

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION**❖ “Audiovisual Heritage Day”**

- The Audiovisual Heritage Day is observed every year on 27 October.
- Aim: Raising general awareness among people related to the need of taking urgent measures.
- 2022 Theme: “Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies”
- This day was adopted by the 21st General Conference of the recommendations, in the year 1980, in a bid to safeguard and preserve the moving images. The day was declared by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural organization) on October 27, 2005.

❖ “From dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India’s Rise as a Global Superpower”

- Author: Bimal Jamal

❖ “The Corbett Papers: Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon”

- Authors: Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter
- Jim Corbett, born in Nainital in 1875, was known for tracking and hunting down a number of man-eating tigers and leopards in different parts of North India.
- The annals of his adventures were written by him in a series of books, the most famous of which is “Man-Eaters of Kumaon” (1944). He also played an important role in establishing Hailey National Park, India’s first national park in 1936. It was later named after the naturalist in 1956, a year after his death.

❖ EU’s 2022 Sakharov freedom prize

- The European Parliament has awarded the people of Ukraine its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to honour their fight against Russia’s invasion.
- European Parliament President Roberta Metsola announced the 2022 laureate in the Strasbourg plenary chamber, following a decision by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents (the President and political group leaders).
- The award comes with prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), which will be distributed to representatives of Ukrainian civil society.

❖ **Elizabeth Jones appointed as the new US Ambassador to India**

- The US Government has appointed senior foreign service officer Elizabeth Jones as the Charge d'Affaires ad interim at the US embassy in New Delhi.
- Currently, Patricia A Lacina is the Charge d'Affaires at the US Embassy in New Delhi. She assumed charge on September 9, 2021.

❖ **PNB Housing Finance appoints Mr. Girish Kousgi as MD & CEO**

- PNB Housing Finance has appointed Girish Kousgi as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- Kousgi replaces Mr. Hardayal Prasad who has resigned from his role as MD & CEO of PNBHF citing personal reasons.

❖ **Trees Beyond Forests initiative launched in Assam**

- Trees Beyond Forests initiative: The “trees outside forests in India (TOFI)” programme was introduced by the Assam government and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) with the goal of bringing together farmers, businesses, and private institutions to increase the amount of trees in the State’s non-traditional forests.
- Assam has given increasing the tree cover outside of forest regions great priority, as evidenced by the State Action Plan on Climate Change and the recent creation of the Assam Agroforestry Development Board (AADB).
- The goal is to add 2.8 million hectares of tree cover outside of traditional forests, helping India reach its nationally set contribution target of adding 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in additional “carbon sinks” by 2030.

❖ **US Grand Prix 2022**

- Belgium’s Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the 2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2022 which was held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States (US).
- With this, he equalled Germany’s Sebastian Vettel and Michael Schumacher’s record of 13 wins in a Formula 1 season.
- Hamilton had to settle for second place & Charles Leclerc had to settle for 3rd.

❖ **2022 Denmark Open**

- Shi Yuqi (China) has secured the men's singles title in 2022 Denmark Open after defeating Indonesia's Lee Zii Jia by 21-18, 16-21, 21-12.
- Chinese, He Bingjiao has clinched the women's singles title after defeating Chen Yufei by 22-20, 12- 21, 21-10.
- Men's doubles: Fajar Alfian (Indonesia), Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)
- Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen(China), Jia Yifan(China)

- Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)
- ❖ **National Film Award Recipient Bengali Film Director Pinaki Chaudhuri passes away**
- Bengali film Director and National award recipient Pinaki Chaudhuri, has passed away.
- He made his debut in the world of films in 1983, directing 'Chena Achena'. At a young age, he was a tabla player, trained by Ustad Karamatullah Khan. After some time he gave up playing the Tabla and began producing films in 1977.
- Pinaki Chaudhuri received 2 National Film Awards for Best Feature Film in Bengali for 'Sanghat' (Conflict) in 1996 and for 'Ballygunge Court' in 2007.