

**❖ International Day for Universal Access to Information**

- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared 28 September as International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- The theme of the Global Conference on Universal Access to Information in 2022 is “Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information”.
- On 17 November 2015, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared 28 September as International Day for Universal Access to Information.

**❖ World Heart Day**

- World Heart Day is celebrated on 29 September annually to draw people’s attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues.
- The theme for World Heart Day for 2022 is “Use Heart for Every Heart.”
- World Health Day was first founded in 1999 with the World Heart Federation (WHF) collaborating with the World Health Organisation (WHO). The idea of an annual event was conceived by Antoni Bayés de Luna, the president of WHF from 1997-2011. Originally, World Heart Day was observed on the last Sunday of September, with the first celebration taking place on September 24, 2000.

**❖ A book titled 'Wildlife India@50' launched**

- A book titled "Wildlife India @50" edited by Manoj Kumar Misra and published by Rupa Publication India. The book was published in the 50th anniversary of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 (9th September).
- The book captures India's 50-year-long wildlife journey through the eyes and experiences of a diverse set of authors who themselves played a part in it.

➤ It also highlights various concerns including trading of wildlife products and the increasing loss of natural habitat, cheetah extinction etc.

➤ Manoj Kumar Misra is a former member of the Indian Forest Service (IFS).

➤ He also headed TRAFFIC India, a division of WWF-India.

### ❖ **GoI appoints Lt Gen Anil Chauhan as the new Chief of Defence Staff**

➤ The government of India has announced the appointment of Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who will also function as Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Affairs.

➤ For his distinguished and illustrious service in the Army, Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

### ❖ **Britannia Industries appoints Rajneet Kohli as CEO**

➤ India's largest bakery foods company, Britannia Industries has appointed Rajneet Kohli as executive director and chief executive officer.

➤ He has served in numerous senior leadership roles during his 25-year-long career in Asian Paints and Coca-Cola and joins Britannia from food services company Jubilant Food Works. Under his leadership, Jubilant Food Works has delivered sustained profitable growth and emerged as the largest QSR chain in the country with over 1600 stores.

➤ Britannia produces popular brands like Good Day, Tiger, Nutri Choice, Milk Bikis, Marie Gold and Little Hearts among others. With over a 100-year legacy and a revenue of over Rs 14,000 crore, the company is present in more than 80 countries across North America, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, and GCC.

➤ Britannia Industries Headquarters: Bengaluru; Founded: 1892; Parent organization: Wadia Group.

## ❖ President gives the National Service Scheme Awards 2020-21

- National Service Scheme Awards 2020-21: On September 24, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Service Scheme NSS Awards for the 2020–21 academic year.
- According to a release from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. 42 prizes in total were given out.
- The recipients of the honours were two institutions, ten NSS units, their programme officers, and thirty NSS volunteers.
- The National Service Scheme Award is given out annually by the Department of Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

## ❖ Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism

- On the occasion of World Tourism Day, Uttarakhand received the first prize in two categories, for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism.
- The State's Tourism and Culture minister Satpal Maharaj received the awards from Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar during the presentation of the National Tourism Awards 2018-19 in New Delhi.

## ❖ 512 New 'Indira Rasoi' Inaugurated in Rajasthan

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated 512 new Indira Rasoi in the Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- The total number of Indira Rasoi in the state has reached 870, of which 378 are already in existence.
- It should be noted that Gehlot began 358 permanent kitchens in 213 urban bodies in August 2020, with the concept of 'No One Sleeps Hungry.'
- The poor are given a one-time meal for Rs 8 through Indira Rasoi. The scheme provided a subsidy of Rs 12 per plate to kitchen operators, which was increased to Rs 17 per plate on January 1, 2022.

### ❖ **Indian Railways makes 497 stations 'divyangjan' friendly**

- The Indian Railways has installed lifts and escalators at 497 stations across the country so far to provide ease of movement for 'divyangjans' or persons with disabilities, aged and children.
- As a part of 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan', to provide ease of movement to the differently-abled, aged and children on railway platforms, Indian Railways is installing lifts and escalators at railway stations across the country.
- So far, 1090 escalators at 339 stations have been provided up to August 2022.
- Such facility would facilitate improvement at the exit or entry of passengers and is a further step to improve passenger safety as well.

### ❖ **Saudi Arabia's Prince Mohammed bin Salman becomes Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia**

- Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz named his son and heir Prince Mohammed bin Salman as the kingdom's Prime Minister and his second son Prince Khalid as Defence Minister.
- Prince Mohammed, who has already been the kingdom's de facto ruler for several years, previously served as deputy prime minister under King Salman as well as defence minister.

### ❖ **Giorgia Meloni became the first female Prime Minister of Italy**

- Giorgia Meloni, the leader of the Brothers of Italy party won the election on September 25, 2022, and is set to become the first female Prime Minister of Italy.
- Meloni won the election with a huge margin and that too of a right-wing government.
- She was also Italy's youngest ever minister at age 31 when she was given the youth portfolio in Berlusconi's 2008 government.

### ❖ **DRDO conducts successful test flight of 'VSHORADS' missile**

- The DRDO successfully flights tested the Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

➤ The 'VSHORADS' is an air defence system designed and developed indigenously by Hyderabad-based Research Centre Imarat of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

➤ The missile, meant for neutralising low-altitude aerial threats at short ranges, is propelled by a dual-thrust solid motor.

➤ The design of the missile and its launcher has been highly optimised to ensure easy portability.

### ❖ Centre launches indigenously-developed aviation fuel AVGAS 100 LL

➤ The government has launched the indigenously-developed AVGAS 100 LL, a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircrafts and unmanned Ariel vehicles.

➤ It has been developed by Indian Oil Corporation.

➤ Currently, India is importing this product from European countries.

➤ Indian Oil launched the fuel at an event hosted at Hindan Airforce Station in the presence of senior officials from Indian Airforce.

### ❖ Julius Baer Cup 2022

➤ Teenaged Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi went down against world no.1 Magnus Carlsen in the final of the Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament.

➤ Carlsen's performance makes him the first player to hit the historic 2900 Tour Rating mark.

➤ Arjun Erigaisi is the 54th grandmaster from India.

### ❖ Duleep Trophy 2022

➤ The West zone has defeated the South zone by 294 runs to win their 19th title in the final day of the 2022 Duleep Trophy at the SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore.

➤ The 2022 Duleep trophy was the 59th season of the Duleep Trophy.

➤ Jaydev Unadkat of the West zone became the player of the series.

➤ Duleep Trophy is named after Duleepsinhji of Nawanagar, who is also known as Duleep.