

### DESCRIPTIVE SESSION

#### ❖ **IndiGo appoints Pieter Elbers as the new CEO**

➤ Peiter Elbers assumed the charge of Indigo's chief executive officer, over three months after he was announced as the replacement for outgoing CEO Ronojoy Dutta

#### ❖ **Sanjay Verma appointed as next high commissioner of India to Canada**

➤ Senior diplomat Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada. He succeeds Acting High Commissioner Anshuman Gaur.

➤ Verma has served in Indian missions in Hong Kong, China, Vietnam and Turkey. He has also served as Consul General of India in Milan, Italy.

➤ Amit Kumar, currently Consulate General of India in Chicago, has been named as the next ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

#### ❖ **West Bengal awarded the 'Worldwide Journey Award 2023'**

➤ Bengal has bagged the award for the best destination for culture in the internationally acclaimed World Travel Awards. The trophy will be conferred in Berlin next year.

➤ The award will be conferred by Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization on March 9 next year in Berlin.

➤ The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) is a professional organisation of travel writers that was founded in 1998. It works with both the public and the private sector to support sustainable growth and improve the quality of travel and tourism.

#### ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**

➤ Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has unveiled the grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose near India Gate in New Delhi on 8 September 2022.

- The grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is a jet black granite statue, measuring a total of 28 ft and it will be placed under the Canopy near India Gate.
- The statue of Netaji was carved from a monolithic block of granite weighing 280 MT.
- The granite monolith was chiselled to produce a statue weighing 65 MT.
- It is completely hand sculpted using traditional techniques and modern tools.
- The 28 feet tall statue of Netaji is one of the tallest, most realistic, monolithic, handmade sculptures in India.

### ❖ **Suella Braverman: UK's new Home Secretary**

- Suella Braverman is UK's new Home Secretary: Liz Truss, the new British prime minister, named Suella Braverman, a lawyer of Indian descent, as the country's new home secretary. Priti Patel, who is of Indian descent, will be replaced in the position by Suella Braverman. Suella Braverman, a 42-year-old Conservative Party member from Fareham in southeast England, previously worked for the Boris Johnson administration as the attorney general.

### ❖ **IDBI Bank re-appoints Samuel Joseph Jebaraj as DMD**

- IDBI Bank announced the reappointment of Samuel Joseph Jebaraj as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) on the Board of the Bank for a period of three years.
- The re-appointment is with effect from September 20, 2022 as per approval of the RBI received in this regard.
- Prior to joining IDBI Bank, the industry veteran served EXIM Bank from July 1998 up to September 2019 in various capacities.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is the promoter of the bank having management control, with 49.24 per cent stake.

### ❖ **“Pudhumai Penn Scheme”**

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled ‘Pudhumai Penn’ at a function in Chennai, in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Mr Kejriwal also unveiled

26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government emulating the model by his AAP government in Delhi.

- Pudhumai Penn scheme, girl students, who studied from Class V to Class XII in state government schools would be paid monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 till they complete their graduation or diploma.
- The scheme aims to benefit six lakh girls every year and Rs 698 crore has been allocated in the budget for its implementation.
- Stalin said after his government came to power, keeping in mind changing needs, the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Assistance scheme was converted into the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme, now implemented as the Pudhumai Penn scheme, for the benefit of economically-weaker families who are not able to send their girl children to colleges due to financial constraints.
- Rs 25 crore will be allocated to Bharathi Women's College for constructing new classrooms and developing infrastructure facilities.

#### ❖ **India & UK Conducts Counter Ransomware Exercise for 26 Nations**

- The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK government has jointly conducted the virtual Cyber Security Exercise for 26 countries.
- The exercise is a part of the India-led International Counter Ransomware Initiative-Resilience Working Group, facilitated by the British Aerospace (BAE) Systems.
- All 26 invitees for the exercise are from CRI Partner Nations and their respective organisations that includes Cyber Security, National Crisis Management, National Security Policy, Critical National Infrastructure and Law Enforcement Agencies.

#### ❖ **7th Edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022**

- The 7th Edition of BSX 2022, is organized in association with the Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE), and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

➤ The 7th Edition of BSX 2022 is scheduled from 5th September to 7th September 2022 at BIEC in Bengaluru. Over 100 companies and organizations from around 15 countries participate in the exhibition to showcase advanced technologies and products for the space sector.

➤ It is a three-day event, and it will have a concurrent international conference. The theme of the conference is ‘Nurturing the NewSpace in India‘ and it will provide an ideal platform for Indian and international space agencies and companies in this sector

### ❖ **3 Indian cities join UNESCO network of learning cities**

➤ Warangal and two cities from Kerala have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level.

➤ Warangal in Telangana, Thrissur and Nilambur are among the 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined this network of the world body.

➤ Other cities that have joined the network are the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, Durban in South Africa and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) among others.

➤ The 77 new members bring the total number of cities within the UNESCO GNLC to 294 in 76 countries, UNESCO. The new UNESCO learning cities were added to the network following their nomination by the National Commissions for UNESCO in the concerned countries and the recommendations of a jury of experts.

### ❖ **Queen Elizabeth II passes away**

➤ Queen Elizabeth II passes away: Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned the UK for 70 years, passed away at Balmoral at the age of 96.

➤ Queen Elizabeth II saw significant social change after ascending to the throne in 1952.

➤ The reign of Queen Elizabeth II as head of state covered the post-World War II period of austerity, the change from an empire to a Commonwealth, the end of the Cold War, and the UK’s membership in – and exit from – the European Union.

- The 15 prime ministers served during her time in office, including Ms. Truss, who was born 101 years after Winston Churchill, in 1874.
- Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor (Queen Elizabeth II) was born the Queen on April 21, 1926, in Mayfair, London.

### ❖ Carnatic vocalist TV Sankaranarayanan passes away

- Renowned Carnatic musician, TV Sankaranarayan has passed away. He was 77. He was the torchbearer for the Madurai Mani Iyer style of Carnatic music.
- He had shared several stages with Madurai Mani Iyer. He won the Madras Music Academy's Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award in 2003 and was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2003. He was the son of musicians Tiruvalangal Vembu Iyer and Gomati Ammal.
- Sankaranarayanan was born in Mayiladuthurai in 1945 after Madurai Mani Iyer had shifted his base there due to the evacuation in Chennai during the Second World War. The family returned to Chennai in the 1950s and Sankaranarayanan studied law, though he opted for a full-time career in music.