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**1. Varanasi declared as first SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-23**

- Varanasi has been nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-2023 at the 22nd Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit at Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- Regulations for the nomination of SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital were adopted at Dushanbe SCO Summit in 2021.
- SCO summit 2022 in Samarkand was the first in-person meeting of the grouping since the COVID-19.
- Headquarters of SCO: Beijing, China
- Current Secretary-General: Zhang Ming

**2. PM releases wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**

- PM Narendra Modi has released 8 wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, which has been brought from Namibia
- Cheetah was declared extinct from India in 1952.
- Cheetahs are being introduced in India under Project Cheetah, which is world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.
- Out of the eight Cheetahs, there are 5 female and 3 male Cheetahs.
- Kuno National Park is part of the Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forests ecoregion.

**3. PM to inaugurate National Conference of Environment Ministers in Gujarat**

- PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Gujarat through video conferencing on 23rd September.
- Agenda: To create synergy amongst the Central and State govt in formulating better policies
- The two-day Conference will have six thematic sessions: (1) LiFE, (2) Combating Climate Change, (3) PARIVESH, (4) Forestry Management, (5) Prevention and Control of Pollution, (6) Wildlife Management and Plastics and Waste Management.

**4. Delhi, Punjab join hands to curb stubble burning through bio-decomposer**

- The Delhi and Punjab governments have joined hands to use Pusa bio-decomposer on 5,000 acres of land in the agrarian state to prevent stubble burning which is a major cause of air pollution.
- Pusa bio-decomposer is a microbial solution that can decompose paddy straw in 15 to 20 days.
- In 2022, the total area under paddy cultivation in Punjab is pegged at 29-30 lakh hectares.
- The state on an average generates around 20 million tons of paddy straw annually.

## 5. Odisha to invest Rs 261 crore in livelihood action plan

- The Odisha government has approved Rs 261 crore for regeneration of coastal ecosystem and to enhance climate resilience among people living on the coast.
- The government has decided to implement this livelihood action plan from the current year till 2026-27.
- The main coastal landscapes to be treated under the project and would include areas like Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara district, Bahuda and Chilika in Ganjam district, and Devi Mouth, Chilika in Puri district.

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## 7. UP tops chart among states in trials pending in fast-track courts

- UP accounts for more than 70% of the 13.81 lakh pending trials in fast-track courts in cases of heinous crimes against women, children and senior citizens.
- More than 9.33 lakh cases are pending in the fast-track courts of Uttar Pradesh, followed by over 1.4 lakh cases in Maharashtra, 1.06 lakh cases in Tamil Nadu, 71,260 cases in West Bengal and 12,538 cases in Telangana.
- As many as 3,28,556 cases are pending in the FTSCs across 28 states and Union territories

## 8. Andaman and Nicobar Islands become India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh

- Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared Andaman and Nicobar Islands as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh.
- He handed over the certificate to A&N's LG Admiral DK Joshi.
- All the villages of Andaman and Nicobar Island have been certified as Har Ghar Jal and verified as open defecation free - ODF plus.
- On World Water Day (22 March 2021) A&N Islands were declared to have achieved 100% coverage of rural households with tap water connection.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **1. Saudi becomes India's second-largest oil supplier in August 2022**

- Saudi Arabia emerged as the second-biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap.
- Saudi Arabia has overtaken the Russia by a thin margin, while Iraq retained the top spot in August 2022.
- India is the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 863,950 barrels per day (bpd) of crude from Saudi Arabia (up 4.8% from the previous month).
- UAE has ranked four, while Kazakhstan replaced Kuwait to become fifth oil supplier to India, followed by US.

## **NEW APPOINTMENTS AND PERSON IN NEWS**

### **1. SIAM appoints Vinod Aggarwal as new president for 2022-23**

- The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected MD & CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles, Vinod Aggarwal as its president for 2022-23.
- He succeeded Kenichi Ayukawa, Executive Vice Chairman & Whole Time Director, Maruti Suzuki India.
- Earlier, he was served as the vice president of SIAM.
- The SIAM has also elected MD of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, Shailesh Chandra as the vice president for 2022-23.

### **2. Swati Piramal conferred French honour for business, industry contribution**

- Dr Swati Piramal has been conferred the top civilian honour of France 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur or Knight of the Legion of Honour' by Catherine Colonna (France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs).
- She has been honoured for her contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, and towards strengthening Indo-French ties.
- She is the vice-chairperson of the Piramal Group.
- She has also received the Padma Shri in 2012.

### **3. Govt appoints Ratan Tata and two others as trustees of PM CARES Fund**

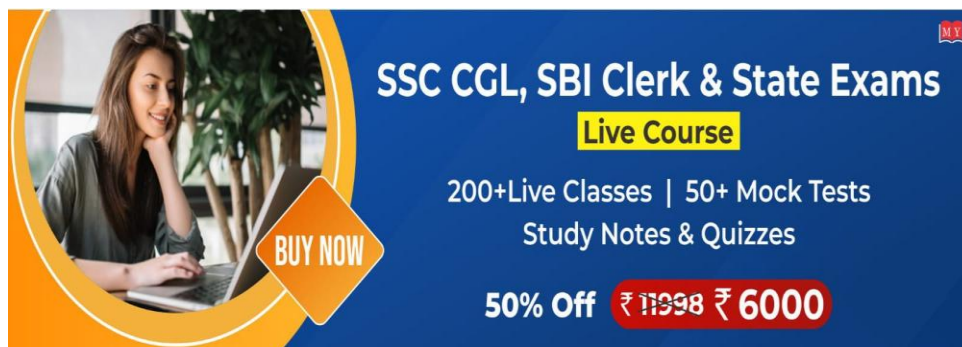
- The government has appointed Ratan Tata (Tata Sons chairman), KT Thomas (former SC judge) and Kariya Munda (former Deputy Speaker) as the trustees of the PM CARES Fund.



- The Trust further decided to nominate other eminent persons for the constitution of Advisory Board to the PM CARES Fund.
- Advisory Board: Rajiv Mehrishi, Sudha Murthy, and Anand Shah (Former CEO of Piramal Foundation).
- Aim: To provide wider perspectives on the functioning of the PM CARES Fund.

#### 4. MoFPI launches Convergence Portal to support Food Processing Enterprises

- The government has launched a joint convergence portal for different schemes run by Food Processing and Agriculture ministries.
- Schemes include: Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).
- The portal was launched in the presence of Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary.



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#### 5. Defence Ministry signs MoU with BoB, HDFC under SPARSH

- The Defence Ministry has signed an MoU with Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank under the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration).
- Aim: To cover pension of seventeen lakh defence pensioners across the country
- The Defence Secretary, Dr Ajay Kumar has announced that the average time in pension settlement has come down significantly to about 16 days
- Till now, the SPARSH initiative has crossed one million pensioners onboard mark and disbursed 11,600 crore rupees in the 2021-22

#### 6. CCI approves merger of Jio Cinema OTT with Viacom18 Media

- CCI has approved the proposed merger of Jio Cinema OTT with Viacom18 Media.
- Under this, Jio Cinema OTT app of Reliance will be transferred to Viacom18.

- In April 2022, RIL and Viacom18 have announced a strategic partnership with Bodhi Tree Systems (BTS).
- BTS will invest Rs 13,500 crore in Viacom18 while Reliance Projects & Property Management Services will invest Rs 1,645 crore in the broadcaster.
- BTS is an investment firm of Uday Shankar (ex-chairman of Star).

## **7.AIBD extended India's Presidency for one more year**

- India's Presidency of Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) has been extended for one more year.
- The decision was taken unanimously by the AIBD member countries at the two-day General Conference held in New Delhi.
- Currently, CEO of Prasar Bharati and DG of Doordarshan, Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.
- The conference was inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- AIBD was established in 1977.

## **8. Union Minister Jitendra Singh presents 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups**

- Union Science and Technology Minister, Jitendra Singh has presented 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53,000 students
- It is instituted by Department of Science and Technology and these innovators will be extended complete incubation support for entrepreneurship journey
- Annual INSPIRE Awards-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition attracted an unprecedented 6.53 Lakh ideas and innovations from all States

## **9. PM Modi launches National Logistics Policy in New Delhi**

- PM Narendra Modi has launched National Logistics Policy at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The policy ensures quick last mile delivery, end transport-related challenges, save time and money of the manufacturers, prevent wastage of the agro-products.
- PM also launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) that will bring all the digital services of transportation sector into a single portal
- Under this, Ease of logistics Services -E-Logs has also been started.

## **10. China partners with UAE on moon rover mission**

- China's space agency has agreed to join hands with UAE's Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre to land a rover on the Moon aboard a lander developed by the latter.
- Presently, the UAE is working on launching a rover to the Moon later 2022, under the Emirates Lunar Mission in a lander.
- The lander has been developed by a Japanese company named ispace.
- Rover named Rashid, is the robotic rover weighing 10 kg will be carried to the Moon inside the HAKUTO-R (lander).

### **11. Gautam Adani becomes World's Second Richest Person**

- According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani has become the second richest person in the world, after surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.
- As of 17th September 2022, the net worth of Adani is \$147 billion and Tesla's founder Elon Musk who has net worth of \$264 billion.
- Bezos' net worth has declined \$45.5 billion so far this year while Adani's wealth has jumped by \$70.3 billion.
- Ambani has been ranked tenth on the list with net worth of \$88.7 billion.

### **12.UNICEF appoints climate activist Vanessa Nakate as Goodwill Ambassador**

- Ugandan climate activist, Vanessa Nakate (25) has been appointed as the newest UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.
- Her collaboration with the organisation and recognising her outstanding global advocacy for climate justice for current and future generations.
- She started her activism in January 2019 with a protest with her siblings and cousins on the streets of Kampala, inspired by Greta Thunberg.

### **13. India to hold the presidency of SCO in 2023**

- In the declaration, the rotational presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has been handed over to India in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- India will hold the presidency of SCO for a year until September 2023 and also host the SCO summit in 2023.
- The leaders of SCO Member States have signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State.
- Member of States has highlighted the impacts of global climate change.

### **14. Manipur CM N. Biren Singh launches 'CM Da Haisi' web portal**

- Manipur CM N. Biren Singh has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM).
- Aim: To receive complaints and grievances from the general public.

- With the help of this portal, the complainants can also check the status of their complaints.
- This portal will be used by the Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell stationed at CM Secretariat.

## **15. MAS and IFSCA join hands to pursue cross-border FinTech innovations**

- The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) have signed a FinTech Co-operation Agreement to provide regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology.
- MAS is Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator.
- IFSCA is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products in the International Financial Services Centres in India.

## **BANKING**

### **1. World Bank approves \$150 million loan to Punjab**

- Punjab government has received a loan of \$150 million (approx Rs 1,200 crore) from the World Bank to help the state better manage its financial resources and improve access to public services.
- Punjab at present has a debt of Rs 2.63 lakh crore.
- The \$150 million loan has a maturity of 15 years including a grace period of 6 months.
- Punjab government will launch new projects with World Bank's assistance to attain its development goals.
- Punjab CM: Bhagwant Mann

### **2. SBI, Remitly join hands for secure and easy remittance to India**

- SBI has collaborated with Remitly to provide safe and simple remittances to India.
- The collaboration will enables NRIs to send money through SBI via Remitly to their family members by using mobile and web applications.
- Depending on the form and amount of transfers, Remitly provides superior exchange rates, immediate credits, and no remittance charge.
- The US Department of Treasury has certified Remitly as a money services firm.

### **3. R Gandhi appointed as non-executive chairman of Yes Bank**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to the appointment of Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as the Non-Executive (Part-time) Chairman of Yes Bank with effect from September 20, for a tenure of 3 years.
- He is currently serving as a financial sector policy expert and adviser.



- He served as an RBI deputy governor for three years from 2014 to 2017.
- He also served as a director of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology IDRBT, Hyderabad.

#### 4. ADB cuts GDP growth forecast of India for FY23 to 7%

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has reduced the economic growth projection of India for 2022-23 to 7% from 7.2%.
- Reason: Higher inflation and monetary tightening.
- The economy of India has been grew 13.5% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) in the first quarter of 2022-23, that shows strong growth in services.
- Report: Second supplement to Asian Development Outlook Report 2022.
- The ADO also expects that the Chinese economy to expand by 3.3% in 2022 rather than 5% forecast.

#### 5. RBI take out Central Bank of India from PCA restrictions

- RBI has decided to remove the Central Bank of India from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF).
- Reason: Improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital
- PCA norms: It is a supervisory tool and is imposed on banks, when they breach certain regulatory thresholds on capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net NPAs, and return on assets.
- The RBI imposed PCA norms on the bank in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and negative RoA.

#### 6. SBI WeCare FD scheme for senior citizens extended till March 2023

- SBI has extended the deadline to invest in its senior citizen FD scheme, SBI WeCare FD, till March 31, 2023.
- Aim: To secure senior citizens' income by paying additional interest on term deposits.

#### Features:

- Period of Deposit: 5 to 10 years

- Interest Rate: Additional premium of 30 bps (over and above existing premium of 50 bps) over card rate for Public.
- Interest rate applicable to the FD will be 6.45%.
- It also provides availability of Loan Facility

## **7. Sumant Kathpalia re-appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank**

- IndusInd Bank has approved the re-appointment of Sumant Kathpalia as managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) for three years with effect from March 24, 2023.
- He was appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank in March 2020.
- Prior to joining IndusInd Bank, he had stints with Citibank, Bank of America and ABN Amro.
- Headquarters of IndusInd Bank: Mumbai.

## **8. Federal Bank is only Indian Bank amongst the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022**

- Federal Bank becomes the only Indian bank to be listed by Great Place to Work®, the global authority on workplace culture.
- The bank has ranked 63 on the Best Workplaces™ in Asia 2022.
- This recognition is based on confidential survey data assessing employee experiences of trust, innovation, company values and leadership
- Companies are also evaluated on how well they are creating For All™ workplace experience, inclusive of all employees irrespective of position

## **9. Edelweiss General Insurance signs pact with Repco Home**

- Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has tied up with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) to offer insurance solutions to the home loan customers of the latter.
- EGI will offer property insurance cover and loan protection cover to RHFL's customers through their branches spread across India.
- EGI will offer customised, affordable, and convenient insurance solutions to financially protect loan borrowers.

## **10. Jitendra Singh led Indian delegation at Global Clean Energy Action Forum**

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh will lead the Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum.
- The coveted joint convening of the Clean Energy Ministerial CEM13 and Mission Innovation MI-7 will take place from 21st to 23rd of September at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Aim: To bring together thousands of clean energy leaders from across the world to accelerate clean energy innovation and deployment.

## **SCIENCE TECH & DEFENCE**

### **1. ICAR launched KRITAGYA 3.0, National level Hackathon on crop improvement**

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with its National Agricultural Higher Education Project and Crop Science Division is organizing Hackathon 3.0 titled 'KRITAGYA' on promoting 'speed breeding for crop improvement'.
- It will provide an opportunity for Students and others to showcase innovative approaches and technology solutions to promote innovation for crop improvement.
- Registration for this event is open till 26th September 2022.

### **2. Indian Navy decommissions INS Ajay after 32 years of service**

- Indian Navy has decommissioned INS Ajay after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

#### **About INS Ajay:**

- It was commissioned on January 24, 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR.
- It was a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.
- Participation: Op Talwar during Kargil War and Op Parakram in 2001

### **3. Indian, United States Coast Guard hold joint exercise Abhyas**

- An Indo-US coast guard joint exercise called Abhyas-01/22 held was conducted off Chennai coast.
- Aim: Search and rescue, anti-piracy operation and coordinated joint boarding of vessels
- Anti-piracy demonstration: A scenario of pirates hijacking a ship was created and the coast guard personnel of both the countries carried out a coordinated interdiction of the vessel.
- Search and rescue operation involves activities and external fire-fighting to salvage burning ships.

### **4. SBI Foundation, WWF India join hands for Red Panda conservation**

- SBI Foundation and WWF India have partnered to generate fine-scale information on Red Panda species at a transboundary level and engage with communities in safeguarding them in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim and West Bengal.

- The event was organised at the Himalayan Zoological Park in Gangtok.
- International Red Panda Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday of September to support Red Panda conservation.
- SBI Foundation is the CSR arm of SBI.

### **5. 36 OneWeb satellites reach at Satish Dhawan Space Centre**

- The 36 satellites of OneWeb, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications company has been arrived at Satish Dhawan Space Centre ahead of a planned launch from Sriharikota.
- The satellites will be launched by the heaviest ISRO rocket, the GSLV-MkIII.
- OneWeb has partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to facilitate the launch.
- NSIL is the commercial arm of national space agency Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- Chairman and MD, NSIL: Radhakrishnan D

## **BOOKS & AWARDS**

### **1. Former President Ram Nath Kovind releases book titled 'Ambedkar and Modi'**

- Former President Ram Nath Kovind has released a book titled “Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer’s Ideas Performer’s Implementation” in New Delhi.
- It illustrates life, works and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar and presents a convergence between the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar and New India’s development journey.
- It has been compiled in 12 chapters by Bluekraft Digital Foundation and has a foreword by music composer and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja.

### **2. Book titled, She Is - Women in STEAM released, to honour 75 women**

- The book titled, She Is–Women in STEAM, has been unveiled by Prof. Ajay Sood (Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI) and Alex Ellis (British High Commissioner).
- The book has honoured 75 women in STEAM (fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) celebrating gender, leadership, and sustainable development in the fields of STEAM.
- The book has been compiled by ElsaMarie D’Silva and illustrated by Supreet K Singh.

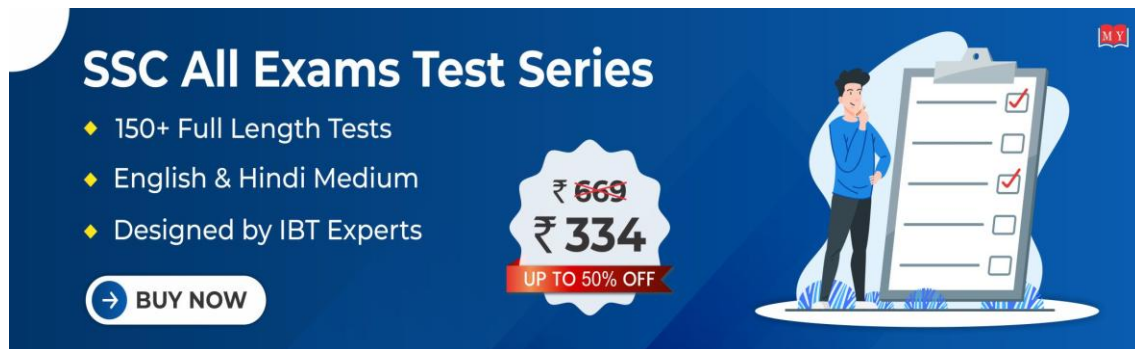
### **3. PM Modi receives Braille version of Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh**

- PM Narendra Modi has received a copy of the Braille version of Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh from Jayanta Baruah in New Delhi.

- The Braille version of 'Hemkosh' has been conceptualized and published by the Editor of Asomiya Pratidin, Jayanta Baruah.
- Hemkosh is South-East Asia's first Braille dictionary in Assamese.
- It was also the first Assamese dictionary which was edited by Hemchandra Baruah in the 19th century.
- This edition of 'Hemkosh' comprises of approx 10,000 pages,

#### 4. India receives UN award for its Hypertension Control Initiative under NHM

- The India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) has won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' at the UN General Assembly, held at New York in USA.
- Reason: For its initiative to control and prevent hypertension under the government's National Health Mission.
- This initiative was launched in 2017 and expanded in a phased manner to cover more than 130 districts across 23 states.
- Health Minister: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya



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#### 5. SIR's Popular Science Magazine 'Vigyan Pragati' receives Rajbhasha Kirti

- CSIR's popular science magazine 'Vigyan Pragati' has received National Rajbhasha Kirti Award at the Second All India Rajbhasha Sammelan held during 14th-15th September 2022 in the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium, Surat.
- It was organized by Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Vigyan Pragati is one of India's best popular science magazines and was started by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) in 1952

#### 6 Fintech start-up TRaiCE wins NASSCOM-NIPP GCC award

- TRaiCEInc has won the the NASSCOM-NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge in the 'Predictive Analytics for Customer Retention' category.
- Reason: By showcasing how the platform uses predictive AI to help lenders improve operational efficiencies for faster and safer financing.



- TRaiCEInc is a no-code AI-augmented Early Warning and Business Risk Monitoring System.
- The NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge is a competition where startups can pitch solutions that address in financial services sector.

## **7. Gujarati film 'Chhello Show' becomes India's official entry for Oscars 2023**

- Gujarati Film, Chhello Show (Last Film Show) has been selected as the India's submission to the Best International Feature Film category at the 95th Academy Awards.
- This movie was directed by Pan Nalin.
- This movie was honoured the Golden Spike at the 66th Valladolid International Film Festival in 2021.
- This movie was premiered at Tribeca Film Festival in 2021.
- The film was also nominated for Tiantan Awards at 11th Beijing International Film Festival.

## **SPORTS**

### **1. Bangladesh beat Nepal to clinch maiden 2022 SAFF Women's Championship title**

- Bangladesh has secured the maiden SAFF Women's Championship title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The Bangladesh has defeated hosts Nepal by 3-1 in the finals.
- Sabina Khatun (Bangladesh skipper) has become the top scorer of the tournament with 8 goals in 5 matches.
- She was also named as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her extraordinary game.
- The Bangladesh won the fair play award also.
- Best goalkeeper: Rupna Chakma (Bangladesh)

### **2. Bengaluru FC lifts maiden Durand Cup by defeating Mumbai City FC**

- Bengaluru FC has defeated Indian Super League (ISL) giants Mumbai City FC by 2-1 to clinch the 131st edition of the Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- The goal by Alan Costa in 61st minute gave Bengaluru FC the winning lead against Mumbai.
- The first edition of the competition was played in 1888.
- The club is owned and operated by the Mumbai-based company JSW Group and its managing director Sajjan Jindal.

### **3. Czech's Linda Fruhvirtova wins maiden WTA Chennai Open title**

- Linda Fruhvirtova (Czech Republic) has secured the 2022 WTA Chennai Open after beating third seed, Magda Linette (Poland) by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the SDAT Stadium, Chennai.
- At 17 years and 141 days old, she is the youngest titlist of the season on the WTA Tour so far.
- She is the youngest singles champion on tour since Coco Gauff won Parma last year at 17 years, 70 days old.
- Doubles WTS Chennai Open: Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **1. Comedian, Raju Srivastava passes away**

- Comedian, Raju Srivastava has been passed away at 58 due to heart attack in AIIMS, New Delhi.
- He was the chairman of the Film Development Council Uttar Pradesh.
- He got fame after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge" in 2005.
- He played supporting roles in Hindi films such as Maine Pyar Kiya, Baazigar, the remake of Bombay to Goa and Aamdani Atthani Kharcha Rupaiya.

### **2. Former Pakistan cricket umpire Asad Rauf passes away**

- Former Pakistan umpire Asad Rauf has been passed away at the age of 66 due to cardiac arrest in Lahore.
- He had made his first appearance as an umpire in international cricket in 2000.
- He officiated in 64 Tests, 139 ODIs and 28 T20Is and was one of Pakistan's leading umpires in the mid-2000s.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **1. International Equal Pay Day celebrates on 18 September**

- International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on 18 September, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value. The symbolic day aims at highlighting issues related to the gender pay gap and raising worldwide awareness. The main aim of the event is to end the history of gender discrimination that women are generally subjected to by getting paid less than their male counterparts.

### **2. International Week of Deaf People 2022: 19 to 25 September 2022**

- The International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is observed on the full week ending on the last Sunday of September.
- In 2022, IWD is being observed from September 19 to 25 September 2022.
- The theme of the 2022: Building Inclusive Communities for All
- It is an initiative of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was first launched in 1958 in Rome, Italy to commemorate the month when the first World Congress of the WFD was held.

### **3. World Alzheimer's Day 2022: 21st September**

- World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on September 21 to raise awareness about neurological disorders.
- The theme 2022: know dementia, know Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's disease: It is the most common form of dementia. It destroys the brain cells which causes memory loss, memory changes, erratic behaviour, and loss of body functions.
- This day was first marked on 21 September 1994.
- The month is being observed by Alzheimer's Disease International.

### **4. Bihar govt to introduce 'no-bag day' in schools**

- The Bihar government is ready to introduce a 'no-bag day' rule in schools and a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce the burden on students.
- Aim: To engage students in various activities which can positively impact their learning.
- As per the notification, the weekly "no-bag day" will have task-based practical classes.
- At least once a week, students will come to schools only with their lunch boxes. They do not need to carry books.

### **5. World Rhino Day 2022: 22 September**

- World Rhino Day is observed every year on 22nd September to spread awareness about the different Rhinoceros species.
- This day also celebrates all five rhino species namely the Sumatran, Black, Greater One-horned, Javan, and White rhino species.
- The theme 2022: "Five Rhino Species Forever".
- The announcement of this day was done in 2010 by WWF-South Africa.
- This day was first observed in 2011 and since then it has been observed worldwide.

### **6. International Day of Sign Languages 2022: 23 September**

- The International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated annually across the world on 23 September. The day is a unique opportunity to

support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

- Sign language gives people, who are hard of hearing, a medium to converse. As the name suggests, this day aims to spread awareness regarding the importance of sign language in the realisation of the human rights of people who are deaf.



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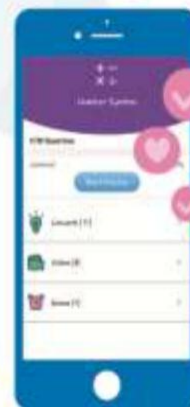


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