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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1) Switzerland created record for operating the longest passenger train

- Switzerland is now home to the world's longest passenger train. The train has 100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats.
- The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the Swiss Alps. Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway, the country's railway operators came together to create the new Guinness World Record-holding train which tows 100 carriages, weighs 2,990 tons, and measures 1.91 km (1.19 miles) long.



# 2) Mongolia's first Greenfield oil refinery

- Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) has taken up a project to build Mongolia's first Greenfield oil refinery on the outskirts of the capital city, Ulaanbaatar.
- The project is aimed at reducing the East Asian country's dependency on Russian oil imports.
- The company would provide EPC (Engineering, procurement, and construction) services and EPC-3 (captive power plants) for \$790 million using advanced technologies.

## 3) Operation Vigilant Storm

- The U.S. Air Force and several of its allies in the Asia-Pacific area will improve combat readiness and interoperability through Operation Vigilant Storm, a four-day training exercise involving hundreds of aircraft.













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- The Operation Vigilant Storm exercise, which is scheduled to take place between October 31 and November 4, has already drawn criticism from North Korea's Foreign Ministry.

#### **NATIONAL**

#### 1) Grama Vandi receives accolades on national level

- The KSRTC's "Grama Vandi," which was introduced in collaboration with State-level local self-government organisations, also took home the Award of Excellence in Urban Transport.
- The Kerala Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) city circular service took home the national "Commentation Award in Urban Transport" for "City with the Best Public Transport System."



#### 2) "Niveshak Didi"

- Niveshak Didi, in order to promote financial literacy "By the women, for the women," India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) organised India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp in Srinagar, J&K.
- The Niveshak Didi Initiative is founded on the principle of "women for women," as rural women are better at ease discussing their concerns with another woman.

#### 3) **2022 AP7**

- A group of scientists has found three enormous near-Earth asteroids that were concealing from the Sun's light.
- One of them, 2022 AP7, is "possibly harmful" to Earth and is thought to be the greatest planet-killer-sized asteroid to have been discovered in a decade.

# 4) Nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost













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- India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report.
- According to the US News and World Report, out of 85 nations, India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking.



## 5) Health insurance solutions

- Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited has announced a partnership with IDFC First Bank to provide health-insurance solutions to the customers of the bank.
- The advanced digital capability of the bank combined with Niva Bupa's best-in-class health insurance solutions will provide the best services for the customers. The partnership will empower the two institutions to serve customers better and help them lead healthier lives.

#### 6) Ather Energy

- Tesla Inc.'s former India policy chief is joining homegrown electric scooter startup Ather Energy Pvt, one of the best-funded fledgling firms in a sector attracting record investment.
- Manuj Khurana who quit his post as Tesla's local head of policy and business development in June, will start next week at the firm based in the southern technology hub of Bangalore. Khurana will join as a vice president, though his specific role there is unclear.

# 7) Chqbook and NSDL Payments Bank collaborate

- The neobank for small business owners Chqbook has introduced the first digital current account of its sort in collaboration with NSDL.
- Small business owners, including kiranas and pharmacists, can easily open a current account on the Chybook App from their smartphone in a language of their choice.











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- The current account is more easily accessible and understandable because it is provided in eight different languages.

# 8) 'Baji Rout National Football Tournament' in Dhenkanal in Odisha

- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 'Baji Rout National Football Tournament' in Dhenkanal in Odisha.
- The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been promoting sports and games in the country through initiatives like khelo India and Fit India.



## **STATE NEWS**

## 1) India's largest wind turbine by Adani

- Adani New Industries Ltd. has constructed a wind turbine in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity and has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet.

## 2) 16 EV charging stations

- The Indian Army collaborated with Tata Powers to install 16 EV charging stations, in accordance with its "Go Green Initiative."
- In several areas of Delhi Cantonment, charging stations have been installed. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, General Officer Commanding Delhi Area, officially opened the installation of charging stations in cooperation with the nation's largest integrated utility in the presence of army authorities and senior TATA Power and TATA Motors executives.

# 3) Radhakrishnan Committee for Higher Educational Institutions

- The Ministry of Education has set up a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions, on November 4, 2022.













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- The panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of IIT Council.

## 4) 'CM Dashboard'

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'CM Dashboard' portal that will have real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes.
- The 'CM Dashboard' portal will provide live monitoring of every department at the block, district, and panchayat levels.
- The portal will have information about the decisions taken by the administrative wing on major schemes. This will enable tracking of methodology and analysis of the report and further help in the comparison of old and new data.

# 5) 'Lakhpati Didi'

- The Uttrakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 'Lakhpati Didi' fair at the survey of India Maidan, Hathbarkala in Dehradun.
- The fair is part of an initiative undertaken by the BJP government to empower women in the state. The Rural Development department of the Uttrakhand government has made preparations to make 1.25 lakh women from self-help groups 'Lakhpati' by 2025.



#### APPOINTMNETS AND RESIGNATIONS

- 1) Two female cadre officers appointed as IG
- After their entrance into the CRPF in 1987, two female officers have recently been appointed as Inspectors General (IG).
- The Rapid Action Force (RAF), a specialised anti-riot force, has appointed Annie Abraham as its IG. As the new Bihar sector IG, Seema Dhundia has been appointed.

## 2) Mr Subhrakant Panda

























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- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has announced Mr Subhrakant Panda as its President-Elect.
- Mr Panda is currently the Senior Vice President of FICCI. He shall succeed Mr Sanjiv Mehta as President of the apex chamber at the conclusion of the 95th Annual General Meeting to be held on December 16th-17th, 2022.

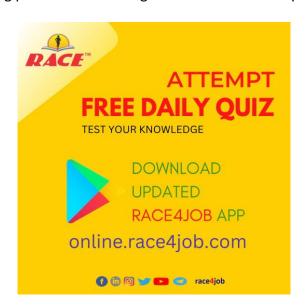
## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### 1) M T Vasudevan Nair awarded

- M T Vasudevan Nair, a renowned Malayalam author and Jnanpith laureate, has been chosen to receive the inaugural Kerala Jyothi award, which was established by the state government in the spirit of the Padma awards to recognise people who have made priceless contributions to society.

# 2) Amit Dasgupta

- Amit Dasgupta was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship.
- Dasgupta is a tireless promoter of Australia-India relations, challenging the nations' governments and people to realise the underlying potential of a stronger bilateral relationship.



#### 3) Aruna Sairam

- Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker, Aruna Sairam has been honoured with the French government's highest honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award.
- Aruna Sairam has been selected for this award not just for her singing prowess, but also for her contribution towards the development of the Indo-France relationship.













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## 4) Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan)

- Noted Malayalam fiction writer, Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) has been selected for the Kerala government's prestigious 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram' this year in recognition of his overall contribution to the Malayalam language and literature.
- He focussed on modernising the literature by standing beyond the definitions of movements and trends.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Tsunami Awareness Day

- In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitates the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system. The date of November 5 was chosen to mark the story of "Inamura-no-hi" (burning of the rice sheaves) in western Japan. This earthquake occurred in 1858.
- The theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2022: Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami.

# **OBITUARY**

#### 1) Vijayakumar Menon dies at 76

- Vijayakumar Menon, a 76-year-old art critic and fine arts scholar who passed away, was honoured by hundreds of art lovers in his city. He had been receiving therapy for kidney illness.
- At the Vyasagiri Ashram, where he had resided for the previous 32 years, and later at the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi, his body was held so that members of the public could pay their respects.











