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# 20th October 2022

#### **NATIONAL**

- 1) Central Organisation for Modernization of Workshops
- The Ministry of Railways announced the closure of the Central Organisation for Modernization of Workshops , New Delhi.
- It will come in effect from 1st December 2022. Railway Board confirmed the winding up of the four-decade old organization that contributed significantly towards the modernization of the workshop across the railway networks, with the recommendations of the Principal Economic Advisor, and Ministry of Finance.

## 2) \$500 Million Accelerator Program to Strengthen Agri Startups

- \$500 Million Accelerator Program to Strengthen Agri Startups Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced that the central government will launch a Rs 500 crore accelerator programme to support the productive ideas of agro businesses.
- On the second day of the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan, Tomar made numerous significant announcements regarding big policy efforts for agriculture entrepreneurs.















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# 3) Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas plant

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas plant in Lehragaga, in Sangrur, Punjab.
- The plant in Sangrur is just the beginning of India's master plan for a CBG-based rural economy and the government is taking all steps to promote the ecosystem around it.
- The plant has been commissioned with a foreign direct investment of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG, one of Germany's leading bio-energy companies. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and senior management from Verbio India Private Limited were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

## 4) One Health Joint Plan of Action

- The One Health Joint Plan of Action would develop a framework and integrate systems and capability to enable improved collaborative prevention, prediction, detection, and response to health hazards.
- This will support sustainable development while enhancing the health of people, animals, plants, and the environment.

#### 5) "Travel now pay later"

- AI-driven financial wellness platform, CASHe, announced that it has partnered with the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation, to provide a "travel now pay later" payment option on its travel app, IRCTC Rail Connect. This will enable travellers of Indian Railways to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in pocket-friendly EMIs, ranging from three to six months. With CASHe's payment option, booking and paying for rail tickets on the IRCTC travel app will now be easier and hassle-free for millions of Indian Railway passengers.























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#### **STATE NEWS**

## 1) Google partners with Assam Government

- Google partners with Assam Government In order to help and expedite the Assam government's objective to foster digital growth and development in the State, Google inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). As part of this new initiative, Google will work with the Assam Government's Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) to strengthen school digitization efforts with digital tools and solutions to support teaching and learning, as well as to promote the fundamentals of online safety and digital citizenship to schoolchildren through the "Be Internet Awesome" programme.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RECONGNITIONS**

#### 1) Mallikarjun Kharge

- Veteran Karnataka leader Mallikarjun Kharge defeated his rival Shashi Tharoor to become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years, and the first Scheduled Caste chief of the grand old organization in four decades.
- Kharge polled 7897 of the 9385 votes cast while Tharoor garnered a meagre 1072. Sources said 416 votes were invalid.



## 2) Deependra Singh Rathore

- Paytm Payments Bank has appointed Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in addition to his role as Chief Product & Technology Officer.
- CEO Satish Gupta is retiring this month. The bank will announce the new full-time CEO after receiving regulatory approvals.





















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- The bank has also appointed Sunil Chander Sharma, a former IRS officer as Chief Operating Officer (COO). As the COO, he would oversee the functions of customer support, retail operations, legal and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and Human Resources and Administration.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World Osteoporosis Day 2022

- World osteoporosis day is a global healthcare event observed every year on 20 October. The day is observed to promote the early diagnosis of osteoporosis, its treatment and preventive tips for strong bones.
- The campaigns are mainly focused on encouraging people to take preventative measures for their bone health to avoid any risk of osteoporosis and associated complications in the future.
- This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is "Step Up For Bone Health",



# 2) World Statistics Day 2022

- World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on October 20th to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives.
- The United Nations Statistical Commission has been at the forefront of advocating for the use of statistics to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Good data and statistics are essential for effective planning, monitoring and evaluation of progress towards the SDGs.
- The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is "Data for Sustainable Development".















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## 3) International Chefs Day

- Every year on October 20th, International Chefs Day is observed to honour the culinary masters who have protected the value of food and are passing on the same message to future generations.
- This day celebrates the culinary arts and recognizes the hard work and dedication that chefs put into their craft. If you know a chef, be sure to thank them for their delicious creations. And if you're a chef yourself, take pride in knowing that your skills are appreciated by people all over the world!
- The theme for this year is "Growing A Healthy Future."













