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National & States Affairs

101. On November 3, The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) launched Apparel Industry Sustainability Action (AISA) 2022–2023, aimed at evaluating the existing status of the Indian garment industry, encouraging wider penetration of sustainability measures amongst MSMEs, hand-holding them with demonstrations and solutions, and enhancing the brand visibility of sustainable companies on a global platform. AEPC also released a sustainability compendium during the conclave and the companies included in it will be showcased on the dedicated sustainability social media platform for wide publicity that will finally culminate in sustainability awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AEPC – launched Apparel Industry Sustainability Action (AISA) 2022–2023
- HQs of APEC – Gurgaon, Haryana | Chairperson – Narendra Kumar Goenka | Established in – 1978

102. On November 5, Kerala became the first state in India to launch uniform gold price based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce uniform price on 916 purity 22 carat gold has been taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in India and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association which sets the board rate for gold. Uniform gold price based on bank rate offers an opportunity to the consumers to purchase gold at a reasonable and transparent price. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – became the first state in India to launch uniform gold price based on the bank rate
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

103. On November 4, the government has constituted an expert panel to prepare a ‘National Drugs Database’ which will list the information on the drug, its manufacturer or marketer, dosage forms and strengths. The seven-member panel will be led by AK Pradhan. At present, there is no comprehensive national database which provides all details on drugs. The Ministry of Health maintains ‘Sugam’, an index of drug licenses issued to companies by state FDAs, while drug prices regulator NPPA separately collects data on companies for price control. This seems to be corrective action being taken by the government to address the issue of quality monitoring and regulatory policing, after the deaths of 66 kids in Gambia last month after the consumption of cough syrups made from “sub-standard toxic ingredients” by a domestic firm, Maiden Pharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government has constituted an expert panel to prepare a ‘National Drugs Database’
- The seven-member panel will be led by – AK Pradhan
- Ministry of Health – maintains ‘Sugam’ which is an index of drug licenses issued to companies by state FDAs
- NPPA – collects data on companies for price control

104. On November 3, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released the 6th tranche of commercial coal mines auction, under which the government is offering 141 blocks across 11 States, the biggest coal mine auction so far. Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said under commercial coal mining, India has auctioned around 67 blocks so far, and some of them are starting production this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – released the 6th tranche of commercial coal mines auction, offering 141 blocks across 11 States
- It is the biggest coal mine auction so far



105. On November 4, Aibawk cluster in the Aizawl district of Mizoram became the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). SPMRM was launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016 with a vision to provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development. Infrastructure created includes roads, footpaths, drains, water supply, and car parking and social infrastructures like a conference center, sports infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aibawk cluster (Mizoram) – became the first cluster to be completed under the SPMRM
- SPMRM – launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016 to provide amenities to rural areas
- [Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati](#)

106. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been again placed at the top amongst all Group A Ministries, Departments and Autonomous Bodies for resolving public grievances in the rankings report published by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for the month of October 2022. This is the third month in a row when UIDAI has topped the rankings. UIDAI has been a top performer in resolution of cases received through Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS). In order to further enhance residents' experience, UIDAI has also launched its new AI/ML based Chatbot, "Aadhaar Mitra". A resident centric coordinated approach enables UIDAI to resolve nearly 92% of CRM Grievances within a week. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DARPG: UIDAI has topped amongst all 'Group A' Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances during Oct 2022
- Cases were received through CPGRAMS - **C**entralized **P**ublic **G**rievance **R**edress **A**nd **M**onitoring **S**ystem
- [HQs of UIDAI – New Delhi | CEO – Saurabh Garg | Founded on – January 28, 2009](#)

107. On November 4, The Ministry of Education has set up a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions. The panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of IIT Council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education – set up a panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions
- The panel will be headed by – Dr K Radhakrishnan
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar](#)

108. On November 2, in Meghalaya, the "Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme" was launched by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma at Tura, West Garo Hills district. This programme aims for grassroots penetration of all schemes so that governance is improved in all aspects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – launched the "Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme" in West Garo Hills district
- [Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – B. D. Mishra \(addi. charge\)](#)



109. On November 6, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled the statue of former Prime Minister late Chandra Shekhar in Ballia district and inaugurated and laid foundation stones of development projects worth Rs 80 crore. Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, CM Yogi urged Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to come forward to take the agricultural products of the district to the international market. This can help achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of doubling farmer's income and also contribute towards making Uttar Pradesh a USD 1 trillion economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yogi Adityanath unveiled the statue of former Prime Minister late Chandra Shekhar – in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

110. On November 1, Odisha Government inaugurated 'Sampark' help-desk which aim to provide psychological support to the victims of sexual violence. The state also inaugurated 16 Child-friendly Police Stations. Sampark help desk and the child friendly police stations were established as part of the government's 5T initiative. Team work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation and Time limit are the 5 factors on which performance of government officials and projects will be judged. Timely psychological assistance to the victims of gender violence will be helpful in saving several precious lives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – inaugurated 'Sampark' help-desk which aim to provide psychological support to the victims of sexual violence
- Odisha – also inaugurated 16 Child-friendly Police Stations
- Odisha's 5T Action Plan include: Team work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation & Time limit
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

111. On November 8, Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) announced the installation of India's tallest Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) in Mundra, Gujarat. A 200 metres tall wind turbine, taller than the world's tallest Statue of Unity (182m), has been installed at Mundra in Gujarat by Adani New Industries Ltd as part of its renewable energy expansion plans. The turbine has been installed by Mundra Windtech Ltd (MWL), a wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated by Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL). This prototype is also the first addition to the portfolio of ANIL. The wind turbine has the capacity to produce 5.2 MW of electricity and can power approximately 4,000 homes. This machine is a first and has been built with technology from W2E (Wind to Energy) of Germany. It will work at wind speeds as low as 3 metres per second (mps) and up to 20 mps, reaching its optimum power production at around 12 mps wind speeds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's tallest Wind Turbine Generator with 200m height – installed in Mundra, Gujarat by Adani New Industries (ANIL)
- It is basically installed by Mundra Windtech Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ANIL
- Capacity – 5.2 MW | Speed – 3 mps & up to 20 mps
- [HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat](#) | [Chairman – Gautam Adani](#) | [MD – Rajesh Adani](#)

112. On November 3, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has now cleared the way for the inclusion of the 'Pahari ethnic group' in the Scheduled Tribes list of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The proposal recommended by the commission also called for the inclusion of the "Paddari tribe", "Koli" and "Gadda Brahman" communities to be included in the ST list of J&K. For addition to the ST list of J&K, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will be required to bring a Bill in Parliament to amend the "The Constitution (J&K) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989". Following this, the addition will be finalised once the President of India notifies the revised schedule as empowered by 'Article 342' of the Constitution of India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NCST supports the inclusion of the 'Pahari ethnic group' in the Scheduled Tribes list of J & K
- NCST has also recommended the inclusion of 'Paddari tribe', 'Koli' & 'Gadda Brahman' communities in the ST list of J&K
- Tribal Affairs Ministry will be required to bring a Bill in Parliament to amend "The Constitution (J&K) ST Order, 1989"
- President of India notifies the revised schedule under 'Article 342' of the IC for such inclusion of any community
- HQs of NCST – New Delhi | Chairman – Harsh Chouhan

International Affairs

113. On November 4, AstraZeneca and Sanofi's Beyfortus namely 'Nirsevimab' has been approved in the European Union (EU) for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease in newborns and infants during their first RSV season.¹ Beyfortus is the first and only single-dose RSV passive immunisation for the broad infant population, including those born healthy, at term or preterm, or with specific health conditions. RSV is a common and highly contagious seasonal virus, infecting nearly all children by the age of two. The EU is the first regulatory body to grant approval to Beyfortus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EU approved Beyfortus namely 'Nirsevimab' – developed by AstraZeneca (UK) & Sanofi (France)
- Nirsevimab – a long-acting antibody designed for all infants for protection against RSV disease from birth through their first RSV season with a single dose
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

114. On November 2, C2FO, a global on-demand working capital platform announced that its India arm C2FO Factoring Solutions Private Limited has got an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to set up and operate Trade Receivable Discounting Systems (TReDS) platform in India. With this, C2FO has become the fourth platform to get the license to operate TReDS after Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), M1Xchange and Invoicemart. The fintech platform C2FO provides working capital to businesses and claims to be serving more than ten lakh businesses across 160 countries. Out of these, two lakh businesses are in India with a significant share of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The minimum paid-up equity capital to set up and operate the TReDS is Rs 25 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C2FO Factoring Solutions Pvt Ltd – got in-principle approval from RBI to set up & operate TReDS platform in India
- It became the 4th platform to get the license to operate TReDS after RXIL, M1Xchange & Invoicemart
- TReDS – Trade **R**eceivables **D**iscounting **S**ystem | Minimum paid-up equity capital to set up TReDS – Rs 25 Cr
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao



115. On November 5, Non-Executive Chairmen were appointed on the Boards of 4 Public Sector Banks - Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India and Punjab & Sind Bank, respectively, following approval given by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Vijay Srirangam, K. G. Ananthkrishnan, Srinivasan Varadarajan and Charan Singh have been appointed as part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank, PNB, UBI and Punjab & Sind Bank, respectively, for a term of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

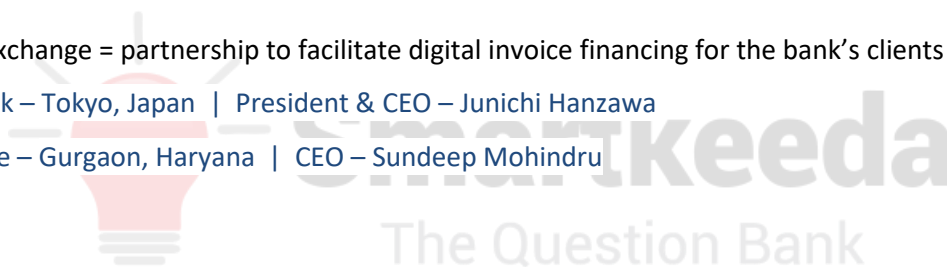
Key Points:

- Non-Executive Chairmen were appointed on the Boards of 4 Public Sector Banks:
 - Vijay Srirangam – in Canara Bank
 - K. G. Ananthkrishnan – in PNB
 - Srinivasan Varadarajan – in UBI
 - Charan Singh – in Punjab & Sind Bank

116. On November 4, MUFG Bank partnered with M1xchange to facilitate digital invoice financing for the bank's clients. Under M1xchange's TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System), MSME suppliers get early funding for their receivables under a bidding mechanism, and this is funded by MUFG Bank, which takes on the credit risk of the corporate buyers. This collaboration allows MUFG Bank to leverage the digital ecosystem established by M1xchange, thereby enhancing the efficiency of its client services. Moreover, MUFG Bank is supporting technology startups via its \$300-million Ganesha Fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MUFG Bank + M1xchange = partnership to facilitate digital invoice financing for the bank's clients
- HQs of MUFG Bank – Tokyo, Japan | President & CEO – Junichi Hanzawa
- HQs of M1xchange – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Sundeep Mohindru



Defence Affair

117. On November 3, the 11th edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) commenced at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda, West Bengal. The two Air Forces have resumed this training after a gap of two years. This edition of JMT would be conducted over a period of 6 weeks from 9 to 18 November, 2022. The IAF participated in JMT-2022 with Su-30 MKI, Jaguar, MiG-29 and LCA Tejas aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF + RSAF = conducted the 11th edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) at Kalaikunda, West Bengal
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob



Sports & Games

118. On November 6, Pramod Bhagat retained the Gold medal in the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo, defeating compatriot Nitesh Kumar in the SL3 category final. Manisha Ramadass also win Gold in the women's SU5 category, beating Manisha Ramadass. In the men's doubles final, Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar won Silver medal as they lost to Indonesia's Hikmat Ramdani and Ukun Rukaendi. Another Indian Sukant Kadam won bronze in the men's SL4 category. India finished at 5th position with a total of 16 medals (2 Gold) at the "2022 BWF Para Badminton World Championships". Indonesia topped the championship with 11 medals (6 Gold). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – finished 5th with total 16 medals (2 Gold) at "2022 BWF Para Badminton World Championships" in Tokyo
- Pramod Bhagat – won Gold in men's singles SL3 category
- Manisha Ramadass – won Gold in women's singles SU5 category
- Pramod Bhagat & Manoj Sarkar – won Silver medal in men's doubles

119. On November 6, the star shuttler from Indonesia, Anthony Sinisuka Ginting, won men's singles title at the "HYLO Open 2022" in Saarbrücken, Germany, beating China's Chou Tien-Chen. Meanwhile, China's Han Yue won the women's singles title beating China's Zhang Yi Man. HYLO Open 2022, the BWF Super 200 tournament, was held from 1-6 November, 2022. Taiwan's Yang Po-han and Lu Ching-yao won the men's doubles title at '2022 HYLO Open'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) – won men's singles title at "HYLO Open 2022" (beating - China's Chou Tien-Chen)
- Han Yue (China) – won women's singles title at the "HYLO Open 2022" (beating - China's Zhang Yi Man)
- Yang Po-han & Lu Ching-yao (Taiwan) – won men's doubles title at the "HYLO Open 2022"

120. On November 7, Danish player Holger Rune, 19, who is currently ranked 10th on the ATP, accomplished a new high point at the Paris Masters when he defeated Novak Djokovic and won his first ATP Masters 1000 title. It was also the first time Novak Djokovic lost in 31 Masters 1000 finals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Holger Rune (Denmark) – won his first ever "Paris Masters" title (defeating - Novak Djokovic)

Persons in News

121. On November 3, Guyana President Mohamed Irfaan Ali is announced to be the Chief Guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention, scheduled to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January, 2023. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is the flagship event of the Ministry of External Affairs and provides an important platform to engage and connect with overseas Indians. Australian Member of Parliament (MP) Zaneta Mascarenhas will be the guest of honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohamed Irfaan Ali (Guyana President) – to be the Chief Guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention
- 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is scheduled to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January, 2023
- 'PBD Convention' is the flagship event of Ministry of External Affairs



Science & Technology

122. On November 2, Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru-based company announced to establish a research and development (R&D) centre and manufacturing factory for space taxis (orbital transfer vehicles or OTVs) and propulsion systems for rockets and satellites at the aerospace park near Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) by late 2023. The new facility is expected to be worth \$76 million (around Rs 630 Cr). At the new facility, aside from the space taxi, the firm will manufacture four of its thrusters: The Hall thruster, microwave plasma thruster, nano thrusters and green propulsion systems. Bellatrix last year tested India's first privately built Hall Thruster - a highly efficient electric propulsion system for satellites. It was also the first to develop the world's first commercial Microwave Plasma Thruster, which uses water as fuel. The firm has collaborations with other space companies - SatSure, Skyroot Aerospace and Dhruva Space on its ambitious orbital transfer vehicle (OTV) mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bellatrix Aerospace – to establish a \$76 million R&D centre & manufacturing factory for space taxis and propulsion systems for rockets and satellites near Kempegowda International Airport
- Bellatrix – tested India's 1st privately built Hall Thruster which was world's first commercial Microwave Plasma Thruster which uses water as fuel
- HQs of Bellatrix Aerospace – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Ganapathy | Established in – 2015

123. On November 6, Google launched an A.I. platform that displays flood forecasts, namely "FloodHub". This platform shows the area and time where floods could occur, in order to inform people about the natural calamity and authorities can assist them with effectively. It has also expanded its AI flood forecasting services to 18 counties across Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia. To recall, these flood forecasting services supported by AI were first introduced in India back in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – launched an A.I. platform that displays flood forecasts, namely "FloodHub"
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

124. China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), which is being projected as a competitor to the US' Global Position System (GPS), Russia's GLONASS and the European Union's Galileo, is the first to provide regional short message communication service to its users. Through 30 satellites, BDS offers free services to users across the world, according to the official whitepaper titled "China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System in the New Era". India too is building its navigational system called the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), with an operational name of NAVIC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) – the first to provide regional short message communication service
- GPS – belongs to US | GLONASS – belongs to Russia | Galileo – belongs to EU | NAVIC – belongs to India

125. On November 5, Iran's Revolutionary Guards successfully tested a new satellite-carrying rocket namely "Ghaem 100" from an undisclosed desert location. Iran's first three-stage launch vehicle will be able to place satellites weighing 80 kg in an orbit of 500 km from the earth's surface. The rocket would be used to launch Iran's Nahid satellite for the telecommunications ministry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – successfully tested a new satellite-carrying rocket namely "Ghaem 100", its first three-stage launch vehicle
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei





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Appointments & Resignations

126. On November 4, Reliance Industries Ltd announced the appointment of veteran banker Kundapur Vaman Kamath as an independent director on the company board. He joined ICICI as its managing director and CEO in 1996 and post its merger into ICICI Bank, was the managing director and CEO of ICICI Bank. He played a crucial role in splitting the oil-to-telecom empire between brothers Mukesh and Anil after their father Dhirubhai Ambani died without leaving a will in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K V Kamath – appointed as independent director on the board of Reliance Industries Ltd
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

127. On November 8, Skechers South Asia Private Limited has announced Bollywood actor Kriti Sanon as a new brand ambassador for Skechers India. Sanon will be the face of the fashion and lifestyle categories for the brand and appear in the upcoming Skechers Street campaign. Rahul Vira is the CEO of Skechers South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kriti Sanon – appointed as brand ambassador of Skechers India, a footwear brand

128. On November 1, Vivek Joshi appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance. He replaced Sanjay Malhotra who is slated to take over as Revenue Secretary. Prior to this appointment he was the Registrar General and Census Commissioner under the Ministry of Home Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vivek Joshi – appointed as Secretary of 'Department of Financial Services' (succeeding Sanjay Malhotra)
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

129. On November 2, Elon Musk will serve as chief executive of Twitter, the social media company he just bought for \$44 billion. He fired Twitter's previous chief Parag Agrawal and other top company officials, and has proposed revisions to the platform's user verification process, which has been free until now. He is also the CEO of Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink and The Boring Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Elon Musk – became the CEO of the Twitter
- He bought the Twitter for – \$44 billion
- He is also the CEO of Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink and The Boring Company
- HQs of EPFO – New Delhi | CEO – Neelam Shami Rao | Established in – 1952



Important Days & Dates

130. World Tsunami Awareness Day is celebrated every year on 5 November. The theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2022 is “Awareness About Tsunami Early-Warning Systems” or “Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami”. The day is observed to create awareness among people about the ill effects of this environmental catastrophe and ways to mitigate them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 5 – World Tsunami Awareness Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami”

131. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared November 6 as the “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict” in 2001 and since 2002, the day is observed annually on November 6 across the world aiming to educate people about what effects do war and armed conflict have on the environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 6 – International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

132. The first ‘International Day for Biosphere Reserves’ was celebrated on November 3, 2022. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) was formed in 1971, as a backbone for biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and living in harmony with nature. There are now 738 properties in 134 countries, including 12 in India, 4 in Sri Lanka, and 3 in the Maldives. Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal do not have biospheres as yet. The ‘South and Central Asia MAB Reserve’ Networking Meeting (where MAB stands Man and the Biosphere) is planned for 2023, to advance biosphere reserve establishment, and management. In Asia, the first biosphere reserve was the Hurulu Biosphere Reserve, in Sri Lanka. India is likely to become the world’s most populated country in 2023 and is expected to become an important global player on environmental sustainability issues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 3 – International Day for Biosphere Reserves
- There are now 738 Biosphere Reserves in 134 countries, including 12 in India
- In Asia, the first biosphere reserve was the Hurulu Biosphere Reserve, in Sri Lanka

133. Infant Protection Day is observed every year on 7 November to raise awareness about the safety of newborn babies and safeguard their lives by offering suitable care. As of 2021, countries with the highest infant mortality rates include Somalia, Afghanistan, and the Central African Republic. The countries with the lowest infant mortality rates are Singapore, Slovenia, and Iceland. With 27 infant deaths for every 1,000 live births in 2020, India is neither among the nations with the highest nor among those with the lowest infant mortality rate. The infant mortality rate around the globe has decreased from an estimated 65 deaths per 1000 live births in 1990 to 29 deaths per 1000 live births in 2018 according to World Health Organization (WHO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – Infant Protection Day



134. All Souls' Day is observed on November 2 every year. All Souls' Day falls after Halloween on October 31 and All Saints' Day on November 1. Since the 11th century, All Souls' Day is marked on this date due to Odilo, who was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and died in 1048 after holding the post for 54 years. In Roman Catholicism, All Souls' Day is commemorated for all the faithful departed souls, basically baptised Christians who passed away with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 2 – All Souls' Day
- November 1 – All Saints' Day
- October 31 – Halloween

135. The 134th birth anniversary of Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman or CV Raman was marked on 7 November, 2022. He was born in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu on 7 November, 1888. CV Raman won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the scattering of light and for the discovery of the Raman effect in 1930. CV Raman was the first Indian, Asian and non-white individual to win a Nobel Prize for the sciences. He was awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in 1954. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 7 November 2022 – 134th birth anniversary of CV Raman
- His Awards: Nobel Prize in Physics (1930) & Bharat Ratna (1954)

136. National Cancer Awareness Day (NCAD) is celebrated on 7 November in India and this day aims to focus on cancer prevention and early detection. The day was first announced in September 2014 by then Union health minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan. According to WHO, approximately 70% of deaths from cancer occur in low and middle-income countries. Cancer is a non-communicable disease and is the second leading cause of death globally. This day also coincides with the birth anniversary of the eminent French-Polish scientist Madame Curie who is known for her work in the field of radioactivity and has been the winner of the Nobel Prize twice. There is no specific theme for National cancer day 2022 but the organizations aim to spread awareness about the disease so that more people can take steps for prevention from cancer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – National Cancer Awareness Day (since 2014)
- NCAD coincides with the birth anniversary of 'Marie Curie'

137. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin announced that the birth anniversary of the legendary Tamil king Rajaraja Chola will be celebrated as a government on November 3 from this year onwards. The mausoleum of Rajaraja Chola in Thanjavur district will also be renovated. Rajaraja Chola's birth anniversary is observed by various groups in Thanjavur on Aippasi Sathayam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – announced to observe the birth anniversary of Tamil king Rajaraja Chola on November 3
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



Books & Authors

138. BVR Mohan Reddy has authored his autobiography titled “Engineered in India From Dreams to billion dollar Cyient”. The book has been published by Penguin Business. Mohan has played a key role in shaping the tech strengths of India’s IT as Chairman of NASSCOM. He is founder of the company titled Infotech Enterprises Limited which was later named as “Cyient”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Engineered in India From Dreams to billion dollar Cyient” book – an autobiography of BVR Mohan Reddy

139. In November 2022, a former school teacher, Nirmala James, has authored a book titled “E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions”. The book was published by Enview Research and Development. The life and remarkable achievements of E. K. Janaki Ammal, the Kerala-born scientist often described as India’s first woman botanist, have now been detailed in this 400-page book. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions” book – authored by Nirmala James
- Published by – Enview Research and Development

140. A new book titled “RECALIBRATE: Changing Paradigms” is authored by two of India’s most experienced policymakers, Nand Kishore Singh (N. K. Singh) and Pramod Kumar Mishra (P. K. Mishra). The authors bring to bear decades of policymaking and institutional understanding, combining bottom-up microeconomic insights with top-down macroeconomic imperatives, to argue that India effectively needs a new social, fiscal and federal compact. The book was published by Rupa Publications India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “RECALIBRATE: Changing Paradigms” – authored by N. K. Singh & P. K. Mishra
- Publisher – Rupa Publications India

Obituaries

141. On November 5, Independent India’s first voter Shyam Saran Negi passed away at the age of 106 in Kalpa in Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Negi was the Election Commission’s brand ambassador. He voted for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election through postal ballot on November 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shyam Saran Negi (HP) – Independent India’s first voter & Election Commission’s brand ambassador – passed away



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

142. India hosted the first-ever Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Awards at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan. The inaugural edition was attended by Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Patricia Scotland KC, Commonwealth Secretary-General and others. The conclave addressed issues critical to building a Digital Ecosystem aiming at Digital health for all and how organizations can adopt digital technologies. The event was organized in association with the digital health associations like - The Global Health Connector Partnership, The International Society for Telemedicine & Health, Switzerland, and Internet Governance Forum- Dynamic Coalition on Digital Health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – hosted the first-ever 'Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Awards' in New Delhi
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya – attended the Summit

143. On November 4, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep S. Puri, addressed the 15th edition of "Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022" in Kochi, Kerala. "Azadi @75 - Sustainable Atmanirbhar Urban Mobility" was the theme of the conference. The conference focused on creating a system that encourages people to switch from personal vehicles to public modes of transport. It aligns with the Centre's objective of 'moving people rather than vehicles'. The event was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. India currently has the 5th largest metro network in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep S. Puri – addressed the 15th edition of "Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022" in Kochi, Kerala
- Theme – "Azadi @75 - Sustainable Atmanirbhar Urban Mobility"
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

144. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, led the Indian delegation to the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November, 2022. At the meet, the minister discussed the mantra of "LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment), coined by PM Shri Narendra Modi. Mission LiFE is designed with the objective to mobilise at least 1 billion Indians and other global citizens to take individual and collective action for protecting and preserving the environment during the period 2022 to 2027. Within India, at least 80% of all villages and urban local bodies are aimed to become environment-friendly by 2028. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – led the Indian delegation to the 'COP 27' held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
- At the meet, the minister discussed the mantra of "LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment), coined by PM Narendra Modi
- Within India, at least 80% of all villages & urban local bodies are aimed to become Environment-friendly by 2028
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

145. Glaciers at many UNESCO World Heritage sites are likely to vanish by 2050. The warning followed the UNESCO's study of 18,600 glaciers at 50 World Heritage sites which found glaciers at a third of the sites were condemned to disappear. This report is a call to action, according to the UNESCO. Globally, Countries have pledged to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels - a goal the world is set to miss on current emission trends. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNESCO – released a study of 18,600 glaciers at 50 World Heritage sites
- Globally, Countries have pledged to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries

146. Women, when they retire from work, will just have 74% of the wealth accumulated by men, according to the “2022 WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity” report. The report was jointly developed by WTW and the World Economic Forum (WEF). The main reason for wealth disparity includes pay gaps and delayed career trajectories. In Asia-Pacific (APAC), India has the worst gender wealth gap (64%). APAC has one of the lowest global wealth gaps on average for gender wealth equity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2022 Global Gender Wealth Equity” – by WTW + WEF
- Report: Women, when they retire from work, will just have 74% of the wealth accumulated by men
- India has the worst gender wealth gap (64%) in Asia-Pacific (APAC) region



Amount & Agreements

147. On November 4, Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$350 million (about Rs 2,900 Cr) loan to improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in Maharashtra. It will build on the Maharashtra State Road Improvement Project approved by ADB in April 2020 to upgrade state highways and major district roads. It will also construct 5 km of major district roads connecting Nanded and Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$350 million (Rs 2,900 Cr) loan to improve road connectivity of key economic areas in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

148. On November 1, WhatsApp and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) announced a partnership to launch Namma Metro's WhatsApp chatbot-based QR ticketing service. The chatbot is integrated with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) powered payments on WhatsApp and will allow 'Namma Metro' commuters to purchase tickets and recharge their travel pass right within WhatsApp. It is the first transit service globally to enable end-to-end QR ticketing on WhatsApp. WhatsApp chatbot is available in English and Kannada for all commuters of 'Namma Metro'. To use the service, commuters need to simply send 'Hi' to BMRCL's official WhatsApp chatbot number 9181055 56677 and choose from the various options. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WhatsApp + BMRCL = partnership to launch Namma Metro's WhatsApp chatbot-based QR ticketing service
- The chatbot is integrated with UPI & will allow to purchase tickets & recharge travel pass within WhatsApp
- [HQs of Whatsapp – California, US](#) | [CEO – Jan Koum](#) | [Founded in – 2009](#)

149. On November 4, Three MoUs were inked between businesses in Taiwan and India for cooperation in electronics manufacturing and green technologies. The MoUs were signed at the "2022 India-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit" jointly held by Taiwan's Chinese National Federation of Industries (CNFI) and India's industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). One MOU was signed by memory chipmaker Adata Technology (Taiwan) and India's Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA). Second agreement was by metal recycling specialist UWin Nanotech. Co. (Taiwan) and India's Srikaarya Industries. The third MoU was signed by the Taiwan Environmental Manufacturers Association, Taiwan's China Productivity Center, Industrial Technology Research Institute, and Water Affairs Organization, and India's International Centre for Clean Water and Steady-taps Consulting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Taiwan = signed 3 MoUs for cooperation in electronics manufacturing and green technologies
- "2022 India-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit" – jointly held by CNFI (Taiwan) + FICCI
- [Taiwan – Taipei – New Taiwan dollar](#) | [President – Tsai Ing-wen](#)
- [HQs of FICCI – Delhi](#) | [DG – Arun Chawla](#) | [President – Sanjiv Mehta \(Subhrakant Panda from Dec\)](#) | [Founded in – 1927](#)

150. On November 4, The Assam government inked an MoU with Bright Star Investments Pvt. Ltd for the infrastructure development of academic block of the second medical college of Guwahati. The first medical college at Guwahati was established in 1960. It is for the first time that Assam government has collaborated with the private sector for building infrastructure of a medical college in the state. the government has taken steps for setting up 15 new medical colleges in addition to the nine existing ones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + Bright Star Investments = an MoU for development of academic block of 2nd medical college of Guwahati
- It is for 1st time that Assam collaborated with private sector for building infrastructure of a medical college in the state
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)





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