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# TAMIL NADU

## ➤ Sathaya Vizha

- ✓ The two-day 1,037th Sathaya Vizha, the birth anniversary of emperor Raja Raja Chola - was celebrated as a government festival in Thanjavur on November 3.
- ✓ Earlier, on November 2, Chief Minister MK Stalin announced that the birth anniversary of legendary Tamil King Raja Raja Cholan, observed on November 3, will be celebrated as a government function hereafter.
- ✓ Raja Raja Cholan was coronated on his birthday and the astrological star on the day was 'Sathayam' due to which his birth anniversary and day of coronation together are celebrated as "Sathaya Vizha."

## ➤ Performance Grading Index (PGI)

- ✓ Tamil Nadu - has slipped to level III in 2020-21 in the Performance Grading Index (PGI) released by the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education.
- ✓ The State had obtained poor scores in equity, infrastructure, and governance in the latest rankings released on November 3.
- ✓ As per the latest index, the overall score of the State has come down from 906 in 2019-20 to 855 in 2020-21.
- ✓ The PGI comprises 1000 points across 70 indicators in five domains – learning outcomes and quality, access, infrastructure and facilities, equity and governance process.

## ➤ Aerospace and Defence Policy 2022

On November 8, Chief Minister M K Stalin - unveiled a revised Tamil Nadu Aerospace and Defence Policy 2022 at the Industry 4.0 conclave 'Future is now - Towering Tamil Nadu', organised by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (TIDCO) in Chennai.

- ✓ The TN government plans to attract Rs.75,000 crore worth of investments and generate about one lakh jobs over the next 10 years through the aerospace and defence sectors.
- ✓ The two Centres of Excellence are -- the Tamil Nadu Smart and Advanced Manufacturing Centre (TANSAM) and the Tamil Nadu Advanced Manufacturing Centre of Excellence (TAMCOE).

## ➤ Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary

- ✓ On November 8, the Tamil Nadu government - has notified 'Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary' as the 17th Wildlife Sanctuary in the state.

- ✓ The notification has been released following the announcement made by the Tamil Nadu government on April 25.
- ✓ The Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary includes Anchetty taluk in Krishnagiri district and Pennagaram and Palacide taluks in the Dharmapuri district.
- ✓ The sanctuary is home to 35 species of mammals and 238 species of birds including some rare ones.
  
- **Friends of Library**
- ✓ The Directorate of Public Libraries - is planning to launch a new scheme, “Friends of Library” from December 2022.
- ✓ Under the initiative, about 12,500 volunteers will deliver books at the doorsteps in their neighbourhood across the state.
- ✓ The initiative aims to help elderly people, disabled, housewives, children and others to get the books at their doorstep.
- ✓ Teachers, school students studying above Class VII, civil service aspirants and members of the library also can be enrolled as volunteers to deliver books.
  
- **Multimodal Logistics Park (MMLP)**
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries - will set up the country's first multimodal logistics park (MMLP) in Chennai.
- ✓ The proposed MMLP spreading over 184.27 acres will be set up at Mappedu in Thiruvallur district.
- ✓ The model concession agreement for this project is on ‘Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer’(DBFOT) basis.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the project on May 26, 2022.
- ✓ The MMLP at Chennai will be developed in three phases with estimated developer investment of Rs. 783 crore.
  
- **First Elephant Death Audit Framework**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu introduces India’s first elephant death audit framework.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu’s Forest Department has introduced an elephant death audit framework for recording and monitoring elephant deaths in the State.
- ✓ The framework will be helpful to collect mortality assessment data with high quality and credibility through a transparent process.
- ✓ India is home to over two-thirds of the World’s Asian elephant population.

➤ **Kaikkan Valavu Water Project**

- ✓ On November 21, Local body administration minister K N Nehru - inaugurated the Kaikkan Valavu water project by lifting the sluice gates of the Kariakoil dam in the district.
- ✓ Kaikkan Valavu is a forest river originating from the Kalrayan hills.
- ✓ Farmers have been demanding the state government to divert the Kaikkan Valavu forest river to the Kariakoil dam.
- ✓ As per the project, the Kariakoil dam would receive 4.3 tmc of additional water along with the regular water during rainy seasons.

➤ **National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)**

- ✓ Thanjavur district - has bagged the best freshwater inland fish farming award from the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).
- ✓ At a function held in the Union Territory of Daman on November 21, officials from Thanjavur received the award.
- ✓ Higher officials from various departments gave away the awards to Sivakumar, assistant director of the fisheries department, Thanjavur.

➤ **Best Performing Districts**

- ✓ Mayiladuthurai district - was ranked 3rd place by the Union ministry of Jal Shakti in the category of 'Best Performing Districts' for the month of October.
- ✓ Ranipettai district also secured 3rd position by providing 75% tap connections to households and was ranked as a 'high achiever'.
- ✓ Further, Kallakurichi district bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> rank in 'Performers' category.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan mission aims to assist, empower and facilitate water supply infrastructure so that every household in the country has a functional household tap connection by 2024.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Police (Reforms) Rules, 2022**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Government notifies Tamil Nadu Police (Reforms) Rules, 2022. The Tamil Nadu government has notified the Tamil Nadu Police (Reforms) Rules, 2022.
- ✓ They provide for a Police Complaints Division under the administrative control of the ADGP of the Crime Branch CID.
- ✓ The complaints are to be referred to the division for enquiry under Sections 13 and 16 of the Act by the State Police Complaints Authority and the District Police Complaints Authority.

➤ **Tamil Nadu's First Biodiversity Heritage Site**

- ✓ Arittapatti in Madurai has been notified as Tamil Nadu's 'First Biodiversity Heritage Site'.
- ✓ On 22 November, the Tamil Nadu Government issued a notification to declare Arittapatti village near Melur in the Madurai district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site.
- ✓ The village has been declared Biodiversity Heritage Site under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Arittapatti village is known for its rich biological and historical significance, with about 250 bird species.
- ✓ It is also home to 3 major raptor species - Lager Falcon, Shaheen Falcon, Bonelli's Eagle, and wildlife such as pangolins, pythons, and slender loris.
- ✓ The site is located in the Madurai district's Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages, covering a total area of 193.215 hectares.

➤ **Vande Bharat Express finishes Chennai-Mysuru trial run**

- ✓ Chennai is finally set to have the premium Vande Bharat Express train service. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the service between Chennai and Mysuru at Bengaluru on Friday. The first run of the premier train will start from Mysuru.
- ✓ The Vande Bharat train, which was originally named Train18, is manufactured indigenously at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at Perambur in Chennai.

➤ **Fair Price Shops - (PMGKAY)**

- ✓ Over 22,000 fair price shop employees to get incentive of 8,360 each.
- ✓ As many as 22,469 employees of fair price shops in Tamil Nadu are to get an incentive 0.5 per ration card covered under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for the supply of free rice since the outbreak of COVID19 in early 2020.
- ✓ In other words, on an average, each employee will get an incentive of around 8,360.

➤ **Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme - Corporates & Industries**

- ✓ Corporates, industrial bodies and chambers of commerce are pitching in to play a crucial role in the Tamil Nadu government's 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme aimed at equipping college students with industry relevant skills.
- ✓ 53 memoranda of agreement have been signed with T.N. Skill Development Corporation.

➤ **BC Commission Reconstituted**

- ✓ BC Commission reconstituted, retired judge named chairperson.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has reconstituted the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission and named retired Madras High Court judge V. Bharathidasan as its chairperson. Retired IAS officers S. Karuthiah Pandian, M. Jayaraman, R. Sudalai Kannan and K. Megraj, former Registrar of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Peru. Mathiyazhagan and Principal of Karuppanan Mariappan College at Muthur in Tiruppur district S.P. Saravanan are the other members.

➤ **Web Page Honouring VOC**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday inaugurated a special web page to honour late freedom fighter 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O. Chidambaranar to mark his 150th birth anniversary.
- ✓ The web page (<https://www.tamildigitallibrary.in/voc>), hosted by Tamil Virtual Academy, features books, ephemera, documentaries and rare photographs that were collected from the government and other agencies, as well as private individuals, an official press release said.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also released a special commemorative issue to mark the 150th birth anniversary of VOC.

➤ **T.N. is the First to Create Role of Director General of Audit**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu is the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit, and has hired an officer from the Indian Audit and Accounts Service on deputation for the purpose, Finance Secretary N. Muruganandam said on Wednesday.
- ✓ The officer's responsibility would be to strengthen and streamline the functioning of internal audit departments so that they perform their functions professionally, he said.
- ✓ He said the State government recognised the importance of internal audits, and had proper control mechanisms so that it could improve the efficiency of expenditure.

➤ **Textile City**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - has announced the setting up of a 'Textile City' in Chennai.
- ✓ He also announced that the state would soon establish 'export hubs' in Karur, Tirupur and Kancheepuram to promote textile exports.
- ✓ These new initiatives were announced by the CM, while addressing the first international conference on technical textiles, organised by CII in association with

textile departments of state and Union governments on October 25 through video conferencing

➤ **TrackD**

Tamil Nadu police DGP C Sylendra Babu - launched a new application 'TrackD' at the police headquarters in Mylapore on November 25.

- ✓ The exclusive mobile application can be used by the police to monitor criminals and rowdies on a real time basis.
- ✓ The application digitalizes the age-old system of history sheeter checks by jurisdictional officers thus ensuring monthly monitoring of the level of checks
- ✓ A team headed by additional commissioner of police Prem Anand Sinha developed the application.

➤ **Porunai**

- ✓ On November 26, Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated Porunai, the first of five literary festivals planned by the state government, at Tirunelveli through video conference.
- ✓ During the event, the chief minister said the government is conducting four similar literary festivals, called Vaigai, Cauvery, Siruvani and Chennai.
- ✓ The two-day event conducted on the banks of Thamirabarani at Tirunelveli will feature special lectures delivered by authors and literary figures.
- ✓ The inaugural function had authors like Kalpatta Narayanan, Vannadasan, Kathai Solli and Pava Chellathurai delivering special addresses.

➤ **Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP)**

- ✓ The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (Cumta) - has decided to partner with 'Transport For London' (TFL) for getting guidance on comprehensive mobility plan (CMP).
- ✓ An integrated transport authority, TFL will offer technical guidance in creation of the CMP and introduction of the common ticketing facility.
- ✓ This would help Cumta to seamlessly integrate all transport modes, promote public and non-motorised transport and improve the pace at which the CMP is designed.
- ✓ TFL manages all forms of transport in London – buses, the underground, trains, trams and the roads.

➤ **India's First Permanent Ramp for Persons with Disabilities**

- ✓ The Greater Chennai Corporation has completed the permanent pathway for persons with disability on the Marina beach.



- ✓ It will be inaugurated on Sunday. Officials said the wooden pathway has been constructed near Vivekanandar Illam for a length of 263 metres from the Marina beach service road to the high tide line.
- ✓ “This is India’s first permanent ramp for persons with disabilities on a beach.
  
- **STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)**
- ✓ On November 28, Chief minister M K Stalin - launched STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) laboratories on wheels for government school students.
- ✓ This initiative is to encourage government school students to develop an interest in science and mathematics.
- ✓ Launching the initiative, the chief minister flagged off 100 mobile STEM labs from Adi Dravidar Government Girls’ Higher Secondary School at Kattur, Trichy.



# STATE

## ➤ **Ranipur Tiger Reserve**

- ✓ UP's Ranipur Tiger Reserve Becomes 53rd Tiger Reserve of India.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is set to have its fourth Tiger Reserve and 53rd tiger reserve in India.
- ✓ The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km out of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and the buffer area is 299.05 sq km.

## ➤ **Ente Bhoomi**

- ✓ Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan - inaugurated the state revenue department's digital resurvey project, called 'Ente Bhoomi' (my land) on the occasion of the 66<sup>th</sup> foundation day of Kerala.
- ✓ The newly launched project aims to identify and provide plots to over three lakh landless families in the state.
- ✓ Ente Bhoomi is an ambitious digital land resurvey programme that, when completed, will make the state the first in the country where there are no landless citizens.

## ➤ **New Jim Corbett Park**

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath - has cleared the proposal for 'New Jim Corbett Park' to be created in UP's Bijnor district.
- ✓ The proposed Park shares the border with the Jim Corbett Park in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ After Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh, Ranipur in Chitrakoot has been declared as the fourth Tiger Reserve in UP.
- ✓ Ranipur wildlife Sanctuary has been given the status of 53rd Tiger Reserve of the country by the Union government.
- ✓ There were only nine tiger reserves in the country in 1973, which have now increased to 53.

## ➤ **Odisha Slum-Free by the End of 2023**

- ✓ Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023. The CM of Odisha has launched a survey using drones to facilitate a process to provide land deeds to slum-dwellers in five municipal areas across Odisha.
- ✓ All the slums in Odisha will be converted into model colonies and Odisha will be made slum-free by December 2023.

➤ **Statue of Prosperity**

- ✓ PM Modi on 11th Nov 2022 unveiled a 108- feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The 'Statue of Prosperity' has been built to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, the founder of Bengaluru.
- ✓ It has been conceptualised & sculpted by Ram V Sutar, sculptor of Statue of Unity.
- ✓ 98 tonnes of bronze & 120 tonnes of steel have gone into making this statue.

➤ **Donyi Polo Airport**

- ✓ On November 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the new Donyi Polo Airport, the first greenfield facility in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The airport is located at Hollongi, which is around 15km from state capital Itanagar.
- ✓ It will link the border state to other Indian cities with commercial flights as well as other parts of Arunachal Pradesh through helicopter services.
- ✓ This is the country's first airport to be named after the sun and moon, as Donyi refers to sun and Polo refers to Moon.

➤ **Ganga Jal Aapurti Yojana**

- ✓ On November 27, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar - inaugurated the first phase of the country's first-of-its-kind water supply project 'Ganga Jal Aapurti Yojana' at Rajgir town.
- ✓ The first phase of the scheme will ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply to Rajgir, Bodh Gaya and Gaya towns, which have long relied on tankers from nearby districts for drinking water source during the dry season.
- ✓ The popular tourist destinations of Rajgir, Gaya, and Bodh Gaya are known collectively as the 'Buddhist circuits'.
- ✓ The project, initiated under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali mission, is the "dream project" of the Chief Minister.
- ✓ It is also Bihar's first, and largest drinking water programme.

➤ **UNESCO Heritage Awards**

- ✓ Telangana scored a double win at the UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation with a Distinction of Merit for the restoration of the 17th century stepwells inside the Qutb Shahi Tombs Complex in Hyderabad and an Award of Merit for the conservation work on the Domakonda Fort, built in the 18th century in Kamareddy district.
- ✓ The awards were announced in Bangkok on Saturday.

➤ **UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards - Cultural Heritage Conservation**

- ✓ The restoration of the 100 year old Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya in Mumbai has won the 'Award of Excellence' in this year's UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
- ✓ The museum is a part of the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai's world heritage property.



# NATIONAL

## ➤ **Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)**

- ✓ The University Grants Commission (UGC) - has made it mandatory for institutions offering programmes under online and open and distance learning (ODL) mode to register students in the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC).
- ✓ Accordingly, 58 higher education institutions (HEIs) offering online programmes and 86 HEIs running their programmes in distance mode have to comply with the ABC rules.
- ✓ This year, several universities have made the ABC portal (abc.gov.in) compulsory.

## ➤ **Bharatiya Bhasha Divas**

- ✓ 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.

## ➤ **Ganga Utsav 2022**

- ✓ Ganga Utsav 2022- The River Festival to be celebrated on 4th November.
- ✓ The Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 is being organized by the collaboration of The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

## ➤ **Niveshak Didi**

- ✓ India Post Payments Banks (IPPB) - conducted India's first floating literacy camp under 'Niveshak Didi' initiative in Srinagar's Dal Lake.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated this unique initiative and praised 'Niveshak Didi', a camp to promote financial literacy among women.
- ✓ IPPB conducted the floating camp to promote financial literacy 'By the women, for the women', in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir on November 5.
- ✓ The initiative was launched by IPPB in collaboration with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the aegis of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).

➤ **Indian Biological Data Center' (IBDC)**

- ✓ Union Minister of state for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh - dedicated India's first national repository for life science data 'Indian Biological Data Center' (IBDC) to the nation recently on November 10.
- ✓ IBDC was set up to archive all life science data generated from publicly-funded research in India.
- ✓ The data will be hosted in two data portals viz. the 'Indian Nucleotide Data Archive (INDA)' and 'Indian Nucleotide Data Archive - Controlled Access (INDA-CA)'.

➤ **Kashi Tamil Sangamam**

- ✓ Month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam begins in Varanasi.
- ✓ The one month long Kashi Tamil Sangamam begun on 17 November 2022 in Varanasi.
- ✓ It is being organized as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ✓ Sangamam is scheduled from 17 November, 2022 to 16 December, 2022.
- ✓ The program is being organized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and Banaras Hindu University is the host institution for the program.

➤ **Digital Shakti Campaign**

- ✓ The National Commission for Women (NCW) - launched the fourth phase of the Digital Shakti Campaign recently on November 15.
- ✓ The campaign aims at digitally empowering and upskilling women and girls.
- ✓ The Digital Shakti 4.0 is focused on making women digitally skilled and make them aware to stand-up against any illegal/inappropriate activity online.
- ✓ NCW launched the campaign in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation and Meta.

➤ **National Centre of Excellence for Green Port and Shipping (NCoEGPS)**

- ✓ Union Ports and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal - announced India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port and Shipping (NCoEGPS).
- ✓ It is a major initiative by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) towards providing greener solutions.
- ✓ The National Centre of Excellence aims to develop a regulatory framework and alternate technology adoption road map for green shipping to boost carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in the shipping sector in India.

➤ **One-Stop Shops**

The government - has identified nearly 2.5 lakh fair price shops (FPS) or ration shops to upgrade them as 'one-stop shops'

- ✓ These 'one-stop shops' will have different facilities including e-services such as for paying utility bills and submitting PAN application.
  - ✓ So far 39,000 such shops have been converted as common service centres (CSCs).
  - ✓ During this meeting, the Tamil Nadu government made a presentation on the best practices to transform these outlets.
- **India's First Suicide Prevention Policy**
- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Monday announced a National Suicide Prevention Strategy, the first of its kind in the country, with time-bound action plans and multi-sectoral collaborations to achieve reduction in suicide mortality by 10% by 2030.
  - ✓ The strategy broadly seeks to establish effective surveillance mechanisms for suicide within the next three years, establish psychiatric outpatient departments that will provide suicide prevention services through the District Mental Health Programme in all districts within the next five years, and to integrate a mental wellbeing curriculum in all educational institutions within the next eight years.
- **Women's Role in Drafting Constitution**
- ✓ At the Constitution Day celebrations organised by the Supreme Court, Mr. Modi said 15 members of the Constituent Assembly were women.
  - ✓ One of them, Dakshayini Velayudhan, who belonged to a marginalized community, made important interventions to protect the rights of the oppressed classes, he said. Durgabai Deshmukh, Hansa Mehta, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and the other women members too had contributed significantly on topics related to women, Mr. Modi said.
- **Nai Chetna**
- ✓ The National Rural Livelihood Mission's 'Nai Chetna' gender campaign - was recently launched on November 25 on the eve of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
  - ✓ The nationwide campaign aims to enable women to acknowledge gender-based violence, prepare them to raise their voices against it, and provide them with knowledge about their rights.
  - ✓ The activities as part of the campaign will be based on Gender Equality and Gender-based Violence.

➤ **Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)**

- ✓ NITI Aayog proposes decarbonising of industrial emissions.
- ✓ Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), the technology for decarbonising emissions from high polluting sectors such as steel, cement, oil, gas, petrochemicals, chemicals and fertilizers, has a critical role to play for the country to halve carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, says a report on the policy framework of the CCUS prepared by the NITI Aayog and MN Dastur & Company.





# INTERNATIONAL

## ➤ **Black Sea Grain Deal**

- ✓ The Black Sea Grain deal - is being implemented by the United Nations, despite Russia's decision to suspend its participation in the scheme.
- ✓ A record volume of 354,500 tonnes of agricultural products was carried on vessels leaving Ukrainian ports on October 31 as part of the Black Sea grain deal.
- ✓ Turkey, which helped broker the deal, remained committed to the deal which involves the inspection of cargoes at a Joint Coordination Centre in Istanbul.

## ➤ **Permacrisis**

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".

## ➤ **King of South Africa**

- ✓ 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.

## ➤ **Longest Passenger Train**

- ✓ Switzerland created record for operating the longest passenger train.
- ✓ Switzerland is now home to the world's longest passenger train.
- ✓ The train has 100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats.
- ✓ The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the Swiss Alps.
- ✓ Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway, the country's railway operators came together to create the new Guinness.

➤ **Belgium**

- ✓ On November 7, Belgium - became the third nation in the world to pledge funding to help developing countries cope with damage and losses caused by climate change.
- ✓ Belgium has pledged to offer €2.5 million (\$2.5 million) in support for Mozambique for a period from 2023 to 2028.
- ✓ Previously only Scotland and Denmark had pledged funding for climate-linked loss and damage.

➤ **Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS)**

- ✓ On November 14, India - submitted its long-term low emission development strategy (LT-LEDS) to the UN climate body.
- ✓ The strategy defines the roadmap of how the country would ultimately meet its 'net zero' emission goal of 2070.
- ✓ India has become the 57th country to make this submission which is a requirement for all countries under the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ Under the LT-LEDS, the countries are expected to broadly outline their plan and vision explaining how they would meet their respective climate action targets.

➤ **Global Shield**

- ✓ Climate disaster aid scheme 'Global Shield' launched at COP27.
- ✓ A G7-led scheme "Global Shield" to provide funding to countries suffering climate disasters has been launched at the United Nations COP27 summit in Egypt's Sharm ElSheikh.
- ✓ It is being developed in collaboration with the 'V20' group of 58 climate-vulnerable economies.
- ✓ Pakistan, Ghana and Bangladesh will be among the first recipients of funding from this initiative.

➤ **Global Shield against Climate Risks**

- ✓ On November 14, a new initiative called 'Global Shield against Climate Risks' - was unveiled at the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) being held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ The new initiative aims to provide pre-arranged financial support quickly in times of climate disasters.
- ✓ This initiative will support countries in ensuring livelihood protection, social protection systems, livestock and crop insurance, property insurance, business interruption insurance, risk-sharing networks and credit guarantees.

➤ **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)**

- ✓ On November 21, India - takes over the chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) for 2022-23.
- ✓ The third edition of the annual Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) summit begins on November 21 in Tokyo.
- ✓ Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar will represent the country at the GPAI meeting in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from the outgoing Chair, France.
- ✓ India joined the GPAI on June 15, 2020 as a founding member.

➤ **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**

- ✓ The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform - has been launched recently to mark the start of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week on November 18.
- ✓ AMR occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites no longer respond to antimicrobial agents.
- ✓ As a result of AMR, antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents become ineffective and infections become difficult or impossible to treat, thereby increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death.
- ✓ World Antimicrobial Awareness Week is observed each year from November 18 to 24 to raise global awareness about AMR and highlight best practices to address it.
- ✓ The theme for the week is 'Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together'.

# INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

## ➤ **UK-India Young Professionals Scheme**

- ✓ On November 16, UK PM Rishi Sunak and PM Narendra Modi – have agreed a new professional and cultural exchange scheme at the G20 summit in Indonesia.
- ✓ The two leaders confirmed the new UK-India Young Professionals Scheme, following the meeting.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the UK will offer 3,000 places annually to 18-30-year-old degree educated Indian nationals to go to the UK to live and work for up to two years.
- ✓ The scheme, which will open in early 2023, will be reciprocal.

## ➤ **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)**

- ✓ The Australian Parliament – has approved the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) signed with India on April 2.
- ✓ This was announced by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on his official Twitter handle on November 22
- ✓ The free trade agreement, ECTA, needed ratification by the Australian Parliament before its implementation
- ✓ The approval by the Australian Parliament paves the way for the rollout of the pact on a mutually agreed date.
- ✓ The pact is expected to come into force from January 2023.

## ➤ **Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)**

- ✓ India - will send a helicopter unit to the UN peacekeeping operations in Mali, known as Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).
- ✓ India's neighbours, Bangladesh and Pakistan will each be sending an armed helicopter unit to the operation.
- ✓ Mali is facing a crisis as several countries have withdrawn or announced plans to withdraw from the MINUSMA, where the government is battling Islamist terrorists.

## SCHEMES

### ➤ **Sugam Teerth**

- ✓ The government – is planning to launch a new scheme under the name ‘Sugam Teerth’ to provide ‘end-to-end’ support to physically challenged tourists visiting religious sites.
- ✓ It will be designed to help disabled tourists from the start to the end of a visit to a pilgrimage.
- ✓ In this regard, the government is planning to create an online platform for the registration of disabled individuals.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the religious places will be equipped with infrastructure to help individuals go through with the prayers.

## COURT VERDICT

### ➤ **Economically Weaker Section**

- ✓ ‘Up to state to set norms to identify the beneficiaries of EWS quota’ The majority judgment of the Constitution Bench on Monday held that the lack of guidelines to identify economic backwardness under the 10% EWS quota cannot be used to question the 103rd Amendment.
- ✓ The judge left it to the state to set parameters to identify the beneficiaries of the EWS quota. “The question as to whether any particular section or person falls within the class of ‘economically weaker sections of citizens’ may be a question to be determined with reference to the parameters laid down and indicators taken into consideration by the state,” he observed.

# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

## ➤ Chem 2022

- ✓ The 12th edition of Biennial International Exhibition and Conference India Chem 2022 - was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on November 2 and 3.
- ✓ India Chem 2022 is one of the biggest composite events in the Asia-Pacific region for the stakeholders of chemical industry.
- ✓ The event was held based on the theme “Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India”.
- ✓ It highlighted the Government’s policies targeting the sustainable growth of the chemicals and petrochemical industry.

## ➤ COP27

- ✓ The United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly referred to as Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, or COP27 - opened in the Egyptian resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh on November 6.
- ✓ On the first day of the UN climate conference, over 190 participating countries, including India, agreed to include funding for loss and damage in the agenda for the COP27.
- ✓ It’s an important step towards working out a mechanism to support poor and vulnerable countries that have to face the impacts of climate change due to historical emissions of rich nations.

## ➤ Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo

- ✓ In Kerala, the 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo opens in Kochi on 4th of November. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan jointly inaugurated the three-day conference.
- ✓ The meet is focus on the theme, ‘Azadi @ 75 – Sustainable Aatmanirbhar Urban Mobility’.

## ➤ High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM)

- ✓ The 6th High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM) between India and the European Union - was held in Brussels on October 27.
- ✓ The discussions covered a wide range of issues related to the promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration including prevention of irregular migration.
- ✓ Both sides expressed satisfaction at the successful implementation of India- EU Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility.

➤ **India Water Week - November 1-5**

- ✓ India Water Week to be celebrated from 1st - 5th November 2022.
- ✓ In an effort to raise awareness, conserve and use water resources in an integrated manner, Union Ministry of Water Resources will organize the 7th edition of India Water Week from 1st to 5th Nov 2022.
- ✓ The theme of 7th edition is "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity".

➤ **Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC)**

- ✓ India Joins Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at COP27.
- ✓ Calling for integration of mangroves conservation with the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) programmes for carbon sequestering, India joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC).
- ✓ The Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) is an intergovernmental alliance that seeks to expand and hasten the progress towards the conservation and restoration of mangrove ecosystems.  
Its members include the UAE, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Japan, and Spain.

➤ **G20 Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will leave for Bali on November 14 on a three-day visit to attend the G20 summit.
- ✓ He will take part in sessions related to food and energy security, health as well as digital transformation in the G20 summit at Bali in Indonesia.
- ✓ US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Chinese President Xi Jinping and several other world leaders will attend the G20 summit.
- ✓ India will assume presidency of G20 for a one-year period from December 1, 2022 from Indonesia at the closing ceremony of the annual gathering.

➤ **G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration**

- ✓ On November 16, Indonesian President Joko Widodo - handed over the G20 presidency to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the conclusion of the two-day G20 Summit in Bali.
- ✓ The handing-over ceremony came as the member states issued a joint declaration titled 'G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration'.
- ✓ The G-20 communique echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir Putin, as it said that "Today's era must not be of war."

➤ **Paris Peace Forum**

- ✓ The fifth edition of the Paris Peace Forum – was hosted recently in Paris on November 11 and 12.
- ✓ The forum focussed on methods to overcome the socio-economic impact of multiple crises, develop international cooperation on major issues, support multilateralism and improve global cooperation mechanisms.
- ✓ The fifth edition of the Forum was organized based on the theme “Riding out the multicrisis”.

➤ **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)**

- ✓ The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) - began in New Delhi on November 23.
- ✓ Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The National Maritime Foundation is Navy’s knowledge partner and chief organizer of the event, which will be held till November 25 this year.
- ✓ The aim of this apex-level regional dialogue is to assess the opportunities and challenges that emerge within the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ The theme of IPRD-2022 is the 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative', which was mentioned by PM Modi in Bangkok at 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) on November 4, 2019.

➤ **25<sup>th</sup> National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG)**

- ✓ Union minister Dr Jitendra Singh - inaugurated the 25<sup>th</sup> national conference on e-Governance (NCeG) at Katra in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir on November 26.
- ✓ The theme of the two-day long conference is ‘Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government closer.’
- ✓ The conference is jointly organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Government.



# DEFENCE

## ➤ **Malabar Naval Exercise-2022**

- ✓ India is participating in the 26th International Malabar Naval exercise starting on November 8, 2022, in Yokosuka of Japan.
- ✓ Australia, Japan and US are also participating in the Malabar Naval Exercise and Indian Naval ships Shivalik and Kamorta are ready to demonstrate at the event.

## ➤ **Sea Vigil 22**

- ✓ The Indian Navy - kick started the third edition of the two day long mega coastal defence exercise "Sea Vigil 22" along the coast of Paradip on November 15.
- ✓ It will involve all the Coastal States and Union territories along with other maritime stakeholders, including the fishing and coastal communities.
- ✓ The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Navy in coordination with the Coast Guard, Maharashtra Police and other ministries entrusted with the task of maritime activities.

## ➤ **Yudh Abhyas**

- ✓ 'Yudh Abhyas', India-US joint military exercise to start in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The Yudh Abhyas is a 15-day-long exercise that will focus on high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare.
- ✓ Exercise Yudh Abhyas is conducted annually between India and US to exchange best practices, Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures between the two nations' Armies.
- ✓ The troops from both nations will work together to achieve common objectives.

## ➤ **Samanvay 2022**

- ✓ Indian Air Force is conducting the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from 28-30 November 2022 at Air Force Station Agra.
- ✓ The exercise will comprise a seminar on Disaster Management, a 'Multi Agency Exercise' involving static and flying displays of various HADR assets and a 'Table Top Exercise'.

## ➤ **Garuda Shakti**

- ✓ India-Indonesia joint exercise 'Garuda Shakti' kicks off in Jawa.
- ✓ Indian army is participating in a bilateral joint training Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI with Indonesian Special Forces at Karawang, Indonesia.
- ✓ The exercise commenced on 21 November 2022.

- ✓ Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI is the eighth edition of the series of bilateral exercises.
- ✓ The exercise aims to enhance understanding, cooperation, and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.
  
- **Naseem Al Bahr**
- ✓ Indian Navy's INS Trikand and offshore patrol vessel INS Sumitra participated in the 13th edition of bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' off the coast of Oman.
- ✓ The exercise was conducted from 19-24 November 2022, had 3 phases -- harbour phase, sea phase and debrief.
- ✓ The first exercise was conducted in 1993.
- ✓ Year 2022 marks 30 years of IN-RNO (Indian Navy- Royal Navy of Oman) bilateral exercises.
  
- **Sea Sword 2**
- ✓ INS Trikand has participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Operation "Sea Sword 2" in the Northwest Arabian Sea. The operation was held to prevent narcotics trade & stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities.
- ✓ This edition also marked the 30th anniversary of the exercise and was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). This effort is part of the Indian Navy's commitment to ensuring the safety of the seas and collective security in the region as espoused by the SAGAR vision of the Honourable Prime Minister of India.
  
- **GarudaVII Air Exercise**
- ✓ The chiefs of Indian and French Air Forces on Tuesday joined the Air Exercise GarudaVII in Jodhpur.
- ✓ "Ex GarudaVII is also the first occasion for the light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas and the light combat helicopter (LCH) Prachand to participate in any international exercise," it stated.
  
- **Austra Hind 22**
- ✓ The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRAL HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. The exercise will continue till 11th of December.
- ✓ This is the first exercise in the series of AUSTRAL HIND with participation of all arms and services contingent from both armies.

- ✓ The joint exercise, besides promoting understanding and interoperability between the two armies, will further help in strengthening ties between India and Australia.
- **Harimau Shakti - 2022**
- ✓ India - Malaysia joint military Exercise “Harimau Shakti -2022” commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia on 28th November and will culminate on 12th December 22.
- ✓ The joint exercise schedule includes the establishment of a joint command post, joint surveillance centre, sharing expertise in employment of aerial assets, technical demonstrations, casualty management & casualty evacuation apart from planning logistics at the Battalion level.



# APPOINTMENT

## ➤ **Justice DY Chandrachud**

- ✓ Justice DY Chandrachud took oath as the new Chief Justice of India on 9 November 2022. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to the new Chief Justice of India, Justice DY Chandrachud at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- ✓ He has succeeded Justice UU Lalit, who retired on 8 November 2022.
- ✓ Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud is the 50th Chief Justice of India.

## ➤ **Aruna Miller**

- ✓ Aruna Miller on 8th Nov 2022 scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to win the race of Lieutenant Governor (LG) in the state of Maryland, US.
- ✓ She will also be the first South Asian woman to serve at such an important position.
- ✓ The LG is the state's highest official following the Governor.

## ➤ **C.V. Ananda Bose**

- ✓ Former bureaucrat C.V. Ananda Bose was on Thursday appointed the Governor of West Bengal, a communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.
- ✓ He is known for his innovative ideas in the field of good governance. The United Nations has selected his initiatives as 'Global Best Practice' four times. A prolific writer, he has published 32 books in English, Hindi, and Malayalam across different genres.

## ➤ **Anwar Ibrahim**

- ✓ On November 24, veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim - was appointed as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia by King Sultan Abdullah and sworn in at the palace in Kuala Lumpur.
- ✓ In the elections held on November 19, Anwar's Alliance of Hope (Pakatan Harapan party) won the biggest share of seats (82), short of the 112 majority it need to form a government on its own.
- ✓ The 75-year-old Anwar served as the country's deputy prime minister in the 1990s and the official prime minister-in-waiting in 2018.

# AWARDS

## ➤ **Special Operation Medal**

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.

## ➤ **Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite**

- ✓ 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 is recipient of several awards including the Padma Shri and Kalaimamani Award.

## ➤ **EXCELL Award**

- ✓ India won Excellence in Family Planning Leadership (EXCELL) Award.
- ✓ India became the only country to receive the Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022 in the ‘country category’ at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Thailand.
- ✓ India’s efforts in improving family planning demonstrate the progress the country has been making toward achieving the SDG targets on women and maternal health.

## ➤ **Martha Farrell Award 2022**

- ✓ Chennai-based transgender activist Grace Banu - has been awarded the Martha Farrell Award 2022 for her contributions to the welfare of the community.
- ✓ She is the founder of Transgender Rights Now Collective, which works towards equal opportunities for transgender persons in education, employment, leadership and horizontal representation across sectors.
- ✓ Grace is also the founder of the Manthithope Milk Cooperative Society with 29 other trans persons.

- ✓ Manthithope Milk Cooperative Society is the first transgender-run milk cooperative society in India.
- **Reformist State' Award**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday felicitated Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and senior officials in the Finance Department over Tamil Nadu receiving the 'Reformist State' award during the 4th TIOL National Taxation Awards 2022 ceremony held in Delhi last week.
- ✓ Finance Secretary N. Muruganandam, Finance (Expenditure) Secretary V. Arun Roy, Special Secretary Reeta Harish Thakkar and other officials were also present.
- **Indira Gandhi Prize**
- ✓ Pratham gets Indira Gandhi prize for its works in education.
- ✓ Former VicePresident Hamid Ansari presented the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development of 2021 to Pratham, an NGO functioning in the field of education.
- ✓ The award is in recognition of Pratham's work in ensuring quality education for children of the country, particularly during the pandemic.
- **Kuvempu National Award**
- ✓ Tamil writer Imayam chosen for Kuvempu national award.
- ✓ Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Prathishtana Kuppali has chosen Tamil poet V Annamalai for the Kuvempu National award for the year 2022.
- ✓ The award would be conferred Annamalai at the Kuvempu's birth anniversary programme on December 29 at Kuppali in Thirthahalli taluk.
- ✓ Annamalai writes in the pen name Imayam.
- **UNESCO Heritage Awards**
- ✓ Telangana scored a double win at the UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation with a Distinction of Merit for the restoration of the 17th century stepwells inside the Qutb Shahi Tombs Complex in Hyderabad and an Award of Merit for the conservation work on the Domakonda Fort, built in the 18th century in Kamareddy district.
- ✓ The awards were announced in Bangkok on Saturday.
- **UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards - Cultural Heritage Conservation**
- ✓ The restoration of the 100 year old Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya in Mumbai has won the 'Award of Excellence' in this year's UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

- ✓ The museum is a part of the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai's world heritage property.



## PERSONALITIES

### ➤ **Shyam Saran Negi**

- ✓ On November 2, Independent India's first voter, Shyam Saran Negi, 106, who has voted 34 times - cast the postal ballot for the first time.
- ✓ He was exercising his franchise for the November 12 Himachal Pradesh assembly polls at his residence in Kalpa in Kinnaur district.
- ✓ Born in July 1917, Negi voted for the first time on October 23, 1951 in the general elections of India and has voted for sixteen times in Lok Sabha Elections. India's first election was held in February 1952, but the voting for remote, tribal areas in Himachal Pradesh was held five months in advance.

### ➤ **Azha. Valliappa**

On November 7, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - paid tributes to Azha. Valliappa on his 100th birth anniversary

- ✓ Popularly called Kuzhanthai Kavignar, Azha. Valliappa is a famous Tamil writer known for his literary work for children.
- ✓ Born in Rayavaram in Pudukottai district, Azha. Valliappa (November 7, 1922 – March 16, 1989) was a prominent children's poet, who started writing poems from the age of 13.
- ✓ He is hailed as the father of Tamil children's literature and has authored over a 1,000 poems and more than 55 books.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### ➤ **The Mother of Democracy**

- ✓ Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book 'India: The Mother of Democracy' prepared and published by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in New Delhi.
- ✓ The book is an attempt to showcase the democratic ethos ingrained in India since the dawn of civilisation. It is shown in this book that since the dawn of civilization, India has been imbued with democratic ethos.



# ECONOMY

## ➤ **Gross GST revenue - October 2022**

- ✓ 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.

## ➤ **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**

- ✓ The RBI - has announced its first pilot project to use central bank digital currency (CBDC) in the wholesale market (e-W) for secondary trade in government securities from November 1.
- ✓ The central bank will launch a similar pilot project for the retail segment (e-R) in closed user-groups of customers and merchants within a month.
- ✓ The nine banks have already opened accounts with RBI to transact in CBDCs, and when a transaction happens, money will be transferred instantaneously.

## ➤ **World's Third Largest Economy**

- ✓ India Will Become Third-Largest Economy By 2027: Morgan Stanley.  
India is on track to become the world's third largest economy by 2027, surpassing Japan and Germany, and have the third largest stock market by 2030, thanks to global trends and key investments the country has made in technology and energy, says Morgan Stanley.

## ➤ **Retail Digital Rupee (e-R)**

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - has said that the retail digital rupee (e-R) pilot will launch on December 1 with four banks – State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank and Yes Bank.
- ✓ The digital rupee is the RBI's digital currency, which the central bank launched earlier this month for wholesale transactions in government securities.
- ✓ The e-R would be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender.
- ✓ It would be issued in the same denominations that paper currency and coins are currently issued.

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

## ➤ **Kalanamak Rice**

- ✓ Kalanamak rice is now small, strong.
- ✓ Indian Agriculture Research Institute has successfully tested two new dwarf varieties in Uttar Pradesh that give double the yield.
- ✓ Kalanamak, a traditional variety of paddy with black husk and strong fragrance, which is considered a gift from Lord Buddha to the people of Sravasti when he visited the region after enlightenment, is all set to get a new look and name.

## ➤ **Amur Falcons**

- ✓ Going beyond Amur falcons: Nagaland to celebrate avian diversity, undertake census.
- ✓ Nagaland is undertaking the first avian documentation exercise going beyond the Amur falcons, the migratory raptor that put the State on the world birding map.
- ✓ The four-day Tokhü Emong Bird Count (TEBC) from Friday has been timed with the post-harvest Tokhü Emong festival of the Lothas, the Naga community that dominates Wokha district, arguably the most preferred stopover of the Amur falcons while travelling from east Asia to southern Africa.

## ➤ **DMH-11**

- ✓ The new hybrid variant of mustard.
- ✓ The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), India's apex regulator of genetically modified plants and food products, has approved the environmental release of Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11).

## ➤ **Overhauser Magnetometer (OVH)**

- ✓ Researchers from Mumbai-based Indian Institute of Geomagnetism - have developed the country's first Overhauser Magnetometer (OVH).
- ✓ The new sensor is installed at the Alibaug Magnetic Observatory, which is the country's first geomagnetic observatory.
- ✓ Overhauser Magnetometer is a key instrument used for carrying out magnetic field surveys for obtaining continuous geomagnetic field measurements.

## ➤ **Falcon Heavy**

- ✓ Elon Musk's SpaceX - has launched Falcon Heavy, the world's most powerful active rocket, into space.
- ✓ On November 1, Falcon Heavy lifted off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida carrying two satellites.

- ✓ The mission was to launch the TETRA-1 military micro-satellite prototype, which has been built by Millennium Space Systems.
- **Lunar Eclipse**
  - ✓ On November 8, India - witnessed a total lunar eclipse for the second time this year, following the earlier one in mid May.
  - ✓ This will be the last total lunar eclipse visible from India until March 14, 2025
  - ✓ A total lunar eclipse happens when the Earth gets between the Sun and the Moon and the shadow of the Earth covers the entire Moon.
  - ✓ While a lunar eclipse is generally preceded by a solar eclipse, total lunar eclipses occur approximately once every 1.5 years on average.
- **Apis karinjodian**
  - ✓ A new species of the honeybee has been discovered in the Western Ghats. The new species has been named 'Apis karinjodian'; the common name is the Indian black honeybee.
  - ✓ After a gap of more than 200 years, a new species of the honeybee has been found in the Western Ghats.
  - ✓ Apis karinjodian has been categorized as "Near threatened (NT)" in IUCN Red List. Now, after this discovery, the total number of honeybees species in the world has reached to 11.
- **Skyroot Aerospace**
  - ✓ Space technology startup Skyroot Aerospace - is set to make history by sending India's first privately developed rocket - Vikram-S - into space between November 12 and 16.
  - ✓ Skyroot's maiden mission, "Prarambh (the beginning)", will carry three customer payloads and will be launched from Sriharikota.
  - ✓ With this mission, Skyroot Aerospace is set to become the first private space company in India to launch a rocket into space.
- **Pseudohelice annamalai**
  - ✓ Researchers - have discovered a new species of estuarine crab at the mangroves of Parangipettai near the Vellar River estuary in Cuddalore district.
  - ✓ It is named 'Pseudohelice annamalai' in recognition of Annamalai University's 100 years of service in education and research.
  - ✓ This latest discovery was credited to scientists based at Centre of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Marine Biology, a department of Annamalai University, who were also joined by researchers of National Chung Hsing Univeristy, Taiwan.

- ✓ While crabs can survive in different kinds of marine ecosystems, be it oceans, seas, rivers, or lakes, this one has been categorised as an estuarine crab, as it was found near an estuary.
- **Artemis-1**
  - ✓ Nasa - launched the Artemis-1 mission to the Moon after months of delays and several unsuccessful attempts.
  - ✓ The 32-storey-tall Space Launch System (SLS) rocket lifted off with the Orion crew capsule from Nasa's Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral.
  - ✓ About 90 minutes after launch, the rocket's upper stage successfully thrust the Orion capsule out of Earth orbit and on its trajectory to the moon.
  - ✓ The Orion spacecraft will fly farther than any spacecraft built for humans has ever flown.
- **Parastronaut**
  - ✓ On November 23, the European Space Agency - named the first ever "parastronaut" indicating the approval to allow people with physical disabilities to work and live in space.
  - ✓ Former British Paralympic sprinter John McFall was selected as part of a new generation of 17 recruits picked for astronaut training.
  - ✓ McFall, 41, will join five new career astronauts and 11 reserves in training after ESA announced its new astronaut ranks for the first time since 2009.
- **PSLV-C54/EOS-06**
  - ✓ ISRO set to Launch PSLV-C54/EOS-06 Mission in November.
  - ✓ The Indian Space Research Organization is set to launch PLV-C54/EOS-06 Mission with Oceans-3 and eight nanosatellites on board from Sriharikota spaceport.
  - ✓ The Indian Space Agency's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre has conducted the Integrated main parachute airdrop test (IMAT).
- **CSIR - The National Geophysical Research Institute**
  - ✓ CSIRNGRI to install early warning system against floods, rockslides, and avalanches in Himalayan States.
  - ✓ The National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has begun field studies to put in place an early warning system in the Himalayan States against major and sudden floods, rockslides, landslips, glacier lake bursts and avalanches and to prevent Chamoli kind of disasters in future.

➤ **Siberian Rubythroat**

- ✓ A rare winter migrant, Siberian rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), has been recorded in the Nilgiris.
- ✓ The bird, which breeds in the coniferous forests of Siberia, is known to winter in Thailand, India, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

➤ **Rohini RH200 Sounding Rocket**

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will attempt the 200th consecutively successful launch of the Rohini RH200 sounding rocket on Wednesday from Thumba here.
- ✓ Former President Ram Nath Kovind will be present at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ISRO's lead unit on launch vehicles, to witness the launch. The launch window is between 11 a.m. and noon, a VSSC official said here on Monday.

➤ **PSLV-C54**

- ✓ On November 26, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully launched its historic PSLV-C54 mission from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ✓ This was the 56th flight of the PSLV from India and the fifth and final launch of the vehicle in 2022.
- ✓ Isro launched a total of nine satellites onto multiple orbits in space, which includes the primary satellite EOS-06 and eight nanosatellites that have been developed by private companies and also jointly by India and Bhutan.

➤ **Agnikul**

- ✓ Agnikul, the Chennaiheadquartered space tech startup, has established India's first ever Launchpad for a private launch vehicle at Sriharikota..
- ✓ "The first exclusive launchpad for a private launch vehicle has come up at the Satish Dhawan Space Center. Now, India can travel to space from one more platform, thanks to Agnikul.
- ✓ The facility, which was designed by Agnikul and executed with the support of ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (INSPACe), has two sections: the Agnikul launchpad and the Agnikul mission control centre.

➤ **Mpox**

- ✓ The World Health Organisation has changed the name of the disease Monkeypox to Mpox, as they receive complaints about the word Monkeypox conjuring up

racist tropes and stigmatizing patients. The recommendation follows outbreaks that began about six months ago in Europe and the United States.

- ✓ WHO will adopt the term Mpox in its communications and encourages others to follow these recommendations.
- ✓ This decision was taken to minimize the on-going **negative impact** of the current name and from the adoption of the new name.



# SPORTS

- **Asian Squash Team Championships**
  - ✓ In Squash, Indian men's team clinched their first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships, on 4 November 2022.
  - ✓ They defeated Kuwait in the final in straight sets in Cheongju, South Korea.
  - ✓ It is the biggest win of Indian Men's Team since they won 2014 Asian Games Gold.
  
- **ICC T20 World Cup**
  - ✓ On November 13, England - defeated Pakistan by 5 wickets to lift the trophy of the ICC T20 World Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Australia.
  - ✓ With this victory, England became only the second team to lift the World Cup for the second time after their earlier win in 2010
  - ✓ England became the first team in cricket history to hold both the ODI and T20 World Cups at the same time.
  
- **Manika Batra**
  - ✓ Star paddler Manika Batra - created history by becoming the first Indian woman table tennis player to finish the Asian Cup TT tournament with a bronze medal at the Hua Mak Indoor Stadium in Bangkok on November 19.
  - ✓ In the bronze playoff, the unseeded Manika defeated world No. 6 Hina Hayata of Japan to achieve the feat.
  
- **N. Jagadeesan**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu wicketkeeper-batter N. Jagadeesan - has become the first-ever player in the world to score five consecutive List A centuries.
  - ✓ On November 21, Tamil Nadu opener N Jagadeesan smashed 277 off 141 balls in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of their Elite Group C match against Arunachal Pradesh in the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
  - ✓ Previously, only three batters had scored four centuries in a row - Kumar Sangakkara in 2014-15, Alviro Petersen in 2015-16 and Devdutt Padikkal in 2020-21.
  
- **FIFA World Cup**
  - ✓ The 22nd edition of FIFA World Cup - will be played from November 20 to December 18 in Qatar.
  - ✓ This is the first time ever that the FIFA World Cup tournament will be hosted by the Arab world.

- ✓ Qatar is the first country in the Middle East, and second in Asia, after Japan and South Korea, to host the prestigious sporting event.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo**
- ✓ On November 24, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo - became the first man to score at five World Cups.
- ✓ He achieved the feat after scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot in Portugal's 3-2 win over Ghana in the FIFA World Cup 2022 being held in Qatar.
- ✓ Ronaldo overtakes Pele and Germans Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose, who all scored in four World Cups.
- **PT Usha**
- ✓ Legendary sprinter PT Usha - is set to become the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in the sports body's 95-year-long history.
- ✓ Usha will also be the first Olympian and an international medallist to head the national Olympic committee, which goes to polls on December 10.
- ✓ The 58-year-old multiple Asian Games gold medallist emerged as the lone candidate to file the nomination for IOA president's post.
- **Ruturaj Gaikwad**
- ✓ Maharashtra captain and opening batter, Ruturaj Gaikwad - became the first batsman in the world to hit seven consecutive sixes in an over.
- ✓ He achieved the feat at Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad in the Vijay Hazare Trophy quarter-final against Uttar Pradesh on November 28.
- ✓ Gaikwad accomplished this feat on the penultimate over bowled by UP's left arm spinner Shiva Singh, who conceded a no-ball in the fifth delivery of the over.
- **Stephanie Frappart**
- ✓ France's Stephanie Frappart to become first female referee at Men's World Cup Game.
- ✓ History will be made when Costa Rica faces Germany on December 1, 2022, at the Al Bayt Stadium when Stephanie Frappart from France will become the first woman in the history of the FIFA World Cup to referee a finals match in the men's tournament.



# OBITUARY

## ➤ **Jamshed J Irani**

- ✓ Jamshed J Irani, known as the steel man of India, died in Jamshedpur.
- ✓ He was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Govt in 2008 as acknowledgement to his services in the area of metallurgy.
- ✓ He led Tata Steel from the forefront during India's economic liberalisation in the early 1990's and contributed to the growth and development of the steel industry in India.

## ➤ **Ela Bhatt**

- ✓ Women's rights activist & SEWA founder Ela Bhatt passes away.
- ✓ Renowned women rights activist and founder of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Ela Bhatt passed away on 2 Nov 2022.
- ✓ Founded by Bhatt in 1972, SEWA is one of the largest cooperatives working for women, with a base of over two million members from around 18 States.
- ✓ She was conferred Padma Shri in 1985 & the Padma Bhushan in 1986.

## ➤ **Shyam Saran Negi**

- ✓ India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi died on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at his residence in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur.
- ✓ He was 106.
- ✓ Believed to be the first voter in the 1952 General Election, Negi was born on July 1, 1917 and retired as a schoolteacher, as per official records.

## ➤ **Avvai Natarajan**

- ✓ Renowned Tamil scholar and Thanjavur Tamil University former vice-chancellor Avvai Natarajan (86 years) - passed away in Chennai on November 21.
- ✓ An accomplished Tamil orator and writer, Natarajan published several books on Vallalar, Bharathi, Kambar and former chief minister C N Annadurai.
- ✓ Natarajan was brought to the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) of Tamil Nadu government when M. Karunanidhi was the Chief Minister in 1974.

# REPORT

## ➤ State of the Global Climate Report 2022

- ✓ On November 6, the World Meteorological Department (WMO) – released the ‘State of the Global Climate report 2022’ at the UNFCCC's 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) held in Sharm el-Shaikh, Egypt.
- ✓ As per the report titled ‘WMO Provisional State of the Global Climate 2022’, global mean temperatures for the year 2022 are currently estimated to be about 1.15 degree Celsius higher than pre-industrial times.
- ✓ According to the WMO, the year 2022 will still likely to end up being the fifth or sixth warmest year on record, since 1850.
- ✓ The estimate for 2022 is part of the provisional State of Global Climate Report that the WMO publishes every year, while the final report for this year is due only in April next year.
- ✓ The report also pointed out that the concentrations of three main greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and Nitrous oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), were all at record highs in 2021.
- ✓ According to the report, the rate of sea level rise has doubled since 1993 and has risen by nearly 10 mm since January 2020 to a new record high this year.

## ➤ Global Carbon Project Report

- ✓ Global carbon emissions in 2022 - remain at record levels with no signs of reduction, as per the Global Carbon Project report.
- ✓ The report predicted that if the current emissions levels persist, there is now a 50% chance that global warming of 1.5°C will be exceeded in nine years.
- ✓ Among major countries, emissions are projected to fall in China (0.9%) and the EU (0.8%), while it is projected to increase in the US (1.5%) and India (6%) this year compared to 2021.
- ✓ India per capita emission, however, continues to be quite low as compared to other current big emitters such as US, China and EU27.
- ✓ The new report projects total global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 40.6 billion tonnes (GtCO<sub>2</sub>) in 2022 which is close to the 40.9 GtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2019, which is the highest annual total ever.
- ✓ Projected emissions from coal and oil are above their 2021 levels, with oil being the largest contributor to total emissions growth.

## ➤ World Population Prospects 2022

- ✓ The world’s population - will cross 8 billion on November 15, according to the World Population Prospects 2022.

- ✓ Globally, the 8 billion population milestone represents 1 billion people added to the planet in just the last 11 years.
- ✓ It would take approximately another 15 years – or until 2037 – for the population to reach nine billion
- ✓ Projections by the United Nations suggest that the global population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 10.4 billion in 2100
- ✓ Since 2011, India added about 180 million people, and is set to surpass China as the world's most populous nation next year.
- ✓ India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared with China's 1.426 billion. India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion people by the middle of the century.
- ✓ China and India together accounted for over 1.4 billion people, or over 17% of the global population.

➤ **State of the Climate in Asia 2021**

- ✓ On November 14, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) – have released a new report titled ‘State of the Climate in Asia 2021’.
- ✓ The report was presented at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ As per the report, at least 48.3 million people in Asia were affected by over 100 natural hazards, which claimed at least 3,803 lives in the year 2021.
- ✓ These events included drought, extreme temperature, floods, glacial lake outburst, landslide, storm and wildfire.

➤ **Decline in MMR**

- ✓ The number of women dying from pregnancy-related issues in India – has declined from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh in 2018-20.
- ✓ The finding is based on a sample survey of maternal mortality recorded between 2018 and 2020 across the country.
- ✓ According to the bulletin, Assam had the highest maternal mortality ratio (MMR) – maternal deaths per lakh live births – of 195 in 2018-20.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh was second with an MMR of 173, followed by UP (167). Kerala witnessed the lowest MMR (19), followed by Maharashtra (33) and Telangana (43).
- ✓ The death of a woman while she is pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes, is taken into account while recording maternal mortality as per the guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

# RANKING

## ➤ **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)**

- ✓ India - climbed two spots to rank eighth out of 63 in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023, due to low emissions and the increasing use of renewable energy.
- ✓ The report was published on November 14 by three environmental non-governmental organisations that track climate performance of the European Union and other countries.
- ✓ The rankings are released every year by German watch, New Climate Institute and the Climate Action Network at the UN Climate Change Conference.
- ✓ They focus on how well the countries are doing to halve their emissions by 2030 – an essential aspect to keep the 1.5-degree Celsius goal within reach and prevent dangerous climate change.

## ➤ **Network Readiness Index 2022**

- ✓ India - has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 report released recently.
- ✓ The report tracks the network-based readiness of 131 countries based on their performances in four different parameters - technology, people, governance, and impact.
- ✓ The country's overall score has improved to 51.19 in 2022 from 49.74 in 2021, as per the report.

## ➤ **World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2022**

- ✓ The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) - has recently released the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2022.
- ✓ As per the report, innovators around the world filed 3.4 million patent applications in 2021, up 3.6% from the previous year.
- ✓ This was led by a 5.5% growth in local patent filings in India and China, while the Republic of Korea (+2.5%) is the third Asian country that showed significant growth in patent filings.
- ✓ India saw 4,88,526 trademark applications being filed during the year, a 6.7% increase as compared to 2020.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>November 01</b>	<b>World Vegan Day</b>	This year's theme will be based on the animal rights-focused campaign 'Future Normal'
<b>November 01</b>	<b>State Formation Day</b>	In India, seven states and two union territories are celebrating Foundation Day on November 1, 2022. They are, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab & Madhya Pradesh, Lakshadweep & Puducherry
<b>November 01</b>	<b>Zojila Day</b>	Zojila Day was observed at the Zojila War Memorial near Drass. The day was observed to honour the bravery displayed by Indian troops during "Operation Bison" in 1948
<b>November 02</b>	<b>International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists</b>	Theme "Protecting Media to Protect Democracy" This year's slogan is Knowing the "Truth is Protecting the Truth"
<b>November 05</b>	<b>World Tsunami Awareness Day</b>	Every year on 5th November, World Tsunami Awareness Day is celebrated around the world to raise awareness about tsunamis
<b>November 07</b>	<b>Infant Protection Day</b>	This day is celebrated to spread awareness about the measures to be taken to save the lives of infants and provide sufficient protection and care
<b>November 07</b>	<b>National Cancer Awareness Day</b>	It was first announced in 2014 by the Government, with Nov 7 chosen for the occasion to

		coincide with the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Marie Curie
<b>November 07</b>	<b>Infant Protection Day</b>	This day is celebrated with the sole purpose of raising awareness about the safety of newborn lives and giving them proper care
<b>November 08</b>	<b>World Radiography Day</b>	The theme of International Day of Radiology 2022 is "Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety"
<b>November 09</b>	<b>National Legal Services Day</b>	National Legal Services Day is marked every year on 9th November to celebrate the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 which came into force on this very day in 1995
<b>November 10</b>	<b>World Science Day for Peace and Development</b>	This year's theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development is "Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development"
<b>November 10</b>	<b>World Usability Day</b>	2022 Theme: "Our Health"
<b>November 11</b>	<b>National Education Day</b>	The theme for National Education Day 2022 is "Changing Course, Transforming Education"
<b>November 12</b>	<b>World Pneumonia Day</b>	This year 2022, World Pneumonia Day theme is based on the Worldwide Pneumonia Awareness Campaign - "Pneumolight 2022", with a theme and slogan "Pneumonia Affects Everyone"
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Public Service Broadcasting Day</b>	The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the

		studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947
<b>November 13</b>	<b>World Kindness Day</b>	This year the day is being celebrated with the theme 'Be kind whenever possible'
<b>November 14</b>	<b>World Diabetes Day</b>	The theme of World Diabetes Day between the years 2021 and 2023 is "Access to Diabetes Care"
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Children's Day</b>	India celebrates Children's Day on November 14 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
<b>November 16</b>	<b>International Day for Tolerance</b>	International Day for Tolerance is observed on November 16 every year with an aim to build tolerance among diverse cultures and spread the message that tolerance is an integral part of society
<b>November 16</b>	<b>National Press Day</b>	National Press Day is observed on November 16 every year to acknowledge and honour the Press Council of India (PCI)
<b>November 16</b>	<b>World COPD Day</b>	The 2022 theme for World COPD Day will be "Your Lungs for Life"
<b>November 17</b>	<b>National Epilepsy Day</b>	Theme of National Epilepsy Awareness Month (NEAM) 2022 is "There is no NEAM without ME"
<b>November 17</b>	<b>World Philosophy Day</b>	The theme for the 2022 World Philosophy Day is 'The Human of the Future'
<b>November 17</b>	<b>International Students' Day</b>	Every year, November 17th is observed as International

		Students' Day to ensure that every student has access to education
<b>November 18</b>	<b>World Day for Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse</b>	The day is aimed at bringing global visibility to the trauma of child sexual abuse
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Naturopathy Day</b>	The Theme for this year's event is "Naturopathy: an Integrative medicine"
<b>November 19</b>	<b>World Toilet Day</b>	The 2022 theme is 'Making the Invisible Visible' and explores how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, polluting underground water resources
<b>November 20</b>	<b>World Children's Day</b>	The theme for International children's day is, "Inclusion, for every child"
<b>November 21</b>	<b>World Television Day</b>	It is a day that recognizes the value and impact of television in our lives
<b>November 21</b>	<b>World Fisheries Day</b>	World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21st November every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Lachit Diwas</b>	Every year on Nov 24th, Lachit Diwas is celebrated as the birthday of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan
<b>November 25</b>	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</b>	Theme 2022 - 'UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls'
<b>November 26</b>	<b>National Milk Day</b>	The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is called the Father of the White Revolution



<b>November 26</b>	<b>Constitution Day of India</b>	Constitution Day is celebrated in India on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India
<b>November 27</b>	<b>National Cadet Corps Day</b>	The NCC cadets also are known as the country's second line of defence
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Red Planet Day</b>	Commemorating the day one of the most significant space missions to Mars. The spacecraft was launched on November 28, 1964, and reached Mars on July 14, 1965
<b>November 29</b>	<b>International Jaguar Day</b>	It resulted in the creation of the Jaguar 2030 Statement which outlined a wide range of internationally collaborative jaguar conservation initiatives, including the proposal to create an International Jaguar Day
<b>November 29</b>	<b>International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People</b>	The day aims to spread more awareness about the issues faced by the Palestinian people along with promoting a peaceful Palestine-Israel resolution
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare</b>	This internationally marked day was adopted by the United Nations to remember the victims of chemical warfare

# MISCELLANEOUS

## ➤ **Word of the Year 2022**

- ✓ Cambridge Dictionary - has declared “homer” as its word of the year 2022.
- ✓ The word “homer” was searched over 79,000 times this year on the Cambridge Dictionary's website, with 65,401 searches occurring on May 5.
- ✓ Homer is short for “home run” - a point scored in baseball.

## ➤ **Gaslighting**

- ✓ The word “Gaslighting” - referring to mind manipulating, grossly misleading, downright deceitful – was chosen as Merriam-Webster’s word of the year.
- ✓ The search for the word on merriam-webster. com increased 1,740% in 2022 when compared over the year before.
- ✓ Merriam-Webster’s top definition for gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person that “causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts.

