

❖ International Day for the Elderly

- International Day of Older Persons is observed globally on 1st October every year.
- “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.” is the theme for 2022.
- On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons (resolution 45/106). This was preceded by initiatives such as the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing, which was adopted by the 1982 World Assembly on Ageing and endorsed later that year by the UN General Assembly.

❖ International Coffee Day

- Every year, International Coffee Day is observed on October 1, to celebrate and promote the use of coffee.
- For the first time, International Coffee Day was celebrated back in 2015. The International Coffee Organisation (ICO) decided to dedicate the day to all coffee lovers in 2014, but the first official Coffee Day was launched in 2015 in Milan.
- However, different countries celebrate their own national coffee days on different dates. Back in 1997, the ICO first celebrated International Coffee Day in China and later in 2009, it celebrated the day in Taiwan. Nepal observed the first International Coffee Day on November 17, 2005.

❖ Kumar Sanu, Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind gets Lata Mangeshkar Award (2019-2021)

- Noted playback singers Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh and music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years.
- They will be presented the prestigious award (on September 28), the birth anniversary of the late legendary singer, at her birthplace Indore

➤ Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind, and Kumar Sanu were conferred the award for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

➤ Officials informed the award is given for promoting excellence in the area of light music annually by the Madhya Pradesh government's culture department. It carries a cash prize of Rs two lakh and a citation. Earlier recipients included Naushad, Kishore Kumar and Asha Bhosle.

❖ **Srishti Bakshi wins 'Changemaker' award at UN SDG Action Awards**

➤ Srishti Bakshi, an Indian marketer turned women's rights activist, received the 'Changemaker award' at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Action Awards for combating gender-based violence and supporting safe access to public spaces, according to the UN SDG.

➤ A women's rights activist from India, who traveled 3,800km through the length of the country in less than a year to raise awareness on gender-based violence and inequality, has won a prestigious honour at the UN SDG Action Awards.

➤ Her walking journey has also been followed by a documentary film titled 'VOMB: Women of My Billion', which highlights the realities of Indian women today. This documentary film was launched in 2021. Which was later screened at more than 14 international film festivals across four continents.

❖ **Vijay Jasuja named as Independent Director of Stashfin**

➤ Leading Fintech platform Stashfin has appointed BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) expert and former MD and CEO of SBI Cards, Vijay Jasuja as Non-Executive Independent Director.

➤ CEO and Founder of Stashfin: Tushar Aggarwal.

❖ **Global Innovation Index 2022**

➤ India climbed six notches to 40th position in the Global Innovation Index 2022 on account of improvement in several parameters, according to a report by the Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

➤ Switzerland, the United States, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands are the world's most-innovative economies, according to WIPO's 2022 Global Innovation Index (GII), with China on the threshold of the top 10.

➤ India was at 46th position in 2021 and at 81st rank in 2015.

➤ Parameters for computing the index, include 'institutions', 'human capital and research', 'infrastructure', 'market sophistication', business sophistication', 'knowledge and technology outputs' and 'create outputs'.

❖ **World's first CNG terminal in Gujarat**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the “world’s first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) terminal” at Bhavnagar in Gujarat.

➤ The Foresight Group had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) for the development of the CNG Terminal in Gujarat during the Vibrant Gujarat Global Business Summit 2019.

➤ CNG terminal will be developed at a cost of ₹4024 crore and will have state of the art infrastructure for the World’s first CNG Terminal along with the state of art world’s fourth largest lock gate system.

➤ The construction of the CNG terminal is expected to commence in first half of 2023 and the port will be operational in 2026.

❖ **Akash Ambani Only Indian on Time's 100 Emerging Leaders' List**

➤ Akash Ambani, son of billionaire Mukesh Ambani and head of India's largest telecom firm Jio, has been named in the Time100 Next -- the magazine's list of the world's rising stars.

➤ He is the only Indian on the list. There is, however, another Indian-born American business leader, Amrapali Gan, also on the list.

➤ The list highlights 100 emerging leaders who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science and activism.

➤ The list features the likes of American singer SZA, actress Sydney Sweeney, basketball player Ja Morant, Spanish tennis player Carlos Alcaraz, actor and television personality Keke Palmer, and environment activist Farwiza Farhan.

❖ **Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti becomes the first European woman to command the ISS**

➤ Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti became the first European woman to take over the command of the International Space Station.

➤ She took over from Russia's Oleg Artemyev, who gave her a symbolic key to hand over command.

➤ Cristoforetti will be the fifth European commander of the International Space Station. She began her mission in April 2022.

➤ She holds the record for the longest stay in space by a woman after spending 199 days in orbit in 2014 and 2015.

❖ **Adani commissions world's largest wind-solar plant in Rajasthan**

➤ Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

➤ The plant has a power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) at Rs 2.69/kwh for 25 years.

➤ In May 2022, AGEL operationalised India's first hybrid power plant with a capacity of 390 MW in Jaisalmer.

➤ It shall not only reduce intermittency of renewable energy power, but also help the country in optimal utilisation of transmission network.

❖ **RBI hikes repo rate by 50 bps to 5.9%**

➤ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hiked the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.90%, the fourth straight increase in the current cycle, to tame the sustained above-target retail inflation rate.

- The RBI has raised the repo rate by 190 basis points since May.
- In August, the RBI MPC increased the repo rate by 50 bps to 5.4 per cent from 4.9 per cent in June.
- Repo Rate: It is the interest rate at which the central bank of a country lends money to commercial banks.

❖ **National Games 2022**

- The 36th edition of the National Games was officially launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the grand opening ceremony at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- The National Games have started on 29 September, and will end on 12 October.
- More than 7,000 athletes, including Olympians and international medallists, will feature in over 30 sports to be held in six cities - Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar. Only the track cycling events will be held outside the state in New Delhi.
- Malkhamba and Yogasana will make their debuts in the games.

❖ **Jayanti Patnaik, former MP and first chair of the National Commission for Women**

- Death of Jayanti Patnaik: Jayanti Pattnaik, the first chair of the National Women's Commission and a former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha.
- She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Pattnaik. President Droupadi Murmu has sent her condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers, describing her as an accomplished social worker who won the hearts of the people of the state by her service and dedication.