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National

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** BhupendraYadav confirmed the development.
- The **UP government** also approved the notification of the **Ranipur Wildlife Protection Act 1973**.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also decided to establish the **Ranipur Tiger Conservation Foundation** along with sanctioning of requisite posts.

What Is Digital Rupee, RBI launches Its First Pilot Project

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will commence **pilot launches of the digital rupee** from November 1. It has identified **nine banks for participation in the pilot launch**. They are the **State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank, and HSBC**.
- A **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee** is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. **Digital currency or rupee is an electronic form of money**, that can be used in contactless transactions.
- Presenting **Union Budget 2022**, **Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman** announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would be rolling out its digital currency soon.

Supreme Court Bans Two-Finger Test

- The **Supreme Court on 31 October**, reiterated the **ban on the "two-finger test"** in rape cases, warning that persons using such tests will be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- **Observing that the test was based on a patriarchal mindset that assumed that sexually active women could not be raped**, the bench of **Justices DY**



Chandrachud and HimaKohli regretted that such a method of examination was being used even today.

- **This court has time and again deprecated the use of two finger-test in cases alleging rape and sexual assault.** The so called test **has no scientific basis.** It instead re-victimises and re-traumatises women. The two finger test must not be conducted. The test is based on an incorrect assumption that a sexually active woman cannot be raped. **Nothing can be further from the truth.**

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

- With Gujarat headed to Assembly elections and awaiting the release of the poll schedule, **state Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi** announced that the **cabinet had decided to form a committee for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state.**
- **Gujarat is the second BJP-ruled state after Uttarakhand** to constitute a committee of experts on the UCC. **Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Assam**, also ruled by the BJP, too have **backed the UCC proposal.**
- The committee will be constituted under the **leadership of a retired judge of the High Court.** The cabinet has given the Chief Minister the right to constitute the committee and it is expected to comprise **three-four members.** Its scope of work too will be decided.



Tata Steel Jamshedpur India's first to achieve ResponsibleSteel certification

- **Tata Steel** has received **ResponsibleSteel certification** for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. 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.
- This is a historic moment for Tata Steel and an important step in our sustainability journey. Globally,



the steel industry is at a critical juncture and the larger impact of how we produce and consume steel needs to be addressed urgently.

“Permacrisis” Is Collins Dictionary’s Word Of The Year

- **Permacrisis** has been chosen as the **Collins Dictionary’s word of the year**. The word means an extended period of instability and insecurity.



“Permacrisis sums up just how truly awful 2022 has been for so many people,” Alex Beecroft, head of Collins Learning told AFP.

- ‘Permacrisis’ is a word that describes living in an age of continued upheaval; Collins defines the noun as ‘an extended period of instability and insecurity’.
- According to The Guardian, Collins chose permacrisis as the word of the year as it “sums up quite succinctly how truly awful 2022 has been for so many people”. It is the top word in the annual compilation of the 10 new or noteworthy words from the 18-billion word database monitored by Collins and from other sources like social media. Permacrisis is also one of six new words on the list added to CollinsDictionary.com.

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

- 106-year-old **Shyam Saran Negi**, the first voter of Independent India, exercised his right to franchise for the **34th time for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections** through a postal ballot at his residence in Kinnaur district.
- Negi, a teacher by profession who hails from the tribal district of Kinnaur in Himachal Pradesh exercised his right to franchise for the 34th time for the 14th Vidhan Sabha elections through a postal ballot at his home in Kalpa. He cast his vote through a postal ballot for the first time.



Adani New Industries installs India’s largest wind turbine, taller than Statue of Unity

- **Adani New Industries Ltd.** has constructed a wind turbine in **Mundra in Gujarat** as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the **Statue of Unity** and has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet.
- **Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL)** has announced the installation of the largest wind turbine generator (WTG) in the nation in Mundra, Gujarat.”



Key Point

- Adani New Industries Ltd Founded: 1988;
- Adani New Industries Ltd Owner: GautamAdani.

India Tops List of Countries With Cheapest Manufacturing Costs

- India has been ranked as the **nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost** ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report. According to the **US News and World Report**, out of 85 nations, **India has bagged the 31st position** in the overall Best Countries ranking.
- The report evaluates **85 countries across 73 attributes**. Attributes are grouped into **10 sub-categories**, including adventure, agility, entrepreneurship, open for business, social purpose and quality of life.
- Under the open-for-business sub-category, **India has scored 100 per cent** when it comes to cheap manufacturing costs. India featured at the **37th spot in the ‘Open for Business’ category**. But in ‘favourable tax environment’, it has scored 16.2 out of 100; 18.1 in the ‘not corrupt’ category and 3.5 in ‘transparent government policies’.

Supreme Court Upholds Constitutional Validity of EWS Quota In 3:2 Verdict

- The **Supreme Court (SC)** upheld the **10 per cent reservation** for the **economically weaker section (EWS)** among forward castes in government jobs and colleges across India. A Bench comprising **Chief**

Justice of India (CJI) U U Lalit and Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S RavindraBhat, Bela M Trivedi, and J B Pardiwala delivered the judgment.

- Of the five judgments delivered, **Justice RavindraBhat and CJI Lalit gave dissenting judgment.**
- Reading out the verdict, Justice Maheshwari said that the **103rd constitutional amendment** for the EWS quota was valid and did not violate the basic structure of the Constitution. Reservation, he said, is an instrument of affirmative action to ensure an all-inclusive march towards the goals of an egalitarian society.

Forbes: Reliance Industries India's best employer, in top 20 worldwide

- According to Forbes' World's Finest Employers rankings 2022, **Reliance Industries**, the nation's largest corporation by revenues, profits, and market value, is India's best employer and the 20th best company to work for globally.
- Oil-to-telecom-to-retail conglomerate **Reliance**, with **2,30,000 employees**, is ranked **20th** – the highest-ranked Indian firm. It is ranked above Mercedes-Benz of Germany, US beverage maker Coca-Cola, Japanese auto giants Honda and Yamaha, and Saudi Aramco.
- The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant **Samsung Electronics**, followed by US giants **Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet and Apple.**



Kerala becomes 1st State to Introduce Uniform Gold Price Based on Bank Rate

- Kerala becomes the first state in India to launch **uniform gold prices** based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce a uniform price on 916 purity 22-carat gold has been taken at a meeting between officials of **Malabar Gold and Diamonds** and key members of the **All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association.**



- Being a top **gold-consuming state** in the country, Kerala can set the stage for a countrywide roll-out of **uniform gold prices.**
- The **selling price** of gold should be unified everywhere in the country. The gold rate should be **uniform across the country** based on the bank rates.
- **Gold** is priced at **Rs 150-300 per gram** extra over the bank rate. In Kerala, gold used to be sold at different prices on a particular day.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has unveiled India's logo, theme and website for its **presidency of the G20**, which reflects the country's message and overarching priorities to the world.
- The G20 logo, created with the four colours of India's national flag, comprises of earth sitting atop a lotus. The seven petals in the logo signify the seven seas and the coming together of seven continents at G20 India 2023.
- The earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life and from this, it derives the theme of G20 India 2023 – **"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future."**



3 Indian women feature in 2022 Asia's Power Businesswomen List

- **Forbes Asia** has unveiled its annual 'Asia's Power Businesswomen' list which features 20 women from the Asia-Pacific region. The list of women bosses features three Indians as well.
- The first Indian women named on the list is **Ghazal Alagh**, co-founder and chief innovation officer of Honasa Consumer, Mamaearth's parent firm.
- Second Indian businesswoman on the list is Soma Mondal, chairperson of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), the first to chair the state-run company. Forbes said that since Mondal becoming SAIL chairperson in



2021, its annual revenue has grown by 50 per cent for the year ended March 31, 2022.

- Namita Thapar, executive director at India business of EmcurePharma, is the third Indian to be named of Forbes Asia's Power Businesswomen 2022 list.

PM Modi flagged off first 'Vande Bharat' train in South India

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express Train on the Mysuru-Chennai route at Krantiveera Sangolli Railway station in Bengaluru.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also flagged off the 'Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan' train which is operated by Karnataka's Muzrai Department under the 'Bharat Gaurav' train policy of Railways.
- In the South, India's 5th Vande Bharat Express Train is the first semi-high-speed train.
- The Vande Bharat Express Train is unique in terms of speed and other modern technological facilities, which will help reduce travel time giving a new experience to passengers.
- PM Modi will also unveil the 108-feet bronze statue of the city's founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda called the 'Statue of Prosperity'.
- He will also inaugurate the Terminal 2 of the International Airport on the outskirts of Bengaluru which is built for ₹5000 crores.



Reliance Jio True-5G services launched in Bengaluru and Hyderabad

- Reliance Jio to extend its Jio True 5G services to Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Reliance has already successfully Beta-launched Jio True-5G in major cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Varanasi, and Nathdwara. Jio True-5G services will help realize the true potential of some of the latest technologies that will serve humanity and improve the quality of life of Indians.
- Reliance Jio has rolled out the advanced True-5G services in a phase-wise manner to ensure better customer reach.

- Jio True-5G is already being experienced by lakhs of users across six cities, the response to which is extremely positive and reassuring.

Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year

- The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership.
- A series of events has been planned to celebrate the occasion throughout the year. As a part of this programme, Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Cambodia under the ASEAN-INDIA Media exchange programme from 8th November to 13th November.
- On the first leg of the visit the delegation visited the Singapore-India Chambers of Commerce and Industries (SICCI) and had an exchange of thoughts on topics such as India-Singapore relations with a specific focus on business-friendly policies and the expectations of business community in Singapore from India.



India's longest river cruise to sail from Varanasi in January 2023

- The government is set to launch the world's longest luxury river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh next year. The world's longest luxury river cruise aims to give a push to Indian inland waterways development.
- The 50 days cruise will set sail from Varanasi and pass-through Kolkata and Dhaka before reaching Bogibeel in the Dibrugarh district of Assam. The cruise will sail on 10th January 2023 and will cover a distance of 4,000 km.
- The world's longest luxury river cruise or the Ganga Vilas cruise will sail from Varanasi to Dibrugarh in the longest river journey of 50 days.



- The 50 days long journey will cover **27 river systems** and visit over **50 tourist sites** including World Heritage Sites.

PM Modi Unveiled 108-foot tall ‘Statue of Prosperity’

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unveiled a 108 feet tall bronze statue of **Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** in Bengaluru. The ‘Statue of Prosperity’ is made to commemorate the contribution of **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** who is the founder of Bengaluru.



- The statue was conceptualized and sculpted by **Ram V Sutar**, who also curated the Statue of Unity. The ‘Statue of Prosperity’ is made with **98 tonnes of bronze and 120 tonnes of steel**.
- PM Modi also flagged off the Chennai-Mysore **Vande Bharat Express** at **Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR)** railway station.
- He also flagged **Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan Train** at KSR railway station in Bengaluru.

TRA Ranks Jio as Strongest Telecom Brand in India

- Jio** ranks as **India’s strongest telecom brand** in India, ahead of **Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd.** The data was unveiled by the brand intelligence and data insights company **TRA**. **TRA**, formerly **Trust Research Advisory**, in its ‘**India’s Most Desired Brands 2022**’ ranked companies according to their brand strength.
- Reliance Jio** topped the telecom category, followed by **Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea Ltd, and BSNL**.
- Adidas** was the top brand followed by **Nike, Raymond, Allen Solly, and Peter England** in the **apparel category**.
- The **automobile list** was topped by **BMW** followed by **Toyota, Hyundai, and Honda**.
- LIC** ranked 1 on the banking and financial services index had **State Bank of India** at number 2 and **ICICI Bank** at 3rd.

India Becomes the World’s Second Largest Producer of Steel

- India has emerged as the **second-largest producer of crude steel** by replacing **Japan**. The **biggest steel**

producing country is currently China, which accounted for **57% of world steel production**.

- In order to support the domestic steel industry, the Government of India has notified the **National Steel Policy, 2017**, and the Policy for Providing Preference to **Domestically Manufactured Iron and Steel (DMI & SP)** in the case of state procurement. These policies have helped create a favorable environment to improve domestic production and consumption of steel.

Rank-Wise List :

Rank 2018	Country	Qty (mt)	Rank 2019	Country	Qty (mt)
1	China	920	1	China	996.3
2	India	109.3	2	India	111.2
3	Japan	104.3	3	Japan	99.3

India Set to Become World’s Most Populous Country in 2023: UN Report

- India is projected to surpass China as the world’s most populous country in 2023**, with each counting **more than 1.4 billion residents** this year, according to the **27th edition of the United Nations’ World Population Prospects, 2022**.
- The **world’s population**, estimated to reach **8 billion** by Nov. 15 this year, **could grow to 8.5 billion in 2030, and 10.4 billion in 2100**, as the pace of mortality slows, said the report released on **World Population Day**.
- The world’s population was growing at its **slowest pace since 1950**, having fallen **below 1% in 2020**, UN estimates showed.
- In 2021, the average fertility of the **world’s population stood at 2.3 births per woman** over a lifetime, having fallen from about 5 births in 1950. **Global fertility is projected to decline further to 2.1 births per woman by 2050**.



Uttarakhand High Court to be shifted to Haldwani from Nainital

- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief



Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhama** in Dehradun. Uttarakhand cabinet has also decided to make strict amendments in the conversion law, wherein forced conversion will now be a cognizable offence.

- With provision of 10 years of punishment under the new law. For this, a bill will be brought in the assembly. The Centre has handed over a 45-acre area near Haldwani for the high court. On October 27, the Central government handed over 45 acres of HMT land in **Ranibag, near Haldwani**, to the state government for its possible use to benefit the people of the area.

Key Point

- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh;
- Uttarakhand Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhama;
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer).

PM Modi to Inaugurate Arunachal's first Greenfield Airport Donyi Polo Airport

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the first Greenfield airport in



Arunachal Pradesh — the **Donyi Polo Airport** at **Itanagar** — and dedicated the **600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station** to the nation. **Northeast India will now have 16 airports.**

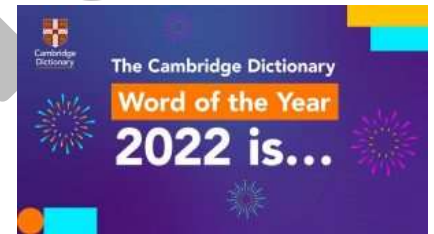
- The name of the airport reflects the **traditions and rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh** and the age-old indigenous reverence to the **Sun ('Donyi')** and the **Moon ('Polo')** in the state.
- The **foundation stone for this airport was laid by the PM in 2019.** The airport, which has been developed in an area of over 690 acres, at the cost of

more than Rs 640 crore is expected to play a major role in improving connectivity and will also contribute to the **growth of trade and tourism in the region**, said **Dilip Sajani, Director, Airport Authority of India.**

- The airport has a **2300 m runway** and is well suited for all weather day operations. The airport terminal is a modern building, which promotes **energy efficiency, renewable energy and the recycling of resources.**

Cambridge Dictionary announced 'Homer' as Word of the Year 2022

- The **Cambridge Dictionary** has revealed its word of the year for 2022 as **"homer"**, saying that it was inspired by the global word game sensation, **Wordle.** The word "homer" was searched for nearly 75,000 times during the first week of May 2022, when it was an answer in the word game Wordle.



- In the context of the game, "homer" doesn't refer to the Greek poet and author, or a character from Simpson, but refers to an informal American English word for a 'home run' in baseball. Cambridge Dictionary also saw other five-letter words surging in search in 2022 due to the **"Wordle effect"**.
- The American spelling of "humor" caused the second-highest spike in 2022, followed by **"caulk"**, **"tacit"**, and **"bayou"**, the third, fourth, and fifth place respectively. Cambridge said that the decision to choose this word was influenced by the famous game 'Wordle'.

India Launches Official Website And Theme of SCO 2023

- India has launched the **official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** as it will host the next SCO summit as a **chairman of organisation in 2023.** The website highlights the events that will be undertaken under the chairmanship of India next year.
- The theme of the event is **"For a SECURE SCO"**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** had floated the concept of SECURE at the **Shanghai Cooperation**

Organisation (SCO) summit in China in 2018.

Explaining the SECURE concept, the Prime Minister said 'S' for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E' for environment protection.

Gautam Borah's new book 'Nalanada – Until we meet again' launched by Ruskin Bond

Gautam Borah, a senior management professional and the author of the widely acclaimed book 'Monetising Innovation', launches his new book 'Nalanada – Until we meet again'. The book was launched by legendary writer Ruskin Bond.



With his new book, Gautam delivers a movie like experience that includes action, adventure, romance, passion, grit & intuition and mystery. The book will lead you to travel through all these in a jaw dropping race.

'Nalanada- until we meet again' is a gripping story of romance, vengeance, and an age-old mystery. It's a story of Neil and Aanchal. Neil meets Aanchal at the iconic University of Oxford and they fall in love. Back in India, Aanchal joins an NGO and Neil a telecom company.

Neil is propelled into a ruthless journey when he becomes a victim of corporate politics. Aanchal's politician father charts a different path for her and she disappears. A stunning revelation from a mysterious sage puts Neil at the crossroads of a century-old mystery Neil needs to take up a journey to Nalanada to complete a larger task to bring Aanchal back in his life.

Mumbai Becomes the First City in South Asia to Top CDP's Climate Action List

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Mumbai has become the first Indian city to be added to the A-list in the 5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP, a non-profit organisation that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions – recognises the important role that cities play in taking bold actions to mitigate and adopt to climate change.

- Mumbai is the most populous city in India, and, globally, the 7th largest in terms of population. Surrounded by the sea on three sides, Mumbai is separated from the mainland by Thane Creek and Harbour Bay. The city is vulnerable to climate change-induced hazards, such as sea level rise, heavy rainfall, storm surges, increasing heat, and tropical cyclones. It is also susceptible to landslides, due to heavy rain that causes many fatalities and physical damage each monsoon season.

Tata to Acquire Packaged Water Giant Bisleri for About ₹7,000 Crore

- Tata Consumer is set to acquire India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri, for an estimated Rs 6,000-7,000 crore. Chairman



TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS LIMITED

Ramesh Chauhan is aiming to disinvest Bisleri International to Tata Consumer Products three decades after selling soft drink brands Thums Up, Gold Spot and Limca to Coca-Cola.

- The current management will continue for two years as part of the deal. Chauhan's ill health and daughter Jayanti's lack of interest in the business is driving him to sell off the company. Selling Bisleri was a painful decision, he said, but believes that the Tata Group will take 'even better' care of it.
- There have been other interested parties such as Reliance Retail, Nestle and Danone. The report stated that talks between Tata and Chauhan have been going on for the past two years.

Modi Tops List of World's Most Popular Leaders with 77% Approval Rating

- Prime Minister



Narendra Modi remains the **world's most popular leader** with an approval rating of 77 percent. This was revealed in a **Global Leader Approval Ratings** released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult.

- The **Indian PM is followed by Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador** at 69 per cent and **Australian PM Anthony Albanese** at 56 per cent, on the second and third spots, respectively. **US President Joe Biden** and **UK's new PM Rishi Sunak** come lower down the list with approval ratings of 41 per cent and 36 per cent, respectively.

Egypt's President invited as **chief guest for Republic Day 2023**

- **India** has invited Egyptian President **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** as the chief guest for the **Republic Day in 2023**, reflecting New Delhi's continuing focus on the Arab world as it prepares for a year of high-profile diplomatic engagements.
- The formal invitation was handed over when external affairs minister **S Jaishankar** met **Sisi** in Cairo on October 16 during an official visit to Egypt, the people said. Egypt is among the nine guest countries invited to the **G20 Summit** under India's presidency in 2023.



Udaipur to Host First G20 Sherpa Meeting in India

- **Udaipur** is gearing up to host the **first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India** from 4 to 7 December. The meeting is aimed at **fostering growth and building bonds** amongst the member nations. **Among the highlights will be** the depiction of Indian culture with wall paintings and illumination of heritage sites across the city.
- The **G20 Sherpa meeting** is expected to be held at the **Darbar Hall at the City Palace Udaipur**. Arrangement is being made at **FatehPrakash Palace**,



Hotel Udai Vilas and Leela Palace to accommodate the delegates for this meeting. The **Royal Dinner** is expected to be held at **Jag Mandir** where the delegates will be treated to delicacies from the Indian cuisine as well as those of the member countries.

First science documentary made in Sanskrit 'Yanam' screened at the 53rd IFFI

- **'Yanam,'** a non-feature film, was screened under the Indian Panorama section at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival at Goa.
- It is based on the autobiographical book **"My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission"** by former space chairman **Padma Bhushan Dr K. Radhakrishnan**. **'Yanam'** movie portrays India's dream project **Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan)**.
- The 45-minute documentary is a complete Sanskrit film by all means as the entire script and dialogues are in the ancient language. The film has been produced by **AV Anoop** under the banner **AVA Productions** with the complete support of **ISRO**.



Vistara to Merge With Air India by 2024

- **Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Tata Sons** announced that they have agreed to **merge Air India and Vistara**, with SIA getting a 25.1 per cent stake in the merged entity at an investment of **Rs 2,058.5 crore (\$250 million)** in **Air India as part of the transaction**.
- The 25.1 per cent stake will be in an enlarged Air India group – it will have **Air India, Vistara, AirAsia India and Air India Express** – and the merger of all airlines is targeted for completion by **March 2024**, subject to regulatory approvals. The group is already in the process of merging **Air India Express and AirAsia**



India into one entity that will provide low-cost flight options.

Mumbai ranks 22nd in Global Prime Cities Index by Knight Frank

- **Mumbai** stood at **22nd rank** in a global index that measures annual price appreciation of premium residential properties, according to **Knight Frank**. In its report on **'Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022'**, Property consultant Knight Frank said that all three Indian cities: **Mumbai, Bengaluru and New Delhi**, registered an increase in average annual prices in the third quarter of 2022.
- The report further cited that **Dubai** recorded the fastest rise in prime prices with an 88.8 per cent increase during a 12-month change (Q3 2021- Q3 2022), while **Wellington** was the weakest performing market with a decline of 18 per cent.
- Some European cities registered strong performance in prime prices during Q3 2022. **Zurich (10.7%), Edinburgh (9.9%), Berlin (9.4%), Dublin (8.6%), and Madrid (5.6%)** have all risen the rankings in the last 12 months despite the drop-in sentiment and the slowdown in the Eurozone's economy.



FSSAI approved Yak as a 'food animal'

- **The Himalayan Yak** has been approved as a **'food animal'** by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)**. The move is expected to help slow the decline of the high-altitude bovine animal population by incorporating it into the conventional milk and meat industries, according to an official at the National Research Centre (NRC) on Yak in Dirang, West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh. The **'food animal'** tag will become official once it is notified in the gazette following approval by a competent authority.
- In India, Yak is found throughout the Himalayan region — **Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, North**



Bengal, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Key Point

- FSSAI Founded: 5 September 2008;
- FSSAI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FSSAI Chairperson: Rita Teatota.

International

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

- **Brazil's electoral authority** said that **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** of the leftist Worker's Party defeated incumbent **Jair Bolsonaro** to become the country's next president.
- With 98.8 per cent of the votes tallied in the runoff vote, da Silva had 50.8 per cent and Bolsonaro 49.2 per cent, and the election authority said da Silva's victory was a mathematical certainty. Da Silva's inauguration is scheduled to take place on January 1, 2023.
- Da Silva the country's former president from **2003-2010** has promised to restore the country's more prosperous past, yet faces headwinds in a polarised society. His victory marks the first time since **Brazil's 1985** return to democracy that the sitting president has failed to win reelection. His inauguration is scheduled to take place on January 1.



Key Point

- Capital: Brasilia;
- Currency: Brazilian real.

Netanyahu And Allies Again Wins 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 per cent of votes counted, **Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party** had earned 32 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament, **the Knesset**.
- Combined with 18 for two **ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties** and 14 for the rising extreme-right alliance called Religious Zionism gave the bloc supporting Netanyahu 64 seats.



- The parties backing centrist caretaker **Prime Minister Yair Lapid** won **51 seats**, a definitive win for Netanyahu that spells an end to Israel's unprecedented era of political deadlock, which forced five elections in less than four years.
- **Shyam Saran Negi**, Born in July 1917, voted for the first time in **1951** in the general elections of India and has voted for sixteen times in Lok Sabha Elections. He cast his vote in every Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha and all local bodies right after 1951. **He has also been made a state election icon in 2014.**

Switzerland created record for operating the longest passenger train

- **Switzerland** is now home to the world's longest passenger train. The train has **100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats**. The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the **Swiss Alps**.
- Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway, the country's railway operators came together to create the new Guinness World Record-holding train which tows **100 carriages, weighs 2,990 tons, and measures 1.91 km (1.19 miles) long**.



Key Point

- Switzerland Currency: Swiss franc;
- Switzerland Capital: Bern.

Russia Becomes India's Top Oil Supplier In October

- Surpassing traditional suppliers **Saudi Arabia and Iraq**, **Russia** has emerged as the **top oil supplier** to India in October. This comes amid an **ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine** that has also seen many Western nations issue sanctions against Russian Federation.
- The data shows that Russia, **which made up for just 0.2 per cent of all oil imported by India** in the year to March 31, 2022, supplied 935,556 barrels per day



(bpd) of crude oil to India in October — the highest ever. **Russia now supplies almost 22% of India's total crude imports**, ahead of Iraq's 20.5 per cent and Saudi Arabia's 16 per cent.

Netherlands Turns Top Buyer of Indian Petro-Products Amid Ukraine War

- The Netherlands has emerged as the **top destination for India's petroleum product exports** such as petrol and diesel in the first half of the current fiscal year. This change comes in the wake of the **Ukraine war**, with **India continuing to buy discounted crude oil from sanctions-hit Russia**.
- This bump in exports has also resulted in the Netherlands becoming the **third biggest market for India's overall exports**, thereby replacing China. **China is now displaced to the 4th position**, accounting for just **3.3% of total outbound shipments**.

A new book title "Winning the Inner Battle" authored by Shane Watson

- A new book titled **"Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the best version of you to cricket"** is authored by **Shane Watson**.
- This book will give you all of the information that you will ever need to deeply understand how to bring the best version of yourself every time your best performance is needed.

US Treasury Removes India From Its Currency Monitoring List

- The US Department of Treasury removed **India along with Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its Currency Monitoring List**. **China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan are the seven economies that are a part of the current monitoring list**, the Department of Treasury said in its biannual report to the Congress.
- **China's failure to publish foreign exchange intervention and broader lack of transparency** around key features of its exchange rate mechanism makes it an outlier among major



economies and warrants Treasury's close monitoring, said the report.

- The move came on a day when **Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen** visited New Delhi and held talks with **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**. On her first visit to India, United States Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen quoted **President Joe Biden**, saying that **India is an "indispensable partner to the United States"**. **India had been on the list for the last two years**.

ASEAN Agreed to Admit East Timor as 11th member

- The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** has agreed in principle to admit **East Timor as the group's 11th member**, the 10 member-bloc said in a statement, more than a decade after the country requested membership.
- The **half-island nation**, officially called **Timor Leste**, will also be granted observer status at **high-level ASEAN meetings**, the bloc said after regional leaders met in **Phnom Penh for a summit**. The country would be the **first new member of the regional grouping in more than two decades**, since **Cambodia was admitted in 1999**.
- **East Timor province remained in Portuguese possession until 1975**, when one of the major political parties there, **Fretilin (Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor)**, gained control of much of the territory and in November declared its independence as the **Democratic Republic of East Timor**.



17th G20 Summit Begins in Bali, Indonesia

- World leaders from across the planet, including **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, **US President Joe Biden**, and **Chinese President Xi Jinping**, have converged in **Indonesia**, for the 17th Group of 20 (G20) Summit, taking place in the **city of Bali**.



- The two-day summit is themed **“Recover Together, Recover Stronger”** and focuses on global economic recovery, global health architecture, digital transformation, sustainable energy transition and climate change, among other topics.
- The conference could possibly see **Modi-Xi interacting one-on-one** since the Galwan border clash in June 2020. In the list of firsts, **US President Biden met with his Chinese counterpart** for the first time since taking office. Their meeting came amid a time of uncertainty and increased tensions between the superpowers.

Day of Eight Billion: United Nations

- **On 15 November 2022**, the world’s population is projected to reach **8 billion people**, a milestone in human development. This unprecedented growth is due to the gradual increase in human lifespan owing to improvements in public health, nutrition, personal hygiene and medicine. It is also the result of high and persistent levels of fertility in some countries.
- This projection was revealed in the **United Nation’s World Population Prospectus 2022**. The prospectus was released on World Population Day, which fell on July 11. However, it began garnering widespread attention only recently with the day of 8 billion fast approaching.
- While it took the global population 12 years to grow from 7 to 8 billion, it will take approximately 15 years—until 2037—for it to reach 9 billion, a sign that the overall growth rate of the global population is slowing.



Key Point

- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA;
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945.

Jeff Bezos Amazon Company Becomes the First Company in History to Lose \$1 trillion Market Cap

- **Amazon.com Inc.** is the world’s first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value as a combination of **rising inflation, tightening**

monetary policies and disappointing earnings updates **triggered a historic selloff in the stock this year.**

- Shares in the **e-commerce and cloud company** fell **4.3%**, pushing its market value to **about \$879 billion** from a record close at **\$1.88 trillion on July 2021**. The stock has lost around **48% of its value this year alone**, and is a far cry from July 2021 when the **company’s market cap almost touched \$1.9 trillion.**
- Amazon’s market value fell below the \$1 trillion mark on November 1, days after the company posted mixed third-quarter earnings and projected the company’s slowest fourth-quarter growth ever.

Russia Replaces China to Become the Biggest Supplier of Fertilizers to India

- **Russia has become India’s biggest fertilizer supplier** for the first time. **Russian exporters** reportedly grabbed a **21% share of the Indian fertilizer market** in the first half of the 2022-23 fiscal year, **overtaking China, previously India’s largest supplier.**
- **Russian exports** reportedly surged **371%**, to a **record 2.15 million tons** from April to October. In monetary terms, **India’s imports over this period increased by 765%**, to **\$1.6 billion**. Russia’s share of Indian fertilizer imports was hovering around 6% during the last fiscal year, while **China’s stood at 24%**. In the first half of 2022-23, **China’s exports to India halved to 1.78 million tons amid growing Russian supplies.**
- **Global prices for fertilizers jumped in March after the US, the EU and allied states introduced sanctions against fertilizer supplies from Russia and Belarus.** While Western countries have since backtracked on the ban, Russia has found new markets, mostly in Asia, for its exports.



US Bans the Use of Chinese Companies Huawei, ZTE Telecom Equipment Sales

- The **Biden administration** has banned approvals of new **telecommunications equipment from China’s Huawei Technologies and ZTE** because they

pose “an unacceptable risk” to U.S. national security.

- The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said, it had adopted the final rules, which also bar the sale or import of equipment made by China’s surveillance equipment maker Dahua Technology, video surveillance firm Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology and telecoms firm Hytera Communications Corp.
- The five-member FCC said, it had voted unanimously to adopt new rules that will block the importation or sale of the targeted products.

Australia’s Great Barrier Reef TO be listed as a World Heritage Site

- UN panel has recommended that Australia’s Great Barrier Reef should be listed as a World Heritage site that is in danger. The UN also informed that the world’s biggest coral reef ecosystem was significantly impacted by climate change and the warming of oceans.



- Frequent bleaching events are threatening the reef, including four over the last seven years and the first during a La Nina phenomenon.
- A report by UNESCO informed that the resilience of the Reef to recover from climate change impacts is substantially compromised.
- The report was expected to be released ahead of the UNESCO World Heritage committee meeting however it was postponed due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

New Zealand Supreme Court Rules Voting Age of 18 is Discriminatory in the Country

- New Zealand’s voting age has been ruled discriminatory by the country’s highest court. The case was brought by advocacy group make it 16 in 2020, in a bid to lower the voting age from 18 to 16.



- The Supreme Court found the current voting age of 18 was inconsistent with the country’s Bill of Rights, which gives people a right to be free from age discrimination when they turn 16.
- The group argues there is no reason to stop 16 year olds voting when they can drive, work full-time and pay tax.

Defence

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

- **India's Ministry of Defence is the world's biggest employer with 2.92 million people**, which includes combined active service personnel, reservists and civilian staff, according to a report in 'Statista'.
- A touch ahead of the United States equivalent, the Department of Defense. **Statista is a Germany-based private organisation** that provides data and statistics about various issues worldwide.
- According to **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**, the five largest spenders in 2021 were the **United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia**, together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure. The total global military expenditure reached **USD 2113 billion** in 2021.



Indian Navy participates Malabar Naval Exercise in Japan

- **India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise** begins in Yokosuka of **Japan**. In the Malabar Naval Exercise, **Australia, Japan and the USA** are also participating. The naval forces of these countries will take part in the exercise till the 18th of next month. **Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta** are ready to demonstrate at the event.
- The presence of these indigenously built ships of the **Indian Navy** at these multi-national events will be an opportunity to showcase the ship-building capabilities of Indian Shipyards.
- The **MALABAR** exercise was initiated in 1992 between the navies of India and the United States.
- The **International Fleet Review** will be reviewed by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and will see the participation of 40 ships and submarines from 13 countries.



'YudhAbhyas', India-US joint military exercise to start in Uttrakhand

- The **YudhAbhyas** is a 15-day-long exercise that will focus on **high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare**. Exercise **YudhAbhyas** is conducted annually between **India and US** to exchange best practices, Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures between the two nations' Armies.
- The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at **Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA)** in October 2021.
- **US Army soldiers of the 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division** and **Indian Army** soldiers from the Assam Regiment will be participating in the exercise.
- The schedule will include all operations related to **peacekeeping and peace enforcement**.
- The troops from both **nations** will work together to achieve common objectives.



Vikram-S Rocket Launched By ISRO, India's First Privately Developed Rocket

- **Vikram-S Rocket**, India's first privately developed rocket launched from the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** at the **Sriharikota** launchpad. The launch of **Vikram-S Rocket** by ISRO is a historic moment.
- The **Vikram-S Rocket** is developed by Hyderabad-based start-up **Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited**, and it is a 6-meter tall and hits a peak altitude of 89.5 kilometers. After five minutes of launch, the **Vikram-S Rocket** splashed into the Bay of Bengal. The mission was titled **Prarambh**.
- The **Vikram-S Rocket** is a single-stage solid fuelled, sub-orbital rocket developed over two years by incorporating advanced technologies that include **carbon composite structures and 3D printer components**.



Garuda Shakti 2022: India-Indonesia joint exercise kicks off in Karawang

- The Special Forces of India and Indonesia commenced the joint military exercise **Garuda Shakti**. The exercise is currently underway in **Indonesia** at **SanggaBuana Training Area, Karawang**. The eighth



edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti focuses on enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.

- The goal of the joint exercise is to advance the special forces' skills. It also aims to share information on new weapons, equipment, tactics, techniques, and procedures, as well as lessons learned from previous operations.

Key Point

- Indonesia Capital: Jakarta;
- Indonesia Currency: Indonesian rupiah;
- Indonesia President: Joko Widodo.

14th Edition Of Aero India 2023 to be Held From 13-17 February 2023 in Bengaluru

- The 14th edition of Aero India will be held from February 13-17, 2023 at the Air Force Station in **Yelahanka, announced the Ministry of Defence (MoD)**. The previous edition of the biennial event was held in a hybrid model in 2021 due to Covid as there were several restrictions in place.
- Asia's premier air show** which was traditionally held for **five days was cut short to three**. The 14th edition is scheduled for five days and the general public too will be allowed.



Appointments or Resign/Retired

Subhrakant Panda named as President of FICCI

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has announced Mr **Subhrakant**

Panda as its President-Elect. Mr Panda is currently the Senior Vice President of FICCI. He shall succeed Mr **Sanjiv**



Mehta as President of the apex chamber at the conclusion of the 95th Annual General Meeting to be held on December 16th-17th, 2022.

- Mr Panda is Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) which is the country's leading, fully integrated producer of ferroalloys with captive mining and power generation employing 6500 people. He has handled various responsibilities in IMFA, and implemented expansion plans after he was appointed Managing Director which led to significant growth in revenue & profitability.

Key Point

- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi.

Law Commission Constituted After 4 Years; Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi Appointed As Chairperson

- The central government appointed chairperson and members of the Law Commission over two and a half years after it was constituted. **Retired Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Rituraj Awasthi** appointed as the chairperson of the commission.
- The Law Commission is constituted for three years and the **22nd Law Commission** was notified on February 24, 2020. The law panel has been lying vacant since the retirement of former Supreme Court judge Justice BS Chauhan in 2018.

Justice DY Chandrachud to Take Oath As New Chief Justice of India

- Senior-most Supreme Court judge and **Chief Justice of India-designate Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud** is all set to become the **50th head of the Indian judiciary** when **President Draupadi Murmu** would administer the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Justice Chandrachud, born on November 11, 1959,** was elevated to the top court on May 13, 2016.
- He has been part of several Constitution benches and landmark verdicts of the top court including on matters relating to the **Ayodhya land dispute, the right to privacy and adultery.** Justice Chandrachud was also part of the benches which delivered path-breaking judgements on decriminalising same-sex relations after it partially **struck down Section 377 of the IPC, the validity of the Aadhaar scheme and the Sabarimala issue.**



Adidas appoints Bjorn Gulden as CEO of the company

- Adidas** has appointed **Bjorn Gulden**, the CEO of rival Puma, as its new chief executive, and he will take over the German sportswear brand in January as the company.
- Gulden will replace **Kasper Rorsted**, Adidas' CEO since 2016, whose departure was announced in August. Puma, which like Adidas is based in the southern German town of Herzogenaurach, said its chief commercial officer, **Arne Freundt**, will replace Gulden as its CEO.



Key Point

- Adidas Headquarters: Herzogenaurach, Germany;
- Adidas Founder: Adolf Dassler;
- Adidas Founded: 18 August 1949, Herzogenaurach, Germany.

Switzerland Tourism: Neeraj Chopra becomes 'Friendship Ambassador' of Switzerland

- Switzerland Tourism** has appointed Olympic Gold medalist **Neeraj Chopra** as the **'Friendship Ambassador'**. In his new role, the talented Indian sports superstar will showcase and promote the adventurous, sporty, and stunning outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers.
- As Switzerland Tourism's 'Friendship Ambassador', Chopra will share his experiences in the country to showcase it as the ideal destination for outdoors and the best destination for hiking, biking, soft and extreme adventure and of course snow sports, for everyone be it beginners or seasoned pros.
- The athlete also donated his **gold-winning javelin** to The Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland in September this year. The museum founded by the **International Olympic Committee in 1993** showcases the richness and diversity of Olympism through history, culture, design, technology, and sociology with sports as the main element. Mary Kom's gloves as well as Dhyana Chand's hockey was already a part of the exhibits at the Museum.



Key Point

- Switzerland Currency: Swiss franc;
- Switzerland Capital: Bern.

New Zealand's Greg Barclay unanimously re-elected as Chairman of ICC for 2 year

- New Zealand's **Greg Barclay** unanimously re-elected as the **International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman** for another two-year term after his rival, Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) chairman **Tavengwa Mukhhlani**, pulled out of the contest late. Barclay, who served his first stint as ICC chair between 2022 and this November, will now be in the position until 2024.
- Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, was originally appointed as the ICC Chair in November



2020. He was previously the Chair of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and was a director of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015. In July, Barclay publicly expressed his desire to continue for a second term.

- Besides Barclay's re-election, **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** secretary **Jay Shah** was elected as the head of ICC's all powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee at the board meeting. Shah will have the responsibility of heading ICC's most important committee. All the major financial policy decisions are taken by the F&CA committee before it is ratified by the ICC board.

1995-batch Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi appointed Prasar Bharati CEO

- Senior IAS officer, **Gaurav Dwivedi** was appointed the **Chief Executive Officer** of public broadcaster **Prasar Bharati**. A 1995-batch officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, Mr. Dwivedi will have a five-year tenure from the date he assumes charge.
- Earlier, Mr. Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia, the citizen engagement platform of the government. He has been awarded the Prime Minister's Award for his excellent work in administration. He replaces **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**.
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati** was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022. After Mr. Vempati completed his five-year tenure, **Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Agrawal** was given the additional charge of CEO Prasar Bharati in June this year.



Key Point

- Prasar Bharati Founded: 23 November 1997, New Delhi;
- Prasar Bharati Headquarters: New Delhi.

Ex-Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Virmani named as full-time member of NITI Aayog

- Former Chief Economic Advisor, **Arvind Virmani** has been appointed as a full time member of **NITI Aayog**. The other existing Members of NITI Aayog

are **VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul**. While **Suman Bery** is the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, **Parameswaran** is the incumbent CEO of the think tank.

- The Prime Minister has approved the appointment of **Shri Arvind Virmani**, Founder, Chairman, Foundation for Economic Growth & Welfare as Full-Time Member, NITI Aayog with immediate effect and until further orders, on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to Full-Time Members of NITI Aayog.
- Virmani** was Chief Economic Advisor in the Finance Ministry from 2007-09. He was Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) till end 2012. He served as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on monetary policy from February 2013 to August 2016.

Key Point

- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman: **Suman Bery**;
- NITI Aayog CEO: **Parameswaran Iyer**.

President Sh. Murmu appoints Dr CV Ananda Bose as Governor of West Bengal

- President Droupadi Murmu** has appointed **Dr CV Ananda Bose** as the **Governor of West Bengal**. **Bose** (71) is a 1977 batch (retired) Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Kerala cadre. He last served as an administrator in the National Museum here before superannuating in 2011. His appointment will take effect on the date he assumes charge of his office.
- Bose** has worked both in his cadre state Kerala and in the Centre in different positions. He has been the district collector of Quilon district (now Kollam) in Kerala, served as the secretary to the then chief minister of the state and as additional secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, among others, according to his official records.



Key Point

- Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court: **Prakash Shrivastava**
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: **Mamata Banerjee**

SandhyaDevanathan Appointed as Meta's New India Head

- Facebook-parent **Meta** has appointed **SandhyaDevanathan** as its new top executive for the country two weeks after the departure of former India head **Ajit Mohan**. Devanathan will transition to her new role on 1 January 2023. Devanathan currently serves as vice president of gaming for **Meta's Asia-Pacific (APAC)** division.
- In her new role, SandhyaDevanathan will report to **Dan Neary**, vice president of Meta's overall APAC business.
- Devanathan** served as the country managing director for **Singapore** and business head for **Vietnam**.
- Devanathan's appointment follows **high-profile exits** from the company's India ventures.
- On **3rd November 2022**, Meta announced the departure of erstwhile country head, **Ajit Mohan**, with immediate effect.
- an improvement in volumes in the second half of the financial year ending March 2023 and beyond.



Anwar Ibrahim Sworn in As Malaysia's New Prime-Minister

- Malaysia's veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim** has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister, after several days of post-election deadlock. The new leader was appointed by **King Sultan Abdullah**, after elections over the weekend resulted in an unprecedented hung parliament.
- Neither **Mr Anwar** nor **ex-premier Muhyiddin Yassin** had won the simple majority needed to form a government. Mr Anwar's **Pakatan Harapan (PH) party**, which won



the biggest share of seats in this election, does not have enough seats on its own to form a government.

- It is not clear what form the new government will take; whether a **formal coalition of parties**, a minority government with other parties offering a confidence and supply agreement, or a **national unity government including all the main parties**.

Nepal: SherBahadurDeuba elected for consecutive 7th time from Dadeldhura district

- In Nepal, Prime Minister **SherBahadurDeuba** has elected for the **consecutive 7th time** from the home district of **Dadeldhura**. The counting of votes continues for parliamentary and provincial elections in the country.
- Senior Nepali Congress leader, Mr. Deuba defeated an independent candidate **Sagar Dhakal** by a margin of over 12 thousand votes. The 77-year-old Nepali Congress president Deuba is currently holding the post of Prime Minister for the fifth term.



Key Point

- Nepal Capital: Kathmandu;
- Nepal Currency: Nepalese rupee;
- Nepal President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari.

Retired IAS ArunGoel appointed as Election Commissioner of India

- President **Droupadi Murmu** has appointed retired IAS **ArunGoel** as the Election Commissioner in the Election Commission with effect from the date he assumes the office.
- A Punjab cadre officer of the 1985 batch, Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner **Rajiv Kumar** and Election Commissioner **Anup Chandra Pandey** in the poll panel.
- Till recently, Mr Goel was the heavy industries secretary and has also served in the Union Culture ministry. He was to retire on December 31, 2022, but his voluntary retirement came into effect on November 18.

Key Point

- Chief Election Commissioner of India: **Rajiv Kumar**;
- Other Election Commissioner: **Anup Chandra Pandey**;

- Election Commission Formed: 25 January 1950;

Lt General Asim Munir Appointed as New Army Chief of Pakistan

- Pakistan Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** appointed **Lieutenant General Asim Munir** as the new army chief of the country, replacing incumbent **General Qamar Javed Bajwa**. Information minister **Mariyum Aurangzeb** announced the appointment on **Twitter** ending weeks of speculation over what some call the most powerful position in the South Asian nation.
- Pakistan's military has directly ruled the country of **220 million people** for nearly half of its 75-year history.
- Lieutenant General **Sahir Shamshad** will take charge as the chairman of the **Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee**
- **PM Sharif** held a cabinet meeting earlier where he selected **Munir** from a list of six nominees for the top military post.
- **Munir** is currently posted at the army headquarters in **Rawalpindi**. He has served briefly as chief of the country's premier intelligence agency, the **Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)**.



Honours/ Awards

Puneeth Rajkumar conferred 'Karnataka Ratna' posthumously

- The **Karnataka** government honored the late actor with the **Karnataka Ratna award** on 1st November 2022. The late **Kannada Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar's** last film, **Gandhada Gudi**, was released on 28th October 2022. **Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar**, Puneeth Rajkumar's wife, received the state's highest civilian award on her husband's behalf.
- The event was also attended by **Shiva Rajkumar**, Appu's elder brother. Puneeth Rajkumar became the ninth recipient of the prestigious award with his posthumous honor. The award was presented by renowned actors **Rajnikanth and Junior NTR**, along with the **Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murthy**.



Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award

- **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman:** The **Uttarakhand** government announced that this year's **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman** would be given to **National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval**, poet **Prasoon Joshi**, and three other individuals for their notable achievements.
- **Ajit Doval** will get the prize, along with former Chief of Defence Staff **Gen. Bipin Rawat**, late poet and author **Virendra Singh**, and late journalist **Virendra Singh**.
- Journalist and poet **Virendra Singh**, who passed away, will receive the honour posthumously. Numerous **Hindi poetry** by the late **Virendra Singh** have received praise from literary critics.



- Every year, the government of Uttarakhand honours individuals with the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman in recognition of their accomplishments in their various disciplines.

Arfa Khanum Sherwani to Receive Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman Award for 2022

- The Gandhi Peace Foundation has announced the award of its prestigious **Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022** to The Wire's senior editor **Arfa Khanum Sherwani**. The announcement was made at a press conference held at New Delhi's Press Club of India by the well-known academic and author, **Ashis Nandy**. Nandy also announced that the awardee for 2021 was the independent journalist and YouTuber, **Ajit Anjum**.



- The award honours the legacy of journalist, author and human rights activist Kuldip Nayar and is awarded to journalists working in Indian languages contributing to democratic values and independent media. The awards will be formally conferred at a public function later in the year. Under this award received by the Gandhi Peace Foundation, a cash amount of one lakh rupees is given to the selected journalists. Apart from this, he is also honored with a citation.

Nobel laureate Venki Ramakrishnan honoured UK's royal Order of Merit

- India-born Nobel laureate Professor **Venki Ramakrishnan** has been awarded the prestigious **Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III** in recognition of his distinguished service to science.
- The 70-year-old UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in September and the first to be appointed by Charles. The Order of Merit is an exclusive mark of honour conferred by the British sovereign.



- The **Order of Merit, founded in 1902 by King Edward VII**, is conferred on individuals of exceptional distinction in the armed forces, science, arts, and literature, or for the promotion of culture based on the personal choice of the monarch.

53rd IFFI: Spanish Film Director and writer Carlos Saura to be given Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

- Spanish filmmaker **Carlos Saura**, who received the Golden Bear for Best Director at the Berlin International Film Festival for *Deprisa Deprisa*, along with two Silver Bears for *La caza* and *Peppermint Frappe*, a BAFTA for *Carmen* and three awards at Cannes, among several others, will be honoured with the **53rd IFFI, Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award and an eight-film retrospective at IFFI**.
- The Austrian film 'Alma and Oskar', directed by Dieter Berner, will open the annual festival while Krzysztof Zanussi's 'Perfect Number' is the closing film.
- **France** is the 'Spotlight' country and 8 films will be screened under 'Country Focus' package.



Khalid Jawed's wins the 2022 JCB Prize for Literature

- Author **Khalid Jawed's** "The Paradise of Food", translated by Baran Farooqi from Urdu, won the fifth JCB Prize for Literature. The book, originally published as "Ne'mat Khana" in 2014, is the fourth translation to win the award and the first work in Urdu.
- "The Paradise of Food" tells the story of a middle-class joint Muslim family over a span of fifty years where the narrator struggles to find a place for himself, at odds in his home and the world outside.
- Jawed received the prize money of **Rs 25 lakh** along with a trophy, a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral and Tagra, "Mirror Melting". Baran Farooqi also



received an additional Rs 10 lakh for the award. The winner was selected by a panel of five judges, consisting of journalist and editor AS Panneerselvam, author Amitabha Bagchi, author-academician Rakhee Balaram, translator-historian J Devika and author Janice Pariat.

Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama honoured with Gandhi Mandela award

- The 14th Dalai Lama was conferred the **Gandhi Mandela Award 2022** at Thekchen Choeling in Dharamshala's McLeod Ganj by Himachal Pradesh governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar. The Tibetan spiritual leader, receiving the peace prize from the New Delhi-based Gandhi Mandela Foundation. The event was attended by former Chief Justice of India Justice KG Balakrishnan and former Supreme Court Justice Gyan Sudha Misra.
- The award is given to personalities who have carried forward the legacies of Gandhi and Mandela by making significant contributions in the fields of Peace, Social Welfare, Culture, Environment, Education, Healthcare, Sports and Innovation.



53rd IFFI 2022: Chiranjeevi honoured with Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022

- At the opening ceremony of the **53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, Telugu superstar **Chiranjeevi** was honoured with the **Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 award**.
- Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced that the Indian Film Personality of the Year award will be conferred upon megastar Chiranjeevi. In a career spanning nearly four decades, Chiranjeevi has acted in more than 150 films, primarily in the Telugu film industry.



India's Purnima Devi Barman is one of UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' for 2022

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

Film 'Dear Diary' wins 53-Hour Challenge for 75 creative minds

- Team Purple, with its newly minted **"Dear Diary"** was named the winner of the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow talent campus, a segment of the **International Film Festival of India**. The winning film "Dear Diary" told a story of a woman who is forced to confront her past trauma when she meets with her sister, who wants to visit the same venue where her abuse previously took place.
- The films were judged by a three-member jury chaired by celebrated filmmaker Mani Ratnam along with CEO and Shorts TV founder Carter Pilcher and Armstrong Pame, deputy secretary (Films-I) at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya wins UNESCO Award

- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS)** was conferred with the **'Award of Excellence'** at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022.



- In late 2019, the museum—in the run-up to its centenary celebration on January 10, 2022—initiated comprehensive repairs, restoration and refurbishment of the main and extension building, exterior and interiors and main dome in a phased manner. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was established as the **Prince of Wales Museum of Western India in 1922**.
- The Domakonda Fort of Telangana and Byculla Station of Mumbai are among the winners in the ‘Award of Merit’ category, while the stepwells of Golconda in Hyderabad has won an award in the ‘Award of Distinction’ category.
- Topdara Stupa, Charikar, Afghanistan, and Nantian Buddhist Temple, Fujian, China, have also received the ‘Award of Merit’.

53rd edition International Film Festival of India concludes

- The **53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** came to an end at a ceremony held at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium near **Panaji** on 28 November 2022.
- The **53rd edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** has concluded with Spanish film ‘**I Have Electric Dreams**’ directed by Valentina Maurel winning the prestigious ‘Golden Peacock’ for the best film of the festival.
- The closing ceremony of IFFI was held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee indoor stadium in Taleigao, Goa.



Sports

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.



Asian Hockey Federation CEO Tayyab Ikram elected as new FIH president

- Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO, **Mohammad Tayyab Ikram** of Macau was elected as the new president of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**, succeeding



India's **Narinder Batra** as its full-time chief.

- Ikram defeated **Marc Coudron** of Belgium 79-47 in the 48th FIH Congress held virtually. Out of 129 national associations, 126 casted valid votes. The duration of Ikram's term will be for two years, in order to complete the mandate of the previous chief, Batra, who resigned on July 18.

Key Point

- International Hockey Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Hockey Federation CEO: Thierry Weil (Apr 2018–);
- International Hockey Federation Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France;

Indian men's squash team won gold medal in Asian Squash Team Championships

- The Indian men's team, led by the seasoned Saurav Ghosal, clinched its first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships with a 2-0 win over Kuwait in the final. Star player Ghosal sealed the victory after Ramit Tandon had given India the lead with a fluent straight games win over Ali Aramezi (11-5, 11-7, 11-4).
- Ghosal then made short work of Ammar Altamimi 11-9, 11-2, 11-3 to give the team an unassailable lead. The third match between Abhay Singh and Falah Mohammad was not played as the tie had been decided following wins for Tandon and Ghosal.
- It is the biggest win of Indian Men's Team since they won 2014 Asian Games Gold. The Indian men's team has won three silver medals in the Asian Team Squash Championships and seven bronze medals
- Hong Kong upset favourites Malaysia to win the women's Asian Team Championship title for the fourth time this millennium. Earlier, the Indian women's team settled for the Bronze medal after losing to Malaysia 1-2 in the semifinals.



Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav becomes 1st Indian player to score 1,000 T20 runs

- Star Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav has become the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year. The batter accomplished this feat in his side's final Super 12 stage match against Zimbabwe in Melbourne cricket ground (MCG), Australia.
- In the match, Suryakumar put his perfect finishing touches to make sure India finished their innings on a high. He scored 61 not out of just 25 balls, consisting of six fours and four sixes. In 28 innings this year,



Suryakumar has scored 1,026 runs at an average of 44.60.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20: Mumbai beats Himachal in final to clinch maiden title

- Domestic giants Mumbai produced a near-perfect performance to beat Himachal Pradesh by three wickets in the final and won their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy title at Eden Gardens, Kolkata. The 15th edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, a Twenty20(T20) competition that is played in India, was held from 11th October 2022 to 5th November 2022.
- Put into bat first, Himachal posted a total of 143/8 in 20 overs with Ekant Sen (37 off 29) top-scoring for them. In reply, Mumbai chased down the target in 19.3 overs with three wickets in hand. Sarfaraz Khan scored 36 runs and Tanush Kotian claimed three wickets, which paved the way to win the trophy.



India's Virat Kohli becomes first batter to score 4000 runs in T20Is

- Indian star cricketer, Virat Kohli has scripted history as he became the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals. Kohli reached the landmark in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 against England in Adelaide.
- Earlier, Kohli became the all-time leading run-scorer in the men's T20 World Cups against Bangladesh in Adelaide, overtaking Mahela Jayawardene's record of 1016 runs, which was set in 2014. Kohli, remarkably, raced to the magnificent milestone while batting at an average of 53.34. He is the only batter in the shortest format to average over 50 and reached the milestone in 115 matches.



T20 World Cup 2022 Final: England beats Pakistan by 5 wickets

- **England** were crowned the champions after they defeated **Pakistan** by 5 wickets in the final at the iconic **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Australia**.
- They are the first team to hold the ODI and T20 World Cups at the same time after their memorable win over New Zealand in the 2019 50-over final at Lord's. England also emulated West Indies to become only the second team in the history of the competition to lift two titles in the T20 World Cup.
- T20WC Men's Player of the Tournament: **Sam Curran (12 wickets in six matches)**;
- **Sam Curran** was adjudged the man of the match for his performance where he took three wickets for just 12 runs from his four overs in the game;
- Over 80,000 people attended the finals of the T20 World Cup in Australia.



Most Valued Team of 2022 T20 World Cup: Kohli, Suryakumar named in the list

- **The ICC T20 World Cup 2022** is done, and this was one of the most competitive tournaments, according to ICC. **England** won the tournament by beating Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Melbourne. After the tournament, ICC have decided the most valuable team of the tournament.
- **Virat Kohli** and **Suryakumar Yadav** have been named the Most Valuable Team of the ICC T20 World Cup 2022. **Jos Buttler** has been named as captain of T20 World Cup team. **Hardik Pandya** is named the 12th man.



Most Valuable Team of the T20 World Cup 2022:

1. Alex Hales (England)
2. Jos Buttler (c/wk) (England)
3. Virat Kohli (India)
4. Suryakumar Yadav (India)
5. Glenn Phillips (New Zealand)

6. Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)
7. Shadab Khan (Pakistan)
8. Sam Curran (England)
9. Anrich Nortje (South Africa)
10. Mark Wood (England)
11. Shaheen Shah Afridi (Pakistan)
12. Hardik Pandya (India)

Gagan Narang, Mary Kom, PV Sindhu & Mirabai elected as IOA Athletes Commission member

- Olympic medallists **MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu** and **Gagan Narang** were among 10 eminent sportspersons elected as members of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes Commission**. All the 10 elected members of the apex body, five men and as many women, won unopposed in the polls.
- Under the new constitution of the Indian Olympic Association which was adopted on November 10, the athletes commission is to have equal representation of male and female members.



Key Point

- Indian Olympic Association Founded: 1927;
- Indian Olympic Association Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Olympic Association President: Adille Sumariwalla;

Paris Olympics 2024: Phrygian cap chosen as Paris 2024 mascot

- **The Phrygian cap**, the symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, was unveiled as the mascot for the **2024 Paris Olympics**. The Olympic Phryge ((pronounced fri-jee-uhs) is a bit smaller, the Paralympic Phryge is a bit slimmer and has a blade on his right leg because it is a Phryge with an impairment.
- The mascots were unveiled in a press conference in Paris by Paris 2024 president Tony Estanguet, Beijing 2008 wheelchair tennis men's doubles champion



Michael Jeremiasz and Gwladys Epangue, a bronze medallist in taekwondo from Beijing 2008.

Gianni Infantino set to get third term as FIFA president

- **Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)** president **Gianni Infantino** is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body after no candidate stepped up to challenge him. Infantino won a five-candidate race in 2016 to replace **Sepp Blatter**, and was re-elected unopposed in 2019.
- He's now set to stay in the job beyond the **2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico**. Infantino's upcoming re-election to the **\$3 million-per-year job** may not be his final term in office. FIFA rules allow him to run again to stay in power for another World Cup cycle until 2031.

Key Point

- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

Paddler Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian player elected to ITTF

- Star Indian paddler **Achanta Sharath Kamal** has become the first player from India to get elected in the **Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)**. The online elections took place between 7 to 13 November 2022.
- 10 athletes were elected for the ITTF Athletes' Commission for a four-year term from 2022 to 2026. Eight athletes were elected from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, North America, and Oceania region and two were highest-voted para-athletes.
- Amongst all elected players Sharath Kamal got the second highest votes after 2012 table tennis World Cup silver medallist **Elizabeta Samara** of Romania. Sharath Kamal was also recently elected as the member of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Sharath has already been selected for **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**, the country's highest sports recognition this year. He



also received the **Padma Shri**, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in 2019.

Carlos Alcaraz becomes the youngest world No. 1 ATP Player

- **Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz** has become the **youngest year-end ATP World Number 1**, making him the first teenager to achieve this feat. Alcaraz has shown an incredible rise in the world of **tennis** this year.
- He soared from number 32 to the top of this sport's mountain on September 12, which is also the biggest jump to number one in 50 editions of year-end **ATP rankings**.

22nd FIFA World Cup 2022 kick starts in Al Khor, Qatar

- The **22nd FIFA men's world cup** was formally declared open at a colourful ceremony held at the **Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar on 20 November**. It is for the first time that an Arab country is hosting the football tournament.
- 32 teams will play for the most coveted prize in international football, with the final scheduled to take place on December 18 at the Lusail stadium, the biggest one among the eight stadiums being used to host the World Cup.
- On December 18, 2022, Qatar's National Day, the opening game takes place at Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor between **Qatar and Ecuador**.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is **Al Rihla**.
- The official mascot of the Qatar World Cup is **La'eeb**. The adventurous, fun and curious La'eeb was unveiled during the Qatar 2022 Final Draw, which took place in Doha on April 1, following a tradition that was initiated in England 1966.



Key Point

- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

Sebastian Vettel retired from Formula One racing

- German racing driver **Sebastian Vettel** has retired from **Formula One** racing. Vettel won four Formula One World Championships between 2010 and 2013 while competing for Red Bull and previously spent six seasons with Ferrari.



- In the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Sebastian Vettel finished in 10th place, the last one of his career. Vettel received a guard of honour from his fellow competitors before the race.

Novak Djokovic Won 6th ATP Finals Singles Title

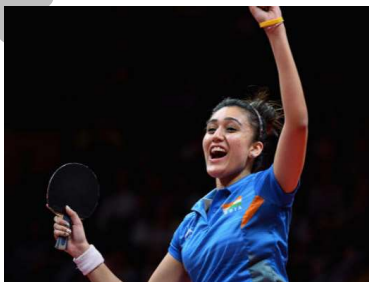
- **Novak Djokovic** won the sixth ATP Finals singles title win beating **Casper Ruud** from Norway. Novak Djokovic defeated the opponent by 7-5, 6-3 to walk away with a historic payday of **\$4.7m**. Novak Djokovic has equaled the record of six ATP title wins of **Roger Federer**.



- The **ATP Finals** is the season-ending championship of the ATP Tour. It is the most significant event in the annual ATP calendar after the **four majors** as it features the top-eight singles players and **top-eight doubles teams** based on their results throughout the season.

ManikaBatra: First Indian woman to win medal at Asian Cup Table Tennis

- **ManikaBatra**, the Indian Table Tennis player, became the **first Indian woman** to win a medal at the **Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament**. Manika defeated World no.6 **HinaHayata** of **Japan** in the Asian Cup 2022 in the women's singles bronze medal match in Bangkok,



Thailand. **Union Minister KirenRijju** appreciated **ManikaBatra** for her performance and spectacular achievement.

- **ManikaBatra** defeated **HinaHayata** by 4-2 in the medal match.
- ManikaBatra led the match by **2-1**, but Hayata seemed poised to level the match with a **10-6 lead** in the fourth game.

Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes First Male Player to Score in 5 World Cups

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** creates history as he became the first male player to score in five World Cups in Portugal's opening game in **Qatar** against **Ghana**. Cristiano Ronaldo scored in the 65th minute from the penalty spot to open the scoring at Doha's stadium 974, which was also the **118th goal of his country**.



- The 37-year-old striker converted a **penalty** in the 65th minute to give **Portugal** a 1-0 lead.
- He has now scored a goal in every **World Cup** since 2006 when he again converted a penalty against Iran in the group stage.
- Ronaldo scored at the **2010 World Cup** in South Africa and another at the 2014 tournament in Brazil, and four in 2018 Russia.

Canada Won First Davis Cup Title After Defeating Australia

- **Canada** won their first **Davis Cup** title after **Felix Auger-Aliassime** beat Australia's **Alex de Minaur** by 6-3, 6-4 in the second match of the finals. Felix Auger-Aliassime, who is **world number six**, had to guard against three break points in the first set but also found his rhythm in the **eighth game**.
- The **2022 Davis Cup** is the **110th edition of the Davis Cup**, a tournament between national teams in men's tennis. It is sponsored by Rakuten. The Russian Tennis Federation were the defending champions, but they and Belarus were eliminated from competing in international events due to the **2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine**.

Rituraj Gaikwad smashes 7 sixes in an over to make world record

- Rituraj Gaikwad hit a world record seven sixes in the 49th over of Maharashtra's Vijay Hazare Trophy quarter-final against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



Rituraj Gaikwad, playing for Maharashtra, became the first batsman in List-A cricket to hit **7 sixes in an over in the quarter-finals**.

- Gaikwad made this record against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad. He remained unbeaten after scoring **220 runs off 159 balls**.
- This is his first double century in List-A cricket, before that 187 not out was his best score. In the 49th over of the innings, he scored 43 runs including 7 sixes on left arm spinner **Shiva Singh**.

Obituaries

'Steel Man of India' Jamshed Irani passes away at 86

- Jamshed J Irani**, also known as the "Steel Man of India", passed away aged 86 at Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur.
- He was born on June 2, 1936, in Nagpur to Jiji Irani and Khorshed Irani. Irani completed his BSc from Science College, Nagpur in 1956 and M.Sc in Geology from Nagpur University in 1958. Irani retired from the Board of Directors at Tata Steel in June 2011.



SEWA founder & women's activist Elaben Bhatt passes away

- Elaben Bhatt**, a noted Gandhian, leading women's empowerment activist, and renowned founder of the **Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)** passed away at the age of 89.
- Elaben was the Chairperson of Sabarmati Ashram and recently resigned as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith. In 2007, she became the part of a group of world leaders called the Elders, founded by Nelson Mandela to promote human rights and peace across the world.



Father of modern election science, Sir David Butler, passes away at 98

- Sir David Butler**, dubbed the "father of election science", has died at the age of 98. He was born on the 17th of October 1924, Butler became a diligent student of philosophy, politics, and economics at **New College, Oxford**. His studies



were disrupted when he was commissioned as a lieutenant to serve in the Second World War.

- Butler developed upon a longforgotten Edwardian equation called “the cube rule” for his research on elections as an undergraduate. He discovered that he was able to estimate the total number of seats won from the polling numbers, enabling him to forecast the seats likely to be won by any party based on opinion polls.

Batman legend voice actor Kevin Conroy passes away

- **Kevin Conroy**, an actor and voice actor best known for playing **Batman** in several animated movies and series, has passed away at the age of 66. Kevin played Batman in a variety of projects, and Mark Hamill took on the role of the Joker. The acclaimed animated series, which launched in 1992 and continued until 1996, is where Conroy first voiced Batman.
- His portrayal of Batman in various other DC productions, including the video games **Injustice and Batman: Arkham**, has received a lot of positive attention. He also appeared in several DC Universe Animated Original Movies, including **Batman: Gotham Knight (2008)**, **Superman/Batman: Public Enemies (2009)**, **Justice League: Doom (2012)**, **Batman: The Killing Joke (2016)**, and **Justice League vs. the Fatal Five (2019)**.



Veteran Bollywood Actor VikramGokhale passed away

- Veteran Bollywood actor **VikramGokhale** passed away recently at the age of 77. He was seen in many popular Bollywood movies like **Hum Dil De ChukeSanam**, **Mission Mangal**, **Aiyaary**, **BhoolBhulaiya**, and others.



- For his contribution to Theatre acting, India’s National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, SangeetNatakAkademi, conferred him with the SangeetNatakAkademi Award in 2011. A veteran of screen and stage, VikamGokhale was a noted actor in Marathi theatre and cinema before making his debut in Hindi films at the age of 26 in Amitabh Bachchan-starrer **Parwana (1971)**.

Important Days with theme

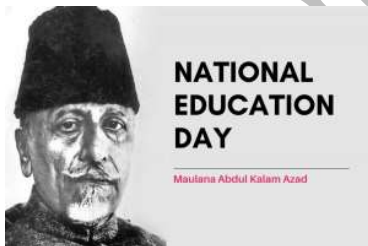
National Legal Services Day 2022: 9th November

- **National Legal Services Day** is marked every year on **9th November** to celebrate the commencement of the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** which came into force on this very day in 1995.
- This day was established with a mandate to offer support and help to weaker sections of society including Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, women, disabled persons, natural calamities victims, and human trafficking victims.



Nation celebrates National Education Day on 11 November

- The **National Education Day** is observed annually on **November 11** in India. In India, National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 as it marks the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, who was India's first education minister after independence. He was awarded **Bharat Ratna** posthumously, India's highest civilian honour in 1992.
- The day is observed to celebrate the work done by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the education sector during his tenure as the education minister. In 1920, he was elected as a member of the foundation committee to establish Jamia Millia Islamia at Aligarh in UP. He also assisted in shifting the university campus from Aligarh to New Delhi in 1934. Now, the main gate of the campus is named after him.
- This day is celebrated to acknowledge and honour Maulana Azad's contribution to the country's education system. The theme for National Education Day 2022 is "**Changing Course, Transforming Education.**"



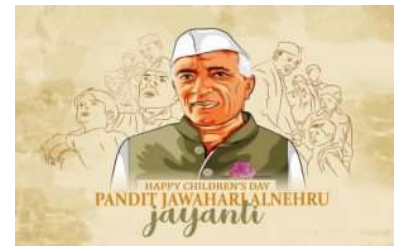
World Diabetes Day observed on 14th November

- **World Diabetes Day** is observed on **November 14** every year to bring the attention of the people to health threats posed by diabetes and how to avoid that. On this day, the enormous achievement of insulin discovery by two outstanding scientists, **Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best**, is celebrated.
- The **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** will be involved in coordinating activities on the day, so keep an eye out for an event near you! Any help or support you can give this cause will be greatly appreciated by everyone concerned.
- The theme of World Diabetes Day between the years 2021 and 2023 is a really important topic is "**Access to Diabetes Care.**"
- World Diabetes Day was first observed in the year 1991 by the declaration of the **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** and the **World Health Organisation (WHO)**.



India celebrates Children's Day on November 14

- India celebrates **Children's Day** on **November 14** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**. This year marks the **133rd birth anniversary** of Pandit Nehru who was born in 1889 in Allahabad, India.
- Nehru was a great advocate for children's right and for an all-inclusive education system where knowledge is accessible to all. He believed that children are the future of the country and the foundation of a society, and hence, everyone's well-being should be taken care of. Nehru was often called by the name "**Chacha Nehru**". Children's Day is also known as '**Bal Diwas**' in India.



- Jawaharlal Nehru died in the year of **1964** and since then, to commemorate his birth anniversary, Children's Day is celebrated on November 14. He was a great advocate for children's right and for an all-inclusive education system where knowledge is accessible to all.

National Press Day 2022 Observed On 16 November

- **National Press Day** is observed on **November 16** every year to acknowledge and honour the **Press Council of India (PCI)**. The day marks the presence of an independent and responsible press in the country. The Press Council of India also examines the quality of reportage of the Indian press and keeps a check on journalistic activities.
- **In the year 1956**, the First Press Commission decided to form a body with statutory authority which has the responsibility of maintaining the ethics of journalism. The Commission felt that a managing body was required in order to connect with the people of the press and also to arbitrate on any issues that arose.
- In 1966 on 16 November, the PCI was formed. The **National Press Day of India** is since then celebrated on November 16 every year to commemorate the establishment of the council.



Key Point

- Press Council of India Founder: Parliament of India;
- Press Council of India Founded: 4 July 1966, India;
- Press Council of India Chairperson: Smt. Justice RanjanaPrakash Desai.

World Toilet Day 2022 observed on 19 November

- The United Nations observes **World Toilet Day** on **November 19** annually. The main aim is to raise public awareness of broader sanitation systems such as wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and hand washing.



- The 2022 campaign 'Making the invisible visible' explores how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, polluting underground water resources. The 2022 theme is '**Making the Invisible Visible**' and explores how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, polluting underground water resources.
- It was on this day in **2001** when **Jack Sim**, a philanthropist from Singapore founded the World Toilet Organization and declared the day as World Toilet Day. The efforts to draw attention to the sanitation crises were given focus by the UN in **2010** when they officially recognised the right to water and sanitation as human rights.

World Children's Day 2022 celebrates on 20 November

- **World Children's Day** is celebrated on **November 20** annually. The day aims to promote international togetherness and awareness among children as well as to improve their welfare.
- November 20 marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly adopted a Declaration and Convention on children's rights. This year, the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** wants to remind world leaders to "fulfil the promise of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child".
- The theme for International children's day is, "**Inclusion, for every child**". This theme means that every child belonging to any society, community or nationality is entitled to equal rights.



Key Point

- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946;
- UNICEF Head: Catherine M. Russell.

Constitution Day of India: History and Significance

- **Constitution Day** is celebrated on **26th November** every year in India to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The constitution

of India was adopted by the **Constituent Assembly** on 26th November 1949, and it came into effect on **26th January 1950**.

- The Constitution of India is termed as ‘**of the people, for the people, and by the people.**’
- The **preamble** of the Indian Constitution declared India as a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic, republic, and the welfare state.
- Indian Constitution provides us with **fundamental rights** along with fundamental duties.
- The Indian Constitution is the **longest-written constitution** in the world.
- The Constitution offers a framework for the **government of the country** to keep in mind the social, religious, and cultural diversity of the nation.

India Celebrates National Milk Day on 26th November

- **National Milk Day** is celebrated on 26th November every year to signify the importance and benefits of milk. **Milk day** is a special day that is observed to spread awareness among people about the **importance and need for milk**.
- National Milk Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of **Dr. Verghese Kurien**, who is also known as the ‘**Father of White Revolution**’.
- The National Milk Day highlights the **importance of milk** in human life.
- The day was chosen as the **National Milk Day** by the dairy majors of the country including the **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)**, the **Indian Dairy Association (IDA)**, along with the milk federation of 22 states.
- The Indian Dairy Association took the initiative of celebrating **National Milk Day** for the first time in **2014**.

National Cadet Corps celebrates 74th Anniversary day

- **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world raised in 1948, will celebrate its **74th anniversary on November 27, 2022**. To mark the occasion, Defence Secretary **Shri Giridhar Aramane** laid a wreath and paid homage



to the fallen heroes on behalf of the entire NCC fraternity at National War Memorial, New Delhi on November 26, 2022.

- **Notably:** NCC Day is observed on the **fourth Sunday of November**. The NCC was raised on 15th July 1948 in New Delhi, which was the fourth Sunday of the November month in 1948. For this reason the NCC raising Day is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of the November Month.