

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. BharatPe appoints Smriti Handa as Chief Human Resources Officer

- Fintech major, BharatPe, has appointed Smriti Handa as its new Chief Human Resources Officer. This is the first key leadership appointment by BharatPe this year.
- Prior to joining BharatPe, Smriti was HR Head, Reckitt Hygiene - SoA, before taking over as Global Talent Acquisition Director. Over the years, Smriti has worked closely with Business and HR leadership to create business impact deep-rooted in people, performance and purpose. Handa is an alumnus of SRCC, Delhi University and MDI, Gurgaon.



Foot Notes:

About BharatPe:

Founded: 20 March 2018

CEO: Suhail Sameer

Headquarters location: New Delhi

Founders: Ashneer Grover, Shashvat Nakrani

2. National Civil Service Day 2022 observed on April 21

- To mark the efforts of the civil servants working tirelessly and relentlessly in different departments to ensure that the administrative machinery works smoothly India celebrates National Civil Services Day on April 21.
- The first National Civil Services Day was observed in 2006.
- The Prime Minister's Excellence Award in Public Administration is also presented to the civil servants.
- **Father of the Indian Civil Service:** Lord Cornwallis



3. Patrick Achi reappointed as Prime Minister of Ivory Coast

- PM Patrick Achi has been reappointed as Prime Minister of Ivory Coast by President Alassane Ouattara.
- He was appointed prime minister in March 2021.
- He was the third prime minister in the West African state (Ivory Coast) in the last three years after Amadou Gon Coulibaly (who died in 2020) and Hamed Bakayoko (who died in 2021).
- On April 13, 2022, President has accepted Achi resigned ahead of a government reshuffle.



Foot Notes:

About Ivory Coast:

Capital: Yamoussoukro

President: Alassane Ouattara

Currency: West African CFA franc

4. SEBI reconstituted Advisory Panel on Leveraging Regulatory and Technology

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its advisory committee on enhancing the regulator's technology capacity and on exploring appropriate technological solutions for early detection of market anomalies.
- The Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS) is headed by Sunil Bajpai.
- The seven-member committee was set up in December 2021 and was earlier chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch.



Foot Notes:

About SEBI:

Founded: 12 April 1992

Headquarters: Mumbai

Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch

5. IFSCA inks MoU with National Insurance Academy (NIA)

- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has entered an MoU with the National Insurance Academy (NIA).
- **Aim:** Capacity building and providing skilled talent pool in the insurance sector in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs).
- This MoU undertakes to build the required skilled manpower for the IFSC.
- IFSCA had already executed an MoU with the Insurance Institute of India (III) with the focus to address needs of IFSC Insurance entities.



6. Cyrus Poonawalla is the richest healthcare billionaires in the world

- The Chairman and Managing Director of Serum Institute of India (SII), Dr Cyrus S. Poonawalla has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022 with a new value of USD 26 billion (up 41%).
- He is followed by Thomas Frist Jr & Family of HCA Healthcare, Li Xiting and Xu Hang of Mindray (Net value of USD 19 billion).
- China (34) followed by the USA (16), Switzerland (15), Germany (11), and India (9) have the most healthcare industry billionaires.



Foot Notes:

About Serum Institute of India (SII):

CEO: Adar Poonawalla

Founder: Cyrus S. Poonawalla

Founded: 1966

7. India launches sixth Scorpene-class submarine 'INS Vagsheer' in Mumbai

- Vagsheer (sixth submarine, Yard 11880) of the P75 project of the Indian Navy was launched at Mazgaon Dock Ltd.
- This is the last of the Scorpene class submarines made under the P75 project and can join the Navy fleet after sea trials.
- **Designed by:** French naval defence and energy company DCNS
- **Manufacturer:** Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai
- **Submarines:** INS Kalvari(2017), INS Khanderi(2019), INS Karanj(March 2021), INS Vela (November 2021), INS



Vagir(November 2020, sea trial)

Foot Notes:

About Indian Navy:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 26 January 1950

Fighter: MiG-29K

Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

8. India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Jorhat

- Oil India Limited (OIL) has set up India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen with an installed capacity of 10 kg per day at Jorhat Pump Station in Assam.
- The plant produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by the existing 500kW Solar plant using a 100 kW Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) Electrolyser array. The AEM technology is being used for the first time in India.
- The production of plant will increase from 10 kg per day to 30 kg per day in the future.



9. British PM Boris Johnson arrives in India on a two-day visit

- United Kingdom PM Boris Johnson has arrived in India for a two-day visit. He will visit the Gandhi Ashram, Gujarat Biotechnology University, the plant of JCB Company, and the Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar.
- Johnson will also hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The two Prime Ministers will also review the implementation of the 2030 Roadmap and set their vision for further intensifying cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral ties.



Foot Notes:

About United Kingdom:

Capital: London

Prime Minister: Boris Johnson

Population: 6.72 crores (2020) World Bank

Currency: Pound sterling

10. Indian wrestlers Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat won bronze medals

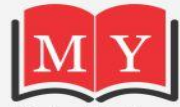
- Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat have bagged bronze as Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers and have concluded their campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.
- Harpreet (82kg) was declared the winner after Jafar Khan from Qatar suffered an injury.
- Sachin Sahrawat(67Kg) won bronze against Uzbekistan's Makhmud Bakhshilloev.
- Vikas (72kg) and Ravi (97kg) have lost and crashed out of the medal race.



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