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IMPORTANT!

News of the Month

1. PM Modi launches 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme: All you need to know

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme recently. The prime minister also released PM-KISAN funds worth Rs 16,000 crore through Direct Benefit Transfer, as well as inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at the Indian Agricultural Research

Institute. An e-magazine on fertilisers, called Indian Edge was launched by the prime minister, while 600 Pradan Mantri Sammriddhi Kendra were inaugurated.

Under this scheme, all types of fertilisers, whether it is DAP, NPK, or urea will be sold under the brand name of 'Bharat'. This will standardize fertiliser brands across the nation irrespective of the company that manufactures it, said Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar.



The Prime Minister said that the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme will ensure affordable quality fertiliser of Bharat brand to the farmers.

PM Modi said that with the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme, the farmer will get rid of all kinds of confusion about the quality of the fertilisers and their availability. Now the urea sold in the country will be of the same name, same brand and same quality and this brand is Bharat! Now urea will be available only under the 'Bharat' brand name in the entire country. This scheme will result in a reduction in the cost of fertilisers and increase their availability.

Farmers are confused and under the illusion about fertiliser brands and are not getting the quality soil nutrients as retailers are pushing certain brands in hopes of higher commissions and because companies run certain advertisements for particular products. The scheme will solve all such problems, he said.

Competition among companies that push their brands will get reduced with this single branding, which will ensure sufficient supply of fertilisers across the country.

During the event the prime minister also inaugurated 600 'PM-Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) which are expected to act as one-stop-shop providing multiple services to farmers. PM-KSK will supply agri-inputs like seeds, fertilisers and farm implements, along with providing testing facilities for soil, seeds and

fertilisers, besides information about government schemes. PM Modi said about 3.25 lakh fertiliser retail shops will be converted into PM-KSKs across the country.

Under ONOF companies are allowed to display their name, brand, logo and other relevant product information only on one-third space of their bags. On the remaining two-thirds space, the “Bharat” brand and Pradhanmantri Bharatiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana logo will have to be shown.

The single brand name for UREA, Di-Ammonium Phosphate DAP, Muriate of potash (MOP) and Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium NPK etc. would be BHARAT UREA, BHARAT DAP, BHARAT MOP and BHARAT NPK etc. respectively for all Fertiliser Companies, State Trading Entities (STEs) and Fertiliser Marketing Entities (FMEs). This scheme applies to both public & private sector companies. It will bring about uniformity in fertiliser brands across the country.

however, the scheme has some challenges. It will disincentivise fertiliser companies from undertaking marketing and brand promotion activities. They will now be reduced to contract manufacturers and importers for the government.

Currently, in case of any bag or batch of fertilisers not meeting the required standards, the blame is put on the company. But now, that may be passed on fully to the government.

2. 41.5 crore Indians exited multi-dimensional poverty since 2005-06

As many as 41.5 crore people exited poverty in India during the 15-year period between 2005-06 and 2019-21, out of which two-thirds exited in the first 10 years, and one-third in the next five years, according to the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released recently.



The report produced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) shows that the incidence of poverty fell from 55.1% in 2005/06 to 16.4% in 2019/21 in the country and that deprivations in all 10 MPI indicators saw significant reductions as a result of which the MPI value and incidence of poverty more than halved.

Improvement in MPI for India has significantly contributed to the decline in poverty in South Asia and it is for the first time that it is not the region with the highest number of poor people, at 38.5 crores, compared with 57.9 crores in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Globally, of the total 610 crore people across 111 developing countries, 19.1% or 120 crores live in multidimensional poverty. Nearly half of them live in severe poverty.

The report doesn't fully assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty in India as 71% of the data from the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021) relied upon for MPI were collected before the pandemic.

The global MPI constructs a deprivation profile of each household and person through 10 indicators spanning health, education, and standard of living. All indicators are equally weighted within each dimension. The global MPI identifies people as multidimensionally poor if their deprivation score is 1/3 or higher.

Bihar, the poorest State in 2015/2016, saw the fastest reduction in MPI value in absolute terms. The incidence of poverty there fell from 77.4% in 2005/2006 to 52.4% in 2015/2016 to 34.7% in 2019/2021. However, in relative terms, the poorest States have not caught up. Of the 10 poorest States in 2015/2016, only one (West Bengal) was not among the 10 poorest in 2019/2021. The rest- Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan -remain among the 10 poorest.

Despite the strides made, the report notes that the ongoing task of ending poverty remains daunting. India has by far the largest number of poor people worldwide at 22.8 crores, followed by Nigeria at 9.6 crores.

Two-thirds of these people live in a household in which at least one person is deprived of nutrition. There were also 9.7 crore poor children in India in 2019/2021- more than the total number of poor people, children and adults combined, in any other country covered by the global MPI.

The report also notes that nationally, “the relative reduction from 2015/2016 to 2019/21 was faster: 11.9% a year compared with 8.1% from 2005/2006 to 2015/2016. This is unsurprising because relative poverty reduction is easier to achieve when starting levels of poverty are lower.”

“While poverty levels have not worsened, levels of undernutrition are still very high. There is no marked acceleration in the rate of improvement between NFHS-3 and NFHS-4 and NFHS-4 and NFHS-5. And the MPI mainly captures the pre-COVID situation because 71% of the NFHS-5 interviews were pre-COVID,” says Reetika Khera, Professor IIT Delhi.

3. PM Modi lays foundation stone of the Gujarat plant for C-295 planes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a manufacturing facility of the Tata-Airbus consortium. This is the country’s first aircraft manufacturing facility in the private



sector and has been pitched as a crucial step towards “Atmanirbharta” (or self-reliance). The C-295 aircraft - which would be manufactured at the facility - aims to modernise the Indian Air Force (IAF) fleet. The total cost of the project is said to be around 21,935 crores.

The C295 is an aircraft with a capacity of 5 to 10 tons that is used for tactical transport of up to 71 passengers or 50 paratroopers, as well as for logistical operations to locations that are not accessible to heavier aircraft at the moment. It has been shown to operate from short or unprepared airstrips, which is a proven capability.

This is the first time a military aircraft has been produced in India by a private company.

Both aircraft exports and additional IAF orders will be accommodated at the facility. The airplane can be utilized for regular citizen purposes as well. The agreement stipulates that Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in “fly-away” condition from its final assembly line in Seville, Spain, within four years. Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India will manufacture and assemble the remaining 40 aircraft as part of an industrial partnership.

In September last year, India sealed the deal with Airbus Defence and Space for the 56 C-295 aircraft to replace the aging Avro-748 planes of the IAF. This is the start of an entire ecosystem for the aviation sector. This facility will act as the regional Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) hub for all C-295.

The Defence Ministry announced that a consortium consisting of European defense giant Airbus and the Tata group will produce a C-295 transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Vadodara.

According to Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, Vice Chief of the Air Force, the C-295 can take off and land unprepared and on short runways. It also has excellent fuel efficiency. He stated that when the flyaway aircraft begin arriving in the second half of next year, the IAF will also establish its first C-295 squadron in Vadodara by converting one of the Avro squadrons in the area.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Space Economy To Touch 13 Billion \$ By 2025

India's space economy is likely to be worth nearly \$13 billion by 2025, with the satellite launch services segment set to witness the fastest growth due to increasing private participation, according to a report

released recently. The growing demand for smaller satellites is set to boost satellite manufacturing in the country. It will attract global start-ups in the sector to help incubate space tech companies here, said the report released by the Indian Space Association (ISpA) and Ernst and Young.

India's space economy was pegged at \$9.6 billion in 2020 and is expected to touch \$12.8 billion by 2025, according to the report titled 'Developing the Space Ecosystem in India: Focusing on Inclusive Growth.

In dollar terms, the satellite services and applications segment would be the largest with a turnover of \$4.6 billion by 2025, followed by the ground segment at \$4 billion. Satellite manufacturing stands at \$3.2 billion and launch services at \$1 billion.

2. Pakistan To Take Part In The SCO Anti-Terror Exercise Hosted By India

The National Security Guard (NSG) hosted the multinational JATE "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022" under the framework of the SCO Regional

Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), at the NSG Manesar Garrison.

It's understood that a Pakistan team participated in the event as a member of the SCO, an official source said. India also participated in the RATS meet that Pakistan had organised last year, the source noted.

The exercise aims to exchange expertise and best practices, and build synergy between the Counter Terrorism Forces of the SCO RATS member countries to enhance capabilities for conducting anti-terrorist operations and countering other security threats collectively, the NSG said in a statement.

3. “Mahakal Lok” 900 m long in MP’ s Ujjain to be opened by PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Madhya Pradesh recently on October 11, and unveiled the first phase of the Rs 856-crore Mahakaleshwar Temple corridor development project in Ujjain.

Preparations are in full swing for the grand opening of the Mahakal Lok, the over 900-meter-long corridor touted as one of the longest of its kind in India. The Mahakal Lok skirt around the old Rudrasagar Lake, which has also been revived as part of the redevelopment project around the ancient Mahakaleshwar Temple.

The Mahakaleshwar Temple is one of the 12 'jyotirlingas' in the country and gets devotees throughout the

year. PM Modi is apparently an “ardent devotee of Mahakal Maharaj, Madhya Pradesh’ s Housing and Urban Development minister Bhupendra Singh divulged.

4. Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Indian Roads Congress in Lucknow



The 81st annual convention of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) was held in Uttar Pradesh from October 8 to 11 after 11 years. Nearly 1,500 delegates will participate in the event to be held at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and UP Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the session.

The Indian Roads Congress is the apex body of highway engineers and the IRC was set up in December 1934, by the Government of India. The objective of the body was road development in India. Uttar Pradesh is hosting the session for the fifth time since the inception of the body.

5. PM Narendra Modi declared Gujarat's Modhera as the first 24x7 solar-powered village



Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Modhera village in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered

village. Modhera, which is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built during the Chalukya, will also be known as a "solar-powered village".

The Modhera village is located 25 km from the Mehsana district of Gujarat, and about 100 km from the state capital of Gandhinagar. The village has a ground-mounted solar power plant, and over 1,300 rooftop solar systems with 1kW capacity have been installed on houses to generate electricity.

Both the central and state governments have invested over 80 crores in this solar-development project in two phases, with the state allotting 12 hectares of area for the project. The Gujarat government had said people in the village can save 60 percent to 100 percent on their electricity bills with this move.

6. HM Amit Shah Unveils 14 feet High Statue of Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan



Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 15-foot high statue of socialist icon Jayprakash Narayan at his ancestral village of Sitab Diara in Saran district of Bihar.

Accompanied by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Shah reached Sitab Diara via Varanasi to take part in the 120th birth anniversary celebrations of Narayan, popularly known as JP.

Shah unveiled the statute on the premises of JP's ancestral house in Lala Ka Tola.

7. PM inaugurates Phase 1 of Education Complex, Modi Shaikshanik Sankul

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of Modi Shaikshanik Sankul, which is an educational complex for needy students in Ahmedabad. The project aims to provide facilities to students for holistic development. Prime Minister emphasized young students taking up medicine, engineering, and other such subjects as their major streams for further studies.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked parents to prepare their kids for skill development to combat difficult situations. He said, "Skill

development will empower the child to overcome these hardships.”

He highlighted that Labour has tremendous power and a large section of our ‘samaj’ belongs to the hard-working class. The event was felicitated by Chief Minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel, Members of Parliament C R Patil and Narhari Amin, Minister of Gujarat government, Jitubhai Vaghani, and President of Modh Vanik Modi Samaj Hitvardhak Trust.

8. Union Minister Smriti Irani releases the operations manual of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani has announced to make available special skill sets for girls and boys in all 7000 Child Care Institutions so that they become financially empowered. Addressing a National Seminar on

Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood for Girls - Betiyan Bane Kushal in New Delhi, Mrs. Irani said, this initiative will be rolled out in all Child Care Institutions from next month. Mrs. Irani said her Ministry will also work on how it can help in providing counselling to the girls for choosing the right academic streams.

During the function, Mrs. Irani also released an operations manual of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. Minister of State for Women and Child Development Munjpara Mahendrabhai and Secretary, Indevar Pandey were also present on the occasion.

9. India may see 20Bn \$ FDI In Climate-Tech

India’s biggest companies – including the likes of Wipro Ltd., UltraTech Cement Ltd. and Reliance

Industries – are increasingly talking to their shareholders about sustainability. Private capital is looking to back climate change-related technology, too: Of the almost \$27 billion of such investments globally in the first half of this year, close to \$2 billion went to India's firms.

10. PM Modi to Dedicate 75 Digital Banking Units to the Nation

In yet another measure to deepen financial inclusion, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) to the nation via video conferencing.

As part of the Union budget speech for 2022-23, the Finance Minister announced setting up the 75 DBUs in 75 districts to commemorate our country's 75 years of independence.

The DBUs are being set up with the objective to ensure the benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country and will cover all the States and Union territories. 11 Public Sector Banks, 12 Private Sector Banks and one Small Finance Bank are participating in the endeavour.

DBUs will be brick-and-mortar outlets which will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening savings accounts, balance-check, print passbooks, transfer of funds, investment in fixed deposits, loan applications, stop-payment instructions for cheques issued, applying for credit/debit cards, view statement of account, pay taxes, pay bills, make nominations, etc.

DBUs will enable customers to have cost-effective, convenient access and

enhanced digital experience of banking products and services throughout the year. They will spread Digital Financial Literacy and special emphasis will be given to customer education on cyber security awareness and safeguards. Also, there shall be adequate digital mechanisms to offer real-time assistance and redress customer grievances arising from business and services provided by the DBUs directly or through Business Facilitators/ Correspondents.

11. 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to be held at Indore in January 2023

The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will take place in January in Indore. Every year on the 9th of January, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas holiday is observed to honour the contribution of the Indian community living abroad which contributes to the growth of

India. Additionally, it honors Gandhi's journey back to India from South Africa on the 9th of January, 1915.

Since 2015, its structure has changed to recognize Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) once every 2 years and to organize Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conferences with involvement from policymakers, stakeholders, and experts from the abroad community.

In January 2023, Indore will host the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. A Memorandum of Cooperation for hosting the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was signed by Chief Secretaries of Madhya Pradesh Iqbal Singh Bains and Secretary, Consular, Passport and Visa Division Ausaf Sayeed.

To recognize the effort of the Indian population living abroad to the growth of India, Pravasi Bharatiya

Divas is observed annually on the 9th of January.

The 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was celebrated in 2021 with H.E Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, the Hon' ble President of the Republic of Suriname, as the chief guest. The 16th PBD was conducted in a virtual setting with the topic "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat" last year during the COVID-19 epidemic.

12. Nitin Gadkari introduces Toyota's pilot project on Flex-Fuel Strong Hybrid EV



Union Minister for Road, Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari has unveiled the Toyota Corolla Altis Flex-fuel

car, which has been touted as first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India. This project intends to examine whether ethanol-powered flex-fuel vehicles can be viable in Indian conditions.

Collected data will be shared with the prestigious Indian Institute of Science, for conducting a deeper study about the well-to-wheel carbon emissions of FFV / FFV-SHEV in the Indian context. In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The flex-fuel production has already commenced in India with three grades namely E95, E90, E85 initially developed. The nomenclature of the aforementioned fuel grades is based

on the percentage of petrol against the percentage of ethanol mix.

13. World Bank Extends Loan of \$250 million for SALT Project in Andhra Pradesh



Special Chief Secretary (School Education) B. Rajasekhar has said that the World Bank (WB) has extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million to the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the State government. The SALT is the first project in the school education sector to be funded by the World Bank without any precondition.

A sum of approximately Rs 53,000 crore had been spent on school education in the last three years and a major chunk of it (Rs 22,617 crore) had gone to Amma Vodi and the first phase of the Nadu-Nedu scheme. The number of children studying in government schools in 2022-23 academic year was 40,31,239. The total number of children in government, private and aided schools was less by 86,119 when compared to last year.

The reduction was partly due to migrations to other States and dropouts, and the number of children who joined 1st class declined by 29,102 due to the population growth rate tapering off. An enrollment drive has since been undertaken.

14.Himachal Pradesh govt starts new scheme “HIMCAD” to help farmers

State government of Himachal Pradesh has started a new scheme named ‘HIMCAD’, to provide irrigation facilities to farmers. According to the latest data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rain-fed.

The scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers’ fields for better water conservation, crop diversification, and integrated farming.

Under the scheme, it is planned to provide command area development activities to 23,344 hectares of cultivable command area by March 2024, and the State Technical Advisory Committee has approved 379

minor irrigation schemes worth Rs 305.70 crore. About 80 percent of the agricultural area of the state is rain-fed.

In order to provide irrigation facilities to the farmers in the state, the government has implemented schemes like Flow Irrigation Scheme, Efficient Irrigation Scheme through Micro Irrigation, Jal Se Krishi Ka Bal, construction of Lift Irrigation Scheme and Borewell, etc.

15. Maharashtra: Mumbai airport completely switches to renewable energy



Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) has become one of India's 100 percent sustainable airports by completely switching to green sources for energy consumption. Since April 2022, it has been the first in the country to launch hybrid technology that runs entirely on green energy.

The CSMIA obtains 95 percent of its energy from renewable sources such as hydro and wind energy, with onsite solar generation providing the remaining 5 percent.

It increased its energy procurement, with 57 percent green consumption, in April 2022 and finally achieved 100 percent utilisation of renewable

energy sources in August 2022. It initially installed a 1.06 MW rooftop solar power plant, later expanding to 4.66 MW. The CSMIA aims to achieve 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' by 2029.

16. Global Hunger Index 2022: India ranks 107th out of 121 countries

India ranked 107th out of 121 assessed countries on the 2022 Global Hunger Index (GHI). With an overall score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been categorised as "serious".

India was ranked 101st out of 116 countries in the GHI 2021 and 94th out of 107 assessed countries in 2020.

The GHI that tracks and measures hunger across the world says that malnutrition among children under five years in India is very high.

While India's neighbouring countries are also not in the 'low hunger' category, Pakistan (26.1), Nepal (19.1), Bangladesh (19.6), and Sri Lanka (13.6) have secured a relatively better rank than India. Meanwhile, with an overall score below 5, China has remained in the "low hunger" category for the third time in a row.

17. Cabinet approved PM-DevINE scheme for the development of Northeast states



The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a new Scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) for

the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26. The new Scheme, PM-DevINE, is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding and will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER).

PM-DevINE will lead to the creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects, and create livelihood activities for youth and women, thus leading to employment generation.

Measures would be taken to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of the projects sanctioned under PM-DevINE so that they are sustainable. To limit construction risks of time and cost overrun, falling on the Government projects would be implemented on Engineering-

procurement–Construction (EPC) basis, to the extent possible.

The objectives of PM-DevINE are to fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti; Support social development projects based on the felt needs of the NER; Enable livelihood activities for youth and women; Fill the development gaps in various sectors.

18. IIT Guwahati: President Droupadi

Murmu inaugurates ‘PARAM KAMRUPA’ Supercomputer facility



President Droupadi Murmu has recently inaugurated a supercomputer facility

at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, and launched several other projects during her maiden visit to Assam since assuming office.

Called Param-Kamrupa, the facility will be able to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields. She also inaugurated a high-power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER at the institute. Called Param-Kamrupa, the facility will be able to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields. She also inaugurated a high-power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER at the institute. The SAMEER laboratory will be used to design and development of high-power microwave passive and active components. This facility will provide a platform for scientists to carry out research and

development activities in different areas of high-power microwave engineering.

19. PM inaugurates the Indian Institute of Information Technology in Una



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Bulk Drug Park and dedicated the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Una to the nation.

Prime Minister's clarion call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat has led to the country moving swiftly towards the attainment of self-reliance across multiple sectors, through the support

of various new initiatives of the government. One such key sector is pharmaceuticals, and in order to bring in Aatmanirbharta in this sector, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Bulk Drug Park at Haroli in Una district, which will be built at a cost of over Rs 1900 crore. The Bulk Drug Park will help reduce dependence on API imports. It is expected to attract investment of around Rs. 10,000 crores and provide employment to more than 20,000 people. It will also give a fillip to economic activities in the region.

The Prime Minister also dedicated the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Una to the nation. Its foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister in 2017. Currently, more than 530 students are pursuing studies at this institute.

20. Amit Shah inaugurates 'Gatha Swaraj Ki' gallery in Scindia Museum, Gwalior



The Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday inaugurated 'Gatha Swaraj ki' gallery in Gwalior's famous HH Maharaja Jiwajirao Scindia museum. Amit inaugurated the gallery dedicated to the glorious history of the Marathas in the freedom struggle and visited the museum in Jai Vilas Palace of Scindias in Gwalior.

The Scindia museum officials said, "Scindia Museum was built in Italy style and it's a living example of royal splendour. It has a museum with about 42 rooms, in which things ranging from the splendours of the Scindia dynasty to their public

concerns are on display. In fact, this museum is a document of the rich cultural heritage of the Scindia dynasty. This museum, full of grand rooms, was built by the late Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia in memory of her husband Maharaja Jivaji Rao Scindia. The saga of the Scindia family, the belongings of his family etc have been preserved."

21. India Stands 3rd in the World in Terms of Fish Production

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr. L Murugan has said that the ministry has taken several steps to improve fish production, export and infrastructure development in the last eight years. Speaking at the valedictory of Inland Fisheries Summit in Bengaluru, he said, India stands third in the world in terms of fish production.

Making specific reference to Karnataka, the Union Minister said that 734.77 crore rupees was allocated to the state under the flagship scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) from 2020-21 till date for the development of infrastructure facilities. Under PMMSY, over 53 crore rupees was given to complete phase three expansion of Mangalore fishing harbour, phase two of Gangolli fishing harbour, Alvekodi and Thenginagundi fish landing centres.

Under PMMSY, approval is given to acquire 114 new deep-sea fishing vessels at a total cost of 136 crore rupees for traditional fishermen in the state.

22.Gol approved 1st suspension bridge across Krishna river

The iconic cable-stay-cum-suspension bridge over Krishna River in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has been approved by the Union Government at a total cost of Rs 1,082.56 crore with a construction period of 30 months.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari informed that after completion this bridge will be second of its kind in the world and first in India.

The hybrid structural arrangement in the bridge will give it a structural advantage and make it economical as well as aesthetically pleasing. It will have many unique features, such as the longest glass walkway across the river, gopuram-like pylons, signature lighting and a large navigational span. Once completed, the bridge will reduce the distance between Hyderabad and Tirupati by 80 km.

23. Tamil Nadu is the only State to achieve the Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only State that has achieved the target for the first and second quarter (Q1 and Q2) of 2022 for Jal Jeevan Mission with 69.57 lakh households of the 1.25 crore households in the State having been provided tap connections till date, according to official data.

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Chennai on Thursday and reviewed the progress of work on the Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims at providing potable tap water supply to every rural household by 2024, in the presence of Municipal Administration and Water Supply Minister K.N. Nehru.

69.57 lakh out of the 1.25 crore households in the State have been provided tap connections till date, says official data. Work to provide connections to 14.44 lakh more households is under way; tender has been issued for work on 5.52 lakh households and the order is likely to be awarded soon. The percentage of households with tap connections in Tamil Nadu (55.63%) is higher than the national average (53.96%).

24. Logistics Performance Index 2022

lists: 15 States as achievers

Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the 15 states and UTs categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart 2022, according to a report released by the commerce and Industry Ministry on Thursday. The index is an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services

necessary for promoting exports and economic growth.

Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tripura are the other states categorised as fast movers in the ranking. The 15 states and UTs ranked in the aspirers category include Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Mizoram.

The report ranks the states on the basis of their logistics ecosystem, highlights the key logistics-related challenges faced by the stakeholders and includes suggestive recommendations, according to the fourth LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report unveiled by the Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

The index aims at enhancing the focus on improving logistics performance across states which is essential for

improving the country's trade and reducing transaction cost. The first logistics report was released in 2018. No ranking was released last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gujarat was at the first position in both 2018 and 2019 ranking lists.

25.Haryana topped the Public Affairs Index 2022 in big states

Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index, 2022. In this report, Haryana has been at the forefront in social justice, economic justice and political justice themes. The state has topped among the major states with a score of 0.6948, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states.

In PAI-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small

state in India. The 7th edition of Public Affairs Index, 2022, prepared by Bengaluru-based not-for-profit think tank Public Affairs Center (PAC), was released recently.

The states have been divided into two categories - large and small, and the assessment was done based on central government data. Union Territories are not part of the report.

Haryana has emerged as the best-governed state among the 18 big states, while Sikkim has topped in the category of the 10 smaller states.

26. Goa to host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo

Goa will host the 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo, a biggest event in the traditional wellness system, from December 8 to 11.

The expo is organised by the World Ayurveda Foundation, an initiative of Vijnana Bharti, and is expected to give a transformational push to ayurveda by bringing it into global focus.

"Ayurveda for One Health" is the focus theme of the December expo.

27. Indian Army signs MoU with 11 banks for Agniveer salary accounts

The Indian Army has signed an MoU with 11 banks for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on enrollment, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

"The Indian Army has signed historic MoU with 11 Banks viz State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on

enrollment,” the ministry said in a release. The features and benefits offered under Agniveer salary package are similar to defence salary package, it said.

In addition, the banks have offered soft loans to exiting Agniveers to promote and enhance their entrepreneurial skills. The first batch of Agniveers under the “Agnipath Scheme” will join training centres by January 2023.

28.Telangana’ s Hyderabad honoured with AIPH ‘World Green City award 2022’

Hyderabad has been awarded the overall ‘World Green City Award 2022’ at the International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) 2022 World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea on October 14.

The city also won in the category ‘Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth’. According to an official release, Hyderabad is the only Indian City that was selected and it is a matter of pride for Telangana and India that has won not only the category award but the overall ‘World Green City 2022’ award, the best across all 6 categories.

29.India may draw \$475 billion in FDI in next 5 years: Report

India has promising growth prospects for foreign direct investment (FDI) and has the potential to draw \$475 billion in flows over the next five-years, according to a CII-EY report.

71% of multinational corporations (MNCs) with operations in India view it as a key market for their

international expansion. Prospects for the long run and the short term are what are fueling the optimism.

According to the report titled "Vision - Developed India: Opportunities and Expectations of MNCs," the majority of MNCs believe that the Indian economy will perform significantly better in the next three to five years.

30. India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 204 million

India's forex reserves rose by 204 million to 532.868 billion US dollar for the week ended October 7 on an increase in the value of gold holdings. Reserve Bank said that in the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by 4.854 billion to 532.664 billion US dollars.

The reserves had been falling for many weeks now as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. In October 2021, country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of 645 billion US dollars.

31. India's Defence Exports at Rs 8000 Cr in H1 Of FY23

India's defence exports reached INR 8000 crore in six months of FY23 and the country plans to achieve an export target of INR 25000 crore by 2025, according to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Recently, Singh mentioned that India has India's defence exports cumulatively reached INR 30,000 crore over the last eight years.

Before 2014, India's defence exports stood between INR 900-1300 crore. Last year, they stood at INR 13,000 crore and are expected to reach INR 17,000 crore this year. Singh also said that the country has transformed from being an importer to an exporter, over a span of eight years. He further added that India has earned a place among the top 25 global defence exporters.

India's largest defence expo is going to be held in Gujarat's capital Gandhinagar this year. It will have more than 13,000 companies participating in it.

32. "PowerEX-2022" joint Cyber Security Exercise conducted by CERT-IN and Power-CSIRTs

193 invited Power Sector Utilities to participate in the Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX" that was

successfully designed and carried out by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) and Power-CSIRTs. On the exercise day, the CERT-In team collaborated with the Power-CSIRT authorities' Exercise Planner Team as Exercise Coordinators.

CERT-IN hosted exercise "PowerEX" on its platform for simulating exercises. A total of 350+ representatives from different power sector utilities took part in the event. The "PowerEX" exercise was successful in achieving its goals and assisting the participants in understanding, practising, and responding to cyber security problems.

33. Union Cabinet Approves MSP Hike for All Mandated Rabi Crops

The Cabinet has approved minimum support price (MSP) hike for all mandated rabi crops for marketing season 2023-24, union minister Anurag Thakur announced.

The MSP for lentil (Masur) has seen the highest increase of Rs 500 per quintal. Rapeseed and Mustard has been increased by Rs 400.

MSP is the rate at which the government buys grain from farmers. Currently, the government fixes MSPs for 23 crops grown in both Kharif and rabi seasons.

Sowing of rabi (winter) crops begins in October, immediately after the harvest of kharif (summer) crops. Wheat and mustard are major rabi crops.

According to an official release, the CCEA has approved an increase in MSPs for six rabi crops for the 2022-23 crop year (July-June) and the 2023-24 marketing season.

34.India hosted 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL

Prime minister Narendra Modi addressed the 90th Interpol General Assembly session - being held in India after a gap of around 25 years.

India's proposal to host the Interpol General Assembly this year - coinciding with celebrations for the nation's 75th year of independence - was accepted with an overwhelming majority, a government release said, adding that the event is an opportunity to showcase best practices in India's law and order system to the entire world. The General Assembly is Interpol's

supreme governing body and meets once a year to take key decisions related to its functioning.

According to the release, the meeting will be attended by delegations from 195 Interpol member countries comprising ministers, police chiefs of countries, heads of national central bureaus, and senior police officers. Union home minister Amit Shah, Interpol president Ahmed Naser Al Raisi, and secretary general Jurgen Stock were also present at the event.

35. Hardeep Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas plant



Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, in Punjab's Sangrur. Addressing the inaugural event of the CBG plant, Puri said the plant in Sangrur is just the beginning of India's master plan for a CBG-based rural economy and the government is taking all steps to promote the ecosystem around it.

The plant has been commissioned with a foreign direct investment of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG, one of Germany's leading bio-energy companies. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and senior management from Verbio India Private Limited were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

36.UIDAI topped Grievance Redressal Index for the second consecutive month

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Group A Ministries, Departments, and Autonomous Bodies for resolving public grievances in the rankings report published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for September, said the Ministry of Electronics & IT in a press released recently.

This is the second consecutive month UIDAI has topped the rankings. The organization is facilitating ease of living and is committed to strengthening its grievance redressal mechanism.

UIDAI is gradually rolling out state-of-the-art open-source CRM solutions. The new Customer Relationship

Management (CRM) solution has been designed with advanced features to enhance UIDAI service delivery to residents.

37.Reliance Jio surpasses BSNL to become the largest landline service provider in August

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With 7.35 million landline connections as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market leader BSNL's 7.13 million connections, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed MTNL provided 2.6 million connections.

The development marks a watershed moment in India's telecom history since fixed-line or landline

connections formed the final segment where a state-owned operator was in the top spot. Reliance Jio had been looking to make inroads into the segment over the past few years and launched Jio Fibre in 2019, which included both landline and fiber-based broadband services.

38. 'Mission Schools of Excellence' launched by PM Modi in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the 'Mission Schools of Excellence' initiative at Gujarat's Adalaj town. The Mission will help strengthen education infrastructure in Gujarat through the setting up of new classrooms, smart classrooms, computer labs, and overall upgradation of the infrastructure of schools in the State. During the inaugural event, PM said that the recently launched 5G telecom service will take the education system to the

next level in the country. He pointed out that knowledge of English was considered as the mark of being intellectual even though the English language is just a medium of communication.

39. Mission DefSpace launched by PM Modi in Gujarat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated DefExpo 2022 at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 19, 2022. At the India Pavilion, the Prime Minister also unveiled HTT-40 - the indigenous trainer aircraft designed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The aircraft has state-of-the-art contemporary systems and has been designed with pilot-friendly features. The Prime Minister also launched Mission DefSpace to develop innovative solutions for the Armed

Forces in the space domain through industry and start-ups. He also laid the foundation stone of the Deesa airfield in Gujarat.

40. India to Beat US, Europe in Terms of Learners: Coursera chief

India is expected to surpass its home market, the United States, and even Europe in terms of learners over the next 18-20 months, ed-tech firm Coursera's chief executive Jeff Maggioncalda told ET.

The company, which has 17 million learners and content partnerships with 15 universities in India, is expected to overtake the United States and Europe. It has 20 million learners in America and 19 million in Europe.

41. Mission LIFE movement launched by PM Modi at Kevadiya



Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for lifestyle change in order to protect the environment. Addressing the gathering after the global launch of Mission LIFE at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the PM said climate change mitigation is possible through lifestyle changes.

Reaffirming India's commitment to tackling the menace of climate change, the PM said reducing, reusing, recycling, and a circular economy have been integral parts of

Indian culture for thousands of years. He said India is the best example of growth along with environmental conservation. Recalling Mahatma Gandhi's concept of trusteeship, the PM said the Mission LiFE encourages us to be a trustee of the environment.

42. Prime Minister Launches the 1st Phase of "Rozgar Mela" to Provide Jobs to 10 lakh Youths in Central Government



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched Rozgar Mela - the recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel via video conferencing

today. During the ceremony, appointment letters were handed over to 75,000 newly inducted appointees.

Addressing the appointees, the Prime Minister started with greetings and best wishes for Dhanteras. "Today marks the day when a new link in the form of Rozgar Mela is being anchored to the employment and self-employment campaigns in the country that are going on for the last 8 years", he said. The Prime Minister said that keeping in mind the 75 years of independence, the central government is giving appointment letters to 75,000 youngsters under a programme.

This initiative will be a significant step towards fulfilling the Prime Minister's continuous commitment to providing job opportunities for the youth and ensuring the welfare of citizens. As per the directions of the Prime Minister, all Ministries

and Departments are working towards filling up existing vacancies against sanctioned posts in Mission Mode.

The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join 38 Ministries / Departments of the Government of India. The appointees will join the government at various levels viz. Group - A, Group - B (Gazetted), Group - B (Non-Gazetted), and Group - C. The posts on which appointments are being made include Central Armed Force Personnel, Sub Inspector, Constable, LDC, Steno, PA, Income Tax Inspectors, and MTS among others.

43.India' s first 'Migration Monitoring System' was inaugurated in Mumbai

The country's first 'Migration Monitoring System', which provides updated information on migrant

pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children instantly on a single system, was inaugurated in Mumbai.

Maharashtra Women and Child Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha launched the system developed by the Department of Women and Child Development.

Speaking at the launch Minister Mr. Lodha said that the Department has created a website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS) to track the movements of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries through individual unique identification numbers. He said that due to this system, the information on seasonal migrant women and children will be available immediately. He continued by saying that this will make it easier for the beneficiaries to get

the benefits of the government schemes.

44. Ayodhya Deepotsav to light over 15 lakh diyas, to make World Record

Ayodhya, the Land of Lord Rama, has entered the Guinness Book of World Records by lighting up 15.76 lakh diyas. The grand celebration was held on the occasion of Chotti Diwali at Ram Ki Paidi, on the banks of the revered Saryu River. There were 19000 volunteers who made sure that the event was a success. A total of 17 lakh earthen lamps across the 37 ghats of Ram Ki Paidi were lit.

But the Guinness Book of World Records only took that diyas into consideration if they remained lit for five minutes or more. Also, the diyas were to be lit within a 40 minutes time frame as mandated by the world records firm.

The event was attended by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He attended the event as the chief guest. After the success of the event, the PM gave the prestigious achievement certificate to the state's Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath. When the grand record was created, the ghat was surrounded by over 50,000 people.

45. India Suffered Income Loss of 5.4% of GDP Due To Heatwave In 2021: Report

India suffered an income loss of 5.4 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the highest among the G20 nations in 2021, according to the new report on climate transparency.

The 'Climate Transparency Report 2022' was developed with experts

from 16 partner organisations from the majority of the G20 (Group of 20) countries and revealed India witnessed a record heatwave that greatly affected workers, labor migrants, low-income households, and the homeless, and reduced the yields of wheat crops, which would have been useful to address supply shortages caused by the war in Ukraine.

Despite the fact that India is responsible for 3 percent of global emissions, the report highlighted that 142 million people in India may be exposed or roughly 10 percent of the population to summer heatwaves at 1.5 Degrees Celsius.

46. Jakson Green to invest Rs 22,400 cr in green hydrogen project in Rajasthan

Jakson Green has inked a pact to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia

project, in phases, in Rajasthan. The company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the government of Rajasthan to this effect, Jakson Green said in a statement.

Jakson Green will set up a 3,65,000 tons per annum Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia plant along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex in a phase-wise manner, it stated.

The project is expected to generate over 32,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities across various phases of the scale-up, planned between 2023 and 2028, it claimed.

47.NIA to establish offices in every state by 2024: Amit Shah

Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday the government will set up branches of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in all the states by 2024 to deal with terrorism cases, even as he asked them (the states) to join hands with the Centre in dealing with borderless crimes, cross-border terrorism, and organized crimes.

Delivering the keynote address at the first-ever Chintan Shivir (brainstorming) of home ministers of states in Surajkund, Haryana, Shah asked states to prepare a “joint strategy” for the internal and external security problems of the country.

Currently, NIA has 15 branches in Delhi, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkata, Raipur, Jammu, Chandigarh, Ranchi, Chennai, Imphal, Bengaluru, and Patna. The

federal anti-terror agency, formed in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, has so far registered 468 cases and has a conviction rate of 93.25%.

48. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches Safal common credit portal for farmers

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Wednesday launched a common credit portal SAFAL’ (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans) for the welfare of farmers.

The facility will enable farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to access more than 300 term loan products of over 40 banks, the chief minister said while launching the portal.

It has also been integrated with Krushak Odisha and will have access

to 70-plus model project reports. The portal will ease the loan application process benefiting both the farmers and banks significantly. It will also reduce information asymmetry by sending farmers real-time notifications at every stage of their loan application.

49. Gujarat achieves 100 percent household tap connections under Jal Jeevan Mission

Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent 'Har Ghar Jal' state. It means all households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps in the state.

As per the government data, all 91,73,378 houses in the state now have water connections.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded Gujarat as the state was declared as 100 percent 'Har Ghar

Jal'. Responding to a tweet by Gujarat Minister Rushikesh Patel on the 100 percent completion of Har Ghar Jal, Mr Modi praised the enthusiasm of the people of the state.

The motto of the Jal Jeevan Mission is 'no one is left out', thus ensuring every household irrespective of its socio-economic status, gets tap water supply. Under the scheme, the government plans to provide potable tap water to all the villages in the country by 2024.

50. The New IIFT campus inaugurated by Nirmala Sitharaman in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

Union Minister of finance and corporate affairs Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Kakinada campus.

Addressing a gathering, she said Kakinada will play a key role in the country's economy as a trade hub with the opening of the southern campus of IIFT. She said the IIFT campus in Kakinada, which is a hub for foreign trade, is appropriate as AP has enormous export potential.

She said entrepreneurs of AP had recognized the importance of marine products and their exports to foreign nations. With a long coastline extending for about, is at the forefront of expanding its foreign trade with international standards.

AP has a huge potential for trade in the fields of pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles, rice, rice bran oil, fruits, and vegetables.

51. Kerala tourism department launched the 'women-friendly tourism' project

The state tourism department has launched a 'Women-Friendly Tourism' project to ensure safe and hygienic destinations for women. The all-women tour packages, which include food, accommodation, transportation and community guides, will be controlled and operated by women. Launching the state Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission's initiative, Tourism Minister Mohamed Riyas said Kerala already enjoys the reputation as the safest destination for women tourists.

Noting the significance of the project, Riyas said the state needs a paradigm shift at a time when the world is witnessing a sharp increase in the number of women opting for solo and group trips.

52. Centre approves Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh



The Center has approved setting up the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh.

The new Reserve, spread over a 3,049 sq km area, will be India's 33rd Elephant Reserve – a management entity that includes protected areas, forest areas, and corridors for the conservation of wild elephants.

The TER will be developed in the joint forest areas of Dudhwa and Pilibhit tiger reserves, covering the conservation of four wild species such as tiger, Asian elephant, swamp deer, and one-horned rhinoceros in

the entire landscape that also includes Kishanpur and Katarniaghat wildlife sanctuaries.

53. Union Education Minister Inaugurates India's Second National Model Vedic School in Puri

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the country's second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAV) in Puri, with the objective of spreading knowledge of the Vedas among people. The RAV or the National Model Vedic School has come up on the campus of the Central Sanskrit University here. Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan is the first such school in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain.

The institute, a residential school where education and lodging will be provided free of cost, that will help

promote the Sanskrit language as well.

Besides courses on the four Vedas - Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda, and Atharvaveda - students will get a chance to opt for science, English, mathematics, Vedic mathematics, social science, computer science, and agriculture as part of the curriculum.

54. RBI Revokes Authorisation Certificate of Chennai-Based GI Technology

The Reserve Bank has revoked the certificate of authorization of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns in the company. The company is in the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments.

Following the revocation of the CoA, GI Technology said it cannot transact the business of issuing and operating prepaid payment instruments.

55. Indian Navy Participates in Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania

The first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT), a joint maritime exercise between Indian, Mozambique, and Tanzanian navies commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27 October 2022. Indian Navy is represented by guided missile frigates, INS Tarkash, and MARCOS. The exercise aims at capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation. The exercises

were scheduled over a three-day period from 27 to 29 October 2022.

56.Rajnath Singh virtually launches two helipads in Ladakh, unveils 75 infra projects

In a major push for key defense infrastructure, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday launched 75 new projects, including the virtual launch of two helipads, one each in Hanle and Thakung, in eastern Ladakh. These helipads will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force in the region.

The other key infra projects unveiled also included bridges, roads, and helipad projects in Jammu and Kashmir border areas. Union minister dedicated the projects worth Rs 2,180 crore spread across six states and two Union territories at a function held at eastern Ladakh's strategic

DarbukShyok-Daulat Beg Oldi (DS-DBO) road that provides connectivity to India's northernmost outpost of Daulat Beg Oldi.

The highlight of the event was the onsite unveiling of 120 - the meter-long "class 70 Shyok Setu," on the DS-DBO road at an altitude of 14,000 feet, and the virtual inauguration of two helipads, one each in Hanle and Thakung, in eastern Ladakh, the defence ministry said.

57.Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data center at Greater Noida

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta D1, built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of

3,00,000 square feet at the upcoming Data Centre Park in Greater Noida.

Memorandums of Understanding worth Rs 39,000 crore were also signed between the Yogi government and Hiranandani Group to be spent on projects in the next five years, as per the official statement.

58. Maharashtra government to set up Cyber Intelligence Unit

Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, has announced that a dedicated cyber intelligence unit will be set up in the state to curb cyber and financial crime.

He said this single platform will ensure a speedy response to any cyber or financial crime as it will unite banks, financial institutions, social media organisations, regulated

institutions, cyber police, and experts.

Stating that the fight against Naxalism is going strong with the Centre's support, Mr. Fadnavis said urban Naxalism has emerged as a new challenge and efforts are being made to tackle it effectively. He added that steps are also on to increase crime detection and conviction through various technical and forensic evidence.

59. UP's Ranipur Tiger Reserve Becomes 53rd Tiger Reserve of India

Uttar Pradesh is set to have its fourth Tiger Reserve and 53rd tiger reserve in India. The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km out of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and the buffer area is 299.05 sq km. Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate

change Bhupendra Yadav confirmed the development.

Apart from Ranipur, Uttar Pradesh has three tiger reserves, Dudhwa, Pilibhit, and Amargarh. On September 28, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government approved the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region of the state. The UP government also approved the notification of the Ranipur Wildlife Protection Act 1973.

60. RBI launches Its First Digital Rupee Pilot Project

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently said in a statement that India's first pilot project of the 'Digital Rupee' in the 'Wholesale segment' would be starting on November 1, 2022. The pilot project for the 'Digital Rupee' for the 'Retail segment' is set to start in a few months in select locations in a

closed group of customers and sellers. As of now, 9 banks have decided for participating in RBI's Digital Rupee Wholesale pilot; HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank, HSBC, Union Bank of India, ICICI Bank, HSBC, and SBI.

As per the official definition, RBI's Digital Rupee is a type of 'Central Bank Digital Currency' or CBDC. In simpler terms, the Digital Rupee is a digital form of the fiat currency of the Rupee issued by the RBI (as Central Bank of the country). Digital Rupee or digital money in general is an electronic form of money that can be used for digital contactless transactions, which are especially useful in times of the pandemic. CBDCs can be of two types: Retail CBDCs, which are available for use for everyone, and Wholesale CBDCs, which are meant for limited

use between select groups. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced during the Union Budget 2022, that the Digital Rupee would be launched soon.

61. India's Defence Ministry Is World's Biggest Employer: 'Statista' report

The Defence Ministry of India is 'World's Biggest Employer' with 2.92 million strong personnel, which includes combined active service personnel, reservists, and civilian staff, a report by 'Statista' mentioned.

The recent research conducted by Statista (a Germany-based data and statistics firm) has revealed that the Indian Ministry of Defense (MoD) is the world's largest employer, with a total of 29 lakh (2.92 million) employees. The research further added that the US Department

of Defence, is in the second spot with 2.91 million members.

The published report, titled 'The World's Biggest Employers' (2022 or latest available), shows that the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), which does not include civilian positions, employs around 2.5 million people.

62. Government-approved Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at Ranjangaon

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) with a project cost of Rs 492.85 crores to be set up in Ranjangaon Phase III, near Pune in Maharashtra.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT also plans to give a boost to the 1000 Crore Semicon India Future Design programme to support semiconductor design Startups in the state and shall soon visit Maharashtra for a roadshow. C-DAC, Pune shall be the nodal office for this purpose.

63. Arunachal Pradesh to get Northeast' s first fish museum



A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki informed.

The museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP),

sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries. The existing Tarin Fish Farm (TFF), located at high-altitude Bulla village, would be upgraded as the IAP where the museum would come up.

It will have all fish species of the state and serve as a training centre for fisherfolk.

64. National Tribal Dance Festival in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.



The National Tribal Dance Festival at Chhattisgarh' s Raipur, which was to be held from November 1 to 3, has been extended till November 6 on public request, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said.

With performances, competitions, and displays of folk culture, the festival at Science College has so far attracted nearly 1 lakh people. Nearly 1,500 dancers from across India and countries like Mozambique, Mongolia, Tonga, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand, and Egypt arrived for the festival. The competitions were split into the categories of 'traditional' and 'familial' dances, and each troupe participated in both categories.

65. UPI Transactions Grow 7.7% To 730 Cr in October

UPI transactions in India surged 7.7 percent to 730 crores, and the total value stood at more than Rs 12.11 lakh crore in October, up from 678 crore worth Rs 11.16 lakh crore in September.

The number of instant interbank fund transfers through IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) in October stood at 48.25 crores, and the value was Rs 4.66 lakh crore. In terms of transactions, it was higher by 4.3 percent compared to September, reported PTI, citing the monthly data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) released recently.

The NETC FASTag, which facilitates automatic toll collection at NHAI's toll booths across the country, registered a 9.3 percent growth in the number of transactions compared to 28.3 crores in September.

66. Gujarat Government Set Up Committee To Implement Uniform Civil Code(UCC)

Ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls in Gujarat, the state government is likely to move a proposal to constitute a committee to evaluate implementing the Uniform Civil Code in the state, according to sources.

The committee is likely to be formed under a retired High Court judge. Earlier the Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh governments had announced their decision to implement the Uniform Civil Code.

67.63 officers awarded with 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal'

63 police officers from Telangana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Delhi, and Jammu and Kashmir, have been awarded "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the Year- 2022, by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for four special operations conducted

by them in areas of terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.

A total of 63 police officers have been awarded the special medal on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary. The medals were awarded at the 'Run For Unity' event to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

68. BSE Technologies launched KYC Registration Agency.

BSE Technologies, a subsidiary of BSE, on Thursday announced the launch of the KYC Registration Agency (KRA), which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form. KRA is a Sebi-regulated intermediary that grants the market participants authorisation for investors' Know Your Client (KYC), which is mandatory

for investment in the securities market.

KYC KRA has become a key segment for securities market investors and acts as a starting point for any investor's journey in the securities market.

69. Tata Steel Jamshedpur India's first to achieve ResponsibleSteel certification

Tata Steel has received ResponsibleSteel certification for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur. The steel works, tubes division, and cold rolling mill (Bara) have joined the group of other steel-producing sites around the world with the certification.

ResponsibleSteel is the steel industry's first global multi-stakeholder standard and

certification initiative that works with steel producers, consumers, and intermediaries towards building a sustainable steel industry by addressing pressing challenges including climate change, diversity, human rights and more.

70. India Donates USD 2.5 million to Support Education, Healthcare of Palestinian Refugees

On Oct 31, India presented a cheque of USD 2.5 million, the second tranche of the pledged USD 5 million annual support, to a UN agency that will go directly to serve the schools, health centres and other basic services run by the organisation to support Palestinian refugees.

India has given USD 22.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) since 2018. UNRWA

is a UN agency that supports the relief and human development of Palestinian refugees.

71.Itanagar: Hollongi Greenfield Airport to be called ‘Donyi Polo’ Airport



The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State capital of Arunachal Pradesh as “Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar” .

The airport is being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) with assistance from the Central

Government and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Resolution was passed by the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh to name the airport ‘Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar’ , which reflects the people’s reverence of the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo), and symbolises the rich cultural heritage of the state.

72. Indian Exim Bank Inks Pact With Southern Africa’ s Leading Bank to Boost India-Africa Trade

Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) has concluded a Master Risk Participation Agreement for supporting trade transactions with FirstRand Bank (FRB) Limited. The agreement was signed in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the India - Southern Africa Regional Conclave, in

the presence of Silvino Augusto Jose Moreno, Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mozambique, Jaideep Sarkar, High Commissioner of India to South Africa and Busi Mabuza, Board Chairperson, Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Limited, and Chair, BRICS Business Council.

FRB has a presence in Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia, besides a representative office in Mumbai. The agreement opens financing avenues to support trade between India and Africa, aiming to strengthen the growing economic engagement between India and African nations.

73. Bank of Baroda Launches BoB World Opulence, BoB World Sapphire premium debit cards

Bank of Baroda (BOB) has launched two new premium Debit Cards for its customers - BoB World Opulence - a super-premium Visa Infinite Debit Card (Metal Edition) and BoB World Sapphire - a Visa Signature Debit Card.

In a statement, BoB said the two debit card variants come with a best-in-class and powerful rewards proposition exclusively designed for the Bank's High Networth Individual (HNI) customer segment. The BoB World Sapphire card will come in two sub-variants - BoB World Sapphire (Male) and BoB World Sapphire (Female), offering customised privileges to customers.

74. Meghalaya CM launches “Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme”

In Meghalaya, the “Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme” was launched by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma at Tura, West Garo Hills district.

This programme has been initiated to disseminate information of the developmental and welfare schemes of the government for the larger benefit of the public. This programme aims for grassroots penetration of all schemes so that governance is improved in all aspects.

The programme will also aim to create much-needed awareness amongst the masses so that people will have the right information to avail benefits of the schemes being launched by the Government. The Chief minister encouraged the team to sensitize

themselves so that they can in turn sensitize the public regarding all the available schemes.

75. GST collection over Rs 1.51 trillion in October: 2nd highest ever

India’s tax collection from the sale of goods and services increased to Rs 1.51 trillion in October, driven by festive demand, higher rates, and better tax compliance.

The revenue for October is the second-highest monthly collection, next only to April 2022, and it is for the second time the gross GST collection has crossed Rs. 1.50 trillion mark.

October also saw the second-highest collection from domestic transactions after April. This is the ninth month, and for the eighth month in a row,

that monthly GST revenue has been more than Rs 1.4 trillion.

76.Fertilizer Subsidy Doubles As Prices Surge

The government's fertiliser subsidy bill could go up further because of continued surge in the prices of pooled natural gas, the key raw material for manufacturing urea, Crisil Ratings Ltd said in a report.

The report said the increase could be as much as 40,000 crore over the original budget allocation of 1.05 trillion and 1.1 trillion subsidy announced later. Any delay in increased allocation and disbursement would lead to higher working capital requirement and moderate the credit metrics of fertiliser makers, the report said. Fertilizer subsidies are a major component of the government's overall subsidy bill

which also includes food subsidies. The report said that the government has been proactive in addressing the subsidy requirements of the industry.

77.Goa hosts Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation Asia Pacific Conference

Goa hosted the three day Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference from 1st to 3rd November 2022. Across the three days, delegates and exhibitors from the Asia Pacific region and beyond will be discussing and collaborating on the key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry and turn the Complete Air Traffic System (CATS) Global Council's vision for the skies of 2045 into a reality.

“Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local” is the theme of this year’s conference.

78.Puneeth Rajkumar conferred ‘Karnataka Ratna’ posthumously



South actors Rajinikanth and Jr NTR joined Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at an event at bangluru to honour late Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar with Karnataka Ratna award posthumously. The event was held on the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava. The prestigious award has been conferred only nine times earlier. The Karnataka Ratna was last awarded to Dr Virendra Heggade in 2009 for his social service. Apart from him, Puneeth’s

father Dr Rajkumar was among the first recipients of the state’s highest civilian award in 1992 for his work in the entertainment industry.

Puneeth Rajkumar passed away last year on October 29 following a cardiac arrest at the age of 46. Colloquially known as Appu, he was an actor, playback singer, television presenter and producer.

79.Ministry of Education Releases Report on Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States/UTs

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, today released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States/UTs for 2020-21, a unique index for evidence based comprehensive analysis

of the school education system across State/UTs.

The Indian Education System is one of the largest in the world, with about 14.9 lakh schools, 95 lakh teachers, and nearly 26.5 crore students from varied socio-economic backgrounds. DoSE&L devised PGI for States/UTs to provide insights and a data driven mechanism on the performance and achievements of school education across all States/UTs. The prime objective of PGI is to promote evidence-based policy making and highlight course correction to ensure quality education for all. So far, DoSE&L has released the PGI report for the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. The present report is for the year 2020-21.

80. SEWA founder & women's activist

Elaben Bhatt passes away

Renowned women's rights activist Ela Bhatt, the founder of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), died here on Wednesday due to age-related issues, her associates said.

Bhatt, 89, a Padma Bhushan recipient, was a pioneer in the field of women empowerment and had received international recognition due to her work. Bhatt is mainly known for her work through the Self-Employed Women's Association or SEWA, a trade union of women working in the unorganized sector, which now has two million members.

Bhatt was born in Ahmedabad on September 7, 1933. After a short stint as a college teacher, she joined the legal department of the Textile Labour Association (TLA), one of the oldest unions of textile workers in Ahmedabad, in the 1960s.

81. University Grants Commission proposed 'Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas' to be celebrated on Dec 11

The UGC has directed all the institutions of higher education in the country to observe Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas (Indian Language Day) on December 11 every year to create "language harmony" and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages.

The circular states that the National Education Policy-2020 emphasizes on promoting projects/activities for students where they can learn about the unity of most of the major Indian languages, starting with their common phonetic scripts, their common grammatical structures, their origins and sources of vocabularies from Sanskrit and other classical

languages, as well as their rich inter-influences and differences.

82.7 Indian states & 2 UTs celebrated their formation day on November 1st

Seven of the 28 Indian states and two Union Territories observed their formation day on November 1st, with dignitaries, including the President and Vice President, extending their wishes to people there.

The states of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab, besides the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry were formed on this day, though in different years. Besides 28 states, India has eight Union Territories.

While Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh came into being in 1956, Punjab and

Haryana were carved out as separate states in 1966 while Chhattisgarh was granted statehood in 2002.

President Droupadi Murmu greeted the people of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Lakshadweep and Puducherry on their formation day.

83. Ganga Utsav 2022 – The River Festival to be celebrated on 4th November

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti is organizing Ganga Utsav- The River Festival 2022 on 4th November, 2022 at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi in two sessions.

One of the main objectives of Ganga Utsav 2022 is to celebrate our rivers and spread awareness on the significance of river rejuvenation across river basins in India. Dedicating the grand event to the 75 years of Indian Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), the aim is to hold similar events at more than 75 locations in states to celebrate the rivers of India. Various activities of Ganga Utsav will take place at central, state, and district levels on both physical and virtual platforms.

84. Finance Minister Launches Biggest Ever Coal Mine Auction of 141 Mines

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched India's biggest ever coal mine auction on November 3, comprising 141 mines in as many as 11 states with a cumulative peak rate capacity (PRC) of 305 million tons

(MT). Sitharaman, however, urged investors to also focus on coal gasification (which is a cleaner option than burning coal) simultaneously, as the Government of India is set to release a Rs 6,000 crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

As per the coal ministry, of the 141 mines that were put up for auction in the sixth round of commercial auctions, 71 were new coal mines, 62 were rollovers from the previous tranches, and eight were a second attempt of the fifth round of commercial auctions as they had earlier received single bids.

85.PM Modi Declared Mangarh Dham National Monument



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan a national monument, as per a government statement released.

The Prime Minister also paid tribute to Bhil freedom fighter Shri Govind Guru in Banswara apart from the tribals who were massacred by the British army in 1913 in Mangarh in Rajasthan. Prime Minister said that, Mangarh Dham is a symbol of tenacity and sacrifices of tribals and added that this is the common heritage of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.

86. Shyam Saran, first voter of Independent India, casts his postal ballot for Himachal polls

Independent India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi passed away at the age of 106. Negi was a resident of Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur, who cast his postal ballot on November 2 for the upcoming Himachal Pradesh assembly elections. As per reports, the 106-year-old was unwell at the time. District Collector, Kinnaur Abid Hussain has said that the district administration is making arrangements for his funeral and also a band is being arranged to bid him adieu honourably.

Born on July 1, 1917, Negi worked as a schoolteacher in Kalpa. When India held its first general elections in 1951 after the end of British rule in 1947, Negi was the first one to cast his vote on October 25. Although most

of the polling for that first election took place in February 1952, Himachal went to the polls five months early as the weather there tends to be inclement in February and March and heavy snowfall during that period would have made it impossible for citizens to reach the polling stations. Shyam Saran Negi also made a special appearance in the Hindi film Sanam Re.

87. Gender Wealth Gap (GWG) in APAC Largest in India at 64%: Report

According to the findings of the 2022 WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity, only 3 percent of women in the workforce occupy senior positions in India. Gender divide in India seems to have translated into the widest gap

in wealth among Asia-Pacific region. A gender wealth gap of 64 percent in India is largely due to limited leadership roles for women and the higher burden of caregiving responsibilities, a study has revealed.

South Korea tops the league of 12 markets with the gap narrowing down to 90 percent score, it showed.

88. Adani New Industries installs India's largest wind turbine, taller than Statue of Unity.

A wind turbine taller than the world's tallest Statue of Unity with blades spanning wider than the wingspan of a jumbo jet has been installed at Mundra in Gujarat by Adani New Industries Ltd as part of its renewable energy expansion plans.

The turbine has been installed by Mundra Windtech Ltd (MWL), a wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated by Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL).

This prototype is also the first addition to the portfolio of Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL) and has laid the foundation for installation of even bigger wind turbine generators.

89. Haryana CM Launched 'CM dashboard' for Live Monitoring of Departments

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the "CM dashboard." The portal will have real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes. Live monitoring of every department at the block, district, and panchayat levels will be done. The portal will also have information about decisions

taken by the administrative wing on major schemes. This will enable the tracking of methodologies and the analysis of reports, further aiding in the comparison of old and new data. Departments will link their day-to-day activities for effective monitoring.

90. Hyderabad' s Megha Ltd to Build Mongolia' s First Greenfield Oil Refinery

Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) has received the Letter of Award (LOA) for the Mongol Refinery Project, which entails building Mongolia' s first oil refinery. According to the EPC deal, MEIL will build this new refinery in Mongolia.

MEIL will build EPC-2 (Open Art Units, Utilities & Offsites, Plant Buildings) and EPC-3 (Captive Power Plants) at a cost of USD 790 million using advanced technology in Mongolia. Engineers India Limited is the Project Management Consultant for this G2G partnership project. The project is part of the Development Partnership Administration initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

91. First-time CRPF names two female cadre officers as IG of RAF

In a first, the CRPF has appointed two women officers from its cadre as Inspectors General (IG) of its specialised anti-riots unit RAF and the Bihar Sector.

The proverbial glass ceiling in the country's largest paramilitary force, with 3.25 lakh personnel has broken after a long wait of 35 years as the first women officers joined the Central Reserve Police Force in 1987.

There have been women Indian Police Service (IPS) officers heading CRPF formations, and at present, there are at least three such officers in the force.

Officials said as part of a recent transfer/posting order issued by the force headquarters here, Annie Abraham has been appointed as the IG of the blue duangree donning Rapid Action Force (RAF) while Seema Dhundia has been posted as the IG of the Bihar Sector. This is the first time that the RAF will be headed by a woman IG. An IG is the head of the sector in the CRPF.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Israel and Lebanon Agreed to 'Historic Agreement' on the Maritime Dispute

Lebanon and Israel have reached a historic agreement demarcating a disputed maritime border between

them, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid said on Tuesday. While limited in scope, a deal would mark a significant compromise between states with a history of war, opening the way for offshore energy exploration

and easing a source of recent tensions between states.

A gas finds would be a major boon for Lebanon, which has been mired in a financial crisis since 2019. Eventually, such a discovery could fix Lebanon's long-standing failure to produce adequate electricity for its population.

2. 53rd Capacity Building Programme in Field Administration Inaugurated

The two-week, 53rd Capacity Building Programme in the Field Administration for the Civil Servants of Bangladesh was inaugurated at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) at Mussoorie. This is the only institute in the country to have trained 1,727 field-level officers of Bangladesh

Civil Service such as Assistant Commissioners, SDMs, and additional deputy commissioners.

The National Centre for Good Governance was set up in 2014 by the Government of India as an apex institution in the country. It focuses on good governance, policy reforms, training, and capacity building, and also works as a think tank. It has taken up capacity building of civil servants of several foreign countries in partnership with MEA. It has imparted training to civil servants of 15 countries such as Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Tunisia, Seychelles, Gambia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Laos, Vietnam, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Cambodia.

3. Indian-American Tulsi Gabbard

Exits Democratic Party

Former US Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard - who was the first Hindu-American to run for the White House in 2020 - announced her exit from the Democratic Party ahead of next month's midterm elections. In a 29-minute video address, Gabbard blamed the party for "racializing every issue in the nation" and denouncing it as the "elitist cabal of warmongers." The former US Congresswoman was a member of the party for the last 20 years.

4. EU parliament approved the adoption of the world's first single charger rule

The European Parliament has approved a new rule that will introduce a single charging port for mobile

phones, tablets, and cameras by 2024 in the European Union, a world-first measure that is expected to affect iPhone maker Apple more than its rivals.

The move confirms an earlier agreement among EU institutions and will make USB-C connectors used by Android-based devices the EU standard, forcing Apple to change its charging port for iPhones and other devices.

The change had been discussed for years and was prompted by complaints from iPhone and Android users about having to switch to different chargers for their devices.

5. Chinese Economy Is In Serious Trouble, A Sluggish Growth trend

The world's second-biggest economy is grappling with the impact of severe drought and its vast real estate sector is suffering the consequences of running up too much debt. Business and consumer activity in the world's second-largest economy has been stymied by Beijing's zero-COVID policy that sparked monthslong lockdowns on workers in dozens of cities, forcing many businesses to shut. Chinese leaders loathe reversing the draconian policy now, for fear of unleashing a bigger crisis.

6. Indians to be able to pay in Europe using UPI soon

Indian travellers to Europe will soon be able to make payments from their Indian bank accounts using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), with the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) international arm entering into a pact with payments services operator Worldline.

It will be mandatory for users to have an Indian bank account with a UPI activated on their accounts. The users will also need an app to make UPI payments, like the BHIM app. The service will be available at point-of-sale terminals deployed by Worldline. Alongside UPI, NPCI's card network RuPay will also be accepted. The UPI will be facilitated by a QR code. However, it is noteworthy that the payments made by customers using UPI will be charged

in the local currency and not INR. This will attract a currency conversion charge levied by the banks, as it is in the case of card payments.

7. PM Narendra Modi addresses UN

World Geospatial International Congress

Organised by the United Nations and the Departments of Science and Technology and Space, the 2nd UN World Geospatial Information Congress has witnessed over two thousand delegates. The five-day Congress has brought policymakers, scientists, start-ups, and NGOs working on geospatial information, to a single platform to deliberate upon the challenges and future plans for making better use of the technology for the cause of people at large.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasised the need for an institutional approach by the international community to help each other during a crisis. Terming the COVID-19 pandemic as a wakeup call, he said global organisations like the United Nations can lead the way in taking resources to the last mile in every region. He said hand-holding and technology transfer hold the key in fighting climate change.

Referring to how technology helps the welfare of people, the Prime minister said 450 million unbanked people were brought under the banking net and 135 million people were given insurance. He highlighted the role of geospatial technology in driving inclusion and progress and gave examples from the

programmes like PM GatiShakti Master Plan and the Digital Ocean platform. He added that the collection, generation, and digitization of geospatial data have now been democratized.

8. Abdul Latif Rashid elected as President of Iraq



The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country, breaking a political impasse, hours after several rockets struck Baghdad's Green Zone.

Following the two-round vote in parliament, the newly elected president succeeded fellow Iraqi Kurd Barham Saleh as head of state. According to an assembly official quoted by Al Jazeera, the newly elected president received 162 votes to Saleh's 99. Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied. Latif, 78, has served as water resources minister from 2003 until 2010 and has been an adviser to the head of state since.

9. India Opposes G7's Just Energy Transition Plan

G7 countries have asked India to join a Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) that will help finance the rapid deployment of clean energy projects in India and possibly reduce the country's dependence on coal.

If India accepts, the JETP will likely be announced at the upcoming UN Climate Conference (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in November. The contentious issue is whether India should concede to any clauses on reducing coal consumption as part of the partnership, the officials added, asking not to be named.

10. Living Planet Report 2022: Wildlife Populations decline by 69% in 50 years

There has been a 69 percent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years, according to the latest Living Planet Report by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Biodiversity loss and climate crisis should be dealt with as one instead of two different issues as they are intertwined, the international wildlife conservation organisation said in the report, highlighting the link between the two issues for the first time.

The highest decline (94 percent) was in Latin America and the Caribbean region, the report released on October 13, 2022, showed.

11. NATO announced its annual nuclear exercise “Steadfast Noon”

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), also called the North Atlantic Alliance, announced it had started its annual nuclear exercise code-named “Steadfast Noon”. The week-long exercise is taking place over Southern Europe and involves aircraft and personnel from 14 NATO countries. Steadfast Noon involves training flights with dual-capable fighter jets, as well as conventional jets, backed by surveillance and refuelling aircraft. No live weapons are used. This exercise helps to ensure that NATO’s nuclear deterrent remains safe, secure, and effective.

12. Japan to Scrap Remarriage Restrictions on Pregnant Women

Japanese cabinet ministers on Friday approved the scrapping of a law that stipulates women pregnant at the time of divorce must wait 100 days before marrying again.

The change will also remove a rule that grants parents the right to discipline children to whatever extent is necessary. Japan consistently ranks low in the World Economic Forum’s annual Global Gender Gap report, which takes political empowerment into account as well as health, education, and economic participation. In 2022, the country was ranked 116th out of 146.

13. US Congressmen Introduce Resolution to Recognise Pakistani Atrocities During 1971 as Genocide

Two US Congressmen have introduced a resolution in the House of

Representatives to declare Pakistan Army atrocities committed during the 1971 liberation war of Bangladesh as an act of genocide and crime against humanity. The resolution placed by Congressman Steve Chabot and Ro Khanna condemns the atrocities committed by the Pakistan Army between March- December 1971 against ethnic Bengalis and Hindus, and the death and suffering of countless people. It demands the President of the US recognize the atrocities of the Pakistan army as crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide.

The resolution also calls upon the government of Pakistan to acknowledge its role in the genocide and offer a formal apology to the government and people of Bangladesh and prosecute any perpetrators who are still living in accordance with international law.

14. Ulf Kristersson Elected As Sweden's new Prime Minister Backed By Far-Right

Sweden's parliament has narrowly elected a new prime minister whose government will be backed by a far-right party.

PM Ulf Kristersson's Moderates will form a center-right coalition with the Christian Democrats and the Liberals. But it will govern with support from the Sweden Democrats (SD), who won a fifth of votes in recent polls. Tougher immigration policies and greater police powers are part of a policy deal with the SD. Mr Kristersson's three-party coalition government has also pledged to cut taxes and cap benefits.

15. DefExpo 2022: India-Africa Defence Dialogue to be held in Gandhinagar

The India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) was held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 18, 2022. The dialogue successfully brought out various aspects of the IADD's theme 'Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation'.

Emphasising that India & Africa share a multi-faceted defence and security cooperation relationship, Shri Rajnath Singh reiterated India's support to Africa to deal with challenges of conflict, terrorism and violent extremism.

The IADD was institutionalised to be held biennially during successive DefExpos. It seeks to build on the existing defence partnerships between African countries & India and to explore new areas of convergence for mutual engagements including areas such as capacity building, training, cyber security, maritime security and counter-terrorism.

16. SARANG - The Festival of India in the Republic of Korea'



Indian Embassy in Seoul, South Korea organized its much sought-after annual flagship cultural program 'SARANG - The Festival of India in

Republic of Korea' which enthralled the South Korean art and music lovers with a fusion of Indian and Korean dance and music in a grand spectacle running over two weeks.

Through this festival, the rich cultural diversity of India is showcased through various art forms including dance, drama, music, films and cuisine to the people of Korea to promote understanding and friendship among the peoples of the two countries.

The festival which attracted huge and enthusiastic crowd of India lovers, began on September 30 with a curtain raiser at the historical Hwaeom-sa Temple which hosted the Indian Classical Music and Odissi Dance performance. The Cultural performances were also held at Gimhae

(Oct 1), Busan (Oct. 2), Seoul (Oct 4-5), Cheongju (Oct 6), Yeongdong (Oct. 7), Nami Island (Oct. 8-9) and Incheon (Oct 13-14).

17. Pakistan May Take Out of FATF Grey List

Pakistan wriggled its way off the global anti-terror watchdog FATF's inglorious "grey list."

Pakistan has been under increased surveillance since June 2018 by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for its failure to check the risk of money laundering, leading to corruption and terror financing.

The decision to remove Pakistan from the list was taken at the end of a two-day meeting in Paris, said FATF president T Raja Kumar.

18. United Nations Secretary-General on India's Visit

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is set to make an official visit to India from October 18 to October 20, 2022, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

This will be UNSG's first visit to India, since he commenced his second term in office in January 2022. According to the ministry, Guterres will commence his visit to India, by paying tribute to the victims of the 26/11 terror attacks at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai. He will also deliver a public address at IIT Mumbai on the subject - "India @ 75: UN-India Partnership: Strengthening South-South Cooperation."

19. Indus Waters Treaty: World Bank Appoints Chairman of Court of Arbitration

The World Bank has made appointments in two separate processes requested by India and Pakistan in relation to the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants.

It has appointed a chairman of the Court of Arbitration and a neutral expert "in line with its responsibilities" under the Indus Waters Treaty.

A World Bank release said that the two countries disagree over whether the technical design features of the two hydroelectric plants contravene the Treaty. Michel Lino has been appointed as the Neutral Expert and Sean Murphy has been appointed as

chairman of the Court of Arbitration. They will carry out their duties in their individual capacities as subject matter experts and independently of any other appointments they may currently hold, the release said.

20. One Health Joint Plan of Action:

WHO, UNEP, and FAO lay a plan

Four multilateral agencies have launched a global "One Health" plan to better address threats to all living beings as well as the environment.

The 'Quadripartite' – comprising the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organization for Animal Health – unveiled the five-year One

Health Joint Action Plan October 17, 2022.

The Joint Plan of Action will create a framework and integrate systems and capacity to collectively better prevent, predict, detect and respond to health threats. This will help improve the health of humans, animals, plants, and the environment while contributing to sustainable development.

21. India, and France Re-Elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance

India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Talking to reporters in New Delhi, ISA Director General Ajay Mathur said, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh

has been re-elected as the President of International Solar Alliance. He said, France's Minister of State for Development, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, has been re-elected as Co-President. Participants from 110 countries shared their experiences toward a low-carbon economy through the promotion of solar energy.

22. Liz Truss to resign as PM of UK, Indian-origin Suella Braverman also quits .

Britain's interior minister Indian-origin Suella Braverman quit, becoming the second senior cabinet minister to leave her position within a week following finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng's departure. Suella Braverman said that she resigned from the Liz Truss government over "technical" breach of government

rules criticising the premier saying she had "concerns about the direction of this government". Suella Braverman has been replaced by UK's new interior minister Grant Shapps.

23. Rishi Sunak, Youngest UK PM in two centuries, takes office

Rishi Sunak has been named as the PM of the UK, and he will be the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a "deep economic dilemma," the future prime minister of the UK, Rishi Sunak, has called for cooperation.

Sunak will be the nation's youngest prime minister in more than 200 years.

He succeeds Liz Truss, who had to resign in disgrace when her tax-cutting schemes failed within two months.

24. FATF Blacklists Myanmar, Calls for Due Diligence To Transactions in Nation

Money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has put Myanmar on the "black list" and has called on members to apply enhanced due diligence to business relations and transactions in Myanmar. The FATF blacklist, officially designated as "High-Risk jurisdictions" subject to a "Call for Action," identifies

nations with weak anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist funding regulatory frameworks.

25. India to Contribute \$500,000 To UN Trust Fund For Counter-Terrorism

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that India will contribute USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism this year to aid capacity-building support to member states in combating terrorism.

He made this announcement during his keynote address at the plenary session of the UNSC special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) on 'Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes' in New Delhi.

India is hosting the two-day anti-terrorism meeting of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The meeting in Delhi was held under India's chairmanship of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

26. Anna May Wong set to become the first Asian American to feature on US currency

Late Hollywood actress and fashion icon Anna May Wong (1905–1961) is set to become the first Asian American to feature in US currency. A quarter-dollar coin featuring a close-up image of Wong's face with her chin resting on her hand will begin circulating from Monday (October 24), the US Mint said, as the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters (AWQ) Program.

Regarded as the film industry's first Chinese-American star, Wong's decades-long career in motion pictures, television, and theater came at a time of widespread racism.

Born with the birth name Wong Liu-Tsong to second-generation Chinese immigrants in Los Angeles, Wong started her film career at the age of 14 as an extra in *The Red Lantern* (1919). She gained critical acclaim only three years later when she played the leading role in *The Toll of the Sea* (1922), one of the first Technicolor films.

27. Chinese President Xi Jinping wins record third term in power

Chinese President Xi Jinping has created history, becoming the first leader of the ruling Communist Party after party founder Mao Zedong to get

re-elected for an unprecedented third term in power with the prospect of ruling China for life.

Xi, 69, who was elected Sunday morning as General Secretary of the Communist Party for a third five-year term by the new seven-member Standing Committee packed with his supporters, appeared before the local and foreign media to herald the new era, widely termed 'Xi era'.

28. Netherlands Beats China, Becomes India's 3rd-Largest Export Market

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22, thanks to a 106% surge in dispatches

until August this fiscal year from a year before to \$7.5 billion.

But what comes as a greater surprise is that Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22, is now India's 8th biggest export market. Similarly, Indonesia has moved up seven notches to grab the seventh position. However, amid a demand slowdown, only two European nations—the Netherlands and the UK—are among India's top ten markets, compared with four in FY22. Germany and Belgium, which featured in the list last fiscal, are out of it now.

29. WHO Releases First-Ever List of Fungal Infection, Flags Global Health Threat

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published a report highlighting the first-ever list of fungal

"priority pathogens" - a catalogue of the 19 fungi that represent the greatest threat to public health. The WHO fungal priority pathogens list (FPPL) is the first global effort to systematically prioritize fungal pathogens, considering the unmet research and development (R&D) needs and the perceived public health importance. This report is based on research led by the University of Sydney in Australia.

Emerging evidence indicates that the incidence and geographic range of fungal diseases are both expanding worldwide due to global warming and the increase in international travel and trade.

30. Diwali To Be A Public School Holiday in New York City from 2023.

Diwali will be a holiday for the New York City public schools starting next year, in 2023, Mayor Eric Adams announced. Adams, joined by New York Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, who had introduced the legislation to recognize Diwali, and New York City Schools Chancellor David Banks, CNN reported.

31. 103 million People Forcibly Displaced Worldwide, Reveals UNHCR Report

The number of people forcibly displaced from their homes due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, and events seriously disturbing public order globally surged to 103 million in the first half of 2022, meaning that one

in 77 people on Earth is forcibly displaced, the UNHCR said in Geneva.

This is an increase of 13.6 million, or 15 percent, compared to the end of 2021, more than the entire population of Belgium, Burundi, or Cuba, according to the latest report from UNHCR released recently.

According to the report, the total number of refugees and people in need of international protection worldwide rose by 24 percent, from 25.7 million at the end of 2021 to 32 million by mid-2022. At the end of June this year, more than half (56 percent) of all refugees were Syrian, Venezuelan, or Ukrainian.

32. WHO Global TB Report 2022

The WHO released the Global TB Report 2022 on October 27, 2022. The report notes the impact of the COVID-19

pandemic on the diagnosis, treatment, and burden of disease for TB all over the world.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken note of the WHO Global TB Report 2022, released on October 27, 2022, and clarified that India has, in fact, performed far better on major metrics as compared to other countries over time. India's TB incidence for the year 2021 is 210 per 100,000 population - compared to the baseline year of 2015 (incidence was 256 per lakh of population in India); there has been an 18% decline, which is 7 percentage points better than the global average of 11%. These figures also place India in the 36th position in terms of incidence rates (from largest to smallest incidence numbers).

33. 1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival 2022 inaugurated in Indonesia

The 1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival (AISF) was inaugurated by Dr. Srivari Chandrashekhar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, on October 27, 2022, in Bogor, Indonesia. The inaugural event was felicitated by Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General for the ASEAN Economic community, and Ambassador, Mr. Jayant Khobragde, Indian Mission to ASEAN (IMA).

In 2021, 25 new unicorns in ASEAN were included, with their combined valuation at USD 55.4 billion. The National COSTI Chairperson of Indonesia and the Chairman of the National Research and Innovation Agency were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

The festival is part of the overall ASEAN-India Science, Technology, and Innovation Corporation program between the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (COSTI) and the Department of Science and Technology (GoI). It is supported under the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund (ADF) of the Government of India. The four-day event was hosted in conjunction with the Indonesian Research and Innovation Expo (INA-RIE) from October 27 until October 30, 2022, at the Innovation Convention Center, Cibinong Bogor, Indonesia.

34. Ghana to assume Presidency of UN Security Council.

West African country, Ghana assumes the rotating monthly Presidency of

the United Nations Security Council. During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates, and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.

It is the third time Ghana is holding a non-permanent seat on the Council. Ghana was first given the opportunity to serve on the council from 1962 to 1963 and was back for the period of January 2006 - December 2007.

35. SpaceX Launches First Falcon Heavy Mission, After 3 Years

SpaceX's Falcon Heavy, the world's most powerful active rocket, lifted off for the first time in more than three years through the dense fog at Florida's Cape Canaveral, with Elon

Musk's company sending satellites into orbit for the U.S. Space Force.

The rocket system, consisting of three Falcon 9 boosters strapped side-by-side, took off from a SpaceX launch pad, with two satellites from the Space Force and a group of smaller satellites bound for orbit. The Space Force did not provide details of its satellites and requested that SpaceX end its launch live stream early without showing their deployment.

36. Google Buys Twitter-Backed AI Avatar Startup Alter for \$100 mn



Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup that helps creators and brands express their virtual identity, for about \$100 million, a source familiar with the matter told TechCrunch, in a push to boost its content game and better compete with TikTok.

The acquisition was completed about two months ago, but neither of the companies disclosed it to the public. Some of Alter's top executives have updated their LinkedIn profiles to share that they have joined Google without acknowledging the acquisition.

37. The 41st edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair Fall inaugurated at the Expo Centre

Sharjah International Book Fair opens to the public under the theme Spread the Word. The 41st annual event was

inaugurated by Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah. It's running until November 13 at Expo Centre Sharjah with 2,213 publishers involved from 95 countries.

The Sharjah Ruler also honoured Sudanese historian Yusuf Fadl Hasan, the book fair's Cultural Personality of the Year, at the ceremony.

Italy is this year's guest of honour and Lorenzo Fanara, Italy's ambassador to the UAE, delivered a keynote speech at the inauguration, saying Sharjah has "spread the word of books and knowledge across nations".

38. Netanyahu And Allies Again Win Israel Elections

Former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu sealed his return to power, as the final vote count

from elections this week gave him and his far-right allies a clear majority in parliament. Results released by the electoral commission said that with 99 percent of the votes counted, Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party had earned 32 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament, the Knesset.

39. Switzerland created a record for operating the longest passenger train

Switzerland has created a world record by operating the longest passenger train on the planet! The world's longest electric passenger train is designed to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the country's first train system. The longest passenger train, it ran in the Swiss Alps with 100 coaches!

The Swiss transport company, Rhaetian Railway (RhB), operated the train on the Bernina/Albula trail from Preda to Bergen. The length of the train is

1.9 km. During its journey, the train crossed 22 tunnels and 48 bridges. Switzerland's Albula Line is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The train weighed a massive 2990 tons.

40. Operation Vigilant Storm is currently underway in South Korea

Operation Vigilant Storm is a four-day training exercise involving hundreds of aircraft designed to enhance combat readiness and interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and some of its allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

The exercise was held from October 31 to November 4. The four-day exercise will incorporate approximately 240 aircraft and thousands of service members from the ROK Air Force, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Army. They will perform approximately 1,600 sorties,

which will be monitored by the Korean Air Operations Center in charge of

overseeing the operation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Day of the Girl Child was observed on 11th October

The UN General Assembly adopted resolution 66/170 on December 19, 2011, and designated October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child. The day is devoted to the rights of girls and the specific difficulties that girls face worldwide.

World Arthritis Day is celebrated every year on October 12 with the purpose of spreading awareness about the group of diseases known as arthritis. World Arthritis Day was first observed in 1996 with the aim to provide an opportunity for all communities to come together and find

The subject or theme of the International Day of the Girl Child for 2022 is "Our time is now—our rights, our future."

2. World Arthritis Day 2022 is celebrated on 12th October

a common voice to help people suffering

from different forms of arthritis and support their caregivers.

The theme for World Arthritis Day 2022 is "It's in your hands, Take action."

3. International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 is observed on 13 October

Every year, International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed on October 13. The day provides an opportunity to address the progress made in the field of preventing and reducing natural disasters. In 2022, the International Day will focus on Target G of the Sendai Framework:

“Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments to people by 2030.”

4. World Sight Day 2022 observed on 13 October

World Sight Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of October to raise awareness about vision impairment, vision care and

other issues related to eyes. This year, the day is being observed today i.e. on 13 October. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness regarding blind and vision-impaired people.

Continuing the theme of last year, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) confirmed that this year's theme will also be “Love Your Eyes” .

5. International E-Waste Day 2022 observed on 14 October

International E-Waste Day has been held on October 14 every year since 2018 as an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste.

This year's theme is ‘Recycle it all, no matter how small’ . Roughly 5.3 billion mobile/smartphones will drop out of use in 2022, according to non-profit Waste Electrical and

Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Forum, which started the day in 2018.

6. World Standards Day celebrates on 14th October.

World Standards Day is marked every year on October 14 to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries. This day, also known as International Standards Day, strives to educate consumers, policymakers, and businesses about the value of standardisation. The theme for World Standards Day 2022 is 'Shared Vision for a Better World.'

7. World Student's Day 2022 celebrates on 15 October

World Students' Day is widely celebrated on October 15 to mark the birth anniversary of former President APJ Abdul Kalam. Though United

Nations has yet to announce October 15 as World Students' Day, it is being celebrated since 2010. The former President was so dedicated to teaching that he went back to his teaching profession on the very next day after completing his term as the 11th President of India.

8. International Day of Rural Women 2022 observed on 15 October

International Day of Rural Women is celebrated on 15 October every year. The day is dedicated to the millions of women who live in remote, rural areas. It is to celebrate and highlight their achievements and contributions towards rural development and agriculture. On 18 December 2007 when the UN declared that October 15 would be observed annually as International Day of Rural Women worldwide.

The theme for International Day of Rural Women 2022 is "Rural Women, Key for a World Free from Hunger and Poverty."

9. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2022 observed on 17 October

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on October 17 globally. It is a day to raise awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and of human dignity. The day also honours the courage of people living in poverty and their everyday struggles.

This year's theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is "Dignity for All in Practice".

10. World Food Day 2022: Leave NO ONE behind

Every year on October 16, in observance of the date the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was established in 1945, World Food Day is celebrated. The main objectives are to combat world hunger and work toward its eradication. The theme for World Food Day 2022 is "Leave No One Behind."

11. Global Handwashing Day 2022: Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene

October 15 is marked as Global Handwashing Day, with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives. This year's theme, "Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene", calls on all of society to

work together to scale up hand hygiene.

12. World Trauma Day 2022: History & Significance

Every year, the 17th of October is celebrated as World Trauma Day. This day highlights the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world and the need to prevent them. Trauma means "any injury caused to the body".

13. World Statistics Day 2022 celebrates on 20 October

To commemorate the role of statistics on society and human life, the United Nations Statistical Commission, at its session in 2010, decided to

observe October 20 as World Statistics Day.

The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is "Data for Sustainable Development".

14. World Osteoporosis Day 2022 observed on 20th October

World Osteoporosis Day is celebrated every year on 20 October 2022. Osteoporosis is a silent killer and it is a bone disease. Osteoporosis makes a bone weak and brittle to the extent that even the slightest physical stress can cause breakage and fracture. Osteoporosis Day is celebrated with an aim to raise awareness about the prevention, signs, and symptoms of the disease. The theme for World Osteoporosis 2022 is "Step Up For Bone Health."

15. International Chef's Day 2022 celebrates on 20th October

Every year on October 20th, International Chefs Day is observed to honour the culinary masters who have protected the value of food and are passing on the same message to future generations. The theme for this year is “Growing A Healthy Future.”

16. National Police Commemoration

Day: 21 October

October 21st is celebrated every year as the Police Commemoration Day. The day marks the sacrifice of 10 CRPF men who lost their lives to a Chinese attack in 1959.

The arms are reversed (Shok Shastra) and two minutes silence is observed in the honour of the departed souls.

17. Global Dignity Day 2022: 3rd Wednesday in October

Global Dignity Day is observed every year on the 3rd Wednesday of October. This year Global Dignity Day is observed on the 19th of October. The day is an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their self-worth and goals. Global Dignity Day is celebrated to make everyone living in this world realize that they have rights and deserve respect in every aspect. The first Global Dignity Day was observed on October 20, 2008.

The third Wednesday of every October marks this celebration day. Professor Pekka Himanen, John Hope Bryant, and HRH Crown Prince Haakon are the ones who established this day.

18. National Solidarity Day 2022: Significance and History

India observes National Solidarity Day on 20th October every year. This

day is observed to honour the Armed Forces. The purpose of the day is to celebrate the memory of the solidarity, unity, and integrity of our people during the war in order to protect the nation. National Solidarity Day 2022 commemorates the 1962 war between China and India.

19. World Polio Day 2022

World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness about polio vaccination and eradication. The day is an opportunity to focus on global efforts toward a polio-free world, as well as to recognize the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines who play a vital role in the global fight to eradicate polio. This year's theme for World Polio

Day is "A healthier future for mothers and children".

20. 7th Ayurveda Day 2022 observed on 23rd October

The 7th Ayurveda Day has been celebrated worldwide on 23rd October 2022 at a grand scale. Dhanawantari Jayanti has been celebrated since 2016 as Ayurveda Day to promote our most ancient and well-documented system of medicine. This year's Ayurveda Day is being celebrated with the theme "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda" so as to propagate the benefits of Ayurveda to the larger and grass root community.

21. United Nations Day 2022 celebrated on 24th October

United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.

With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

The United Nations plays a crucial role in establishing peace between warring nations and promoting the development of democratic institutions. The year 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding charter.

22. World Development Information

Day observed on 24 October

The United Nations celebrates World Development Information Day every year on October 24.

The UN General Assembly in 1972 established the World Development

Information Day to direct people's attention toward developmental problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

23. Disarmament Week 2022 celebrates on 24-30 October

Disarmament Week is celebrated from October 24 to 30 each year. One of the key goals of the United Nations is to achieve world peace. Disarmament Week seeks to promote awareness and a better understanding of disarmament issues and their cross-cutting importance.

24. Global Media and Information Literacy Week: 24-31 October

Global Media and Information Literacy Week is observed from October 24 to 31 every year. This year's Global Media and Information Literacy Week

will be hosted by Nigeria. This day was launched in 2012 by UNESCO with the support of the UNESCO-U. N. A. O. C. Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue University Network, and the UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Alliance. UNESCO has announced the theme for this year's MIL week as "Nurturing Trust: A Media and Information Literacy Imperative."

25. Indian Army Celebrates 76th Infantry Day On 27 October

Infantry Day is commemorated on October 27 every year to acknowledge the contributions of the infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army. This day has a unique significance for the nation, as it was on this day in 1947 that Infantry-men from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport, an act that turned

back the invaders from the outskirts of Srinagar and saved the state of Jammu and Kashmir from a Pakistan backed tribal invasion.

26. Union Territory of J&K celebrates its Accession Day on 26th October

Accession Day is observed on October 26 every year. The day marks the anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh signing the 'Instrument of Accession' with the Government of India. The signing of this document cemented Jammu and Kashmir as a member of the Dominion of India. The day became an official public holiday in J&K for the first time in 2020 after the abrogation of articles 370 and 35A on 5th August 2019. The Instrument of Accession is a legal document executed by Maharaja Hari Singh, ruler of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir, on October 26, 1947.

27. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage celebrates on 27 October

The annual World Day for Audiovisual Heritage on October 27 reminds us of the importance of archiving and preserving audiovisual sources. Also known as AV in short, audiovisual items can be anything from a short clip or a documentary to speeches or music. These types of material provide us with an insight into the social, political, economical, and linguistic realities of a given environment. “Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just, and peaceful societies” is the theme for WDAH this year.

28. International Animation Day 2022 observed on 28th October

Every year October 28 is observed as International Animation Day (IAD), which is celebrated across the world. After getting noticed by the International Animated Film Association (ASIFA), which recognised it as a global event that is dedicated to animation. The day plays a significant role in creating opportunities on this day for all the animators together by connecting them to the general public.

29. Shaurya Diwas celebrated in Srinagar

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh celebrated Shaurya Diwas at Old Air Field, Srinagar. The Shaurya Diwas marks the 75th year of induction of the Indian Army to save the state of Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan’s invasion in 1947. The Shaurya Diwas is celebrated as a part of celebrations for Azadi ka Amrit

Mahotsav and the 75th year of Air landed operations of the Indian Army at Budgam Airport.

30. World Psoriasis Day is Observed

On 29 October

World Psoriasis Day, observed on October 29, shines a light on challenges faced by those suffering from psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Psoriasis is a disease that results from an overactive immune system and is evidenced by rashes on the skin. In the year 2022, World Psoriasis Day is observed with the theme of “Unloading Psoriatic Disease.”

31. International Internet Day is celebrated on 29 October

Marked annually on 29th October, International Internet Day is

acknowledged by the whole world. International Internet Day is observed to celebrate the usage of the Internet for the first time.

International Internet Day was first celebrated on 29th October 2005 to mark the anniversary of the first internet connection ever made in 1969. The theme for Internet Day 2022 was “Together for a better Internet.”

32. World Cities Day is observed on 31 October

World Cities Day brings urban October to an end on October 31 each year and was first celebrated in 2014. As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year, and the day focuses

on a specific theme. A different city hosts the event each year. This year's global observance is planned in Shanghai, China, under the theme "Act Local to Go Global."

33. World Thrift Day observed on 31st October

World Thrift Day is celebrated annually on October 31st worldwide. In India, the day is celebrated on October 30. The day was established with the intent of raising awareness among people all around the world about the idea of saving their money in a bank rather than keeping it under their mattresses or at home. This year, the theme of World Thrift Day is "Saving prepares you for the future."

34. Nation celebrates 113th Birth anniversary of Homi Jehangir Bhabha

The 113th birth anniversary of Indian nuclear physicist Homi Jehangir Bhabha, who is also known as the father of the Indian nuclear program, was observed on October 31st. He was born on October 30, 1909, in Bombay, Bombay Presidency, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India). His invaluable contributions to the field of science continue to inspire generations of young minds in the country. Homi J. Bhabha was born into a prominent, wealthy Parsi family.

35. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day 2022.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, is celebrated annually on October 31 to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, an Indian freedom fighter and independent India's first deputy prime minister and home minister. He was instrumental in creating a united India from the 565 semi-autonomous princely states and

British-era colonial provinces. This year will mark the 147th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is also known as the Iron Man of India.

36. Kati Bihu 2022

The people of Assam celebrated the auspicious harvest festival of Kati Bihu. It is marked annually on the first day of the Kati month in the Assamese calendar and usually falls during mid-October. This year, it is on Tuesday, October 18. The festival, also known as Kongali Bihu, marks a

crucial phase of the year for every farmer's family in Assam - the fresh start of the harvest season and the relocation time of rice saplings.

It is rooted in the rural households' deep ethos related to crops and their yield. It honours the service and penance of the people as they hope for a better future. Though Kati Bihu is celebrated with much pomp across Assam, each tribe has its own interpretation and rituals. Generally, people light lamps outside their homes and create pathways with bamboo to welcome their ancestors. People also worship the Goddess Lakshmi and Tulsi plant for a good harvest.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

1. Association of Mutual Funds in India: A Balasubramanian re-elected as Chairman



A Balasubramanian, MD & CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund, has been re-elected as the Chairperson of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), at the recent Board Meeting of AMFI post the 27th AGM held in September 2022. The Board unanimously re-elected Balasubramanian as the Chairman of AMFI and Radhika Gupta as

the Vice-Chairperson of AMFI to hold office until the conclusion of the 28th Annual General Meeting.

As the Chairman of AMFI, A Balasubramanian would also continue as the ex-officio Chairman of AMFI Financial Literacy Committee till the conclusion of the next AGM.

2. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan takes charge as a whole-time member at SEBI

Former banker Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan took charge as the fourth whole time member (WTM) in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), filling the position

vacant since November 2021. Narayan, who has been a member of various advisory committees of Sebi and RBI, has been appointed for an initial period of three years. Before assuming charge, Narayan was an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management & Research.

3. Two Chief Justices for High Courts of Rajasthan, Karnataka, J-K, and Ladakh

The central government announced the names of new Chief Justices for the High Courts in Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju informed that following the Constitutional provisions, Justice Pankaj Mithal has been appointed as Chief Justice in the Rajasthan High Court. In contrast, Justice Prasanna B Varale has been appointed as the Karnataka HC's Chief

Justice. The Union Minister's tweet also mentioned the appointment of Justice AM Magrey as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

4. 1983 World Cup hero Roger Binny set to replace Sourav Ganguly as BCCI president

India's 1983 World Cup hero, Roger Binny is set to become the new BCCI president, replacing Sourav Ganguly. Binny will assume charge on October 18, when the BCCI annual general meeting will be held, in Mumbai. Jay Shah will continue as BCCI secretary, the most influential position on the board. Rajiv Shukla will also stay on as the board's vice president.

5. Ministry of External Affairs has appointed India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Dr. Adarsh Swaika, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait. Dr Adarsh Swaika (IFS: 2002), is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Swaika will succeed Sibi George as the Indian envoy in Kuwait. Avtar Singh, a Director in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

6. Bandhan Bank ropes in Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador



Bandhan Bank has brought Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.

Bandhan Bank is a pan India bank that provides banking services through its 5,644 banking outlets spread across 34 of the 36 states and union territories in the country. As per the company, Ganguly will help amplify the brand message of the bank and endorse the products and services of the bank.

7. Partha Satpathy appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Partha Satpathy has been appointed the next Indian Ambassador to Bosnia

and Herzegovina. Satpathy is presently serving as the Ambassador of India to Hungary. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

8. Adani Airports appoints Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal as CEO

Adani Airport Holdings has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive officer. Bansal, who spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company, was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America. The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda.

9. Justice DY Chandrachud named as 50th Chief Justice of India



Supreme Court judge DY Chandrachud took oath as the 50th Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of Office of the Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan. With the oath-taking being complete, Chandrachud become the 50th CHI succeeding Justice UU Lalit who recommended Chandrachud's name. Justice Chandrachud will have a tenure till November 10, 2024. Justice Chandrachud is the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court.

10. Apoorva Srivastava named India's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic

Apoorva Srivastava, a diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service, has been appointed to serve as India's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. An officer of the 2001 batch, she currently serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto. Prior to this, she served in various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs and has been posted in Kathmandu and Paris, among other locations.

11. ICAS Bharati Das is named as the new Controller General of Accounts



The government of India has appointed Bharati Das, an officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Service of the 1988 batch, as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. She is the 27th Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance.

She has served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts at the Central Board of Direct Taxes, at the Ministry of External Affairs, and at the Ministry of Home Affairs. She has also served as the CCA at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Director at the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Ministry of Port, Shipping, and Waterways.

12. Dr. Prashant Garg elected as a member of Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis.

Dr. Prashant Garg, Executive-Chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), has been elected as a 'member' of the Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI). It is a university-centered international organization committed to excellence in education, research, and culturally appropriate medical services to preserve and restore the vision of the people of the world. Dr. Garg becomes the fifth person from India to receive this honor.

13. Kaustubh Kulkarni elevated as JP Morgan India's head.

JP Morgan has announced the appointment of its new Country Head of India, Kaustubh Kulkarni. Madhav Kalyan the current country head of

India will be serving in the Asia Pacific Payments Division from 1st November 2022. Kaustubh Kulkarni is currently serving as the head of investment banking in JP Morgan India and also as the Vice-chair of Asia Pacific for the bank and also as the co-head of investment banking for Southeast Asia.

14. Atanu Chakraborty appointed as new Chairman of Yubi

Yubi, formerly CredAvenue, announced the appointment of the retired civil servant and current Chairman of the Board of HDFC Bank Atanu Chakraborty as the Independent Chairman of its Board.

In a press release, the Chennai-based debt marketplace said Chakraborty has held prestigious positions as the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and part of the Central Board

of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India.

15. Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh named brand ambassador of T20 World Cup for the Blind

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has announced former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind to be held in India in December. Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will lead the Indian team while Venkateswara Rao Dunna - B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will be the vice-captain. The World Cup matches will be held from December 6 to 17. The participating countries for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The opening match will be played between defending champions

India and Nepal on December 6 in Faridabad.

16. UNHRC: Ashwini K.P. becomes 1st Indian to be appointed Independent Expert on racism

The United Nations Human Rights Council appointed the first Asian and first Indian as an independent experts on racism and related intolerance. Dr Ashwini's appointment has been officially made at the UNHRC's session which concluded in Geneva on October 7. Three names, including that of Ashwini, were doing rounds for the post. Dr Ashwini will take over the UNHCR special rapporteur in Geneva on November 1 for a period of six years. She is the first Asian as well as the first Indian to be appointed for the post.

17. GoI appoints Sangeeta Verma as acting chairperson of CCI

The government appointed Sangeeta Verma as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The appointment follows full-time Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta demitting office.

Verma is currently a member of the regulator. Gupta had taken over as the CCI chairperson in November 2018.

18. Shefali Juneja named as chairperson of UN's Air Transport Committee

Dr. Shefali Juneja has been named as the chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.

She is the first Indian to be appointed to this post. Juneja, a 1992 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax Cadre), served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) before joining the ICA. The Air Transportation Committee (ATC) is the council's advisory body on air transportation matters specified in the Chicago Convention.

19. United States Appoints Elizabeth Jones To Serve As Chargé d' Affaires At US Embassy in New Delhi

The United States has appointed Elizabeth Jones to serve as Chargé d' Affaires in New Delhi. According to a media note issued by US State Department, Jones recently served as the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts. She previously served as Assistant Secretary of State for

Europe and Eurasia, acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, and Ambassador to Kazakhstan. Ambassador Jones carries the highest Foreign Service rank of a Career Ambassador. In India, she will join the US Embassy and Consulate interagency teams in advancing and expanding the partnership between governments and people, a partnership that Secretary Blinken has called one of the most consequential in the world.

20. Spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi is appointed as Chair of C₂O

Spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) has been appointed the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C₂O), an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G₂₀), by the union government. The G₂₀ is the premier inter-governmental forum for

the world's developed and emerging economies to address financial stability on a global basis. The C₂O is its platform for civil society organisations (CSOs) to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G₂₀ leaders.

21. IFS Rajesh Ranjan named as next Indian envoy to Ivory Coast

Indian Foreign Service officer, Dr. Rajesh Ranjan has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast. Dr Rajesh Ranjan is currently posted as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana. Dr Ranjan holds a PhD degree in Economics (Public Finance) from Allahabad University. Dr Rajesh Ranjan was Director in the Americas Division at the Ministry of External Affairs (15 July 2016–23 March 2018) and he handled issues related to

India's relations with US and Canada.

22. Dharmendra Pradhan signs MoU with FIFA and AIFF for Football4Schools

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurial Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan signed an MoU with FIFA and the All India Football Federation for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India. FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino, and President, of All India Football Federation, Shri Kalyan Chaubey signed MoU on behalf of the respective organizations.

The event was felicitated by the Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Nitish Pramanik, Minister for

School Education and Marathi Language- Maharashtra Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Commissioner, Nayodaya Vidyalaya Samiti Shri Vinayak Garg and officials of All India Football Federation.

23. VR Krishna Gupta was named as Chairman of BPCL

Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta has today taken over the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) - a 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company - on superannuation of Arun Kumar Singh.

24. Energy Efficiency Services Limited named Vishal Kapoor as CEO

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has announced the appointment of Vishal Kapoor as its chief executive officer (CEO). He takes charge after completing his tenure as the joint secretary at the Ministry of Power. As joint secretary, he led

various government interventions, schemes, and reforms in the distribution sector. He also spearheaded cyber security and IT initiatives in the power sector. He played an instrumental role in formulating the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme for the Operational and Financial turnaround of distribution utilities.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

1. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched a new book **Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a book titled 'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance' penned by Rajya Sabha MP Amar Patnaik.

The book is a culmination of the various essays on pertinent contemporary issues that emerged in India during the pandemic years of 2020-21 and 2021-2022.

The book highlights the achievements of states, such as Odisha, which stood out by adopting the 5-T framework of governance, which refers to teamwork, technology, transparency, transformation, and time limit--the five factors on which the performance of government officials and projects is judged.

2. Home Minister Amit Shah Launches First Hindi Version of MBBS Course Books

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in a first-of-its-kind step in the country, launched the Hindi version of MBBS course books in Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh is the first state to start the MBBS course in the Hindi language in the country. Initially, three subjects have been selected to be studied in Hindi which includes Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.

A team of 97 experts have been working on the preparation of books for the last 232 days at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. They have been translating the book from English to Hindi.

3. RS officer Sahil Seth launches his book 'A confused mind story'

Sahil Seth, IRS Joint Commissioner for GST, Customs, and Narcotics, and youth influencer, launched his book titled "A confused Mind Story." The book is based on the contrast between the spiritual and material worlds. The book depicts the answers behind the confusion of the common man in day-to-day life and explains the rationale behind the meaning of life and belief system. The book is published by Blue Rose publication house.

4. Dr. Bimal Jalan authored a book titled “From dependence to Self-Reliance”

Economist Dr. Bimal Jalan authored the book “From Dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India’s Rise as a Global Superpower,” a stocktaking of India’s growth trajectory, benefits from Bimal Jalan’s deep insights. The book is written lucidly, with the general reader in mind. Bimal Jalan breaks his book into 3 parts: 4 chapters on the economy, and three each on governance and politics. The primary focus shared by Bimal Jalan is to promote India’s national interests, irrespective of any party’s political agenda announced during elections.

5. Akshay Shah & Stephen Alter compiled and edited a new book “The Corbett Papers”

Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter have compiled and edited a new book “The Corbett Papers: Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon” about Jim Corbett. It is published by Black Kite Publishing. Jim Corbett, the famous naturalist-hunter, has written a series of bestsellers about his experiences with wildlife in the jungles of North India. The Corbett Papers” also includes the unpublished reminiscences of Corbett by his sister Maggie and rare extracts from a forgotten work.

6. “Delhi University - Celebrating 100 Glorious Years” authored by Hardeep Singh Puri

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing, and Urban Affairs, Government of India(GOI), Hardeep Singh Puri has authored a new book titled “DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years.” The Book is published by Rupa Publications, India. Amitabh Bachchan, the Indian actor, has written the foreword of the book. This Book Highlights the viewpoints of Universities most distinguished alumni and faculty of 15 contributors.

7. French author Rene Naba releases New Book “Nuclearization of Asia”

French author René Naba has released his latest book on the nuclear emergency and threat posed by the nexus of Pakistan and China to South Asia, and the world at large.

The book on the “Nuclearization of Asia” was released at the Geneva Press Club, which saw the in-person participation of 35 persons. Previously, he authored a book titled “Pakistan, Facing the Challenge of the Post-Western World” (Golias 2019).

This book on the nuclearization of Asia comes a few weeks after US President Joe Biden described Pakistan as “one of the most dangerous nations” in the world.

SPORTS NEWS

1. Harmanpreet Kaur and Mohammed Rizwan seal ICC Player of the Month crowns for September.



India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September in women's and men's categories respectively. Harmanpreet received the award for

her memorable showing in the ODI series in England.

2. Cristiano Ronaldo reached record 700 club career goals



Cristiano Ronaldo reached another historic landmark in his extraordinary career by scoring his 700th club goal to seal Manchester United's comeback win over Everton. The 37-year-old Portuguese forward becomes the first and only player in this present generation to score seven times a hundred goals in football history. His 700th club goal extends his tally over Lionel Messi, with Argentina forward scoring 691 goals for FC Barcelona and Paris Saint Germain.

3. 37th National Games: Goa to host Games in October 2023

The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year. The state government of Goa also conveyed its in-principle approval to IOA to host the National Games in 2023. The Goa delegation may receive the IOA flag

at the Closing Ceremony of the 36th National Games on 12th October 2022 in Surat, Gujarat.

4. 36th National Games: Pooja Patel becomes the first athlete to win Gold in Yogasana

At the 36th National Games, Pooja Patel of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana. Yogasana is one of the five sports to be played at the National Games this year for the first time. This Indian indigenous sport made its debut at the Khelo India University Games earlier this year. In other events today, Maharashtra won gold in the women's diving 1-meter springboard event.

5. FIFA & AIFF launch Football for Schools as Govt of India pledges active support

International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), in partnership with the All India Football Federation (AIFF), and with the support of the Union Government, launched the Football for Schools project in the country, which is aimed at broad-basing the beautiful game across India. FIFA Secretary General Fatima Samoura, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Nisith Pramanik, and AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey launched the initiative.

6. Former Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni inaugurates CSK Academy

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) inaugurated the SuperKings academy in Hosur on October 10. The facility has been set up at the MS Dhoni Global School. The Hosur center will be the first

franchise-based Super Kings academy in the country.

Dhoni himself was present to cut the ribbons as the four-time IPL champions announced the launch of the centre. The Hosur facility will have a total of eight pitches and also include a turf field. This will be the third Super Kings academy in the country with centres already present in Salem and Chennai. The Hosur facility will be functional by January 2023.

7. Indian discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur banned for 3 years



Indian discus thrower, Kamalpreet Kaur has been banned from competition for three years, starting March 29, 2022, due to a doping violation, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) announced on October 12. The AIU, which is the independent body created by World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - including doping and age fraud, had provisionally suspended Kamalpreet in May this year for testing positive for the banned substance stanozolol, an anabolic steroid that is on the list of banned substances as per World Athletics.

8. 36th National Games 2022

Concludes: Check the winner's list

At the 36th National Games, Services lead the medals table with 68 medals including 32 golds, 18 silvers, and 18 bronze, followed by Haryana with 58 medals including 23 gold, 20 silver and 15 bronze. Maharashtra is

in third place with 14 gold medals, 15 silver and 31 bronze.

Siva Subramaniam of Services set a new national record of 5.31 meter in the men's pole vault, improving his own mark of 5.30m set in 2018. He cleared 5.11m on his first attempt, which broke the record at the National Games, which had stood since 1987. Vijay Pal Singh of Haryana had then become the first Indian to clear 5.10 meters at the 1987 National Games in Kerala.

9. Aayan Khan, the youngest player in the men's T20 World Cup 2022

UAE's Aayan Khan, the 16-year-old all-rounder, is the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup. He was picked in the UAE XI for the team's first match of the T20 World Cup against the Netherlands at the Simonds Stadium in Geelong. He

impressed in the U19 World Cup earlier this year with 93 and one for 13 in the UAE's 82-run win over the West Indies. Aayan was out for a seven-ball five against the Netherlands. He then bowled three overs for 15 runs and picked up a wicket.

10. Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil wins gold in World Championship and a spot at Paris Olympics



Young Rudranksh Patil won gold in the men's 10m air rifle event in the ISSF World Championship here, becoming only the second Indian to

achieve the feat after the legendary Abhinav Bindra.

Patil also secured a 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country in the process. This was India's second Olympic quota. The 18-year-old Patil beat Italy's Danilo Dennis Sollazzo 17-13 in the gold-medal match after a brilliant come-from-behind effort. Four quota spots are available in Olympic events at the World Championship this year.

11. Women Asia Cup 2022: Indian Women's Team Beats Sri Lanka by 8 Wickets

A one-sided final as India defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets with 11.3 overs to spare to lift their 7th Asia Cup crown. Smriti Mandhana finishes things off in style as she gets to her 18th T20I fifty. Earlier, Renuka Singh (3/5), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/16), and Sneh Rana (2/13) help

India to restrict Sri Lanka 65 for 9 in 20 overs. Inoka Ranaweera (18 not out) was the top scorer for Sri Lanka.

12. Prakash Padukone, Badminton

Legend awarded with SJFI medal

The Sports Journalists' Federation of India medal (SJFI medal) for 2019 was presented to badminton legendary star Prakash Padukone during a cordial ceremony at the Karnataka State Cricket Association. Vijay Amritraj was the inaugural recipient of the award, which was established in 2018. The COVID-19 outbreak caused a delay in the 2019 award ceremony.

13. D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen

Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh has defeated Magnus Carlsen in the

ninth round of the preliminary phase of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament.

The 16-year-old from Chennai beat the world No. 1 with white pieces in 29 moves early to move up to the third position in the tournament. Gukesh became the latest Indian teen to defeat Carlsen, - World Chess Champion since 2013 - in recent times. A day earlier 19-year-old compatriot Arjun Erigaisi posted a maiden win over the world champion. Another Indian teen, R Praggnanandhaa aged 16 years, has already beaten Carlsen twice this year.

14. Jyothi Yarraji becomes the first Indian woman to run sub-13s hurdles

Jyothi Yarraji has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles while smashing her

own record at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.

The 23-year-old Yarraji, representing Railways, cruised to victory in 12.82 seconds and, with the wind gauge reading 0.9 meter, she could not be denied her national record timing a second time.

15. Serbian scientists name beetle after the country's tennis star Novak Djokovic

Scientists in Serbia have named a beetle after their country's legendary tennis star Novak Djokovic, crediting the insect's speed, strength, flexibility, durability and ability to survive in a difficult environment.

The beetle has been named Duvalius Dokovici, researcher Nikola Vesovic said. According to local media

reports, the insect belongs to the Duvalius genus of ground beetles that are present in Europe.

16. Qatar to host AFC Asian Cup 2023

Qatar has been announced as the host of the 2023 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup tournament, replacing China, which withdrew due to the coronavirus situation in the country. South Korea and Indonesia were also bidding for the men's tournament.

The decision was announced by the AFC following an Executive Committee meeting, with AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa praising the country's successful bid. According to Reuters, the Qatar Football Association will propose to move the competition from June and July next year to January 2024 because of climate concerns.

17. Magnus Carlsen wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022

Magnus Carlsen claimed the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022 title with a tournament defeating Arjun Erigaisi in the quarter-finals of the 8th and penultimate event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour with a convincing 2.5-1.5 result, Carlsen secured the title of the tour champion and a \$50,000 prize on top of his overall winnings (so far) of \$192,000. The 31-year-old had to work in the opening game of his quarter-final match as Erigaisi played some of his best chess against the champ to go three pawns up and set up a seemingly easy win.

18. FIFA: Tazuni unveiled as a mascot for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Tazuni, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023. Tazuni will become an important symbol for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand, appearing on official tournament merchandise and media platforms, as well as in real life in community activities ahead of the event.

Tazuni, a 15-year-old midfielder whose story involves her falling in love with football after playing with a group of children on a beach, is set to feature on merchandise, media platforms, and community activities in the build-up to the FIFA Women's World Cup. The name Tazuni is a fusion of the Tasman sea, the home of

penguins, and Unity, which is the key value of the event.

19. 5th Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh



The Fifth Khelo India Youth Games – 2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh. The games will be held from January 31 to February 11 next year. This was announced by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur at an event in New Delhi in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Talking to reporters after the event, Mr. Thakur said, the Khelo India

Youth Games will be held at eight locations. He said, more than 8,500 athletes and sportspersons are expected to participate in the sporting event.

20. Formula-1 Racing: Max Verstappen wins action-packed US Grand Prix 2022

Belgium's Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the 2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix, which was held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States (US). With this, he equaled Germany's Sebastian Vettel and Michael Schumacher's record of 13 wins in a Formula 1 season. He defeated the UK's Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes. Hamilton had to settle for second place, with Mercedes' wait for a 2022 victory continuing, while

Charles Leclerc salvaged a podium finish for Ferrari as the Italian team mathematically dropped out of contention for the constructors' crown.

21. BCCI Decides To End Discrimination; Offer Equal Pay To Men & Women Cricketers.



In a historic move, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced equal match fees for both male and female cricket players in India.

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah announced the landmark decision in a tweet. He said the move was BCCI's "first step

towards tackling discrimination." The BCCI women cricketers will be paid the same match fee as their male counterparts. As per the new rules, the payment for tests will be 15 lakh rupees, 6 lakh rupees for ODIs, and 3 lakh rupees for T-20.

22. India defeats Australia to win the third Sultan of Johor Cup

India defeated Australia to win the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 in a shootout 5-4 after a 1-1 draw on Saturday. This is the third time India has won the Sultan of Johor Cup.

India scored the first goal with Sudeep Chirmako's field goal in the 14th minute. However, Australia came back in the second quarter as Jack Holland equalized with India.

23. Akanksha Vyavahare creates three new national records at the Khelo India weightlifting meet



Maharashtra-based weightlifter Akanksha Vyavahare created three new national records in the 40kg weight category at the Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting tournament. The weightlifter, who was also a part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, created records in Snatch, Clean and Jerk, and Total.

Akanksha bettered her existing Snatch national record, by lifting 60kg. She

recorded 71kg in the Clean & Jerk, and in the process, registered a total lift of 131kg. Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu was present during the opening ceremony earlier in the day.

24. FIFA World Cup: Spain U-17 women retain title.

Defending champions Spain won the Fifa U-17 Women's World Cup with a 1-0 victory over first-time finalists Colombia whose campaign ended in heartbreak after an own goal in the summit clash.

Spain emerged as the winners after an own goal by Colombian defender Ana Maria Guzman Zapata in the 82nd minute of the final at the DY Patil Sports Stadium. Fifa president Gianni Infantino, alongside top officials from the Asian Football Federation (AFC) and All India Football

Federation (AIFF), was in attendance at the venue as Spain retained the title they won in 2018.

25. French Open 2022 Badminton: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag won the men' s doubles title.



India' s Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy won the French Open 2022 men' s doubles title and bagged their maiden BWF Super 750 crown. The Indian badminton pair, who knocked out Japanese top seeds Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi in the quarters, beat Chinese Taipei' s Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han 21-13, 21-19 in the final. This was Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy' s

fourth BWF World Tour title, but the previous three were lower-tier tournaments. Their first, the Hyderabad Open 2018, was a Super 100 tournament while the Thailand Open 2019 and India Open 2022 were both Super 500 events.

26. Formula-1 racing: Max Verstappen won Mexican Formula 1 GP 2022

Red Bull driver Max Verstappen finished in first place at the Mexican Grand Prix to claim his record-setting 14th win of the season. The 25-year-old' s 14th victory of the season sees him pass Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel for the most race wins in a single season in Formula One history.

Earlier in October, Verstappen claimed his second career world championship at the Japanese Grand Prix, and last week he won the US

Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, which saw him share the record for the number of season race wins. With his victory in Mexico, Verstappen also broke the record for the most points accumulated in a single season, previously set by Lewis Hamilton in 2019.

27. Asian Continental Chess C' ship: India' s R Praggnanandhaa and PV Nandidhaa win titles



Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot PV Nandhidhaa won the titles in the open and women' s sections, respectively, at the Asian Continental Chess Championship. Praggnanandhaa drew with compatriot B Adhiban in a 63-move game in the ninth and final round to emerge victorious with seven points.

The 17-year-old had come into the final round with a half-a-point lead over the others. He held off Adhiban and shared the honors to win the top prize. The triumph also earned Praggnanandhaa a ticket to the next FIDE World Cup.

28. ICC T20 World Cup: Virat Kohli becomes 1st player to register a hat- trick in the history



Virat Kohli has hit the form and is scoring fifties in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup. After playing a match-winning knock of 82 not out against Pakistan, he amassed an unbeaten 62 against the Netherlands. After failing in a game with South Africa in Perth, the 33-year-old came back to his back and registered a crucial fifty against Bangladesh at the Adelaide Oval. Kohli is the first player in the history of the T20 World Cup to score 3 or more fifty-plus knocks on three occasions.

29. Kerala to host Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament.

Kerala is set to host the Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament. Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events and will be held at LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome from 25th November 2022 to 28th November 2022.

In the Track Asia Cup 2022, around 200 cyclists will participate from over 25 countries in Asia. The event is being conducted outside Delhi for the first time. Track Asia Cup is sanctioned by the Asian Cycling Confederation and Cycling Federation of India. The Cycling Association of Kerala informed that due to extreme heat, efforts are being made to hold the matches under floodlights. Track Asia Cup is also the selection of Asian Countries for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

30. Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurated the 'Baji Rout National Football Tournament

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 'Baji Rout National Football Tournament' in Dhenkanal in Odisha. The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been promoting sports and games in the country through initiatives like "khelo India" and "Fit India". The government aims to attract the younger generation that is stuck on the internet and TV to the playing field.

The government of India in association with the FIFA and All India Football Federation has started the 'Football for School' initiative. The Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan revealed that the program has been targeted to rope in about two crore fifty lakh school students towards football. Ten lakh footballs will be distributed among the government and private schools in all the districts of the country through the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.



Current Affairs Quiz -1 (National and International)

1. Which village has been declared as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village?
(a) Modhera (b) Kalap
(c) Khajjiar (d) Darchik
2. 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to be held at _____ in January 2023.
(a) Indore (b) Jaipur
(c) New Delhi (d) Mumbai
3. The World Bank extends a loan of \$250 million for the SALT Project in _____.
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) New Delhi
(c) Kerela (d) Andhra Pradesh

4. Which of the following airports has completely switched to renewable energy?
- (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Both a and b (d) Neither A nor B
5. India ranked _____ out of 121 assessed countries on the 2022 Global Hunger Index (GHI).
- (a) 102 (b) 105
(c) 107 (d) 110
6. President Droupadi Murmu has recently inaugurated a supercomputer, 'PARAM KAMRUPA' facility at which of the following places?
- (a) IIT, Kanpur (b) NIT Hamirpur
(c) IIT, Delhi (d) IIT, Guwahati
7. India stands _____ in the world in terms of fish production.
- (a) 1st (b) 3rd
(c) 7th (d) 5th
8. Which state is the only State to achieve the Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022?
- (a) Tamilnadu (b) Kerala
(c) Goa (d) Andhra Pradesh
9. Which state has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index, 2022?

(a) Haryana

(b) Goa

(c) Kerala

(d) Andhra Pradesh

10. Which institution works as the nodal agency of Interpol in India?

(a) Ministry of home affairs

(b) Central Bureau of

Investigation

(c) National Investigation Agency

(d) None of the above

11. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant at _____.

(a) Punjab

(b) New Delhi

(c) Gujrat

(d) Kerala

12. Which organisation has topped "Grievance Redressal Index" published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for September?

(a) Ministry of home affairs

(b) Ministry of rural

development

(c) UIDAI

(d) PMO

13. Who has been elected as the new President of Iraq?

(a) Abdul Latif Rashid

(b) Barham Salih

(c) Muhammad Fuad Masum

(d) Jalal Talabani

14. Living Planet Report is published by _____.

(a) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (b) UNICEF

(c) UNDP

(d) UNEP

15. Recently, the festival of Sarang has been celebrated in which country?
(a) Japan (b) South Korea
(c) USA (d) Germany
16. United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organization for Animal Health have organised a plan named as?
(a) One planet (b) One world
(c) One health (d) One home
17. India's first 'Migration Monitoring System' was inaugurated in _____.
(a) New Delhi (b) Indore
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Mumbai
18. Jakson Green to invest Rs 22,400 cr in _____ hydrogen project in Rajasthan.
(a) Green (b) Pink
(c) White (d) Blue
19. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches _____ portal for farmers.
(a) Safal kheti (b) Safal kisan
(c) Safal bhumi (d) None of the above

20. India and _____ have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- (a) Germany (b) France
(c) Spain (d) Portugal
21. Who has been elected as the new prime minister of the United Kingdom?
- (a) Boris Johnson (b) Liz Truss
(c) Rishi Sunak (d) None of the above
22. Which country has been recently listed in the “black list” by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?
- (a) Pakistan (b) Myanmar
(c) Syria (d) South Sudan
23. India to Contribute _____ to UN Trust Fund For Counter-Terrorism
- (a) \$500,000 (b) \$50000
(c) \$5000 (d) \$5000000
24. _____ set to become the first Asian American to feature on US currency.
- (a) Anna May Wong (b) Sammy Lee
(c) Joyce Chen (d) None of the above
25. Which country is now India’s third-largest export destination?
- (a) United Kingdom (b) USA
(c) China (d) Netherlands

Current Affairs Quiz -2

(Important Days, Sports & Appointments)

1. International Day of the Girl Child was observed on which day?
(a) 12 October (b) 13 October
(c) 11 October (d) 15 October
2. Harmanpreet Kaur and _____ seal ICC Player of the Month crowns for September
(a) Mohammed Rizwan (b) Mithali Raj
(c) Deepti Bhagwan Sharma (d) None of the above
3. _____ a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.
(a) Dr. Adarsh Swaika (b) Mr. Amit Narang
(c) Taranjit Singh Sandhu (d) Mr. Sunjay Sudhir
4. International E-Waste Day 2022 observed on _____.
(a) 14 October (b) 15 October
(c) 16 October (d) 12 October
5. Which state is going to host the National Games in 2023?

- (a) Goa (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Haryana (d) None of the above
6. Who is the youngest player to feature in the men' s T20 World Cup?
(a) Aayan Khan (b) Hasan Raza
(c) Mushtaq Mohammad (d) Mohammad Sharif
7. _____ bank ropes in Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.
(a) SBI (b) Central bank
(c) ICICI (d) Bandhan bank
8. What is the theme for World Food Day 2022?
(a) Together for future (b) Food is Future
(c) Save food save life (d) Leave No One Behind
9. World Trauma Day is celebrated on which of the following dates?
(a) 11 October (b) 12 October
(c) 15 October (d) 17 October
10. _____ wins gold in World Championship and a spot at Paris Olympics
(a) Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil (b) Naseem Shah
(c) Danilo Dennis Sollazzo (d) None of the above
11. Who has been recently appointed as the 50th Chief Justice of India?
(a) Justice U. U. Lalit (b) Justice. DY Chandrachud
(c) Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (d) None of the above

12. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day 2022 was celebrated on which date?

(a) 30 October

(b) 31 October

(c) 30 November

(d) None of the above

13. The Sports Journalists' Federation of India medal (SJFI medal) for 2019 was presented to which Indian sportsman?

(a) MS Dhoni

(b) Sachin Tendulkar

(c) Sania Mirza

(d) Prakash Padukone

14. ICAS Bharati Das is named as the new _____.

(a) Controller General of Accounts

(b) Governor of Gujarat

(c) Director of SEBI

(d) None of the above

15. This year's global observance under the World Cities Day celebrations is planned at which place?

(a) Shanghai, China

(b) New York, USA

(c) New Delhi, India

(d) London, United Kingdom

16. Dr. Prashant Garg becomes the _____ person from India to get elected as a member of Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis.

(a) First

(b) Fifth

(c) Second

(d) Third

17. Indian Army Celebrates 76th Infantry Day _____.
- (a) 28 October (b) 27 October
(c) 29 October (d) 26 October
18. _____ becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- (a) Pentala Harikrishna (b) Vidit Santosh Gujrathi
(c) Dommaraju Gukesh (d) None of the above
19. _____ becomes 1st Indian to be appointed Independent Expert on racism by UNHRC.
- (a) Ashwini K. P. (b) Savita Ambedkar.
(c) S. Anand. (d) Jitendra Awhad.
20. _____ becomes the first Indian woman to run sub-13s hurdles
- (a) Jyothi Yarraji (b) Mandeep Kaur
(c) Sagardeep Kaur (d) Ashwini Akkunji
21. United Nations Day 2022 celebrated on _____
- (a) 24 October (b) 25 October
(c) 26 October (d) 27 October
22. Sangeeta Verma as acting chairperson of which organization?
- (a) Election commission of India (b) Competition Commission of India
(c) SEBI (d) None of the above

23. _____ has been announced as the host of the 2023 Asian Football Confederation (AF(C)Asian Cup tournament.
- (a) Indonesia (b) Myanmar
(c) China (d) Qatar
24. _____ Ayurveda Day 2022 observed on 23rd October
- (a) First (b) Fifth
(c) Fourth (d) Seventh
25. World Polio Day is observed on _____ every year to raise awareness about polio vaccination and eradication.
- (a) October 24 (b) 25 October
(c) 26 October (d) 27 October



ANSWERS



Current Affairs Quiz -1 (National and International)

1. (a)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Modhera village in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village.

2. (a)

17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to be held at Indore in January 2023.

3. (d)

The World Bank extends a loan of \$250 million for the SALT project in Andhra Pradesh.

4. (b)

Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) has become one of India's 100 percent sustainable airports by completely switching to green sources for energy consumption.

5. (c)

India ranked 107th out of 121 assessed countries on the 2022 Global Hunger Index (GHI).

6. (d)

President Droupadi Murmu has recently inaugurated a supercomputer facility at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

7. (b)

India stands third in the world in terms of fish production.

8. (a)

Tamil Nadu is the only State to achieve the Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022.

9. (a)

Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index, 2022.

10. (b)

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is India's nodal agency for Interpol.

11. (a)

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, in Punjab's Sangrur.

12. (c)

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Group A Ministries, Departments, and Autonomous Bodies for resolving public grievances in the rankings report published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for September.

13. (a)

The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country, breaking a political impasse, hours after several rockets struck Baghdad's Green Zone.

14. (a)

There has been a 69 percent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years, according to the latest Living Planet Report by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

15. (b)

Indian Embassy in Seoul, South Korea organized its much sought-after annual flagship cultural program 'SARANG - The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' which enthralled the South Korean art and music lovers with a fusion of Indian and Korean dance and music in a grand spectacle running over two weeks.

16. (c)

United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the

World Organization for Animal Health have organised a plan named as “one health” .

17. (d)

The country's first 'Migration Monitoring System', which provides updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children instantly on a single system, was inaugurated in Mumbai.

18. (a)

Jakson Green to invest Rs 22,400 cr in green hydrogen project in Rajasthan.

19. (d)

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches Safal common credit portal for farmers.

20. (b)

India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

21. (c)

Rishi Sunak has been named as the PM of the UK, and he will be the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent.

22. (b)

FATF Blacklists Myanmar and calls for Due Diligence To Transactions in Nation.

23. (a)

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said that India will contribute USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism this year to aid capacity-building support to member states in combating terrorism.

24. (a)

Late Hollywood actress and fashion icon Anna May Wong (1905-1961) is set to become the first Asian American to feature in US currency.

25. (d)

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh.

Current Affairs Quiz -2

(Important Days, Sports & Appointments)

1. (c)

International Day of the Girl Child was observed on October 11.

2. (a)

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September in women's and men's categories respectively.

3. (a)

Dr. Adarsh Swaika, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.

4. (a)

International E-Waste Day has been held on October 14 every year since 2018 as an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste.

5. (a)

The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year.

6. (a)

UAE's Aayan Khan, the 16-year-old all-rounder, is the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup.

7. (d)

Bandhan Bank has brought Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.

8. (d)

The theme for World Food Day 2022 is "Leave No One Behind."

9. (d)

Every year, the 17th of October is celebrated as World Trauma Day.

10. (a)

Young Rudranksh Patil won gold in the men's 10m air rifle event in the ISSF World Championship here, becoming only the second Indian to achieve the feat after the legendary Abhinav Bindra.

11. (b)

Supreme Court judge DY Chandrachud took oath as the 50th Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of Office of the Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

12. (b)

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, is celebrated annually on October 31 to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, an Indian freedom fighter and independent India's first deputy prime minister and home minister.

13. (d)

The Sports Journalists' Federation of India medal (SJFI medal) for 2019 was presented to badminton legend Prakash Padukone.

14. (a)

The government of India has appointed Bharati Das, an officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Service of the 1988 batch, as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

15. (a)

This year's global observance under the World Cities Day celebrations is planned in Shanghai, China.

16. (b)

Dr. Prashant Garg becomes the fifth person from India to get elected as a member of Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis.

17. (b)

Infantry Day is commemorated on October 27 every year to acknowledge the contributions of the infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.

18. (c)

Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh becomes the youngest player to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.

19. (a)

The United Nations Human Rights Council appointed the first Asian and first Indian as an independent expert on racism and related intolerance.

20. (a)

Jyothi Yarraji has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles while smashing her own record at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.

21. (a)

United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.

22. (b)

The government appointed Sangeeta Verma as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

23. (d)

Qatar has been announced as the host of the 2023 Asian Football Confederation (AF(C)Asian Cup tournament.

24. (d)

The 7th Ayurveda Day has been celebrated worldwide on 23rd October 2022.

25. (a)

World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness about polio vaccination and eradication.