

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION**❖ 'A confused Mind story'**

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❖ World Osteoporosis Day

➤ World osteoporosis day is a global healthcare event observed every year on 20 October.

➤ This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is “Step Up For Bone Health”, intending to encourage people around the world to check for bone density and bone health status regularly (especially people above 50) and inculcate healthy lifestyle to strengthen the bone health.

➤ The first occurrence of World Osteoporosis Day was noticed on October 20, 1996, held by the United Kingdom’s National Osteoporosis Society with the collaboration of the European Commission. Later on, in 1997 International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) organized World Osteoporosis Day (WOD).

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➤ Bharati Das took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

➤ Das is the 27th officer to hold the position of CGA.

➤ Das has served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts at the Central Board of Direct Taxes, at the Ministry of External Affairs and at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

➤ The Controller General of Accounts is the principal advisor on accounting matters of the Union Government.

➤ The CGA is also responsible for exchequer control and internal audits for the Centre.

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➤ Dr Prashant Garg, executive chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute, has been elected as a ‘Member’ of the prestigious Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI).

➤ Dr Garg becomes the fifth from India to ever receive this honour. His tenure as a Member of Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis will formally commence next year during AOI’s next General Assembly meeting.

➤ AOI is a university-centred international organization committed to excellence in education, research and culturally appropriate medical services to preserve and restore the vision of people of the world.

❖ **Hyderabad Haleem wins 'Most Popular GI' food award**

➤ In competition with 17 food items from across India with a Geographical Indication (GI) status -- including the Rasogulla, Bikaneri Bhujia and Ratlami Sev -- the Hyderabadi Haleem beat all of them to bag the 'Most Popular GI' award in the food category.

➤ The aromatic stew-like dish is made with pounded meat, lentils, wheat along with spices, and is most popular during Ramzan.

➤ In 2010 the Hyderabadi Haleem was first accorded the GI status.

➤ While this expired in December 2019, the registrar of Geographical Indication renewed the tag earlier this year. The renewed GI status is now valid for 10 years. Other Telangana items which were given GI Tags include Nirmal Toys and Crafts, Nirmal Furniture, Nirmal Paintings, Gadwal Sarees and Banaganpalle Mangoes.

❖ **Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board Approves New Tiger Reserve**

➤ Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board on Friday approved a new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR), one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the linking of the Ken-Betwa Rivers.

➤ The 2,339 square kilometres new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve, will spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts.

➤ On September 27, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the notification of the state's fourth tiger reserve in the Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary (RWS) in the Chitrakoot district.

➤ The new tiger reserve (DTR) is being developed so that big cats from Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) can shift there naturally.

➤ Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary, which has five tigers, is a corridor between Satpura and PTR, while Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary is a green corridor for Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.

➤ In 2020, UNESCO included PTR in a global network of biospheres because of its unique landscape and management.

❖ **22nd World Blockchain Summit**

- World Blockchain Summit in Dubai took place on Oct. 17 and 18, 2022 at Atlantis, The Palm.
- It is one of the most elite gatherings of the global crypto and blockchain ecosystem.
- Blockchain technology is a technology that leads to a chain of blocks, containing digital information stored in a public database. It is a distributed database existing on multiple computers at the same time, which constantly grows as new sets of recordings or blocks are added to it.
- Blockchain consists of three important concepts: blocks, nodes and miners.

❖ **GI tag sought for nihonshu from Japan**

- This is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai.
- The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage.

❖ **12th edition of Defence Expo begins in Gujarat's Gandhinagar**

- The 12th edition of the biennial Defence Expo began in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar of Gujarat.
- It is the largest defence exhibition of Asia.
- Seventy-five countries are taking part in DefExpo 2022.
- The theme of Defexpo 2022 is 'Path to Pride' in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to transform India into a strong and self-reliant nation.
- The Defence Minister termed DefExpo 2022, exclusively for Indian companies, as a humble tribute of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' to Mahatma Gandhi who he called the "pillar of the Swadeshi movement".
- The objective is to cater to domestic defence requirements as well as fulfilling the needs of friendly foreign countries.

❖ **Roger Binny appointed as 36th President of BCCI**

- Former Indian cricketer Roger Binny was elected as the 36th President of the Indian cricket body, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), replacing Sourav Ganguly.
- Jay Shah will continue to serve as the BCCI Secretary. Ashish Shelar has been appointed as BCCI Treasurer.
- Rajeev Shukla will be the vice president, whereas Devajit Saikia will be the joint secretary.

- Arun Dhumal has been appointed as the Indian Premier League (IPL) Chairman.
- Binny has represented India in 27 test matches and 72 ODIs. The right-arm pacer bagged 47 wickets in tests while also picking 77 in ODIs.
- Binny has previously served as a member of the BCCI selection committee.
- ❖ **Irish prof Bernard Dunne is Indian boxing's new high performance director**
- Former Irish professional boxer Bernard Dunne has been named the high-performance director (HPD) for Indian boxing. Dunne, who had a five-year (2017-2022) stint with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association, replaces Santiago Nieva.
- During Dunne's tenure with the Ireland team, Kellie Harrington emerged as World (2018, Delhi) and Olympic (2021, Tokyo) champion, while Amy Broadhurst and Lisa O'Rourke won golds at this year's World Championships in Istanbul and Aidan Walsh secured a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.