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NATIONAL

- **On October 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - declared 'Modhera' in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 "solar powered" village.**



- ✓ During his address, PM Modi said that Modhera will now be known as Suryagram.
- ✓ Modhera is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built by King Bhima-I of the Chaulukya dynasty in 1026-27
- ✓ The Modhera village is located 25 km from the Mehsana district of Gujarat, and about 100 km from the state capital of Gandhinagar
- ✓ The village has a ground-mounted solar power plant and over 1,300 rooftop solar systems with 1kW capacity have been installed on houses to generate electricity
- ✓ Both the central and state governments have invested Rs. 80.66 crore in this solar-development project in two phases
- ✓ The first phase constituted Rs. 69 crore, and the second phase, Rs. 11.66 crore.
- ✓ The Gujarat government had allotted 12 hectares of land for the development of this project.
- ✓ The Gujarat government had said people in the village can save 60% to 100% on their electricity bills with this move.
- ✓ Moreover, the electricity requirements of the entire premises of the famous Sun temple has also been shifted to solar power.

- ✓ The entire temple complex and Modhera village has been integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located at Sujjanpura in Mehsana, nearly 6 km away from the Sun Temple
- ✓ The PM also dedicated several facilities at the Sun temple in Modhera and either inaugurated or laid the foundation stones of projects worth Rs.3,092 crore for north Gujarat.
- ✓ Accompanied by CM Bhupendra Patel and state BJP president C R Paatil, the PM also visited Modheshwari Mata temple at Modhera and offered prayers.
- ✓ PM Modi, who is on a three-day visit to Gujarat from October 9 to 11, will inaugurate various development projects worth more than Rs.14,600 crore.
- ✓ The prime minister will be visiting Bharuch, Ahmedabad and Jamnagar on October 10, while he will lay the foundation of new projects in Ahmedabad Civil Hospital on October 11.
- ✓ In Ahmedabad, the PM will inaugurate Phase 1 of 'Modi Shaikshanik Sankul', an educational complex for needy students
- ✓ On October 11, the PM will inaugurate Mahakal Lok, which will provide modern amenities to pilgrims visiting the Shree Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ The project aims to decongest the entire area and put special emphasis on conservation and restoration of heritage structures
- ✓ It would help enrich the experience of pilgrims visiting the temple by providing them with world-class modern amenities
- ✓ The total cost of the entire project is around Rs 850 crore

INTERNATIONAL

- **The World Health Organisation (WHO) - has warned that cholera may comeback again after years of decline.**
- ✓ According to Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director general of WHO, a worrying increase in cases of the food and water borne disease has been observed around the globe over the past year.
- ✓ He said that 27 countries have reported cholera outbreaks in the first 9 months of this year
- ✓ Cholera, a disease of the 19th century, is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio Cholerae*.
- ✓ While most people recover from the disease with mild or no symptoms, some can develop acute watery diarrhoea with severe dehydration.
- ✓ Cholera can be prevented with vaccines and access to safe water and sanitation, and can be treated with oral rehydration or antibiotics for more severe cases, said the WHO DG.
- ✓ In 2013, WHO and its partners created an international stockpile of cholera vaccines, which last year shipped 27 million doses.

- **The Ministry of Defense of Kyrgyzstan - announced the cancellation of the joint military exercises of the six countries that constitute the Russia-led 'Collective Security Treaty Organization' (CSTO)**
- ✓ The ministry did not specify the reason for cancelling the 'Indestructible Brotherhood-2022' command and staff exercises, which were supposed to take place from 10 to 14 October.
- ✓ The military personnel of the CSTO members of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan were supposed to take part in the exercises and focus on ensuring a ceasefire
- ✓ Observers from five more countries were also invited, which includes Serbia, Syria and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ One of the reasons for the cancellation of the exercise could allegedly be the recent conflict on the border of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, when several hundred people died during border disputes on both sides
- ✓ From September 26 to October 8, the CSTO peacekeeping troops have already conducted a series of exercises in Kazakhstan: "Interaction-2022", "Search-2022" and "Echelon-2022"
- ✓ Armenia last month abandoned a two-week exercise organized by the collective in Kazakhstan
- ✓ Headquartered in Moscow, the CSTO is an intergovernmental military alliance set up as an alternative to the US-led North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

- **The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) - to organize a National Conference on Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood (NTL) for Girls under the title "Betiyani Bane Kushal"**
- ✓ The conference will be organized under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2022
- ✓ The conference will focus on capacity building and skill development of girls to increase their participation in the professions like science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- ✓ Further, special emphasis will be given to convergence between ministries and departments to ensure the skill development of girls
- ✓ The event will witness signing of MoUs with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Minority Affairs for Skilling of young Girls for their increased, equal and empowered participation in the workforce.
- ✓ BBBP Operational Manual for guidance of State/Districts for the implementation of the scheme consequent to the changes made as per Mission Shakti guidelines will also be launched on the occasion.
- ✓ Sambal and Samarthya are the 2 sub-schemes of Mission Shakti – an umbrella scheme implemented during the 15th Finance Commission to secure and empower women in the country

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 13th edition of the Rajasthan International Folk Festival (RIFF) - was organized at the Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur from October 6 to 10 this year.**



- ✓ The festival featured performances by both Indian and international artists with diverse linguistic, racial and national backgrounds.
- ✓ During this year's event, over 250 artists from 7 Indian states and 8 foreign countries (Mexico, Ireland, Wales, Netherlands, Mauritius, Brazil, Israel and Turkey) participated in the event.
- ✓ This year's key highlight is the "Citadels of the Sun" – a Rajasthani-Irish music collaboration that was commissioned by Jodhpur RIFF and Ireland's Earagail Arts Festival.
- ✓ It was performed at the two historic forts – Grianan of Aileach fort in Ireland and Mehrangarh Fort.
- ✓ The event was first organized in October 2007 as a not-for-profit partnership between Jaipur Virasat Foundation and Mehrangarh Museum Trust.
- ✓ Its chief patron is HH Gaj Singh – who became the Maharaja of Jodhpur in 1952 and later served as the member of the Indian Parliament and High Commissioner of India.
- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognizes this event as "People's Platform for Creativity and Sustainable Development".
- ✓ Mick Jagger – the lead vocalist of the famous English rock band Rolling Stones – is the international patron of Rajasthan International Folk Festival (RIFF).
- ✓ Maharaja Gaj Singh II of Marwar-Jodhpur is the chief patron of the Rajasthan International Folk Festival

SPORTS

- **Red Bull driver, Max Verstappen - retained his Formula One World Championship on October 9**



- ✓ The Dutch driver won a dramatic rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, giving him an unassailable 113-point lead in the 2022 championship
- ✓ This makes him only the third driver after Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel to clinch the title with four races to spare.
- ✓ Verstappen has won 12 of 18 races in 2022 and thanked his team for an “incredible” year.
- ✓ Verstappen retained his title at the same venue where he made his debut as the youngest-ever driver to participate in a practice session
- ✓ With four races still to go on the race calendar, Verstappen might break the current record for most wins in a season, i.e. thirteen, jointly held by German great Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Mental Health Day - October 10



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about the significance of mental health issues and mobilise efforts and support towards it.
- ✓ According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), each year, around 12 billion working days are lost to depression and anxiety, which costs the global economy around \$1 billion

- ✓ One in seven people from India between 1990 and 2017 has suffered from mental illness such as depression, anxiety, and other severe condition, according to a WHO report.
- ✓ World Mental Health Day was first observed on October 10, 1992, by the World Federation for Mental Health, a non-governmental organisation founded in 1948 in London
- ✓ Richard Hunter, who was the deputy secretary general of the World Federation for Mental Health at the time, declared the first World Mental Health Day.
- ✓ In 1994, the day was first observed with the theme of “Improving the Quality of Mental Health Services throughout the World.”
- ✓ Theme 2022 - “Make mental health and well-being for all a global priority”.
- ✓ In India, World Mental Health Day is marked on the final day of the Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week campaign, launched last year by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



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