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National & States Affairs

501. On November 18, India launched the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), called “For a SECURE SCO”, as it will host the next SCO Summit as a Chairman of organisation in 2023. India will preside over the SCO Council of Heads of State for the first time. India will hold the presidency of the grouping for a year until September 2023. Explaining the SECURE concept, the Prime Minister said ‘S’ for Security for citizens, ‘E’ for Economic development, ‘C’ for Connectivity in the region, ‘U’ for Unity, ‘R’ for Respect of sovereignty and integrity, and ‘E’ for Environment protection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India launched the official website of SCO, called “For a SECURE SCO”, as it will host the next SCO Summit in 2023
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China](#) | [SG – Zhang Ming](#) | [Present Member Countries – 8](#) | [Current Presidency – India](#)

502. On November 20, Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a first-of-its-kind institute on Unani medicine in the Northeast in Silchar town of Assam. The Institute is named The Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM). The RRIUM, besides providing a wide range of patient care services, will also focus on conducting scientific research on different aspects, fundamental and applied, of Unani medicine, and on diseases that are more prevalent in the Northeast, especially in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – inaugurated a first-of-its-kind institute on Unani medicine in the Northeast in Silchar, Assam
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

503. On November 17, to act as a bridge between the people and the government, Tripura government launched a new portal, ‘Amar Sarkar’ to ensure all central and state-sponsored schemes reach every doorstep. A total of 78 departments, including the panchayat department, has been included in the web portal. Earlier in September, the Tripura government had launched the ‘Har Ghar Sushasan’ initiative to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura Govt – launched a new portal, ‘Amar Sarkar’ to act as a bridge between the people & the government
- [Tripura: Capital – Agartala](#) | [CM – Manik Saha](#) | [Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya](#)

504. The Union government has approved the extension of Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) under “eChhawani” portal to 5 more Cantonment Boards, namely Agra, Ranikhet, Babina, Jammu and Cannanore. This will further enhance the speed, accuracy, consistency and transparency in the process of building plan scrutiny in these cantonments. With this extension, the benefits under OBPAS can now be availed by residents living in 22 Cantonment Boards across India. “eChhawani” is a citizen centric project of Directorate General of Defence Estates, Ministry of Defence to provide online services through a common web portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt extended Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) under “eChhawani” portal to 5 more Cantonment Boards
- 5 Cantonment Boards: Agra, Ranikhet, Babina, Jammu & Cannanore
- “eChhawani” is a citizen centric project of Directorate General of Defence Estates, Ministry of Defence
- [Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh](#) | [Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt](#)



505. On November 20, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, launched India's first "National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS)" to develop a regulatory framework and alternative technology adoption roadmap for Green Shipping to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in the shipping sector in India. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is the knowledge and implementation partner for this project. [{Read more}](#)

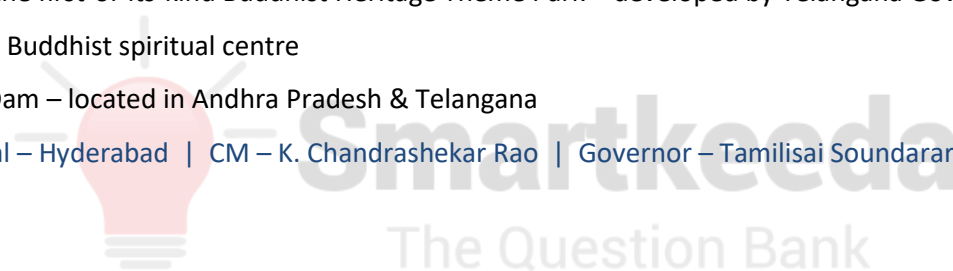
Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – launched India's first "National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS)"
- Knowledge & Implementation partner for this project – TERI
- HQs of TERI – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Vibha Dhawan | Established in – 1974

506. Buddhist Monasteries of different countries and an exclusive Buddhist University near Nagarjunasagar, which houses the World's largest masonry dam, are some of the ambitious plans that 'Buddhavanam', the first-of-its-kind Buddhist Heritage Theme Park project, is exploring. Overseeing the serene backwaters of River Krishna on the imposing Nagarjunasagar Dam, the 274-acre unique project showcases glimpses of the Buddhist past and sculptures depicting the life of Gautama Buddha. Buddhacharitanam, Jatakavanam (Bodhisattva Park), Dhyavanam (Meditation Park), Stupavanam, and the replica of Mahastupa (Amaravathi Style), are part of this park. The park has been developed by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation (TSTDC) (initially developed by Andhra Pradesh Development Corporation in 2003 before bifurcation & later transferred to TSTDC). It is Asia's biggest Buddhist spiritual centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Buddhavanam', the first-of-its-kind Buddhist Heritage Theme Park – developed by Telangana Govt
- It is Asia's biggest Buddhist spiritual centre
- Nagarjunasagar Dam – located in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan



International Affairs

507. On November 21, India took over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) for 2022-23 at a meeting of the body in Tokyo, as announced by Ministry of Electronics & IT. India took over the Chair from France. In the election to the Council Chair, India had received more than a two-thirds majority of first-preference votes while Canada and the United States of America ranked in the next two best places in the tally, so they were elected to the two additional government seats on the Steering Committee. For the 2022-2023 Steering Committee, the five government seats will therefore be held by India, Japan, France, US & Canada. Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar represented India at the handover ceremony in Tokyo. GPAI is a congregation of 25 member countries. India joined the group as a founding member in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – took over the Chair of the 'Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)' for 2022-23 (from France)
- GPAI members – 25 countries | India joined the group as a founding member in 2020

508. On November 19, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar assured Syria of continued humanitarian support from India, especially in regard to medicines and artificial limbs. Consignments of food and medicines have been supplied to Syria from time to time. India has offered Lines of Credit worth \$280 million to Syria for building a power plant and a steel plant in the country. Two Artificial Limb Fitment Camps (Jaipur Foot) were organized in Syria in December 2020 and recently in October-November 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India – assured Syria of continued humanitarian support from India, especially in regard to medicines & artificial limbs
- India – offered Lines of Credit worth \$280 million to Syria for building a power plant and a steel plant in the country
- Syria – Damascus – Syrian pound | President – Bashar al-Assad | Prime Minister – Hussein Arnous

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

509. On November 15, Navi Group, a technology-driven financial products and services company founded by Sachin Bansal and Ankit Agarwal, announced a partnership with Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd, to offer 'Digital Personal Loan' to customers across India. Piramal Capital & Housing Finance is a wholly owned subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Ltd. Under this partnership, borrowers can avail personal loans up to ₹20 lakhs with a tenure of up to 72 months on the Navi app. Piramal Finance will fund 80% of the loan generated by the co-lending arrangement while the remaining 20% will be funded by Navi Finserv. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Navi Group + Piramal Capital & Housing Finance = partnership to offer 'Digital Personal Loan'
- Under this partnership, borrowers can avail personal loans up to ₹20 lakhs with a tenure of up to 72 months
- HQs of Navi Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founders & CEO – Sachin Bansal
- HQs of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance – Mumbai | Chairman – Ajay G. Piramal | MD – Jairam Sridharan

510. On November 19, the Reserve Bank of India released the 7th edition of its statistical publication titled "Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22". India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to register a growth rate of about 7% in FY 2022-23 and between 6.1% and 6.3% in the July-September Quarter (Q2) of FY23, as per the RBI report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released the 7th edition of its statistical publication titled "Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22"
- RBI's Estimate as of Nov 2022: India's GDP to register a growth of 7% in FY23 & between 6.1% & 6.3% in Q2 of FY23
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

Defence Affairs

511. On November 18, The Army moved its first Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) squadron to Missamari, Assam, in the eastern sector near the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The LCH, India's first indigenously designed and developed attack helicopter, is also the first dedicated attack helicopter operated by the Army. The Air Force raised its first LCH squadron at Jodhpur in October. The Army raised the 351 Army Aviation Squadron to operate the LCH on June 1, 2022 at Bengaluru and received the first LCH end-September. The twin-engine LCH is designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Army Aviation has three brigades at Leh, Missamari and Jodhpur operating around 145 indigenous Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian Army – moved its first Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) squadron to Missamari, Assam
- The twin-engine LCH is designed and developed by – Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairman & MD – C. B. Ananthkrishnan (addi. charge)
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

Sports & Games

512. On November 16, Manipur emerged as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals (88 Gold medal, 75 Silver & 77 Bronze) at the 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games held in Shillong, Meghalaya. Assam took the second spot with a total of 203 medals, followed by Arunachal Pradesh with 112 medals. Nagaland is set to host the 3rd edition of the Northeast Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games – held in Shillong, Meghalaya
- Winners by medals: 1st – Manipur, 2nd – Assam, 3rd – Arunachal Pradesh

513. “15th Asian Airgun Championships” was held in South Korea. India completed with 25 gold medals and topped the Medal Tally. India total won 38 Medals, which include 9 silver and 4 Bronze as well. India was followed by South Korea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th ‘Asian Airgun Championships’ – held in South Korea
- India Topped the medal tally with total 38 medals (25G + 9S + 4B) | 2nd – South Korea
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Yoon Suk-yeol

514. On November 19, Indian table tennis player Manika Batra clinched the bronze medal at the “ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup” tournament, becoming the first Indian female paddler & globally second to win a medal at the event. She won the bronze medal match against World number six and three-time Asian champion Hina Hayata by 4-2. Former men’s singles player Chetan Baboor is the first Indian paddler to win a medal at the Asian Cup. Wang Yidi from China won Gold medal by defeating Mima Ito of Japan in Women’s Singles. While Japan’s Tomokazu Harimoto won the Gold medal in Men’s Singles, by defeating Lim Jonghoon of South Korea. This 33rd edition of the Asian Cup was held from November 17 to November 19 at Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manika Batra – became the first Indian (globally 2nd) female paddler to win a medal at the “ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup”
- She won a Bronze medal at the tournament held in Bangkok, Thailand
- In Women’s Singles: Gold winner – Wang Yidi (China) | In Men’s Singles: Gold winner – Tomokazu Harimoto (Japan)
- HQs of ITTF – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Petra Sorling | CEO – Steve Dainton

515. On November 20, Two-time world champion Max Verstappen claimed a record-extending 15th win this year for Red Bull in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc took second place behind him. Seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton got the third position. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch - Red Bull) – won “Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2022”
- 2nd – Charles Leclerc | 3rd – Lewis Hamilton

516. On November 20, Four-time champion, German driver, Sebastian Vettel retired from F1 racing after completing his race at the Yas Marina Circuit during the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2022. He is a driver of Aston Martin team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sebastian Vettel (Germany - Aston Martin) – retired from Formula One after completing Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2022
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Arts & Cultural Affairs

517. From November 18 to 20, the 2nd edition of the “ASEAN-India Music Festival” was held at Delhi's Purana Qila. The three-day festival was organised in collaboration between the Ministry of External Affairs and Seher India. The festival celebrated Southeast Asian musical diversity, hosting 10 bands from ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries, and 5 acts from India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of External Affairs + Seher India = organised the 2nd edition of “ASEAN-India Music Festival” in Delhi
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10

518. On November 16, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the month-long “Kashi Tamil Sangamam” at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. PM Modi stated that Kashi is the cultural capital of India. The objective of the programme is to celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi - two of the country's ancient seats of learning. IIT Madras and BHU are the two implementing agencies for the programme. The Sangamam, under “Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat”, was organised from November 16 to December 19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A month-long “Kashi Tamil Sangamam” – held at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, UP
- Implementing Agencies for the programme – IIT Madras & BHU
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

Science & Technology

519. On November 19, North Korea test fired its massive new “Hwasong-17” intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). The Hwasong-17 is nuclear-armed North Korea's biggest missile yet, and is the largest road-mobile, liquid-fuelled ICBM in the world. The missile flew nearly 1,000 km (621 miles) for about 69 minutes and reached a maximum altitude of 6,041 km. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- North Korea – test fired its massive new “Hwasong-17” intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un

520. On November 26, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched ‘PSLV-C54/EOS-06’ mission with Oceansat-3 and eight nano satellites on board from Sriharikota spaceport. The satellites include “EOS-06 (Oceansat-3)” plus eight nano satellites (BhutanSat, ‘Anand’ from Pixxel, Thybolt two numbers from Dhruva Space, and Astrocast - four numbers from Spaceflight USA) [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – launched ‘PSLV-C54/EOS-06’ mission with Oceansat-3 & 8 nano satellites
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

521. On November 17, NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) are developing plans for one of the most ambitious campaigns ever attempted in space: bringing the first samples of Mars material safely back to Earth for detailed study. The diverse set of scientifically curated samples now being collected by NASA’s ‘Perseverance’ rover could help scientists answer the question of whether ancient life ever arose on the Red Planet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA + ESA = plan to bring the first samples of Mars material safely back to Earth for detailed study
- Samples are being collected by NASA’s ‘Perseverance’ rover
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958
- HQs of ESA – Paris, France | DG – Josef Aschbacher

522. On November 19, Scientists have rediscovered the black-naped pheasant pigeon, a rare bird that was last sighted almost 140 years ago. The bird was spotted in the forests of Papua New Guinea. the bird species hasn’t been documented by scientists since it was first described in 1882. The research initiative is a result of the collaborative efforts of BirdLife International, Rewild, and the American Bird Conservancy. The objective of the initiative is to rediscover more than 150 bird species that have not been spotted for at least a decade but haven’t been declared extinct either. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Black-Naped Pheasant Pigeon’, a rare bird – rediscovered in Papua New Guinea (after almost 140 years)
- The research is a result of collaborative efforts by = BirdLife International + Rewild + American Bird Conservancy
- Papua New Guinea – Port Moresby – Kina | PM – James Marape

Appointments & Resignations

523. On November 17, social media giant Meta has appointed Sandhya Devanathan as the new Head or Vice President of Meta India. She comes in place of Ajit Mohan who resigned from Meta. Devanathan joined Meta in 2016 and helped build out the Singapore and Vietnam businesses and teams as well as Meta’s e-commerce initiatives in Southeast Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sandhya Devanathan – appointed as the new Head or Vice President of Meta India (replacing - Ajit Mohan)



524. On November 21, Bob Iger was appointed as the CEO of Walt Disney. Bob Iger replaced Bob Chapek, who took over as The Walt Disney Company CEO in February 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bob Iger – appointed as the CEO of The Walt Disney (replacing - Bob Chapek)
- HQs of Walt Disney Company – California, US | Chairperson – Susan Arnold (1st woman) | CEO – Bob Iger
- HQs of The Walt Disney Company India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – K. Madhavan

525. On November 17, Bandaru Wilsonbabu, presently the Indian ambassador to Madagascar, has been concurrently accredited as the next ambassador of India to Comoros. Comoros is a founding member of the International Solar Alliance and part of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bandaru Wilsonbabu – appointed as the next ambassador of India to Comoros
- Comoros – Moroni – Franc | President – Azali Assoumani

526. On November 17, Real11 announced the appointment of Indian Cricketer, Kuldeep Yadav as its brand ambassador. Founded in 2019, Real11 is a fantasy sports platform known for its innovations and creative solutions within the skill game realm. It is also the fastest-growing fantasy sports operator in India. Amit Yadav is the founder and CEO of the company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kuldeep Yadav – appointed as brand ambassador of Real11

527. On November 21, Retired IAS officer Arun Goel assumed the office of Election Commissioner. Rajiv Kumar is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India. Anup Chandra Pandey has also been working as the Election Commissioner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Goel – appointed as the Election Commissioner
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950
- Election Commissioners (2) – Anup Chandra Pandey & Arun Goel

528. On November 15, MC Mary Kom and Achanta Sharath Kamal were elected chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association. The commission also nominated Gagan Narang and PV Sindhu as the commission's nominees for inclusion in the electoral college for the election to the executive council of the Indian Olympic Association. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mary Kom – elected Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association
- Achanta Sharath Kamal – elected the Vice-Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association
- HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – P. T. Usha | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta





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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

529. On November 20, the 14th Dalai Lama was conferred the “Gandhi Mandela Award 2022” at Thekchen Choeling in Dharamshala by Himachal Pradesh governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar. The Tibetan spiritual leader received the peace prize from New Delhi-based Gandhi Mandela Foundation. The award is given to personalities who have carried forward the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela by making significant contributions in the fields of Peace, Social Welfare, Culture, Environment, Education, Healthcare, Sports and Innovation. The Tibetan spiritual leader is the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize. Gandhi Mandela Award was first given in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 14th Dalai Lama – conferred the “Gandhi Mandela Award 2022” by Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- The award is given by – Gandhi Mandela Foundation (New Delhi) | First awarded in 2019

530. On November 19, total 39 schools from across India were awarded the third edition of “Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar” for the 2021-22 academic session by the Ministry of Education. The awarded schools include two Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, one Navodaya Vidyalaya and three Kendriya Vidyalayas. The evaluation process of 4,27,718 eligible schools was undertaken at district and state level, out of which 606 schools at State and UT level awards were found eligible for national level awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education – awarded 3rd “Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar” to 39 schools for the 2021-22 academic session
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

531. On November 19, “The Paradise of Food” by Khalid Jawed, translated by Baran Farooqi from the Urdu “Ne’mat Khana”, has won the ₹25 lakh “2022 JCB Prize for Literature”. The novel was published by Juggernaut in 2014. The book tells the story of an orphaned boy, Zahiruddin Babar, who is brought up in a joint family, and looks at life from different angles. In its 5th edition, the JCB Prize shortlist had five books, all translations. Last year, M. Mukundan won the JCB Prize for his novel, “Delhi: A Soliloquy”, translated from the Malayalam by Fathima E.V. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Paradise of Food” novel – won the “2022 JCB Prize for Literature”
- The novel is: authored by – Khalid Jawed, translated by – Baran Farooqi, published by – Juggernaut (in 2014)

532. On November 16, Indian-origin paediatrician Anraj Khillan from Victoria state was honoured with the ‘2023 Australian of the Year’ award for delivering key healthcare and health education to several Australian communities. He is the co-founder of the Health Awareness Society of Australia (HASA), which dispels myths, taboos and misinformation about health through forums in a range of languages. He has also been raising funds for philanthropy in India, East Timor and Australia, apart from being a member of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and founder of the Doctors Against Domestic Violence Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anraj Khillan – honoured with the ‘2023 Australian of the Year’ award
- Anraj Khillan – is the co-founder of the Health Awareness Society of Australia (HASA)
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese



533. On November 20, Indian actor, film producer and former politician Chiranjeevi Konidela, was named the India Film Personality of the Year 2022 at 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. In 2006, he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award. He served as the Minister of Tourism for the Government of India from 2012 and 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – held in Goa
- Chiranjeevi Konidela – named the 'India Film Personality of the Year 2022'

Schemes & Initiatives

534. On November 18, Telangana government announced to relaunch the “Kanti Velugu” scheme geared towards universal eye screening by covering the entire population of the state. The scheme will be launched from January 18, 2023. The scheme was launched on August 15, 2018, and ran for a year benefitting over 23 lakh people, at a cost of Rs 200 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – announced to relaunch the “Kanti Velugu” scheme (initially launched on August 15, 2018)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

Important Days & Dates

535. On November 20, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and National Fisheries Development Board, celebrated the ‘World Fisheries Day’ on November 21, 2022 at Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, Daman. During the event, the Government of India awarded the Best Performing States/Districts in the field of fisheries. Chhattisgarh received the ‘Best Inland State’ award. While Tamil Nadu’s Thanjavur received the ‘Best Inland District’ award. Karnataka received the ‘Best Marine State’ award and Andhra Pradesh’s Nellore received the ‘Best Marine District’ award. Himachal Pradesh received the ‘Best Hilly & Northeastern State’ award and Assam’s Udalguri received the ‘Best Hilly & Northeastern District’ award. India has become the 2nd largest fish producer and the 4th largest exporter of fish and fisheries products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 21 – World Fisheries Day
- Best Marine District – Nellore (Andhra Pradesh) | Best Marine State – Karnataka
- Best Inland District – Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu) | Best Inland State – Chhattisgarh
- Best Hilly & Northeastern District – Udalguri (Assam) | Best Hilly & Northeastern State – Himachal Pradesh

536. World Television Day is celebrated across the globe on November 21 to mark the increasing impact of Television in the contemporary world. The UN General Assembly decided November 21 to be marked as World Television Day since 1997 as the first World Television Forum was held on November 21-22 in 1996. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 21 – World Television Day (since 1996)

537. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed November 20 as “Africa Industrialization Day” in 1989. Since then, the United Nations System has held events on that day throughout the world to raise awareness about the importance of Africa’s industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent. While “Africa Industrialization Week” was observed by the United Nations from November 20 to 24, 2022. Moreover, the theme of the 2022 African Union Summit was “Industrializing Africa: Renewed Commitment Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Economic Diversification”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 20 – Africa Industrialization Day
- November 20 to 24 – Africa Industrialization Week
- Theme of 2022 African Union Summit – “Industrializing Africa: Renewed Commitment Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Economic Diversification”

Books & Authors

538. A new book titled “The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times” is written by Michelle Obama. The book is published by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times” book – written by Michelle Obama

539. On November 14, Entrepreneur Ashneer Grover has come out with his autobiography titled “Doglapan: The Hard Truth about Life and Start-ups”. The book is published by Penguin India. Ashneer Grover is the co-founder and former MD of the Indian fintech unicorn BharatPe. He was also a popular Shark (investor) in the first season of the reality TV show ‘Shark Tank India’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Doglapan: The Hard Truth about Life and Start-ups” autobiography – by Ashneer Grover
- Publisher - Penguin India

Obituaries

540. On November 19, Veteran actor Kiran Bala Govil, professionally known as Tabassum, has died after suffering a cardiac arrest. She was 78. She was known for her work as a child artiste in several Hindi classics and also as host of popular Doordarshan talk show ‘Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan’. Tabassum started her career as a child artiste with the 1947 movie ‘Nargis’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiran Bala Govil (Tabassum) – a Veteran Actor – passed away
- She was known for her work as host of popular Doordarshan talk show ‘Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan’



541. On November 19, Gulam Abbas Moontasir, a legend of Indian basketball, died aged 80. He was the captain of the Indian team at the Asian Basketball Championships in 1969 and 1975. In 1970, he made it to the Asian All-Star team and was also conferred the Arjuna Award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gulam Abbas Moontasir – a renowned Basketball Player – passed away (Arjuna Award in 1970)

542. On November 17, Veteran Punjabi actress Daljeet Kaur passed away at the age of 69. Kaur's illustrious filmography includes more than 70 Punjabi movies and 10 Hindi films. She made her debut in the year 1976 with the film, 'Daaj'. Apart from being an actress, Kaur was also a successful athlete. She has been a National level Hockey and Kabaddi player. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daljeet Kaur – Veteran Punjabi Actress & Athlete – passed away (Hockey & Kabaddi player)

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

543. On November 20, Delegates at the UN's Climate Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt signed an agreement to establish the first-ever 'Loss and Damages' fund to compensate the most vulnerable countries for damages from climate-linked disasters. A "Transitional Committee" will make recommendations to enable the actual adoption of the fund at the next Conference of the Parties (COP) of the UN's Framework Convention for Climate Change, to be held in the UAE in 2023. Loss and Damage was first recognized under Warsaw International Mechanism in 2013. Moreover, a roadmap titled "Our Solar Future: Roadmap to Mobilize USD 1 Trillion by 2030" was announced by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the COP27. Besides, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav addressed at the launch of the "Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC)" that took place on the sidelines of COP 27. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delegates at COP27 signed an agreement to establish the first-ever 'Loss and Damages' fund to compensate the most vulnerable countries for damages from climate-linked disasters
- 'Loss and Damage' fund was first recognized under Warsaw International Mechanism in 2013
- Next UN's Climate Conference (COP28) – to be held in UAE in 2023 (from 30 Nov to 12 Dec)
- "Our Solar Future: Roadmap to Mobilize USD 1 Trillion by 2030" was announced by ISA at COP27
- Bhupender Yadav – addressed at the launch of the "Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC)"

544. In November 2022, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the Ministry of Power (MoP), in partnership with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), hosted an International Conference on "Citizen-centric Energy Transition: Empowering Citizens with Mission LiFE (Lifestyles for Environment)" at the India Pavilion at the COP-27 at Sharm-El-Sheikh in Egypt. The conference was chaired by Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary, MNRE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MNRE + MoP + IREDA + SECI + CEEW = hosted an International Conference on "Citizen-centric Energy Transition: Empowering Citizens with Mission LiFE" at COP-27
- The conference was chaired by – Bhupinder Singh Bhalla



545. On November 17, India and Australia convened their 5th bilateral Cyber Policy Dialogue in New Delhi. The Cyber Policy Dialogue was held under the auspices of the India-Australia Framework Arrangement on Cyber and Cyber-Enabled Critical Technology Cooperation and Plan of Action 2020-2025 for a comprehensive and deeper cyber cooperation. The dialogue was co-chaired by Joint Secretary (Cyber Diplomacy Division) Muanpui Saiawi from Ministry of External Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Australia = convened their 5th bilateral 'Cyber Policy Dialogue' in New Delhi
- The dialogue was co-chaired by – Muanpui Saiawi
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

546. India has improved its position by 6 slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the “Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022)” report released on November 19, 2022. The NRI Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars - Technology, People, Governance & Impact, covering a total of 58 variables. The report has been prepared by the US-based Portulans Institute. India also improved its score from 49.74 in 2021 to 51.19 in 2022. The report states that India secured 1st rank in ‘AI talent concentration’ indicator, and 2nd rank in ‘Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country’ as well as ‘International Internet bandwidth’. India is ranked 3rd out of 36 in the group of lower-middle-income countries after Ukraine (50) and Indonesia (59). With 80.30 score, the US topped the overall list globally, followed by Singapore & Canada. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – ranked 61st in the “Network Readiness Index 2022” | Top – US, 2nd – Singapore, 3rd – Sweden
- The report has been prepared by – Portulans Institute (US)

Ordinance, Bills & Acts

547. On November 18, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has been deliberating on various aspects of digital personal data and its protection, and has formulated a draft Bill, titled “Digital Personal Data Protection Bill 2022”. The purpose of the draft Bill is to provide for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognizes both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process personal data for lawful purposes. The Bill will establish the comprehensive legal framework governing digital personal data protection in India. The Bill has been introduced after 3 months of the withdrawal of the ‘Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019’. This bill has 7 principles. The bill comprises Data Principal and Data Fiduciary features; where Data Principal refers to the individual whose data is being collected, while Data Fiduciary is the entity who processes an individual’s personal data. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – formulated a draft Bill, titled “Digital Personal Data Protection Bill 2022”
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

548. In November 2022, Mahindra Group signed an MoU with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to support women's economic empowerment in India. Under this two-year MoU, both the organizations will work jointly to undertake research and analysis, implement programmes, and measure outcomes, focused on advancing women's empowerment. This MoU marks a significant step towards achieving the Mahindra Group's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitment of impacting 1 million women annually from 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahindra Group + BMGF = an MoU to support women's economic empowerment in India
- HQs of Mahindra group – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Anand Mahindra | CEO – Anish Shah

549. On November 18, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization established under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and 1M1B (1 Million For 1 Billion) Foundation signed an MoU at NESTS headquarters, New Delhi. The program will capacitate the teachers & students with Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) skills using the AR-VR skills curriculum launched by CBSE. Training and capacity-building programs will also be conducted for teachers and students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs). In pilot phase, as part of MoU, programme was implemented in EMRSs of 2 states, namely Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. 1M1B is a USA based Not for Profit Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NESTS (New Delhi) + 1M1B (US) = an MoU to train teachers & students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

550. On November 17, Jammu and Kashmir rural livelihoods mission, Umeed, and e-commerce firm Meesho signed an MoU to support the growth of 1,800 self-help group (SHG) members by providing them an online platform to launch and grow their business and empower rural women entrepreneurs. Going online with Meesho will allow these women to sell such products to all corners of India and benefit from higher visibility and additional income. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Umeed (J&K) + Meesho = an MoU to support the growth of 1,800 SHG members via e-commerce
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of Meesho – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founder & CEO – Vidit Aatrey





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