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National & States Affairs

201. Assam-based Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is set to complete the construction of 130-Km long India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) by end of 2022. The company is investing more than Rs 35,000 Cr in completing the Refinery Expansion Project (NREP), Paradip Numaligarh Crude Oil Pipeline (PNCPL) & Crude Oil Import terminal at Paradip (COIT), 2G Ethanol Project. Chairman NRL and CMD OIL, Dr. R Rath, presided the 29th Annual General Meeting of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Numaligarh Refinery Limited (Assam) – is set to complete the construction of 130-Km long India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) by end of 2022
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

202. On October 7, Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved India's first petrol-operated drone namely 'DH-Agrigator', designed and manufactured by the students' startup Daksha Unmanned Systems Private Limited. The DGCA issued the 'Type Certificate' to Daksha's prototype DH-Agrigator, an agriculture sprayer drone. Daksha is setting up an exclusive manufacturing unit at Ambattur in Chennai. Farmers can avail each drone at a cost of Rs 13 to 15 lakh, the central government is offering a subsidy of Rs 10 lakh to the Kisan Vikas Kendra and Rs 7.5 lakh to farmer producer organisations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DGCA approved India's first petrol-operated drone 'DH-Agrigator' – manufactured by Daksha Unmanned Systems
- HQs of Daksha Unmanned Systems – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

203. On October 11, Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 15-foot high statue of socialist icon Jayaprakash Narayan at his ancestral village of Sitab Diara in Saran district of Bihar. Jayaprakash was an Indian independence activist, theorist, socialist and political leader. Accompanied by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Mr. Shah reached Sitab Diara to take part in the 120th birth anniversary celebrations of Narayan, popularly known as JP or Lok Nayak. Mr. Shah unveiled the statute on the premises of JP's ancestral house in Lala Ka Tola. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – unveiled a 15-foot high statue of Jayaprakash Narayan at his ancestral village of Sitab Diara in Saran district of Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

204. On October 10, during the "Global Drone Expo" in Chennai, Indian cricket star Mahendra Singh Dhoni launched an indigenous camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features manufactured by Garuda Aerospace. The event in Chennai also witnessed the launch of a new 'Kisan Drone' that is aimed at the agriculture sector, particularly in spraying applications. Droni drone can be used for different surveillance purposes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Drone Expo" – held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- MS Dhoni – launched an indigenous camera drone named 'Droni' – manufactured by Garuda Aerospace
- A new 'Kisan Drone' for the Agriculture sector was also launched during the Expo



205. On October 7, the Union government formed a three-member Commission of Inquiry headed by former Chief Justice of India, Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, to examine the issue of whether Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalits (Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims) who have over the years converted to religions other than Hinduism or Sikhism or Buddhism. Currently, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 provides for only those belonging to Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist communities to be categorised as SCs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union government formed a 3-member Commission to examine whether SC status can be accorded to Dalits (Christians & Muslims) who have converted to religions other than Hinduism or Sikhism or Buddhism
- The commission will be headed by – Justice K. G. Balakrishnan

206. On October 10, the World Mental Health Day, Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot virtually launched the “Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS)” initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The programme was launched at the 26th convocation ceremony of graduates at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru. Under the programme, Tele-MANAS aims to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly catering to people in remote or under-served areas. The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre, and the International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) will provide the technical support. A toll-free, 24x7 helpline number (14416) has been set up across the country allowing callers to select the language of choice for availing services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched the “Tele-MANAS” initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Tele-MANAS – Tele-Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States | Helpline Number – 14416
- The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence
- Nodal centre – NIMHANS | Technical support from – IIIT Bangalore + NHSRC

207. On October 10, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated AG&P Pratham’s liquefied compressed natural gas (LCNG) station near Manthangal village at Walajah Taluk in Ranipet district. The first of its kind station in Tamil Nadu will benefit over 30,000 households and 325 industrial and commercial establishments across Vellore, Ranipet and Tirupattur. The company will develop a 300-km pipeline network in Vellore-Ranipet area by the end of FY23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. K. Stalin – inaugurated AG&P Pratham’s first of its kind LCNG station in Ranipet district
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

208. On October 11, the Delhi government launched an app called ‘Delhi e-monitoring’ to keep track of all ongoing and upcoming projects across departments. Delhi’s Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar is set to monitor and inspect projects through the app. The app has been launched for monitoring of projects/inspection/tasks used by ministers and senior officers of all departments of Delhi government. Further, the Public Works Department (PWD) has also directed officials to appoint a nodal officer at the zonal office level to monitor it and all issues related to the PWD web portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – launched ‘Delhi e-monitoring’ app to keep track of all ongoing and upcoming projects across departments
- A nodal officer will be appointed at the zonal office level to monitor it and all issues related to the PWD web portal
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar



209. On October 10, Ministry of Textiles launched “Indian Handicraft Portal”, an online portal for handicraft artisans to participate in marketing events. Around 200 domestic marketing events are organised annually in different parts of India with an aim to support the artisans in selling their produce. The online portal will provide equal, fair and transparent opportunity to all artisans. Theme based handicrafts portal of Government of India showcases over 45,000 products of approximately 9000 Artisans, Retailers, Exporters & Government Awardees. It mainly focuses on 5 select themes - Needle Work, Tribal Crafts, Natural Fibre & Eco-friendly Crafts, Fashion Accessories and Festive Decorations providing in-depth information about the craft, products, sellers and awarded master craft persons in these particular crafts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Textiles – launched “Indian Handicraft Portal”, an online portal for handicraft artisans
- 5 Themes: Needle Work, Tribal Crafts, Natural Fibre & Eco-friendly Crafts, Fashion Accessories, and Festive Decorations
- [Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

210. On October 12, JSW Steel, the flagship company of JSW Group, joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative, as a participant. The UNGC is the world’s largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative. JSW Foundation, the social arm of the JSW Group, is already a member of UNGC and part of the India local network of UNGC. The initiative also commits companies to take actions to advance broader social benefits, in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Steel – joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative as a participant
- UNGC – is the world’s largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative & works in accordance with the UN SDGs
- [HQs of JSW Steel – Mumbai, MH | Chairperson Emeritus – Savitri Devi Jindal | CMD – Sajjan Jindal](#)

211. On October 10, the UNICEF launched the Northeast chapter of “Radio4Child” platform to encourage professionals in the region to spread awareness on issues related to children and women. The Northeast chapter was launched by Assam’s Additional Chief Secretary Maninder Singh. Radio4Child is a public-private partnership platform that brings together radio announcers, RJs, producers, and programming officers from All India Radio, and community radio across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICEF – launched the Northeast chapter of “Radio4Child” platform to encourage professionals in the region to spread awareness on issues related to children & women
- [HQs of UNICEF – New York, US | Executive Director – Catherine Russell | Established in – 1946](#)

212. On October 12, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has approved the demerger of NMDC Steel from NMDC Ltd, the state-owned iron-ore miner. The yet-to-be commissioned 3 million tonne per annum (MTPA) steel plant, at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh, has been built at an investment of Rs 20,000 Cr. The Centre’s stake in NMDC and the now demerged steel unit stands at 60.79%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs – approved the demerger of NMDC Steel from NMDC Ltd
- 3 million tonne per annum Steel Plant of NMDC – located in Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh
- [Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey](#)
- [HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded on – November 15, 1958](#)



213. On October 10, Babiya, the ‘mystic’ crocodile of Sri Ananthapadmanabhaswamy Temple in Majeshwaram taluk of Kasaragod district, died. Babiya was considered auspicious by devotees who made offerings to her. The temple is surrounded by the lake and is believed to be the moolasthanam (original seat) of Sree Padmanabhaswamy in Thiruvananthapuram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Babiya’, the ‘mystic’ crocodile of Sri Ananthapadmanabhaswamy Temple, died
- Sri Ananthapadmanabhaswamy Temple – located in Kasaragod, Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

International Affairs

214. On October 7, Finland announced partnership with Kerala to implement the Kerala Education Department’s “Little KITEs” programme in Finland’s schools. Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) will provide technical assistance for this and a Special Working Group will be constituted for this programme. The Little KITEs IT clubs initiative is one of India’s largest information and communications technology (ICT) network of students across more than 2,000 schools, totalling 1.70 lakh student members. KITE is equipped to provide consultancy support in free and open-source software (FOSS)-based digital education activities to other states and countries. The Little KITEs programme was launched by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finland + Kerala = partnership to implement the Kerala’s “Little KITEs” programme in Finland’s schools
- KITE – provides consultancy support in FOSS-based digital education activities to other states & countries
- Little KITEs programme – launched by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in 2018
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin

215. On October 9, Kyrgyzstan unilaterally cancelled joint military drills called “Indestructible Brotherhood-2022”, scheduled to be held among 6 nations of the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO). The exercises were set to involve army personnel from CSTO members - Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. The CSTO is based in Moscow, Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kyrgyzstan – cancelled “Indestructible Brotherhood-2022” military drills to be held among 6 nations of Russia-led CSTO
- CSTO members: Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan | CSTO – is based in Moscow, Russia
- Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek – Som | President – Sadyr Nurgojoevich Japarov



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

216. On October 10, State Bank of India (SBI) unveiled its Next-Gen Contact Centre Service for an enhanced and more personalized customer experience. The revamped Contact Centre will set a new industry benchmark with 30+ banking solutions offered in 12 languages, available 24x7 from the comfort of home. The bank has introduced easy-to-remember 4-digit toll-free numbers (1800-1234 or 1800-2100) to simplify the process further. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – unveiled its Next-Gen Contact Centre Service for an enhanced and more personalized customer experience
- HQs of SBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

217. On October 12, the RBI imposed a Rs 48-lakh penalty on Thiruvananthapuram-based Kerala State Cooperative Bank, for lack of compliance with its guidelines, including the one on gold loans. Kerala Bank violated RBI directions to cooperative banks on holding shares of other cooperative societies and also on the quantum of gold loans which can be granted under the bullet repayment option. As per the RBI guideline, only up to 2% of a cooperative bank's own fund, including reserve fund and capital, can be invested as shares in other cooperatives. The guideline on gold loan says that bullet payment of gold loans is limited to loans up to Rs 2 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed a Rs 48-lakh penalty on Kerala State Cooperative Bank, Thiruvananthapuram
- As per the RBI guidelines:
 - Only up to 2% of a cooperative bank's own fund can be invested as shares in other cooperatives
 - Bullet payment of gold loans is limited to loans up to Rs 2 lakh

218. On October 10, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched "NPCI Partner Program (NPP)" to collaborate with various technological service providers, application service providers, and other similar entities in the industry. This one-of-a-kind initiative will help in building new offerings that are better aligned with the needs and demands of the contemporary market. The program will also act as a knowledge-sharing platform with exclusive workshops on NPCI products and services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI – launched "NPCI Partner Program" to collaborate with various technological & app service providers
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

219. On October 10, IDBI Bank signed an MoU with Vayana Network as its first fintech partner for end-to-end digitalization services. This partnership aims to contribute in the growth of the supply chain finance penetration in India, which is less than 1% of GDP and contributes only 5% of the outstanding banking assets. This digital platform is expected to reduce paperwork, and transaction processing time while providing a smooth customer experience throughout. The current supply chain finance market in India is estimated at ₹60,000 Crore and is expected to grow by 17% per annum. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IDBI Bank – signed an MoU with Vayana Network as its first fintech partner for end-to-end digitalization services
- The current supply chain finance market in India is estimated at ₹60,000 Cr (expected to grow by 17% per annum)
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD CEO – Rakesh Sharma | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Established in – 1964
- HQs of Vayana Network – Pune, Maharashtra | Founder & CEO – Ramaswamy Iyer



220. On October 12, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) enhanced its blockchain solutions platform, Quartz, to enable central and commercial banks to support the entire lifecycle of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issuance, book-keeping and transactions. The TCS solution can support both wholesale and retail use cases. The RBI is mandated to launch the CBDC in FY23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – enhanced its blockchain solutions platform, Quartz, to enable central & commercial banks to support CBDC
- RBI is mandated to launch the CBDC in FY23
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968

Defence Affairs

221. Japan will host the 2022 edition of the “Malabar” naval exercise consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S. in the second week of November. Indian Navy will also participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR) being hosted in the first week of November to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF). In the end of October, the India-U.S. bilateral Army exercise ‘Yudh Abhyas’ was scheduled to take place in the high-altitude areas of Uttarakhand, around 100 km (aerial distance) from the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Moreover, the 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) ‘strategic discussion’ and ‘plenary session’ was hosted by Japan from November 5 to 10. India hosted the multilateral anti-terror exercise ‘Manesar Anti-terror 2022’ under the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS), from October 8 to 13. The anti-terror exercise was conducted by the National Security Guard (NSG) in Manesar, Haryana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – to host the 2022 edition of “Malabar” naval exercise in November (consisting of India, Australia & US)
- Indian Navy – also participated in the International Fleet Review (IFR), hosted to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force
- ‘Yudh Abhyas’ – conducted in Uttarakhand between India & the US
- 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) – hosted by Japan
- A multilateral anti-terror exercise ‘Manesar Anti-terror 2022’ – hosted by India under the ambit of SCO-RATS
- The anti-terror exercise was conducted by the NSG in Manesar, Haryana

Sports & Games

222. Indian Navy conducted “ENC Yachting Championship” at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It was conducted by the Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre. A total of 38 races were conducted in Enterprise Dinghy, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes and BicNova Wind Surfer. Match racing was held in the Laser Bahia Class. A total of 46 Yachtsmen and 8 Yachtswomen took part in the Championship. The aim of the competition was to inculcate sportsmanship, camaraderie and a spirit of adventure among the participants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre – conducted “ENC Yachting Championship” at Visakhapatnam
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



223. On October 11, Delhi's 22-year-old Hrithik Shokeen became the first 'Impact Player' in Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy. With this, he helped his side to win by 71 runs in the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy group B game-Delhi Vs Manipur in Jaipur. Delhi in their bowling innings replaced Hiten Dalal with the Mumbai Indians off-spinner Shokeen. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a domestic T-20 cricket championship in India, organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hrithik Shokeen – became the first 'Impact Player' in Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy (T-20 cricket championship)

224. On October 10, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state's own Olympics after Rajasthan, namely 'Chhattisgarhiya Olympics', which will have 14 types of traditional sports and will continue till January 6, 2023. The multi-sport event is being held at the Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Some of the traditional games of Chhattisgarh are 'Langdi', 'Bhaura', 'Bati' [Kancha], and 'Pitthul'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – inaugurated the state's own Olympics namely 'Chhattisgarhiya Olympics' (after Rajasthan)
- The events are being held at – Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

225. On October 10, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Football for All' in the state to take the culture of football to the grassroots. The Programme was initiated by FIFA in Odisha in partnership with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) & Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). This is the first such programme of FIFA in India that aims at promoting football among school children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched 'Football for All' to promote football among school children (initiated by FIFA + KIIT + KISS)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

226. On October 9, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur, inaugurated a Water Sports Center in Koldam Barmana, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. The Water Sports Centre, the very first of its kind in Himachal Pradesh, was jointly initiated by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). The centre will be dedicated to training athletes in water sports like Rowing, Canoeing and Kayaking. Also, during the event, the Sports Minister felicitated Himachal Pradesh women's Kabaddi team who won a Gold medal at the 36th National Games in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Singh Thakur – inaugurated a Water Sports Center in Koldam Barmana, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh
- The centre was jointly initiated by = SAI + NTPC
- Himachal Pradesh women's Kabaddi team – won a Gold medal at the 36th National Games in Gujarat
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | DG – Sandip Pradhan



227. On October 10, India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022 in women and men's categories respectively. Harmanpreet received the award for her memorable showing in the ODI series in England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan) – named “ICC Men’s Player of the Month for September 2022”
- Harmanpreet Kaur (India) – named “ICC Women’s Player of the Month for September 2022”

228. Team World won their maiden “Laver Cup” title defeating Europe. Laver Cup 2022 is the 5th edition of the tournament held in London, England. Roger Federer's farewell match was the highlight of Laver Cup as he took retirement from tennis after playing this match. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Team World – won their maiden “Laver Cup” title (defeating Europe)
- Laver Cup 2022 (5th edition) held in – London, England
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Rishi Sunak | New King – King Charles III

Arts & Cultural Affairs

229. The 26th Virasat Art and Heritage Festival was organised from October 9 to October 23 at Dr BR Ambedkar stadium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Since 1995, a non-profit organisation, Rural Entrepreneurship For Art & Cultural Heritage (REACH), has been organising the festival to provide a platform for Uttarakhand artists and showcase the folk culture of the hill state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 26th Virasat Art & Heritage Festival – organised at Dr BR Ambedkar stadium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- The festival was organised by – REACH, non-profit organisation
- REACH – Rural Entrepreneurship For Art & Cultural Heritage
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Science & Technology

230. On October 7, a team of researchers from Fazl Ali College in Mokokchung has discovered a new species of fish namely “Pethia dikhuensis” from the Dikhow river in Nagaland. The details of the discovery were published in the international journal for taxonomic studies - Zootaxa. Dikhu River is a tributary of the Brahmaputra. The genus Pethia are small sized-fishes (5-8 cm) commonly called ‘barbs’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pethia dikhuensis – new species of ‘Fish’ discovered from Dikhow river in Nagaland
- The discovery has been done by – Researchers from Fazl Ali College in Mokokchung
- Genus ‘Pethia’ are small sized-fishes (5-8 cm) commonly called ‘barbs’
- The discovery was published in – International journal for taxonomic studies - Zootaxa
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)



231. On October 10, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a CPSE under the Department of Space and the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has signed two launch service contracts with UK-based Network Access Associates (NAA), a OneWeb Group company, for launching OneWeb LEO Broadband Communication Satellites on board ISRO's heaviest launcher LVM3. As part of the Contract, 36 satellites will be placed into orbit by one LVM3, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSIL – signed two launch service contracts with Network Access Associates (NAA) to launch OneWeb LEO Broadband Communication Satellites on board 'LVM3'
- As part of the Contract, 36 satellites will be placed into orbit by one LVM3, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- HQs of NSIL – Bangalore, Karnataka | CMD – Radhakrishnan D. (an arm of ISRO)

232. On October 12, Google has introduced the world's first cloud computing laptop. The company has partnered with Acer, Asus and Lenovo to bring three new Chromebook laptops powered by the cloud. These are Acer Chromebook 516 GE, ASUS Chromebook Vibe CX55 Flip and Ideapad Gaming Chromebook. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – introduced the world's first cloud computing laptop
- Google – partnered with Acer, Asus & Lenovo to bring 3 new Chromebook laptops powered by the cloud
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

Appointments & Resignations

233. On October 9, the Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) appointed Reetu Jain, Economic Advisor at the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), as an ex-officio member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). Jain was appointed in the place of Shashank Saxena, who superannuated in June, 2022. She will be the Finance Ministry's nominee for IBBI Board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reetu Jain – appointed as an ex-officio member of the IBBI by Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- She is the Economic Advisor at the Department of Economic Affairs
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Rao Inderjit Singh
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Ravi Mittal | Established in – 2016 (set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

234. On October 11, Government of India announced the names of three new Chief Justices. Justice Prasann Bhalachandra Varale of the Bombay High Court was elevated as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, while Justice Ali Mohd Magrey of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court was appointed its Chief Justice. Incumbent Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Pankaj Mithal was transferred to the Rajasthan High Court in the same capacity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Prasann Bhalachandra Varale – appointed as new Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court
- Justice Ali Mohd Magrey – appointed as new Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court
- Justice Pankaj Mithal – appointed as new Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court



235. On October 11, Chad's Prime Minister Albert Pahimi Padacke resigned in order to pave the way for a new government after the Central African country decided to push back elections by two years. Padacke, a civilian politician, was named prime minister of a transitional military government in 2021. Padacke also served as Prime Minister from 2016 to 2018. After the resignation of Mr. Albert, Saleh Kebzabo was appointed as Chad's new Prime Minister on October 12, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Albert Pahimi Padacke – resigned from the designation of Prime Minister of Chad
- Saleh Kebzabo – appointed as new Prime Minister of Chad
- [Chad – N'Djamena – Central African CFA franc](#) | [PM – Saleh Kebzabo](#)

236. On October 9, Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen secured a second 6-year term in office by winning a clear majority of votes in an election to avoid a runoff. The Austrian president performs a largely ceremonial role, but also has sweeping powers that mean overseeing periods of transition and turbulence. The president is the commander in chief of the army and can sack the whole government or the chancellor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alexander Van der Bellen – secured 2nd term as President of Austria (for 6 years)
- [Austria – Vienna – Euro](#) | [President – Alexander Van der Bellen](#) | [Chancellor – Karl Nehammer](#)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

237. On October 10, Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, and Philip Dybvig have won the “2022 Nobel Prize in Economics” which is officially known as the “Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences” in Memory of Alfred Nobel. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the prize to these three American Economists for their research on Banks and the Financial Crisis. Bernanke was recognised as Time's Person of the Year in 2009. All three winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics 2022 will be awarded at the annual ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ben Bernanke + Douglas Diamond + Philip Dybvig = won the “2022 Nobel Prize in Economics”
- Nobel Prize in Economics – officially known as “Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences”
- Nobel Prize is given in 6 fields: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, Economic Sciences
- Nobel Prize started in 5 fields – in 1901 & Economic Sciences was added – in 1968





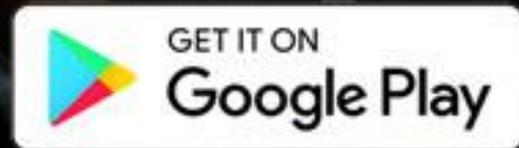
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Important Days & Dates

238. Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day is celebrated on 9 October every year. On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas. In 1948, the first group of IFS officers was recruited. The IFS Day was first celebrated in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 9 – Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day (since 2011)
- Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service on October 9, 1946

239. The UN General Assembly adopted resolution 66/170 on December 19, 2011 and designated October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child. The day was first observed in 2012. In 2022, the theme of the day is "Our Time is Now - Our Rights, Our Future". The purpose of recognizing this International Day is primarily to increase public awareness of the problems that girls worldwide suffer, including lack of access to education, inadequate nutrition, forced child marriage, legal rights, and medical rights. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 11 – International Day of the Girl Child by – UNGA
- 2022's Theme – "Our Time is Now - Our Rights, Our Future"
- UN General Assembly – adopted resolution 66/170 on December 19, 2011 to designate this day
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Csaba Korosi (Hungary) | Member Countries – 193

240. World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday of every October and in 2022, it was celebrated on 7 October. The World Smile Day was created by a commercial artist as a response to the creation of the smiley face. His name was Harvey Ball and he was the one behind the smiley face that we widely use to express ourselves. He created the smiley face in 1963 and the first world smiley day was first celebrated in 1999. In 2022, the theme of the day is "Do an Act of Kindness. Help One Person Smile". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 7 (1st Friday) – World Smile Day (since 1999)
- 2022's Theme – "Do an Act of Kindness. Help One Person Smile"
- The day was created by Harvey Ball, a commercial artist as a response to the creation of the smiley face
- Harvey Ball – created the smiley face in 1963

241. World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is an annual unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world on October 8. The day is observed on the 2nd Saturday of October every year by Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA). In 2022, the theme of the day is "Healing Hearts and Communities". The WHPCA first observed this day in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 8 (2nd Saturday of October) – World Hospice & Palliative Care Day (since 2005)
- 2022's Theme – "Healing Hearts and Communities"

242. To create cybersecurity awareness among all employees, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) observed the “Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas” on October 6. Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IREDA, inaugurated the event at the IREDA’s registered office. Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs that requires all government organizations to spread cybersecurity awareness. It is observed on first Wednesday of every month. The purpose is to create awareness and sensitize the Internet users on safeguarding against cyber frauds and cybercrimes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 6 (1st Wednesday) – Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas by – Ministry of Home affairs
- HQs of IREDA – New Delhi | CMD – Pradip Kumar Das
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

243. World Arthritis Day is celebrated on 12 October every year and it is a global health awareness event that helps create awareness about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. The theme for World Arthritis Day 2022 is “It’s in Your Hands, Take Action”. The first celebration of ‘World Arthritis Day’ began in 1996. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 12 – World Arthritis Day (since 1996)
- 2022’s Theme – “It’s in Your Hands, Take Action”



244. In October 2022, Charles Fuller, the Pulitzer Prize-winning American playwright of the searing and acclaimed “A Soldier’s Play”, passed away at the age of 83. His play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1982 and two years later was made into the Oscar-nominated best picture “A Soldier’s Story”, for which Fuller wrote the screenplay and earned an Oscar nomination. His play also won the 2020 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Charles Fuller – the Pulitzer Prize-winning American playwright of “A Soldier’s Play” – passed away
- His play “A Soldier’s Play” won Pulitzer Prize in 1982 & was made into Oscar-nominated best picture “A Soldier’s Story”

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

245. On October 11, the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) organized “Betiyan Bane Kushal”, a National Conference on Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood (NTL) for girls, under the banner of ‘Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao’. The conference emphasized convergence between ministries and departments to ensure that girls build their skills and enter the workforce in a diverse set of professions. Moreover, the event witnessed signing of MoUs between the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Minority Affairs, for skilling of young girls for their increased, equal and empowered participation in the workforce. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoWCD – organized “Betiyān Bānē Kushāl”, a National Conference on Skilling for girls under ‘Betī Bachāo, Betī Padhāo’
- MSDE + Ministry of Minority Affairs = an MoU for skilling of young girls for their participation in the workforce
- Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

246. Jharkhand has recorded the highest percentage of underage girls getting married, according to the latest “Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020” by the Union Home Ministry. The percentage of females who got effectively married before reaching 18 years of age is 1.9 at the national level and varies from 0.0 in Kerala to 5.8 in Jharkhand. In Jharkhand, child marriages accounted for 7.3% of marriages in rural areas and 3% in urban areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020” – by Ministry of Home Affairs
- Jharkhand has recorded the highest percentage of underage girls getting married
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

Acquisitions & Mergers

247. On October 10, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the allotment of equity and compulsorily convertible debentures of 5 special purpose vehicles (SPVs) by Indinfravit, which is an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT). The five SPVs are engaged in operating and maintaining highways in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra. The CCI also approved allotment of Indinfravit's units to CPP Investments Private Holdings (4) Inc (CPHI-4), through which part of the acquisition of the SPVs will be funded. CPHI-4 is a Canadian corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the allotment of equity and compulsorily convertible debentures of 5 SPVs by Indinfravit
- HQs of Indinfravit – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | HQs of CPHI-4 – Canada

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

248. On October 7, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India, signed an MoU with Testing, Inspection, Certification (TIC) Council to promote and harmonise implementation of standards and quality, safety and sustainability practices in laboratories. The organisations resolved to further work to improve the responsiveness for laboratories and exchange and disseminate the global best practices in the field of laboratories. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BIS + TIC = an MoU to promote & harmonise implementation of standards & quality, safety & sustainability practices in laboratories
- HQs of BIS – Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi | Director General – Pramod Kumar Tiwari



249. On October 11, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Ltd and RailTel Corporation of India signed an agreement covering Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Digital Transformation Services of NMDC, both at its corporate offices and mining complexes. This partnership will focus on optimal utilization of resources and build mineral accountability, paving the way for a robust digital transformation in the mining sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMDC + RailTel = an agreement covering ICT & Digital Transformation Services of NMDC
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded on – November 15, 1958
- HQs of RailTel – New Delhi | CMD – Sanjay Kumar

250. Air India signed a definitive sale and lease back agreement with Nasdaq-listed Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 “CFM56-5B Engines” installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet. According to the company statement, the engines will be covered under Willis Lease’s ConstantThrust, which will deliver significant reliability and cost savings over a traditional MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) shop visit programme. According to data released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the number of passengers carried by domestic airlines rose to 101.16 lakh in August 2022 as compared to 67.01 lakh in August 2021. IndiGo-India's largest airline flew the largest number of passengers with a market share of 58%. The Tata Group's airlines including Air India, Vistara and AirAsia India, together had a market share of 24% in August. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Air India + Willis Lease Finance Corporation = a definitive sale and lease back agreement for 34 “CFM56-5B Engines” installed on its ‘Airbus A320’
- HQs of Air India – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Campbell Wilson





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