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National

5G Launch: PM Modi says rollout of 5G a gift to 130 billion Indians

- **5G Launch:** The nation's 5G services were officially inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on October 1st, 2022, ushering in a period of ultra-high-speed mobile internet, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office. The sixth iteration of the **India Mobile Congress** was also launched by PM Modi.
- A new era in the nation is ringing in with the arrival of 5G. A limitless sky of options will open up with 5G.
- Future wireless technology design and related production will be heavily influenced by India.



World's largest safari park to be developed in Gurugram

- **World's largest jungle safari park** to be developed in **Haryana**. The World's largest jungle safari park is spread across an area of 10000 acres in the Aravalli Mountain Range of Gurugram and Nuh District. This project will be the **largest such project in the world**.
- The park will also include a large herbarium, an aviary, four zones for big cats, a large area for herbivores, an area for exotic animal/birds, an underwater world, natural trails, visitors, tourism zones, botanical garden, biomes, equatorial, tropical, coastal, desert, etc.
- For the making of the World's largest jungle safari park an Aravalli Foundation will be set up which will manage the project.



Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra topped destinations for foreign tourists 2021

- As per a report by Union Tourism Ministry, **Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu** had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with **1.26 million and 1.23 million, respectively in 2021**.
- The over 280-page report titled 'India Tourism Statistics 2022' was released by Vice-President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** on World Tourism Day at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05 per cent from 610.22 million in 2020, the report said.
- The two states with the most domestic tourists visiting are **Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh with 140.65 million and 86.12 million, respectively**.



Indore Gets India's Cleanest City Tag for 6th Time in a Row: Swachh Survekshan Awards

- **Indore** bagged the title of **India's cleanest city for the sixth time** in a row as the results of the Central government's annual cleanliness survey '**Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022**' were announced.
- **Madhya Pradesh** secured the first position in the category of best performing states, followed by **Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra**.
- **Surat** is the second cleanest city and **Navi Mumbai** comes a close third in the category of cities with a population of more than a lakh.
- Tripura has bagged the top rank among the states having fewer than 100 urban local bodies.
- In the category of cities having a population of fewer than one lakh, Maharashtra's Panchgani was ranked number one, followed by **Chhattisgarh's Patan (NP) and Maharashtra's Karhad**.
- Haridwar was adjudged the cleanest Ganga town in the category of more than 1 lakh population, followed by **Varanasi and Rishikesh**.



Pegatron start iPhone manufacturing in Chennai, and becomes 3rd in India

- **Pegatron third iPhone manufacturer in India:** With the opening of a factory in Mahindra World City in Chennai, Taiwan's **Pegatron** became the third Apple supplier to establish a production facility in India.
- It will put about Rs 1,100 crore into the facility, which might lead to the creation of 14,000 employment. The other two Apple suppliers with facilities in India are the Taiwanese companies Foxconn and Wistron.



Kerala's Pullampara named first fully digital literate panchayat

- **The Pullumpara village panchayat** in the Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally **digitally literate panchayat in the country**. The announcement was made by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan at a public event.
- The mission to achieve total digital literacy was aimed at empowering the residents to get access to over 800 government services available through the online mode. The residents were also trained to use social media platforms and basic banking services during the training.



Adani Green commissioned world's largest wind-solar power plant

- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)** has commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The plant has a power purchase agreement with **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** at Rs 2.69/kWh for 25 years.
- The project consists of **600 MW solar and 150 MW wind plants**.
- In May 2022, AGEL operationalized **India's first hybrid power plant** with a capacity of 390 MW in Jaisalmer.

- The commencement of the **600 MW plant AGEL** has a total operational generation capacity of 6.7 GW.
- This includes an **operational hydropower generation capacity** of 1 GW, the largest in the world.

Majestic Hindu temple opens in Dubai

- A majestic new **Hindu Temple** has been inaugurated in **Jebel Ali Village, Dubai**. The temple combines both Indian and Arabic architectural designs and gives a powerful message of tolerance, peace, and harmony. The temple is located in a neighbourhood that is generally known as the **'Worship Village' of UAE**.
- The temple was inaugurated by the **Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan** and **Ambassador Sunjay Sudhir**.
- The temple is **70,000 square feet** which were announced in **2020**.
- The temple has detailed **hand carvings, ornate pillars, brass spires, and striking lattice screens** that blend Indian and Arabic architecture.



India emerges as largest producer of sugar in world

- **India** has emerged as the **largest producer and consumer of sugar** in the world and the second largest exporter. During the sugar season in India, over **5,000 lakh metric tons (LMT)** of sugarcane was produced out of which about 3,574 LMT was crushed by **Sugar Mills** to produce about 349 LMT of Sugar. 35 LMT of Sugar is diverted to ethanol production and 359 LMT of sugar was produced in sugar mills.
- During this season **all records of sugarcane production**, sugar production, sugar export, came to produce, cane dues paid and ethanol production were made.
- In **2020-21**, India made records with the highest exports of about **109.8 LMT** with no financial assistance.



- The **sugar exports from India** earned foreign currency of about **Rs 40,000 crore** for the country.

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

- Pakistan has confirmed that it will attend the **Shanghai cooperation**

organisation's anti-terror exercises in India. Pakistan, which is a part of SCO will take part in counter-terror drills



in **Haryana's Manesar in October.** These exercises will be conducted under the ambit of the **SCO regional anti-terrorism structure (RATS).**

- A **three-member Pakistani delegation will take part in the meeting in Delhi.** While the SCO as a grouping came into existence in 2001, **India and Pakistan became members of it in 2017.**

"MahakalLok" 900 m long in MP's Ujjain to be opened by PM

- The **"MahakalLok" corridor** first phase of **Mahakaleshwar Temple** in the city of Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, is scheduled to open by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi.** **Shivraj Singh Chouhan,** the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, examined the MahakalLok's opening preparations.

- The **"MahakalLok"** over 900-meter-long corridor's first phase was officially opened as part of the \$856 million Mahakaleshwar Temple corridor development project.



- The cost to create the corridor was 316 crore.
- The old Rudrasagar Lake, which has also been revitalised as part of the development project around the historic Mahakaleshwar Temple, will be skirted by the MahakalLok.
- Two imposing gateways – Nandi Dwar and PinakiDwar – have been erected near the beginning of the corridor, which winds its way to the temple's entrance and provides an aesthetic view along the way.

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

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has declared **Modhera village** in poll-bound **Gujarat** as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village. Modhera, which is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built during the Chalukya, will also be known as a **"solar-powered village".**



- Modi, who is on a three-day visit to Gujarat, will inaugurate various development projects worth more than ₹14,600 crores. Assembly elections in the BharatiyaJanata Party-ruled Gujarat are scheduled to be held by the end of this year.
- The Modhera village is located 25 km from the Mehsana district of Gurajat, and about 100 km from the state capital of Gandhinagar. The village has a ground-mounted solar power plant, and over 1,300 rooftop solar systems with 1kW capacity have been installed on houses to generate electricity.

MHA: Jharkhand and West Bengal topped in worst state list in terms of child marriage

- According to the latest demographic sample survey by the **Union Home Ministry,** the survey was brought out by the office of the **Registrar**



General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.

- It was conducted in 2020 and the report was published late last month. The Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report contains estimates of various demographic, fertility and mortality indicators based on the data collected through one of the largest demographic surveys in the world covering about 8.4 million sample population.
- Despite being renowned for its mines reserves, the state of **Jharkhand** has earned the disrepute of having the highest percentage of underage girls getting married. The percentage of girls getting married before attaining majority is as high as **5.8 in Jharkhand.**

- Not only Jharkhand, **West Bengal** to has enough in its tally as more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years in the state.

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

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



- The Goa delegation may receive the IOA flag at the Closing Ceremony of the 36th National Games on 12th October 2022 in Surat, Gujarat.
- The 37th National Games will be decided to keep in view of the dates of the 19th Asian Games, which will be held from 23rd September to 8th October 2022 in Hangzhou, China.

CRII: India up six places for reducing inequality, ranks 123 globally

- According to the latest **Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII)**, **India** has moved up six places to rank **123 out of 161 countries** for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending. **Norway** leads the CRII followed by **Germany and Australia**.
- The Index which is prepared by Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI) measures government policies and actions in three areas proven to have a major impact on reducing inequality. The three areas are public services (health, education, and social protection), taxation and workers' rights.



Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops among Indian Universities

- **Times Higher Education Rankings 2023** has been announced. This year, the **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore** has secured the top place among Indian

universities. Five Indian universities made it into the world's top 500 varsities. IISc has been placed under the 251-300 bracket.

- The complete list of the top 10 Indian Universities is enlisted below. Globally, the **University of Oxford** continued to retain the top spot for the seventh consecutive year, while the University of Cambridge jumped to joint third from joint fifth last year. The US is the most-represented country overall with 177 institutions in the overall ranking list.

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

- **India** ranks **107 out of 121 countries** on the **Global Hunger Index** in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan.
- India's score of **29.1** places it in the 'serious' category. India also ranks below **Sri Lanka (64)**, **Nepal (81)**, **Bangladesh (84)**, and **Pakistan (99)**. **Afghanistan (109)** is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.
- **China** is among the countries collectively ranked between 1 and 17 having a score of less than five. India's child wasting rate (low weight for height), at 19.3%, is worse than the levels recorded in 2014 (15.1%) and even 2000 (17.15%), and is the highest for any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population.
- The Global Hunger Index is a peer-reviewed annual report, jointly published by **Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe**, designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels.



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

- **Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr. L Murugan** has recently said that India stands third in the world in terms of fish production. India



is the **3rd largest fish producing** and **2nd largest aquaculture nation** in the world after China.

- The vision is to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector.
- The main motto of PMMSY is ‘**Reform, Perform and Transform**’ in the fisheries sector.
- **Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** is the implementing agency.
- The PMMSY is an umbrella scheme with two separate components – **Central Sector Scheme and Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.
- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Component is further segregated into non-beneficiary oriented and beneficiary-orientated sub-components/activities.

GoI approved 1st suspension bridge across Krishna river

- The central government has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the **Krishna river** connecting **Telangana and Andhra Pradesh** and passing through the **Nallamala forest range**.



- The decision was announced by the union minister for road transport and national highways **Nitin Gadkari**. Gadkari said the iconic bridge will have several unique features like the longest glass pedestrian walkway across a river, gopuram-like pylons, signature lighting and a large navigational span.

Haryana topped the Public Affairs Index 2022 in big states

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



- In PAI-2022, **Sikkim** has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India. The index, prepared by a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**, was released.

India to host 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL

- The **90th General Assembly of Interpol** is going to be held in **New Delhi** from 18th October to 21st October 2022. The 90th General Assembly of Interpol will have the world’s largest police body with 195 members.
- The **General Assembly** is the International policing organization’s top governing body and meets once a year to take important decisions.
- The meeting will be attended by **2,000 overseas dignitaries**, including Ministers, Police Chiefs, Police Officers, and support staff
- The **General Assembly** is taking place in India after 25 years.
- The last General Assembly held in India was in the year **1997**.
- This was initiated by the **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** to Interpol Secretary General **Jurgen Stock**.

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

- **Home Minister Amit Shah** launched the **MBBS Course books** in Hindi version at **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. It is the first ever Hindi version of the MBBS course books in India.
- The book launch event was felicitated by the **Bhopal state education minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang** and **Bhopal CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
- The **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** launched **India’s first version of MBBS Course Books in Hindi**.
- The event took place on **16th October 2022**, at **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- The book launched is praised throughout the country, as the books can **help poor children** to get admission to medical colleges.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has emphasized the **importance of the mother language** for the students.

Pakistan May Take Out off FATF Grey List

- **Pakistan is likely to exit the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** after it was placed in the infamous category since 2018 for failing to check money laundering and terrorist financing, a media report said.
- The **Paris-based global watchdog on money laundering and terrorist financing** said that the first FATF Plenary under the two-year Singapore Presidency of T. Raja Kumar will take place on October 20-21.



United Nations Secretary-General on India's Visit

- **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** arrived in Mumbai, India on October 19 on a three-day official visit. **This is his first visit to India, since he assumed his second term in office in January this year.**
- Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (UNSG) will be on an official visit to India from 18-20 October 2022. This will be UNSG's first visit to India, since he commenced his second term in office in January 2022. **He had earlier visited India (in his first term) from 01- 04 October 2018.**
- According to ministry, Guterres will commence his visit to India, by **paying tributes to the victims of the 26/11 terror attacks at the TajMahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai.** He will also deliver a public address at IIT Mumbai on the subject – **"India @75: UN-India Partnership: Strengthening South-South Cooperation"**.



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

- **Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio** became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With **7.35 million landline connections** as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market

leader **BSNL's 7.13 million connections**, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed **MTNL provided 2.6 million connections.**

- The development marks a watershed moment in India's telecom history since fixed-line or landline connections formed the final segment where a state-owned operator was in the top spot.
- Reliance Jio had been looking to make inroads into the segment over the past few years and launched Jio Fibre in 2019, which included both landline and fibre-based broadband services.

HCL's Shiv Nadar named country's most generous philanthropist

- HCL founder **Shiv Nadar** topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the **EdelGiveHurun India Philanthropy List 2022** revealed. Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day, according to the report.
- **Wipro's Azim Premji**, 77, slipped to the second position with an annual donation of Rs 484 crore after ruling at the top position for the last two consecutive years, it said. India's richest man **Gautam Adani**, 60, ranked seventh in EdelgiveHurun India Philanthropy List 2022, with a donation of Rs 190 crore.



Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023: ISRO chairman

- **Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023: The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** plans to launch its third lunar mission in the month of June 2023. The more capable lunar rover that will be carried by Chandrayaan-3, which is essential for future interplanetary explorations, according to **S. Somnath**, Chairman of the Indian Space Agency, ISRO.
- The mission will rely on the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, which is already circling the Moon; the Chandrayaan-3 rover is not a clone of its predecessor, according to the head of ISRO. "C-3 is now prepared."

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

- **Ayodhya Ram Mandir- Ayodhya Deepotsav:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present during the sixth Deepotsav in Ayodhya. He carried out a ceremonial coronation of the Lord and inspected the Ram temple's building.
- The big “Deepotsav” celebrations began when the PM attended the “aarti” on the banks of the Saryu at approximately 6.30 p.m on Sunday. Over 15 lakh diyas would be lit on the event, breaking its own previous world record.
- Ayodhya Deepotsav, in the presence of Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**, and a large crowd on Sunday at the Ram Katha Park, the holy scene of Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman returning to Ayodhya by a “Pushpak Viman” after 14 years of exile was recreated.
- Ayodhya set a new Guinness World Record for burning the most earthen lamps, 15.76 lakh, on the banks of the Saryu.



Dr BimalJalan authored a book titled “From dependence to SelfReliance”

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



FIPRESCI declared ‘PatherPanchali’ as best Indian movie

- Legendary filmmaker **Satyajit Ray’s** feature “**Pather Panchali**” has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the **International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI)**.
- The 1955 film has received the number one slot in the top ten films in the history of Indian cinema list, which was declared after a poll conducted by the India chapter of FIPRESCI.
- Based on **Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay’s** 1929 Bengali novel of the same name, “**Pather Panchali**” was Ray’s directorial debut. It starred **Subir Banerjee, Kanu Banerjee, Karuna Banerjee, Uma Dasgupta, Pinaki Sengupta** and **Chunibala Devi**. As per a press release issued by FIPRESCI-India, the poll was conducted in secret and involved 30 members.

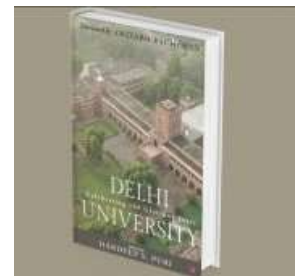


India’s forex reserves hit a new low, RBI forced to spend \$118 billion to defend INR

- **India’s forex reserves hit a new low:** For the week ending October 14, India’s foreign exchange reserves (**Forex Reserves**) further declined to a level not seen in more than two years as the country’s central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** continued to defend the rupee’s decline while disregarding the serious threat posed by dwindling foreign exchange reserves.
- According to information made public by the **Reserve Bank of India**, the third largest economy in Asia’s foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$3.85 billion to \$524.52 billion for the week ending October 21.

“Delhi University – Celebrating 100 Glorious Years” authored by Hardeep Singh Puri

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India (GOI), **Hardeep Singh Puri** has authored a new book titled “**DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years**”.
- The Book is Published by **Rupa Publications India**. **Amitabh Bachchan**, Indian Actor, has written the



foreword of the book. This Book Highlights the viewpoints of Universities most distinguished alumni and faculty of 15 contributors.

- Delhi University: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years is an eclectic collection of personal narratives and reflections of some of the University's most distinguished alumni and faculty—**Amitabh Bachchan, KirenRijiju, Dinesh Singh, MeenakshiGopinath, ShashiTharoor, BibekDebroy, Imtiaz Ali, RaianKaranjawala, SanjeevSanyal, ArnabGoswami, Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, Lakshmi Puri, NamitaGokhale** ETC.

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

- **Diwali will be a holiday for the New York City public school starting next year in 2023**, Mayor Eric Adams announced. Adams, **joined by New York Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar**, who had introduced the legislation to recognize Diwali as a holiday.
- **The time has come to recognize over 200,000 New Yorkers of the Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain faiths who celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights.** She called Anniversary Day “an obscure and antiquated day,” as compared to Diwali, which is celebrated by a “growing number of New Yorkers.

International

Kazakhstan changes capital's name from Nur-Sultan back to Astana

- Kazakhstan's president, **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** is to restore the former name of the country's capital, **Astana**, just three years after he renamed it in honour of his predecessor.

• Kazakhstan's president has signed a law limiting presidential terms and reverting to the old name of the Central Asian country's capital, in the latest step of breaking with the legacy of his predecessor. The bill also reinstated the capital's name to Astana.



- The name was changed to **Nur-Sultan in March 2019**, in honour of outgoing president **Nursultan Nazarbayev**. President **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** signed a bill on 24 Sept limiting presidential mandates to a single seven-year term, a day after parliament approved the measure.



Vladimir Putin Declares Annexation Of 4 Ukrainian Regions by Russia

- Vladimir Putin has declared the Annexation of 4 Ukrainian regions by Russia namely **Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhia**.
- The West has denounced the annexation of occupied Ukrainian territory by Russia as an illegitimate land grab after Russian President Vladimir Putin signed treaties.
- The president of Ukraine, Zelenskyy responded by unexpectedly submitting an application to join the NATO armed alliance.

Optimus robot's prototype unveiled by Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla

- **Elon Musk unveils Optimus robot's prototype:** Elon Musk, the CEO of **Tesla**, unveiled a model of the humanoid "Optimus" robot, which uses some of the same Artificial Intelligence (AI) software and sensors as the Autopilot driving assistance system in Tesla vehicles.

- At Tesla AI Day 2022, which was held to show off how far the company's research into autonomous robots and vehicles had progressed, Optimus was unveiled.

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

- According to a new law passed by the **European Union**

parliament, all new smartphones, tablets and cameras will have a single standard charger from late **2024**. The law was adopted with a vote of 602 in favour, and 13 against.



- It mandates smartphone, laptop and camera manufacturing companies to adopt a standard charger, at least in Europe. Makers of laptops will have extra time, from early 2026, to also follow suit.

Key Point

- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993, Maastricht, Netherlands;
- European Union Founders: Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg.

Indian-American Tulsi Gabbard Exits Democratic Party

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



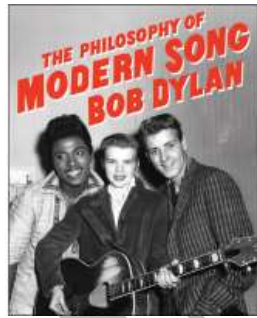
Hollywood actor Tom Cruise became first actor to film in outer space

- Hollywood Actor **Tom Cruise**, who is renowned for pulling off high-octane stunts in his projects, is taking things to the next level and may soon become the first actor to shoot in space.
- The **Top Gun** actor has reportedly partnered with director **Doug Liman** on a project that calls for him to perform a spacewalk.
- The Hollywood actor and director have reportedly approached the **Universal Filmed Entertainment Group (UFEG)** with a proposal for Tom to launch himself up to the International Space Station.



Bob Dylan's latest book, "The Philosophy of Modern Song," released soon

- A new book titled "**The Philosophy of Modern Song**" authored by **Bob Dylan**, Nobel laureate and published by Simon & Schuster will be launched in November 2022.
- The **Philosophy of Modern Song** contains the artistic journey and achievements of Bob Dylan. Bob Dylan has released thirty-nine studio albums, which collectively have sold over 125 million copies around the world.
- He won the Nobel Prize in Literature and has been awarded the French Legion of Honor, a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honour. His memoir, **Chronicles: Volume One**, spent a year on the New York Times bestseller list.



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

- In the third assembly of ISA, **Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh** has been re-elected as the President of International Solar Alliance. **France Minister of State for Development Chryssoula Zacharopoulou** has been re-elected as **Co-President**.



- The **Third Assembly of the International Solar Alliance** has been attended by **34 ISA Members ministers**. 53 Member countries and 5 Signatory and Prospective Member countries participated to the Assembly.
- The ISA is an initiative that was launched by the **Prime Minister of India and the President of France on 30 November 2015 at Paris, France on the side-lines of the COP-21**. The overarching objective of the ISA is to collectively address key common challenges to the scaling up of solar energy in ISA member countries.

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

- **Liz Truss**, the British prime minister will step down from her position after only six weeks in office due to an economic plan that angered many members of her own party and rattled financial markets.
- **Suella Braverman**, Indian origin British interior minister, also resigned making her the second senior cabinet official to do so in the past week after finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng.
- **Suella Braverman** said that she left the **Liz Truss** administration due to a "technical" violation of government regulations and expressed her reservations about the government's course while also criticising the premier. **Grant Shapps**, the country's new interior minister, has taken Suella Braverman's seat.

Cyclone Sitrang hit densely populated area in Bangladesh, Indian region affected

- **Cyclone Sitrang hit Bangladesh:** Cyclone Sitrang ploughed into heavily populated, low-lying parts of **Bangladesh** on night, killing at least nine people.
- The districts of **Barguna, Narail, Sirajganj**, and the island district of **Bhol** all reported death. Officials warned that as more casualties are reported from other districts, the death toll could rise.
- **Cyclone Sitrang** quickly degraded into a deep depression after crossing Bangladesh, and as of Tuesday morning, it had further degraded into a low pressure region.
- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura may experience widespread moderate to heavy



rainfall on Tuesday due to the system, which is now moving towards northeastern areas of India.

CBI launched Operation 'GARUDA' to dismantle drug networks

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda'. Operation Garuda will help to disrupt, degrade, and dismantle networks with international linkages through the rapid exchange of criminal intelligence on drug trafficking and coordinated law enforcement action across international jurisdictions through Interpol.
- Operation Garuda is a Global Operation that was initiated in close coordination with Interpol and Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Operation Garuda was initiated to combat the smuggling of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances, with a special focus on the Indian Ocean Region.
- The CBI and the NCB have been closely coordinating with all the states and UTs police agencies for information exchange, analysis, and development of Operational Information.
- Across multiple states of India several arrests, searches, and seizures were carried out under Operation Garuda.



Domestically built LCH Prachanda officially introduced in the IAF by RakshaMantri

- At a ceremony conducted at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan, Defence Minister (RakshaMantri) Rajnath Singh officially admitted the locally produced Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) Prachanda into the Indian Air Force (IAF). LCH would join the 143 Helicopter Unit after being inducted.
- Prachanda is the name given to LCH. Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Rajnath Singh, RakshaMantri stated that the addition of Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) not only strengthens the Air Force's combat capabilities



Defence

but also represents a significant step towards the achievement of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

China More Self-Reliant in Defence Production, Outranks India by Massive Margin

- **India stands at fourth position among 12 countries** of the Indo-Pacific in self-reliant defence production, says a study by the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** that assessed self-reliance in arms production.
- **China dominated the list** leaving others behind by a long margin. China dominates the ranking, reaching a self-reliance score **more than two and a half times higher than Japan's**," the study by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a think tank on global security issues says.
- The study covered **Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam**. Vietnam could not be included in the final ranking due to a lack of data.



Indian Army celebrated 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army

- **Indian Army celebrated the 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army** on 9th October 2022. The Raising Day of the Territorial Army is celebrated to commemorate its raising by the first Governor General **Shri C Rajagopalachari** on this day in 1949.
- On the 73rd Raising Day **Lieutenant General Preet Mohinder Singh, Director General of the Territorial Army** paid tribute to the fallen heroes of the Territorial Army by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial.



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

Gandhinagar

- **India-Africa Defence Dialogue** to be held on the sidelines of **DefExpo 2022** in **Gandhinagar**, Gujarat. The dialogue aims to explore new areas of convergence for mutual engagement, including areas like capacity building, training, cyber security, maritime security, and counter-terrorism.
- The theme of the **India-Africa Defence Dialogue** is **India-Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergising and strengthening Defence and Security Corporation**.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will host the **Defence Ministers of African Nations**.

Mission DefSpace launched by PM Modi in Gujarat

- **Mission DefSpace launched:** Mission DefSpace was inaugurated at **DefExpo2022** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat by the prime minister **Narendra Modi (PM Modi)**. The project's goal is to create cutting-edge defence forces in the space industry. 75 space industry challenges have been highlighted for private companies to work on under Mission DefSpace.
- According to Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**, as the government has always placed a high premium on national defence, the Indian military is developing deep-sea and space initiatives.
- PM Modi emphasised the growing significance of space technology, saying it is defining new concepts in India's space diplomacy and that the country is currently exchanging space research with more than 60 underdeveloped countries.



Garuda VII air exercise, jointly conducted by France and India

- **Garuda VII air exercise:** At Air Force Station Jodhpur, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **French Air and Space Force (FASF)** are taking part in the bilateral exercise "Garuda VII" from October 26 to November 12, 2022. FASF is taking part in this exercise with a troop of 220 people, one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, and four Rafale fighter aircraft.
- The IAF is taking part with fighter aircraft including the **Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA Tejas, and Jaguar** as

well as helicopters like the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Mi-17.

- Combat enabling assets including AWACS, AEW & C, and flight refuelling aircraft will also be part of the IAF contingent.

Key Point

- Major General of the Air and Space Force: **General Stephane Mille**
- Chief of Air Staff, India: **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

SIMBEX 2022 maritime exercise between Singapore and India

- **SIMBEX 2022 maritime exercise:** From October 26 to October 30, 2022, Visakhapatnam will play home to the 29th **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)**. The two phases of **SIMBEX-2022** are the Harbour Phase at **Visakhapatnam** and the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal.
- On October 25, 2022, RSS **Stalwart** (a Formidable Class Frigate) and **RSS Vigilance** (a Victory Class Corvette), two ships from the Republic of Singapore Navy, arrived at Visakhapatnam to take part in the exercise.



Key Point

- Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command: **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta**
- Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet: **Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla**
- Fleet Commander, Republic of Singapore Navy: **Rear Admiral Sean Wat Jianwen**

India to Hold Mega 'YudhAbhyas' Military Drill With US Near China Border

- **Indian and US militaries** to conduct the battalion-level "YudhAbhyas" exercise between **15th November 2022 to 2nd December 2022**. The

YudhAbhyas will be held at **Auli in Uttarakhand** which from just 100 km from the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**.

- The member countries of the "Quad" will conduct the Malabar exercise off Yokosuka in Japan between 8th November 2022 to 18th November 2022. The "Quad" member countries include **India, Australia, Japan, and the US**. The Quad has declared that it would "deter" any "coercion" in the Indo-Pacific. "YudhAbhyas" will include high-altitude warfare drills.
- The "VajraPrahar" involved the special forces of the two countries.
- India to conduct the "Autra-Hind" infantry combat exercise at the Mahajan range in Rajasthan between 28th November 2022 to 11 December 2022.

Appointments or Resign/Retired

SujoyLalThaosen, AnishDayal Singh named as New

DGs of CRPF, ITBP

- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers **SujoyLalThaosen** and **AnishDayal Singh** have been appointed as the new director generals of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** and **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** respectively.
- Thaosen's scheduled retirement is in November this year, while Singh will superannuate in December 2024. The order for their appointment was issued by the Personnel Ministry after sanction from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the prime minister.



Key Point

- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India;
- Central Reserve Police Force Formed: 27 July 1939;
- Central Reserve Police Force Motto: Service and Loyalty;
- ITBP Founded: 24 October 1962;
- ITBP Headquarters: New Delhi, India.

Actor PankajTripathi declared 'National Icon' by Election Commission of India

- Election Commission of India (ECI)** in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor **PankajTripathi** has been declared as the '**National Icon**' of **ECI**.
- The actor was chosen for the honour by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) **Rajiv Kumar** for keeping in view his commitment to the cause and wide appeal across the country.
- An event on the 'Voter Awareness Program', CEC **Rajiv Kumar** complimented **ECI** state icon, **PankajTripathi**, for his association with **ECI** in creating voting awareness across citizens, and henceforth declared him as the **National Icon** for **ECI**.



Indian-origin Surgeon General Dr Vivek Murthy is US representative on WHO executive board

- Indian-origin Dr.Vivek Murthy** has been nominated by **US President Joe Biden** to serve as the country's representative on the Executive Board of the **World Health Organisation**. **Dr. Murthy** will serve as the **US Representative on WHO Executive Board** and he will continue his duties as the **US Surgeon General**.
- On **March 2021**, **Dr.Vivek Murthy** was confirmed to serve as the **21st Surgeon General** of the Country.
- Previously, he served as the **19th Surgeon General** under the **Presidency of Barack Obama**.
- Dr. Murthy** as the nation's doctor aims to **draw attention to and work across Government** to address several critical public health issues.
- Dr. Murthy** is also the **Vice Admiral of the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps**; he also commands a uniformed service of over 6000 dedicated public health officers.



Ex-CJI K.G. Balakrishnan to head Commission to inquire into demand for SC status to non-Hindu Dalits

- The **Union Government** has appointed a **three-member commission**, headed by former **Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan**, to consider the possibility of **granting SC status** to "new persons who have historically belonged to the **Scheduled Castes**" but have converted to religions other than **Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism**.
- According to a notification issued by the **Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, the commission will also include **retired IAS officer Dr Ravinder Kumar Jain** and **UGC member Prof (Dr) SushmaYadav** as members.
- The commission will have to submit its report to the **Ministry** in two years, it said. The **Government's** move to set up a national commission to study the social, economic and educational status of members of **SCs** who have converted mainly to **Islam and Christianity**.



GoI named Delhi HC Judge Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma as Presiding Officer Of UAPA Tribunal

- The government of India has appointed Justice **Dinesh Kumar Sharma** of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the **Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)**, related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates.
- Once an organisation is banned under the provisions of UAPA, a tribunal is set up by the government to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds for the decision.
- According to procedure, the Union Home Ministry requests the Law Ministry to name a sitting judge of a High Court to be the presiding officer, and the Law Ministry, in turn, requests the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court to recommend a name. The Home Ministry will now issue a formal notification naming Justice Sharma as presiding officer.



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

- Two Chief Justices for High Courts:** The central government announced the appointment of two judges as chief justices of the high courts in Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, and Karnataka.
- It also announced the transfer of the chief justice of the J&K high court to the Rajasthan high court. Notifications were released by the law ministry's Department of Justice, in this regard.
- According to the Constitution's provisions, **Justice Prasanna B. Varale** has been named the Karnataka High Court's Chief Justice.
- Justice AM Magrey** has been named the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Justice Pankaj Mithal** has been appointed Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, according to **Kiran Rijju**.
- The Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, **Justice Prasanna B. Varale**, and the Chief



Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, were both recommended for elevation by the Supreme Court collegium during its meeting on September 28.

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

- India's 1983 World Cup hero, **Roger Binny** is set to become the new BCCI president, replacing **Sourav Ganguly**. Binny will assume charge on October 18, when the BCCI annual general meeting will be held, in Mumbai.
- Jay Shah** will continue as BCCI secretary, the most influential position in the board. **Rajiv Shukla** will also stay on as the board's vice president.
- Along with Binny, there will be two first-timers in the new administration: **Ashish Shelar**, who served as Mumbai Cricket Association president between 2017 and 2019, will be the treasurer, and **Devajit Saikia**, currently secretary at Assam Cricket Association, will be the joint secretary.
- Arun Dhumal**, who is set to take over as the new IPL chairman, a post held since 2019 by Brijesh Patel, the former India batter, who will be forced to vacate the seat as he turns 70 soon [on November 24]. That is the maximum permitted age limit for an office bearer or administrator in the BCCI's constitution. Dhumal, who became a BCCI functionary during the Ganguly administration, is the brother of former board president Anurag Thakur.



Key Point

- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BCCI Founded: December 1928.

Odisha MP Aparajita Sarangi elected to IPU panel

- Lok Sabha member from Bhubaneswar, **Aparajita Sarangi** has been elected as a member to the executive committee of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**.
- The Parliamentarian from Odisha bagged **12 out of the total of 18** available votes in the election to the post

held at Kigali, Rwanda. Sarangi will represent India at the 15-member executive committee of the union.

- **Notably**, this will be the first time in 20 years, that India will have her representative in the international committee.

Key Point

- Inter-Parliamentary Union Founded: 1889;
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Abdul Latif Rashid elected as President of Iraq

- The **Iraqi Parliament** chose **Kurdish** politician, **Abdul Latif Rashid** to lead the country. Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh.



Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010. Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied.

- Rashid was born in 1944 in the northeastern **Sulaymaniyah region of Iraq**. He graduated as a civil engineer from the **University of Liverpool in 1968**. He went on to complete his engineering doctorate in 1976 from the University of Manchester.

Key Point

- Iraq Capital: Baghdad;
- Iraq Currency: Dinar;
- Iraq President: Abdul Latif Rashid;
- Iraq Prime Minister: Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani.

Bandhan Bank ropes in SouravGanguly as its brand ambassador

- **Bandhan Bank** has announced that it has roped in **SouravGanguly** as its Brand Ambassador. SouravGanguly will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and services of the Bank.
- Ganguly led the transformation of the Indian cricket team in the early 2000s, just like Bandhan led the transformation of not-so-privileged households in rural and semi-urban India. Both are iconic brands that have origins in Eastern India. Yet, over the years, they have

established themselves well in much larger geographies and are no more regional icons.

- The Indian Test specialist, **CheteshwarPujara**, has been roped in by the fantasy sports platform, **Fantasy Dangal**, as its brand ambassador.

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

- **Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader Ulf Kristersson as the country's new prime minister**. A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him.



- **The Sweden Democrats were the big winners in the closely fought September 11 general election**. They emerged as the **second-largest party with a record 20.5 percent of votes**, trailing only the Social Democrats, who have dominated Swedish politics since the 1930s. **The right-wing bloc now has 176 seats in parliament**, to their left-wing rivals' 173.

Justice DY Chandrachud named as 50th Chief Justice of India

- President **DroupadiMurmu** has appointed **Dr Justice DY Chandrachud** as the new **Chief Justice of India**. He will succeed the present Chief Justice of India **Justice UdayUmeshLalit**.



- Justice Chandrachud's appointment will come into effect from the 9th of next month. Justice DY Chandrachud would be the **50th Chief Justice of India**. While Justice Lalit has a tenure of 74 days, Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years. Justice Chandrachud will demit office on **November 10, 2024**.

Mallikarjun Kharge Elected As The New Congress President

- **Veteran Karnataka leader Mallikarjun Kharge** defeated his rival ShashiTharoor to



become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years, and the **first Scheduled Caste chief of the grand old organization in four decades.**

- Kharge polled 7897 of the 9385 votes cast while Tharoor garnered a meagre 1072. Sources said 416 votes were invalid. **He is the first non-Gandhi to head the Congress in 24 years,** after Sitaram Kesri was unceremoniously ousted in 1988 through a Congress Working Committee resolution that invited Sonia Gandhi to become the party chief.
- Sonia had become a primary member of the Congress only a year ago at the AICC Kolkata plenary in 1997.

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

- **Rishi Sunak to take Oath as PM of UK:** Rishi Sunak will be named as the PM of UK, and he will be the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a “deep economic dilemma,” the future prime minister of the UK, **Rishi Sunak**, has called for cooperation.
- Due to Penny Mordaunt’s inability to garner enough support from MPs, he won the race for the **Conservative Party** leadership.
- After that, **Mr. Rishi Sunak** will have his first meeting with the king, at which he will be given the opportunity to establish a government.

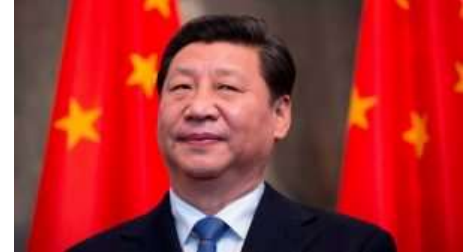


Anna May Wong set to become first Asian American to feature on US currency

- **Anna May Wong:** Anna May Wong was born with the name **Wong Liu-Tsong**. Wong began her film career at the age of 14 as an extra in **The Red Lantern**. Anna May Wong was born in Los Angeles to second-generation Chinese immigrants (1919).
- Anna May Wong, only three years later, in one of the earliest Technicolor movies, **The Toll of the Sea** (1922), in which she starred, received critical praise.
- **Anna May Wong** was also The Gallery of Madame Liu-first Tsong’s Asian American lead actor on television (1951).

Chinese President Xi Jinping wins record third term in power

- **Chinese President Xi Jinping** has created history, becoming the first leader of the ruling Communist Party after party founder **Mao Zedong** to get re-elected for an unprecedented third term in power with the prospect of ruling China for life.
- He was elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party for **3rd five-year tenure by the new seven-member Standing Committee** packed with his supporters who appeared before the local and foreign media here to herald the new era, widely termed ‘Xi era’.
- Xi’s “election” for the third term in power formally ends the over three decades of rule followed by his predecessors, barring Mao, of retiring after a 10-year tenure. Xi was first elected in 2012 and will be completing his 10-year term this year.



Key Point

- China Capital: Beijing
- China Population: 140.21 crores (2020) World Bank

GoI appoints Sangeeta Verma as acting chairperson of CCI

- The government of India appointed **Sangeeta Verma** as the acting chairperson of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. The appointment follows full-time Chairperson **Ashok Kumar Gupta** demitting office. Verma is currently a member at the regulator.
- Her appointment will be effective for a “period of three months or till the appointment of regular Chairperson or till any further orders, whichever is the earliest,” according to an official order. Ashok Kumar Gupta had taken over as the CCI chairperson in November 2018.

Shefali Juneja named as chairperson of UN’s Air Transport Committee

- India’s representative to the **International**

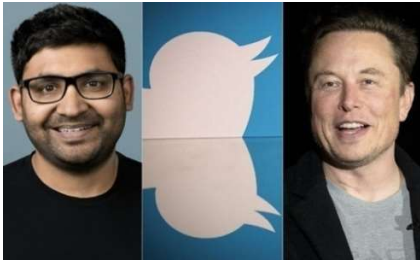


Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Shefali Juneja has been elected as the chairperson of the United Nations' specialized aviation agency's **Air Transport Committee (ATC)**.

- Juneja, a 1992 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre), served as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) before joining the ICAO.

Elon Musk Fires Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal, "Escorted Out" an Executive

- **Elon Musk Fires Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal:** Elon Musk finally completed his \$44 billion acquisition of **Twitter Inc.**, after six months of public and legal battle over the purchase. Placing the world's richest man in charge of the faltering social network. One of Musk's first actions was to replace the leadership.
- Redundancies include **Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal**, director of legal, policy, and trust **Vijaya Gadde**, chief financial officer **Ned Segal**, who joined Twitter in 2017, and general counsel **Sean Edgett**, who has served as Twitter's general counsel since 2012. According to two of the people who requested anonymity because the details are private, Edgett was led out of the building.



Zee-Sony merger: Groups agree to sell 3 Hindi channels to address anti-competition concerns

- **Sony and Zee media groups** have voluntarily agreed to sell their three Hindi Channels- **Big Magic, Zee Action, and Zee Classic** to address possible anti-competition concerns arising out of their proposed mega-merger deal.



- Sony and Zee have submitted their proposals to the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. They have issued a 58-page long detailed order which informs that the two groups have agreed to divest **Big Magic**, which is a Hindi general entertainment channel, as well as **Zee Action and Zee Classic**.

Spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi appointed as Chair of C20

- Spiritual leader **Mata, Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma)** has been appointed the **Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20)**, an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20), by the union government.
- The G20 is the premier inter-governmental forum for the world's developed and emerging economies to address financial stability on a global basis. The C20 is its platform for **civil society organisations (CSOs)** to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G20 leaders.
- **India** will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from **December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023**. The pinnacle of events is September 9-10, 2023 when the G20 Leaders' Summit will take place in New Delhi at the level of Heads of State and Government.



Honours/ Awards

Indian Women's rights activist Srishti Bakshi wins 'Changemaker' award

- A women's rights activist from



India, **SrishtiBakshi** has won the ‘**Changemaker**’ award at the **UN SDG (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards** held at a ceremony in Bonn, Germany.

- The award is given to recognise the efforts of SrishtiBakshi to raise awareness of gender-based violence and inequality.
- The UN SDG Action Awards Ceremony celebrates people and initiatives that mobilize, inspire, and connect people every day, proving that each one of us has the power to drive transformative action.
- The finalists for the UN SDG Action Awards were selected from over 3,000 applications from 150 countries and the winners were announced during a live event on 27 September 2022.

Nobel prize 2022: SvantePääbo awarded Nobel Prize in medicine

- **The Nobel Prizes 2022** for medicine or physiology was awarded to Swedish geneticist **SvantePääbo**.

SvantePääbo was given the award “for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution,” the Nobel Prize committee.



- Considered the most prestigious prize in the scientific world, it is awarded by the Nobel Assembly of Sweden’s Karolinska Institute and is worth **10 million Swedish crowns (\$900,357)**.
- The prestigious award comes with a gold medal and **10 million Swedish kronor (over \$1.14 million)**. The prize money comes from a bequest left by the prize’s creator, Swedish inventor **Alfred Nobel**, who died in 1895. The other prizes are for outstanding work in the fields of **physics, chemistry, literature, peace and economics**.

The Nobel Prize In Physics 2022 Announced

- The **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** announced, the **Nobel Prize in Physics 2022** was awarded to **Alain Aspect (France), John F. Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger**

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022



St. Niklas (Sweden) © Nobel Prize
Outlook: Alain Aspect
Prize share: 1/3

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Outlook: John F. Clauser
Prize share: 1/3

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Outlook: Anton Zeilinger
Prize share: 1/3

(Austria) for their work on **quantum mechanics**.

- The 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded “for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities, and pioneering quantum information science.”
- The Nobel Prize for Physics is awarded, according to the will of Swedish inventor and industrialist Alfred Bernhard Nobel, “to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind” in the field of physics. It is conferred by the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm**.

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel Wins UNHCR’s Nansen Refugee Award

- Former German chancellor **Angela Merkel** won the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award** for her “leadership, courage and compassion” in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of desperate people at the height of the Syria crisis.



- Dr. Angela Merkel is the 2022 Nansen Award global laureate for her political courage, compassion and decisive action as Federal Chancellor of Germany to protect people forced to flee.
- The Nansen Award 2022 regional winner for Africa was given to **The Mbera Fire Brigade**, an all-volunteer firefighting group in Mauritania led by Ahmedou Ag Albohary.
- The award for the Americas went to **Vicenta González**, a women’s rights advocate and activist whose cacao cooperative in Costa Rica empowers local and asylum-seeking women.
- **Meikswye Myanmar**, a humanitarian organization that assists communities in need, including internally displaced people was announced as the regional winner for Asia and the Pacific and the regional winner for the Middle East and North Africa was given to Dr.

The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022 will be awarded to Yunqing Tang

- The **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize** for 2022 will be awarded to **Yunqing Tang** Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The Award is instituted by the **Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA)** in 2005.
- The award includes a **cash prize of \$10,000** and it is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who made an outstanding contribution to the field of mathematics.
- **Ms. Yunqing Tang's** works display a remarkable combination of sophisticated techniques in which the arithmetic and geometry of modular curves and Shimura varieties play a central role.
- Tang's recent work in collaboration with **Frank Calegari and Vesselin Dimitrov** on the modular equation is of great significance.
- Ms. Yunqing Tang is praised as one of the **deepest and most creative Mathematicians of her age**.
- The prize will be awarded at the **International Conference on Number Theory** during December 20-22, 2022 at SASTRA University.

Nobel Peace Prize 2022: Human rights campaigners in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus awarded

- **Nobel Peace Prize 2022:** Ales Bialiatski, a human rights defender from Belarus who is now incarcerated, **Memorial**, a Russian human rights organisation, and **Center for Civil Liberties**, a Ukrainian human rights organisation, have all been jointly given this year's Nobel Peace Prize 2022.
- The Russian human rights organisation **Memorial** is one of the two organisations to receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The Memorial was ordered to close down during a wave of repression against critical voices and refers to it as "the conscience of Russia prohibited under Putin." During a time of unrest in Ukraine, the **Center for Civil Liberties** was established in 2007 to advance democracy and human rights there.
- The centre has stepped its efforts to support Ukrainian civil society and put pressure on the government to transform Ukraine into a fully fledged democracy and a state ruled by the rule of law, according to Nobel committee head **Berit Reiss-Andersen**.
- The organisation has tried to compile evidence of Russian war crimes committed against Ukrainian citizens since Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

- When it comes to bringing the guilty parties accountable for their misdeeds, the centre is paving the way.

Harmanpreet Singh and Felice Albers named FIH Player of the Year

- India men's hockey team defender and vice-captain **Harmanpreet Singh** has been voted the **FIH Player of the Year for the second year running**. The 26-year-old became just the fourth player to win the Player of the Year award (men's category) in consecutive years, joining an elite list that includes **Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands)**, **Jamie Dwyer (Australia)** and **Arthur van Doren (Belgium)**.
- **In women's category:** **Felice Albers** of Netherlands was named the FIH Player of the Year. The 22-year-old became the youngest winner of the FIH Player of the Year award (women's category) since Germany's **Natascha Keller (1999)** and second youngest ever, since the inception of the awards in 1998.



Telangana's Hyderabad honoured with AIPH 'World Green City award 2022'

- **The city of Hyderabad, Telangana**, has been honoured as the Grand winner of the **AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers) World Green City Awards 2022**, the most prestigious award of the Inaugural AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition), for its initiative titled "Green Garland to the State of Telangana".
- Hyderabad also won the award under the 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' category.



Other Awards: 3 Category-wise winners:

| Category | Winners |
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| Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth | Green Garland to the State of Telangana, City of Hyderabad, India |
| Living Green for Biodiversity | Reverdecer Bogotá, Bogota D.C, Colombia |
| Living Green for Climate Change | Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program, Mexico City, Mexico |

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka won Britain's Booker Prize 2022

- Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won Britain's **Booker Prize 2022 for fiction** for his work "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida", about a journalist murdered amid the country's sectarian strife.
- The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques". Karunatilaka's second novel, The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida comes more than a decade after his debut, Chinaman, which was published in 2011.



Alexia Putellas, Karim Benzema win 2022 Ballon d'Or awards

- Real



Madrid's **Karim Benzema**, a professional French

footballer, has won the **Men's Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball Award) 2022** and becomes the 5th Frenchman to win the prize.

- Barcelona's **Alexia Putellas**, a Spanish professional footballer, has won the **Women's Ballon d'Or award or Ballon d'Or Féminin Award** for the 2nd time.
- The 66th edition of the Ballon d'Or Ceremony (2022) was held on 17th October 2022 at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris, France. Karim Benzema becomes only the 2nd player aside from Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the award since 2008.

The Ballon d'Or: Awards and Winners:

| Award | Winner |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ballon d'Or (Men) | Real Madrid's Karim Benzema |
| Ballon d'Or (Women) | Alexia Putellas (Barcelona) |
| Club of the Year Award | Manchester City |
| Socrates Award | Sadio Mane (Liverpool) |

Ukrainian people wins EU's 2022 Sakharov freedom prize

- The **European Parliament** has awarded the people of **Ukraine** its annual **Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought** to honour their **fight against Russia's invasion**.
- European Parliament President **Roberta Metsola** announced the 2022 laureate in the Strasbourg plenary chamber, following a decision by Parliament's Conference of Presidents (the President and political group leaders).
- The award comes with prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), which will be distributed to representatives of **Ukrainian civil society**. The prize, named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, has been awarded annually since 1988 to individuals and organizations defending human rights and fundamental freedoms.

- The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is awarded each year by the European Parliament. It was set up in **1988** to honour individuals and organisations defending human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is named in honour of Soviet physicist and political dissident Andrei Sakharov and the prize money is **50 000 euros**.

Key Point

- European Parliament Headquarters: Strasbourg, France;
- European Parliament Founded: 19 March 1958, Europe.

National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022

- **National Intellectual Property Award:** The national award for intellectual property was given to the **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)** for 2021 and 2022. The prize was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- "This award has encouraged **IIT Madras** to produce and safeguard more and more intellectual property with societal effect.
- The yearly award honours those who have excelled, including individuals, institutions, organisations, and businesses, for their intellectual property innovations and commercialization that support the development of the nation's IP ecosystem and promote innovation.



RRR won best International Film at Saturn Awards 2022

- The ace filmmaker **SS Rajamouli's**, which recently hit the screens in Japan,



has won its first major international honour.

- The biggie won the **'Best International Film' honour at the Saturn Awards 2022**, which were held in Los Angeles. RRR is a period drama which features Jr NTR and Ram Charan as the parallel leads.
- RRR, which grossed nearly **Rs 1,200 crore** at the worldwide box office, has bagged its first major international honour. RRR was also nominated in the best film direction and best action/adventure film categories. In the first, **SS Rajamouli** lost out to **Matt Reeves**, who won the award for **The Batman**.

Sports

FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup: USA beat China to secure 11th world title

- The **United**



States defeated **China**

(83-61) to

win

the **International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Women's Basketball World Cup** at the Sydney Superdome, Australia. The Americans bagged their fourth title in a row and 11th in total and have also sealed a spot at the **Paris 2024 Olympic Games**.

- A'Ja Wilson and Chelsea Gray were the star performers for the US. Wilson contributed 19 points and five rebounds while compatriot Gray got 10 points and an impressive eight assists.

Key Point

- International Basketball Federation Founded: 18 June 1932;
- International Basketball Federation Headquarters: Mies, Switzerland;
- International Basketball Federation President: Hamane Niang;
- International Basketball Federation Secretary General: Andreas Zagklis.

Indian Skipper Rohit Sharma becomes 1st Indian cricketer to play 400 T20s

- Indian Skipper, **Rohit Sharma** has achieved yet another milestone in his T20 career and has become the first-ever Indian to play **400 T20s**. The India captain has achieved the milestone in the 2nd T20I of the series against South Africa in Guwahati.



- The first Indian to hit a century in T20 cricket, Rohit had made his shortest format debut for Mumbai against Baroda in April 2007. Among Indians, Rohit is followed by Dinesh Karthik, who has played 368 T20s. **MS Dhoni** sits at the 3rd spot with 361 caps. **Virat Kohli** is playing his 354th T20.

- The list of players who have donned most T20 caps is topped by **Kieron Pollard**, who has played 614 matches. He is followed by **Dwayne Bravo**, who has donned 556 caps. **Shoaib Malik** (481), **Chris Gayle** (463), **Sunil Narine** (435), **Ravi**



Bopara (429), **Andre Russell** (428) and **David Miller** (403) sit ahead of Rohit.

PR Sreejesh, SavitaPunia voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year

- **PR Sreejesh and SavitaPunia** have been voted **FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year** for the second year in a row.
- SavitaPunia, the captain of the Indian women's hockey team, and veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh both received the FIH goalkeeper of the year title in the men's and women's categories on the strength of their performances beneath the bar. Savita is just the third athlete to win Goalkeeper of the Year (Women) for three years in a row since the award's debut in 2014.
- The International Hockey Federation announced that young Indian forward **Mumtaz Khan**, and France's **Timothée Clément** have been named the **FIH Rising Stars of the Year 2021-22** in the women's and men's categories respectively.

PankajAdvani wins his record 25th World title in Kuala Lumpur

- Indian cueist, **PankajAdvani** defended his **World Billiards Championships (150-up)** title for the 5th time, beating compatriot **Sourav Kothari** in the best-of-7 frames final at the **High End Snooker Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** for a record 25th title at the global level.
- Pankaj's last world title came over 12 months ago in Qatar where he won the IBSF Six-Red Snooker World Cup.



HarmanpreetKaur and Mohammed Rizwan seal ICC Player of the Month crowns for September

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the winners of the **ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022**. India's inspirational captain **HarmanpreetKaur** is named the recipient of the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** award, While Pakistan ace **Mohammad Rizwan** claims the **ICC Men's Player of the Month** award.

- **Harmanpreet Kaur** becomes India's first winner of the ICC Women's Player of the Month. The India skipper was at her brilliant best during the ODI series, scoring 221 runs across the three matches, maintaining a strike rate of 103.47 and only being dismissed once.
- **Mohammad Rizwan** secures his first-ever ICC Men's Player of the Month crown after a remarkable spell of scoring throughout September and sees him overcome fellow nominees Cameron Green (Australia) and Axar Patel (India) to the prize.

Key Point

- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Cristiano Ronaldo reached record 700 club career goals

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



36th National Games 2022 Concludes: Check the winners list

- **The 36th National Games** is coming to an end after a glorious display of sporting performance and sportsmanship spirit. In its 36th edition, **Gujarat** hosted the National Games for the first time in 2022.
- The National Games 2022 was held across six cities, **Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, in Gujarat**. Almost 7,000 athletes from 28 Indian States, eight Union Territories and Services, the sports team of the Indian Armed Forces, competed for medals in 36 different sports.
- **Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy** to the hybrid contingent of **Services** for the fourth time in succession.

- **Maharashtra** bagged the Indian Olympic Association's **Best State trophy** for finishing second in the medals tally with the most medals amongst States and UTs.
- Honourable Gujarat Chief Minister **Shri Bhupendra Patel** presented the Best Male Athlete to **Sajan Prakash** (5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
- Karnataka's **Hashika Ramchandra**, barely 14 years old, appropriated the Best Female Athlete crown with 6 gold and 1 bronze.
- Gujarat's 10-year-old **Shauryajit Khaire** (Mallakhamb), who was a reluctant starter after losing his father just a few days back, emerged as the 'viral star' of the Games, becoming its youngest medal winner.

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

- UAE's **Aayan Khan**, the 16-year-old all-rounder, is the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup. He was picked in the UAE XI for the team's first match of the T20 World Cup against the Netherlands at the Simonds Stadium in Geelong.
- He impressed in the U19 World Cup earlier this year with 93 and one for 13 in UAE's 82-run win over West Indies. Aayan was out for a seven-ball five against the Netherlands. He then bowled three overs for 15 runs and picked a wicket.
- Aayan broke Pakistan pacer **Mohammad Amir's record**. The left-arm quick played his first T20 World Cup when he was 17 years and 55 days old.
- **Notably:** Netherlands' **Stephan Myburgh**, at 38 years and 230 days, is the oldest in the 2022 T20 World Cup. Hong Kong's **Ryan Campbell** played in the 2016 World Cup when he was 44 years and 33 days old.



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

- **India** defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the finals of the **Women's Asia Cup 2022**. India has bagged the



position for the 7th time.

- **Sri Lanka** won the toss and opted to bat first. Sri Lanka made **65 runs in 20 overs** losing 10 wickets. India chased the target in 8.3 overs making 71 runs with a loss of only 2 wickets. **Smriti Mandhana** made 51 runs not out in 25 balls.
- **Renuka Singh Thakur** claimed three wickets against Sri Lanka while Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneh Rana claimed two wickets each. The final match of India vs Sri Lanka Asia Cup 2022 took place in **Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Sylhet**.

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

- **Serbian scientists** have named a new species of beetle after the tennis player **Novak Djokovic**, a Serbian tennis player due to its speed, strength, flexibility, durability and ability to survive in a difficult environment.
- The new species of beetle belongs to the *Duvalius* genus that is present in Europe. It was discovered several years ago in an underground pit in western Serbia. The insect is a specialised underground Coleoptera beetle, a predator which lost its eyes living deep underground.



FIFA: Tazuni unveiled as mascot for 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup

- **Tazuni**, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the **Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023**.
- Tazuni will become an important symbol for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand, appearing on official tournament merchandise and media platforms, as well as in real life in community activities ahead of the event.
- Tazuni, a 15-year-old midfielder whose story involves her falling in love with football after playing with a group of children on a beach, is set to feature on

merchandise, media platforms and community activities in the build-up to the FIFA Women's World Cup. The name Tazuni is a fusion of the Tasman sea, the home of penguins and Unity, which is the key value of the event.

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

- In a historic decision, the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced a **"pay equity policy"**, saying that its centrally-contracted **men and women players would get the same match fees**. BCCI secretary Jay Shah took to Twitter to announce the significant development.
- This means the **women players will now get Rs 15 lakh per Test match, Rs 6 lakh for a One-Day International (ODI), and Rs 3 lakh for a T20 International**. Till now, they were paid Rs 1 lakh for a white-ball match, and Rs 4 lakh for a Test.
- **The annual retainership for women cricketers remains the same** — Rs 50 lakh for Grade A, Rs 30 lakh for Grade B and Rs 10 lakh for Grade C. The men, who play more games, are paid Rs 1-7 crore, depending on their grade.



FIFA World Cup: Spain U-17 women retain title

- Defending champion **Spain** beat **Colombia 1-0** to win the **2022 U-17 Women's World Cup** at the D. Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. **Nigeria** stood at the third spot.
- The winner came in



the 82nd minute when the ball

deflected off Colombian right-back Ana Guzman and went into goal. It was the result of sustained pressure put by Spain as the game headed towards full time.

playing Kunwar Singh in Swabhimaan, passed away on 7 October 2022 at the age of 79. The actor passed away in Mumbai, according to various sources.

- On October 7, his final movie, Goodbye, was released in theatres. In the Friday-released movie Goodbye, Arun Bali made his final appearance.
- Arun Bali performed in a number of movies and TV shows, notably the 1991 historical drama Chanakya, in which he played King Porus.
- In the movie Hey Ram, he also played HuseynShaheedSuhrawardy, the chief minister of West Bengal (2000).
- ArunBali 's performance as HarshvardhanWadhwa in Kumkum is well renowned.
- Arun Bali is well recognised for his parts in films like Panipat, Kedarnath, and 3 Idiots.

Red Bull Formula One owner Dietrich Mateschitz passes away at 78

- Austrian billionaire **Dietrich Mateschitz**, the co-founder of energy drink company **Red Bull** and founder and owner of the **Red Bull Formula One racing team**, has died.
- He was 78. Officials with the Red Bull racing team at the United States Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, announced Mateschitz's death. The Red Bull Racing team has enjoyed success in Formula 1, winning the constructors' championship in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.



Obituaries

Arun Bali Death, legendary actor, dies at 79 in Mumbai

- **Arun Bali Death:** Arun Bali, a seasoned actor best remembered for



Important Days with theme

International Coffee Day 2022 celebrates on 01st October

- Every year, **International Coffee Day** is observed on **October 1**, to celebrate and promote the use of coffee. The day is marked to celebrate



“the coffee sector’s diversity, quality and passion.” It is an opportunity for coffee lovers to share their love of the beverage and support farmers whose livelihood depends on the aromatic crop.

- Every year 77 Member States of the **International Coffee Organization (ICO)**, dozens of coffee associates, and millions of coffee lovers come together to celebrate their favourite beverage.

World Habitat Day 2022 observed on 3rd October

- The **United Nations** observes the **first Monday of October as World Habitat Day**. This year, World Habitat Day will be observed on **October 3**.
- The day calls to reflect on our towns, cities, and the basic right of all to have adequate shelter. It serves as a reminder that we can shape the future of the place we live in.
- This year’s theme is “**Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind**”. The focus is on the growing inequalities and challenges in cities and human settlements.

Indian Air Force celebrates its raising day on 8th October

- **Indian Air Force** was raised on **October 8, 1932**, and it is completing **90 years today**. The day and its observance is a matter of pride for Indians and inspire a patriotic zeal among the citizenry for the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces.



- The President of India is the Commander-in-chief of the IAF. This time Air Force Day flypast is scheduled to take place over Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh this afternoon.
- In a historic first, the parade and fly-past of Air Force day have been moved out of the national capital region by the Indian Air Force. President **Draupadi Murmu** and Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will be present on this occasion. Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force.

Key Point

- Indian Air Force Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Air Force Founded: 8 October 1932, India;

- Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal: Vivek Ram Chaudhari.

World Mental Health Day 2022 Observed on 10 October

- **World Mental Health Day** is observed on **October 10** every year. On this day, various programs are designed to draw attention to mental health issues and their effects on those affected and the lives of their caregivers.



- In India, World Mental Health Day is marked on the final day of the Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week campaign, launched last year by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The theme or rather the slogan for 2022’s celebration of World Mental health Day is “**Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority.**” World Health Organisation (WHO) mentions that before the COVID-19 pandemic, about one in eight people worldwide suffered from mental issues.
- **World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)** is a non-governmental organisation founded in **1948**. The then WFMH Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter initiated the first celebration of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 1992. From 1994 onwards, a special theme was selected each year for the global event.

World Post Day 2022 celebrates on 9th October

- **World Post Day** is celebrated each year on **9 October**, the anniversary of the establishment of the **Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern**.
- This day celebrates the role of the post in people’s and businesses’ everyday lives. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in **Tokyo, Japan in 1969**. Since then, countries across the world participate annually in the celebrations. The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.
- The theme for World Post Day 2022 is ‘**Post for Planet**’. The Post is the world’s largest logistics network. Every year, more than 150 countries celebrate World Post Day in a variety of ways. In certain countries, World Post Day is observed as a working holiday.

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day celebrates on October 9

- October 9** is celebrated as **Indian Foreign Service Day**. On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) will grow from strength to strength in the coming years and will help advance India's interests globally, said External Affairs Minister (EAM) **S Jaishankar** as he greeted the members of foreign service on the IFS Day 2022.
- The history of the Service and this day goes back to September 1946, when, on the eve of India's Independence, the Government of India decided to create a service called the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.



International Day of the Girl Child observed on 11th October

- International Day of the Girl Child** is observed on **October 11** to raise awareness about the importance and potential girls hold as the future of our society. In **2022**, we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl Child (IDG).
- The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.
- This year's theme for the International Day of the Girl Child is **"Our time is now—our rights, our future"**. The focus is on the multitude of challenges put in front of girls' path to reach their potential.



17th PravasiBhartiya Divas to be held at Indore in January 2023

- The **17th PravasiBhartiya Divas Convention** is to be held in Indore, **Madhya Pradesh** in January 2023.

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar** launched the website of the 17th PravasiBhartiya Divas Convention with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan.
- Dr. Jaishankar** highlighted the construction industry of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and the government for giving the highest priority to the Indian Diaspora.
- Government engagement is founded in the **4Cs: Care, Connect, Celebrate, and Contribute**.
- During the occasion, **Secretary in Consular, Passport, visa, and Overseas Indian Affairs Division of the Ministry of External Affairs** Ausaf Sayeed was also present on the occasion.
- The PravasiBhartiya Divas is celebrated every year on the **9th of January** to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India.
- It also commemorates the **return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India** on 9th January 1951.

World Student's Day 2022 celebrates on 15 October

- October 15** is celebrated as **World Students' Day** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India. The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on **October 15, 1931**.
- He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable. After his tenure as the President came to an end, he became a visiting faculty at the **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Shillong, IIM-Indore and IIM- Ahmedabad**.

World Food Day 2022: Leave NO ONE behind

- World Food Day 2022:** Every year on October 16 in observance of the date the **Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations was established in 1945, World Food Day is marked.



- The main objectives are to combat world hunger and work toward its eradication. The **World Food Day 2022** will take place this year with more focus on moving forward together. Every UN member state, including India, observes the day.
- The 16th of October 2022, a Sunday, will once again serve as the day for World Food Day 2022 celebrations.
- The theme for World Food Day 2022 is **Leave NO ONE behind**.

National Police Commemoration Day: 21 October

- **October 21** commemorates the sacrifices of ten CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. **On October 21, 1959**, ten Indian policemen were killed during an attack by Chinese troops in the Hot Springs region close to Ladakh after an argument between the troops.
- Since that day, 21 October has been observed as **National Police Commemoration Day** in honour of the martyrs. This incident started on October 20, 1959, when the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** was in charge of patrolling the 2,600-mile border between India and Tibet.
- Three units of the CRPF's 3rd Battalion were dispatched on separate patrols to a location known as Hot Springs to keep an eye on the **Indo-China border in North Eastern Ladakh**. However, one of the three contingents, which consisted of two police constables and a porter, did not return.



United Nations Day 2022 celebrates on 24th October

- **United Nations Day**, on **24 October**, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in **1945 of the UN Charter**. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the **Security Council**, the **United Nations** officially came into being.
- In 1945, 50 governments gathered to draft the UN Charter. They have struggled and accomplished great feats to uphold peace, protect human rights, and play a key role in bringing international justice.
- The United Nations Day commemorates the signing of that charter. According to their official website, the

United Nations is “**One place where the world’s nations can gather together, discuss common problems, and find shared solutions.**”

Key Point

- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Indian Army Celebrates 76th Infantry Day On 27 October

- **Indian Army Infantry Day** is celebrated on **October 27** every year to pay homage to the soldiers who fought for the country and laid down their lives in the line of duty.
- To celebrate the **76th Infantry Day** this year on October 27, soldiers are organising four simultaneous bike rallies from all cardinal directions, Wellington (Tamil Nadu), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Shillong (Meghalaya), and Ahmedabad (Gujarat). The rally started on October 16 and will cover the travel across the country, culminating at the **National War Memorial on Infantry Day**.



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

- **The Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir** on 26th October with the Union of India is being celebrated across the Union Territory.
- Accession Day carries great significance as it was on this day in 1947 that the then **Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh** signed the Instrument of Accession to become part of the greatest democracy of the world. Several functions are being organized to mark the day. Accession Day is a public holiday in the Union Territory.
- The day became an official public holiday in J&K for the first time in **2020** after the abrogation of articles **370 and 35A on 5th August 2019**. The Instrument of Accession is a legal document executed by Maharaja Hari Singh, ruler of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir, on **26th October 1947**.

Key Point

- Lt. Governors & Administrators of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.

**RashtriyaEktaDiwas or National Unity Day 2022:
All you need to know**

- The **National Unity Day or RashtriyaEktaDiwas** is celebrated every year on **October 31st** to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, **SardarVallabhbhai Patel**. This year will mark the **147th** birth anniversary of SardarVallabhbhai Patel, who is also known as the Iron Man of India.
- The RashtriyaEktaDiwas or National Unity Day was introduced by the Indian government in 2014 to pay tribute to SardarVallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary for his extraordinary work in keeping India united. The first RashtriyaEktaDiwas event was inaugurated by Prime Minister NarendraModi who flagged off a program, 'Run for Unity' in New Delhi in 2014.