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National & States Affairs

151. A dance drama based on the life of Raja Rammohun Roy was organized on 5th and 6th November, 2022 at Kartavya Path and India Gate (Central Vista). It was titled 'Yugpurush Raja Rammohun Roy' and was organised by Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation. The theme of the program was "Nari Samman". On May 22, 2022, on the occasion of the 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ministry of Culture launched a one-year long celebration as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. This audio-visual presentation is also a part of campaign under which cultural programmes are to be organised at Central Vista every week. He was born on May 22, 1772 in Radhanagar, Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A dance drama based on the life of Raja Rammohun Roy was organized at Kartavya Path and India Gate (Central Vista)
- Title – Yugpurush Raja Rammohun Roy | Theme – Nari Samman

152. On November 7, Tamil Nadu's Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) launched an "Elephant Adoption Programme" through which non-governmental organisations, institutions, trusts or individuals can sponsor the expenses of Forest Department's camp elephants. Under the scheme, any donor who is willing to adopt the elephants will get an exemption under section 80 G of the 'Income Tax Act 1961'. The fund will be deposited in the ATR Foundation which has been registered as a trust. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anamalai Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu) – launched an "Elephant Adoption Programme"
- Under this program, non-governmental organisations, institutions, trusts or individuals can sponsor Elephants
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

153. On November 7, The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) announced to continue National Bio Energy Programme till 2025-26 with a budget outlay of Rs 858 Cr for the first phase. The programme will aid the use of huge surplus biomass, cattle dung, and industrial and urban biowaste available in the country for energy recovery. The programme was recommended for implementation in two Phases. The National Bioenergy Programme will include the three Sub-schemes: Waste to Energy Programme, Biomass Programme and Biogas Programme. The Waste to Energy Programme will support the setting up of large Biogas, BioCNG and Power plants. Biomass Programme will support the setting up of pellets and briquettes for use in power generation and non-bagasse-based power generation projects. The biogas programme will also support the setting up of family and medium size Biogas in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MNRE – announced to continue National Bio Energy Programme till 2025-26 with budget of Rs 858 Cr for 1st phase
- National Bioenergy Program will include 3 Sub-schemes: Waste to Energy Program, Biomass Program & Biogas Program
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar

154. On November 4, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) NITI Aayog launched the fourth edition of 'Innovations for You' coffee table book featuring 75 successful women entrepreneurs of India. The book captures success stories of start-ups supported through Atal Incubation Centres, Atal Community Innovation Centres and Atal New India Challenges, three flagship programs under the Atal Innovation Mission. 'Innovations For You' is a Coffee Table Book series with 3 editions have been released previously. The first edition was focused on the healthcare sector; the second on agriculture and the allied sector and the third on transport and mobility. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- AIM NITI Aayog – launched the 4th edition of ‘Innovations for You’ coffee table book
- The book features 75 successful women entrepreneurs of India
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

155. On November 4, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized the 6th edition of “Ganga Utsav - The River Festival 2022” at New Delhi in two sessions. The central aim of the Ganga Utsav is to celebrate all the rivers of India (Nadi Utsav). Ganga Utsav 2022 is dedicated to the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. 75 events were organised as part of the Utsav. Activities under Arth Ganga such as Ghat Mein Haat, Ghat Par Yoga, Ganga Artis etc. were organised. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMCG – organized the 6th edition of “Ganga Utsav - The River Festival 2022” at New Delhi
- 75 events were organised as part of the Ganga Utsav
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – G. Asok Kumar

156. November 4, Uttar Pradesh government announced that Mathura-Vrindavan, one of India’s largest pilgrimage centres, aims to become a “net zero carbon emission” tourist destination by 2041. This means that tourist vehicles will be banned from the entire Braj region, which includes famous pilgrim centres such as Vrindavan and Krishna Janmabhoomi. Instead, only electric vehicles used as public transport will be allowed into the area. According to the plan, the Braj region’s annual pilgrim-tourist footfall is expected to multiply from the current level of 2.3 crore to 6 crore by 2041. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mathura-Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh) – aims to become a ‘net zero carbon emission’ tourist destination by 2041
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

157. On November 6, Fatima Sheikh, India’s first Muslim woman teacher is now being recognised by the Andhra Pradesh government which has introduced a lesson on her contributions in Class 8th textbooks. Earlier, the Maharashtra government had also introduced a brief lesson on Fatima Sheikh to its school curriculum. Born on January 9, 1831, Fatima Sheikh is known to have given shelter to Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule in 1848 at her residence in Poona. The well-known social reformer couple was campaigning against caste system and was disowned by their families. Also, Google recently honoured Fatima Sheikh with a Doodle on its homepage in connection with her 191st birth anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – introduced a lesson on India’s first Muslim woman teacher, Fatima Sheikh, in Class 8th textbooks
- Earlier, Maharashtra had also introduced a brief lesson on Fatima Sheikh to its school curriculum
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

158. The world’s first Vedic Clock will be installed in Ujjain - the city of Lord Malakal. Madhya Pradesh state higher education minister Mohan Yadav laid the foundation stone at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain for this mega project, being taken up by the state government at an estimated cost of Rs 1.62 crore. The observatory was constructed by Maharaja Sawai Raja Jaisingh of Jaipur in 1719. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s first Vedic Clock – will be installed in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

159. On November 7, HDFC Asset Management launched two new funds - HDFC Nifty IT ETF and HDFC Nifty Private Bank ETF. These funds offer a simple way to gain exposure to the growing IT and Private Bank space. Both the funds consist of the 10 largest stocks in the respective sectors listed on the NSE, and they are rebalanced semi-annually in March and September. Both the funds will be managed passively, with investments in securities covered by the underlying index. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Asset Management – launched two new funds namely ‘HDFC Nifty IT ETF’ & ‘HDFC Nifty Private Bank ETF’
- HQs of HDFC AMC – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Navneet Munot

160. On November 7, UAE-based bank Emirates NBD announced an additional USD 100 million investment in its India operations, and started two new branches in Chennai and Gurugram, in addition to its Mumbai branch. The lender, having the largest presence in the Middle East region, has so far invested USD 300 million in the last 5 years of its operations in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Emirates NBD (UAE) – announced an additional USD 100 million investment in its India operations
- Emirates NBD – started two new branches in Chennai & Gurugram, in addition to its Mumbai branch

161. HDFC Bank marked the “International Fraud Awareness Week 2022” from November 15 to 21 by introducing a number of initiatives to create awareness about cyber fraud attacks and to promote safe banking habits amongst people. HDFC Bank has also decided to observe the first Wednesday of every month as the ‘Cyber Jagrookta Diwas’ and is organising workshops for its branch banking staff covering different aspects of safe digital banking practices. Recently in August, HDFC Bank launched a social media campaign called “Vigil Aunty” to educate consumers on safe banking habits and cyber fraud awareness. Apart from the workshops, the Bank has also introduced a mandatory e-learning cyber security course, ‘Fraud Knowledge Series’, for all its employees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 to 21 – International Fraud Awareness Week 2022
- HDFC Bank – decided to observe the first Wednesday of every month as the ‘Cyber Jagrookta Diwas’
- HDFC Bank – launched “Vigil Aunty” initiative to educate consumers on safe banking habits & cyber fraud
- HDFC Bank – introduced a mandatory e-learning cyber security course, ‘Fraud Knowledge Series’, for all its employees
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your World”

Sports & Games

162. On November 4, Indian men’s team, led by the seasoned Saurav Ghosal, clinched its first-ever gold at the “Asian Squash Team Championships 2022” with a 2-0 win over Kuwait in the final. The championship was held at Cheongju International Squash Stadium in South Korea. Indian women’s team settled for the bronze medal after losing 1-2 to Malaysia in the semi-finals. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian men's team – won the first-ever gold at the “Asian Squash Team Championships 2022” in South Korea
- Indian men's team defeated Kuwait in the final | Indian women's team – won the Bronze medal

163. On November 9, Table Tennis stars Manika Batra and Gnanasekaran Sathiyam created history as they became the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top 5 of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Rankings. The duo accomplished this landmark after they made it to the final of the WTT Contender event held in Nova Gorica, Slovenia. Both are also India's top-ranked singles players, with Batra being world number 44 in women's singles category while Sathiyam is 39th in the men's singles category. In women's doubles, Manika Batra and her partner Archana Girish Kamath retained their number 5 position. While at number 29, Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar are India's best-ranked men's doubles pair. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manika Batra & Gnanasekaran Sathiyam – the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top 5 of ITTF World Rankings
- In women's doubles: The pair of Manika Batra & Archana Girish Kamath – stands at No. 5
- In men's doubles: The pair of Harmeet Desai & Manav Thakkar – stands at No. 29

164. In November 2022, Puzzle Constructor Prasanna Seshadri won India's first silver medal at the “World Puzzle Championship (WPC)” in Poland. The WPC is a global contest where national teams compete to crack numeric and visual puzzles in the fastest time possible. The WPC is held in a different city each year by the World Puzzle Federation. Its 2017 edition was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The 2022 WPC's gold went to Japan's Ken Endo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prasanna Seshadri – won India's first silver medal at the “World Puzzle Championship (WPC)” in Poland
- Gold – Ken Endo (Japan)

165. Kerala was all set to host the ‘Track Asia Cup 2022’ cycling tournament, one of the biggest cycling events, at the LNCPE outdoor velodrome from November 25 to 28. Around 200 cyclists from over 25 countries in Asia took part in the event, which was conducted outside Delhi for the first time. Track Asia Cup Cycling 2022 was sanctioned by Asian Cycling Confederation and Cycling Federation of India. Track Asia Cup was also the selection of Asian Countries for the 2024 Paris Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – hosted the ‘Track Asia Cup 2022’ cycling tournament
- ‘Track Asia Cup Cycling 2022’ was sanctioned by = Asian Cycling Confederation + Cycling Federation of India
- HQs of Asian Cycling Confederation – Dubai, UAE | President – Osama Ahmed Al Shafar
- HQs of CFI – New Delhi | President – Parminder Singh Dhindsa | Secretary General – Maninder Pal Singh

Persons in News

166. On November 9, Aruna Miller became the first Indian-American to hold the office of Lieutenant Governor in Maryland, a US state. The 58-year-old Democrat is said to have her roots in Hyderabad and immigrated to the United States from India when she was 7. Indian-Americans are likely to have a 100% strike rate for the House of Representatives, according to political experts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aruna Miller – became the first Indian-American to hold the office of Lieutenant Governor in Maryland, US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Science & Technology

167. On November 4, AdaniConneX, a joint venture between Adani Enterprises and EdgeConneX, opened ‘Chennai 1’ hyperscale data centre campus located at Sipcot IT Park in Chennai, India. In Phase-1, the campus offers 17 megawatt (IT Load) that will scale up to 33 Mw at full capacity. The ‘Chennai 1’ campus hosts Tamil Nadu’s first pre-certified IGBC Platinum Rated data centre. The facility will also be powered with up to 100% renewable energy. ‘Chennai 1’ is designed to offer robust physical protection to IT Infrastructure with seven layers of security system and commitment to provide 99.999% availability. AdaniConneX is also building hyperscale campuses in all the big cities of India. AdaniConneX is also developing distributed Edge Data Centers and Far Edge facilities in Tier 2 and 3 markets, relying heavily on renewable energy sources to help bring cloud, content, and data closer to customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AdaniConneX – opened ‘Chennai 1’ hyperscale data centre campus at Sipcot IT Park in Chennai
- AdaniConneX – a joint venture between Adani Enterprises and EdgeConneX
- Chennai 1 campus – hosts Tamil Nadu’s first pre-certified IGBC Platinum Rated data centre
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

168. On November 7, Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) launched “Hull Module” of ‘Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization & Evaluation (SPACE)’ facility at Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) in Kochi, Kerala. It is a state-of-the-art testing and evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian navy onboard various platforms, including ships, submarines and helicopters. The SPACE is one-of-a-kind facility in the world, based on the concept design and requirements projected by NPOL and has been constructed by M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – launched “Hull Module” of SPACE facility at NPOL in Kochi, Kerala
- SPACE facility is designed by NPOL & constructed by M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Chennai
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – Samir V. Kamat | Established in – 1958

169. On November 4, Apis karinjodian, a new species of endemic honeybee has been discovered in the Western Ghats after a gap of more than 200 years. The new species has been given the common name Indian black honeybee. The discovery was published in the journal Entomon. The last honeybee described from India was Apis indica in 1798 by Fabricius. The distribution of Apis karinjodian ranges from the central Western Ghats and Nilgiris to the southern Western Ghats, covering the States of Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and parts of Tamil Nadu. The species has been classified as near threatened (NT) in the State based on the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. This new discovery has increased the species of honeybees in the world to 11. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Apis karinjodian’, a new species of endemic honeybee – discovered in the Western Ghats after more than 200 years
- This new discovery of ‘Indian Black Honeybee’ has increased the species of honeybees in the world to 11



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Appointments & Resignations

170. On November 8, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted several committees and appointed their chairpersons. Prakash Javadekar has been appointed as chairperson of Rajya Sabha's ethics committee. C M Ramesh has been appointed as the chairperson of housing committees. Sujeet Kumar has been appointed as chairperson of Rajya Sabha's petitions committee. Laxmikant Bajpayee will chair the Committee on Subordinate Legislation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – appointed as chairperson of Rajya Sabha's ethics committee
- C M Ramesh – appointed as the chairperson of housing committees
- Sujeet Kumar – appointed as chairperson of petitions committee
- Laxmikant Bajpayee – appointed as the chair the Committee on Subordinate Legislation

171. On November 7, the Central Government appointed Justice Rituraj Awasthi, Retired High Court Chief Justice of Karnataka, as Chairperson of the 22nd Law Commission of India, along with other 5 members - Justice KT Sankaran, Prof. Anand Paliwal, Prof. DP Verma, Prof. Raka Arya and M. Karunanithi. The Law Commission is constituted for 3 years. The last chairman of the committee retired in August 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rituraj Awasthi – appointed as Chairperson of the 22nd Law Commission of India (along with other 5 members)
- The Law Commission is constituted for 3 years

172. On November 5, Kishor Kumar Basa, vice-chancellor of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University Baripada, was appointed as new chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA). He will remain in the post for three years. He is also the chairman, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA). The most significant work of his career was excavation of an archaeological site at Harirajpur in 2012-13 in Odisha and discovery of three skeletons of Neolithic-chalcolithic period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kishor Kumar Basa – appointed as new chairman of the National Monuments Authority
- [HQs of NMA – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Kishor Kumar Basa](#)

173. On November 7, the GSMA, a top UK-based grouping of global mobile carriers, has elected Bharti Airtel CEO Gopal Vittal as Deputy Chair for a 2-year term, starting January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. Vittal is the second Indian after Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Mittal to be named a top GSMA functionary. Mittal had served at the highest level as GSMA's Chair during 2016-18. There are 26 members of the GSMA Board. Airtel CEO Vittal and Reliance Jio president Matthew Oommen are among the GSMA's board members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gopal Vittal (Bharti Airtel CEO) – elected as Deputy Chair of GSMA, UK-based grouping of global mobile carriers
- Gopal Vittal & Matthew Oommen are among the GSMA's 26 board members

174. On November 4, Amit Dasgupta was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship. Dasgupta was Consul-General of India to Australia from 2009 to 2012. Dasgupta was instrumental in establishing the Australia-India Youth Dialogue. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Amit Dasgupta – appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the ‘Order of Australia’
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

175. On November 2, the crews of INS Kochi, INS Kolkata and Greatship Ahalya were awarded certificates of commendation by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). Secretary General of IMO Kitack Lim handed over these commendations at the annual Bravery Awards Ceremony held in London. The honour was given in recognition of “exceptional courage” displayed by the gallant sailors in rescuing 261 personnel on board the accommodation barge P-305, following its collision with an oil rig during Cyclone Tauktae. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMO – awarded certificates of commendation to crews of INS Kochi, INS Kolkata and Greatship Ahalya
- The honour was given in recognition of “exceptional courage” displayed by the gallant sailors during Cyclone Tauktae
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950
- HQs of IMO – London, UK | Secretary-General – Kitack Lim

176. On November 8, Prominent Indian physician and scientist Dr Subhash Babu has been conferred the prestigious “2022 Bailey K. Ashford Medal”, and “2022 Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Award” for his exemplary research work and contribution in tropical medicine. The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) is the world’s largest scientific organization in tropical medicine, and the medal is awarded annually to one or more mid-career-investigators for distinguished work in tropical medicine. Dr. Subash Babu is the Scientific Director of the ICER (International Centre for Excellence in Research) - India Programme. He is the first Indian to receive both the Bailey K. Ashford medal as well as the FASTMH award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Subhash Babu – the first Indian to receive ‘Bailey K. Ashford medal’ & ‘FASTMH award’
- He was awarded by – American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH)

177. In November 2022, Noted writer M. T. Vasudevan Nair was conferred the first “Kerala Jyothi” award instituted by the Kerala Government. Actor Mammooty, playwright Omchery N.N. Pillai and former civil servant and social activist T. Madhava Menon have been selected for the “Kerala Prabha” award. While biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju, magician Gopinath Muthukad, sculptor Kanayi Kunhiraman, industrialist Kochouseph Chittilappilly, scientist and educationist M.P. Parameswaran and singer Vaikom Vijayalakshmi were presented the “Kerala Sree” award. The jury was chaired by Adoor Gopalakrishnan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kerala Jyothi” award: M. T. Vasudevan Nair
- “Kerala Prabha” award: Mammooty, Omchery N.N. Pillai, T. Madhava Menon
- “Kerala Sree” award: Sathyabhama Das Biju, Gopinath Muthukad, Kanayi Kunhiraman, Kochouseph Chittilappilly, M.P. Parameswaran, Vaikom Vijayalakshmi
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



178. In November 2022, Jio Platforms Limited (JPL) won the 'Cloud Native Award' at the 24th World Communication Awards (WCA) ceremony held in London by Total Telecom. The 'Cyber Security Award' was given to Nokia & NetGuard Cybersecurity Dome. Awards were given in several other categories including - B2B Service of the Year, Best Digital Transformation Programme, Best Network Transformation Initiative, Best Operator in an Emerging Market and Best Wholesale Operator, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 24th World Communication Awards (WCA) ceremony – held in London, UK
- Jio Platforms – won the 'Cloud Native Award'
- Nokia & NetGuard Cybersecurity Dome – won the 'Cyber Security Award'

179. The 'Grama Vandī' service of Kerala won the national 'Commendation Award in Urban Transport' in the category of 'City with the Best Public Transport System'. The 'Grama Vandī' service also won the 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport'. The awards were presented by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan at the 15th "Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022" held in Kochi, Kerala on November 6. Moreover, many cities received various awards in different categories. Ahmedabad was awarded for being the city with the 'Most Sustainable Transport System' for its Ahmedabad Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS), Navi Mumbai bagged the award for the city with the best public transport system for its 'Modernised and Sustainable City Bus Service'. Under the same category, the commendation award went to Thiruvananthapuram for its 'Planned Public Transport through City Services'. Indore bagged the award for 'Best Green Transport Initiative'. Bangalore Metro received award for 'Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction'. Uttar Pradesh Metro received award for 'Best Multimodal Integration Award', while the commendation award under the same category was given to Delhi Metro. The award for the 'City with the Best Intelligent Transport System' was given to Chennai. Bhopal received the award for 'City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism'. Kolkata was awarded for the 'Best Non-Motorised Transport System'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th "Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022" Awards ceremony – held in Kochi, Kerala
- Kerala's 'Grama Vandī' service – award for the 'City with the Best Public Transport System'
- 'Grama Vandī' service – also won the 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport'
- Ahmedabad – award for the 'City with the Most Sustainable Transport System'
- Navi Mumbai – award for the 'Modernised and Sustainable City Bus Service'
- Thiruvananthapuram – award for the 'Planned Public Transport through City Services'
- Indore – award for the 'Best Green Transport Initiative'
- Bangalore Metro – award for the 'Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction'
- Uttar Pradesh Metro – award for the 'Best Multimodal Integration Award'
- Delhi Metro – commendation award for the 'Best Multimodal Integration Award'
- Chennai – award for the 'City with the Best Intelligent Transport System'
- Bhopal – award for the 'City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism'
- Kolkata – awarded for the 'Best Non-Motorised Transport System'

180. India's Virat Kohli has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2022. Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza and South Africa's David Miller were the other nominees for the award along with Kohli. While Pakistan's all-rounder Nida Dar has been named as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Virat Kohli (India) – named “ICC Men’s Player of the Month for October 2022”
- Nida Dar (Pakistan) – named “ICC Women’s Player of the Month for October 2022”

Schemes & Initiatives

181. On November 7, Goa formally launched “Mukhyamantri Devdarshan Yatra Yojana”, a state-sponsored pilgrimage scheme for people. Under the scheme, Goa’s Chief Minister Pramod Sawant flagged off a bus carrying passengers to the famous Tirupati shrine in Andhra Pradesh. People over the age of 50 years are eligible to apply under the scheme. Seats are booked for the free pilgrimage on the first-cum-first-served basis. The two other destinations promised under the scheme are Velankanni in Tamil Nadu - a popular pilgrim center, and Shirdi, the famous shrine of Sai Baba located in Maharashtra.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Under the scheme, people over the age of 50 years are eligible to apply
- Promised destinations: Tirupati shrine in Andhra Pradesh, Velankanni in Tamil Nadu, Shirdi shrine in Maharashtra
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

182. On November 6, Kerala launched “Technology Transfer Scheme”, a scheme to reimburse the expense incurred by the nascent startup ventures to procure technology licenses from government research institutions in India to commercialise and scale up their products. The scheme will be implemented through Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM). Under the scheme, the government will reimburse upto Rs 10 lakh to startups purchasing or sourcing technology from government research institutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched “Technology Transfer Scheme”, a scheme to reimburse technology license’s cost incurred by startups
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

Important Days & Dates

183. Ministry of Education celebrated ‘Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas’ in a grand manner in schools, and higher educational institutions across the country on 15 November. Last year, the Government declared 15 November as ‘Janjatiya Gaurav Divas’ dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters. The day falls on the occasion of birth anniversary of Birsa Munda. The initiative has been taken under the leadership of Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 – Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas – celebrated by Ministry of Education
- The day also marks the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda



184. The “Indo-German Week of the Young Researchers 2022”, which was jointly organized by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and German Research Foundation (DFG) from November 7 to 10, brought 30 young researchers from the two countries together to share their research interests and build long-term research partnerships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 to 10 – Indo-German Week of the Young Researchers 2022 – jointly organized by SERB & DFG
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

185. “World Town Planning Day” or “World Urbanism Day” is observed annually on November 8. This day was set aside to commemorate the important role planning and structuring play in the creation of our communities. This day was founded in 1949 by late professor Carlos Maria della Paolera. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – World Town Planning Day or World Urbanism Day

186. World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology is observed on 8 November every year to mark the anniversary of the birth of X-rays. X-rays have made the diagnosis of disease easy and painless. X-rays were discovered accidentally in the year 1895 by Professor Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen while he was working with a cathode-ray tube in his laboratory. This year, 11th International Day of Radiology was observed under the theme of “Radiologists and Radiographers supporting Patients”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – 11th World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology (birth of X-rays)
- Theme – “Radiologists and Radiographers supporting Patients”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

187. On November 8, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, participated at the “World Travel Market (WTM) 2022” from November 7 to 9 in London, UK. It is one of the largest international travel exhibitions. The theme of this year’s exhibition is “The Future of Travel Starts Now”. The highlights of the India’s participation of WTM in the first day was India Evening at Copper Chimney, West Field Mall. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – participated at the “World Travel Market (WTM) 2022” in London, UK
- Theme – “The Future of Travel Starts Now”
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

188. In November 2022, India hosted the 3rd Ministerial ‘No Money for Terror’ Conference organised by Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi. This Conference aims to progress the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two Conferences in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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189. On November 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the three-day Global Investors Meet (GIM) of 'Invest Karnataka 2022' virtually and invited investors from all across the world to come and invest in Karnataka. The theme of the Meet was "Build for the World". The core objective of this GIM was to bring in investments in diverse sectors and create jobs. During the GIM, Karnataka government signed MoUs worth Rs 5.20 lakh crore that include IndoSpace's MoU with Karnataka to invest Rs 3000 crore in the state to boost warehousing and logistics sector. IndoSpace is India's largest developer and owner of the grade A industrial real estate. Moreover, Welspun One Logistics Parks (WOLP) also signed an MoU with the Karnataka Government to invest Rs 2000 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated 3-day "Invest Karnataka 2022", a Global Investors Meet in Bengaluru
- Theme – "Build for the World" | During the GIM, Karnataka Govt signed MoUs worth Rs 5.20 lakh Cr
- IndoSpace & Welspun One Logistics Parks – signed MoUs with Karnataka to invest Rs 3000 Cr & Rs 2000 Cr respectively
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

190. On November 7, the Netherlands emerged as the top destination for India's petroleum product exports such as petrol and diesel in the first half of the current fiscal year. Also, Netherlands replaced China and became the third biggest market for India's overall exports. The Netherlands accounted for nearly 9% of India's total petroleum product exports in the April to September period at ₹4.5 trillion, a growth of 180% over the corresponding period last year. China was displaced to the fourth position, accounting for just 3.3% of India's total overall outbound shipments. South Africa and Brazil also ramped up refined petroleum product purchases including those of ATF from India in H1, making it to the top 10 petroleum product export markets for Indian refiners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Netherlands (9%) – emerged as the top destination for India's petroleum product exports in 1st half of FY23
- Netherlands – replaced China & became 3rd biggest market for India's overall exports
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro](#) | [PM – Mark Rutte](#)

191. According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), Maharashtra (60%), New Delhi (42%) and Goa (28%), respectively, have the highest mutual fund penetration in India, due to the higher income levels, better literacy rates and strong inflows from corporates and high net worth individuals. Mutual fund penetration is only 5-6% in Kerala and Telangana, while Jharkhand is among the top 10 states with MF penetration of 13%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to AMFI: Maharashtra has the highest mutual fund penetration in India (60%)
- 2nd – New Delhi (42%), 3rd – Goa (28%)
- [HQs of AMFI – Mumbai](#) | [Chairman – A. Balasubramanian](#) | [CEO – N. S. Venkatesh](#) | [Incorporated in – 1995](#)

192. On November 8, Forbes unveiled its "2022 Asia's Power Businesswomen List", honoring 20 outstanding women in business across the Asia-Pacific region. The 20 women featured are newcomers to the list. The list features 3 Indian women - Ghazal Alagh (Co-founder & Chief Innovation Officer of Honasa Consumer Pvt Ltd, aka Mamaearth), Soma Mondal (Chairperson of SAIL), and Namita Thapar (Executive Director at India business of Emcure Pharma). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

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- The list features 3 Indian women: Ghazal Alagh, Soma Mondal & Namita Thapar

193. According to the provisional figures from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Tamil Nadu has displaced Karnataka to emerge as the 3rd largest state in terms of own tax revenue collections in the first half (April-September) of the current fiscal FY23. Tamil Nadu has mopped up ₹68,638 crore in State’s Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) collections, after Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh that took the first two positions with ₹1,15,211 crore and ₹1,02,687 crore respectively. SOTR broadly includes revenues earned through State GST, Stamp & registration fees, Sales Tax, State Excise duty, and Land revenue. Kerala’s own revenue grew by 41% to ₹33,175 crore in the first half of FY23. This is the highest among southern States. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – emerged as the largest state in State’s Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) collections in the first half (April-Sep)
- 2nd – Uttar Pradesh | 3rd – Tamil Nadu

194. Reliance Industries, the country’s largest company by revenues, profits and market value, is India’s best employer and the world’s 20th best firm to work with, according to Forbes’ “World’s Best Employers Rankings 2022”, the 6th annual ranking. The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant Samsung Electronics, followed by US giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet and Apple. Oil-to-telecom-to-retail conglomerate Reliance, with 2,30,000 employees, is ranked 20th - the highest ranked Indian firm. There is no Indian company other than Reliance in the top 100. HDFC Bank is ranked 137th followed by Bajaj (173rd). Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to compile the ranking by surveying 1,50,000 full-time and part-time workers from 57 countries working for multinational companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World’s Best Employers Rankings 2022” – released by Forbes’ + Statista
- India’s Best Employer – Reliance Industries (world’s 20th best firm) | Globally Top – Samsung Electronics

195. Russia has emerged the biggest exporter of pig iron to India for the April-September (H1) period of FY23. Pig iron is a key steel making raw material. Data from the Steel Ministry show that in H1 FY23 nearly 31,700 tonnes of pig iron came into India, of which 26,600 tonnes (or 84%) was from Russia. As per data available, pig iron production in India during H1FY23 fell by nearly 6% YoY to 2.882 million tonnes (mt). Pig iron is crude iron and is the direct product of the blast furnace and is refined to produce steel, wrought iron, or ingot iron. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- In H1 FY23, Pig iron production in India fell by nearly 6% YoY to 2.882 MT

196. Global mean temperatures for 2022 are currently estimated to be about 1.15 degree Celsius higher than pre-industrial times, the report titled “Provisional State of the Global Climate 2022” released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The widely acknowledged danger mark for temperature rise is considered to be 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times, which is the average for the period 1850-1900. The assessment is based on temperature data from January to September this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Provisional State of the Global Climate 2022” – released by WMO
- Global mean temperatures for 2022 are currently estimated to be about 1.15°C higher than pre-industrial times
- Pre-industrial times – the average for the period 1850-1900
- HQs of WMO – Geneva, Switzerland | SG – Petteri Taalas | President – Gerhard Adrian | Established in – 1950

197. A study published in Nature Communications estimated that a vast majority of snakebite deaths globally, up to 64,100 of the 78,600 deaths, occur in India. It is almost 80% of the global deaths due to snakebite. The study also suggests that the global target of halving the number of deaths and injuries from snakebite by 2030 is unlikely to be met. Within India, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of deaths, estimated to be up to 16,100, followed by Madhya Pradesh (up to 5,790 deaths), and Rajasthan (up to 5,230 deaths). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 64,100 of the 78,600 snakebite deaths globally (almost 80%) – occur in India
- Within India, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of snakebite deaths, estimated to be up to 16,100

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

198. On November 7, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT Madras) have signed an agreement to support start-ups in the maritime sector. The programme is expected to provide a platform for young and talented entrepreneurs to develop products and services in the marine sector with financial support provided by CSL. Under the initiative, start-ups could get up to ₹50 lakh as seed grant, ₹1 Cr as prototyping grant and equity funding for start-ups at the scale-up stage. It is part of the start-up engagement programme called ‘USHUS’ launched by CSL to augment the Union government’s initiatives to encourage and develop an ecosystem in India for supporting maritime start-ups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSL + IIT Madras = agreement to support start-ups in the maritime sector
- It will provide a platform for young and talented entrepreneurs to develop products and services in the marine sector
- Start-ups could get up to ₹50 lakh as seed grant, ₹1 Cr as prototyping grant & equity funding at the scale-up stage
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair | Incorporated in – 1972
- Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi

199. On November 7, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an MoU for development of “i-CBTC” (indigenous Communication-based Train Control) system. The DMRC is developing this indigenous system along with BEL and C-DAC as part of the ‘Make in India’ initiative. The system is being widely adopted by most of the countries around the globe specially for its feature of moving block which allows high frequency of trains. The DMRC and BEL have also jointly developed the “i-ATS” (indigenous Automatic Train Supervision) system which is currently under implementation stage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro + BEL + C-DAC = an MoU to develop “i-CBTC” (indigenous Communication-based Train Control) system
- Delhi Metro + BEL = jointly developed the “i-ATS” (indigenous Automatic Train Supervision) system
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Bhanu Prakash Srivastava



200. On November 6, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for MSMEs. The MoU aims to promote energy efficiency financing for MSMEs and explore the internet of things (IoT)-based solutions, greening MSMEs, capacity building of various stakeholders, etc. Two other MoUs were signed with the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to identify and promote scalable green and clean technologies by MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BEE + SIDBI = an MoU to finance green MSMEs
- SIDBI – signed two separate MoUs with TIFAC & CII to identify and promote scalable green & clean technologies
- HQs of BEE – New Delhi | Director General – Abhay Bakre
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990





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