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National & States Affairs

751. On November 28, Ministry of Power launched a Scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW on competitive basis for five years on Finance, Own and Operate (FOO) basis under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy. PFC Consulting Limited (A wholly owned subsidiary of PFC Ltd) has been designated as the Nodal Agency by the Ministry of Power. Under the scheme, PFC Consulting Ltd has invited bids for the supply of 4,500 MW. Supply of electricity will commence from April 2023. Ministry of Coal has been requested to allocate around 27 MTPA for this. It is for the first time that bidding is being carried out under B(v) of Shakti scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power – launched a Scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy
- Nodal Agency – PFC Consulting Limited (subsidiary of PFC Ltd)
- Supply of electricity will commence from April 2023
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar
- HQs of PFC Ltd – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon

752. On November 28, Kochi-based solar-electric boat manufacturer NavAlt Solar & Electric Boats Pvt Ltd has received its first export order worth \$650,000 (nearly ₹5 crore) from Maldives. Maldives will use the 20 meters long and 7 meters wide ferry for inter-island passenger transport. The boat's 40 kW motor will be powered by a 40kWh (LFP or LTO) battery, which can be charged either with grid power or, at least partly, with a 20kW solar panel on the roof. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NavAlt Solar & Electric Boats – received its first export order worth \$650,000 (nearly ₹5 crore) from Maldives
- HQs of NavAlt Solar & Electric Boats – Kochi, Kerala | Founder & CEO – Sandith Thandasherry

753. On November 30, Meghalaya became the third state in India & first in Northeast to have a comprehensive policy for mental health and social care. This policy will ensure proper attention to mental health especially for children, adolescents and youth. The policy seeks to address the social determinants of mental ill-health and ensure cultural security through collaborative engagement with the communities it intends to serve. Besides Meghalaya, Kerala and Karnataka are the other two states in the country to have such policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – 3rd state in India & 1st in Northeast to have a 'Comprehensive Policy for Mental Health and Social Care'
- Kerala & Karnataka are other two states in India to have such policy
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – B. D. Mishra (addi. charge)

International Affairs

754. On November 29, in response to a request from Maldives, India has provided financial assistance of USD 100 million as budgetary support to tide over the difficult economic situation in the Maldives. The financial assistance was provided through a Treasury Bond sale to the SBI, Male. Munu Mahawar is the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India has provided financial assistance of \$100 million as budgetary support to Maldives
- High Commissioner of India to Maldives – Munu Mahawar
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

755. The Reserve Bank of India's "All-India House Price Index (HPI)" grew by 4.5% year on year during the second quarter (Q2 FY23) ended on September 2022. The HPI had grown by 3.5% in the previous quarter (Q1). RBI's HPI is based on transaction-level data received from the registration authorities in ten major cities in India - Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai. The YoY movements in HPI varied widely across the cities, ranging from a growth of 11.1% in Kochi to a contraction of 4.1% in Jaipur. Moreover, bank credit for housing, including priority sector lending, rose by 16% YoY this September, as against 12.2% a year ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "All-India House Price Index (HPI)" – released by RBI
- HPI grew by 4.5% YoY basis during Q2 FY23 | Highest – 11.1% in Kochi, Lowest – 4.1% in Jaipur
- Bank Credit for housing rose by 16% YoY in September 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

756. On November 29, SEBI restructured its advisory committees pertaining to foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and social stock exchange (SSE). Former finance secretary Hasmukh Adhia will now chair the 16-member FPI Advisory Committee. It was earlier headed by K V Subramanian, former chief economic adviser to the government of India. The 18-member social stock exchange advisory committee will now be headed by R Balasubramaniam, chairman of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM). It was earlier chaired by Ishaat Hussain (Director at SBI Foundation and former Finance Director at Tata Sons). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – restructured its FPIs advisory committee (16 members) & SSE advisory committee (18 members)
- FPI Advisory Committee will now be headed by – Hasmukh Adhia
- SSE Advisory Committee will now be headed by – R Balasubramaniam
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

757. On November 28, Kotak Mahindra Bank tied up with actyv.ai to Provide Dealer Finance under the 'Buy Now, Pay Later' category for working capital needs of dealers. actyv.ai is an AI-powered enterprise SaaS platform. Through its partnerships with financial institutions, actyv.ai enables enterprises, suppliers, distributors and retailers to grow. Established in 1985, Kotak Mahindra Group is one of India's leading financial services conglomerates. In February 2003, Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. (KMFL), the Group's flagship company, received banking licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), becoming the first NBFC in India to convert into a bank - Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank + actyv.ai = tied up to provide Dealer Finance under the 'Buy Now, Pay Later'
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"



758. On November 28, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) entered into bancassurance partnerships with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd, part of the Chennai-based Murugappa Group to provide general insurance products. Moreover, the Bank has entered into bancassurance partnerships with Max Life Insurance Company too to provide life insurance schemes to its customers. Chola MS General Insurance works with 11 public sector banks that have 34,000 branches across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TMB + Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company = bancassurance to provide general insurance products
- TMB + Max Life Insurance Company = bancassurance to provide life insurance schemes
- HQs of TMB – Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam
- HQs of Cholamandalam MS Gen. Ins. – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Chairman – M. M. Murugappan
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy

759. On November 30, BookMyForex.com launched the Interbank Rate Multi-Currency Forex Card. BookMyForex is the first to offer forex cards with zero markup on the live Interbank rate, making it the first true zero markup travel card available in India. The BookMyForex Co-branded multi-currency card has been developed in association with Yes Bank, M2P and is powered by Visa. BookMyForex.com is India's first online foreign exchange marketplace. During regular banking hours, international travellers will be able to buy Forex Cards at Interbank Rates with zero added markup. The card can be loaded with 14 different currencies, and the exchange rates on forex cards remain fixed, unlike any INR based debit or credit cards. BookMyForex will also be providing a "FREE International SIM with Unlimited Incoming calls and WhatsApp Chats" along with the Interbank rate Forex Card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BookMyForex + Yes Bank + Visa = launched the 'Interbank Rate Multi-Currency Forex Card'
- BookMyForex – will also provide a "FREE International SIM with Unlimited Incoming calls & WhatsApp Chats" with Card
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"

760. On November 28, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its "Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs: September 2022". According to the data, Bank credit growth accelerated to 17.2% in the quarter ended September 2022 from 7% in the same period of the previous year. In the quarter ended June 2022, bank credit was at 14.2%. RBI collects this data from all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), which include regional rural banks (RRBs), small finance banks (SFBs), and payments banks. Year-on-year (YoY) aggregate deposit growth stood at 9.8% in September 2022. The release said that YoY growth in term deposits rose to 10.2% in September 2022 from 6.4% a year ago. Moreover, current and savings deposits growth moderated to 8.8% and 9.4% from 17.5% and 14.5%, respectively, a year ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released its "Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs: September 2022"
- According to the data:
 - Bank credit growth accelerated to 17.2% in the Q2 2022 (from 7% in Q2 2021)
 - YoY aggregate deposit growth stood at 9.8% in September 2022
 - YoY growth in term deposits rose to 10.2% in September 2022 from 6.4% a year ago
 - Current deposits growth is 8.8% (from 17.5% a year ago)
 - Savings deposits growth is 9.4% (from 14.5% a year ago)



761. On November 29, Star Health and Allied Insurance launched the “Star Out Patient Care Insurance Policy”. The policy aims at providing complete health and wellness benefits to customers at an affordable cost. The policy aims to bridge the gap between expenses related to in-patient hospitalisation, which is catered to by the health insurance industry, and outpatient expenses. The minimum entry age for adults is between 18 years to 50 years and for dependent children, from 31 days to 25 years. The policy has four sum insured (SI) options that customers can choose from - cover of ₹25,000, ₹50,000, ₹75,000 and ₹1 lakh for a policy term of one year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Star Health & Allied Insurance – launched the “Star Out Patient Care Insurance Policy”
- Minimum entry age (adults) – between 18 years to 50 years & for dependent children from 31 days to 25 years
- The policy has four sum insured (SI) options – cover of ₹25,000, ₹50,000, ₹75,000 & ₹1 lakh for a policy term of 1 year
- HQs of Star Health Insurance – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Chairman & CEO – Venkatasamy Jagannathan

762. On November 29, TurtleFin, an insurance technology (insurtech) company and Yes Bank partnered to develop a comprehensive technology platform, ‘EasyNsure’. EasyNsure will bring multiple insurance partners onto a common platform so that they can provide benefits such as a seamless single point online insurance service, ability to compare and select a suitable insurance cover basis the customer’s need, and a facility to compare costs for rationalising purchase decisions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TurtleFin (Mumbai) + Yes Bank = partnership to develop a comprehensive technology platform, ‘EasyNsure’
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

763. On November 29, SBM Bank India, a subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius, partnered with Open Financial Technologies to offer no/low code and API-based embedded finance solutions on “Zwitch” platform for fintechs. Fintechs and non-fintechs alike will be able to use end-to-end embedded finance platform Zwitch to build their own financial products using its technology stack. Zwitch is built and operated by Open, which claims to be the world’s fastest-growing digital banking enterprise. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBM Bank India + Open = partnered to launch fintech platform “Zwitch” to offer API-based embedded finance solutions
- Zwitch is built & operated by – Open FinTech
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Anish Achuthan
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking license from the RBI

764. On November 29, in order to protect the interest of investors in securities and promote the development of market, the SEBI has increased the investment limit of Mutual Funds (MFs) in debt instruments issued by a single issuer to 12% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) from 10%. However, fund houses have to seek the prior approval of the boards of Trustees and Directors of the Asset Management Company (AMC) before hitting the enhanced limit. To avoid inconsistency in investment by MFs in debt instruments of an issuer, SEBI has introduced a similar Credit Rating-based Single-Issuer Limit for actively and passively managed schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – increased the investment limit of Mutual Funds in debt instruments issued by a single issuer to 12% of NAV
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

765. On November 29, the SEBI barred Udai Kumar, former MD and CEO of MSEI (Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India) for six months from being associated with any market infrastructure institution or its associated entities. Udai Kumar was sent on indefinite leave from the post of MD and CEO from July 2018 onwards. SEBI found that under Kumar's tenure the policy for reimbursement of clearing fees in the currency derivative (CD) segment and technology scheme of MSEI were introduced, which had violated the market norms. SEBI also noted that there was unauthorised utilisation of exchange funds for market making in the CD segment during FY18. Separately, non-adherence to its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) while making payment against fictitious bills was also observed by the SEBI. Therefore, Kumar being a director of the exchange failed to comply with SECC norms and code of conduct prescribed under it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – barred Udai Kumar for 6 months from being associated with any market infrastructure institution
- Udai Kumar – former MD & CEO of MSEI (Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

Defence Affairs

766. In November 2022, in a first, the Indian Army has trained kites namely 'Arjun' to prey on enemy drones and they were shown in action during the joint training exercise Yuddh Abhyas of India. The 18th edition of the Indo-US joint training exercise "Yudh Abhyas 22" commenced in Uttarakhand's Auli. During the exercise, the Indian Army created a situation, in which the Indian Army used a kite and a dog to identify the location of enemy drones and destroy them. In this, the dog alerts the Indian Army after hearing the sound of the drone. Whereas the kite works to identify the location of the enemy's drone and circumcise it in the air. Exercise Yudh Abhyas is conducted annually between India and US with the aim of exchanging best practices, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures between the Armies of the two nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army – trained kites 'Arjun' during 18th Indo-US joint training exercise "Yudh Abhyas 22" in Uttarakhand's Auli
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

Sports & Games

767. On November 28, Maharashtra captain Ruturaj Gaikwad created a world record during the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2022 by scoring 7 sixes (43 runs) in a single over, in a match against Uttar Pradesh at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. One of the over's balls was a no-ball, on which Gaikwad hit a six. Gaikwad also holds the world record for hitting the highest number of runs in a single over - 42, which is now replaced with 43. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ruturaj Gaikwad – created a world record by scoring 7 sixes (43 runs) in a single over
- Ruturaj Gaikwad – also holds the world record for hitting the highest number of runs in a single over



768. In November 2022, GM Magnus Carlsen of Norway finished the “Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Finals” against GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda of Poland in San Francisco, US. The world champion Magnus scored a stunning 20/21, 7 points more than runner-up Filipino and American GM Wesley So. The all-Indian match between GM Praggnanandhaa R. and GM Arjun Erigaisi was won by Praggnanandhaa who stood 5th in the final standing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) – won the “Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Finals” (against GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda)
- Runner-up – GM Wesley So

Science & Technology

769. In a first-of-its-kind work, using data from ‘SARAS 3’ telescope, researchers from the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in Australia, along with collaborators at the University of Cambridge and the University of Tel-Aviv, estimated the energy output, luminosity, and masses of the first generation of galaxies that are bright in radio wavelengths. Scientists have determined properties of radio luminous galaxies formed just 200 million years post the Big Bang. Shaped Antenna measurement of the background Radio Spectrum 3 (SARAS) telescope, indigenously designed and built at Raman Research Institute, was deployed over Dandiganahalli Lake and Sharavati backwaters, located in Northern Karnataka, in 2020. Results from the paper by Saurabh Singh from RRI and Ravi Subrahmanyam from CSIRO, were published in the journal Nature Astronomy on November 28, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from the RRI & CSIRO estimated the energy output, luminosity & masses of the first generation of Galaxies
- ‘Shaped Antenna measurement of the background Radio Spectrum 3 (SARAS)’ telescope – designed & built by Raman Research Institute (Bengaluru) – deployed over Dandiganahalli Lake & Sharavati backwaters (Karnataka)
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

770. On November 28, Japan’s space agency JAXA has successfully used steam (water) to propel its spacecraft that was launched as one of the payloads aboard NASA’s Orion spacecraft. This is the world’s first successful orbit control beyond low-Earth orbit using a water propellant propulsion system. JAXA’s water-powered spacecraft namely “CubeSat EQUilibrium Lunar-Earth point 6U Spacecraft (EQUULEUS)” performed the required manoeuvres to be in its planned orbit towards the second Earth-Moon Lagrange point (EML2) - a position situated beyond the Moon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JAXA – successfully used steam (water) to propel its spacecraft namely ‘EQUULEUS’, the first of its kind in the world
- [HQs of JAXA – Tokyo, Japan](#) | [President – Yamakawa Hiroshi](#)





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Appointments & Resignations

771. On November 29, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved the appointment of Sundararaman Ramamurthy as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange). Ramamurthy was previous senior vice president of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Ramamurthy succeeds Ashish kumar Chauhan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sundararaman Ramamurthy – appointed as MD & CEO of BSE
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | MD & CEO – Sundararaman Ramamurthy

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

772. On November 29, Manav Rachna International School was honoured with the 'Best School Promoting Sports' Award at the 11th edition of FICCI's Global Sports Summit, 'TURF 2022' and 'India Sports Awards' of FICCI, held in New Delhi. The theme of the "TURF 2022" summit was "Vision 2047: Indian Sports after 100 years of Independence". Dronacharya Awardee and Former Ranji Cricketer, Sarkar Talwar, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the year. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) was honoured with the 'Best Educational Institute Promoting Sports' award. Odisha received the 'Best States Promoting Sports' award. All India Chess Federation was awarded with the 'National Sports Federation of the Year'. Nikhil Naz & Rakesh Rao were awarded 'Sports Journalist of the Year - Electronic' & 'Sports Journalist of the Year - Print', respectively. Sports Authority of India was honoured with 'Excellence in Sports Governance'. Ramachandran Ramesh (RB Ramesh) & Nonita Lal Qureshi were awarded 'Coach of the Year - Male' & 'Coach of the Year - Female' respectively. Shrey Kadyan received the 'Sportsperson of the Year - Special' while Avani Lekhara received the 'Sportsperson of the Year - Para'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 11th edition of 'TURF 2022' and 'India Sports Awards 2022' – organised by FICCI in New Delhi
- Theme of 'TURF 2022' – "Vision 2047: Indian Sports after 100 years of Independence"
- India Sports Awards 2022:
 - 'Best School Promoting Sports' – Manav Rachna International School (Faridabad, Haryana)
 - 'Lifetime Achievement Award' – Sarkar Talwar
 - 'Best Educational Institute Promoting Sports' – Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
 - 'Best State Promoting Sports' – Odisha
 - 'National Sports Federation of the Year' – All India Chess Federation
 - 'Sports Journalist of the Year – Electronic' – Nikhil Naz
 - 'Sports Journalist of the Year - Print' – Rakesh Rao
 - 'Excellence in Sports Governance' – Sports Authority of India
 - 'Coach of the Year - Male' – RB Ramesh (Chess)
 - 'Coach of the Year – Female' – Nonita Lal Qureshi (Golf)
 - 'Sportsperson of the Year' - Special – Shrey Kadyan
 - 'Sportsperson of the Year' - Para – Avani Lekhara



773. On November 29, Manthan platform, powered by NSEIT, won the “Best Tech Initiative of the Year” at the ‘Dun & Bradstreet Business Excellence Awards 2022’ during an event in Mumbai. The award was presented for building the technology infrastructure to support Manthan, a platform that promotes collaboration at scale between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem. Launched on India’s 76th Independence Day, Manthan empowers multiple stakeholders to collaborate for co-creating solutions aligned with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our national scientific missions. NSEIT Limited is a global technology enterprise focused on delivering excellence in a complex digital environment, primarily in the banking, insurance, and capital market ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manthan platform – won “Best Tech Initiative of the Year” at the ‘Dun & Bradstreet Business Excellence Awards 2022’
- Manthan platform is powered by NSEIT Ltd

774. On November 28, NGO Swayam Shikshan Prayog received the “Local Adaptation Champions Award” organised by the Global Centre on Adaptation, at the COP27 climate summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Swayam Shikshan Prayog won the award in the ‘capacity and knowledge’ category for the work in supporting women farmers to adopt more resilient and sustainable agricultural practices in Marathwada in Maharashtra. The NGO founded by the late Prema Gopalan worked mostly with the Gujarat earthquake in 2001, Tamil Nadu tsunami in 2004, floods in Bihar in 2007 and Kerala in 2018 and is working extensively in three states Kerala, Bihar and Maharashtra. Till now, the NGO has trained 3,00,000 rural women from across India to adapt to climate change with this model which is being implemented in eight districts in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swayam Shikshan Prayog (NGO) – received the “Local Adaptation Champions Award” in ‘capacity & knowledge’ category
- The Award was organised by Global Centre on Adaptation at COP27
- Swayam Shikshan Prayog – founded by the late Prema Gopalan

775. Prashant Wagh has been conferred with ‘Asia’s Inspirational Leader 2022’ award by White Page International, at the ‘Global Business Conclave 2022’, held in London. He is MD of AQURA Enviro Projects Private Limited. The award was bestowed upon him in recognition of his exemplary achievements and immense contribution to the growth of his organisation and industry. Moreover, AQURA was also recognised as ‘Asia’s most admired brand 2022’, for having made a mark due to innovative solutions, sustainability, social impact and goodwill. The conclave was organised by White Page International and WCRC INT. Established in 1995, AQURA Enviro Projects Private Limited offers environment management consultancy services to different industries, corporate entities and institutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Global Business Conclave 2022’ – held in London
- Prashant Wagh – conferred with ‘Asia’s Inspirational Leader 2022’ award by White Page International
- Prashant Wagh – MD of AQURA Enviro Projects Pvt Ltd
- AQURA – recognised as ‘Asia’s Most Admired Brand 2022’
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Rishi Sunak \(57th\)](#) | [New King – King Charles III](#)

776. On November 27, Sonam Wangchuk was awarded the seventh “Dr Paulos Mar Gregorios Award” by former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu. He is Ladakh-based engineer whose life inspired a character in Bollywood blockbuster “3 Idiots”. Instituted by the Sophia Society of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Church, the award is given every alternate year in the memory of the first Metropolitan of Delhi Diocese and noted philosopher Dr Paulos Mar Gregorios. Born in Uleytokpo, near Alchi of Leh district, 56-year-old Wangchuk has also won Ramon Magsasay award for his community-driven reform of learning systems in remote northern India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sonam Wangchuk (Ladakh-based Engineer) – awarded the 7th “Dr Paulos Mar Gregorios Award”
- Sonam Wangchuk – inspired a character in Bollywood blockbuster “3 Idiots”
- Dr Paulos Mar Gregorios Award – instituted by the Sophia Society of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Church

777. On November 28, Union Ministry of Textiles organized “Shilp Guru” and “National Awards for Master Craftpersons” for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019. 30 Shilp Guru Awards and 78 National Awards for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019 were presented to master craftpersons, 36 of whom are women. Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, was the Chief Guest of the award ceremony. Union Minister Piyush Goyal presided over the function. The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has been implementing the scheme of National Awards for master craftpersons since 1965. While the Shilp Guru, introduced in 2002, is the highest honour in the Indian handicrafts sector. The award carries a gold coin, Rs 2 lakh prize money, a Tamrapatra, a shawl and a certificate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Textiles – organized “Shilp Guru” & “National Awards for Master Craftpersons” for 2017, 2018 & 2019
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar – conferred 30 Shilp Guru Awards & 78 National Awards for 2017, 2018 & 2019
- The award carries a gold coin, Rs 2 lakh prize money, a Tamrapatra, a shawl & a certificate
- [Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

778. The 53rd International Film Festival of India was held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2022. Nadav Lapid, Israeli Film Director & Screenwriter, headed the jury. The prestigious Golden Peacock for the Best Film of the festival goes to Spanish film “I have Electric Dreams” (Tengo Suenos Electricos). Iranian writer and director Nader Saeivar gets Silver Peacock for Best Director for ‘No End’. Vahid Mobasseri, lead actor of ‘No End’, was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male) award. Daniela Marin Navarro, lead Actor of Best Film ‘I Have Electric Dreams’ was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female). Moreover, there were some other awards as mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 53rd International Film Festival of India – held in Goa (Jury was headed by - Nadav Lapid)
- Golden Peacock Awards at IFFI 2022:
 - Best Film – ‘I have Electric Dreams’ (Tengo Suenos Electricos) film of Spain
 - Best Director – Nader Saeivar (Iran) – for ‘No End’ film
 - Best Actor (Male) – Vahid Mobasseri – for ‘No End’ film
 - Best Actor (Female) – Daniela Marin Navarro – for ‘I Have Electric Dreams’ film
 - ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal – ‘Nargesi’ film of Iran (directed by - Payam Eskandari)
 - Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022 – Chiranjeevi Konidela (Tollywood)
 - Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022 – Carlos Saura (Spain)
 - Winner of the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow – Team Purple (‘Dear Diary’)
 - Prasad DI Award – ‘Agantuk’ film (Bangladesh)
 - Special Jury Award – Lav Diaz (Filipino filmmaker)
 - Country of Focus for IFFI 2022 – France



779. In November 2022, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Prathishtana, Kuppali has chosen Tamil poet V. Annamalai for the “Kuvempu National Award” for the year 2022. The award would be conferred on V. Annamalai at the Kuvempu’s birth anniversary programme on December 29 at Kuppali in Thirthahalli taluk. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a silver medal and a citation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Annamalai (Tamil Poet) – selected for the “Kuvempu National Award” for the year 2022 (to be conferred on Dec 29)
- The awards are organised by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Prathishtana, Kuppali (Karnataka)

780. In November 2022, Painter AP Shreethar, Museum man of India, was honored with Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award 2022 in Delhi. He is celebrated for his conceptualization of India’s first, one-of-a-kind, 3D, and interactive Click Art Museum - holding house at VGP Snow Kingdom, Chennai. The 2017 LIMCA book of World Records added this monumental breakthrough to its collection. AP. Shreethar is additionally credited as the creator of the world’s first Live Art Museum; Chennai’s Vintage Camera Museum; Singapore’s Vintage Camera Museum (Asia’s largest camera museum), and The House of Kalam - a special click art museum in the premises of the late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. He is also behind a new cultural movement called Momentism, known for artworks created in a short moment or a very minuscule time frame. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AP Shreethar – honoured with “Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award” (He is known as ‘Museum Man of India’)
- He conceptualized India’s first 3D & interactive Click Art Museum in Chennai

781. On November 28, the pavilion of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) was awarded for “Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach” at the 41st India International Trade Fair 2022 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare’s pavilion successfully engaged the audience and disseminated information by way of organizing quiz competitions on TB, No Tobacco, Vector borne diseases, and non-communicable diseases. Padma Shri and Khel Ratna awardee Dr. Deepa Malik visited the pavilion and pledged support as a Nikshay Mitra. The award was presented by Chief Guest Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and MD of India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). Kerala has won a gold medal in the ‘State and Union Territory’ category for the Best Pavilion. While Odisha’s pavilion was awarded the “Special Appreciation Certificate for Excellence in Display” in the ‘State and Union Territory’ category. Afghanistan was awarded with gold medal in the ‘Foreign Sector’ category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 41st India International Trade Fair 2022 held – at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- MoHFW – awarded for “Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach”
- Kerala – gold medal in ‘State & UT’ category for ‘Best Pavilion’ | Afghanistan – gold medal in ‘Foreign Sector’ category
- Odisha – awarded the “Special Appreciation Certificate for Excellence in Display” in the ‘State & UT’ category
- HQs of ITPO – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Pradeep Singh Kharola

Important Days & Dates

782. The National Zoological Park, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) celebrated the International Jaguar Day, on November 29. On this occasion National Zoological Park organized activities like Zoo Walk and Expert talk on ‘Big Cats and Jaguars’. Observed annually on November 29, International Jaguar Day celebrates the Americas’ largest wild cat as an umbrella species for biodiversity conservation. Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) is the third largest Cat Predator of the World and an important species of Amazon Rainforest. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- November 29 – International Jaguar Day
- Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) is the third largest Cat Predator of the World

783. India celebrated its National Organ Donation Day on November 27 across the country. The aim of this day is to motivate normal human beings to pledge to donate organs after death, and to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation. Organ Donation and transplantation is permitted by law, and is covered under the “Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), 1994”, which has allowed live and deceased organ donation. National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) is a National level organization set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for promotion of organ & tissue donation and transplantation in the country. August 13 is celebrated as World Organ Donation Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 27 – National Organ Donation Day
- Organ Donation & transplantation in India is covered under – “Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), 1994”
- NOTTO – implementing agency for promotion of organ/tissue donation & transplantation in India
- August 13 – World Organ Donation Day

784. On November 27, the “Red Planet Day” is observed on November 28 every year. The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’, a robotic interplanetary probe, by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA. The spacecraft became the first mission to successfully capture the close-up images of Mars. The special day is celebrated to create awareness about Mars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 28 – Red Planet Day
- The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’ by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory & NASA

785. The “Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” by the United Nations is observed on November 30 every year to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare. The day also highlights the pledge taken by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons. The day was first observed in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 30 – Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare by UN (since 2016)
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Established in – October 24, 1945

Books & Authors

786. On November 25, “Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History” authored by Vikram Sampath was released. It is an anthology of 15 stories of men and women and their indomitable spirit of freedom and courage. The book has been published by Penguin India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History” book – authored by Vikram Sampath
- Publisher – Penguin India



Obituaries

787. On November 29, Toyota Kirloskar Motor vice chairperson Vikram Kirloskar passed away. He was instrumental in bringing Japanese auto major Toyota to India. A mechanical engineer from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Kirloskar was the vice-chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM). TKM is a joint venture between the Japanese auto major and the Kirloskar Group. Kirloskar had also served as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in the past. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vikram Kirloskar – Vice Chairperson of Toyota Kirloskar Motor & Former President of CII – passed away

788. On November 30, former Chinese President Jiang Zemin passed away of leukaemia and multiple organ failure, Chinese state media reported. Jiang was plucked from obscurity to head China's ruling Communist Party after the bloody Tiananmen crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989, but broke the country out of its subsequent diplomatic isolation, mending fences with the United States and overseeing an unprecedented economic boom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jiang Zemin – Former President of China – passed away
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

789. The 14th edition of "Aero India" will be held in 2023 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Ministry of Defence (MoD) organised the Air Force Day in Chandigarh, this year. MoD has also moved 2023 Army Day parade from the national capital to Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 14th edition of "Aero India" – to be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru (in 2023)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

790. On November 24, Asian Arab Trade Chamber of Commerce (AATCOC) announced that the 'Indian Travel Exhibition' will held at Manpho Convention Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka from February 24 - 26, 2023. 'Indian Travel Exhibition' will showcase a variety of destinations from different sectors such as pilgrimages, adventures, culture & heritage, beaches, hills and much more. The event will have over 250 participants from over 7 countries and over 20 Indian states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Indian Travel Exhibition' – will be organised by Asian Arab Trade Chamber of Commerce in Bengaluru (in Feb 2023)
- Location of AATCOC – Bengaluru, Karnataka

791. On November 28, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held the 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue with Minister of Armed Forces of the French Republic Mr Sebastien Lecornu in New Delhi. A wide range of bilateral, regional, defence and defence industrial cooperation issues were discussed in the dialogue. France is the current chair of Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) and both countries cooperate closely in these fora. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh + Sebastien Lecornu = held the 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue in New Delhi
- Current chair of Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) & Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) – France



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

792. The volume of water in Africa's major rivers decreased in 2021 compared to the average in the last two decades, according to the 1st "State of Global Water Resources" report published by World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on November 29, 2022. The water discharge of Niger, Volta, Nile and Congo rivers in 2021 was less than the average calculated from 2002-2020. The water storage in southern African river basins of Zambezi and Orange had been above the normal.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st "State of Global Water Resources" report – published by WMO
- Volume of water in Africa's major rivers decreased in 2021 compared to the average in the last two decades
- HQs of WMO – Geneva, Switzerland | SG – Petteri Taalas | President – Gerhard Adrian | Established in – 1950

793. On November 28, India received its first cargo from Indonesia's Tangguh liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant at the Dahej terminal. The LNG cargo was transported by the BW Helios tanker. The BW Helios picked up the cargo of 132,000 cubic metres at the Tangguh LNG loading facility on Sept. 18. Indonesian LNG cargoes are typically exported to north Asia, and that India receives LNG cargoes from Qatar, Oman and the UAE. Tangguh LNG plant is in Indonesia's West Papua province and began production in 2009. Its output capacity is 7.6 million tonnes of LNG per annum (mtpa) from two existing trains. A third train is expected to come on stream in March 2023 which will bring the plant's total production capacity to 11.4 mtpa.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – received its 1st cargo from Tangguh LNG plant (Indonesia) at the Dahej terminal
- The LNG cargo was transported by – BW Helios tanker
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

794. India's tribal communities form 8.6% of India's population according to the 2011 Census. But they are at the bottom of the country's development pyramid even after 75 years of independence, according to "Tribal Development Report 2022" released by the Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) on November 28, 2022. The report, launched in two volumes, claims to be the first of its kind since 1947. Central India is home to 80% of the tribal communities in India. The BRLF was set up by the Union Cabinet on September 3, 2013 as an independent society under the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to scale up civil society action in partnership with central and state governments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- India's tribal communities form 8.6% of India's population according to the 2011 Census
- Central India is home to 80% of the tribal communities in India
- Location of BRLF – New Delhi | CEO – Pramathesh Ambasta | Established in – 2013 (under MoRD)

795. Mumbai rose to 22nd rank against 39th rank in the year-ago period, as per the "Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022" that measures annual price appreciation of premium residential properties. The index was released by property consultant Knight Frank. All three Indian cities - Mumbai, Bengaluru and New Delhi, registered an increase in average annual prices in Q3 FY23. Bengaluru's rank also moved up to 27th as against 41st, while New Delhi's position improved to 36th rank from 38th rank. The UAE's Dubai, Miami in the US, and Japan's Tokyo ranked in top three by Knight Frank. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022” – released by Knight Frank (UK)
- In India: Mumbai (22nd), Bengaluru (27th), New Delhi (36th)
- Globally: 1st – Dubai (UAE), 2nd – Miami (US), 3rd – Tokyo (Japan)

796. On November 29, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released a report titled “Review of Maritime Transport”. The report assessed and accompanied developments in shipping and seaports since 1968. The report estimates that higher grain prices and dry bulk freight rates in early 2022 contribute to a 1.2% increase in consumer food prices. Container ships spent 13.7% longer in port in 2021 compared to 2020, exacerbating delays and shortages. The global maritime trade growth would moderate to 1.4% in 2022 and will remain the same in the next year, as per the report. [{Read more}](#)

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- Higher grain prices and dry bulk freight rates in early 2022 contribute to a 1.2% increase in consumer food prices
- Global maritime trade growth would moderate to 1.4% in 2022 & will remain the same in the next year
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan | Established in – 1964

Acquisitions & Mergers

797. In November 2022, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) decreased its stake in Bharat Bijlee from 6.695% to 4.540%. LIC sold 2.155% equity at an average cost of Rs 1,693.96 via open market sale. Bharat Bijlee is an electrical engineering company in India engaged in manufacturing of transformers, electric motors, elevator systems, drives and automation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – sold 2.155% equity of its stake in Bharat Bijlee (from 6.695% to 4.540%)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

798. On November 30, Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Tata Sons have agreed to merge Air India and Vistara. SIA will get a 25.1% stake in the merged entity at an investment of Rs 2,058.5 Cr (\$250 million) in Air India as part of the transaction. This 25.1% stake will be in an enlarged Air India group which will have Air India, Vistara, AirAsia India and Air India Express. The merger of all airlines is targeted for completion by March 2024. Air India is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Tata Group. While Vistara is a joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIA + Tata Sons = agreed to merge Air India & Vistara
- SIA – will get a 25.1% stake in the merged entity
- HQs of Tata Sons – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- HQs of Vistara Airline – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Vinod Kannan (a JV between Tata Sons & SIA)
- HQs of Air India – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Campbell Wilson (subsidiary of Tata Group)



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnership

799. On November 30, the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India and the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen institutional and professional capacities and learn from each other's best practices. Both sides agreed to support capacity building and share methodologies in public audit and conduct training programmes in their respective countries under the new agreement. The MoU reaffirms the values and goals that both the supreme audit institutions have shared over a long period and the strong bond that exists between the two nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CAG of India + CAG of Chile = signed an MoU to support institutional & professional capacity building
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Gabriel Boric

800. On November 30, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) signed an MoU with top 6 engineering institutes of India for introducing Indian standards as an integral part of the curriculum. This initiative is towards institutionalizing engagement of BIS with the eminent institutes for securing active participation of academia. The MoU was signed with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) BHU, Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur, IIT Indore, IIT Patna, IIT Madras and NIT Trichy for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at these institutes. The establishment will promote excellence and leadership in teaching and research & development in the field of Science and various disciplines in the respective institutes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BIS – signed an MoU with top 6 engineering institutes for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor'
- 6 institutes – IIT BHU, MNIT Jaipur, IIT Indore, IIT Patna, IIT Madras & NIT Trichy
- HQs of BIS – Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi | Director General – Pramod Kumar Tiwari





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