

❖ World EV Day

- World EV Day 2022 is observed on the 9th of September. World EV Day is observed to emphasize the importance of e-mobility. World EV day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Air pollution is mainly caused by transportation, and EVs are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution.
- The first World EV Day was observed in 2020 and was an initiative of Sustainability Media Company Greet TV.
- India has sold more than 3,00,000 units of Electrical vehicles. From 2020 to 2022 there is a growth of 168 percent in the performance and sales of EVs in India. Tata is the leading brand of Electrical vehicles in India.

❖ International Day to Protect Education from Attack

- The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by a unanimous decision of the United Nations General Assembly in 2020.
- It is observed on September 9 of each year. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.
- The day was established by a unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly, calling on UNESCO and UNICEF to raise awareness of the plight of millions of children living in countries affected by conflict. This day was established in 2020 and is supported by UNESCO and UNICEF, and co-sponsored by 62 countries.

❖ Indian FMCG company Pintola named Sunil Chhetri as Brand Ambassador

- Indian superfood brand Pintola, Fastmoving consumer goods (FMCG) company announced a renowned Indian Football Captain, Sunil Chhetri as Brand Ambassador.

❖ **Ajit Kumar Saxena selected for CMD post in MOIL Limited**

- The public enterprise's selection board (PESB) has selected Ajit Kumar Saxena for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of "A" Miniratna Category-I Company, MOIL Limited.
- He is currently working as Director (Operations) of RINL-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

❖ **Vanshika Parmar crowned as Miss Earth India 2022**

- Vanshika Parmar won the title of Miss Earth India 2022.
- Miss Earth India 2021 Rashmi Madhuri passed her crown to the Winner of Miss Earth India 2022 Vanshika Parmar.
- Whereas Mansi Chourasiya won Miss Global India 2022 title and was crowned by Nimisha Saxena, Director Divine Group.
- Miss Earth and Miss Global, respectively, will represent India on global stages against 90+ countries.
- Miss Divine Beauty 2022 was organized by Divine Group Foundation in collaboration with Colonel Ajay Ahlawat of Rissala Polo Club at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Weight lifting auditorium.

❖ **Dr. Asghar Wajahat awarded with 31st Vyas Samman**

- The 31st Vyas Samman was conferred on to well-known Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat at a function in New Delhi. He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali. In his play Mahabali, Dr. Wajahat focuses on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas. Through the play, he attempts to answer who is the real Mahabali, the poet or the emperor.
- The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.
- It carries an award of Rs 4 lakh along with a citation and a plaque. It was initiated in 1991.
- Ram Vilas Sharma received the inaugural Vyas Samman in 1991 for his work 'Bharat ke Pracheen Bhasha Parivar aur Hindi'.

➤ Professor Sharad Pagare was honoured with 30th Vyas Samman for his novel titled 'Patliputra ki Samragi'.

❖ **NITI Aayog and WRI inaugurate India's first National Electric Freight Platform**

➤ NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute (WRI), India, launched the country's first national electric freight platform – e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India).

➤ The platform also aims to raise awareness on freight electrification bolstered by on-ground demonstration pilots and evidence-based research.

➤ It will also support scalable pilots and inform policies aimed at accelerating freight electrification in India.

➤ The launch of the e-FAST India platform witnessed participation from major automobile industry players, logistics companies, development banks and fin-tech companies.

❖ **Odisha government launches the rain water harvesting scheme "CHHATA"**

➤ The Odisha government has started community harnessing and harvesting of rainwater artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA) scheme, aimed at rejuvenating and improving water resources, groundwater.

➤ It was recently approved by the state cabinet with an investment of Rs 270 crore.

➤ It has been implemented for a period of five years.

➤ Under the scheme, which has been conceptualized to address the increasing stress on groundwater and to improve the depleting groundwater table, a target has been set to harvest 373.52 crore litres of water in five years.

➤ The scheme will be implemented in 29,500 Private Buildings and 1,925 Government Buildings covering water-stressed 52 blocks and 27 urban local bodies of the State

➤ There is a subsidy provision of Rs 55,000 or 50% of the cost of the RRHS, whichever is less in this scheme to encourage the public for adopting the scheme in their buildings.

❖ Mongolian president gifts horse 'Tejas' to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was on a three-day visit to Mongolia, received a unique present from the East Asian country's president.
- Mongolia's president Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh gifted Singh a majestic horse, seven years after Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a similar gift from the leadership of this country.
- Singh, who is the first Indian Defence Minister to visit Mongolia, named the majestic beast 'Tejas', after the Indian fighter aircraft.
- In 2015, Prime Minister Modi received a special gift a brown racehorse from his then Mongolian counterpart Chimed Saikhanbileg during his historic visit to this country. The horse was named Kanthaka'.
- Mongolia is known as the land of the horse, according to the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH).

❖ UNDP's human development index

- India ranks 132 out of 191 countries in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2021, after registering a decline in its score over two consecutive years for the first time in three decades.
- Among India's neighbours, Sri Lanka (73rd), China (79th), Bangladesh (129th) and Bhutan (127th) are ranked above India, while Pakistan (161st), Nepal (143rd) and Myanmar (149th) are worse off.
- India's HDI value of 0.633 places the country in the medium human development category, lower than its value of 0.645 in the 2020 report.
- India ranked 131 among 189 countries in the 2020 human development index.
- Switzerland remained at the top spot, followed by Norway and Iceland. South Sudan, Chad and Niger were three countries at the bottom of the list.
- The HDI measures progress on 3 key dimensions of human development - a long and healthy life, access to education, and a decent standard of living. It is calculated using four

indicators - life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.

❖ Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurates India's largest rubber dam

- Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the country's largest rubber dam and a steel bridge over the Falgu River near Vishnupad temple in Gaya.
- Gaya is the land of salvation (moksha). Lakhs of pilgrims from across the country and abroad come to Gaya to perform 'pindadaan' rituals.
- The dam has been built at an estimated cost of ₹324crore.

❖ Diamond League 2022

- Diamond League 2022 Finals: Neeraj Chopra gained another accomplishment when he won the Diamond League Final in Zurich.
- Neeraj Chopra has now won the Diamond League Trophy, making him the first Indian to do it. The expert javelin thrower recorded a throw of 88.44 metres on his second attempt, which was sufficient for him to win the competition.

❖ Ramchandra Manjhi, Bhojpuri folk dance exponent passes away

- Padma Shri awardee Ramchandra Manjhi, whose performance in Bhojpuri folk dance 'Naach' for eight decades, has passed away. He was a famous performer of 'Launda Naach', a sub-set of 'Naach', in which men crossdress as women.
- His passion for the dance form even in old age has brought him several honours, including Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2017) and Padma Shri (2021).
- Manjhi was the last scion of the legendary Bhikhari Thakur's 'Naach' form of folk dance.