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National & States Affairs

451. On November 15, Indian government plans to establish India's first university for the cooperative sector called 'National Cooperative University' in New Delhi. Cooperatives have been given a platform through 'NCUI Haat' to sell their products and the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) has been trying to explore the export market for them by signing an agreement with different export councils. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt plans to establish India's first university for the cooperative sector 'National Cooperative University' in New Delhi
- [HQs of NCUI – New Delhi](#) | [President – Dileep Sanghan](#)

452. Ministry of Tourism organized the 10th edition of three-day "International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2022" for the North East Region from November 17 to 19, 2022 in Aizawl, Mizoram. Objective of ITM 2022 is to highlight tourism potential of the Northeast region in domestic and international markets. The event focused on "Priorities of G20 for Tourism Track", since India assumed the G20 Presidency for a year starting from December 1, 2022. The International Tourism Marts are organized in the North-Eastern States on rotation basis. Mizoram hosted this Mart for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – organized the 10th edition of "International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2022" in Aizawl, Mizoram
- The event focused on "Priorities of G20 for Tourism Track"

453. On November 14, Ministry of Railways have decided to extend the facility to book unreserved tickets on UTSONMOBILE app from a distance of up to 20 km for non-suburban sections (from up to 5 km earlier). Meanwhile, in suburban areas, the distance has been enhanced to 5 km (from 2 km earlier). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Railways – eased restriction for booking of unreserved tickets through UTSONMOBILE App
- For non-suburban sections – from a distance of up to 20 km | For suburban sections – from a distance of up to 5 km
- [Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnav](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

454. With an aim to expand and increase millet cultivation across the state, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched "Assam Millet Mission" at a function held at Veterinary College playground, Khanapara in Guwahati. Chief Minister Sarma also inaugurated 6 soil testing and Quality Control Laboratory at Bongaigaon, Morigaon, Udalguri, Golaghat, Karimganj and Darrang and 2 knowledge centres at Dhemaji and Titabor virtually at the same programme. The mission has been launched in synergy with the Prime Minister's aim of Atmanirbharta (self-sufficiency). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched "Millet Mission" in synergy with the Prime Minister's aim of 'Atmanirbharta'
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

455. On November 18, the government has increased the maximum term for the MD and CEO of public sector banks (PSBs) from 5 to 10 years, subject to a retirement age of 60. Additionally, this is applicable to full-time directors of all central public sector organisations (CPSEs). The decision is anticipated to assist the government in keeping the top banking talent on staff. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government increased the maximum term for MD & CEO of public sector banks (PSBs) from 5 to 10 years



456. On November 16, India's microblogging platform Koo has become the second largest microblog available to the world. Launched in March 2020, the platform recently clocked 50 million downloads and has seen an upward trajectory in terms of growth. Aprameya Radhakrishna is the CEO and Co-founder of Koo. Koo is the only Indian microblog competing with other global microblogging platforms such as Twitter, Gettr, Truth Social, Mastodon, Parler and stands second (after Twitter) in terms of user downloads. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Koo – has become the second largest microblogging platform available to the world (after Twitter)
- [HQs of Koo – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [Co-founder & CEO – Aprameya Radhakrishna](#)

457. On November 16, Wipro signed an agreement with employee representatives on setting up a European Works Council. Wipro's EWC agreement was successfully negotiated with employee representatives from 13 different countries before being formally signed on September 15. Wipro's EWC is the first to be established by an Indian headquartered company. European Works Councils (EWCs) are standing bodies that facilitate the information and consultation of employees in Europe and provides an opportunity to employees of the company to be informed and consulted on the transnational companies strategy and status. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro – will establish 'European Works Council' for its employees (first Indian company to do so)
- [HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte](#) | [Founder Chairman – Azim Premji](#)

458. On November 16, Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand HC – will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani
- Chief Justice of Uttarakhand HC – Justice Vipin Sanghi

459. On November 18, Odisha Cabinet approved "Prarambh - The Odisha State Policy for Children". The policy envisions the best interest of children by means of a blueprint which focusses on children's right to survival, protection, physical health, including mental health, upholding the right to Education, participation and other milestones required to achieve their optimal development. So, the policy has total 7 focus areas. The cabinet also approved 'Odisha State Port Policy 2022' related to port development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – approved "Prarambh - The Odisha State Policy for Children" & 'Odisha State Port Policy 2022'
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

International Affairs

460. In November 2022, Japan and the United States began "Keen Sword" military exercise in southern Japan as the allies aim to step up readiness in the face of China's increasing assertiveness and North Korea's intensifying missile launches.



About 26,000 Japanese and 10,000 American troops, as well as 30 vessels and 370 aircraft from both sides, participated in the drills. Australia, Britain and Canada also joined parts of the drills. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan + US = began “Keen Sword” military exercise
- It was to step up readiness against China’s increasing assertiveness & North Korea’s intensifying missile launches
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

461. In 2022, a highly searched word on the Cambridge Dictionary website in 2022, “Homer”, was awarded the title of Cambridge Dictionary’s ‘Word of the Year 2022’. According to the official website, ‘Homer’ was looked up on the website more than 79,000 times this year. The puzzle game has determined the Cambridge Dictionary’s ‘Word of the Year 2022’ as it was the answer of Wordle #320. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Homer” – declared as ‘Word of the Year 2022’ by Cambridge Dictionary

462. On November 9, French President Emmanuel Macron announced the end of the decade-long “Operation Barkhane” in Africa. France began its military operations in Sahel in January 2013. Titled Operation Serval, it was limited to targeting Islamic extremists linked to al-Qaeda who took control of northern Mali. However, in 2014, the mission was scaled up, renamed ‘Operation Barkhane’ and was aimed at counter-terrorism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France – ended the decade-long “Operation Barkhane” in Africa
- It was began in 2013 titled as “Operation Serval” | The mission was scaled up & renamed ‘Operation Barkhane’ in 2014
- [France – Paris – Euro](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#) | [PM – Elisabeth Borne](#)

463. On November 17, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Rajiv Kumar was invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal’s House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly. Elections are scheduled in Nepal to elect 275 members of the Federal Parliament and fill 550 seats of its seven Provincial Assemblies. The ECI, too, has a similar International Election Visitors Programme where members from other Election Management Bodies are invited to experience firsthand the General and Assembly elections held in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Kumar (CEC) – invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee](#) | [President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#) | [PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba](#)

464. Chinese scientists are planning to send monkeys to space to study reproduction in zero gravity. The experiment would be conducted on China’s new Tiangong space station. The Chinese Academy of Sciences is responsible for leading the development project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chinese scientists – plan to send monkeys to space to study reproduction in zero gravity
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

465. On November 16, DSP Investment Managers Private Ltd (DSPIM) announced to buy 9.99% stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank following approval from the Reserve Bank of India. The proposed acquisition of shares by DSPIM would be consequent to the scheme of amalgamation of Equitas Holdings (holding company) with the bank. In May 2022, Equitas Holdings and Equitas Small Finance Bank were approved for their merger. The merger is aimed to meet the RBI's licensing conditions to bring down the shareholding of the holding company to 40% within a period of five years from the date of commencement of business of the bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DSPIM – to buy 9.99% stake in Equitas SFB
- Equitas Holdings + Equitas SFB = approved for their merger to bring down the shareholding of holding company to 40%
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (till the succession)

466. On November 16, to promote green energy transition in small and medium enterprises, Tata Power Solar Systems (TPSSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL), tied up with Union Bank of India (UBI), to help MSME sector switch to solar solutions. The objective of this collaboration is to improve access to green energy and save on the cost of electricity, thus making MSMEs more profitable. The partnership will be implemented under UBI's solar scheme called 'Union Solar', which was launched on a pan-India level to relieve the MSMEs from the stress of higher power costs and grid exigencies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power Solar Systems + UBI = partnership to help MSME sector switch to solar solutions
- HQs of Tata Power Solar Systems – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Ashish Khanna
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

467. On November 17, On November 14, HDFC Capital concluded the 2nd “HDFC H@ART (Housing and Affordable Real Estate and Technology) Summit” in Mumbai. During the summit, HDFC Capital shortlisted 10 startups for funding and support. Out of the 10 finalist start-ups, four were focused on construction tech and three each in sustainability tech and sales & fintech. HDFC Capital through its H@ART platform has committed to more than 15 investments in Indian prop-tech startups. HDFC Capital is the real estate private equity arm of HDFC Group. Under H@ART, HDFC Capital has set up a ‘not-for-profit’ tech platform which serves as a melting pot for all stakeholders. H@ART Platform had launched “HDFC Real Estate Tech Innovators 2022” challenge in partnership with Startup India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Capital – held the 2nd “HDFC H@ART (Housing and Affordable Real Estate and Technology) Summit” in Mumbai
- During the summit, HDFC Capital shortlisted 10 startups for funding and support
- H@ART Platform + Startup India = had launched “HDFC Real Estate Tech Innovators 2022” challenge
- HQs of HDFC Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vipul Roongta



Defence Affairs

468. INS Trikand participated in the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) led Focused Operation “Sea Sword 2” in the Northwest Arabian Sea to counter terrorism, prevent narcotics trade and stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities. The operation “Sea Sword 2” was held from November 6-14, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Trikand – participated in the operation “Sea Sword 2” led by CMF in the Northwest Arabian Sea
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

Sports & Games

469. On November 10, Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu launched the mascots called “Toofan and Toofani” for Fit India Movement’s “Fit India School Week” initiative for the year 2022. Fit India Movement, which was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the year 2019, started its annual ‘Fit India School Week’ programme in December, 2019. The 4th edition of “Fit India School Week” kicked off on 15 November, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. V. Sindhu – launched the mascots “Toofan and Toofani” for Fit India Movement’s “Fit India School Week” initiative
- This initiative was launched PM Modi in 2019



Science & Technology

470. On November 16, India put forward a proposal to protect a species of freshwater reptile called the Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle (Batagur kachuga) under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The turtle, native to India and Bangladesh, is at a high risk of extinction. CITES is an agreement regulating the movement across international borders of certain wild animal and plant species. The red-crowned roofed turtle is already classified as critically endangered under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. The 19th Conference of the Parties to CITES was held on November 14 in Panama. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – put forward a proposal to protect ‘Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle’ (Batagur kachuga) under CITES
- Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle – a species of freshwater reptile & classified as critically endangered in IUCN Red List
- 19th Conference of the Parties to CITES – held in Panama

471. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi developed an Artificial Intelligence enabled device named “Colposcope” for the screening of cervical cancer in women. This device can be carried out by Healthcare workers in the field for the diagnosis of this disease. Cervical cancer occurs due to Human Papilloma Virus, HPV infection. Every year, an estimated one lakh 20 thousand women develop cervical cancer and over 77 thousand women die due to this disease in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIMS, New Delhi – developed an A.I. enabled device named “Colposcope” for the screening of cervical cancer in women



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Appointments & Resignations

472. On November 15, WhatsApp's India head Abhijit Bose, and Director Public Policy Meta India Rajiv Aggarwal, have resigned from their positions. Shivnath Thukral, Director of WhatsApp Public Policy in India, has now been made Director, Public Policy for all Meta brands in India. Recently, Meta trimmed around 11,000 jobs across the globe. Ajit Mohan, the head of Meta in India, had stepped down from his role earlier in November 2022. He joined Snap as president, Asia-Pacific. The company is appointing Shivnath Thukral as Director, Public Policy for Meta in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abhijit Bose – resigned from the post of WhatsApp India head
- Shivnath Thukral – appointed as Director Public Policy for Meta in India (replacing - Rajiv Aggarwal)
- HQs of Meta – California, US | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, US | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009

473. On November 17, President Droupadi Murmu appointed Dr CV Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal. Also, Droupadi Murmu was on a two-day visit to Madhya Pradesh from November 15. She participated as a Chief Guest at the Tribal Pride Day celebration at Lalpur in Shahdol on the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr CV Ananda Bose – appointed as the Governor of West Bengal (replacing - La. Ganesan)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – CV Ananda Bose

474. On November 18, the Central government extended the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra by a year till November 18, 2023. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension in the tenure. Mishra is a 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service officer and was appointed the Enforcement Directorate chief on November 19, 2018 for two years. The ED is a central investigative agency that enforces two central laws - the 'Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)' and the 'Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Kumar Mishra – tenure extended as Enforcement Directorate (ED) Chief by a year till November 18, 2023
- HQs of Enforcement Directorate – New Delhi | Director – Sanjay Kumar Mishra

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

475. On November 17, Danish Manzoor Bhat, originally hailing from Kashmir Valley, was honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's first "Global Humanitarian Award" at a ceremony held at the Consulate General of India in New York. An Indian journalist has been honoured with a humanitarian award for his work and efforts in helping scores of people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly during the deadly second wave in India. The award has been constituted to honour and recognise 'selfless work of Indians' who went above and beyond to help those in need during the difficult years of the pandemic. Bhat is the Editorial Director, Asia and Senior Vice President Editorial and News Innovation at Newsweek. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Danish Manzoor Bhat (J&K) – honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's first "Global Humanitarian Award" in New York
- He is the Editorial Director, Asia at Newsweek



476. India is the only country to have received the “Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022” in the ‘country category’ at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) held in Pattaya city, Thailand. As per NFHS-5 data, overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) in the country has increased substantially from 54% to 67%, from NFHS-4. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – received the “Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022” at ICFP held in Thailand
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha

477. On November 17, Kathak dancer Uma Sharma received the prestigious ‘Sumitra Charat Ram Award’ by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra (SBKK) in recognition of her contribution in the field of Indian classical music and dance. She received the award from former governor of Jammu and Kashmir Karan Singh and Sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan in a ceremony organised at Kamani Auditorium by SBKK. Instituted in 2010, the coveted award commemorates the contribution of art impresario. Dr. Uma Sharma is a renowned classical dancer who has been awarded Padma Bhushan for her unique contribution to the cultural tradition of this country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uma Sharma (Kathak dancer) – received the prestigious ‘Sumitra Charat Ram Award’ by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra

478. On November 14, the Tata Literature Live!, the Mumbai LitFest, announced the list of winners in all literary categories. HarperCollins India won the “Publisher of the Year 2022” prize at the ‘TATA Literature Live!’. This is HarperCollins India’s second consecutive win. “The Map and the Scissors”, authored by Amit Majmudar and published by HarperCollins India, won the “Book of the Year (Fiction)”. While “Lords of the Deccan: Southern India from the Chalukyas to the Cholas”, authored by Anirudh Kanisetti and published by Juggernaut Books, won the “Book of the Year (Non-fiction)”. Moreover, “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company”, authored by Narotam Sekhsaria and published by HarperCollins India, won the “Business Book of the Year”. Playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar was awarded the “Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022”, while Gieve Patel was the recipient of the “2022 Poet Laureate Award”. HarperCollins India also celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, having begun publishing in India in 1992. HarperCollins India is a subsidiary of HarperCollins Publishers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Tata Literature Live!’ announced the list of winners in all literary categories:
 - Publisher of the Year 2022 – HarperCollins India
 - Book of the Year (Fiction) – “The Map and the Scissors” book by Amit Majmudar
 - Book of the Year (Non-fiction) – “Lords of the Deccan: Southern India from Chalukyas to Cholas” by Anirudh Kanisetti
 - Business Book of the Year – “The Ambuja Story” book by Narotam Sekhsaria
 - 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award – Mahesh Elkunchwar (Playwright)
 - 2022 Poet Laureate Award – Gieve Patel

479. On November 17, NTPC’s QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the ‘GOLD’ award at the 47th International Convention on Quality Control Circle (ICQCC-2022). The convention was held from November 15 to 18 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The theme for ICQCC-2022 was “Built Back Better through Quality Efforts”. NTPC QC Team presented on ‘Frequent Choking of Collecting tanks of AHP-IV’. In March 2022, NTPC was declared the “Dream Employer of the Year” at the 30th Session of the World HRD Congress. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NTPC's Team – won the 'GOLD' award at the 47th International Convention on Quality Control Circle in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Theme for ICQCC-2022 – “Built Back Better through Quality Efforts”
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

Schemes & Initiatives

480. On November 17, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced “Mukhyamantri Siksha Purashkar Yojna” an award and scholarship programme to encourage healthy competition between different state schools and to recognise excellence in education. Under the programme, annual award will be given to 50,000 students, 1,500 Principals, school management committees, alumni, Gram Panchayats and district administrations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – announced “Mukhyamantri Siksha Purashkar Yojna”, an award & scholarship programme
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

Important Days & Dates

481. “Naturopathy Day” or “National Naturopathy Day” is observed every year since 2018 in India on November 18, the day on which Mahatma Gandhi became a Life Member of the Nature Cure Foundation Trust and signed the deed. In 2022, Naturopathy Day was celebrated with the theme, “Naturopathy: An Integrative Medicine”. The main event was organized at National Institute of Naturopathy in Pune. On the occasion a special cover envelope was released to commemorate the 5th Naturopathy Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18 – 5th Naturopathy Day (since 2018)
- 2022's Theme – “Naturopathy: An Integrative Medicine”

482. World Prematurity Day is observed on November 17 to raise awareness on preterm birth challenges and shine a light on the risks and impacts faced by preterm infants and their families. Preterm birth is the leading cause of death among children under the age of five. Every year an estimated 15 million babies (about 1 in 10 children) are born prematurely worldwide. Vietnam reports around 60% of infant deaths as neonatal deaths. On World Prematurity Day 2022, UNICEF is promoting the Kangaroo Mother Care method under the theme - “A Parent's Embrace: A Powerful Therapy. Enable skin-to-skin Contact from the Moment of Birth”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 17 – World Prematurity Day
- UNICEF's Theme – “A Parent's Embrace: A Powerful Therapy. Enable skin-to-skin Contact from the Moment of Birth”
- 'Preterm birth' – is the leading cause of death among children under the age of 5



483. World Toilet Day, observed on November 19, is aimed towards spreading awareness about proper sanitation and hygiene practices especially due to factors concerning health issues and the safety of women. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Groundwater and Sanitation - Making the Invisible Visible”. This observance, held annually since 2013, celebrates toilets and raises awareness of the 3.6 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation. It is about taking action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6: sanitation and water for all by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – World Toilet Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Groundwater and Sanitation - Making the Invisible Visible”

484. The “World Antimicrobial Awareness Week” is observed from November 18 to 24 every year. In 2022, the theme of WAAW is “Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together”. WAAW aims to improve awareness and understanding of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and encourage best practices among the public. The WHO has declared antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as one of the top 10 global health threats. Researchers estimated that AMR in bacteria caused an estimated 1.27 million deaths in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18 to 24 – World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
- 2022’s Theme – “Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together”

485. Every year on November 19, ‘National Integration Day’ also known as ‘Quami Ekta Divas’ is celebrated. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The key objective of observing the day is to achieve harmony, peace, love, and brotherhood among people. Moreover, National Integration Week (Qaumi Ekta Week) was observed from November 19 to 25, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – National Integration Day or Quami Ekta Divas (Birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi)
- November 19 to 25 – National Integration Week (Qaumi Ekta Week)

486. Women’s Entrepreneurship Day is celebrated every year on November 19 to honour the accomplishments of female entrepreneurs and to bring attention to their positive impact on society. The official campaign of Women’s Entrepreneurship Day 2022 is “#Choosewomen”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – Women’s Entrepreneurship Day
- 2022’s official campaign – “#Choosewomen”

487. International Men’s Day (IMD) is globally celebrated every year on November 19. It is observed to recognize and celebrate boys’ and men’s lives, achievements, and contributions, in particular for their contributions to union, society, community, nation, family, marriage, and childcare. The day was inaugurated on 7 February 1992 by Thomas Oaster. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Helping Men and Boys”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – International Men’s Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Helping Men and Boys”

Obituaries

488. On November 16, Former Indian ambassador and chairman of 'Institute of Odia Studies & Research' Abasar Beuria passed away. He was 80. He was also instrumental in translating 20 engineering books into Odia language for AICTE through Institute of Odia Studies & Research which were released by the President of India Droupadi Murmu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abasar Beuria – former Indian ambassador & chairman of 'Institute of Odia Studies & Research' – passed away
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

489. On November 15, Abu Dhabi hosted a three-day launch edition of the Global Media Congress at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). The theme of the congress was "Shaping the Future of the Media Industry". The event saw participation of professionals from broadcasting, content production, technology, equipment and hardware and those from various social media platforms. A large number of global media companies also held exhibitions at the event to seek potential partnerships and cooperation opportunities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global Media Congress (launch edition) – hosted by Abu Dhabi at ADNEC
- Theme: "Shaping the Future of the Media Industry"
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

490. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), the kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence. The event was held from November 18 to 21. About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries participated in the programme physically. The event took place in newly built Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai. The WCOA is held every 4 years since it started in 1904. The theme of the event is "Building Trust Enabling Sustainability". The summit was organised under the aegis of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the global body for the accounting profession. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAI (India) – hosted the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) in Mumbai
- WCOA is held every 4 years
- 2022's Theme – "Building Trust Enabling Sustainability"
- HQs of ICAI – New Delhi | President – Debashis Mitra | Vice President – Aniket Sunil Talati | Established in – 1949
- HQs of IFAC – New York, US | President – Alan Johnson

491. On November 18, the 8th "Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime Meeting" was held in Mumbai. The meeting was co-chaired by Rajesh Kumar Sinha, additional secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Discussion was held on use of alternative fuels like green ammonia and hydrogen for futuristic shipping, and India-Norway cooperation on green maritime future. India and Norway are part of 'Green Voyage 2050' project. It is a partnership project between the Government of Norway and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) launched in 2019. Moreover, India is a signatory to Hong Kong Convention for Recycling of Ships. The 7th JWG on Maritime was held in Oslo in November, 2019. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 8th “Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime Meeting” – held in Mumbai
- The meeting was co-chaired by – Rajesh Kumar Sinha | India & Norway are part of ‘Green Voyage 2050’ project
- ‘Green Voyage 2050’ project was launched in 2019 by = IMO + Norway
- Norway – Oslo – Krone | PM – Jonas Gahr Store

492. The India MedTech Expo (IMTE), the first-ever Expo of Indian Medtech Industry by Government, is rescheduled and now will be held from January 17 to 19, 2023 at Aerocity Grounds, New Delhi. The 1st edition of IMTE will be organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with all the Medical Devices Industry Associations and coordinated by FICCI. The Expo was planned around the theme “Future of Device, Diagnostics & Digital”. The current market size of the medical devices sector in India is estimated to be \$11 billion and the sector in India is at a growth stage with CAGR of 10-12% over the last decade and has the potential to reach \$50 billion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st edition of “India MedTech Expo (IMTE)” – to be held in New Delhi (in Jan 2023)
- Theme – “Future of Device, Diagnostics & Digital”
- Current market size of the medical devices sector in India is estimated to be \$11 billion (\$50 billion by 2030)

493. On November 18, the 25th edition of “Bengaluru Technology Summit”, the three-day annual tech exposition hosted by the Karnataka government in association with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), culminated on November 18 with a five-point declaration. The theme of the summit was “Tech4NextGen”. It envisages establishing a start-up park near Kempegowda International Airport, setting up R&D labs in 50 select colleges in the State, opening science and technology research centres in universities, working towards achieving synergy between educational institutions and the IT-BT companies, and building better connect between the industry, academia and educational institutions. The summit received 4.52 lakh visitors in person and another 4.99 crore people virtually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + STPI = hosted the 25th edition of “Bengaluru Technology Summit”
- Theme – “Tech4NextGen”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of STPI – New Delhi | DG – Arvind Kumar

494. On November 17, Secretary Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Arun Baroka, inaugurated 4th edition of the “Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave” on the theme of “Boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions” at New Delhi. The two-day event promotes sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals. It was organized jointly with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) with due support of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Baroka – inaugurated 4th edition of the “Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave” in New Delhi
- Organised by = UNEP + International Council of Chemical Associations
- Theme – “Boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions”



495. On November 15, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the “GeoSmart India 2022 Summit” in Hyderabad, Telangana. The theme of the conference was “#geospatialbydefault: Empowering Billions”, and was co-hosted by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and the Indian Society of Geomatics. The minister stated that India is advancing towards an era of sustainable development right from the grassroots level and aimed at eradicating poverty, combating climate change, and improving business and living standards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – inaugurated the “GeoSmart India 2022 Summit” in Hyderabad
- The summit was co-hosted by = Indian Society of Remote Sensing + Indian Society of Geomatics
- Theme – “#geospatialbydefault: Empowering Billions”

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

496. As per the “Rule of Law Index 2022” released by World Justice Project (WJP), India’s rule of law has declined globally for the 5th year in a row. The data showed that India with a score of 0.50 on the ‘rule of law’ index, has ranked 77 out of 140 countries. Denmark topped the index, followed by Norway & Finland. Venezuela is at bottom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Rule of Law Index 2022” – released by World Justice Project
- India – ranked 77th | Top – Denmark, 2nd – Norway, 3rd – Finland | Bottom – Venezuela

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

497. On November 18, Google signed an MoU with the Karnataka government to support its vision to promote innovation and growth of start-ups across the State. In collaboration with the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), Google would work with women-led founders and start-ups across tier-2 and tier-3 cities to offer essential training, access to partners, expertise on Google’s suite of tools and technologies. Google would extend also scholarships for Google career certificates to youth and job-seekers in digital skills such as IT support, project management, data analytics and support local schools to promote the fundamentals of online safety and digital citizenship to children through the ‘Be Internet Awesome’ programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google + Karnataka = an MoU to promote innovation and growth of start-ups across the State
- KITS + Google = will work with women-led founders and start-ups across tier-2 and tier-3 cities to offer essential training
- ‘Be Internet Awesome’ programme – run by Google
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

498. On November 17, Denmark’s Museum Kolding and the National Museum, New Delhi announced to open the joint exhibition “Silver treasures from Denmark and India” in March 2023. An MoU for the same was signed and exchanged between them in New Delhi. Both the museums will showcase best silver objects from their collections in the exhibition. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Museum Kolding (Denmark) + National Museum, New Delhi = will open the joint exhibition in March 2023
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

499. On November 14, Private Equity fund KKR & Co. Inc. (Kohlberg Kravis Roberts) and Co-backed clean energy platform Serentica Renewables entered into an agreement with Greenko Group, to source 1500 MWhr energy storage capacity through Greenko's pumped storage projects located in India. As part of this partnership, Serentica will leverage Greenko's energy storage capacity from its upcoming Off Stream Closed Loop Pumped Storage Projects (OCPSP) at Pinnapuram in Andhra Pradesh and Gandhi Sagar in Madhya Pradesh. Established in 2022, Serentica Renewables is 100% held by Twinstar Overseas, a unit of Volcan Investments Ltd, Bahamas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KKR (US) + Serentica Renewables = an agreement with Greenko Group to source 1500 MWhr energy storage capacity
- Greenko's upcoming Off Stream Closed Loop Pumped Storage Projects are in – Andhra Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh
- HQs of Greenko – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Om Prakash Bhatt | MD – Anil Chalamalasetty

500. On November 16, Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) and the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey signed an MoU to facilitate trade and investment between Telangana and Turkey. Agritech, education, Information Technology, Life Sciences, pharma, real estate and infrastructure, energy, clean tech, aerospace are some of the areas offering scope for collaboration between the State and Turkey. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FTCCI (Telangana) + Turkey = an MoU to facilitate trade & investment
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan





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