

# 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) 'The Voice of Global South' Summit

- India will host 'The Voice of Global South' Summit on January 12-13, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said. As many as 120 countries will participate in the summit.

- The virtual summit is significant as India currently holds the presidency of the G20 group and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier indicated that priorities would be shaped in consultation with developing countries.

#### NATIONAL

#### 1) Aspirational Block Programme

- Prime Minister has launched the government's Aspirational Block Programme, which is aimed at improving the performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters.

- The Aspirational Blocks Programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme that was launched in 2018 and covers 112 districts across the country.



#### 2) 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a polo at Marjing Polo Complex

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a polo at Marjing Polo Complex in Imphal, Manipur.

- Manipur is known as the birthplace of the game polo. Chief Minister of Manipur N Biren Singh was also present during the inauguration ceremony and gave a polo mallet and a painting of the game to Home Minister Amit Shah.

#### 3) London Interbank Offered Rate

- With the end near for the London Interbank Offered Rate, the Reserve Bank of India told banks and other financial institutions to stop using the benchmark as soon as possible and mandatorily by December 31 and move to any Alternative Reference Rates.





 
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- Secured Overnight Financing Rate and Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate, are the two popular alternatives, but are nowhere near as popular internationally as Libor, which is being phased out by this year's end.

# 4) Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organising Startup India Innovation Week from 10th January 2023 to 16th January 2023 to celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem as well as National Startup Day (16th January 2023).

## **STATE NEWS**

#### 1) Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel celebrated the Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

- The Cherchera festival of Chhattisgarh is celebrated on the full moon night of the 'Paush' Hindu calendar month.

- It is to celebrate the happiness and joy of taking crops to their homes after cultivation.

- Chief Minister Baghel extended warm wishes to all the citizens of Chhattisgarh on the auspicious occasion.



#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS**

#### 1) RS Sodhi

- Amul Federation's managing director RS Sodhi, who has been leading the dairy giant since 2010, stepped down on January 9 as the board decided to end his tenure with "immediate effect".

- He has been replaced for an interim period by Jayan Mehta, Amul's incumbent chief operating officer.





-The decision to replace Sodhi was taken at the board meeting of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, the farmers' cooperative that operates the Amul brand.

# **SPORTS**

#### 1) Sania Mirza

- Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza (36-year-old), the former doubles World No. 1, has confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis.

- She announced that the Dubai Tennis Championships, a Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 1000 event in Dubai in February 2023 will be her last match.

- Prior to her last appearance, she is going to play in women's doubles at the Australian Open in 16 to 29 January 2023 alongside Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina.



#### 2) Novak Djokovic

- Novak Djokovic has defeated America's Sebastian Korda in a nerve-wracking final to win the Adelaide International men's singles title.

- Djokovic also equalled Rafael Nadal's tally of 92 ATP singles titles in the Open Era. Nadal and Djokovic are joint-fourth in the list after Jimmy Connors (109), Roger Federer (103) and Ivan Lendl (94).

- In the women's final at Adelaide International 1, Aryna Sabalenka won the women's singles by defeating Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic. This was her 11th WTA Tour singles title.

#### 3) Gareth Bale

- Gareth Bale has announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 33. It brings an end to a career that saw Bale excel for Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur, Real Madrid and LAFC, while also establishing himself as one of the greatest players in Welsh football history.

- Bale, who made his Wales debut in May 2006 in a friendly against Trinidad and Tobago, broke the previous Wales record of 28 goals set by Ian Rush.

- He has won Wales' player of the year award six times.





- Bale played a Wales record of 111 games for his country and was a five-time Champions League winner with Real Madrid. He helped the Welsh reach the 2016 and 2020 Euros before leading them in their first World Cup since 1958 at Qatar 2022.

## 4) Dwaine Pretorius

- Cricket South Africa has confirmed that Proteas all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius has retired from international cricket with immediate effect.

- Since making his international debut in 2016, the 33-year-old has represented South Africa across all three formats in 30 T20 Internationals, 27 One-Day Internationals and three Tests. He has also featured in two World Cups.

- Pretorius showed his prowess both with the bat and ball in the international arena, aggregating 1895 runs and scalping 77 wickets across formats.



#### 5) Anahat Singh

- Anahat Singh won the Girl's U-15 squash title at British Junior Open Tournament. Anahat Singh was also one of the youngest players at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

- She won one of the most prestigious tournaments of the season in Birmingham, U.K.

#### 6) India VS Sri Lanka

- Indian Cricketer, Virat Kohli has recorded the first century by an Indian in 2023 against Sri Lanka in the first One-Day International at the Baraspara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati.

- He made 113 off 87 balls. Kohli's 45th ODI ton helped him equal Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries at home in ODI cricket.

- While Tendulkar had 20 centuries in 160 innings at home, Kohli smashed his 20 ton in his 99th innings at home.





## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

#### 1) 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1'

- Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1' containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

- The book featured accounts of daily activities he undertook as a chief minister.

#### 2) "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking"

- Journalist Tamal Bandyopadhyay has released his latest book "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking" with permission from Jaico Publishing House.

- Roller Coaster is a string of such stories and revelations from the country's foremost banking journalist's affair with the industry—even though banks were not ideal partners for such liaisons.

- He has seen the industry and dramatis personae grow over two and a half decades, first as a rookie reporter, then as an editor and a columnist, and, finally, as an author.

- The book brings to light the lives of India's commercial and central bankers. But it does not discuss their successes, failures, or the ever-evolving dynamics of monetary and fiscal policies. It's about their persona, warts and all—how they are as leaders, how they evolved, and how they changed the culture and ethos of the Indian banking sector.



#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### 1) 'Overall Championship'

- University of Kerala bagged the 'Overall Championship' at Padma Tarang, the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam in Tirupati.





- Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, came the runners-up. With more than 700 registered participants from universities across South India converging on the campus.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas

- World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 10th January every year to promote awareness about the language across the world.

- It is also the day when Hindi, India's national language, was spoken for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly.

- It was on this day in 1975 that the first World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur. Since then, such conferences are organised in different parts of the world every year.

- The language got its name from the Persian term 'Hind' which means 'the land of Indus'. The language is spoken in India, Trinidad, Nepal, Guyana, Mauritius and other countries.

# 1) Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia passed away

- Padma Awardee Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia, an Indian Surgeon and Gastroenterologist, who was known as the 'father of laparoscopic surgery in India' passed away, at the age of 88.

- He was born on 15th July 1934 in the Bombay Presidency, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India).

#### 2) Rehman Rahi passed away

- Professor Rehman Rahi, renowned poet and Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee took his last breath in the early hours on Monday at his residence in the Nowshera area of Kashmir.

- At the time of his death, the globally acclaimed poet was 98 years old. He is survived by four children.



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