



## **FVF RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - november**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam - will be conferred with the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, the Knight of the Order of the Merit, by the French government.**



- ✓ She has been selected for her singing talent and contribution to the development of Indo-France relations.
- ✓ Aruna Sairam began her classical training under her mother, Rajalakshmi Sethuraman and became a disciple of legendary vocalist, Sangita Kalanidhi T. Brinda.
- ✓ She was the first to incorporate Abhang, a Western Indian musical form, into a traditional, South Indian concert.
- ✓ Aruna Sairam is recipient of several awards including the Padma Shri by the Union Government and the Sangita Kalanidhi by the Music Academy.
- ✓ She was also elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- ✓ Further, Aruna Sairam was also the recipient of Tamil Nadu government's Kalaimamani Award and Kalidas Samman Award of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Aruna Sairam has also received the US Congressional Award of Excellence and was also conferred appreciation by the Mayor of the City of New York and the city of San Diego.

- ✓ The previous recipients of the Chevalier award from India have included Kamal Hassan, Soumitra Chatterjee and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
- **International idol smuggler Subhash Chandra Kapoor - was convicted for a total of 13 years of imprisonment by a designated court in Kumbakonam**



- ✓ On November 1, the additional chief judicial magistrate court in Kumbakonam sentenced him on three counts, for a period ranging from three years to seven years.
- ✓ Kapoor was sentenced to seven-year jail term for conspiracy and three years each for buying and dealing in stolen goods
- ✓ His five associates, including Sanjivi Asokan, a local middleman, were convicted in the case.
- ✓ The offence was about burglary and illegal export of 19 antique idols valued above Rs 94 crore to the 'Art of the Past' gallery in Manhattan, New York, USA owned by Kapoor, a US national.
- ✓ Further, Kapoor had illegally sold some of the stolen idols to various museums and private art collectors throughout the world
- ✓ He was detained by German Police on 30 October, 2011 at German Cologne Airport based on a Red Corner Notice issued by Interpol.
- ✓ He was handed over to Tamil Nadu on 13 July 2012 at German Cologne Airport and extradited to India to face charges in one case initially registered in Udayarpalayam police station in the year 2008.
- ✓ On July 14, 2012, he was remanded in judicial custody by Judicial Magistrate, Jayankondam in Ariyalur and lodged at Trichy Central Prison
- ✓ In 2008, around 20 antique idols were stolen from the Varadaraja Perumal temple in Suthamalli in the Ariyalur district
- ✓ It may be noted that Kapoor is wanted by Homeland Security of the USA for a few similar crimes he had allegedly committed in that country.

## **NATIONAL**

- **The University Grants Commission - has instructed all higher education institutions to observe a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11.**

- ✓ The Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, has suggested to observe the day as Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas.
- ✓ The day, December 11 was proposed to be celebrated as 'Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas' or 'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav' as it marks the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati, a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry
- ✓ The move came after recommendations of a committee constituted by the ministry of education previous year to emphasise the importance of Indian languages.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **Microblogging platform Twitter's new owner Elon Musk - announced a Twitter plus paid subscription service for verified accounts that indicates users have an active and notable account**
- ✓ On November 1, Elon Musk has announced \$8 monthly charge for verified Twitter accounts
- ✓ Currently, the much-sought after blue tick mark for Twitter accounts that verifies the authenticity of the user is free in most countries.
- ✓ A blue tick signifies that a particular account is verified "because it's notable in government, news, entertainment, or another designated category".
- ✓ Paid blue tick accounts will see "half as many ads", ability to post long video & audio and "priority in replies, mentions & search"
- ✓ Additionally, Twitter Blue will also come with a paywall bypass feature that will work with publishers that collaborate with Twitter
- ✓ Musk has also suggested that there will be a secondary tag for public figures below their name.
  - ✓ This is expected to be a secondary badge, and may be an addition to the blue tick for notable users
- ✓ The company is expected to give a buffer of 90 days to existing Twitter-verified users to move to the new regime.
- ✓ According to Musk, 51, the monthly payments from users for the blue tick will also give Twitter a revenue stream to reward content creators
- ✓ Twitter introduced the blue tick mark system in 2009, after it faced a lawsuit accusing it of not doing enough to prevent imposter accounts
- ✓ The social media giant Twitter already has a subscription service called 'Twitter Blue' - which was launched in June last year.
- ✓ The service currently costs \$4.99 per month and offers access to the users to features such as an option to edit tweets, change Twitter's display and design, including the app icon.
- ✓ World's richest man Elon Musk took over Twitter after completing his \$44 billion acquisition of the platform on October 27.
- ✓ After taking over, he fired the social media company's four top executives, including the CEO Parag Agrawal, CFO Ned Segal, and policy head Vijaya Gadde
- ✓ Musk is the chief of Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink, Boring Company and now Twitter

- **On November 1, the term “permacrisis” - was named as Britain’s word of the year in recognition of a dismal 2022.**
- ✓ The annual list compiled by Collins Dictionary defined the word as “an extended period of instability and insecurity”.
- ✓ As a result of Brexit, the Covid epidemic, extreme weather, the Ukraine conflict, political unrest, and a cost-of-living issue, the word “permacrisis” has been widely used.
- ✓ The word “permacrisis” was named ahead of other words like “Kyiv,” “sportswashing,” and “partygate”
- ✓ The word ‘Kyiv’ was used as the preferred variant to the Russian spelling of “Kiev” pointing to Britain’s support for Ukraine against Moscow’s invasion.
- ✓ “Sportswashing” refers to the staging of high-profile sports events, or the takeover of well-known teams, by unsavoury regimes.
- ✓ Meanwhile “partygate” was one of the many scandals that brought down former PM Boris Johnson this year.
- ✓ Britain is now on its third PM of 2022 — and also has a new monarch in King Charles III.
- ✓ Derived from the Latin for Charles, the term “Carolean” age entered the Collins list after his mother Queen Elizabeth II's death last month.
- ✓ Among other phrases on the list was “warm bank” — a place such as a library or place of worship where cash-strapped Britons struggling to pay soaring energy bills can go to find heating.
- ✓ Another word was “quiet quitting” — defined as doing the bare minimum at work, either as a protest against your employer or to improve your work-life balance.
- ✓ Last year’s Collins word of the year was “NFT”, while in 2020, it was “lockdown”.
- **Misuzulu ka Zwelithini - was crowned King of South Africa at the Football Stadium in Durban**



- ✓ President Cyril Rymphosa has officially handed over the certificate to Misuzulu Zulu on October 30, recognizing him as the new ruler of the country's richest and most influential traditional monarchy
- ✓ It was the first time since 1971 that a Zulu King was crowned by the country’s government

- ✓ The 48-year-old Misuzulu Zulu ascended the throne once held by his late father, Goodwill Zwelithini, who died in March 2021 after reigning since 1971
  - ✓ Although the title of king does not bestow executive power, the monarchs wield great moral influence over more than 11 million Zulus, who make up nearly a fifth of South Africa's population
  - ✓ Zulu kings are descendants of King Shaka, the 19th-century leader still revered for having united a large swathe of the country as the Zulu nation, which fought bloody battles against the British colonisers.
  - ✓ The king controls vast swaths of land, estimated at about 3 million hectares, in KwaZulu-Natal under an entity called the Ingonyama Trust
- **The United States and South Korea - began one of their largest combined military air drills 'Vigilant Storm' on November 1**



- ✓ The operation will run until November 4, and will feature about 240 warplanes conducting about 1,600 sorties
- ✓ North Korea condemned the joint drills as a rehearsal for invasion and proof of hostile policies by the US and South Korea.
- ✓ It has launched missiles, conducted air drills, and fired artillery into the sea in response to the exercises.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

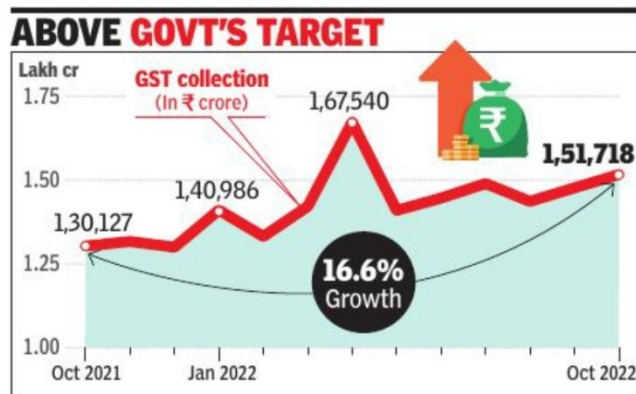
- **President, Droupadi Murmu - inaugurated the 7th edition of India Water Week (IWW) at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh on November 1.**
- ✓ UP governor Anandiben Patel, CM Yogi Adityanath, Jal Shakti (water resources) minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and water experts from many countries attended the event
  - ✓ During his address, Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared the vision of ensuring 100% water availability across India by 2024.
  - ✓ The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation is organizing the 7th edition of India Water Week (IWW) from 1st to 5th November



- ✓ The five-day event is held every year with the motive to raise awareness, conserve and use water resources in an integrated manner.
- ✓ It is set to bring together experts, planners and stakeholders from across the globe to build dialogue, action plan and addressing issues for sustainability of water resources development in accordance with sustainable development goals.
- ✓ The theme of the 7th edition of India Water Week is “Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity”.
- ✓ Denmark, Singapore and Finland are the partner countries for IWW 2022

## ECONOMY

- **The gross GST revenue collected in the month of October 2022 – rose to Rs. 1,51,718 crore, registering a 16.6% rise year-on-year**



- ✓ This is the second highest monthly collection ever since the indirect tax regime was launched since July 2017.
- ✓ The highest GST ever collected amounted to Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022, accounting for year-end sales in March
- ✓ Also, it is for the second time the gross GST collection has crossed Rs. 1.50 lakh crore mark
- ✓ This is the ninth month and for eight months in a row now, that the monthly GST revenues have been more than the Rs. 1.4 lakh crore mark.

- ✓ GST collections in September rose 26% to over Rs.1.47 lakh crore, according to the finance ministry
- ✓ The previous month also witnessed the second highest domestic transactions, next only to April this year
- ✓ Out of the 1.51 lakh crore collected, CGST amounted to Rs 26,039 crore, SGST to Rs 33,396 crore, IGST to Rs 81,778 crore (including Rs 37,297 crore collected on import of goods) and cess to Rs 10,505 crore (including Rs 825 crore collected on import of goods).
- ✓ The revenue collection stood at over Rs 1.30 lakh crore in October last year.

## **AWARDS**

- **The “Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal” for the year 2022 - have been awarded for four Special Operations.**
- ✓ A total of 63 police officers in different ranks from Constable to Additional Director General of Police have been awarded the ‘Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal-2022’ on Sardar Patel’s birth anniversary.
- ✓ The list includes 13 awardees from Telangana, 16 from Punjab, 19 from Delhi, 4 from Jammu and Kashmir and 11 from Maharashtra.
- ✓ All the winners were part of special operations conducted on different occasions in areas of terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.
- ✓ The award was declared when the country was celebrating the ‘Run For Unity’ event to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is known as the Iron Man of India.
- ✓ Instituted by the MHA on July 23, 2018, ‘Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal’ is conferred to state and Union Territory (UT) Police Forces, Central Police Organizations (CPOs), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), and Security organizations throughout India
- ✓ The award is announced on October 31 every year.

