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# National & States Affairs

**401.** On November 15, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the first greenfield farm machinery plant of Mahindra & Mahindra at Pithampur in Madhya Pradesh. He stressed on the need to increase production-productivity in order to meet the domestic requirement as well as other countries. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> greenfield farm machinery plant of Mahindra & Mahindra at Pithampur, MP
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

**402.** On November 16, Tamil Nadu introduced an Elephant Death Audit Framework (EDAF) to put in place a more detailed and transparent process for recording and monitoring elephant deaths in the State. This is the first of its kind initiative in the country. It prescribes a systematic standard protocol for conducting post-mortem to determine the reasons for death of an elephant. It will help to study the circumstances of preventable and unnatural deaths and formulate measures to prevent them. Elephant death audit will have 5 stages which are expected to assist wildlife managers and ecologists in ensuring accountability. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu – introduced an ‘Elephant Death Audit Framework (EDAF)’, first of its kind initiative in India
- It gives a systematic standard protocol for conducting post-mortem to determine the reasons for death of an elephant
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

**403.** On November 16, National Commission for Women (NCW) launched the fourth phase of Digital Shakti Campaign. It is a pan-India project on digitally empowering and upskilling women and girls in cyberspace, run in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation, Meta and Autobot Infosec. The campaign Digital Shakti started in June 2018 to help women across the nation to raise the awareness level on the digital front, to build resilience, and fight cyber-crime in the most effective ways. Through this project, over 3 Lakhs women across India have been made aware of cyber safety tips and tricks, reporting & redressal mechanisms, data privacy and usage of technology for their benefits. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NCW – launched the fourth phase of ‘Digital Shakti Campaign’ (initially started in June 2018)
- Digital Shakti Campaign – a pan-India project on digitally empowering and upskilling women and girls in cyberspace
- Digital Shakti Campaign is run by = NCW + CyberPeace Foundation + Meta + Autobot Infosec
- [HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma | Founded in – 1992](#)

**404.** On November 17, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the Jammu and Kashmir Remote Sensing Information System (JKRIS), a spatial data infrastructure initiative, and g-SAM (Gram Panchayat Spatial Assets Mapper) mobile app. The Geographic Information System (GIS) technology ecosystem is offering new communication tools to different sectors and making greater impact in areas like weather forecast, urban and transport planning, security and biodiversity protection. With the help of GIS, traffic accidents can be tackled through identification of accident locations and hotspots. GIS can also help in better planning of schemes and asset allocation according to the population and their needs. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Manoj Sinha – launched the ‘Jammu & Kashmir Remote Sensing Information System (JKRIS)’ for data infrastructure
- He also launched ‘g-SAM (Gram Panchayat Spatial Assets Mapper)’ mobile app
- [J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha](#)



**405.** On November 15, Madhya Pradesh notified its PESA Rules on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' at Shahdol in the state. The PESA Act will empower the Gram Sabhas to take decision on the rules and regulations with regard to all natural resources in the forest areas. The PESA Act will give more constitutional rights to the tribal people to reap the benefits of natural resources from the forest areas where they live. With the objective of effective implementation of PESA, Ministry of Panchayati Raj circulated Draft Model PESA Rules in 2009. Moreover, Chhattisgarh has also notified their PESA Rules on 8th August, 2022. In the States of Jharkhand and Odisha the process of inter-Departmental consultation is still in progress. Presently, 10 States have Fifth Schedule Areas in their respective States. Out of the ten PESA States, eight States namely; Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana have framed and notified their State PESA Rules under their respective State Panchayati Raj Acts. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
- Madhya Pradesh – notified the “PESA (Panchayats Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Rules”
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj – circulated ‘Draft Model PESA Rules’ in 2009
- Chhattisgarh has also notified their PESA Rules in August
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Minister of Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Kapil Moreshwar Patil

**406.** On November 15, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying initiated the process for integration of various infrastructures of the department with PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan (NMP). The department has integrated its 12 breed improvement institutions (7 central Cattle Breeding Farms, 4 Central Herd Registration Scheme and Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute) with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The multi-modal connectivity will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services from one mode of transport to another. It will also facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and reduce travel time. PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan is a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. Livestock sector is crucial to the Indian economy as it comprises one third of the agriculture and allied sector GVA and has over 8% CAGR. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dept. of Animal Husbandry & Dairying – initiated the process for integration with ‘PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan’
- The department works under – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan – will bring 16 Ministries for integrated infrastructure connectivity projects
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & Dr. L. Murugan

**407.** On November 15, Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia addressed the Steel Conference of State governments in New Delhi. He informed that India has moved from 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer of steel to the second largest producer of steel at global scale. India was earlier a net importer of the steel. In India, per capita steel consumption grew from 57.8 kilogram to 78 kilogram in the last 8 years. China is the largest producer of steel in the world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – became the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer of steel (after China)
- In India, per capita steel consumption has grown from 57.8 kilogram to 78 kilogram
- Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Steel: Faggansingh Kulaste



# International Affairs

**408.** On November 9, Amazon became world's first listed firm to lose \$1 trillion in market value. Shares in the e-commerce and cloud company fell 4.3% on November 9, pushing its market value to about \$879 billion from a record close at \$1.88 trillion on July 2021. In October 2022, Amazon projected the slowest revenue growth for a holiday quarter in the company's history. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Amazon – became world's first listed firm to lose \$1 trillion in market value
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994

**409.** On November 9, Nine countries joined Global Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA) at the UN COP27 climate summit, to encourage the development of offshore wind power. The GOWA has been set up by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Denmark and the Global Wind Energy Council. The Nine countries are Britain, Germany, the United States, Japan, Belgium, Colombia, Ireland, Norway and the Netherlands. IRENA and the International Energy Agency (IEA) predict that offshore wind capacity will need to exceed 2000GW in 2050 to help prevent temperatures from rising by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial era. To do this, GOWA aims to reach a total of “at least 380GW installed capacity” by the end of the decade. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- 9 countries joined 'GOWA' to encourage the development of offshore wind power (**Global Offshore Wind Alliance**)
- 9 countries are – Britain, Germany, US, Japan, Belgium, Colombia, Ireland, Norway & Netherlands
- GOWA was set up by = IRENA + Global Wind Energy Council + Denmark
- GOWA – aims to reach at least 380GW installed capacity by 2030 (out of required 2000GW in 2050)
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

**410.** On November 13, G20 health and finance ministers launched a \$1.4-billion fund to tackle the next global pandemic at 17<sup>th</sup> G20 summit held in Indonesia. The fund's major donors include the United States, Britain, India, China, France, Canada, Australia and Japan. However Indonesian president Joko Widodo said it was not enough and \$31 billion was required to tackle the next global pandemic. World Bank will manage the fund to help low- and middle-income countries prevent and address future pandemics. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- G20 health & finance ministers – launched a \$1.4-billion fund to tackle the next global pandemic
- Trustee of the fund – World Bank
- 17<sup>th</sup> G20 Summit was held in – Indonesia | Theme – “Recover Together, Recover Stronger”
- Joko Widodo: \$31 billion was required to tackle the next global pandemic
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2023 – India (Dec 1, 2022 to Nov 30, 2023) | 2024 – Brazil
- India's Sherpa to G20 – Amitabh Kant | Theme for India's G20 Presidency – “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”

**411.** On November 14, Angola, Eritrea, Morocco and Nigeria signed the Food and Agricultural Organisation's (FAO) “Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)”, taking the number of signatories to this global alignment against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing to 100 countries. The PSMA entered into force in June 2016. IUU fishing is responsible for the loss of 11-26 million tonnes of fish each year, which is estimated to have an economic value of \$10 billion-\$23 billion. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Angola, Eritrea, Morocco & Nigeria – signed the FAO’s “Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)”
- Signing of these 4 countries took the tally to 100 countries | PSMA entered into force in 2016
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

**412.** On November 16, A total of 11 career researchers from India and Germany have received the ‘Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR)’. This is the first time researchers have received this award under the PECFAR. The initiative has been launched by the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), a bilateral institution established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany to promote Science and Technology collaborations with a focus on applied research. for the details of the awardees of the PECFAR-2022: [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 11 career researchers from India & Germany received – ‘Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR)
- The initiative is launched by – Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC)
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

## **Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs**

**413.** On November 15, ESAF Small Finance Bank joined the fight against the practice of “greenwashing” or faking environment, social, and governance (ESG) credentials. ESAF’s vow to fight greenwashing comes against the backdrop of the observance of Banking on Values Day by the Global Alliance on Banking on Values (GAVB). ESAF is the first Indian member bank of GAVB. “Greenwashing” refers to a situation wherein a corporation or a firm spends more time and money on marketing itself as environmentally friendly than on actually minimizing its environmental impact. The bank was recently awarded the “best in class” rating for ESG practices from CareEdge Ratings. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ESAF SFB – became 1<sup>st</sup> Indian member bank of GAVB and Joined global fight against ‘Greenwashing’
- CareEdge Ratings awarded the “best in class” rating for ESG practices to – ESAF SFB
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan

**414.** on November 10, Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended the name of K Satyanarayana Raju for the position of Managing Director & CEO in Canara Bank. He is currently an Executive Director at Canara Bank. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- K Satyanarayana Raju – has been recommended by FSIB for the MD & CEO of Canara Bank
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar

**415.** On November 17, InsuranceDekho, an insurtech, entered into a strategic partnership with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) through which LIC’s products will be available for all customers on its platform pan-India. Partnership with LIC would enable InsuranceDekho to provide the entire gamut of insurance solutions to customers throughout the country. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- InsuranceDekho + LIC = partnership through which LIC's products will be available for all customers
- HQs of InsuranceDekho – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO & Co-founder – Ankit Agrawal
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

**416.** On November 17, Karnataka Bank has launched the CASA (Current Account Savings Account) campaign of 2022-23 for 100 days. Under this campaign starting from November 15, 2022 to March 24, 2023, the bank intends to open more than 3.65 lakh CASA accounts in all 883 branches across India. Karnataka Bank which is well known as a 'Tech-Savvy Bank'. With this campaign, the bank aims to introduce its attractive digitally powered savings account products to its prospective customers. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank – launched the CASA (Current Account Savings Account) campaign of 2022-23 for 100 days
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S. | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja

## Defence Affairs

**417.** On November 16, the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indo-US joint military training exercise warfare began at Auli in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand. The objective of this annual exercise is to exchange the best of technology, tactical skills and maneuvers between the armies of both the countries. Troops from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division of the US Army and the Assam Regiment with stationed forces of the Indian Army participated in the exercise. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India + US = 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indo-US joint military training exercise warfare began at Auli in Chamoli, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

**418.** On November 15, Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed MoUs with 5 companies involved in the defence industry. The MoU between Hindustan Shipyard Limited and BEL is intended to carry out joint development, manufacturing, and product upgrades of identified products/systems and to take advantage of the emerging opportunities in the domestic defence, non-defence, and export markets. BEL and SVC TECH VENTURES LLP signed an MoU for cooperation in the manufacturing and marketing of heavy-duty blast doors. BEL and Yantra India Limited will collaborate in the fields of ammunition hardware and military-grade components. BEL will work together with Profense LLC, US, on the production and sale of light weapons. BEL has signed an MoU with Spacefaring Technologies Pvt Ltd for cooperation in technology development in the field of fabric-based radome, shelters, deployable space habitats, aerostat, and more, for defence and non-defence applications. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BEL + Hindustan Shipyard = an MoU for joint development, manufacturing, and product upgrades
- BEL + SVC TECH VENTURES LLP = an MoU for cooperation in the manufacturing and marketing of heavy-duty blast doors
- BEL + Yantra India = an MoU to collaborate in the fields of ammunition hardware and military-grade components
- BEL + Profense LLC (US) = an MoU on the production and sale of light weapons
- BEL + Spacefaring Technologies = an MoU for cooperation in the field of various defence and non-defence applications
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Bhanu Prakash Srivastava (addi. charge)



## Sports & Games

**419.** Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan inaugurated the “International Blind Football Asia-Oceania Championship” which was held at Kochi from November 11 to 18, 2022. This is the first time in India that a para-football event will have 10 men’s teams and 2 women’s teams. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kerala – hosted the “International Blind Football Asia-Oceania Championship” at Kochi
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**420.** On November 13, the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board has approved Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Thailand, Zimbabwe and Namibia and Bangladesh and Nepal as the host countries of the ICC U19 events from 2024-2027. The ICC U19 Men’s Cricket World Cup 2024 will be hosted by Sri Lanka whilst the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia. The ICC U19 Women’s T20 World Cup 2025 will be held in Malaysia and Thailand, and the 2027 U19 Women’s event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal as announced by ICC. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sri Lanka – will host the “ICC U19 Men’s Cricket World Cup 2024”
- Zimbabwe & Namibia – will host the “ICC U19 Men’s Cricket World Cup 2026”
- Malaysia & Thailand – will host the “ICC U19 Women’s T20 World Cup 2025”
- Bangladesh & Nepal – will host the “ICC U19 Women’s T20 World Cup 2027”
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 108 countries

**421.** On November 16, Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes’ Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Eight athletes (4 male & 4 female) were elected from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Oceania and will serve in the Athletes’ Commission for four years from 2022 to 2026. The ace paddler from India received 187 votes, the second-highest number, behind Elizabeta Samara of Romania, who received 212 votes. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Achanta Sharath Kamal – became the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes’ Commission of the ITTF
- Total 8 athletes (4 male & 4 female) were elected from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe & Oceania
- HQs of ITTF – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Petra Sorling | CEO – Steve Dainton

## Persons in News

**422.** On November 16, Two Indian-origin entrepreneurs Kanav Kariya and Ankit Gupta have featured in the “2022 edition of Fortune’s 40 under 40 List”. The 40 under 40 list is divided into the following category - Venture and Startups, Culture and Society, Finance and Crypto, Tech and Innovation, Health and Bioscience. Kanav Kariya, President of Jump Crypto, is included in ‘Finance and Crypto’ category, while Ankit Gupta, the Founder & CEO of Bicycle Health, is included in ‘Health and Bioscience’ category. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Kanav Kariya & Ankit Gupta – featured in the “2022 edition of Fortune’s 40 under 40 List”
- Kanav Kariya (President of Jump Crypto) is included in – ‘Finance and Crypto’ category
- Ankit Gupta (Founder & CEO of Bicycle Health) is included in – ‘Health and Bioscience’ category

## Science & Technology

**423.** In November 2022, e-commerce giant Amazon unveiled the design of its new Prime Air delivery drone namely ‘MK30’, which will handle high temperatures and light rain. The new ‘MK30’ drone will enter into service in 2024 and is expected to be 25% quieter than current ones. The current hexagonal ‘MK27-2’ drone will be replaced by the new ‘MK30’, which will be lighter and smaller. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Amazon – unveiled the design of its new Prime Air delivery drone namely ‘MK30’
- ‘MK30’ drone will enter into service in 2024 and is expected to be 25% quieter than current ones, ‘MK27-2’
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994

## Appointments & Resignations

**424.** On November 16, for the second time, the tenure of Dr V G Somani as the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has been again extended by another 3 months. He was earlier given an extension in August, 2022. Dr Somani was appointed the DCGI for a term of three years on August 14, 2019. The DCGI heads the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which is responsible for ensuring quality drugs supply across the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- V G Somani – tenure extended by another 3 months as the DCGI

**425.** On November 14, Gaurav Dwivedi was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati for 5 years. Earlier he was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia. Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022. Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Agrawal was given the additional charge of CEO Prasar Bharati in June 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Gaurav Dwivedi – appointed the CEO of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati (replacing Mayank Agrawal)
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Gaurav Dwivedi

**426.** On November 16, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) appointed Suraj Bhan as the Chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust), responsible for managing funds under the National Pension System (NPS). Mr. Suraj replaced Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra whose tenure ended on November 11. Bhan has been a Trustee on the Board of NPS Trust since 2018. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Suraj Bhan – appointed as the Chairman of the National Pension System Trust (replacing - Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra)
- HQs of PFRDA – New Delhi | Chairperson – Supratim Bandyopadhyay | Founded in – 2003





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# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**427.** On November 15, the “2022 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence” has been given to Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong from Cameroon. She received the Prize at an official ceremony held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. This prize is awarded every two years to individuals or institutions for their exceptional contributions to the promotion of tolerance and non-violence through the arts, education, culture, science and communication. The laureate will receive US\$ 1,00,000. The Prize is named after its benefactor, former Indian artist, writer and diplomat, Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013), who was also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. The Prize is managed by the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong (Cameroon) – received the “2022 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence”
- Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013) – was former Indian artist, writer, diplomat & a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador

# Important Days & Dates

**428.** The third Thursday of every November is celebrated as World Philosophy Day. It fell on November 17 this year. In 2005, it was designated an International Day by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). November 21, 2002, marked the inaugural World Philosophy Day. After that, UNESCO decided that it was important to formalise the celebration of philosophical contemplation globally in 2005. The theme for the 2022 World Philosophy Day was “The Human of the Future”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Nov) – World Philosophy Day
- 2022’s Theme – “The Human of the Future”

**429.** On November 16, World COPD Day was commemorated. The day is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of November to increase public awareness about chronic inflammatory pulmonary diseases. Its purpose is to spread knowledge, increase awareness, and discuss solutions to the global COPD problem. In 2022, the theme for World COPD Day is “Your Lungs for Life”. The two most frequent disorders that can result in COPD are emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The first celebration of World COPD Day took place in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) – 21<sup>st</sup> edition of World COPD Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Your Lungs for Life”
- COPD – **C**hronic **O**bstructive **P**ulmonary **D**isease

**430.** International Students’ Day is celebrated on November 17 every year. International Students’ Day commemorates the storming of the University of Prague by Nazis in 1939 and the students who were subsequently killed and sent to concentration camps. Moreover, October 15 is observed as “World Students’ Day” in India every year. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- November 17 – International Students’ Day
- October 15 – World Students’ Day (only observed in India)



**431.** World Premature Day is celebrated on November 17. This annual event aims to educate the public about premature birth, the challenges parents and families face, and the most effective methods for locating premature children. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – World Premature Day

**432.** November is considered as Epilepsy Awareness Month worldwide. However, the National Epilepsy Awareness Day 2022 was celebrated on November 17, 2022. According to the Epilepsy Foundation, the theme of National Epilepsy Awareness Month (NEAM) 2022 is “There is no NEAM without ME”. Epilepsy is a disease that affects the central nervous system of the brain. Epilepsy Foundation was established in Mumbai under Dr Nirmal Surya. The Symbol of Epilepsy is the Purple ribbon. While International Epilepsy Day is observed on the Second Monday of February across the world. In 2022, the fell on February 14, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – National Epilepsy Awareness Day (Symbol - Purple ribbon)
- November – Epilepsy Awareness Month | 2022’s Theme – “There is no NEAM without ME”
- February 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Feb) – International Epilepsy Day

**433.** “National Newborn Week 2022” was celebrated in India from November 15 to 21 with the theme “Safety, Quality and Nurturing Care, Birth Right of Every Newborn”. The focus was on raising awareness about the care of newborns. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 to 21 – National Newborn Week
- Theme – “Safety, Quality & Nurturing Care - Birth Right of Every Newborn”

**434.** On November 16, Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankhar, inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Audit Diwas celebrations at Comptroller & Auditor General of India’s (CAG) office in New Delhi. CAG of India has been the External Auditor of various United Nations (UN) organizations over the years. On this occasion, the Vice President also felicitated the winners of the National Online Essay Writing Competition - 2022 organized by CAG as part of its 2<sup>nd</sup> Audit Diwas celebrations. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General, Ms Parveen Mehta, officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department and other dignitaries were present. The term length for CAG is 6 years or up to 65 years of age, whichever is earlier. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Audit Diwas – observed at CAG office premises (inaugurated by - Jagdeep Dhankhar)
- Term length for CAG: 6 years or up to 65 years of age (whichever is earlier)
- CAG – G. C. Murmu | CGA – Bharati Das

## Obituaries

**435.** On November 12, Kevin Conroy, the prolific voice actor from America, passed away at the age of 66. Conroy was the voice of Batman on the acclaimed “Batman: The Animated Series” that ran from 1992-1996. Conroy continued on as the almost exclusive animated voice of Batman, including some 15 films, 400 episodes of television and two dozen videogames. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Kevin Conroy – an American Actor – passed away
- He was the voice of Batman on the acclaimed “Batman: The Animated Series”

**436.** On November 10, Sir David Butler, a trailblazing former BBC election analyst who pioneered exit polls and the concept of vote swing, died at the age of 98. He was dubbed as the ‘Father of Election Science’ by his friend and biographer. He dubbed his craft ‘Psephology’, based on the Greek word ‘Psephos’ for pebble, which the ancient Greeks used to vote in elections. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sir David Butler (UK) – an English Political Scientist – passed away (dubbed as the ‘Father of Election Science’)
- He pioneered exit polls & the concept of vote swing

**437.** On November 16, Renowned Telugu actor Ghattamaneni Krishna passed away at the age of 80. He is the father of popular South Indian actor Mahesh Babu. Fondly called ‘Super Star’ by his fans, he acted in over 340 movies in a career spanning over 55 years. Murthy, who later became popular with screen name Krishna, made his debut in the Telugu film industry with Thene Manasulu in 1964. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ghattamaneni Krishna – a Telugu actor – passed away (fondly called ‘Super Star’)
- He was the father of popular South Indian actor Mahesh Babu

**438.** On November 10, Veteran actor and filmmaker Rakesh Kumar passed away in Mumbai after a long battle with cancer. He was known for his work in films like Khoon Pasina, Do Aur Do Paanch, Mr. Natwarlal, and Yaarana. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rakesh Kumar – a Veteran Actor & Filmmaker – passed away

## **Meetings, Conferences and Summits**

**439.** On November 15, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) jointly organised the first “Virtual Global Skill Summit (VGSS)” with the Indian Ambassadors/High Commission representing India Missions from 10 nations. Dharmendra Pradhan and Piyush Goyal co-chaired the Summit. Indian Ambassadors from ten different countries namely Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom deliberated in this summit. The summit deliberated on skill harmonization and bench marking of qualifications, quality standardization, capacity building, knowledge exchange to promote global mobility, employability, and readiness for the youth to join the global workforce. Almost 54% of India’s population is above 25+ years which presents a good opportunity to provide overseas employment opportunities to the Indian youth in countries facing shortage of workforce. United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Germany are the top countries demand for the most skilled workforce in the future. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MEA + MoCI + MoE + MSDE = jointly organised the first “Virtual Global Skill Summit (VGSS)”
- The summit was organised with Indian Ambassadors /High Commission representing India Missions from 10 countries
- Dharmendra Pradhan & Piyush Goyal co-chaired the Summit





**440.** On November 16, PM Narendra Modi has gifted paintings, silver bowls and artwork to world leaders at the G20 Summit in Bali. PM Modi gifted Himanchal Pradesh's Kangra miniature paintings, a form of Pahari paintings to the US, Mata Ni Pachedi, a handmade textile of Gujarat to the UK (Rishi Sunak), Agate bowl of Gujarat to France, Patan Patola Dupatta (scarf) of Gujarat to Italy, Pithora paintings of Gujarat to Australia, Kanal Brass set from Mandi & Kullu to Spain, a Silver Bowl from Gujarat & Kinnauri shawl from Himachal Pradesh to Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- At the G20 Summit, PM Narendra Modi gifted:
  - Kangra miniature paintings (Himachal Pradesh) – to the US
  - Mata Ni Pachedi (Gujarat) – to the UK
  - Patan Patola Dupatta (Gujarat) – to Italy
  - Pithora paintings (Gujarat) – to Australia
  - Kanal Brass set (Himachal Pradesh) – to Spain
  - Silver Bowl (Gujarat) & Kinnauri Shawl (Himachal Pradesh) – to Indonesia
  - Agate bowl (Gujarat) – to France

**441.** On November 15, India and Sweden hosted the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) Summit on the side-lines of COP27. COP27 was held in Sharm El Sheikh city of Egypt. The LeadIT initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector. The event included roundtable discussions that focussed on finance and other cross-sectoral issues. The summit concluded with the adoption of the summit statement by the members of LeadIT which re-emphasized the commitment to continue pursuing the low-carbon transition of the industry. The summit was followed by the public launch of the LeadIT Summit Statement 2022 in the India Pavilion at COP27. The LeadIT gathers countries and companies that are committed to action to achieve the Paris Agreement. It was launched by the governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 and is supported by the World Economic Forum. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Sweden = hosted the “LeadIT Summit” on the side-lines of COP27 (in Sharm El Sheikh city, Egypt)
- LeadIT – launched by Sweden & India in Sep 2019 (supported by WEF)
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Ulf Kristersson

## **Ranks, Reports & Surveys**

**442.** Wildlife trade can benefit wildlife populations and people but can drive biodiversity loss if not effectively regulated, according to the first-ever “World Wildlife Trade Report” released by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to CITES held in Panama from November 14 to November 25, 2022. CITES is an international agreement, that aims to ensure international trade in wild animals and plants, does not threaten the species' survival. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to CITES – held in Panama
- First-ever “World Wildlife Trade Report” – released by CITES
- Panama – Panama City – Balboa | President – Laurentino Cortizo



**443.** A total of 15,24,469 foreigners visited India between January 1 and December 31, 2021, as per the latest data. The maximum number of foreigners who visited India during this period were from the United States (4,29,860), followed by those from Bangladesh (2,40,554), United Kingdom (1,64,143), Canada (80,437) and Nepal (52,544). The e-visa facility with 5 subcategories - e-tourist visa, e-business visa, e-conference visa, e-medical visa and e-medical attendant visa - had been extended to nationals of 171 countries for entry through 28 designated international airports and 5 major seaports in India.

[{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Total 15,24,469 foreigners visited India between January 1 and December 31, 2021
- Maximum number of foreigners who visited India in 2021 – US (4,29,860) | Followed by – Bangladesh & UK

**444.** “Data Centre Q3 2022 report” was published by Knight Frank India in November 2022. According to the report, Hyderabad, Chennai and New Delhi have emerged as the top data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific region. These regions together hold more than 100 MW of live capacity (operational) in Q3 2022. Also, nearly 189 MW of data centre capacity is under construction, which will effectively triple the live capacity. As per live, under-construction and planned (committed and early-stage) data centre capacity, Chennai holds the highest 41.4 MW of live capacity, followed by Hyderabad with 33.7 MW and New Delhi with 32.6 MW as of Q3 2022. While current live capacity is highest in Chennai, it could soon be overtaken by New Delhi where under-construction IT supply of 84 MW would almost quadruple its live capacity to 117 MW. Hyderabad, New Delhi and Chennai hold almost 1,100 MW of total IT power. Additionally, 1.25 gigawatt (GW) of IT power is in the planning stage, and of which over 800 MW is already committed. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Data Centre Q3 2022 report” – published by Knight Frank India
- Hyderabad, Chennai & New Delhi – emerged as the top data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific region
- Live operational capacity: Chennai – 41.4 MW | Hyderabad – 33.7 MW | New Delhi – 32.6 MW
- 1.25 GW of IT power is in the planning stage, of which over 800 MW is already committed

**445.** An estimated 17% of the Amazon forests have been degraded, while another 18% have been converted for other purposes, as per the “Living Amazon Report, 2022” released by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at the COP27 in Egypt. The report outlined the current status of the Amazon biome and basin, summarised key pressures and drivers of change and outlined a conservation strategy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Living Amazon Report, 2022” – released by World Wildlife Fund
- 17% of the Amazon forests have been degraded, while another 18% have been converted for other purposes
- HQs of WWF – Washington, D. C., US | President & CEO – Carter Roberts

## **Amount & Agreements**

**446.** On November 16, Asian Development Bank has given in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to Maharashtra government to bring in 5,000 electric buses. Maharashtra would follow the same model as the public sector, CESL (Convergence Energy Services Ltd), did for the recently-concluded tender for procuring 5,450 e-buses. Under this model, bidders offer a per-km price for running buses on routes specified by the state transport service, and the best price gets the contract. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- ADB – gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to Maharashtra government to bring in 5,000 electric buses
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**447.** On November 16, State Bank of India signed a 150-million-euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects. The long-term loan, under the Indo-German solar partnership, will facilitate new and upcoming capacities in the solar sector and further contribute to the country's goals announced during the COP26. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI + KfW = a 150-million-euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement for funding solar projects
- HQs of SBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of KfW – Frankfurt, Germany | CEO – Gunther Braunig

**448.** On November 16, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 220.50 Crore to the Odisha government under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). NABARD has sanctioned the fund for construction of 57 flood protection projects and one bridge at a rural area. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 220.50 Cr to Odisha under 'RIDF' for construction of 57 flood protection projects
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**449.** On November 14, a meeting between Finland's Minister of Education and Culture Petri Honkonen and Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh was held in New Delhi. India and Finland agreed to enhance partnership in areas such as digital partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and digital education. On 18th April 2022, both sides initiated collaboration in Quantum Technologies. Indian side has already identified four premier institutes viz IISER, Pune, IIT Madras, TIFR Mumbai and C-DAC Pune to work with Finnish institutions on joint development of Quantum Computer. They have also planned for establishment of the Indo-Finnish 'Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing' and targeting to develop 20 qubits superconducting based Quantum Computer in 1st phase and further scale it up to 54 qubits in second phase. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Finland = agreed to enhance digital partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies & digital education
- They have also planned for establishment of the "Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing"
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin



**450.** British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced a new partnership with India, at the G20 summit in Bali, Indonesia. Under the UK - India Young Professionals Scheme, the UK will offer, annually, 3,000 degree-holding Indians in the 18-30-year age group places to work in the UK for up to two years. The scheme will commence in early 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UK – announced a new partnership with India for ‘UK - India Young Professionals Scheme’
- UK will offer 3,000 degree-holding Indians annually in the 18-30-year age group places to work in UK for up to two years
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Rishi Sunak (57<sup>th</sup>) | New King – King Charles III





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