

❖ “The Philosophy of Modern Song,”

➤ Author: Bob Dylan

❖ Diplomat Apoorva Srivastava appointed Ambassador to Slovak Republic

- Apoorva Srivastava, a diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service, has been appointed to serve as India’s Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.
- An officer of the 2001 batch, she currently serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto.
- Recently Partha Satpathy, an Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Dr Adarsh Swaika (IFS: 2002), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait.

❖ Hyderabad gets World Green City 2022 award

- Hyderabad awarded the overall 'World Green City Award 2022' and another in the category 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' at the International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) 2022 World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea on October 14.
- Telangana, has been honoured the most prestigious award of the Inaugural AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition), for its initiative titled “Green Garland to the State of Telangana”.
- AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition) are the world’s first Green City awards.

❖ Britain’s Booker Prize 2022

- Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won Britain’s Booker Prize 2022 for fiction for his work “The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida”, about a journalist murdered amid the country’s sectarian strife.
- Karunatilaka, 47, is the second Sri Lankan to win the award, following Michael Ondaatje’s victory in 1992 for “The English Patient”. Aside from the £50,000 (\$56,000) prize, winning the Booker can provide a career-changing boost in sales and public profile.

❖ **India's first aluminium rail rake flagged off**

- Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first aluminium freight rake at Bhubaneswar railway station.
- The First Aluminum Freight Rake – 61 BOBRNALHSM1, was flagged off by the minister and the rake's destination is Bilaspur.
- These racks have been prepared with the help of RDSO, BSCO and Hindalco.
- This rake is lighter than before but has a higher freight carrying capacity.
- The life of aluminum rack is also 10 years more than normal rack, which also has lower maintenance cost as it has more resistance to corrosion and abrasion.

❖ **MP becomes first state in country to start MBBS course in Hindi**

- Madhya Pradesh has become the first State in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on October 16, 2022 released textbooks in Hindi of three subjects for MBBS students as part of an ambitious project of the Madhya Pradesh government to impart medical education in the Hindi language.
- The Hindi version of medical biochemistry, anatomy and medical physiology subject textbooks were released by Amit Shah.
- A team of 97 experts have been working on the preparation of books for the last 232 days at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. They have been translating the book from English to Hindi.

❖ **Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022: Tamil Nadu only state to achieve target**

- Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only state in India which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections.
- The target set for 2022-2023 in Tamil Nadu is 28.48 lakh connections.
- Out of 12,525 villages in Tamil Nadu, the state has reported 2,663 Villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' Villages with tap water connection in 100% of households.

❖ **Public Affairs Index 2022**

- Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022.
- The state has emerged at the forefront in social, economic and political justice themes. It has topped among the major states with a score of 0.6948, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states.
- In PAI-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India.

❖ **India to host 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL**

- India will host the 90th General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organisation, INTERPOL, in New Delhi from October 18 to 21, 2022.
- The General Assembly is the highest governing body of Interpol consisting of representatives of 195 member states. Its meeting is held once a year.
- The General Assembly is being held in India after 25 years, last held in 1997 on the occasion of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations.
- The International Criminal Police Organisation, or Interpol, is an intergovernmental organisation with 194 members.
- It was formed in 1923 as the International Criminal Police Commission, and it was named Interpol in 1956.
- India joined Interpol in 1949, and is one of its oldest members.
- It is the world's largest international police organisation.

❖ **“Steadfast Noon”: NATO's nuclear exercise**

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), also called the North Atlantic Alliance announced had started its annual nuclear exercise code-named “Steadfast Noon”.
- The week-long exercise is taking place over Southern Europe and involves aircraft and personnel from 14 NATO countries. Of the 14 nations involved, Dutch F-16s and German Tornados are operating out of Ghedi AB alongside Italian Tornados, while U.S. and Belgian F-16s and possibly Czech Gripen are operating out of Aviano AB.

❖ **Indian Army signs agreement with 11 banks for Agniveer salary package**

- The Indian Army has signed agreements with 11 banks, including the private sector banks like HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on enrolment.
- The memoranda of understandings (MoUs) were signed by Lt Gen V Sreehari, DG (MP & PS) and senior officials of Banks in a ceremony presided over by Lt Gen C Bansi Ponappa, the Adjutant General of the Indian Army on 14 October 2022.
- Eleven banks with which the Indian Army has signed the agreement include State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank.

- Agniveers will receive Rs 33,000 in the second year, Rs 36,500 in the third year and Rs 40,000 in the fourth year. They will get Rs 11.71 lakh as Seva Nidhi Package after four years.
- The 'Seva Nidhi' will be exempt from Income Tax. There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits.
- ❖ **India's first cable-cum-suspension bridge approved**
- The central government has approved construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across Krishna River connecting Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and passing through the Nallamala forest range.
- Once completed, the bridge would be 2nd of its kind in the world and 1st in India.
- The three-km long bridge will reduce the distance between Hyderabad and Tirupati by 80 km.
- It will be built at a cost of ₹1,082.56 crores.
- ❖ **Aayan Khan : youngest player in men's T20 World Cup 2022**
- UAE's Aayan Khan, the 16-year-old all-rounder, is the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup.
- Netherlands' Stephan Myburgh, at 38 years and 230 days, is the oldest in the 2022 T20 World Cup. Hong Kong's Ryan Campbell played in the 2016 World Cup when he was 44 years and 33 days old.