

❖ **Lata: A Life in Music**

➤ Author: Yatindra Mishra

➤ The original Hindi version of this book, Lata: Sur-Gatha, won the 64th National Film Award and the MAMI Award for Best Writing on Cinema (2016–17).

❖ **68th National Wildlife Week**

➤ The celebration of 68th National Wildlife Week is observed all over India from 2nd to 8th October 2022.

➤ The main objective of this campaign is to promote the conservation and protection of animal life.

➤ The Indian Board of Wildlife established Wildlife Week in 1952 to increase awareness about the long-term aims of wildlife protection throughout India. Wildlife Day was first observed in 1955, but later in 1957, it was renamed Wildlife Week.

❖ **World Habitat Day**

➤ The United Nations observes the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day. This year, World Habitat Day will be observed on October 3.

➤ This year's theme is "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind".

➤ In 1985 the United Nations designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. First celebrated in 1986, Nairobi was the host city. The theme was "Shelter is My Right".

❖ International Day of Non-Violence

- The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2nd October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.
- It is commemorated with the hope of building a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence. “Say No to Violence” is the essence of this day. Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869. This year, Gandhi Jayanti will mark the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- In January 2004, Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea for the special day. On June 15th, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate October 2 as International Day of Non-Violence.

❖ Lalit Bhasin elected new President of Indo-American Chambers of Commerce

- Noted lawyer Lalit Bhasin has been appointed as the national president of Indian American Chambers of Commerce (IACC).
- Bhasin is the 54th national president of IACC, which was set up in October 1968 and is headquartered in Mumbai.

❖ Anil Kumar elected Vice President of IAF

- Senior Indian Space Research Organization scientist Anil Kumar has been appointed as the Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). Dr. Anil Kumar is currently serving as the Associate Director, of ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC).
- The International Astronautical Federation was founded in 1951. IAF is one of the world’s top space advocacy bodies with 433 members in 72 nations.

❖ Sujoy Lal Thaosan, Anish Dayal Singh named as New DGs of CRPF, ITBP

- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers Sujoy Lal Thaosan and Anish Dayal Singh have been appointed as the new director generals of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) respectively.

❖ N S Rajan named as the new chairman of ASCI

➤ ASCI stands for Advertising Standards Council of India.

❖ Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022

➤ Indore bagged the title of India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row as the results of the Central government's annual cleanliness survey 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022' were announced.

➤ Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in the category of best performing states, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

➤ Surat is the second cleanest city and Navi Mumbai comes a close third in the category of cities with a population of more than a lakh.

➤ Tripura has bagged the top rank among the states having fewer than 100 urban local bodies.

➤ In the category of cities having a population of fewer than one lakh, Maharashtra's Panchgani was ranked number one, followed by Chhattisgarh's Patan (NP) and Maharashtra's Karhad.

➤ Haridwar was adjudged the cleanest Ganga town in the category of more than 1 lakh population, followed by Varanasi and Rishikesh.

➤ Swachh Survekshan is the world's largest urban sanitation and cleanliness survey which has been conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs since 2016.

❖ Nobel prize 2022: Svante Pääbo awarded Nobel Prize in medicine

➤ The Nobel Prizes 2022 for medicine or physiology was awarded to Swedish geneticist Svante Pääbo. Svante Pääbo was given the award "for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution," the Nobel Prize committee.

➤ The prestigious award comes with a gold medal and 10 million Swedish kronor (over \$1.14 million). The prize money comes from a bequest left by the prize's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, who died in 1895. The other prizes are for outstanding work in the fields of physics, chemistry, literature, peace and economics.

❖ 32nd Bihari Puraskar

- Writer Dr Madhav Hada will be awarded the 32nd Bihari Puraskar for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri', the KK Birla Foundation announced.
- The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the KK Birla foundation in 1991. Named after famous Hindi poet Bihari, the award is given every year for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani. It carries a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh, a plaque and a citation. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee headed by chairman Hemant Shesh.

❖ Matadata Junction program

- Election Commission to launch Matadata Junction on All India Radio.
- It is a year-long voter awareness program.
- The Matadata Junction program will be broadcast in 23 languages across the country.
- The weekly program covers all aspects of the Voter ecosystem and shall be broadcast every Friday on the All India Radio network.
- Each Program will be based on a particular Theme on the Electoral process.
- All the 52 Themes are aimed at encouraging all eligible citizens and especially the young and first time voters to vote and make an informed decision during the elections.
- The program includes a Citizen's Corner where any citizen can ask a query or suggest any aspects of the voting.

❖ YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) 2.0 scheme

- Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors - YUVA 2.0 was launched recently.
- It is a Prime Minister's scheme for mentoring young authors, and a programme to train young and budding authors below the age of 30 to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.

- The ministry of education (MoE) launched the YUVA 2.0 scheme in view of the significant impact of the first edition of the YUVA.
- The first edition witnessed a large-scale participation from young authors in 22 different Indian languages including English.
- It is in tune with the Prime Minister's vision to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's democracy.
- It will help to develop a stream of writers who can write on a spectrum of subjects to promote the Indian heritage, culture, and knowledge system.
- The National Book Trust, India, as the implementing agency under MoE will ensure the phase-wise execution of the scheme under well-defined stages of mentorship.
- The young authors will be trained by eminent authors and mentors from 1st March to 31st August 2023.

❖ **Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra topped destinations for foreign tourists 2021**

- As per a report by Union Tourism Ministry, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million and 1.23 million, respectively in 2021.
- The over 280-page report titled 'India Tourism Statistics 2022' was released by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on World Tourism Day at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05 per cent from 610.22 million in 2020, the report said.
- Sharing data about the footfall at various sites under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the report said the Taj Mahal was the most popular centrally-protected ticketed monument for domestic visitors in 2021-22, while the Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu was the most visited centrally-protected ticketed monument for foreign visitors during the same period.
- The Taj Mahal, a UNESCO world heritage site, was among the 10 most popular centrally-protected ticketed monuments for domestic visitors in 2021-22, according to the report.

➤ While the Mughal-era mausoleum ranked first, the Red Fort and the Qutub Minar, both UNESCO - recognised sites in Delhi, were the second and third most visited sites, respectively, for the period.

❖ Sergio Pérez wins Singapore F1 Grand Prix

➤ Red Bull's Sergio Pérez won the race with a commanding victory over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Ferrari). Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) finished 3rd.

❖ Women's basketball World Cup 2022

➤ Defending champion USA beat China 83-61 to win a record-extending 11th Women's World Cup title in Sydney.

➤ This was one of the most dominant teams in the Americans' storied history in the World Cup that now has won 11 gold medals.