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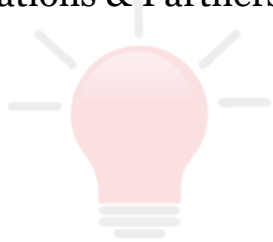
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National & States Affairs

301. On November 14, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the 41st edition of “India International Trade Fair (IITF)” in New Delhi with the theme of “Vocal For Local, Local to Global”. This year, Bihar, Jharkhand and Maharashtra are Partner States and Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are the Focus States. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – inaugurated the 41st edition of “India International Trade Fair (IITF)” in New Delhi
- Theme – “Vocal For Local, Local to Global”
- Partner States – Bihar, Jharkhand & Maharashtra | Focus States – Uttar Pradesh & Kerala

302. On November 14, India released its “Long Term Low-carbon Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS)” document at the COP27 climate conference in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt. The document outlines the actions India proposes to take towards low carbon development. Under ‘Article 4.19’ of the Paris Agreement, an international climate agreement that was signed in 2015 to which India is a signatory, all countries are set to formulate long term low emission strategies. In August 2022, India announced its updated ‘Nationally Determined Contributions (NCDs)’, voluntary commitments to the world to reduce emission intensity of its GDP to 45% below 2005 levels and achieve 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuels by 2030. Moreover, India targets for 25% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025 that will also help immensely to lower carbon emission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – released its “Long Term Low-carbon Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS)” document at COP27
- All countries are set to formulate long term low emission strategies under ‘Article 4.19’ of the Paris Agreement
- India’s target: 25% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025

303. On November 11, Chennai-based Aquaconnect received the ISO 27001 certification for its information security management. Aquaconnect is a technology-driven full-stack aquaculture input and output platform with embedded fintech. Aquaconnect has become the first Indian fisheries start-up to earn this recognition. ISO/IEC 27001 is the leading international standard focused on information security. Being ISO/IEC certified means Aquaconnect is now fully equipped to safeguard its data and review information safety constantly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aquaconnect (Chennai) – became the first Indian fisheries start-up to receive the ‘ISO 27001 certification’

304. On November 11, the government has amended Aadhaar regulations, specifying that supporting documents may be updated ‘at least once’ by Aadhaar holders on completion of 10 years from the enrolment date. The updation would ensure ‘continued accuracy’ of Aadhaar-related information in the Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR). The changes have been made by tweaking the “Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016”. In October, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) had urged people to update identification and residence proof documents, if they were issued the unique ID more than 10 years back but had not updated their details since then. Accordingly, to provide facility to Aadhaar holders in this regard, the UIDAI has developed a new feature of ‘update document’ that can be accessed online through the myAadhaar portal, and myAadhaar app or residents can visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aadhaar Card holders may update their supporting documents in Aadhaar on completion of every 10 years
- The changes have been made by tweaking the “Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016”

305. On November 11, Narendra Modi unveiled 'Statue of Prosperity' in Bengaluru. It is a 108-feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, the founder of Bengaluru. The statue is conceptualised and sculpted by Ram V Sutar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – unveiled 'Statue of Prosperity' in Bengaluru | Sculpted by – Ram V Sutar | Height – 108-feet
- It is a bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda - founder of Bengaluru
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

306. On November 7, Ministry of Environment has notified "E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022". The government has increased the number of items that come under the e-waste category 106 from 21. Freezers, vacuum cleaners, dish washing machines, microwaves, modems, GPS, routers, cordless telephones, video cameras, recorders, set top boxes, video games, appliances used for sewing, knitting, weaving and so on are among the 86 items on the new e-waste list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Environment increased the number of items that come under the e-waste category to 106 from 21
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

307. On November 10, the Supreme Court held in a judgment that a Vice-Chancellor should have a minimum teaching experience of 10 years as a professor in a university and his or her name should be recommended by a search-cum-selection committee. The appointment of a Vice-Chancellor (VC) is to be made from the names recommended by the search-cum-selection committee. The committee should prepare a list of three persons for appointment as VC based on their qualification and eligibility. Judgment dealt with a challenge by Narendra Singh Bhandari, whose appointment as VC of Soban Singh Jeena University was set aside by the Uttarakhand High Court in 2021. He did not have the requisite 10-year teaching experience as professor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SC judgement: A professor should have a minimum teaching experience of 10 years as a professor in a university to be recommended for the post of Vice-Chancellor
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud (50th)

308. From November 12, the Northern Command of the Indian Army in association with Innovations India organised the "Dil Maange More Short Film Festival" to promote independent, talented and discerning filmmakers from Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh who crave to showcase their deftness and craft of filmmaking to the world via short films. It was a competitive short film festival where the top three winners were awarded cash prizes, trophies and merit certificates by the Indian Army. As part of the festival, Masterclasses by award-winning and renowned filmmakers like Imtiaz Ali and Rahul Mittra were also organised in Udhampur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Northern Command (Indian Army) + Innovations India = organised the "Dil Maange More Short Film Festival" for J&K and Ladakh's Filmmakers
- HQs of Northern Command of Indian Army – Udhampur, J & K | GOC-in-C – Lt. Gen Upendra Dwivedi



309. On November 11, the Jharkhand assembly passed an amendment to the Jharkhand Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services Act, 2001, raising the reservations for STs, SCs, EBCs, OBCs and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in government jobs from the present 60% to 77%. In the proposed reservation, local people of the SC community will get a quota of 12% (currently 10), STs will get 28% (currently 26), Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) 15%, OBCs 12% (currently 14), and EWS barring those from the other reserved categories 10%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand – passed amendment to raise the total reservations of all categories in govt jobs from 60% to 77%
- SCs will get 12% (from 10%), STs 28% (from 26%), EBCs 15%, OBCs 12% (from 14%), & EWS 10%
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

International Affairs

310. On November 11, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member. The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASEAN – agreed in principle to admit Timor Leste (East Timor) as the group's 11th member
- Timor Leste – Dili – US Dollar | President – Jose Ramos-Horta | PM – Taur Matan Ruak

311. On November 13, the United Nations has decided to set up a Satellite-based Monitoring System for tracking methane emissions and alerting governments and corporations to respond. The “Methane Alert and Response System (MARS)” will integrate data from a large number of existing and future satellites that have the ability to detect methane emission events anywhere in the world, and send out notifications to the relevant stakeholders to act on it. At the Glasgow Climate Conference 2021, nearly 100 countries had come together in a voluntary pledge, the ‘Global Methane Pledge’, to cut methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030 from the 2020 levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UN – decided to set up the “Methane Alert and Response System (MARS)” to track methane emissions from space
- In 2021, almost 100 countries took ‘Global Methane Pledge’ to cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Established in – October 24, 1945

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

312. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a regulatory framework to facilitate providers of online bond platforms that are selling listed debt securities. The new norm has become effective from November 9. Under the new rules, no person would act as an online bond platform provider without obtaining registration certificate as a stock broker from SEBI. Online bond platform is any electronic system, other than a recognised stock exchange or an electronic book provider platform, on which the debt securities which are listed or proposed to be listed, are offered and transacted. Also, SEBI reduced the minimum holding requirement of Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs) units by sponsors to 15% from 25% at present. Moreover, SEBI discontinued a separate regulatory framework for unlisted Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT). This would come into force from January 1, 2023. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SEBI – introduced a regulatory framework for online Bond platforms providers
- Now, no person can act as an online bond platform provider without obtaining a stock broker certificate from SEBI
- SEBI – reduced minimum holding requirement of REITs units by sponsors to 15% from 25%
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

313. On November 14, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a new participating savings product, 'ICICI Pru Sukh Samruddhi', which provides customers with guaranteed benefits and growth potential in the form of bonuses. Besides, the life cover continues for the entire duration of the policy, including the income period, providing financial security to the family. This multi-purpose savings product with features such as 'Savings Wallet' and 'Save the Date' enables customers to celebrate the milestones in their lives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Prudential Life – Insurance launched a new participating savings product, 'ICICI Pru Sukh Samruddhi'
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan

314. On November 14, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced that the 123PAY Power Bill Payment service is now available for more than 70 electricity boards. With the use of UPI123PAY and the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), feature phone users will be able to quickly and easily pay their power bills without smartphone or internet. The payments can be made directly from bank accounts. 123PAY UPI service was launched earlier in 2022 by the RBI for feature phones. In feature phone, a customer can access banking services by pressing *99# under the 'National Unified USSD Platform' of NPCI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI announced: 123PAY Power Bill Payment service is now available for more than 70 electricity boards
- UPI123Pay is a 3-step process - Call, Choose & Pay | 'UPI Pin' is a unique 4-6 digit number
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

315. On November 11, the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) released the "EASE Reforms Index for Q1 FY23". As per the index, the State Bank of India (SBI) was adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for 12 Public Sector Banks (PSB), followed by Union Bank of India (UBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB). The performance of PSBs was measured on 5 themes under EASE 5.0. Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE) is an initiative by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) as part of the 'PSB Reforms Agenda' and is currently under its 5th iteration which focuses on Enhanced Digital experience, Integrated and Inclusive Banking. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "EASE Reforms Index for Q1 FY23" – released by IBA | EASE – Enhanced Access & Service Excellence
- SBI – adjudged as the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for 12 PSBs | 2nd – UBI, 3rd – BoB
- HQs of IBA – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Atul Kumar Goel | Established in – 1946





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Defence Affairs

316. On November 12, Indian Navy conducted 'Prasthan', a structured Offshore Security Exercise to evaluate organisational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. 'Prasthan' is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Headquarters, Western Naval Command. It aims to assess various measures and protocols conceived to address security threats and other contingencies that may arise in offshore oil production platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – conducted 'Prasthan', a structured Offshore Security Exercise off Mumbai on ONGC platform
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

Sports & Games

317. On November 14, Switzerland's Women's Tennis Team won the Billie Jean King Cup final for the first time, defeating Australia. Billie Jean King Cup was formerly known as Federation Cup (1963-95) and Fed Cup (1995-2020), representing the women's amateur team-tennis championship of the world. Australia won it 7 times, but the last was in 1974. The 2022 Billie Jean King Cup was the 59th edition of the international women's tennis team's tournament, held in Emirates Arena, Glasgow, Scotland (UK). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Switzerland's Women's Tennis Team – won the Billie Jean King Cup (formerly, Fed Cup) – defeating Australia
- 2022 Billie Jean King Cup (59th edition) – held in Emirates Arena, Glasgow, Scotland (UK)
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Guy Parmelin

318. On November 14, England defeated Pakistan by 5 wickets in the final in Melbourne to win the 8th ICC Men's T20 World Cup. It is England's second T20 world title following its victory in the West Indies in 2010. England Men's cricket team was led by Jos Buttler, while Pakistan men's cricket team was led by Babar Azam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- England – won the 8th ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Melbourne, Australia (defeating - Pakistan)
- Captain of England Men's cricket team – Jos Buttler | Captain of Pakistan Men's cricket team – Babar Azam

319. On November 12, India finished the "Asian Boxing Championships 2022" at 3rd rank in medal tally with 12 medals (4 golds, 2 silvers & 6 bronze). All the gold medals came through women's boxers - Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, Parveen and Alfiya Pathan. Minakshi and Shiva Thapa won the silver medal. The championship was held in Amman, Jordan. Kazakhstan topped the list with 21 medals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – finished 3rd with 12 medals at the "Asian Boxing Championships 2022" held in Amman, Jordan
- Four Gold winners – Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, Parveen & Alfiya Pathan
- Two Silver winners – Minakshi & Shiva Thapa | Kazakhstan topped the list with 21 medals



320. On November 14, Mercedes driver George Russell, of Britain, won the “Formula One (F1) Brazilian Grand Prix 2022” (officially named ‘Sao Paulo Grand Prix 2022’) at the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton stood second. While Ferrari driver Carlos Sainz achieved third place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- George Russell (Britain - Mercedes) – won the “Formula One (F1) Brazilian Grand Prix 2022” in Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2nd – Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) | 3rd – Carlos Sainz (Spain - Ferrari)

321. The West Midlands in UK will host the “2025 Kabaddi World Cup”, an initiative of the World Kabaddi Federation. The Indian men’s kabaddi team has dominated the sport over the years, claiming nine out of 10 titles at the World Cups, which have been mostly organised in Asia under the aegis of the International Kabaddi federation (IKF). This is the first time that a kabaddi world cup will be held outside of Asia. The number of players on each side in the game of Kabaddi is 7. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

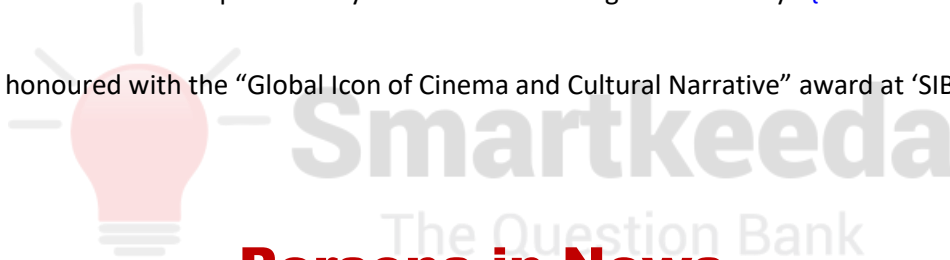
Key Points:

- West Midlands (UK) – to host the “2025 Kabaddi World Cup”
- HQs of International Kabaddi federation – Jaipur, Rajasthan | President – Vinod Kumar Tiwari | Established in – 2004

322. On November 12, Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan was honoured with the “Global Icon of Cinema and Cultural Narrative” award at the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2022 in the UAE. He received the award for the act of contribution to the cultural scene and reproductivity in the field of writing and creativity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shah Rukh Khan – honoured with the “Global Icon of Cinema and Cultural Narrative” award at ‘SIBF 2022’ in UAE



Persons in News

323. On November 14, Shlok Mukherjee from Kolkata won Doodle for Google contest 2022 for his Doodle titled ‘India on the center stage’. The theme of the contest was “In the next 25 years, my India will...”. The Doodle for Google competition aims to encourage creativity and celebrate imagination in young people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shlok Mukherjee (Kolkata) – won “Doodle for Google Contest 2022” for his Doodle titled ‘India on the center stage’
- The theme of the contest was – “In the next 25 years, my India will...”

Science & Technology

324. An eight-year-old girl, who had only a few more weeks to live due to her leukemia, received the treatment as part of the safety trials for India’s first indigenously made ‘CAR-T’ cells, a joint effort between IIT-Bombay and Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. A homegrown version of a gene therapy that had shown promise in at least 50% of the patients it was used for in the West. CAR-T cells are a new form of immunotherapy. It entails re-engineering the body’s T immune cells with some genetic material so that they selectively target cancer cells for destruction. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's first indigenously made 'CAR-T' cells – a joint effort between IIT Bombay & Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai
- An eight-year-old girl successfully received the treatment as part of the safety trials

Appointments & Resignations

325. In November 2022, Online beauty and fashion retailer Nykaa Fashion has named Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor as its brand ambassador. Nykaa Fashion is one of the fastest-growing fashion platforms in India and as of 2022, it houses more than 1,600 brands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Janhvi Kapoor – roped in as brand ambassador of Nykaa Fashion
- HQs of Nykaa – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & CEO – Falguni Nayar | Founded in – 2012

326. On November 13, Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as Slovenia's first female President after beating her conservative rival, Anze Logar, in the second round of elections. Ms. Pirc Musar won almost 54% of the vote. Ms. Natasa Pirc Musar is a journalist and lawyer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Natasa Pirc Musar – elected as the first female President of Slovenia
- Slovenia – Ljubljana – Euro | PM – Robert Golob | President – Natasa Pirc Musar

327. On November 14, Financial services company Religare Enterprises Limited (REL) signed Padma Shri awardee and Indian freestyle wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, as its brand ambassador. The 40-year-old Yogeshwar is an Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games medallist. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yogeshwar Dutt – roped in as brand ambassador of Religare Enterprises Limited, a Financial Services Company

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

328. On November 9, Madhu Kankariya and Dr Madhav Hada were awarded the 31st and 32nd Bihari Puraskar, respectively. Kankariya was awarded the Puraskar for her 2018 novel 'Hum Yahan The' while Hada was awarded for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'. The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991. The award is named after the famous poet Bihari. The Bihari Puraskar is given every year for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhu Kankariya – awarded the 31st Bihari Puraskar for her 2018 novel 'Hum Yahan The'
- Dr Madhav Hada – awarded the 32nd Bihari Puraskar for his 2015 book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'
- 'Bihari Puraskar' is given by KK Birla Foundation to Rajasthani authors



329. On November 12, India-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious “Order of Merit” by Britain’s King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science. The 70-year-old UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in September and the first to be appointed by Charles. Professor Venki was born in Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu and studied biology in the US before moving to the UK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prof. Venki Ramakrishnan – awarded the prestigious “Order of Merit” by Britain’s King Charles III
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Rishi Sunak \(57th\)](#) | [New King – King Charles III](#)

330. In November 2022, Yaduveer Krishnaraja Chamaraja (YKC) Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile royal family, was selected for the ‘International Kannada Rathna’ award. The award is presented annually by Dubai Kannadigas to mark Kannada Rajyothsava. The award was presented to YKC Wadiyar during Vishwa Kannada Habba on November 19 at Sheikh Rashid Auditorium in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in association with Kannadigaru Dubai Sangha as part of celebration of the 67th Kannada Rajyothsava. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yaduveer Krishnaraja Chamaraja (YKC) Wadiyar – selected for the ‘International Kannada Rathna’ award
- The award is presented annually by Dubai Kannadigas to mark ‘Kannada Rajyothsava’

331. On November 13, The Print, a news portal, and Saurabh Shukla of the NDTV have been selected for the “International Press Institute (IPI) India Award for Excellence in Journalism, 2022”. The Print has been recognised for a series of stories that exposed how hospitals, local bodies and governments in various States mismanaged the support system for the fight against COVID. Saurabh Shukla of NDTV has been awarded for an entry on the exposure of hate speech made by religious men in Haridwar. The award has been given to 17 media organisations and journalists in the print and electronic media so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Print + Saurabh Shukla (NDTV) = selected for the “IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism, 2022”
- [HQs of The Print – New Delhi](#) | [Founder & Editor-in-Chief – Shekhar Gupta](#)

332. Prof. Wazahat Husain, a leading academic from the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has won an international award the 2nd “Sheikh Zayed International Award” for Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, at an event organised by the Zayed Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation. He is a retired Chairman of the Department of Botany at the AMU. The award aims to give recognition to eminent academics and scientists of Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) globally. A plant taxonomy expert, Husain has also been conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards twice. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prof. Wazahat Husain – conferred with the 2nd “Sheikh Zayed International Award” by the UAE

333. On November 7, The Gandhi Peace Foundation awarded its “Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman” for 2022 to The Wire’s senior editor Arfa Khanum Sherwani. The award honours the legacy of journalist, author and human rights activist Kuldip Nayar and is awarded to journalists working in Indian languages contributing to democratic values and independent media. Independent journalist and YouTuber, Ajit Anjum was also announced the awardee for 2021. This honor was started in 2017 with the first awardee being senior journalist Ravish Kumar. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Arfa Khanum Sherwani – awarded the “Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman” for 2022 by The Gandhi Peace Foundation
- Ajit Anjum – awarded the “Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman” for 2021
- Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman – started in 2017 | 1st awardee – Ravish Kumar

Important Days & Dates

334. The Odisha government celebrated ‘Millets Divas’ (Millets Divas) on November 10 (the first Thursday of the Hindu month of Margasira). The primary aim of celebrating the day is to promote ‘mandia’ or millets as a highly nutritive and eco-friendly food product. This year, the state sanctioned Rs 362 crore under ‘Odisha Millets Mission’ which was launched in 2017 to revive millet farming in the State. Also, Odisha happens to be the first State to include ‘ragi laddu’ in ICDS through support of District Mineral Foundations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 10 – ‘Millets Divas’ (Millets Divas) by Odisha Govt
- Odisha Govt sanctioned Rs 362 crore under ‘Odisha Millets Mission’ which was launched in 2017
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

335. In 1998, the World Kindness Movement launched World Kindness Day as a worldwide holiday to promote kindness. Each year on November 13, World Kindness Day is observed. In 2022, the theme of the day is "Be Kind Whenever Possible". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 13 – World Kindness Day (since - 1998)

336. “Armistice Day” is observed annually on 11 November to remember those who died in World War I. The day is also known as Remembrance Day or Poppy Day. It was 11 November 1918 when Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies, officially ending the world’s first greatest war, World War I. Remembrance Day 2022 marks 104 years since the WW I ended. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 11 – ‘Armistice Day’ or ‘Remembrance Day’ or ‘Poppy Day’
- On 11 November, 1918 – Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies, officially ending ‘World War I’

337. “World Diabetes Day” is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is “Access to Diabetes Care”. The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 14 – World Diabetes Day (birth anniversary of - Sir Frederick Banting)
- Theme for 2021 to 2023 – “Access to Diabetes Care”



338. Children's Day in India is observed on November 14 every year, while World Children's Day is on November 20. India too used to celebrate Children's Day on November 20 in the past. In 1964, after the death of the India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, his birth anniversary was chosen as the date for Children's Day or Bal Diwas in India. In 2022, the theme for World Children Day was "Inclusion, for every child". The foundation of World Children's Day was set-up in 1954 with an aim to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. In 1989, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The UN General Assembly on November 20, 1990 adopted the Declaration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 14 – Children's Day (birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru)
- November 20 – World Children Day
- 2022's Theme – "Inclusion, for every child"

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

339. On November 15, PM Narendra Modi attended the 2-day event, the 17th G20 Summit, held in Bali, Indonesia. During the Summit, G20 Leaders will deliberate upon key issues of global concern under the Summit theme of "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Three working sessions were held as part of the G20 Summit Agenda. They were Food & Energy Security, Health, and Digital Transformation. At the closing session of the Summit, the Indonesian President was set to symbolically hand over the G20 Presidency to PM Modi. India was set to formally assume the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi attended the 17th G20 Summit – held in Bali, Indonesia
- Theme – "Recover Together, Recover Stronger"
- G20 Summit's Agendas: Food & Energy Security, Health, and Digital Transformation
- India – to formally assume the G20 Presidency from December 1
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2023 – India \(Dec 1, 2022 to Nov 30, 2023\) | 2024 – Brazil](#)

340. The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar led the Indian delegation at the 19th ASEAN-India Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. At the summit, ASEAN and India adopted a joint statement announcing the elevation of the existing Strategic Partnership to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The Vice President had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Cambodia, Mr Hun Sen, along with the Minister of External Affairs, Dr S. Jaishankar. Four MoUs and agreements were exchanged between the two countries in areas of culture, wildlife & health. Moreover, 2022 has been declared as ASEAN-India Friendship Year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jagdeep Dhankhar – led the Indian delegation at the 19th ASEAN-India Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ASEAN + India = 4 MoUs & agreements in areas of culture, wildlife & health
- Jagdeep Dhankhar – announced an additional \$5 million contribution to the 'ASEAN-India Science & Technology Fund'
- 2022 – declared as 'ASEAN-India Friendship Year'
- [Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen](#)
- [Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10](#)



341. On November 9, the Report of Expert Committee on 'SVAMITVA' Scheme was released during the "National Conference on SVAMITVA Scheme and Rural Planning" held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The Expert Committee was formed in February, 2022 under the Chairmanship of B. K. Agarwal. The report was released by Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, launched by PM Narendra Modi on April 24, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "National Conference on SVAMITVA Scheme and Rural Planning" held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Sunil Kumar – launched the Report of Expert Committee on 'SVAMITVA' Scheme during the conference
- SVAMITVA – Survey of Villages & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas
- 'Svavitva scheme' – belongs to Ministry of Panchayati Raj | Launched by PM Modi – on April 24, 2020

342. The world more-than-ever faces climate-related challenges that also threaten wetland ecosystems. However, information about 75% of the wetlands listed as Ramsar Sites, is outdated or missing, according to a report that was presented by the Ramsar Convention Secretariat at the 14th "Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14) to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands" held in November 2022. The event was co-hosted by China's Wuhan and Switzerland's Geneva. Ramsar Sites of International Importance were listed under the 1971 Ramsar Convention. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China + Switzerland = co-hosted the 14th "Meeting of COP14 to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands"
- As per the report, information about 75% of the wetlands listed as Ramsar Sites, is outdated or missing

343. The G20 summit took place on November 15 and 16 in Bali, Indonesia. Narendra Modi gifted several unique art and handicraft items from Himachal Pradesh to various world leaders to give a boost to Himachal Pradesh's art and culture globally. Items such as Chamba 'rumals', Kangra miniature paintings, Kinnauri shawl, Kullu shawl and Kanal brass were gifted. Also, Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency reflects country's "message and overarching priorities" to the world. India assumed the presidency of the powerful G20 grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1. The G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G20 Summit 2022 – took place in Bali, Indonesia
- PM Modi gifted unique art & handicraft items from Himachal Pradesh to world leaders to boost state's art & culture
- India – assumed the G20 presidency from the current chair Indonesia on December 1
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

344. On November 11, the RBI released the first ever comprehensive analysis of Municipal finances titled "Alternative Sources of Financing for Municipal Corporations" that covered 201 municipal corporations (MCs) across all States. The municipal corporations (MC) in India need to explore different innovative bond and land-based financing mechanisms to augment their resources, as per the report. MCs mostly rely on borrowings from banks and financial institutions and loans from Centre and State governments to finance their resource gaps in the absence of a well-developed market for municipal bonds. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Alternative Sources of Financing for Municipal Corporations” report – released by the RBI
- The study covered 201 municipal corporations (MCs) across all States
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

345. The world is projected to spew 40.6 billion tonnes of CO₂ (GtCO₂) into the atmosphere in 2022, with no sign of the decrease that is urgently needed to limit warming to 1.5 degree Celsius, according to “Global Carbon Budget 2022” report released by a group of scientists who track emissions and publish in peer-reviewed scientific journals. 1.5 degree Celsius is the preferred warming limit set by the 2015 Paris Agreement - a limit that countries hope will be sufficient to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. In 2021, more than half of the world’s CO₂ emissions were from three places - China (31%), the US (14%) and the European Union (8%). India accounted for 7% of the global CO₂ emissions, according to the report. To reach zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, the world would now require a decrease of about 1.4 GtCO₂ each year. [{Read more}](#)

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- 1.5 degree Celsius is the preferred warming limit set by the ‘2015 Paris Agreement’
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- To reach zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, the world would now require a decrease of about 1.4 GtCO₂ each year

346. On November 10, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report titled “Global Vaccine Market Report 2022”. The report revealed that limited vaccine supply and unequal distribution drive global disparities. According to WHO, affordability is also an obstacle to vaccine access. The report highlights the opportunities for more alignment of vaccine development, production and distribution with a public health agenda, towards achieving the ‘Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)’ goals and informing pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response efforts. Approximately 16 billion vaccine doses, worth US\$ 141 billion, were supplied in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Vaccine Market Report 2022” – released by WHO
- The report highlights to achieve the ‘Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)’ goals
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

347. The Railways has achieved 1,223 route km of electrification in the 2022-23 financial year till October 2022, as compared to 895 RKM during the corresponding period of FY 2021-22. As on October 31, out of 65,141 RKM of broad gauge (BG) network of Indian Railways (including KRCL), 53,470 BG RKM have been electrified, which is 82.08% of the total BG network. The Indian Railways uses 25 kV 50 Hz AC traction on all its electrified tracks. Railway electrification in India began with the first electric train, between Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and Kurla on the Harbour Line, on February 3, 1925. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Railways has achieved 1,223 route km of electrification during FY23 till October 2022
- As on Oct 31, out of 65,141 RKM of railway broad gauge network, total 53,470 BG RKM (82%) have been electrified
- Railway electrification in India began with the first electric train between Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus & Kurla in 1925
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Vinay Kumar Tripathi



348. Almost 2,00,000 Indian students chose the United States as their Higher Education Destination in the 2021-22 academic year, a 19% increase over the previous year, according to an annual “Open Doors Report” released by the Institution of International Education (IIE). Currently, the USA is home to 9,14,095 international students of which 2 lakh are Indians. Due to this, India stands in the second position, after China, in terms of the student population in the USA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Open Doors Report” – released by Institution of International Education (IIE)
- India stands 2nd in terms of the student population in the USA | 1st – China
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MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

349. On November 11, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed an MoU with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) to build India’s first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for operation in Varanasi and electric hybrid vessels for Uttar Pradesh and Assam. CSL also inked an MoU for the construction of six electric catamaran vessels for UP and another two for Assam. The vessel will be deployed at Varanasi and will reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions by 250 MT annually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IWAI & Cochin Shipyard signed an MoU to build:
 - India’s first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for operation in Varanasi
 - Electric hybrid vessels for Uttar Pradesh & Assam
 - 6 electric catamaran vessels for UP & 2 for Assam
- HQs of IWAI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Sanjay Bandopadhyay
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair | Incorporated in – 1972

350. On November 12, Arunachal Pradesh government signed an MoU with National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), an SPV of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for infrastructure development in the state. Announced in the Union Budget (2022-23) for construction of ropeways in hilly terrains across India for connecting inaccessible areas, the national ropeway programme - ‘Parvatmala’ project, is being undertaken by the NHLML as the Executing Agency. The MoU is expected to bring effective implementation, development, construction, operation and maintenance of the identified projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh + NHLML = an MoU for infrastructure development in the state
- Executing Agency of the national ropeway programme - ‘Parvatmala’ project – NHLML
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra





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