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October 1st & 2nd

NATIONAL

1) 100% ODF Plus Model Status

- All 6,650 villages of Jammu and Kashmir have been declared Open Defecation-Free (ODF) Plus Model under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Achieving ODF Plus Model status involves three stages: Aspiring, Rising, and Model. Villages progress through these stages by meeting specific criteria.
- Greywater management refers to the proper handling of water generated from activities like cooking and bathing, received special attention.

2) Swachhata Hi Seva campaign

- The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and garnered widespread participation from citizens across India.
- The campaign was not just a standalone effort but a precursor to the grand celebration of 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' or 'Swachhta Diwas,' observed on October 2 each year.
- Prime Minister Modi urged all citizens to join the cleanliness campaign on October 1 under the national initiative 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath' (One Date, One Hour, Together).

3) "Sankalp Saptaah"

- Prime Minster has launched a week-long programme called 'Sankalp Saptaah' for the country's aspirational blocks at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- 'Sankalp Saptah' programme, which is being implemented in 500 aspirational blocks across 329 districts in the country, aims to improve governance at the block level in order to enhance the quality of life of citizens.















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4) The Pacific Asia Travel Association

- India is set to host the 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.
- The Pacific Asia Travel Association is headquartered in Bangkok and it was established in 1951.

5) Bike expedition with Yashaswin

- The Central Reserve Police Force, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is organizing a cross-country bike expedition with "Yashaswini" a group of CRPF women bikers to celebrate women power or Nari Shakti of the country.
- On the 3rd of October, 2023, a total of 150 women CRPF officers, divided into three teams, will embark on a cross-country rally. Riding 75 Royal Enfield (350cc) motorbikes, these teams will start their journeys from the Northern (Srinagar), Eastern (Shillong), and Southern (Kanyakumari) regions of India.
- Finally, they will all converge at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat for the grand finale scheduled to take place on the 31st of October, 2023.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India celebrates its Seventh Annual Day

- On October 1st, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) celebrated its Seventh Annual Day. Justice Shri Ashok Bhushan, Chairperson, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal presiding over the occasion as the Chief Guest.
- Theme: 'Functioning and Strengthening of the IBC Ecosystem'















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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has decided to award the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman "for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19".

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Param Vir Chakra recipient, Captain Bana Singh

To combat sanitation challenges in rural areas of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K has announced the nomination of country's highest gallantry awardee, the Param Vir Chakra recipient, Captain Bana Singh, a dedicated and decorated former soldier, as the ambassador for the "War Against Waste" initiative in Jammu & Kashmir.

2) Mohamed Muizzu

- Mohamed Muizzu has won the Presidential election in Maldives. Muizzu defeated incumbent Mohamed Solih to become president.
- He won 54.06 percent of the vote in the run-off contest.

SPORTS

1) 2023 Asian Games

Indian Shooters Prithviraj Tondaiman, Kynan Chenai and Zoravar Singh Sandhu added gold medal to the tally by shooting the gold medal in the men's trap event.















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2) Indian Men's Badminton Team wins the Silver Medal at the Asian Games

- Indian men's badminton team bagged the first-ever silver medal in the Asian Games after losing in the final 2-3 against hosts China in Hangzhou.
- China claimed a gold medal in the Men's badminton event at the 19th Asian Games for a second successive occasion.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Gandhi Jayanti

- Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated on October 2nd every year, is a day of profound significance in India and around the world.
- "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath" is the theme for 2nd October Gandhi Jayanti.

2) International Day of Non-Violence

- The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2nd to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.
- In 2004, Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea of an International Day of Non-Violence.

3) World Habitat Day

- Every year, World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October each year. In 2023, it is observed on October 2nd to contemplate the state of our habitats and emphasize the fundamental right of every individual to have access to adequate shelter.
- Theme of 2023: "Resilient Urban Economies: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery."















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