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# **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1) Relations of India and Australia

- India is one of Australia's most important Indo-Pacific partners, with the relationship characterised by strong peopleto-people links and close cooperation at all levels of government.
- The Australia-India relationship is at a high point, underpinned by the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership announced by Prime Ministers Morrison and Modi in June 2020, significant investments to bolster our economic ties announced as part of the India Economic Strategy Update, launched in March 2022, and the signing of the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement in April 2022.

### **NATIONAL**

# 1) RBI launches Concept note on the Central Bank Digital Currency.

- -The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) has released a concept note on the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The CBDC is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank.
- While most central banks across the globe are exploring the issuance of CBDC, the key motivations for its issuance are specific to each country's unique requirements.
- The purpose behind the issue of this Concept Note is to create awareness about CBDCs in general and the planned features of the digital Rupee, in particular. The Note also seeks to explain Reserve Bank's approach towards introduction of the digital Rupee.

## 2) ISRO Chandrayaan 2 mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time.

Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter's X-ray spectrometer 'CLASS' has mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time, as per the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

- As Chandrayaan-1's X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (C1XS) detected sodium from its characteristic line in X-rays, this opened up the possibility of mapping the amount of sodium on the Moon.

## 3) DPIIT Conducts national Workshop

- In New Delhi, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) held a national workshop on the topic of "Ease of Doing Business." Shri Parameswaran Iyer, CEO of Niti Aaayog, gave the keynote speech at the workshop.
- Parameswaran Iyer emphasised the significance of India's ranking on international indexes. Parameswaran Iyer emphasised how the Ease of Doing Business programme, together with other initiatives, took centre stage as one of the most crucial pillars in the effort to make India a desirable investment location.





















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## 4) World Economic Forum released Education 4.0 Report.

- Titled Education 4.0 Report', the report explains how technology can address learning gaps and make education accessible to all. The information was published under Education 4.0 India initiative, launched in May 2020 and has convened over 40 partners from the education technology, government, academic and start-up communities.

#### **STATE NEWS**

## 1) Bhupesh Baghel Inaugurated state own Olympics of Chattisgarh

- The state's own Olympics of Chattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel has inaugurated.
- The aim is to provide a centerstage to the village level sports so that a feeling of pride for the culture is inculcated. Secondly, to channelise the energy of the local youths which is very important for our society, Baghel inaugurated the grand multi-sport event at Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur, claiming to revive the age-old-tradition of traditional games namely 'langdi', 'bhaura', 'bati' (kancha), and 'pitthul'.
- The event will continue till January 6, 2023 and as many as 14 types of traditional sports have been included in the team and individual categories of separate age groups.

### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

#### 1) IFC Launched Financing Platform

- Financing Platform Launched by IFC: The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector investment arm of the World Bank, has introduced a new, \$6 billion funding facility to boost the private sector's capacity to respond to the Global Food crisis and aid in food production in response to mounting food insecurity.
- Rising levels of hunger and malnutrition (Global Food Crisis) have already been made worse by climate change and increasingly extreme weather events that are destroying harvests and lowering yields.
- The conflict in Ukraine and an unequal worldwide recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated to this trend.

# **SPORTS**

# 1) Pankaj Advani

- Indian cueist, Pankaj Advani defended his World Billiards Championships (150-up) title for the 5th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the best-of-7 frames final at the High End Snooker Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for a record 25th title at the global level.
- Pankaj's last world title came over 12 months ago in Qatar where he won the IBSF Six-Red Snooker World Cup.

### 2) Smriti Mandhana

- Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has signed on as a brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India.
- India women's vice-captain joins current men's cricket ace Hardik Pandya and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an ambassador for the company. Through the partnership, Gulf Oil stated that it aims to 'celebrate women













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power' and 'inspire female audience in the country', while also honouring the achievements of Indian women

- With this association, Gulf Oil claims to have become the first company in the lubricant space to appoint a woman cricketer as ambassador to represent the organisation and its ethos.

## 3) Max Verstappen

- Red Bull driver Max Verstappen was declared Formula One world champion after winning a dramatic rain**shortened** Japanese Grand Prix.
- This was the 25-year-old Dutchmans second championship in a row, which he won with four races. Red Bull's Verstappen crossed the line first and he was then awarded the title when second-place finisher Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third.

#### **AWARDS**

# 1) FIH player of the year is awarded to Harmanpreet singh

- India men's hockey team defender and vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh has been voted the FIH Player of the Year for the second year running.
- The 26-year-old became just the fourth player to win the Player of the Year award (men's category) in consecutive years, joining an elite list that includes Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands), Jamie Dwyer (Australia) and Arthur van Doren (Belgium).
- The India vice-captain has scored an incredible 18 goals from 16 games, with two hat-tricks, in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22.

# 2) Noble Prize For Economics 2022

- Nobel Prize for Economics 2022: US Trio of Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond, and Philip H. Dybvig received the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2022 (Nobel Prize for Economics 2022) in Memory of Alfred Nobel "for research on banking and financial crises."
- The prize money for the Nobel Prize for Economics 2022 total 10 million Swedish kronor, or roughly \$900,000. They will be distributed on December 10.

### 3) Novak Djokovic

- Novak Djokovic wins Astana Open: With a convincing straight-sets win over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the ATP final in Astana Open, Novak Djokovic won his 90th career championship and fourth in 2022. In 75 minutes, the 35-yearold Novak Djokovic prevailed 6-3, 6-4 to add this trophy to those he has already won this year in Israel, Rome, and Wimbledon. The fourth seed, Novak Djokovic won his ninth straight match, and as a consequence of the victory, he secured a place at the 2022 ATP Finals.





















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#### **OBUTARIES**

- 1) Mulayam Singh Yadav Passes Away
- Mulayam Singh Yadav Passes Away: Mulayam Singh Yadav, the Samajwadi Party (SP) founder and former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, passed away on October 10 at a Gurugram private hospital. Mulayam Singh Yadav, 82, was receiving treatment for multiple medical conditions. The Samajwadi Party's official Twitter account acknowledged the news of Mulayam Singh Yadav's passing.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) World Mental Day

- Every year World Mental Health Day is observed **on** October 10.
- On this day, various programs are designed to draw attention to mental health issues and their effects on those affected and the lives of their caregivers. –
- In India, World Mental Health Day is marked on the final day of the Mental Health Awareness Campaign ----
- Week campaign, launched last year by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Theme of this year "Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority."

## 2) World Post Day

- Every year World Post Day is celebrated on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
- This day celebrates the role of the post in people's and businesses' everyday lives.
- It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
- The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.
- Theme of this year is "Post For Planet".

### 3) Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas

- Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs that requires all government organizations to spread cybersecurity awareness. It is observed on first Wednesday of every month.
- The purpose is to create awareness and sensitize the Internet users on safeguarding against cyber frauds and cybercrimes.
- A major Indian oil PSU suffered a cyber attack disrupting its operations 01 in Assam and received a ransom demand of ₹57 crores.

#### 4) Indian Foreign Service Day

- October 9 is celebrated as Indian Foreign Service Day.
- On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.













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- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) will grow from strength to strength in the coming years and will help advance India's interests globally, said External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar as he greeted the members of foreign service on the IFS Day 2022.
- The history of the Service and this day goes back to September 1946, when, on the eve of India's Independence, the Government of India decided to create a service called the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.









