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**15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Abdul Latif Rashid elected as President of Iraq

- The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician, Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country. Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh.
- Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010. Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied.

### 2) Global Hunger Index 2022

- India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan.
- India's score of 29.1 places it in the 'serious' category.
- India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99). Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.

### 3) Just Energy Transition Partnership

- The G7 nations' plan of persuading India to start negotiations on a Just Energy Transition Partnership, an initiative of the rich nations to accelerate phasing out of coal and reducing emissions has hit a road-block.
- Just Energy Transition Partnership makes various funding options available for this purpose in identified developing countries.
- The Power Ministry has refused to give its consent to the negotiations so far, as it argues that coal cannot be singled out as a polluting fuel, and energy transition talks need to take place on equal terms.

## NATIONAL

### 1) PM Modi to Dedicate 75 Digital Banking Units to the Nation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate 75 Digital Banking Units to the nation on 16th October. He will address the occasion via video conferencing.
- The Finance Minister has announced the setting up of the 75 DBUs in 75 districts of the country to commemorate the 75 years of Independence of India as part of the Union budget speech for 2022-2023.

### 2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Information Technology



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Information Technology in Una, Himachal Pradesh. - - During the occasion, Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, and Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur were present.
- PM Modi also inaugurated the fourth Vande Bharat Express Train of India at the event.

### 3) Pravasi Bhartiya Divas

- The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention is to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January 2023.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar launched the website of the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan.

### 4) Prime Minister's development initiative for North East region

- Prime Minister's development initiative for North East region, was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The PM-DevINE is a Rs 6,600 crore scheme to support infrastructure, industries, and other Livelihood projects in northeastern states of India.



### 5) Bharat Heavy Electricals

- Bharat Heavy Electricals signed MoU with Coal India and NLC India for setting up Coal Gasification based plants. BHEL rose 2.56% to Rs 62.20 after the company clarified it has entered into a non-binding MoU with CIL and NLCIL.
- With this, the company aims to set up a Coal Ammonium Nitrate Project with CIL based on the Gasification of high-ash Indian coal, and a lignite-based gasification pilot plant with NLCIL for power generation.
- The state-run BHEL is engaged in designing, engineering, constructing, Testing, commissioning, and servicing a wide range of products and services to the core sector of the economy.



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## 6) Super Computer facility

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated a supercomputer facility at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and launched several other projects during her maiden visit to Assam since assuming office.
- This supercomputer facility called "Param-Kamrupa", the facility will be able to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields.
- She also inaugurated a high-power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER at the institute.

## 7) Adarsh Swaika

- Dr Adarsh Swaika, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait. Dr Adarsh Swaika (IFS: 2002), is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He is expected to take up his assignment shortly. Swaika will succeed Sibi George as the Indian envoy in Kuwait. There has been a significant upswing in ties between India and Kuwait in the last few years.

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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Students Day

- October 15 is celebrated as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India.
- The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931. He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable.



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## 2) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam: Birth Anniversary

- Avul Pakir Jainuladbeen Abdul Kalam born on 15th October 1931 was an Indian aerospace scientist and the 11th president of India. He served as the President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was known as the Missile Man of India for his works and development of ballistic missiles and launch vehicle technology.
- He has spent more than four decades serving as a scientist and science administrator at Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- He was constantly involved in the civil space program of India and military missile development. He was also the recipient of several prestigious awards which includes Bharat Ratna.

## 3) International Day Of Rural Women 2022

- October 15 is celebrated as the International Day of Rural women across the world.
- The day focuses to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas. The International Day of Rural Women is a time to celebrate the important role that rural women play in society.
- It is also an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by rural women and to call for action to address these issues. We hope that this day will help empower rural women and give them the recognition they deserve.

## OBUTARIY

### 1) Harry Potter Actor Robbie Coltrane Dead at the age of 72

- Robbie Coltrane, the veteran comic and actor known for his star turns in the British crime series Cracker and the Harry Potter movie franchise, passed away at the age of 72.
- Coltrane was born Anthony Robert McMillan on March 30, 1950, in Glasgow, Scotland, as the son of a doctor and a teacher.
- After graduating from Glasgow Art School, he continued his studies in art at Moray House College of Education in Edinburgh.



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