

❖ National Cinema Day

- The National Cinema Day was previously announced to be held on September 16, however, on request from various stakeholders and in order to maximize participation, it was rescheduled to September 23.
- The day has been scheduled by the Multiplex Association of India (MAI). Over 4,000 screens at multiplexes from across the country, including PVR, INOX, Cinepolis, Carnival, and Delite, have teamed up to offer a “celebratory admission price” of Rs 75 to mark National Cinema Day.

❖ “She Is–Women in STEAM”

- The Principal Scientific Adviser to the GoI, Ajay Sood, and the British High Commissioner Alex Ellis unveiled the book.
- It is written by Elsa Marie D’Silva and Supreet K Singh.

❖ SC appoints former judge Justice L Nageswara Rao for amending constitution of IOA

- The Supreme court of India appointed retired judge Justice L. Nageswar Rao for amending the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and preparing the electoral college of the association.

❖ Max Life Insurance named cricketer Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh as brand ambassadors

❖ IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022

- According to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, Gautam Adani and family has topped with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore.

- Mukesh Ambani and family has been named as the 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore.
- India has 221 billionaires and Mumbai tops the India Rich list with 283 individuals, followed by New Delhi (185) and Bengaluru (89).
- Falguni Nayyar becomes India's self-made richest women, She is also the richest woman in India followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala.

❖ **Govt launches Indian Sign Language mobile app 'Sign Learn'**

- The Centre on Friday launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application called 'Sign Learn' containing 10,000 words.
- The app was launched by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Pratima Bhoumik.
- Sign Learn is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC) which contains 10,000 words.
- Notably, ISLRTC had recently signed an MoU with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on October 6, 2020 for converting NCERT textbooks from classes 1 to 12 into the Indian Sign Language (digital format) to make the textbooks accessible to children with hearing disabilities.

❖ **Atul Chaturvedi elected as Chairman of APOA**

- On September 21, 2022, the 25th Globoil Summit 2022, organized by Tefla's, was held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh (UP) which saw the participation of 1,500 attendees from 50 countries. This summit was a congregation of leading players from the domestic and global edible oil trade and industry.
- During the summit, the apex edible oil industry associations from five major palm oil importing countries from Asia viz. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal have formed an Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA).
- APOA secretariat will be initially managed by The Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India.

➤ India is the largest importer of Palm oil in the Asian region and accounts for 15% of global imports.

❖ **REC Ltd becomes 12th company to get Maharatna CPSE status**

➤ The Government of India (GoI) accorded the status of Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), a NonBanking Financial Company (NBFC), specialised in financing for energy sectors.

➤ REC Ltd became the 12th company to join Maharatna CPSE club. The order was issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.

➤ REC Limited was a Navratna company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Power.

➤ A company must be listed on an Indian inventory alternate and have an average annual turnover of over Rs25,000 crore throughout the earlier three years to be categorised as a Maharatna standing.

➤ It must also have a mean annual web price throughout the earlier three years of greater than Rs 15,000 crore and a mean web revenue of over Rs 5,000 crore throughout the identical interval.

➤ India has 13 Navratna and 74 Miniratna CPSEs.

❖ **NCC & UNEP signs MoU to achieve the Universal goal of Clean Water Bodies**

➤ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces National Cadet Corps (NCC) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan' and 'Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme'.

➤ In the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the MoU was signed between Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh, Director General of NCC and Bishow Parajuli, Resident Representative, UN World Food Programme.

➤ The MoU will be in effect for 3 years and plans to strengthen, develop, and specify their cooperation and effectiveness to accomplish the shared environmental goals.

➤ ‘Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme’, a global youth movement to fight plastic pollution around the globe. It is initiated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

➤ ‘Puneet Sagar Abhiyan’, a nationwide campaign launched by the NCC in December 2021.

❖ Under SPARSH programme, Defense Ministry signs an MoU with BoB and HDFC

➤ Defense Ministry signs an MoU with BoB and HDFC: In order to reach seventeen lakh defence pensioners nationwide, the Defence Ministry has inked an MoU with Bank of Baroda (BoB) and HDFC Bank as part of the SPARSH-System for Pension Administration program.

➤ Dr. Ajay Kumar, the secretary of defence, stated that by the end of this month, seventeen lakh of the thirty-two lakh defence pensioners will be added to SPARSH.

➤ The average time for pension settlement has decreased dramatically to just 16 days, according to the Defense Secretary.

➤ According to the Ministry, the MoU would designate more than 14,000 bank branches as Service Centers, providing retirees with an efficient way to request profile updates, make complaints and seek redress, verify pensioner data, and more. In the fiscal year 2021–2022, it was said that the SPARSH project has already enrolled one million seniors and distributed 11,000 600 crore rupees.

❖ India gets its first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Tamil Nadu

➤ Tamil Nadu has notified the country’s first ‘Dugong Conservation Reserve’ in Palk Bay covering the coastal waters of Thanjavur and Pudukottai districts with an area of 448 square kilometres.

➤ In September 2021 Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) initiated the idea of the ‘Dugong Conservation Reserve’ to be established in the Palk Bay region, in order to protect the endangered Dugong species and its marine habitats in Tamil Nadu. At present, there are around 240 Dugongs in India and a majority of them are found in the Tamil Nadu Coast (Palk Bay region).

➤ Dugongs are the largest herbivorous marine mammals in the world thriving primarily on seagrass beds, a major carbon sink of the oceans. Dugongs are protected under Schedule 1 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

❖ **India's 1st Avalanche Monitoring Radar installed in north Sikkim**

➤ The Indian Army and the Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE) have jointly installed the Avalanche Monitoring Radar, first of its kind in India, in north Sikkim

➤ Besides being used for detection of avalanches, this radar can also be employed to detect landslides.

➤ This radar has the capability to detect avalanches within three seconds of their triggering and will assist in saving valuable life of troops and civilians as also vehicles in super high altitude areas, he said.