

# 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

# NATIONAL

#### 1) First annual State of Global Water Resources Report 2021

- WMO (World Meteorological Organization) has released its first annual State of Global Water Resources Report 2021.

- The aim of this annual report is to support monitoring and management of global freshwater resources in an era of growing demand and limited supplies.



#### **APPOINTMENTRS AND RESGINATIONS**

#### 1) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir

- Former Union Minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir has assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes. He is an Agriculturist by profession, read a statement from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

- He had been elected four times Member of Parliament from Parliamentary Constituency Chandrapur, Maharashtra and also he was Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.

- He had been Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India the 16th Lok Sabha.

#### 2) Virat Kohli

- Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador for its smartwatches. The new partnership will bring together the two domains together which is said to exemplify the brand. The partnership will further help in deepening consumer trust and allegiance, claims the company.





 
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- Noise and Virat Kohli- both are leaders in the smart connected lifestyle industry and the cricket world respectively. Moreover, as the brand ambassador has always felt pride in his fitness levels, Noise signed him because of Kohli's era of super-athletes, which makes him an ideal fit for the brand.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIOBNS

# 1) SS Rajamouli

- Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022. The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season.

- Rajamouli's win surprised many as his competitors included Steven Spielberg, Darron Aronofsky, Sarah Polley, and Gina Prince-Blythewood.

- A pre-Independence fictional story, "RRR" stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR as real-life Indian revolutionaries in the 1920s Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem, respectively.



# 2) Prince of Wales, Prince William, in Boston, United States

- India's Greenhouse-in-a-box was among the five winners announced by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, in Boston, United States.

- It is a sustainable solution for small-scale farmers developed by an Indian startup, Kheyti, in Telangana which has won one million pounds (\$1.2 million).

- Co-founder and CEO of Kheyti, Kaushik Kappagantulu, said that he had launched the solution for at least 100 million local smallholder farmers who are most impacted by climate change. The aim of greenhousein-a-box is to reduce costs and increase yields which in turn would help protect the livelihoods of these farmers.

# 3) 'Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022"

- Canara Bank won the 'Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022" for India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London.





- Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer LV Prabhakar received the award from the organisers.

- These are prestigious awards to the banking industry and Canara Bank has been adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022. It expressed gratitude to its customers, investors, staff and other stakeholders.

# 3) 48th position in the global aviation safety

- According to DGCA officials, India has jumped to the 48th position in the global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

- Four years ago, the country was ranked at the 102nd position.

- In the ranking, Singapore is at the top, followed by the UAE and South Korea at the second and third positions, respectively, the officials said. China is at the 49th place.



4) India is ranked 8th among the countries that are at the highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023

- As per the recent report by the US think tank Early Warning Project, India is ranked 8th among the countries that are at the highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023. India has seen a drop in rank from second position in the earlier year.

- "India's shift in rank from second to eighth can be most attributed to an improvement in the freedom of movement for men [which is one of the variables used for the analysis]," the report said.

# 5) 'Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History'

- A book titled 'Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History' by Vikram Sampath, an anthology of 15 stories of men and women and their indomitable spirit of freedom and courage, was launched in Delhi. The book is published under Penguin publication.

- The book chronicles the stories of courage and determination of few individuals, whose stories largely remained untold and therefore unknown for a long time.





# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) Navy Day in India

- Navy Day in India is observed annually on December 4 to recognise the contributions and accomplishments of Indian Naval forces.

- Indian Navy Day is observed to commemorate the attack and to pay tribute to all Navy personnel who sacrificed their lives while serving the country.

- The Indian Navy is a three-dimensional force that protects our country's interests above, on, and beneath the ocean's surface. Its main goal is to improve its position in the Indian Ocean Zone. Every year, various events are held on this day.



# 2) International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed on December 5 ever year.
 The day is also referred to as International Volunteer Day (IVD) to recognize and promote the tireless work, not just of UN Volunteers, but of volunteers across the globe.

- The international observance was mandated by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1985. The day commemorates 80 countries in the world.

#### 3) World Soil Day

- December 5 is celebrated annually as World Soil Day to highlight the importance of healthy soil and promote sustainable management of soil resources.

The event aims to raise awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and ecosystems, and events are held at the UN FAO offices and through community based events.
The day was first considered by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002, but was not officially

endorsed by FAO until 2013.





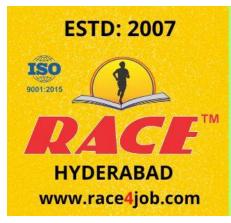
#### 4) International Day of Banks

- International Day of Banks is celebrated on December 4 to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments.

- United Nations also observes the day in recognition of the vital role of banking systems in Member State in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living.

- The International Day of Banks was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly as a way to draw attention to the role that international development banks can play in supporting sustainable development.

- Banks support the international community's goals by financing the sustainable development of member nations and providing information for achieving these goals.



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