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National & States Affairs

501. On October 19, The Union ministry of education launched the draft of the first 'National Credit Framework' (NCrF) that integrates the credits earned through school education, higher education and vocational and skill education. While a credit-based framework is already in place in technical and higher education, it will be the first time that school and vocational education will be included. According to the draft, credits will be assigned on the basis of learning hours from class 5 to PhD level. So far, it is being considered to set the total hours of learning per credit at 30. The NCrF will be operationalised through the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) which was launched by UGC in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union ministry of education – launched the draft of the first NCrF
- Credits will be assigned on the basis of learning hours from class 5 to PhD level (30 hours learning = 1 credit)
- NCrF – will be operationalised through Academic Bank of Credits which was launched by UGC in 2021
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan](#) | [Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar](#)

502. On October 20, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) organised 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme for the development of Tribal Youth in New Delhi. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has been organizing this programme since 2006 for the development and main streaming of Tribal Youth in collaboration and financial support from Department of Left Wing Extremism (LWE), Ministry of Home Affairs. During this financial year 2022-23, 26 Tribal Youth Exchange Programmes are being organized by NYKS across India. The aim of this programme is to sensitize LWE Tribal Youth to Rich Cultural Heritage of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoYAS + MoHA = organised 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme in New Delhi
- It is organised by = Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (MoYAS) + Department of Left Wing Extremism (MoHA)
- 26 Tribal Youth Exchange Programmes are being organized by NYKS across India during FY 2022-23

503. On October 19, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched 'Mission DefSpace' At DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar aimed at developing innovative solutions for the defence forces in the space sector. Under Mission DefSpace, 75 challenges in the space sector have been identified for private firms to work on. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched 'Mission DefSpace' At DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar
- Under Mission DefSpace, 75 challenges in the space sector have been identified for private firms
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

504. On October 20, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the "National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2022" for foundational stage education of children in the 3 to 8 years age group. Early Childhood Care and Education are key areas of development, according to the 2022 framework. The NCF 2022 has 4 sections - the National Curriculum Framework for School Education, the National Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education, the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education and the National Curriculum Framework for Adult Education. The framework has listed the 'Panchakosha' concept for Education of children and its 5 parts are physical development (sharirik vikas), development of life energy (pranik vikas), emotional and mental development (manasik vikas), intellectual development (bauddhik vikas) and spiritual development (chaitisik vikas). Moreover, 'Vidya Pravesh' (Entry Level Education) has been developed by the NCERT for students entering class 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan (MoE) – launched the “National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2022” for students aged 3 to 8 years
- NCF 2022 has 4 sections & it listed ‘Panchakosha’ concept for Education of children
- ‘Vidya Pravesh’ (Entry Level Education) – developed by the NCERT for students entering class 1
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar](#)

505. On October 18, The Assam government and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the “trees outside forests in India (TOFI)” programme for bringing farmers, companies, and private institutions together to expand the tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the State. Assam is one of seven States where the US will allocate up to \$25 million under the TOFI programme. The other States are Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. Through agroforestry, or integrating trees into farming systems, TOFI will improve the resilience of farming systems, while increasing the income of farmers in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + USAID = launched ‘TOFI’ programme to expand the tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the State
- US – will allocate up to \$25 million under the TOFI programme to 7 states
- The 7 states are: Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Assam & Uttar Pradesh
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

506. On October 22, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the “Kunjapp”, a mobile application to prevent cyber-crimes against children in the state. The CM also inaugurated the training for the newly appointed Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) members at Kovalam near Thiruvananthapuram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched the “Kunjapp”, a mobile application to prevent cyber-crimes against children
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

507. On October 22, Netherlands surpassed China and became India’s third-largest export market. Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22, is now India’s 8th biggest export market. US and the UAE continue to be the largest and second-largest export destinations, respectively, for India. The exports to the US climbed 18.3% until August to \$35.2 billion, while those to the UAE shot up 27.3% to \$13.8 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Netherlands – surpassed China & became India’s third-largest export market | 1st – US | 2nd – UAE
- Brazil – is now India’s 8th biggest export market (21st position in FY22)
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte](#)

508. Guinness World Records declared ‘Monday’ as the worst day of the week. Mondays more or less have the dubious distinction of being the most hated day for many. With a majority of people in a holiday mood with no deadlines to meet on Sunday, it is hard for them to get back into a work-mode groove at sharp 9 am the very next day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Guinness World Records declared ‘Monday’ as the worst day of the week

509. On October 20, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, inaugurated an “Advanced Bi-Plane Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory” at DY Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre in Navi Mumbai. The facility is South Asia’s first state-of-the-art, most advanced model of Cath Lab and the IGS 6 from Wipro GE Healthcare is the first AutoRight™ enabled Cath Lab in India. The facility will be useful for coronary interventions like coronary angiography & angioplasty, neurology interventions like carotid angiography and angioplasty, electrophysiology studies, Transcatheter Aortic Valve replacements (TAVR) etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – inaugurated an “Advanced Bi-Plane Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory” in Navi Mumbai
- It is South Asia’s first state-of-the-art, most advanced model of Cath Lab
- IGS 6 from Wipro GE Healthcare is the first AutoRight™ enabled Cath Lab in India
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

510. On October 21, India received its first Migration Monitoring System called “Migration Tracking System (MTS)”. The system is aimed at providing updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers and children instantly on a single system. The system, developed by the Department of Women and Child Development was inaugurated in Mumbai by Maharashtra Women and Child Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha. The website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS) will track the movements of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries through individual unique identification numbers. The first-of-its-kind system will make available the information of seasonal migrant women and children immediately. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s first Migration Monitoring System called ‘Migration Tracking System (MTS)’ – inaugurated in Mumbai
- The system is developed by Department of Women & Child Development
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

International Affairs

511. On October 20, Global leaders confirmed US\$ 2.6 billion in funding toward the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s (GPEI) 2022-2026 Strategy to end polio at a pledging moment co-hosted by Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) at the World Health Summit in Berlin. UNICEF pledged US\$ 5 million and United States pledged US\$ 114 million whereas Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged US\$ 1.2 billion at the summit. Wild poliovirus is endemic in just two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global leaders confirmed US\$ 2.6 billion in funding toward GPEI’s 2022-2026 Strategy
- “World Health Summit 2022” – hosted by Germany’s BMZ in Berlin
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

512. On October 22, Australia and Japan signed a security pact to share sensitive intelligence and deepen defence cooperation to counter China's military rise. Under the deal, both countries’ defence forces will train together in Northern Australia and expand and strengthen cooperation across defence. This will strengthen the framework of the Quad (Australia, India, Japan and the United States) and is the first step for Japan to join the Five Eyes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia + Japan = signed a security pact to share sensitive intelligence & deepen defence cooperation
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

513. On October 20, The Interpol unveiled the first-ever 'metaverse' specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide, at its ongoing 90th General Assembly in Delhi. The Interpol metaverse allows the registered users to take a virtual tour of its general secretariat headquarters in France's Lyon. The facility is being provided through the global police organisation's secure cloud. World Economic Forum has partnered with Interpol, Meta, Microsoft and others in an initiative to define and govern the metaverse. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interpol's 90th General Assembly – held in New Delhi
- Interpol – unveiled the first-ever 'metaverse' specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi | Founded on – Sep 7, 1923

514. On October 21, after more than 4 years, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) removed Pakistan from its 'Grey List' after giving it a clean bill of health over its financial reforms combating terror financing. The decision was taken during the 2-day Plenary of the FATF held under the Presidency of T. Raja Kumar in Paris, France. Since 2018, Pakistan had been on the list of FATF's 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring', known colloquially as the 'grey list'. Along with Pakistan, FATF also removed Nicaragua, while adding DR Congo, Tanzania and Mozambique to the 'grey list'. The international watchdog added Myanmar to the 'black list', which already included North Korea and Iran. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Two-day Plenary of the FATF – held in Paris, France (under the Presidency of - T. Raja Kumar)
- FATF removed Pakistan from its 'Grey List' after more than 4 years
- FATF also removed Nicaragua and added DR Congo, Tanzania & Mozambique to the 'grey list'
- FATF added Myanmar to the 'black list', which already included North Korea & Iran
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Shehbaz Sharif | President – Arif Alvi

515. On October 19, International Solar Alliance (ISA), in its General Assembly meeting, approved the 'Solar Facility', a payment guarantee mechanism expected to stimulate investments into solar projects through two financial components, a Solar Payment Guarantee Fund and Solar Insurance Fund. The thrust of the facility is to attract private capital to flow into underserved markets" in Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISA – approved the 'Solar Facility' in its General Assembly meeting
- The facility will attract private capital to flow into underserved markets in Africa
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Ajay Mathur | Signatory Countries – 110 | Member countries – 90



Defence Affairs

516. On October 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a new air base at Deesa in Banaskantha district of north Gujarat near the India-Pakistan border. The air base will reduce the gap of 355 Kms between the Air Force station in Bhuj and Uttarlai. The development of the airbase will be done in two phases at an approximate cost of Rs 980 Cr by December, 2023. The land was acquired back in 1983 and approval to construct a full-fledged air base was given by Centre in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid foundation stone for IAF's new air base at Deesa in Banaskantha, Gujarat (cost - Rs 980 Cr)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

517. The three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise called “Tiger Triumph”, conducted by the Indian and U.S. militaries, concluded at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. ‘Tiger Triumph’ was a table-top simulation of joint response to provide disaster relief services to a notional third country that experienced a super-cyclone, by Indian and U.S. military and diplomatic representatives. This exercise was the second edition and the first edition took place in 2019 in Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = conducted the 2nd edition of humanitarian assistance exercise called “Tiger Triumph” in Visakhapatnam
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



Sports & Games

518. The 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Madhya Pradesh from 31 January to 11 February, 2023. Indigenous games will once again be a part of the upcoming KIYG. Madhya Pradesh has made the sport of Mallakhamb their state sport. Water sports have been included for the first time in the history of the games. The Games will take place across eight cities of Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – will host 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games
- Madhya Pradesh – made the sport of ‘Mallakhamb’ as state sport
- Water sports – included for the first time in the history of the games
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel





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Persons in News

519. On October 20, Late Hollywood actress and fashion icon Anna May Wong (1905-1961) became the first Asian American to feature on US currency. Regarded as the film industry's first Chinese-American star, Wong's decades-long career in motion pictures, television and theatre came at a time of widespread racism. She was born with the birth name Wong Liu-Tsong. The quarter-dollar coin, which features Anna May Wong, also includes the Latin phrase "E PLURIBUS UNUM" (out of many, one). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anna May Wong (Wong Liu-Tsong) – became the first Asian American to feature on US currency
- The quarter-dollar coin features Anna May Wong
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Science & Technology

520. The Chandrayaan-3 mission is expected to be launched in August 2023. The design and engineering are significantly different, compared to Chandrayaan-2, to make it more robust and avoid the problems from last time. The Chandrayaan-3 mission is a follow-up of Chandrayaan-2 of July 2019, which aimed to land a rover on the lunar South Pole and lander Vikram, instead of a controlled landing, ended up crash-landing on September 7, 2019, and prevented rover Pragyaan from successfully travelling on the surface of the moon. On October 23, ISRO launched OneWeb's 36 satellites aboard its heaviest rocket LVM3, earlier known as the GSLV Mk3. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandrayaan 3 mission – expected to be launched in August 2023
- Chandrayaan-2 – launched in July 2019 & ended up crash-landing on Lunar South Pole with lander Vikram
- ISRO – launched OneWeb's 36 satellites aboard its heaviest rocket 'LVM3'
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

521. On October 21, Aircraft manufacturer Airbus received approval from India's aviation regulator, Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA), for its C295 aircraft programme. In September, Indian government signed a Rs 21,00 Crore deal with Airbus Defence and Space to procure 56 C295 transport aircrafts. Airbus plans to replace the Indian Air Force's ageing Avro-748 planes. Airbus becomes the first foreign original equipment maker to get such approval. Under the agreement, the European manufacturer Airbus will deliver 16 aircraft ready to fly within 4 years, while the remaining 40 will be manufactured and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India as part of an industrial partnership between the two companies. India has approved Airbus' Defence and Space Quality Management System (QMS) for the C295 aircraft, which is a first for the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airbus – received approval from DGAQA for its C295 aircraft programme (C295 aircrafts will replace Avro-748 planes)
- In September, Indian Govt signed a Rs 21,00 Crore deal with Airbus to procure 56 'C295 transport aircrafts'
- Out of 56 aircrafts, 40 will be manufactured and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems
- HQs of Airbus – Leiden, Netherlands | CEO – Guillaume Faury



522. On October 21, The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) researchers have studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station (ISS). A microbe that resides on the ISS, was found to be beneficial to various other microorganisms but hampered the growth of Aspergillus fungus. The study would help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimise any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras + NASA JPL = studied the interactions between microbes in the ISS
- [Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi](#)
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded in – 1958](#)

523. On October 21, A new species of grasshopper, which has been identified from Tamil Nadu, is named after the Dravidian landscape. The newly described pygmy unicorn grasshopper “Dravidacris annamalaica” is restricted to the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu. The discovery was published in the Zootaxa journal. Dravidacris annamalaica is now in the checklist of Indian orthoptera and among the 500-odd species under 89 genera of Metrodorinae grasshopper subfamily in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Dravidacris annamalaica”, a new species of grasshopper – discovered in Tamil Nadu
- The discovery was published in Zootaxa journal
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

524. On October 21, The Agni Prime new generation ballistic missile was successfully test fired off the coast of Odisha. This was the third consecutive successful flight test of the Agni Prime missile. Agni Prime is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles with range capability between 1,000 and 2,000 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Agni Prime’ (new generation ballistic missile) – successfully test fired off the coast of Odisha
- Range of Agni prime – 2000 Km
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

Appointments & Resignations

525. Bharati Das took charge as the 27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with effect from October 18, 2022. Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is ‘the Principal Advisor’ on accounting matters to the Union Government. CGA is responsible for establishing and managing a technically sound Management Accounting System and preparation & submission of the accounts of the Union government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharati Das – took charge as the 27th CGA
- [CAG – G. C. Murmu](#) | [CGA – Sonali Singh](#)



526. On October 19, the government reshuffled 16 IAS officers working at the Centre. Financial Services Secretary, Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj's successor. Mritunjay Kumar Narayan has been appointed as the Registrar General of India & census commissioner in the Home Ministry. Aramane Giridhar has been named the new Defence Secretary succeeding Ajay Kumar. Alka Upadhyay has been appointed as secretary at the Road Transport Ministry. Nagendra Nath Sinha has been appointed as the Steel Secretary succeeding Sanjay Kumar Singh. Government has appointed all of them as 'officers on special duty' for two to three months before they take full charge as secretaries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mritunjay Kumar Narayan – appointed as the Registrar General of India & Census Commissioner
- Sanjay Malhotra – appointed as Revenue Secretary (succeeding - Tarun Bajaj)
- Aramane Giridhar – appointed as Defence Secretary (succeeding - Ajay Kumar)
- Alka Upadhyay – appointed as secretary at the Road Transport Ministry
- Nagendra Nath Sinha – appointed as the Steel Secretary (succeeding - Sanjay Kumar Singh)

527. IAS Sudhansh Pant, presently in the Cadre, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways w.e.f. 01.12.2022. He will take over as full time Secretary on February 1, 2023 when current Secretary Sanjeev Ranjan retires. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAS Sudhansh Pant – appointed as Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (from December 1)
- He will take over as Secretary on February 1, 2023 (replacing - Sanjeev Ranjan)
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

528. On October 20, the "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Awards 2021" were organised in Shastri Maidan, Rajkot in Gujarat, to recognise the contribution of States, Union Territories and urban local bodies with regard to the implementation of the scheme. The winners were felicitated by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs. Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position under the 'Best Performing State' category, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively. Madhya Pradesh received 3 special category awards followed by Jammu and Kashmir, which was adjudged the 'Best Performing UT' alongside Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. Gujarat won 5 special category awards for performance related to 'Affordable Rental Housing Complexes' and 'Convergence with other Missions'. PMAY-U has emerged as the largest housing scheme in the world since its launch 7 years ago in June, 2015 by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri – felicitated the winners of "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Awards 2021"
- Uttar Pradesh – bagged the first position under the 'Best Performing State' category | Followed by MP & TN
- Madhya Pradesh – received 3 special category awards | Followed by – J & K
- J & K + Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu = received the 'Best Performing UT' award
- Gujarat won 5 special category awards
- PMAY-U – has emerged as the largest housing scheme in the world since its launch in June, 2015

529. On October 20, the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) awarded Shiv Nadar (Founder of HCL & Shiv Nadar Foundation) with the “USISPF Lifetime Achievement Award 2022” for his contribution to the technology industry and his philanthropic initiatives to transform lives through access to educational opportunities. USISPF is a bilateral non-profit organization focused developing the relationship between India and the United States. In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Nadar has invested \$1.1 billion through the Shiv Nadar Foundation towards philanthropic initiatives, particularly in the area of education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shiv Nadar – received the “USISPF Lifetime Achievement Award 2022” for his contribution to the technology industry & his philanthropic initiatives

530. In competition with 17 food items from across India with a Geographical Indication (GI) status, Hyderabad Haleem beat all of them to bag the ‘Most Popular GI’ award in the food category. Awarded by the ministry of commerce and industry the winner was chosen through a voting system. Hyderabad Haleem was first accorded the GI status in 2010 which was later renewed in 2021. The GI status is valid for 10 years. Some of the famous GI Tagged items of India are Mithila Makhana of Bihar, Ikat Sarees of Pochampally, Telangana, Mihidana sweet dish of West Bengal, Muga Silk of Assam, Narasinghapettai Nagaswaram, a classical wind music instrument of Tamil Nadu, Warangal Dhurries & Adilabad dokra of Telangana etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hyderabad Haleem – bagged the ‘Most Popular GI’ award in the food category
- GI Tag is valid for 10 years in India
- Some of the famous GI Tagged items in India:
 - Mithila Makhana – Bihar
 - Ikat Sarees – Telangana
 - Mihidana sweet dish – West Bengal
 - Muga Silk – Assam
 - Narasinghapettai Nagaswaram – Tamil Nadu
 - Warangal Dhurries & Adilabad dokra – Telangana

531. On October 20, IIT Madras won the “National Intellectual Property Award” for 2021 and 2022. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, had instituted the award. The criteria for evaluation was patent applications, grants and commercialisation. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, presented the award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – won the “National Intellectual Property Award” for 2021 & 2022 – instituted by DPIIT
- [Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi](#)

Important Days & Dates

532. 'National Police Commemoration Day' is observed on October 21 every year. The day is also known as 'Police Martyrs Day'. It is observed to salute the spirits of police forces & their families & brave police martyred who lost their lives fighting for the country. In 2018, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's 1st National Police Museum in Delhi on this day. This day is observed in remembrance of an incident of October 21, 1959, when twenty Indian soldiers were attacked by Chinese troops in Ladakh & ten Indian policemen lost their lives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 21 – National Police Commemoration Day (since 1959)
- India's 1st National Police Museum launched in Delhi (in 2018)

533. The 7th Ayurveda Day was observed on October 23, 2022. Dhanawantari Jayanti or Dhanteras has been celebrated as Ayurveda Day since 2016 to promote the most ancient and well-documented system of medicine, which is Ayurveda. In 2022, the theme of the day is "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda". The main celebration of National Ayurveda Day was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is the nodal agency for driving the Ministry of Ayush's mandate for Ayurveda Day this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 23 – 7th Ayurveda Day (on Dhanwantari Jayanti) | First Ayurveda Day – in 2016
- 2022's Theme – "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda"
- AIIA – chosen as the nodal agency for driving the Ayush Ministry's mandate for 'Ayurveda Day 2022'

534. October 22 is observed as International Stuttering Awareness Day to bring awareness for this speech fluency disorder. More than 70 million people around the world stutter. This disorder usually affects children between the ages of 2 and 6. International Stuttering Awareness Day got its beginnings in 1995 during an International Stuttering Association (ISA) conference in Sweden. In 1998 various organisations designated October 22 as International Stuttering Awareness Day. In 2022, the theme is "Being Seen, Being Heard – Representation and normalization of stuttering in the mainstream". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 22 – International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 2022's Theme – "Being Seen, Being Heard – Representation and normalization of stuttering in the mainstream"

535. United Nations Day is observed on October 24 every year to commemorate its official creation in 1945. The UN General Assembly declared October 24 as the anniversary of Charter of the UN in 1947. On the occasion of the 77th year of UN's creation, this year, the UN Day will be observed along the lines of the intergovernmental peacekeeping organisation being a product of hope. The term 'United Nations' was coined by the USA President Franklin D. Roosevelt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 24 – 77th United Nations Day (the day commemorates the UN's official creation in 1945)
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

536. Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 54th Foundation Day in New Delhi on October 4. The theme of this year was "Building Governance Ecosystem for Sustainable Growth". Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad was the chief guest for the event. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- October 4 – 54th Foundation Day of ICSI
- 2022's Theme – “Building Governance Ecosystem for Sustainable Growth”
- HQs of ICSI – New Delhi | President – Devendra V. Deshpande

Books & Authors

537. A book titled “From dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India’s Rise as a Global Superpower” is authored by Bimal Jalan, a well-known Economist, Central Banker and Politician (former member of Rajya Sabha). In his latest book, he describes several aspects of the changing face of the Indian economy in both the economic and political fields. The primary focus shared by Bimal Jalan is to promote India’s national interests, irrespective of any party’s political agenda announced during elections.

Key Points:

- “From dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India’s Rise as a Global Superpower” book – authored by Bimal Jalan

538. On October 14, A new book, “The Corbett Papers”, has brought together lesser-known parts of the famous naturalist-hunter Jim Corbett’s life through unpublished letters, documents and a privately-published book. Published by Hachette India, the book has been co-edited by educator Akshay Shah and writer Stephen Alter. Jim Corbett played an important role in establishing Hailey National Park, India’s first national park in 1936. It was later named after him in 1956. The entire text of a privately published and long vanished book, “Jungle Stories”, is reproduced in the latest book, which was written and printed by Corbett for a small group of friends in Nainital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Publisher – Hachette India
- Jim Corbett played an important role in establishing Hailey National Park, India’s first national park in Uttarakhand
- “Jungle Stories” book – was written and printed by Corbett for a small group of friends in Nainital
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Obituaries

539. On October 16, Actor Jitendra Shastri, who was known for playing the role of Usmaan in the Ali Fazal and Pankaj Tripathi-led web series Mirzapur, has passed away. Jitendra was a well-known theatre actor. He had appeared in films like Black Friday, Lajja, Charas among others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Shastri (actor) – known for playing the role of Usmaan in Mirzapur – passed away

540. On October 15, Music director Sapan Sengupta passed away. Sapan was born in Dhaka but grew up in Kolkata. Sapan-Jagmohan have been the most famous Bollywood composer duo of the 1960s and '70s. Jagmohan Bakshi of the Sapan-Jagmohan duo had passed away in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sapan Sengupta – a Music Director – passed away

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

541. Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Indian Urban Housing Conclave-2022' organised by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) from 19-21 October, at Rajkot, Gujarat. It was a platform for all stakeholders to demonstrate their technologies as well as deliberate upon various options of technologies, materials and processes for large-scale adoption and a step towards achieving the vision of "Future Ready Urban India" focussed on urban housing during the 'Amrit Kaal'. The conclave showcased best practices adopted by states/UTs in the successful implementation of PMAY-U along with the achievements of other urban missions of MoHUA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated 'Indian Urban Housing Conclave-2022' at Rajkot, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

542. On October 21, Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, and Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, L. Murugan, announced a month-long "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" which aims to rediscover the links between the two ancient knowledge, culture and heritage centres. The Sangamam, under "Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat", will be organised in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from November 16 to December 19, during which Academic Exchanges, Seminars, Discussions etc will be held between experts, scholars on various facets of the two ancient manifestations of Indian culture. Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (BBS) or the High Powered Committee for Promotion of Indian Languages, headed by Chamu Krishna Shastry, has come up with the proposal to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the links between the Tamil culture and Kashi that have existed for centuries. The Committee has been constituted by the Education Ministry. IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) are the knowledge partners and will host organisers of the Sangamam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A month-long "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" – to be organised in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from Nov 16 to Dec 19
- Education Ministry – constituted Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (High Powered Committee for Promotion of Indian Languages)
- The committee is headed by – Chamu Krishna Shastry | Knowledge Partners – IIT Madras & BHU

543. Youth from 70 countries participated in a Global Youth Climate Summit, a three-day summit between October 20-22, inaugurated in Khulna, one of Bangladesh's most climate vulnerable regions. The youth explored how they can lead the fight against climate change. Global Youth Leadership Centre (GYLC) organised the programme. The mission of GYLC is to expand youth's knowledge about climate science, equip them with leadership skills to take individual and collective action, and enable them to launch businesses that contribute to climate mitigation or adaptation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global Youth Climate Summit 2022 – held in Khulna, Bangladesh
- The summit was organized by – Global Youth Leadership Centre
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

544. The 5th edition of the Indian wind industry's biennial exhibition-cum-conference, "Windy 2023", is set to be held between October 4 and 6, 2023 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The Secretary General of the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers' Association (IWTMA), which is the voice of the Indian wind industry and the host of the event, D V Giri, has observed that Tamil Nadu is the birthplace of the industry. Today, wind power plants account for 10% of total installed electricity capacity in India and 5% of energy generation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5th edition of Indian wind industry's biennial exhibition-cum-conference, "Windy 2023" – in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Today, Wind Power Plants account for 10% of total installed electricity capacity in India & 5% of energy generation

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

545. According to report "The Global Status Report On Physical Activity 2022" released by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in October 2022, Over 80% of adolescents, and 27% of adults do not meet the recommended levels of physical activity. The implementation of recommendations was made by the WHO in its Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030 (GAPPA) to increase levels of physical activity in the population. there will be a 15% relative reduction in physical inactivity by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Global Status Report On Physical Activity 2022" report – released by the WHO
- The report: Over 80% of adolescents, and 27% of adults do not meet the recommended levels of physical activity
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

546. Mamallapuram, a Tamil Nadu town classified as a 'UNESCO World Heritage Site', has beaten the Taj Mahal in the number of foreign visitors, according to the "Indian Tourism Statistics 2022" released by the Ministry of Tourism. As per the report, 1,44,984 foreign visitors came to Mamallapuram (located about 60 km from Chennai) in 2021-22. The Taj Mahal, in Agra, occupied the second spot with 38,922 foreign visitors. Six of the top 10 monuments on the central list are in Tamil Nadu. The top 5 states for domestic tourist visits in 2021 were Tamil Nadu (115.33 million), Uttar Pradesh (109.70 million), Andhra Pradesh (93.27 million), Karnataka (81.33 million) and Maharashtra (43.56 million). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Indian Tourism Statistics 2022" – released by Ministry of Tourism
- Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu) – topped in the number of foreign visitors with 1,44,984 foreign visitors | 2nd – Taj Mahal
- Tamil Nadu – topped in the number of domestic visitors with 115.33 million foreign visitors | 2nd – UP

547. On October 19, Interpol released its first-ever "Global Crime Trend Report 2022". The report was presented at the 90th Interpol General Assembly meeting, that took place between October 18-21 in New Delhi. The report leverages data from the organization's 195-country membership to map out current and emerging threats worldwide. Respondents ranked money laundering as the number one crime threat in the Interpol report, with 67% ranking it 'high' or 'very high' in their list. Ransomware was the second highest-ranking threat, at 66%. Earlier in 2022, Interpol launched its 'Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre (IFCACC)' to provide a coordinated global response against the exponential growth in transnational financial crime. The 91st Interpol General Assembly will be held in Vienna, Austria, in 2023 where the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) was officially created in 1923. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 90th Interpol General Assembly meeting – took place in New Delhi
- First-ever “Global Crime Trend Report 2022” – released by Interpol
- Money laundering is the number one crime threat in the Interpol report, with 67% ranking it ‘high’ or ‘very high’
- 91st Interpol General Assembly will be held in – Vienna, Austria (in 2023)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

548. On October 21, Das Foodtech Private Limited, which owns nut butter brand Pintola, announced its collaboration with cricketer Suryakumar Yadav to endorse its range of nut butter and rice cakes. Pintola is a brand which was launched in 2012. According to Allied Market Research, the global FMCG market is projected to reach \$15,361.8 billion by 2025, registering a CAGR of 5.4% from 2018 to 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Das Foodtech + Suryakumar Yadav (cricketer) = collaboration to endorse its range of nut butter and rice cakes
- Pintola – a Gujarat-based company, owned by – Das Foodtech & was launched in 2012
- Sunil Chhetri – appointed as brand ambassador of ‘Pintola’

549. On October 18, Indian IT services company Tech Mahindra signed an MoU with Gujarat government to offer cutting-edge digital engineering services in the state. The company said it will also expand operations in Gujarat and hire more than 3,000 professionals over the next 5 years. As part of the collaboration, Tech Mahindra will provide digital engineering services to enable businesses to navigate digital transformation challenges by making them more connected and agile, thereby helping them build digital products and create new revenue streams. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra + Gujarat = an MoU to offer cutting-edge digital engineering services in the state
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

550. On October 21, NLC India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Coal, signed an MoU with the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), an autonomous Research and Development institution under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), for strategic collaboration in developing onshore and offshore wind power projects in India. The MoU is aimed at synergising the technical expertise of NIWE and the project development capabilities of NLCIL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NLC India + NIWE = an MoU for strategic collaboration in developing onshore & offshore wind power projects in India
- HQs of NLC India Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CMD – Rakesh Kumar (Next - Prasanna Kumar Motupalli)
- HQs of NIWE – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | DG – K. Balaraman





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