

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION

❖ International E-Waste Day

- Each year, International E-Waste Day is held on 14 October, an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste and the necessary actions to enhance circularity for e-products.
- International E-Waste Day was developed in 2018 by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) Forum to raise the public profile of waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling and encourage consumers to recycle.
- 2022 is the fifth edition of International E-Waste Day.
- The theme of this Year is “Recycle it all, no matter how small!”.

❖ World Student's Day

- October 15 is celebrated as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India.
- The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931. He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable. After his tenure as the President came to an end, he became a visiting faculty at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Shillong, IIM-Indore and IIM-Ahmedabad.
- He became India's most famous nuclear scientist and was known as the 'Missile Man of India'. He played a crucial role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998.
- During his five-year tenure as the country's President, between 2002 to 2007, he was fondly called the 'People's President'.
- He was honoured with several recognitions including Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Bharat Ratna, and Ramanujan Award.

❖ Adarsh Swika appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Kuwait

- Swika will replace Sibi George as the Indian envoy to Kuwait.
- MEA has also appointed Avtar Singh as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea.

❖ Aparajita Sarangi elected to IPU panel

- Lok Sabha member from Bhubaneswar, Aparajita Sarangi has been elected as a member to the executive committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
- The Parliamentarian from Odisha bagged 12 out of the total of 18 available votes in the election to the post held at Kigali, Rwanda. Sarangi will represent India at the 15-member executive committee of the union.
- Set up in 1887, the global organization of national parliaments has a total of 178 members. IPU empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy, and sustainable development through diplomacy.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Founded: 1889; Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;

❖ **Bandhan Bank onboards Sourav Ganguly as brand ambassador**

- Bandhan Bank is an Indian commercial bank that focuses on underbanked and underpenetrated markets. Bandhan Bank is India's first example of a micro-finance organisation converting into a universal bank.

❖ **Digital Banking Units (DBU)**

- Prime Minister of India will dedicate 75 Digital Banking Units across 75 districts to the Nation on 16th October.
- As part of the Union budget speech for 2022-23, the Finance Minister had announced the setting up of the 75 DBUs in 75 districts of the country to commemorate the 75 years of independence of our country.
- 11 Public Sector Banks, 12 Private Sector Banks and one Small Finance Bank are participating in the endeavour.
- A digital banking unit is a specialised fixed point business unit or hub housing certain minimum digital infrastructure for delivering digital banking products and services as well as servicing existing financial products and services digitally in self-service mode at any time.
- The objective is to ensure benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country and will cover all the States and Union territories.
- DBUs will be brick and mortar outlets which will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening of savings account, balance-check, print passbook, transfer of funds etc.
- They will spread Digital Financial Literacy and special emphasis will be given to customer education on cyber security awareness and safeguards.

❖ **PowerEX-2022**

- CERT-In and Power-CSIRTs jointly conduct Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX-2022".
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in collaboration with Power-CSIRTs (Computer Security Incident Response Teams in Power sector), successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX".
- The theme of the exercise was "Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure".
- The Objective of the exercise was to "Recognize, Analyse & Respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems".
- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is an office within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- It is the nodal agency to deal with cyber security in India and strengthen security-related defence of the Indian internet domain.

❖ **East Asia Summit**

- India participated at the 6th East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting held recently in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- The East Asia Summit (EAS) is the Indo-Pacific's premier forum for strategic dialogue.
- It was established in 2005.

- The EAS has 18 members: The ten ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) along with Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States.
- The EAS membership represents around 54% of the world's population and accounts for 58% of global GDP.
- ❖ **Iraqi parliament elects Abdul Latif Rashid as new president China launches new environmental satellite**
- China launched a new satellite for disaster reduction, emergency management and environment monitoring from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province.
- A radar satellite known as S-SAR01, nicknamed Huanjing-2E, flew to space atop a Long March 2C rocket. The launch was China's 45th of 2022.
- The 5-meter resolution S-band radar image data from S-SAR01 will support “disaster prevention, reduction, relief, and environmental protection,” and also “serve natural resources, water conservancy, agriculture, forestry, earthquakes, and other fields.
- ❖ **Indian Navy Conducts Offshore Security Exercise, ‘Prasthan’**
- ‘Prasthan’ an Offshore Security Exercise was conducted by the Eastern Naval Command in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada.
- ‘Prasthan’ is a half-yearly exercise that was conducted in the KG basin to validate SOPs, address various contingencies and strengthen the command and control organization toward Maritime security.
- The exercise aims to refine the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and response actions to several contingencies in the Offshore Defence Area.
- Contingencies performed during the exercise include terrorist intrusion, bomb explosion, casualty evacuation, search and rescue, man overboard, major fire, oil spill, and mass evacuation.
- ❖ **ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2022**
- At the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Shotgun, India finished fifth with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in Osijek, Croatia.
- Shotgun powerhouses Italy, Great Britain and USA, took the top three spots.
- USA won the gold in the Women's Skeet Team competition on the final day.
- In Men's Skeet Team, India's Gurjoat Khangura, Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka got ninth-place among 22 teams. The top four teams make it to the medal matches in the team format. Italy won their seventh gold in the event.
- India began their ISSF World Championship campaign with a bronze in the women's 25m pistol team junior competition in Cairo, Egypt.
- ❖ **36th National Games 2022 Concludes:**
- The 36th National Games is coming to an end after a glorious display of sporting performance and sportsmanship spirit. In its 36th edition, Gujarat hosted the National Games for the first time in 2022.
- The National Games 2022 was held across six cities, Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, in Gujarat.

- Almost 7,000 athletes from 28 Indian States, eight Union Territories and Services, the sports team of the Indian Armed Forces, competed for medals in 36 different sports. The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year.
- Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy to the hybrid contingent of Services for the fourth time in succession.
- Maharashtra bagged the Indian Olympic Association's Best State trophy for finishing second in the medals tally with the most medals amongst States and UTs.
- Honourable Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel presented the Best Male Athlete to Sajan Prakash (5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
- Karnataka's Hashika Ramchandra, barely 14 years old, appropriated the Best Female Athlete crown with 6 gold and 1 bronze.
- Gujarat's 10-year-old Shauryajit Khaire (Mallakhamb), who was a reluctant starter after losing his father just a few days back, emerged as the 'viral star' of the Games, becoming its youngest medal winner.