

❖ AU Small Finance Bank re-appoints R V Verma as chairman

- AU Small Finance Bank re-appointed former head of National Housing Bank (NHB) R V Verma as its non-executive chairman.
- The board approved the re-appointment of Raj Vikash Verma as part-time chairman of the bank with effect from April 8, 2023 till January 29, 2024.
- The appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Verma, who also served as a whole-time member of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), took charge as part-time chairman of the bank on April 8, 2020.

❖ Jagriti Yadav of Lucknow became UK High Commissioner for a Day

- Lucknow girl Jagriti Yadav spent a day as the UK's top diplomat in India after winning the sixth edition of the 'High Commissioner for a Day' competition.
- Jagriti is the sixth winner of the India edition of the 'High Commissioner for a Day' competition organised annually since 2017.
- Jagriti experienced a broad range of diplomatic activities that included leading meetings with diverse stakeholders, chairing discussions and attending several events during the day.
- The High Commission organises 'High Commissioner for a Day' competition annually to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child (October 11). More than 270 young girls from all around India applied for this year's competition.

❖ Chief Justice of Karnataka, J &K, Rajasthan High Courts: Prasanna B. Varale. AM Magrey, Pankaj Mithal respectively.

❖ Justice DY Chandrachud to be the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI)

- Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud is set to take over as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) after the country's top judge UU Lalit formally recommended him as his successor on October 11.
- CJI Lalit will step down on November 8 after a brief tenure of over two months. Justice Chandrachud will take oath the next day and will hold office till November 10, 2024.
- Justice Lalit had taken charge in August when he succeeded Justice NV Ramana. He would have completed a 74-day tenure by then.
- Justice D Y Chandrachud had earlier served as the Additional Solicitor General of India in 1998. He was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court in 2013.
- He has been associated with the Bombay High Court too. He was elevated as a judge in the top court in 2016.

❖ FIFA & AIFF launch Football for Schools as Govt of India

- International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), in partnership with the All India Football Federation (AIFF), and the support of the Union Government, launched the Football for Schools project in the country, which is aimed at broad-basing the beautiful game across India.
- FIFA Secretary General Fatima Samoura, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Nisith Pramanik and AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey launched the initiative.
- The project was born four years ago, in a discussion between FIFA and UNESCO, and the idea was to have USD 100 mobilised by FIFA to reach out to over 700 million children across the world. Our aim is to educate children on various topics, not just about football, and to make them better citizens of their country.
- AIFF Founded: 23 June 1937; Headquarters location: New Delhi; President: Kalyan Chaubey.

➤ FIFA President: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904; Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

❖ National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)

➤ 53rd Capacity Building programme in Field Administration for Civil Servants of Bangladesh inaugurated at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) at Mussoorie.

➤ The National Centre for Good Governance was set up in 2014 by the Government of India as an apex institution in the country. Its head office is at New Delhi and registered office at Mussoorie.

➤ It focuses on good governance, policy reforms, training and capacity building, and to also work as a think tank.

➤ It has taken up capacity building of civil servants of several foreign countries in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs.

➤ It has imparted training to civil servants of 15 countries such as Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Tunisia, Seychelles, Gambia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Laos, Vietnam, Bhutan, Myanmar and Cambodia.

❖ PM Narendra Modi addresses UN World Geospatial International Congress

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the United Nations World Geospatial Congress (UNWGIC) 2022 in Hyderabad.

➤ The goal of this year's UNWGIC is to promote a broad dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organisations, academia, and the private sector.

➤ The theme of UNWGIC 2022 is 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind'.

➤ It was hosted by the ministry of science and technology of the government of India.

❖ Sri Lanka cabinet declares itself as 'low income country'

- Sri Lanka's cabinet has approved a proposal to downgrade the island nation's economic status to "low income country", in order to get access to concessional funding from international organisations.
- Sri Lanka had a GDP of USD 3,815 in 2021, which currently places the country in the 'middle-income' category, according to the World Bank.
- Sri Lanka's Central Bank is predicting a 8.7 per cent slump in GDP for this year.
- In mid-April, Sri Lanka declared its international debt default due to the forex crisis.
- The country owes USD 51 billion in foreign debt, of which USD 28 billion must be paid by 2027.

❖ Toyota launches country's first flex fuel hybrid car

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched vehicle manufacturer Toyota's Corolla Altis Hybrid.
- The car is India's first Ethanol-ready flex fuel hybrid car. The launch happened in an event organised in New Delhi on Tuesday, October 11.
- The car is powered by a 1.8-litre ethanol ready petrol-hybrid engine.
- These flex-fuel engines can run on up to 85 percent petrol with ethanol (e85 Flex Fuel) and are already available in countries such as Brazil, the US and Canada.
- India is one of the largest sugarcane producers, it has great potential to produce enormous amounts of ethanol.

❖ 8th World Carrom Championship

- Rashmi Kumari emerged the most victorious in the 8th World Carrom Championship in Langkawi, Malaysia, as she won three titles.

- The 38-year-old Rashmi won her third singles title in the World Championship, as she beat compatriot Kajal Kumari 25-20, 25-16 in the final. Her last World Championship singles title was in 2012.
- Rashmi had won the team title along with Nilam Ghodake, Kajal Kumari and Debajani Tamuly. She had won the doubles title earlier with Nilam.
- The men's title was bagged by Sandeep Dive who beat doubles partner Abdul Rahman in a thrilling climax after a disastrous start, 1-25, 25-19, 25-22.
- India had earlier won both the men's and women's team titles, by beating Sri Lanka and USA respectively. India had lost the team crown to Sri Lanka last time.

❖ **Padma Shri Dr Temsula Ao passes away**

- Former chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women, academician, renowned writer and Padma Shri Dr Temsula Ao passed away. She was 80.
- Dr Temsula Ao, who was known as a leading literary voice in the northeast, was awarded Padma Shri in 2007. She was a recipient of the Nagaland Governor's Award for Distinction in Literature, the Meghalaya governor's Gold Medal and the Sahitya Akademi Award, among other recognitions.