

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. India climbs six places to 61st rank in network readiness index

- India has moved up by six slots to improve its position and rank 61st as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report prepared by a US-based Portulans Institute, an independent non-profit research and educational institute.
- It was stated that India's overall score has improved to 51.19 in 2022 from 49.74 in 2021. The NRI 2022 report ranks a total of 131 economies that together account for about 95 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).



2. World Heritage Week is observed every year 19–25 November 2022

- The Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums is celebrating World Heritage week commencing from November 19 to November 25, 2022. The World Heritage Week is observed to promote the conservation of culture and heritage.
- The week – long celebration aims to create awareness about traditions and culture. The World Heritage Week is celebrated by UNESCO and several other international organisations. In India. The World Heritage



Week is celebrated by the Archaeological Survey of India.

3. Karnataka has highest installed grid-interactive renewable power capacity in India

- Karnataka came at the top position while comparing the total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power of all the states of the country. The state had a total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (mw), according to an RBI publication.
- Tamil Nadu, with 15,225 mw, came at the second; Gujarat, with 13,153 mw, was at third position while Maharashtra, with 10,267 mw, was at the fourth, according to Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22, which was the seventh edition of its statistical publication, released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



Foot Notes:

About Karnataka:

Capital: Bengaluru

Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot

Chief Minister: Basavaraj Bommai

4. India to take over Chair of Global Partnership on AI from France

- India will take over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI from France on November 21.
- 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 France. This development comes on the heels of assuming the Presidency of the G20, a league of the world's largest economies.



Foot Notes:

About France:

Capital: Paris

President: Emmanuel Macron

5. Army conducts integrated fire power exercise 'Shatrunash' in Thar desert, Rajasthan

- The Indian Army's South Western Command conducted integrated fire power exercise "Shatrunash" at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Thar Desert in Rajasthan's Bikaner district.
- The exercise witnessed use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres. It also included insertion of troops, offensive ground actions involving comprehensive coordination incorporating contemporary technologies in a multi-domain environment.



Foot Notes:

About Rajasthan:

Capital: Jaipur

Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

Governor: Kalraj Mishra

6. Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev wins re-election with 81.3% of vote

- The 69-year-old former diplomat had been widely expected to extend his rule over the oil-rich nation by seven years and get a strong mandate to continue his increasingly independent foreign policy, as the former Soviet republic navigates the Russia-Ukraine crisis.
- Voter turnout stood at 69.44%, with five other candidates scoring in the low single digits, data showed. The second most popular option picked by voters was "against everyone", with 5.8% of ballots.



Foot Notes:

About Kazakh:

Capital: Astana

Currency: Kazakhstani tenge

7. 13th bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr-2022, between Indian and Omani navy start off the coast of Oman

- The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies, Naseem Al Bahr-2022, commenced off the coast of Oman on 20 November 2022. The exercise is being conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.
- Naseem Al Bahr naval exercise was started in 1993. The last edition was conducted off Goa in 2019. The Indian Navy's guided missile frigate Trikanth and Offshore Patrol Vessel Sumitra, with their



integral helicopters, and the maritime patrol aircraft, Dornier, are participating in the exercise.

Foot Notes:

About Oman:

Capital: Muscat

Currency: Omani rial

8. India-European Union sign ‘Intent of Cooperation

- India and the European Union signed an “Intent of Cooperation on High-Performance Computing (HPC), Weather Extremes and Climate Modeling and Quantum Technologies” at a virtual ceremony in New Delhi.
- India’s Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), and the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission signed an “Intent of Cooperation on High Performance Computing (HPC), Weather Extremes & Climate Modeling and Quantum Technologies”.



9. Kathak veteran Uma Sharma receives Sumitra Charat Ram Award

- Kathak exponent Dr. Uma Sharma has received the prestigious ‘Sumitra Charat Ram Award’ for Lifetime Achievement in recognition of her contribution in the field of Indian classical music and dance.
- She is a renowned classical dancer who has been awarded Padma Shri (1973) and Padma Bhushan (2001) for her unique contribution to the cultural tradition of this country. She received the award from former governor of Jammu and Kashmir Karan Singh and Sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan in a ceremony organized at Kamani Auditorium by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra (SBKK).



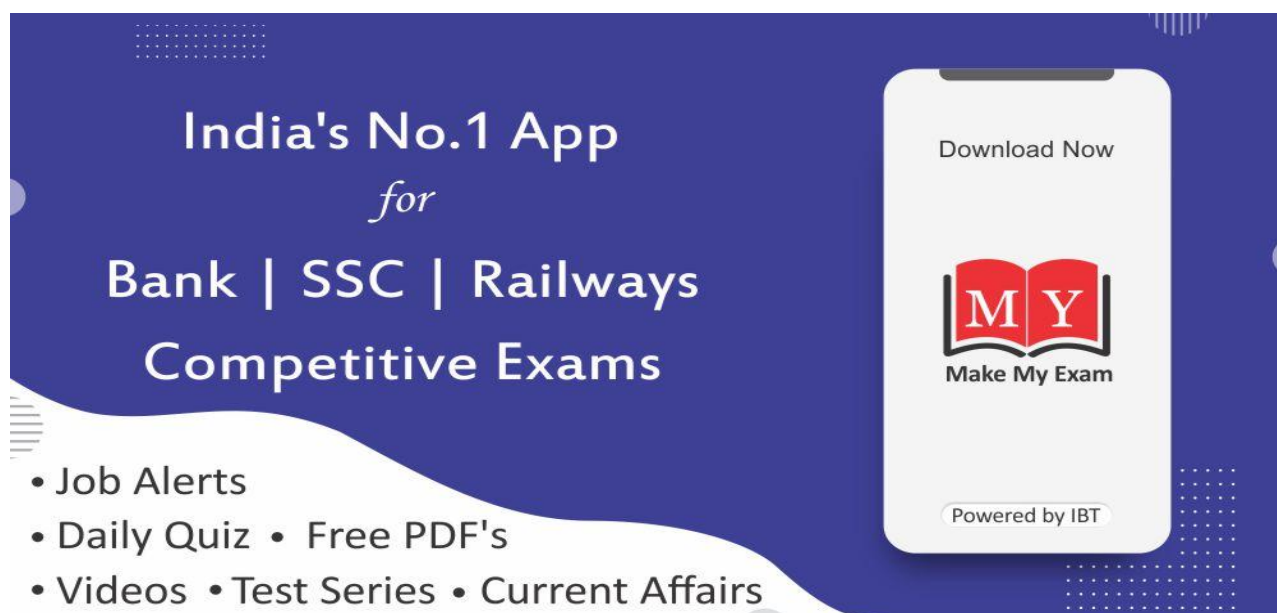
10. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong gets UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022

- The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence, for this 2022 Edition, has been given to Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong from Cameroon, President of the NGOs Afrogiveness



and Positive Youths Africa. She received the Prize at an official ceremony held on 15 November at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

- As a journalist for seven years, Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong has strived for changing the way mental illness is viewed and represented in society. Trained in art therapy and psychology, she and became the founder and president of two NGOs: Afrogiveness Movement and Positive Youths Africa (PYA).



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