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National & States Affairs

701. On November 24, Ministry of Civil Aviation notified the draft Aircraft Security Rules, 2022 which will supersede Aircraft Security Rules, 2011. The new enable the aviation security regulator, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to impose penalties upto ₹1 Cr on airports and airlines for violation of security measures. Once the draft Rules are finalised, the BCAS can impose a fine of ₹50 lakh to ₹1 Cr (depending on the size of the company) on airports and airlines if they fail to prepare and implement a security programme, or if they commence operations without seeking a security clearance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Civil Aviation – notified the draft ‘Aircraft Security Rules, 2022’ (superseding ‘Aircraft Security Rules, 2011’)
- The new rules enable the BCAS to impose penalties up to ₹1 Cr on airports & airlines for violation of security measures
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh

702. On November 23, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that the state government has decided to give special grants to Kannada medium schools in Maharashtra and also pension to Kannadigas in Maharashtra who fought for the unification of the State. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY) is a flagship health insurance scheme of Government of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to give special grants to Kannada medium schools & pension to Kannadigas, both in Maharashtra
- ‘Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY)’ – a flagship health insurance scheme Maharashtra
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

703. On November 26, Narendra Modi launched various new initiatives under the ‘e-Court Project’ on the occasion of Constitution Day in the national capital. The initiatives launched by the Prime Minister include Virtual Justice Clock, JustIS mobile App 2.0, Digital court and S3WaaS Websites. The Project is an effort to provide services to litigants, lawyers and the judiciary through ICT enablement of courts. Virtual Justice Clock is an initiative to exhibit vital statistics of the justice delivery system at the Court level. JustIS Mobile App 2.0 is a tool available to judicial officers for effective court and case management. S3WaaS Website is a framework to generate, configure, deploy and manage websites for publishing specified information and services related to district judiciary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi launched various new initiatives under the ‘e-Court Project’:
 - Virtual Justice Clock, JustIS mobile App 2.0, Digital court, S3WaaS Websites

704. On November 23, Tamil Nadu State Finance Secretary N. Muruganandam attended the Institute of Internal Auditors - Madras Chapter conference on ‘Internal Audit’s Changing Landscape in the World of Fraud and Unknown’. Tamil Nadu was the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit. For this, Tamil Nadu has hired an officer from the Indian Audit and Accounts Service on deputation. The event was organised in association with Association of Certified Fraud Examiners-Chennai Chapter. ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ scheme of the state aims to bridge the gap by equipping college students with industry-relevant skills. The Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Center, BFSI is helping in this regard. An MoU between the Institute of Internal Auditors - Madras Chapter and Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Center, BFSI was signed on the occasion. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- N. Muruganandam – addressed the “Institute of Internal Auditors - Madras Chapter conference”
- Tamil Nadu – the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit
- ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ scheme – launched by Tamil Nadu
- Madras Chapter + BFSI = an MoU to bridge the gap by equipping college students with industry-relevant skills
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

705. Sultanpur village in Maharashtra has been named as ‘Rahul Nagar’ in memory of its native Rahul Shinde, who laid down his life while fighting terrorists during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in 2008. He was a constable of the State Reserve Police Force (SRPF). Shinde, who hailed from Sultanpur in Madha tehsil of Solapur district, was amongst the first police personnel to enter the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in south Mumbai after reports of firing by terrorists. Shinde was hit with a bullet in his stomach by terrorists, in which he died. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sultanpur village (Maharashtra) – named as ‘Rahul Nagar’ after Rahul Shinde
- Rahul Shinde – laid down his life while fighting terrorists during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in 2008
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

706. On November 24, Uttar Pradesh government plans to implement the Solid Waste Management (SWM) model of Indore throughout the urban bodies of the State in its bid to ensure planned, cleaner and greener cities. A team comprising of Neha Sharma, director of the Swachh Bharat Mission of Uttar Pradesh and representatives from the urban bodies visited Indore and undertook a comprehensive review of cleanliness model of the city. On its tour, the team also visited Asia’s largest Bio CNG plant located in Indore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – plans to implement the Solid Waste Management (SWM) model of Indore throughout the state
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

707. In November 2022, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released a new draft of Genetically Modified (GM) Food regulations called “Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified Foods) Regulations, 2022” for public consultation. It proposes front-of-the pack labelling for packaged food products that contain 1% or more of GM ingredients. The proposed draft regulation will be applicable on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) for food use, food ingredients produced from GMO that contains modified DNA, and GMO-derived ingredients, additives or processing aids. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSSAI – released a new draft of “Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified Foods) Regulations, 2022”
- It proposes front-of-the pack labelling for packaged food products that contain 1% or more of GM ingredients
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatota | CEO – Arun Singhal

708. On November 23, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Entrepreneurship Cell and Centre of Innovation, COI, at the Delhi campus of the Centre for Development of Telematics, C-DOT. He also reviewed C-DOT’s ongoing technology programmes including 5G, Quantum Key Distribution and advanced security projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – inaugurated the ‘Entrepreneurship Cell and COI’ at Delhi campus of C-DOT
- HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay



709. On November 26, Himalayan yak has been accepted as a food animal by the scientific panel of Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), after recommendation from Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD). Mihir Sarkar is the director of the National Research Centre on Yak (NRC-Y) which is based in Arunachal Pradesh's Dirang. According to a census carried out in 2019, India has some 58,000 yaks, a drop of about 25% from the last livestock census conducted in 2012. The FSSAI's recognition will help farmers rear the yak economically and open up several vistas of economic benefits for both farmers and food processors. Research at the NRC-Y has revealed yak milk is highly nutritious, rich in fat, contains essential minerals and has medicinal values. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himalayan yak – accepted as a 'food animal' by the scientific panel of FSSAI
- The recommendation was sent by – Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- National Research Centre on Yak (NRC-Y) – is based in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Arun Singhal

710. In November 2022, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has decided to audit the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to bring out the performance of these authorities in the context of the 74th constitutional amendment (introduced in Parliament in 1991 and enacted in 1993) and respective state Acts. The 12th Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the issues relating to municipalities. It provides for 3 types of municipalities - Nagar Panchayat, Municipal Council, and Municipal Corporation depending upon the size and area. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CAG – decided to audit the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to bring out the performance of these authorities
- 12th Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the issues relating to municipalities
- CAG – G. C. Murmu | CGA – Bharati Das

711. On November 28, Indore Municipal Corp is set to issue India's first municipal Green Bond designed for retail investors to fund a solar power project. Indore has mandated A.K. Capital Services Ltd. and SBI Capital Markets Ltd. as lead managers of the offering. The 60-megawatt solar plant will be built near Indore at a cost of 3 billion rupees. Indore has won the award of India's cleanest city for six years in a row. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indore Municipal Corp – will issue India's 1st municipal Green Bond to fund a 60 MW solar power project
- Indore – mandated A.K. Capital Services Ltd & SBI Capital Markets Ltd as Lead Managers
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

International Affairs

712. On November 22, Russia unveiled two nuclear-powered icebreakers, "Ural" and "Yakutia", that will ensure year-round navigation in the Western Arctic. The 173.3-metre Yakutia, with a displacement of up to 33,540 tonnes, can smash through ice of up to 3 metres. It will enter service in 2024. Two other icebreakers in the same series, the 'Arktika' and the 'Sibir', are already in service, and another, the 'Chukotka', is scheduled for 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – unveiled two nuclear-powered icebreakers, "Ural" and "Yakutia"
- Other icebreakers of Russia – 'Arktika', 'Sibir' & 'Chukotka'
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

713. On November 25, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) approved some amendments including increase in the maximum number of tie-ups for Corporate Agents (CA) and Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF). Now, a Corporate Agent can tie up with 9 insurers (earlier 3 insurers), and IMF can tie up with 6 insurers (earlier 2 insurers) in each line of business of life, general and health for distribution of their insurance products. Some of the other important proposals approved by the regulator are: Investment through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been made optional for Private Equity (PE) Funds enabling them to invest directly in insurance companies. Investments up to 25% of the paid-up capital by single investor will now be treated as 'investor' and investments over and above that will only be treated as promoter (Earlier the threshold was 10% for individual investor and 25% for all investors collectively). Now, promoters are allowed to dilute their stake up to 26%, subject to condition that the insurer has satisfactory solvency record for preceding 5 years and is listed entity. Moreover, the solvency ratio is reduced to 0.60% (from 0.80% earlier) for unit-linked plans of life insurers and to 0.05% (from 0.10% earlier) for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY). The IRDAI's overall aim is to reach 100% insurance penetration by 2047. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI approved the following amendments:
 - Corporate Agent can tie up with 9 insurers & Insurance Marketing Firms can tie up with 6 insurers in each category
 - Private Equity Funds can directly invest in insurance companies through Special Purpose Vehicle
 - Investments up to 25% of the paid-up capital by single investor will now be treated as 'investor'
 - Promoters can dilute their stake up to 26%, subject to condition
 - Solvency Ratio is reduced to 0.60% for unit-linked plans of life insurers & to 0.05% for PMJJBY
- The IRDAI's overall aim is to reach 100% insurance penetration by 2047
- [HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana](#) | [Chairman – Debasish Panda](#)

714. On November 29, Yes Bank has initially acquired a 9.9% shareholding in JC Flowers ARC. Yes Bank plans to acquire a further 10% shareholding in the asset reconstruction company, subject to requisite regulator approvals. Yes Bank and JC Flowers ARC are each in the process of applying for the requisite approvals from RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank – acquired 9.9% stake in JC Flowers ARC (the bank also plans to acquire further 10% stake in JC Flowers)
- [HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar](#) | [Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”](#)

Defence Affairs

715. On November 28, 'Austra Hind 22' bilateral training exercise between armies of India and Australia kick-started at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. The exercise was conducted till December 11. This is the first exercise in the series of The Austra Hind bilateral exercise which will be a yearly event that will be conducted alternatively in India and Australia. This joint exercise will enable the two armies to share best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures for conducting tactical operations at company and platoon level for neutralising hostile threats. Other joint military exercises with Australia include Exercise Pitch Black (Air force) and Ausindex (Navy). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 'Austra Hind 22' – bilateral training exercise between armies of India and Australia – conducted in Rajasthan
- Other joint military exercises with Australia: Exercise Pitch Black (Air force) & Ausindex (Navy)
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

716. The Indian Navy Motor Bike team, 'The Sea Riders' partnered with Royal Enfield to conduct a motorcycle expedition across the seven northeast states from 25 November to 14 December. The expedition, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, was flagged off by Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff virtually. Fifteen Sea Riders rode out on Royal Enfield Meteor 350 cc bikes on their journey to cover a total distance of 3500 kms over a period of 24 days across the seven states of NE India. The expedition is being conducted over two phases across seven states with each phase covering some of the toughest terrains in North East India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Sea Riders (Indian Navy) + Royal Enfield = partnered to conduct a motorcycle expedition across 7 northeast states
- The expedition was flagged off by – Adm R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff virtually
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Sheikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

717. On November 27, 'Ikshak', the 3rd of the 4 Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) project, was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai. It is being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and Larsen and Toubro (L&T) for Indian Navy and will be delivered by Oct 2023. The ship has been named 'Ikshak' which means 'Guide'. SVL ships will replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships with new generation hydrographic equipment to collect oceanographic data. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Ikshak', the 3rd of the 4 Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) project – launched at Kattupalli, Chennai, TN
- It is being built by GRSE and L&T for Indian Navy and will be delivered by Oct 2023
- SVL ships will replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships

718. On November 28, India-Malaysia joint military exercise, 'Harimau Shakti-2022' began at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia. The exercise culminated on December 12. The exercise is an annual training event between the Indian Army and the Malaysian Army being held since 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Malaysia = began joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti 2022" in Malaysia
- [Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur – Ringgit](#) | [PM – Anwar Ibrahim](#) | [King – Al-Sultan Abdullah](#)

Sports & Games

719. On November 27, Canada defeated Australia 2-0 to win its first Davis Cup title after Felix Auger-Aliassime beat Australia's Alex de Minaur in the second match of the finals in Malaga, Spain. This was the 110th edition of the tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Canada – won its first Davis Cup title (defeating - Australia)
- 'Davis Cup 2022', the 110th edition of the tournament – held in Malaga, Spain





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Persons in News

720. In November 2022, Lance Naik Manju became the first woman soldier sky diver of the Indian Army. She jumped off a ALH Dhruv chopper (Advanced Light Helicopter) from 10,000 feet to perform the sky dive that set the record. Lance Naik Manju is from the Corps of Military Police. She was trained by the skydiving training team of the Indian Army's Adventure Wing for this jump. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lance Naik Manju – became the first woman soldier sky diver of the Indian Army
- She jumped off a ALH Dhruv chopper from 10,000 feet
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

Science & Technology

721. From November 26, Telangana's Industries and Commerce Minister K. T. Rama Rao announced that India's first Integrated Rocket Design, Manufacturing and Testing Facility, by Skyroot Aerospace's facility, will be based in Telangana. Skyroot Aerospace is Hyderabad-based startup, incubated at T-Hub, and supported by TWorks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st Integrated Rocket Design, Manufacturing & Testing Facility (by Skyroot Aerospace) – to be based in Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of Skyroot Aerospace – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Pawan Kumar Chandana

722. On November 28, British luxury car manufacturer Rolls-Royce, in partnership with UK-based EasyJet Airlines, successfully tested modern Hydrogen-fueled aircraft engine on Salisbury Plain in the south western part of central southern England. This is for the first time a modern jet engine was tested for a hydrogen-based engine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rolls-Royce + EasyJet Airlines (UK) = successfully tested modern Hydrogen-fueled aircraft engine, the first of its kind
- HQs of Rolls-Royce – Derby, UK | CEO – Warren East

723. On November 29, Scientists at ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics), in association with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), have developed High-Resolution Spatial Maps for South Asia that enable cropland mapping for insurance claims and governments. The spatial maps cover the whole of South Asia, which is home to 1.9 billion people and 230 million hectares of net cropped area. Insurance companies and government agencies require high-quality satellite imagery to monitor and map floods, droughts and other climatic conditions to make the claims process more accurate and efficient. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICRISAT + ADB = developed High-Resolution Spatial Maps for insurance claims & governments in South Asia
- HQs of ICRISAT – Hyderabad, Telangana | DG – Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966



724. On November 26, the NASA launched 'Artemis I' moon mission's Orion spacecraft on Space Launch System (SLS) rocket. The space craft lifted off from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, US. Moreover, the US space agency, NASA, plans to send the first woman and first person of colour to the Moon by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – launched 'Artemis I' moon mission's Orion spacecraft on Space Launch System (SLS) rocket
- NASA – plans to send the first woman and first person of colour to the Moon by 2025
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

725. In November 2022, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been exempted by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) from taxing central inspection and approval regime, introduced in 2008, for manufacturing solid propellants for space rockets. PESO, earlier known as the Department of Explosives, regulates safety of hazardous substances including explosives, compressed gases and petroleum in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – is exempted of central inspection & approval regime by the PESO for manufacturing solid propellants
- PESO (earlier known as Department of Explosives) – functions under DPIIT, Ministry of C&I
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

726. On November 29, India's Chennai-based space-tech start-up AgniKul Cosmos has opened India's first-ever launchpad that is designed and operated by a private player at Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The facility was inaugurated by S. Somanath, Chairman of ISRO & Secretary of Department of Space. The facility has two sections - the Agnikul launchpad (ALP) and the Agnikul mission control center (AMCC). Agnikul's first launch will happen from this launchpad. Agnikul's first private small satellite rocket, Agnibaan, is a highly customizable, 2-stage launch vehicle, capable of taking up to 100 kg payload to orbits around 700 km high (low Earth orbits). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AgniKul Cosmos – opened India's first-ever launchpad that is designed & operated by a private player in Sriharikota, AP
- The facility has two sections – Agnikul Launchpad (ALP) & Agnikul Mission Control Center (AMCC)
- HQs of Agnikul Cosmos – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Co-Founder & CEO – Srinath Ravichandran

727. On November 27, a SpaceX Dragon cargo spacecraft, carrying over 3,500 kilograms of science experiments, crew supplies and other cargo successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS). This mission marked SpaceX's 26th commercial resupply mission. SpaceX's 26th commercial resupply mission carried a set of two International Space Station Roll-Out Solar Arrays (iROSA) to the space station. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'SpaceX Dragon' cargo spacecraft – successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS)
- This mission marked SpaceX's 26th commercial resupply mission that carried a set of two 'iROSA' to the ISS
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002



Appointments & Resignations

728. On November 25, Peru President Pedro Castillo named Minister of Culture Betsy Chavez as the country's new prime minister. She will replace Anibal Torres, who resigned. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Betsy Chavez – appointed as new PM of Peru (replacing - Anibal Torres)
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Pedro Castillo | PM – Betsy Chavez

729. On November 27, the world's longest-serving president, Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, has been re-elected to his sixth term in Equatorial Guinea. Obiang first came to power after a military takeover in 1979 when he took office from his predecessor and uncle, Francisco Macias Nguema. Though there have been several coups to displace him none have been successful. In 1968, Spanish Guinea gained independence and became the Republic of Equatorial Guinea with Francisco Macias Nguema as president. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo – re-elected for his 6th term as President of Equatorial Guinea
- He first came to power after a military takeover in 1979
- Equatorial Guinea – Malabo – CFA franc | President – Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

730. In November 2022, Indian-American academician Sunil Kumar appointed the next president of Massachusetts-based Tufts University, the first person of colour to occupy the position. He will succeed President Anthony Monaco as Tufts' 14th president on July 1, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Kumar – appointed as 14th President of Tufts University, Massachusetts, US (succeeding - Anthony Monaco)
- He is the first person of colour to occupy this position

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

731. On November 27, Indian snow leopard experts Charudutt Mishra and Koustubh Sharma, along with Chyngyz Kochorov of Kyrgyzstan, received the Madrid-based BBVA Foundation's "Worldwide Biodiversity Conservation Award" on behalf of the Global Snow Leopard Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP). Charudutt Mishra is the Executive Director of the Snow Leopard Trust, a Seattle-based non-profit that is the technical and financial partner of the GSLEP Program. The GSLEP is a first-of-its-kind intergovernmental alliance for the conservation of the snow leopard and its unique ecosystem. It is led by the Environment Ministers of 12 countries in Asia. The GSLEP Program's secretariat is based in Kyrgyzstan's Bishkek, and is hosted by Kyrgyzstan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Charudutt Mishra + Koustubh Sharma + Chyngyz Kochorov = received "Worldwide Biodiversity Conservation Award" by BBVA Foundation
- They received the award on behalf of Snow Leopard Trust, a technical & financial partner of the GSLEP Program
- GSLEP is led by the Environment Ministers of 12 countries in Asia | GSLEP Program's Secretariat – Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

732. On November 27, 13 projects from 6 countries - Afghanistan, China, India, Iran, Nepal and Thailand, were awarded the “UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2022”. The awards recognise conservation efforts of private individuals. Telangana’s Domakonda Fort & Mumbai’s Byculla Station won the ‘Award of Merit’, while the ‘Award of Distinction’ was bagged by the Stepwells of Golconda, in Telangana. Moreover, Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Museum won the ‘Award of Excellence’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Domakonda Fort (Telangana) + Byculla Station (Maharashtra) = won the ‘Award of Merit’
- Stepwells of Golconda (Telangana) – won the ‘Award of Distinction’
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Museum (Maharashtra) = won the ‘Award of Excellence’

733. On November 26, “e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline)” of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the Gold Award under the category ‘Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation’ of the “National Awards for e-Governance”. The award is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team eGovernance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj & AuditOnline)” – won the Gold Award at the “National Awards for e-Governance”
- eGramSwaraj & AuditOnline portals – belong to Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Minister of Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- Mos in Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Kapil Moreshwar Patil



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Schemes & Initiatives

734. On November 28, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the state government’s flagship “Har Ghar Gangajal” scheme in Rajgir. Under the first phase, about 7.5-lakh households of Rajgir (Nalanda), Gaya and Bodhgaya will start getting piped Ganga water. A Rs 4,000 Crore scheme has harvested floodwaters of Ganga to take it to reservoirs in Gaya and Rajgir. This is the first time in India that floodwater is harvested for the purpose of drinking. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitish Kumar (Bihar) – the state’s flagship “Har Ghar Gangajal” scheme with an outlay of Rs 4,000 Cr
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

Important Days & Dates

735. National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world raised in 1948, celebrated its 74th Raising Day on November 27, 2022. NCC Day is observed on the fourth Sunday of November that fell on November 27 this year. To mark the occasion, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane laid a wreath and paid homage to the fallen heroes on behalf of the entire NCC fraternity at National War Memorial, New Delhi on November 26, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 27 (4th Sunday of Nov) – 74th NCC Raising Day
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – ‘Unity & Discipline’



736. Every year, the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People is observed on November 29. It is a day to inform the public about the issues related to Palestine. The UNGA declared the observance of this day in 1977. It adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine on May 14, 1948, and the state of Israel was formed. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 29 – International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People

737. On November 18, an Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Multi-stakeholder Partnership Platform (MSPP) was established to mark the beginning of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW). It was launched globally by a quadripartite comprising the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the UN Environment Programme, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health. WAAW, a global campaign, is celebrated annually from 18-24 November. The global theme of 2022's WAAW is "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together". AMR occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines. This makes infections harder to treat and increases the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18 to 24 – World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
- 2022's Theme – "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together"
- FAO + UNEP + WHO + World Organisation for Animal Health = established an 'Antimicrobial Resistance MSPP'
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

738. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) commenced a week-long celebration of "Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2022" from November 28 to December 2 at all airports and ANS locations managed by AAI across India. AAI is committed to safe, transparent and accountability for its actions to stakeholders and the society at large. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 28 to December 2 – Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2022 – by AAI
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sanjeev Kumar

Books & Authors

739. The book titled "South vs North, India's Great Divide" is written by Nilakantan RS. In this book, the author tries to establish with the help of data how Southern States have scored much better than others in health, education and economic growth. The book was published by Juggernaut Publications. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "South vs North, India's Great Divide" book – written by Nilakantan RS
- Published by – Juggernaut Publications



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

740. From November 25 to 30, Prasar Bharati, India's Public Service Broadcaster, hosted the 59th "ABU General Assembly 2022" with the theme of "Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis" in New Delhi. The ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union) is a Non-profit, professional association of the broadcasting organizations of Asia and Pacific region. Around 300 international delegates from 40 countries representing 50 organizations participated in the event. The Conference is expected to strengthen relations with Foreign Broadcasters, particularly from ASEAN countries, thus favoring the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prasar Bharati – hosted the 59th "ABU General Assembly 2022" in New Delhi
- Theme – "Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis"
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Gaurav Dwivedi
- HQs of ABU – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Satoru Masagaki

741. Bengaluru was set to host the first "G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) Meeting" from December 13 to 15, 2022. The FCBD meeting was to be co-chaired by Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Dr Michael D Patra, Deputy Governor of RBI. The meeting marks the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the Indian G20 presidency and was set to be hosted jointly by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). According to the ministry, the G20 Finance Track, led by finance ministers and central bank governors of G20 countries, focuses on economic and financial issues. It provides a forum for global economic discourse and policy coordination. The first "G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting" will be held in Bengaluru during February 23-25, 2023. The Indian G20 Presidency's theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" will guide the G20 Finance Track discussions. Approximately 40 meetings of the Finance Track will be held in several locations across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bengaluru – to host first "G20 Finance & Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) Meeting" in December – co-chaired by Ajay Seth
- Bengaluru – will also host first "G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting" in February 2023
- Indian G20 Presidency's theme – "One Earth, One Family, One Future"

742. On November 25, the Ministry of Tourism, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organised a 'CEO roundtable on Sustainable Tourism'. The key objectives of the round table was to enhance awareness of industry stakeholders on national and global priorities for sustainable tourism and share and promote best practices on sustainable tourism. Adopting low-emissions technologies, optimising resource use, reduction in operation costs and increase in efficiency would be essential for improving environmental performance and tackling climate change. The roundtable took place at We the Peoples Hall, UN House, 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism + UNEP + RTSOI = organised a 'CEO roundtable on Sustainable Tourism' in New Delhi
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

743. On November 25, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again topped the list of the world's most popular leaders with an approval rating of 77%, according to the "Global Leader Approval Ratings" by Morning Consult Political Intelligence. The Indian PM is followed by Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador at 69% and Australian PM Anthony Albanese at 56%. US President Joe Biden and UK's new PM Rishi Sunak come lower down the list with approval ratings of 41% and 36%, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Leader Approval Ratings 2022" – by Morning Consult
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- 2nd – Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (Mexico) | 3rd – Anthony Albanese (Australia)

744. On November 22, Delhi-based think-tank, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released "The Plastic Life-Cycle report". The report was released at a one-day National Conclave in New Delhi's India Habitat Centre November 22, 2022. This is the fourth of a seven-part series based on a CSE report. According to the report, India is not properly collecting and recycling the trash, thus leading to lethal plastic pollution. India lays a lot of emphasis on waste management in official policy. But authorities have not understood the process properly enough. India is merely recycling (through mechanical recycling) 12% of its plastic waste. The Indian government claims that the country is recycling 60% of its plastic waste. However, this is limited to specific types of polymers (plastics) like PET bottles. The report also says that "Close to 20% of this waste is channelised for end-of-life solutions like co-incineration, plastic-to-fuel and road making, which means we are burning 20% of our plastic waste and still calling it 'recycling'". [{Read more}](#)

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 - 20% of this waste is channelised for end-of-life solutions like co-incineration, plastic-to-fuel and road making
- HQs of CSE – New Delhi | DG – Sunita Narain

745. On November 26, the Sangeet Natak Akademi bestowed special one-time awards named "Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards" on 86 artistes. It is given to the artistes who are above the age of 75 years. The General Council of the Akademi also selected 128 artistes from the fields of music, dance, theatre, folk, tribal and puppetry for the Sangeet Natak Akademi awards, better known as the "Akademi Puraskars", for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Both awards carry a purse of ₹1,00,000. The Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards were conferred by the President of India. Apart from this, the Akademi announced the names of 102 young artistes for the "Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar" for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. This award is given to artists below the age of 40 years. The award carries a purse of ₹25,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sangeet Natak Akademi bestowed:
 - "Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards" on 86 artistes
 - "Akademi Puraskars" on 128 artistes (for 2019, 2020 & 2021)
 - "Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar" on 102 young artistes (for 2019, 2020 & 2021)



746. On November 24, Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT), which poses a grave risk to several plant, animal and fungi species globally, should not just be viewed from the lens of conservation. It also has cascading impacts on ecosystem functions and processes that affect the climate, according to the report titled “Illegal Wildlife Trade and Climate Change: Joining the dots” released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The paper was released by the UNODC at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Illegal Wildlife Trade and Climate Change: Joining the dots” report – released by UNODC
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly

Acquisitions & Mergers

747. On November 28, Castrol India Limited (CIL), one of India’s leading lubricant players, and Ki Mobility Solutions Pvt Ltd (KMS), a leading Indian player in the independent automobile aftermarket business, have announced a collaboration to leverage each other’s strengths and expand India’s automotive aftermarket ecosystem via ‘myTVS’ which is KMS’s digitally integrated multi-brand service platform for two and four wheelers. CIL will acquire a 7.09% stake in KMS with a planned investment of up to INR 487.5 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIL + Ki Mobility Solutions = collaboration to expand India’s automotive aftermarket ecosystem via KMS’s ‘myTVS’
- CIL will acquire a 7.09% stake in KMS with a planned investment of up to Rs 487.5 Cr
- Castrol India Ltd – a subsidiary of an oil company ‘Castrol’ (UK)
- HQs of Ki Mobility Solutions – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

748. On November 28, News broadcaster, New Delhi Television Ltd’s (NDTV’s) promoter firm RRPR Holding transferred shares constituting 99.5% of its equity capital to Adani group-owned Vishvapradhan Commercial Pvt Ltd (VCPL). The transfer of shares will give the Adani group control over a 29.18% stake in NDTV. The conglomerate is also conducting an open offer for another 26% stake in the media firm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDTV’s promoter firm RRPR Holding transferred 99.5% of its equity capital to Vishvapradhan Commercial (Adani group)
- The transfer of shares will give the Adani group control over a 29.18% stake in NDTV
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairman – Gautam Adani | MD – Rajesh Adani

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

749. In November 2022, GE Aerospace and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) extended the manufacturing agreement under which TASL will continue to produce and supply several commercial aircraft engine components to GE’s global engine manufacturing factories. The contract was first signed in late 2017. The engine parts will be manufactured at the Tata Centre of Excellence for Aero Engines (Tata-TCoE). Tata-TCoE was established in 2018 to manufacture CFM International LEAP engine components in India. CFM International is an equal joint venture between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines. The Tata Center of Excellence for Aero Engines has been set up as the state-of-the-art modern shop for complex aero-engine manufacturing for global customers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- GE Aerospace + Tata Advanced Systems = tied up to extend manufacturing of commercial aircraft engine components
- The contract was first signed in late 2017
- CFM International is an equal JV between = GE + Safran Aircraft Engines
- HQs of Tata Advanced Systems – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sukaran Singh

750. On November 27, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras partnered with Australian Universities to launch “Australia-India Centre for Energy” to work on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The AICE aims to promote collaboration among universities, research institutes and industry from both countries in the energy domain. The virtual Centre will be launched during the two-day Energy Summit 2022 hosted by IIT Madras in December. The key mission of the Centre will be to enable deep collaborations between Australia and India in the energy sector through transformative research, technology development and deployment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras + Australian Universities = partnered to launch “Australia-India Centre for Energy” to work on UN SDGs
- Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese





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