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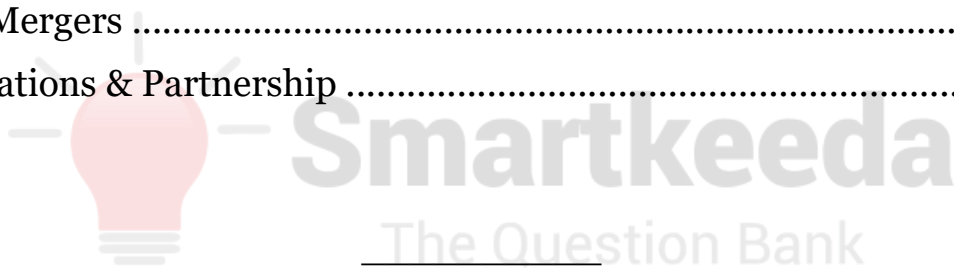
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National & States Affairs

201. On November 3, Uttar Pradesh government launched its Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2022 to enable the state's aim of becoming a one trillion-dollar economy. The policy aims at creating a progressive, innovative, and competitive industrial ecosystem generating employment in the state while mobilising investments from across the world. Invest UP has been appointed as nodal agency for sanction and disbursement of incentives under the policy. Offering a unique flexibility to the investors by extending a one-time choice of choosing an option amongst three 'mutually-exclusive' options, the policy categorises investments into four major categories Large, Mega, Super Mega and Ultra Mega. Investments in these categories will be provided 3 mutually exclusive options including Investment Promotion Subsidy - Capital Subsidy, Net SGST reimbursement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UP – launched its Industrial 'Investment & Employment Promotion Policy 2022' to become a 1 trillion-dollar economy
- The policy categorises investments into 4 categories – Large, Mega, Super Mega & Ultra Mega
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

202. On November 9, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog launched Woman centric challenges under phase-II of the 2nd edition of the Atal New India Challenge (ANIC). ANIC is an initiative by AIM, NITI Aayog targeted to seek, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance. [{read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM (NITI Aayog) – launched 'Woman Centric Challenges' under phase-II of 2nd Atal New India Challenge (ANIC)
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

203. On November 7, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in a 3:2 majority decision, upheld the validity of the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions to the Economically Weaker Sections of the society (EWS) but excludes the 'poorest of poor' among Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) from its scope. The judgment was delivered by a bench comprising - CJU. U. Lalit, and Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi & J B Pardiwala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SC upheld the validity of the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which provides 10% reservation to the EWS
- The judgment was delivered by a bench comprising - CJU. U. Lalit, and Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi & J B Pardiwala

204. On November 8, The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) successfully completed 'The Mother Tongue Survey of India' (MTSI) project with field videography of 576 mother tongues across the country. Home Ministry will set up a web archive at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to preserve and analyse the original flavour of each indigenous mother tongue. Linguistic Survey of India (LSI) is a regular research activity in the country since the 6th Five Year Plan. The videographed speech data of mother tongues is going to be uploaded on the NIC server for archiving purposes. Several new initiatives have been taken for facilitating smooth conduct of the upcoming census, including use of the advanced geospatial technology. Jurisdictional changes that occurred in the country after Census 2011 till December 31, 2019 have been updated in the geo-referenced database and further updates are in process, as the freezing date has been extended up to June 30, 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MHA – completed “The Mother Tongue Survey of India” with field videography of 576 mother tongues across India
- MHA will set up a web archive at National Informatics Centre (NIC) to preserve each indigenous mother tongue
- Linguistic Survey of India – is a regular research activity in India since the 6th Five Year Plan
- [Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik](#)

205. On November 9, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) declared certain databases related to the Census and the National Population Register (NPR) as Critical Information Infrastructure. The decision was taken after exercising the powers conferred to it under the “Information Technology Act, 2000 (Amended 2008)”. The central government declared the computer resources relating to Census Monitoring and Management System, Self-Enumeration and Civil Registration System (CRS) web portals, mobile applications for House Listing, Population Enumeration and National Population Register updation, as Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) of the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA declared certain databases related to the Census & NPR as ‘Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)’
- The decision was taken by exercising powers under the “Information Technology Act, 2000 (Amended 2008)”
- [Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik](#)

206. On November 10, the Information & Broadcasting Ministry released new guidelines for TV channels. The ministry has directed all private TV channels to show 30 minutes of programmes daily on issues of “National Importance” and “Social Relevance”. It has identified 8 key areas on which these shows can be based: health, education, spread of literacy, empowerment of people from weaker sections of the society, environment, national integration, cultural heritage and science & technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of I&B – directed all private TV channels to show 30 minutes of programmes daily on issues of “National Importance” and “Social Relevance”
- [Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh](#)
- [Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan \(Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh\)](#)

207. In November 2022, Self-Reliant India (SRI) Fund, a ₹10,000 Crore fund launched by the Indian government, announced that it has committed over 50% of its corpus in a year since its launch. Having begun operations in October 2021, the Fund has so far committed more than ₹5,000 Crore to 38 daughter funds for investment in MSMEs. The SRI fund is a Category II Alternative Investment Fund, set up with an aim to address the current capital gap and catalyse the flow of capital in MSME sector. It is anchored by NSIC Venture Capital Fund Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC). The SRI Fund, as a mother fund, will invest up to or 20% of the corpus of the daughter fund or of the ₹10,000 Crore. The daughter funds will raise the remaining 80% of the capital from outside sources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SRI Fund, a ₹10,000 Crore fund, was launched by the Indian government in October 2021
- Self-Reliant India (SRI) Fund has so far committed more than ₹5,000 Cr to 38 daughter funds for investment in MSMEs



208. India is set to assume the Presidency of the powerful grouping G20 on December 1, taking over from the current chair Indonesia. The Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies, comprising Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the U.K., the U.S. and the European Union. PM Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme and website for India's G20 presidency. G20 logo comprises four colours - saffron, white, green & blue. It juxtaposes planet Earth with Lotus. The theme for India's G20 Presidency is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (One Earth, One Family, One Future). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India is set to assume the Presidency of the powerful grouping G20 on December 1, 2022 (replacing - Indonesia)
- PM Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme & website for India's G20 presidency
- The logo is made of 4 colours (saffron, white, green & blue) and comprises Earth & Lotus
- Theme for India's G20 Presidency – "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (One Earth, One Family, One Future)
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2023 – India \(Dec 1, 2022 to Nov 30, 2023\) | 2024 – Brazil](#)

209. On November 9, with a view to enhance connectivity in the northeast, IndiGo announced Itanagar as its 75th domestic destination in the 6E network. This will be IndiGo's first destination in Arunachal Pradesh. The airline is set to commence flights between Mumbai-Kolkata-Itanagar from Itanagar's newly-opened Donyi Polo Airport on November 28. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndiGo – announced Itanagar as its 75th domestic destination in the 6E network
- Donyi Polo Airport – Arunachal Pradesh
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra](#)
- [HQs of IndiGo – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Pieter Elbers | Chairman – Meleveetil Damodaran](#)

210. On November 9, Hardeep Sing Puri, Minister Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the "Transport 4 All Challenge Stage-2" and "Citizen Perception Survey 2022" at an online event. The Transport4All Challenge is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, that aims at enhancing the mobility experience of citizens. More than 130 cities signed up for Stage 1 of the Challenge, launched on 15th April 2021. Stage 2 of the "Transport 4 All Challenge" opened to Startups for developing solutions to Transport problems in 46 participating cities. While the "Citizen Perception Survey" was launched under Ease of Living Index-2022 for 264 cities to capture citizens feedback about their city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Minister Housing & Urban Affairs – launched the "Transport 4 All Challenge Stage-2" & "Citizen Perception Survey 2022"
- Stage 2 of the "Transport 4 All Challenge" opened to Startups in 46 participating cities
- "Citizen Perception Survey" was launched in 264 cities to capture citizens feedback about their city

211. On November 11, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received the central government's approval to sign a Rs 26,821 Crore order with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for 4G equipment. As per the deal, the IT services provider, TCS, will set up BSNL's 4G sites and maintain its network for 9 years. Tejas Networks, a unit of Tata Sons, will manufacture the network radio equipment for BSNL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSNL received the central government's approval to sign a Rs 26,821 Crore order with TCS for 4G equipment
- [HQs of BSNL – New Delhi | CMD – Pravin Kumar Purwar](#)
- [HQs of TCS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968](#)



International Affairs

212. In November 2022, the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres announced that the “Black Sea Grain Initiative” has been extended by 120 days. The deal, brokered by the United Nations (UN) and Turkey, was signed in Istanbul on July 27, 2022. Initially stipulated for a period of 120 days, with an option to extend or terminate thereafter in November, the deal was to provide for a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports (particularly for food grains) from three of its key ports, namely, Chornomorsk, Odesa and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi. The central idea was to calm markets by ensuring an adequate supply of grains, thereby limiting food price inflation, occurred due to Russia-Ukraine war. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Black Sea Grain Initiative” has been extended by 120 days in November 2022
- In July, the deal was brokered by the UN & Turkey for a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukraine’s exports
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

213. On November 8, SME lending startup, ftcash received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a non-banking financial company. With this, the company aims to disburse loans worth ₹100 Cr in FY23. ftcash is an RBI-registered NBFC and one of India’s fastest-growing financial technology companies. Headquartered in Mumbai, ftcash was founded in 2015 by Sanjeev Chandak, Deepak Kothari and Vaibhav Lodha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ftcash – received a licence from the RBI to set up a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- 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

214. On November 8, Max Life Insurance Company Ltd (Max Life) entered into a life insurance product distribution tie-up with Tacterial Consulting Private Ltd (Ditto). The corporate agent partnership aims to leverage Ditto’s insurance advisory platform to offer Max Life’s plans to online customers. The tie-up aims to improve Max Life’s customer experience by leveraging Ditto’s insurance advisory capabilities and technological prowess to enhance life insurance penetration in the country. By FY26, Max Life aims to grow its e-commerce business by 35-50% and touch the ₹1,500 Cr mark in new sales. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Life + Ditto = entered into a life insurance product distribution tie-up
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy

215. In November 2022, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has started accepting electronic Bank Guarantees (e-BGs) and digitalised all its existing bank guarantees. The move is aimed at improving the efficiency and transparency of internal processes and taking forward the adoption of digital technology. NHAI is using the electronic bank guarantee services of the National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL), which helps in the reduction of physical paper movement. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NHAI – has started accepting electronic Bank Guarantees (e-BGs) of the National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – 1988 –Alka Upadhyaya | Founded in
- HQs of NeSL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Chairman – R. Gandhi

216. On November 9, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, approved India's first Sovereign Green Bonds Framework. This approval will further strengthen India's commitment towards its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) targets, adopted under the Paris Agreement, and help in attracting global and domestic investments in eligible green projects. Green Finance Working Committee (GFWC) was constituted to validate key decisions on issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds. The government intends to issue Rs 160 billion (\$1.93 billion) of green bonds between October 2022 and March 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – approved India's first 'Sovereign Green Bonds (SGBs) Framework'
- Green Finance Working Committee (GFWC) was constituted to validate key decisions on issuance of SGBs
- Government intends to issue Rs 160 billion (\$1.93 billion) of green bonds between October 2022 & March 2023 (H2)

217. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received an average of 3,011 complaints every month so far in financial year 2022-23 (FY23), as per the analysis of data collated from the "SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES)". This is a 15.4% decline over the 3,558 average monthly complaints in FY22. The majority of investor complaints are against stock brokers, according to yearly data from the SEBI's annual report. There were 11,261 complaints filed against stock brokers in FY22. SCORES was launched by the SEBI in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per the SCORES: SEBI has received an average of 3,011 complaints every month so far in FY23
- SCORES – **SEBI Complaints Redress System** (launched in 2011)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

218. On November 9, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the 'BHIM App Open-Source License Model'. Under the new model, the source code of the BHIM app will be licensed to regulated entities participating in the UPI ecosystem, i.e., the banks that do not have their own mobile banking app and are missing out on extending the benefits of UPI. BHIM licensing model will empower these entities to offer the benefits of UPI to their customers with a ready UPI application that will help reduce time, effort, and costs for the entities. Besides Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), other products that are included in NPCI's bouquet are - Bharat BillPay, RuPay Card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), Unified Payments Interface (UPI), BHIM Aadhaar and National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI – launched 'BHIM App Open-Source License Model' for the banks that do not have their own mobile banking app
- BHIM – **B**harat **I**nterface for **M**oney
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008



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Defence Affairs

219. In November 2022, the 26th edition of the quadrilateral maritime drill, “Exercise Malabar” among the navies of the Quad countries (India, US, Japan & Australia) was conducted in the seas off the coast of Japan. The exercise, aimed at cooperation in the strategically significant Indo-Pacific region, was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) this time. The Indian Navy was represented by Eastern Fleet, led by its Flag Officer Commanding, Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla. The Indian contingent was represented by stealth multirole frigate INS Shivalik and anti-submarine corvette INS Kamorta. Malabar series of exercises began in 1992, a maritime drill between Navies of India and the US. In 2015, the Japan joined Exercise Malabar as a permanent member. And the 2020 edition witnessed the participation of the Royal Australian Navy. The last (25th) edition was hosted by the US Navy in the Western Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – hosted the 26th edition of the quadrilateral maritime drill, “Exercise Malabar”, among Quad countries
- Indian Navy was represented by Eastern Fleet | INS Shivalik & INS Kamorta participated in the exercise
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

Sports & Games

220. On November 7, Netherlands batter Stephan Myburgh announced his retirement from international cricket. Ever since his international debut in 2011, Myburgh represented Netherlands in 22 ODIs and 45 T20Is. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stephan Myburgh (Netherlands) – announced his retirement from international Cricket
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte

221. The Uttar Pradesh will host the Khelo India National University Games in 2023-24 in four cities which are Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida. After Odisha and Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh has got the opportunity to host the National University Games for the first time. Athletes below 26 years will be participating in the National University Games. There will be a special focus on women’s games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UP – will host the ‘Khelo India National University Games’ in 2023-24 in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi & Noida
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

222. On November 5, Mumbai defeated Himachal Pradesh by 3 wickets to win their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. The match was played at the Eden Gardens. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a domestic T-20 cricket championship in India, organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai Cricket Team – won ‘Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy’ for the first time (beating - Himachal Pradesh team)
- Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy – a domestic T-20 cricket championship organized by the BCCI in India
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Roger Binny | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928



223. India will host the women's World Boxing Championships in 2023 in New Delhi. India had lost the hosting rights of the 2021 men's event to Serbia after failing to pay the host fee, prompting the International Boxing Association. India has never conducted the men's world championship but it will be the third time that the elite women's competition will be held in the country having conducted the championships in 2006 and 2018 in New Delhi. Men's 2023 event will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Women's World Boxing Championships 2023 – will be held in New Delhi (3rd time in India)
- Men's World Boxing Championships 2023 – will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- HQs of IBA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Umar Kremlyov
- HQs of BFI – New Delhi | President – Ajay Singh | Secretary General – Hemanta Kalita

Science & Technology

224. On November 8, Researchers have discovered a new species of estuarine crab at the mangroves of Parangipettai near the Vellar River estuary in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu. The species has been named Pseudohelice annamalai in recognition of Annamalai University's 100 years of service in education and research. The discovery has been published in the latest issue of Zoological Studies by research scholar M. Prema and associate professor S. Ravichandran of the Centre of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Marine Biology, Annamalai University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Pseudohelice Annamalai', a new species of estuarine crab – was discovered in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu
- The species has been named after – Annamalai University

225. On November 18, Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched India's first privately developed rocket, the Vikram-S. The rocket took off from the ISRO's launch site in Sriharikota, near Chennai. India opened the space sector for private companies in 2020, allowing them to build rockets and satellites as part of the Prarambh mission. Agnikul Cosmos plans a full-scale commercial launch of its rocket Agnibaan by April 2023. The rocket is a single-stage solid fuelled, sub-orbital rocket that took about two years to develop. It has been built using advanced technologies, including carbon composite structures and 3D-printed components. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Skyroot Aerospace – launched India's first privately developed rocket, "Vikram-S"
- India opened the space sector for private companies in 2020 as part of the Prarambh mission
- HQs of Skyroot Aerospace – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Pawan Kumar Chandana
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

226. On November 4, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), the lead centre of ISRO for development of launch vehicles, has successfully conducted the 15-second hot test of Agnilet Engine for Agnikul Cosmos at its Vertical Test Facility of Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in Thiruvananthapuram. The test had been carried out as part of an MOU between ISRO and Agnikul, thereby providing an opportunity for Indian space start-ups to use ISRO facilities through IN-SPaCe (Indian National Space, Promotion and Authorisation Centre). IN-SPaCe had been created under Department of Space to encourage, promote and handhold private sector, so that it can participate in the Indian space sector. Through IN-SPaCe, private players will be able to use ISRO infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- VSSC – conducted hot test of ‘Agnilet Engine’ for Agnikul Cosmos at its Vertical Test Facility in Thiruvananthapuram
- An MoU between ISRO & Agnikul was signed for Indian space start-ups to use ISRO facilities through IN-SPACe
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- HQs of VSSC – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | Director – S. Unnikrishnan Nair

Appointments & Resignations

227. On November 9, Adidas appointed Bjorn Gulden, the CEO of rival Puma, as its new CEO, and he will take over Adidas in January. Bjorn Gulden will replace Kasper Rorsted who has been Adidas’ CEO since 2016. Arne Freundt will replace Gulden as the CEO of Puma. Puma and Adidas are German sportswear brand, based in the southern German town of Herzogenaurach. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bjorn Gulden – will replace Kasper Rorsted take over as CEO of Adidas in January (He is currently CEO of Puma)
- Arne Freundt – will take over as the CEO of Puma (replacing - Bjorn Gulden)
- HQs of Adidas – Herzogenaurach, Germany | CEO – Kasper Rorsted (Bjorn Gulden from Jan 2023)
- HQs of Puma – Herzogenaurach, Germany | CEO – Bjorn Gulden (Arne Freundt from Jan 2023)

228. On November 11, Switzerland Tourism appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the ‘Friendship Ambassador’. He will showcase and promote the adventurous, sporty, and stunning outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers. Neeraj Chopra donated his gold-winning javelin to The Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland in September 2022. The museum was founded by the International Olympic Committee in 1993 and it showcases the richness and diversity of Olympism through history, culture, design, technology, and sociology with sports as the main element. Mary Kom’s gloves as well as Dhyan Chand’s hockey was already a part of the exhibits at the Museum. Switzerland Tourism opened its first office in India in 1997 in Mumbai, followed by an office in Delhi in 2000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – appointed as the ‘Friendship Ambassador’ for Switzerland Tourism
- Neeraj Chopra – donated his gold-winning javelin to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland
- The Olympic Museum was founded by the International Olympic Committee in 1993
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Guy Parmelin

229. On November 8, All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) elected Ramesh Kejriwal as its president for the year 2022-23. Kejriwal will be succeeding Sawar Dhanania. Shashi Kumar Singh of Osaka Rubber Pvt Ltd., Mumbai, will be the senior vice-president and Sanjeev Sikka of Majestic Rubber Industries, Ghaziabad will be the vice-president. AIRIA is a not-for profit body serving the rubber industry and trade with the objectives of safeguarding and promoting the interests of the industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Kejriwal – appointed as President of All India Rubber Industries Association for 2022-23
- HQs of AIRIA – Mumbai, MH | President – Ramesh Kejriwal



230. On November 5, Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief. Ikram defeated Marc Coudron of Belgium in the 48th FIH Congress held virtually. Seif Ahmed was the acting president of the FIH following Batra's resignation from the top post after the Delhi High Court asked him to stop functioning as the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohammad Tayyab Ikram (Macau) – elected as the new President of FIH (succeeding - Seif Ahmed)
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Mohammad Tayyab Ikram | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

231. On November 8, Pakistan iconic spinner Abdul Qadir, West Indies batting legend Shivnarine Chanderpaul and England's multiple-time Women's World Cup winning captain Charlotte Edwards have become the latest additions to the ICC Hall of Fame. Qadir was a pioneer in wrist-spin techniques. Edwards won the Women's World Cup in 2009 and the T20 World Cup the same year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abdul Qadir (Pakistan), Shivnarine Chanderpaul (West Indies) & Charlotte Edwards (England) – added to ICC Hall of Fame
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 108 countries

232. On November 9, Kerala's sustainable and inclusive tourism project STREET received a global award at the World Travel Mart (WTM) in London. The project was recognised for successfully carrying out water conservation initiatives as part of the community-oriented destination development plans. Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, and Ethnic Tourism (STREET) is a participatory tourism development approach based on UN WTO's (World Tourism Organisation) motto, "Tourism for Inclusive Growth". The project is being implemented as part of the globally-acclaimed Responsible Tourism (RT) initiative of the Kerala tourism department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'STREET' Project (Kerala) – received a global award at the World Travel Mart (WTM) in London
- STREET – Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential & Ethnic Tourism
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

233. On November 10, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, an organization under the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, was awarded with "India Agribusiness Awards 2022" for the best Agribusiness Award under Fisheries Sector at the "AgroWorld 2022" - India International Agro Trade and Technology Fair 2022, from November 9-11, 2022 in New Delhi. The event was organized by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA). Moreover, Haryana has bagged the "India Agribusiness Awards 2022" in the best state category for its outstanding contribution in the agriculture sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "AgroWorld 2022" - India International Agro Trade and Technology Fair 2022 – held in New Delhi (organised by ICFA)
- NFDB – awarded with "India Agribusiness Awards 2022" for the best Agribusiness Award under Fisheries Sector
- Haryana – awarded with the "India Agribusiness Awards 2022" in the Best State category
- HQs of ICFA – New Delhi | Chairman – M. J. Khan



234. On November 8, Lewis Hamilton, Seven-time Formula One champion, received the title of honorary citizen of Brazil. Max Verstappen of Red Bull won the F1 championship in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) – received the title of ‘Honorary Citizen’ of Brazil
- [Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian Real | President – Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva](#)

235. On November 7, Droupadi Murmu presented the ‘National Florence Nightingale Awards’ for the year 2021 to 52 Nursing professionals. The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to the society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Droupadi Murmu – presented the “National Florence Nightingale Awards” for 2021 to 52 Nurses
- National Florence Nightingale Awards – instituted in 1973 by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- [Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar](#)

Important Days & Dates

236. ‘National Legal Services Day’ is marked every year on 9 November to celebrate the commencement of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 which came into force on this very day in 1995. It is an act of the Parliament of India for enforcing the provisions of Article 39 A of the Constitution. Under the authority of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was constituted in 1995. The authority undertakes activities such as free legal aid/advice to the needy and the disposal of cases via mediation and amicable settlement. This year marked 27th edition of the National Legal Services Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – 27th edition of National Legal Services Day
- ‘Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987’ – came into force on this day in 1995
- National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) – was constituted in 1995
- [HQs of NALSA – New Delhi | Executive Chairman – Justice D. Y. Chandrachud | Founded in – 1995](#)

237. ‘World Science Day for Peace and Development’ is celebrated every year on November 10. It highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The theme of World Science Day on 10 November 2022 is “Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development”. Since its proclamation by UNESCO in 2001, World Science Day for Peace and Development has generated many concrete projects, programmes and funding for science around the world. Besides, every year from 9 to 14 November, the International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) is observed and celebrated globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 10 – World Science Day for Peace and Development – by UNESCO (since 2001)
- 2022’s Theme – “Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development”
- November 9 to 14 – International Week of Science and Peace
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries](#)



238. On 9 November 2000, 6 districts from Uttar Pradesh's Northwestern region and a section of the Himalayan Mountain range united to form Uttarakhand as 27th state of India. Since then, the day, 9 November is celebrated as Uttarakhand Foundation Day. On this occasion, a Raitik parade was organized at Police Lines in Dehradun. 2022 marks 22nd Foundation Day of Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – 22nd Foundation Day of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

239. The Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways organized the 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit' on 11- 12 November, 2022 at Varanasi. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the Summit. He also unveiled the inauguration and foundation stones of community jetties on National Waterways-1 (River Ganga) at Ravidas Ghat. MoPSW had identified 101 projects estimated to cost around Rs. 62,627 Cr under Gati Shakti NMP which are aimed to be completed by 2024. The PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan aims at providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various SEZs and enhancing logistical efficiency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IWAI – organized 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit' in Varanasi, UP (inaugurated by Sarbananda Sonowal)
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

240. On November 8, the "QS Asia Universities Ranking 2023" was released by the International Ranking agency, Quacquarelli Symonds. The list featured total 760 Asian Universities. As many as 19 Indian universities featured amongst the top 200 universities in the QS Asia Universities Ranking 2023. This is the highest number of Indian universities ever making it to this top 200 list. IIT Bombay once again topped the list in India with the 40th rank this year. IIT Bombay (40th) was followed by IIT Delhi (46th) and IISc Bangalore (52nd). Chandigarh University, Gharuan (185th), is the youngest university in Asia to feature in the top 200 universities of this list. Chandigarh University had the highest quantum jump of 90 positions in comparison to the QS Asia Rankings, 2022. China's Peking University, Beijing, has topped the QS Asia University Rankings 2023, followed by National University of Singapore which ranked first for 4 consecutive years till 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "QS Asia Universities Ranking 2023" – released by Quacquarelli Symonds
- 19 Indian universities featured amongst the top 200 universities
- In India: IIT Bombay topped the list with the 40th rank | Followed by – IIT Delhi (46th) & IISc Bangalore (52nd)
- In Asia: Peking University, Beijing topped the list overall | 2nd – National University of Singapore
- Chandigarh University (185th) – is the youngest university in Asia to feature in the top 200 universities



241. India's data centre capacity has been growing rapidly and is at 637 MW in H1 2022 which is expected to double to 1318 MW by 2024. The data centre industry has grown by 216% to \$1.2 billion in 2021. The number of data centres in India is 138 as on March 2022, which is projected to reach 183 by 2025. Globally USA dominates with over 2,700 data centres. Next comes Germany with 487 data centres. India ranks 13th globally among countries with the highest number of data centres. Among cities, Mumbai leads the highest share of data centres. Behind Mumbai are Bengaluru and Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's data centre capacity is at 637 MW in H1 2022 (expected to double to 1318 MW by 2024)
- India (138) – ranks 13th globally among countries with the highest number of data centres | 1st – US (2,700)
- Among cities, Mumbai leads the highest number of data centres

242. An amount of USD 4.2 billion has been saved by India in fuel costs through Solar Power Generation in the first half of 2022, and avoided the need of 19.4 million tonnes of coal which would have further stressed an already strained domestic supply, according to the report titled "The Sunny Side of Asia". The report was jointly prepared by energy think tank Ember, the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) and the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA). Seven key Asian countries, including China, India, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Thailand, avoided potential fossil fuel costs of approximately USD 34 billion from January to June 2022. The majority of the estimated USD 34 billion savings are in China avoided around USD 21 billion in additional coal and gas imports during the period. China is followed by Japan which saw the second-highest impact with USD 5.6 billion in avoided fuel costs. In 2022, solar accounted for 11% (14 TWh) of the electricity demand from January to June. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Sunny Side of Asia" report – released by Ember + CREA + IEEFA
- An amount of USD 4.2 billion has been saved by India in fuel costs through Solar Power Generation in H1 of 2022
- China saved around USD 21 billion in fuel costs, the highest among all 7 key Asian countries

Amount & Agreements

243. On November 7, The Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Clean Technology Fund (CTF) together are offering \$55 million financing package to GreenCell Express to develop 255 e-buses in India. Additional grants worth \$325,000 from the CTF and \$5.2 million from Goldman Sach's and Bloomberg's the Climate Innovation and Development Fund (CIDF) are also made available to Green Cell. CIDF grant will partially finance the decarbonization of 100 of the 255 e-buses by deploying solar power-plus-battery energy storage systems. Overall, the project will reduce emissions of around 15,000 tons a year. This project has qualified for a 2x gender financing rating, a challenge launched at the G7 summit in 2018 to encourage gender lens investing among development finance institutions. GEPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of GreenCell Mobility Private Limited (GreenCell), a platform company of Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB + AIIB + CTF = are offering \$55 million financing package to GreenCell Express to develop 255 e-buses in India
- CTF additionally offered additional grants worth \$325,000 | Goldman Sach's & Bloomberg's CIDF offered \$5.2 million
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 105



Acquisitions & Mergers

244. On November 7, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) increased its shareholding in Voltas by buying an additional 2% stake. LIC increased its shareholding from 6.8% to 8.8% in Voltas. LIC has acquired Voltas' shares worth Rs 634.50 Cr through open market transactions during the period from August 10 to November 4, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – increased its shareholding in Voltas by buying additional 2% stake (from 6.8% to 8.8%)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

245. On November 10, the government announced to sell its entire 1.55% stake in Axis Bank. The stakes were held through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI). SUUTI is an investment vehicle of the Government of India (GoI). The government sold 1.95% in Axis Bank in May last year to raise about ₹4,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government announced to sell its entire 1.55% stake in Axis Bank
- The stakes were held by the govt through – Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI)
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

246. On November 8, Viacom18 Sports, a joint venture between Network 18 and Paramount Global, has signed a seven-year partnership with Cricket South Africa (CSA) for exclusive digital and TV rights for all international cricket, from 2024-2031. As part of the association, the broadcaster will present all senior men's international and senior women's international competitions played in South Africa. Reliance Industries-controlled Viacom18. The partnership will cover all international cricket from South Africa, including the iconic 'Mahatma Gandhi-Nelson Mandela Series' between India and South Africa. India's sports media and sponsorship industry reached about ₹95 billion in FY20, and it will reach ₹150 billion by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viacom18 Sports + Cricket South Africa = a 7-year partnership for exclusive digital & TV rights for all international cricket
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa
- HQs of Viacom18 – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Anil Jayaraj

247. On November 9, TVS Motors and Amazon India signed an MoU for scaling EV deployment and strengthening their commitment to achieving net-zero carbon. As part of this collaboration, a fleet of electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers from TVS Motor will be deployed for Amazon's last-mile deliveries. In order to test solutions, the two companies will pilot TVS Motor's electric vehicle solutions through partner base and delivery associates across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TVS Motors + Amazon India = an MoU for scaling EV deployment to achieving net-zero carbon
- Electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers from TVS Motor will be deployed for Amazon's last-mile deliveries
- HQs of TVS Motor Company – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. N. Radhakrishnan
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal



248. On November 10, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) signed of an MoU with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to enhance Japanese investments in India. The MOU outlines a partnership framework between NIIF and JBIC, which is considering the establishment of a bilateral India-Japan Fund (IJF). JBIC and the central government will invest in the India-Japan Fund, which will make equity investments in environmental preservation and low carbon emission strategies. IJF will also enhance cooperation between the two countries by investing in strategic partnerships between Japanese and Indian companies and promoting business collaboration across multiple sectors in India. NIIF, a quasi-sovereign wealth fund, was set up in December 2015 as an institution for enhancing infrastructure financing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIIF + JBIC = an MoU for establishment of a bilateral India-Japan Fund (IJF) to enhance Japanese investments in India
- HQs of NIIF – New Delhi | CEO – Sadashiv S. Rao | Founded in – 2015
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

249. On November 8, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) announced a collaboration and strategic investment partnership for mobilizing up to \$1 billion for the financing of green energy transition and renewable energy projects, in both the public and private sectors. AIIB and GEAPP are cooperating through a shared vision to address the energy transition challenges in Asia and beyond. It follows extensive cooperation between AIIB and GEAPP over the past year and is the first time AIIB has partnered with a global philanthropic foundations-led initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB + GEAPP = strategic investment partnership for financing of green energy transition & renewable energy projects
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 105

250. On November 8, Krishify, a Gurugram-based agritech start-up platform, has integrated with the Platform of Platforms (PoPs) portal of the electronic National Agricultural Market (eNAM). e-NAM, a unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, is a pan-India electronic trading portal which networks existing agricultural produce market committees' (APMC) yards to create a unified national market for agrarian commodities for farmers, traders, and other intermediaries. As a service provider, Krishify will provide advisory services to farmers. The e-NAM platform will direct its users to Krishify, where they can get assistance from its pool of professionals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Krishify + Platform of Platforms (PoPs) portal (eNAM) = integration to provide advisory services to farmers
- e-NAM – a unit of the Ministry of Agriculture
- HQs of Krishify – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO & Co-founder – Rajesh Ranjan





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