two navies so as to ensure that two navies participating in it are able to smoothly coordinate and communicate in times of any disaster or war.

Garuda VII Exercise

- ★ The Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force (IAF) Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and Chief of the Air Staff of French Air and Space Force (FASF) General Stéphane Mille flew aircraft in the Garuda VII exercise being held at Jodhpur on 08 November 2022.
- ★ The 7th edition of 'Garuda VII' exercise is being held from 26 October to 12 November 2022 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- ★ Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari flew the French made Rafale fighter plane while General Stéphane Mille flew the Indian Su-30MKI fighter.
- ★ For the first time the indigenous LCA Tejas and Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand is participating in an international military exercise.

DRDO Launches Testing and Evaluation Facility

- ★ The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has launched the Hull Module of the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) Kochi, Kerala.
- ★ It is a state-of-the-art testing and evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian navy onboard various platforms including ships, submarines and helicopters.
- ★ This new facility has boosted the Government of India's 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives.
- ★ The SPACE facility is based on the concept, design and requirements projected by NPOL and has been constructed by Larsen and Turbo (L&T) Shipbuilding, Chennai.
- ★ This will be mainly utilized for evaluating sonar systems allowing for quick deployment and easy recovery of scientific packages such as sensors and transducers.

Security Exercise 'Prasthan'

- ★ The Indian Navy's Western Command conducted an exercise 'Prasthan' on 12 November 2022.
- ★ It is to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea.
- ★ The Prasthan' is conducted twice a year under the Western Naval Command.
- ★ It aims to assess various measures and protocols conceived to address security threats and other contingencies that may arise in offshore oil production platforms.

Exercise 'YUDH ABHYAS 2022'

- ★ The 18th edition of Indo-US joint training exercise "Yudh Abhyas 22" will be held in Auli, Uttarakhand in November 2022.
- ★ The 'Yudh Abhyas' between India and the US is held annually with the aim of exchanging best practices, strategies, techniques and procedures between the armies of the two countries.
- ★ The previous edition of this exercise was conducted in October 2021 at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA).
- ★ The US Army soldier from the 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army soldier from the Assam Regiment will participate in the exercise.
- ★ The training program will cover all functions related to peacekeeping and peace enforcement.

Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22'

- ★ The third edition of the two-day 'Sea Vigil-22' is commencing on the eastern seaboard from 15 November 2022 as part of an all-India coastal defence exercise.
- ★ The exercise will be conducted along the country's 7,516 km long coastline covering India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- ★ The exercise will involve all coastal states, union territories and other maritime stakeholders including fishing and coastal communities.

- ★ The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Navy in coordination with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the ministries tasked with maritime activities.
- ★ This exercise is a build-up towards the major Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX), which is conducted by the Indian Navy every two years.
- ★ ‘Sea Vigil’ and ‘TROPEX’ together will cover the entire spectrum of maritime security challenges.
- ★ The exercise will provide a realistic assessment of India’s strengths and weaknesses, which will help further strengthen maritime and national security.

Exercise Naseem Al Bahr-2022

- ★ The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies, Naseem Al Bahr-2022, conducted on the coast of Oman on 20 November 2022.
- ★ The exercise is being conducted in two phases, the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.
- ★ Naseem Al Bahr naval exercise was started in 1993. The last edition was conducted Goa in 2019.
- ★ The Indian Navy’s guided missile frigate Trikanth and Offshore Patrol Vessel Sumitra, with their integral helicopters and the maritime patrol aircraft, Dornier are participating in the exercise.
- ★ The exercise facilitates operational-level interaction between the two navies to foster mutual cooperation and enhance good order at sea.
- ★ The exercise also aims to strengthen the ancient maritime and cultural linkages between India and Oman.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SpaceX Launches First Falcon Heavy Mission

- ★ SpaceX’s Falcon Heavy, the world’s most powerful active rocket was launched for the first time after three years on 01 November 2022, from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- ★ Under this mission, satellites of the US Space Force have been sent into space from the Falcon Heavy rocket.
- ★ The weight of this rocket is equal to the weight of two space shuttles, which weigh 63.8 tonnes.
- ★ The 230-foot-long rocket has 27 Merlin engines, which makes it the world’s most powerful rocket.

Lab Module of Space Station

- ★ China launched its third and final permanent space station module named Tiangong space station.
- ★ The name of this lab module is Mengtian.
- ★ Mengtian is the second lab module and the last major component of China’s space station.
- ★ Mengtian will later be relocated to its permanent position and three modules—named Tianhe, the Wentian Lab Module, and Mengtian will form a basic T-shaped structure of the space station.
- ★ It will provide space for science experiments in zero gravity.

- ★ Mengtian weighs about 23 tons, is 17.9 metres (58.7 ft) long and has a diameter of 4.2 metres (13.8 ft).

India's First Private Sector Rocket Vikram-S

- ★ India's first privately developed launch vehicle - Hyderabad-based Skyroute's Vikram-S is set to make its maiden flight from Sriharikota on November 2022.
- ★ It is a single-stage sub-orbital launch vehicle which will carry three customer payloads and help test and validate technologies in the Vikram series space launch vehicles.
- ★ Vikram-S will carry three customer satellites in a sub-orbital flight in this mission, named 'Prarambh'.
- ★ With this mission, Skyroute Aerospace will become the first private space company in India to launch a rocket into space.
- ★ The initial mission and the Vikram-S rocket have been developed by a Hyderabad-based startup in collaboration with ISRO and IN-SPACE (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre).

NASA Launches Its Artemis 1 Mission

- ★ The US space agency NASA launched its Artemis 1 mission on 16 November 2022 from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida.
- ★ The Artemis 1 launch will also be the first flight of NASA's 21st century moon-exploration program.
- ★ With Artemis 1 on the surface of the Moon, NASA aims to demonstrate new technologies, business approaches and capabilities that are essential for future explorations, including Mars.
- ★ The launch aims to further aid in the study of the Moon, its origin and history.

Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-3 in Odisha

- ★ India carried out a successful training launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-3 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- ★ The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command.
- ★ The Defence Ministry announced that the launch was carried out for a predetermined range and validated all operational parameters of the system.

'RH-200' Rohini Sounding Rocket

- ★ ISRO's versatile sounding rocket RH200 carried out its 200th consecutive successful launch from the coast of Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram.
- ★ The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) termed it a "historic moment".
- ★ The successful flight of RH200 took off from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS).

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ISRO Launches PSLV-C54 Rocket

- ★ The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched PSLV C 54 and eight nanosatellites, into space from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota.
- ★ This is the 56th flight of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle of ISRO and 24th flight of the extended PSLV-XL version.
- ★ The mission payloads including Oceansat (PSLV C 54) and eight other nanosatellites have separated in the specified two hours in two different sun-synchronous orbits.
- ★ The mission objective is to ensure data continuity of ocean color and wind vector data to sustain the operational applications.

First Nuclear-Powered Moon Base by 2028

- ★ China plans to build its first base on the moon by 2028, ahead of landing astronauts there in subsequent years as the country steps up its challenge to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) dominance in space exploration.
- ★ The lunar base will likely be powered by nuclear energy.
- ★ Its basic configuration will consist of a lander, hopper, orbiter and rover, all of which would be constructed by the Chang'e 6, 7 and 8 missions.
- ★ In 2019, China became the first country to land a rover on the far side of the moon and later brought back its first lunar samples.
- ★ The base is intended to be the first outpost on the moon's South Pole, an area scientists think is the best place to find water.
- ★ China aims to eventually expand the base into an international research station.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Savings Day

- ★ World Savings Day is observed every year on 31 October.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is set by the International Savings Bank Congress is 'Saving prepares you for a better future'.
- ★ World Savings Day also called World Thrift Day, was first established in the year 1924 during the first International Savings Bank Congress.
- ★ The Congress started on October 24.

- ★ On the last day of Congress exactly on October 30, the Congress decided to celebrate World Savings day every year to insist on the importance of saving money and also to insist on the method of saving money through banks and other modes.
- ★ But in India, it is celebrated on October 30 since the former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi died on 31 October.

Halloween Day

- ★ Halloween Day 2022 is observed every year on the 31 October.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Carving of Pumpkin'.
- ★ On this Day People set a campfire on the hilltop to show that bad evils are burnt and the people wear different kinds of masks to show that ghosts will go back from their place after seeing them.
- ★ People who died on the day of the Samhain festival believed that their souls returned to their homes.

11 December as 'Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas'

- ★ The Higher education sector regulator University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all Universities and colleges in India to observe a Bharatiya Bhasha Divas on 11 December every year to create 'language harmony' and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages.
- ★ It is to promote the Indian language proposed to observe December 11 as Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas or Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav on the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati.

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

- ★ International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed every year on 02 November.
- ★ The day came into existence when the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution in December 2013.
- ★ The day draws attention to the level of impunity for crimes against journalists.
- ★ The day also aims to end impunity for crimes against journalists and to guarantee freedom of expression and access to information for all citizens.

World Tsunami Awareness Day

- ★ World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on 05 November.
- ★ Its aim is to create awareness about this deadly disaster.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 day is 'Early warning and early action before every tsunami'.
- ★ In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly designated 05 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- ★ The first World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed worldwide on 5 November 2016.

- ★ This awareness day was organised in New Delhi in collaboration with the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 and the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi.

National Cancer Awareness Day

- ★ National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated every year on 07 November.
- ★ The day is observed to focus on prevention and early detection of cancer.
- ★ National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 07 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate scientist Madame Curie.
- ★ Marie Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1867, is known for discovering radium and polonium and for making significant contributions to the fight against cancer.

Infant Protection Day

- ★ Infant Protection Day 2022 is observed every year on 07 November.
- ★ In 1990 nearly 5 million infants died due to a lack of awareness of protecting Infants.
- ★ So, in the early 1900s, many Countries decided that steps should be taken for better child health care and to reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).
- ★ Europe first started a campaign to improve child health care.
- ★ Europe Countries established Infant Protection Day to create awareness among the people about Child Care Services and to reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).

World Radiography Day

- ★ World Radiography Day is celebrated every year on 08 November.
- ★ The day marks the anniversary of the birth of X-rays.
- ★ X-ray plays a huge role in the medical industry as one of the diagnostic tools that help doctors detect a wide variety of problems and diagnose diseases to treat them better and in a timely manner.
- ★ This is the 11th International Day of Radiology and this is observed by all the medical imaging professionals from across the world.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Radiologists and Radiographers supporting patients'.
- ★ The first World Radiography Day was observed in 2007 by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists on 08 November.
- ★ X-rays were discovered by Professor Wilhelm Konrad Röntgen in the year 1895.

National Legal Services Day

- ★ National Legal Services Day (NLSD) is celebrated every year on 09 November.
- ★ It is celebrated to commemorate the commencement of the Legal Services Authorization Act, 1987, which came into force on 09 November 1995.

- ★ The main objective of organising this day is to make people aware of the law to ensure justice for all, as well as to provide free legal aid and advice to the poor and weaker sections of the society.
- ★ This day was started in the year 1995 by the Supreme Court of India to provide help and support to the poor and weaker sections of the society.
- ★ The Chief Justice of India is the Chief Patron of the National Legal Services Authority and a second senior judge of the Supreme Court of India is the acting Chairman of the Authority.

World Science Day for Peace and Development

- ★ World Science Day for Peace and Development 2022 is observed every year on 10 November.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is “Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development”
- ★ The first World Conference on Science was held in 1999 and was coordinated by UNESCO and the International Council for Science.
- ★ The gathering was held in Hungary, where various delegations concurred on the importance of educating the public about science.
- ★ World Science Day for Peace and Development was first observed in 2002.

International Week of Science and Peace

- ★ The International Week of Science and Peace is celebrated every year from 09 November to 14 November 2022.
- ★ This week is an initiative launched by the United Nations (UN) with the hopes of encouraging and promoting peace around the world.
- ★ The International Week of Science and Peace was established in 1986 as part of the International Year of Peace celebrations.
- ★ People inspire and promote peace in their countries during this week, as well as produce breakthrough technology for a better way of life.

National Education Day

- ★ National Education Day is celebrated every year on 11 November.
- ★ National Education Day is first observed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 11 November 2008.
- ★ It is observed every year after the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who was the first Educational Minister of Independent India.
- ★ The Day is celebrated to honour the First Educational Minister of India and his incomparable contribution made to the Education system of India.

Public Service Broadcasting Day

- ★ Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed every year on 12 November 2022.
- ★ The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947.

- ★ The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people who had temporarily settled in Kurukshetra in Haryana after Partition.
- ★ In the year 2001, this day was officially declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day.

World Pneumonia Day

- ★ World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12 November.
- ★ The day aims to raise awareness about pneumonia and shed light on its symptoms, prevention and treatment.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is “Championing the fight to stop pneumonia”,
- ★ World Pneumonia Day was first observed on 12 November 2009 under ‘Stop Pneumonia’, an initiative of the Global Coalition Against Child Pneumonia.

World Diabetes Day

- ★ World Diabetes Day is being observed every year on November 14.
- ★ The day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of diabetes as a global public health issue and the efforts needed to diagnose, prevent and manage it.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is ‘Access to Diabetes Education’ and underlines the multi-year theme of ‘Access to Care’.
- ★ The day is observed every year on 14 November to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered insulin in 1922 along with Charles Best.
- ★ World Diabetes Day was first observed in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

National Children’s Day

- ★ Children’s Day is celebrated every year on 14 November.
- ★ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ★ Nehru was a great supporter of children’s rights and an all-inclusive education system where knowledge is accessible to all.
- ★ Children’s Day is celebrated all over the country to raise awareness about the rights, care and education of children.

National Press Day

- ★ National Press Day is observed every year on 16 November to commemorate a free and responsible press.
- ★ In India, the press has been called ‘watchdog’ and the Press Council of India has been called ‘moral watchdog’.
- ★ Since the year 1997, the Council has celebrated the day in a significant manner through seminars with relevant themes.

- ★ Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur presided over the National Press Day function in New Delhi.
- ★ Article 19 of the Constitution of India provides for the right to freedom of speech and expression.
- ★ India ranks 150th position among 180 countries in World Press Freedom Index 2022.

National Epilepsy Day

- ★ National Epilepsy Day is celebrated every year on 17 November.
- ★ It is to create awareness among the victims of epilepsy and their relatives.
- ★ Epilepsy Foundation of India established National Epilepsy Day as a national campaign to reduce epilepsy in India.

International Men's Day

- ★ International Men's Day 2022 is observed on 19 November.
- ★ International Men's Day 2022 celebration also focuses on Men's Health.
- ★ The theme for this year 2022 is 'Helping Men and Boys'.
- ★ In 1968, an American journalist named John P. Harris communicated that there is a celebration for International Women's Day for female workers but failed to deliver a male counterpart.

World Children Day

- ★ World Children Day is observed every year on 20 November.
- ★ It is to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide and to improve children's welfare.
- ★ It was first observed in 1954 as Universal Children's Day.
- ★ This day has a special significance as on 20th November 1959 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
- ★ Also, on this day in 1989 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Inclusion, For Every Child'.

World Television Day

- ★ World Television Day is observed every year on the 21 November.
- ★ The UN General Assembly decided to name November 21 World Television Day, not to celebrate the object itself, but the symbol for communication and globalization in the contemporary world that it represents.
- ★ In 1927, a 21-year-old inventor by the name of Philo Taylor Farnsworth invented the world's first electronic television.
- ★ UN leaders recognized that television could bring attention to conflicts, raise awareness of threats to peace and security and sharpen focus on social and economic issues.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

- ★ International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 2022 is observed every year on 25 November.
- ★ On this day, Mirabal sisters of the Dominican Republic were assassinated by dictator Rafael Trujillo.
- ★ In some cases, this violence ends in the woman's death.
- ★ In December 1999, the United Nations General Assembly designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

National Law Day

- ★ Constitution Day or National Law Day is celebrated every year on 26 November as it marks the day when the Indian Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.
- ★ On 19 November 2015, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment notified the decision of the Government of India to celebrate 26 November as 'Constitution Day'.
- ★ The day was declared in the year which marked the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, the chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution.

OBITUARY NEWS

Jamshed J Irani, 'steel man of India' Passed Away

- ★ Jamshed J Irani, known as the steel man of India died in Jamshedpur on 31 October 2022. He was at the age of 86.
- ★ He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Government of India in 2008 for his services in the field of metallurgy.
- ★ He was born on 02 June 1936 in Nagpur. Dr. Irani completed BSc from Science College, Nagpur in 1956 and MSc in Geology from Nagpur University in 1958.
- ★ He was honoured with several awards including Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to the industry.
- ★ Jamshed J Irani joined the Board of Tata Steel and also served as non-executive director from 2001 for a decade.
- ★ Subramania Bharati is considered to be a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry who penned songs to kindle patriotism during the Independence movement.

SEWA Founder and Gandhian Elaben Bhatt

- ★ Elaben Bhatt- noted Gandhian, leading women's empowerment activist and founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) died on 02 November 2022 in Ahmedabad. She was at the age of 89.
- ★ She has been honoured with Padma Bhushan, Ramon Magsaysay Award, Indira Gandhi Peace Prize along with many other national and international awards.

- ★ She has been recognized globally as a women leader.
- ★ She was the Chairperson of Sabarmati Ashram and recently resigned as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith.
- ★ She was also a member of the Rajya Sabha and the Planning Commission of India in the 1980s.
- ★ She also served as an advisor to the World Bank and addressed the United Nations General Assembly.

Independent India's First Voter Shyam Saran Negi

- ★ Independent India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi passed away in Himachal Pradesh. He was at the age of 106.
- ★ Shyam Saran Negi, exercising his right to vote had voted for the 34th time in his life on 2 November 2022.
- ★ He had cast his vote in the 14th Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly election through postal ballot paper at his home in Kalpa, Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ★ Shyam Saran Negi voted for the first time in India's general elections in 1951 and has voted sixteen times in the Lok Sabha elections.
- ★ He was also made the brand ambassador by the Election Commission.

Arunachal Pradesh MLA Jambey Tashi

- ★ Arunachal Pradesh legislator Jambey Tashi passed away in Guwahati, Assam. He was at the age of 48.
- ★ Tashi was an Indian politician of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Arunachal Pradesh, serving as the MLA from the Lumla assembly constituency three times since 2009
- ★ He was also a member of the National Minority Morcha in the BJP.
- ★ He had been a member of the Indian National Congress and People's Party of Arunachal Pradesh.

Telugu Film Superstar Krishna Garu

- ★ Veteran actor Ghattamaneni Krishna, famous as Krishna Garu and known in the Telugu film industry as 'superstar' died in Hyderabad. He was at the age of 80.
- ★ He was the father of the Telugu film superstar Mahesh Babu.
- ★ He starred in over 350 movies during his long career in the film industry.
- ★ His first film was Thene Manasulu released in 1965.
- ★ In 2009, he received the Padma Bhushan.

Renowned Indian Mathematician Shri RL Kashyap

- ★ Renowned Indian mathematician and Padma Shri Awardee, Shri Rangasami Lakshminarayan Kashyap passed away in Karnataka. He was at the age of 84.
- ★ He worked as a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computers for three decades at Purdue University in America.

- ★ He was the founder of a spiritual organization called Sakshi Trust.
- ★ Kashyap is the only person in the world to translate all the 4 vedas.
- ★ He has translated around 25,000 Shlokas/Mantras of Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda and Atharvaveda into English.
- ★ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2021 by the central government for his considerable service in the field of studying the Vedas.

India's Basketball Legend Abbas Moontasir

- ★ Former India basketball captain and Arjuna awardee Ghulam Abbas Muntasir passed away in Mumbai. He was at the age of 80.
- ★ He was born in Mumbai in 1942.
- ★ He started playing in Nagpada by the American missionaries, later he started getting inclined towards basketball.
- ★ His basketball debut came in 1960 in an exhibition game against Australia.
- ★ He captained the national team in the 1969 and 1975 Asian Basketball Championships in Bangkok.

Veteran Actress Tabassum

- ★ Popular and veteran actress Tabassum known for her work as a child artiste in several Hindi classic films and also as a host of popular Doordarshan talk show 'Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan' has passed away.
- ★ Tabassum started her career as a child artiste with the 1947 movie 'Nargis'. At that time, she was known as 'Baby Tabassum' in the industry.
- ★ She also played a minor role in the 1960 historical epic 'Mughal-e-Azam', starring Prithviraj Kapoor, Dilip Kumar and Madhubala.

Former Indian Football Captain Babu Mani

- ★ Former Indian football captain Babu Mani, who was an integral part of the Indian football team in the 1980s passed away.
- ★ He was at the age of 59.
- ★ Babu Mani made his India debut against Argentina in Kolkata during the 1984 Nehru Cup and went on to play 55 matches for the country.
- ★ He was also a part of the first Indian squad to qualify for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup in 1984.
- ★ Mani was also a member of the Indian team which won gold medals at the 1985 and 1987 editions of the South Asian Games.

Veteran Actor Vikram Gokhale

- ★ Noted actor Vikram Gokhale passed away. He was at the age of 77.

- ★ Vikram Gokhale who had a long career as an actor in theatre, television and movies, acted in several Marathi and Bollywood films, including “Agneepath” (1990), “Bhool Bhulaiyaa” (2007), “Natsamrat” (2015) and “Mission Mangal” (2019).
- ★ In 2010, he received the National Award for Best Actor for his work in the Marathi film Anumati.
- ★ With the Marathi film Aaghaat, he also made his directorial debut.

MISCELLANEOUS

Collins Dictionary’s Word of the Year

- ★ ‘Permacrisis’ has been chosen as the Collins Dictionary’s word of the year.
- ★ The word means an extended period of instability and insecurity.
- ★ According to The Guardian, Collins chose permacrisis as the word of the year as it “sums up quite succinctly how truly awful 2022 has been for so many people”.
- ★ It is the top word in the annual compilation of the 10 new or noteworthy words from the 18-billion-word database monitored by Collins and from other sources like social media.

Longest Passenger Train by Switzerland

- ★ Switzerland has created a world record by operating passenger train.
- ★ A Swiss railway company broke the record for the world’s longest passenger train as part of celebrations for the 175th anniversary of railways in the country.
- ★ The 1910 meters long train consisted of 4,550 seats spread across 100 coaches.
- ★ It passed through the mountains landscape in the Swiss Alps.
- ★ The UNESCO World Heritage Albula/Bernina route from Preda to Alvaneu and over the Landwasser Viaduct in less than 45 minutes.

Word of the Year by Cambridge Dictionary

- ★ “Homer” has been named the Cambridge Dictionary’s word of the year for 2022.
- ★ It was said to be influenced by the Wordle, a Wordle-like word game that has become immensely popular worldwide.
- ★ When “homer” was a possible response in the word game Wordle, it was searched almost 75,000 times during the first week of May 2022.
- ★ “Homer” is a colloquial American English term for a baseball “home run” in the context of the game.

Zorba, the First Dog of Anti-Poaching Dogs Squad K9

- ★ The first dog of the anti-poaching dog’s squad K9 Zorba died in Guwahati, Assam on 22 November 2022. He was 12 years old.

- ★ India's first dog squad named K9, raised to combat poaching of wildlife, was set up in Assam under the initiative of biodiversity organisation 'Aaranyak' in 2011.
- ★ The Zorba of Belgian Malinois breed was mainly deployed in Kaziranga National Parks and retired from service in 2019.
- ★ He helped the authorities in tracking down the poachers of wildlife.

