

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION**❖ “Delhi University – Celebrating 100 Glorious Years.”**

- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs in the Government of India (GOI), has written a new book titled “DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years.”
- The book’s foreword was written by Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan.

❖ National Unity Day

- National Unity Day 2022 is observed on the 31st of October 2022.
- The National Unity Day 2022 was first started in the year 2014 by our Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to honor the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 1875.
- He made a huge contribution to bringing all the scattered states into one nation after independence. He was also the first deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India.
- National unity Day is also called Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Day.
- The same day the Statue of Unity was opened in 2018 by our Prime Minister in remembrance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It was the highest statue in the world.
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation announced the Statue of Unity as the eighth World Wonder.
- Hereafter 31st October National Unity Day 2022 will also be called and celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Day 2022.

❖ World Cities Day

- World Cities Day brings Urban October to an end on 31st October each year and was first celebrated in 2014. As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year and the day focuses on a specific theme.
- A different city hosts the event each year. This year’s global observance is planned in Shanghai, China under the theme “Act Local to Go Global.”
- On December 27, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established World Cities Day through a resolution.

❖ **Emami onboards Akshay Kumar as a brand ambassador for BoroPlus Cream**

➤ He received the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honor, from the Government of India in 2009.

❖ **Jay Y Lee named as Executive Chairman of Samsung Electronic.**

❖ **Rajesh Ranjan appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire**

➤ Foreign Service Officer of 2001 batch Dr. Rajesh Ranjan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

➤ Dr. Ranjan is presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana.

➤ He will replace IFS officer of 1996 batch Mr. Y. K. Sailas Thangal.

❖ **Prime Minister's National Relief Fund**

➤ Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) was established entirely with public contributions and does not get any budgetary support.

➤ The corpus of the fund is invested in various forms with scheduled commercial banks and other agencies. Disbursements are made with the approval of the Prime Minister.

➤ PMNRF has not been constituted by the Parliament. The fund is recognized as a Trust under the Income Tax Act and the same is managed by Prime Minister or multiple delegates for national causes.

➤ PMNRF accepts voluntary contributions from Individuals, Organizations, Trusts, Companies and Institutions etc.

➤ All contributions towards PMNRF are exempt from Income Tax under section 80(G).

➤ The resources of the PMNRF are utilized to render immediate relief to families of those killed in natural calamities like floods, cyclones and earthquakes, etc.

➤ Assists partially to defray the expenses for medical treatment like heart surgery, kidney transplantation, cancer treatment of needy people and acid attack etc.

❖ **India to contribute 5,00,000 to United Nations Trust Fund**

➤ The Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar has announced that India will contribute \$5,00,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism efforts to counter global terrorism.

➤ India is at present the chairman of the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee and it hosted the two day meeting at Mumbai and New Delhi on 28 October and 29 October respectively.

➤ It is for the first time that the UN Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee meeting is being held outside New York, United States.

❖ WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2022

➤ As per the Global Tuberculosis Report 2022 report issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), for the first time in year, there is rise in number of people infected with tuberculosis.

➤ An estimated 10.6 million people worldwide were sickened by tuberculosis in 2021, a 4.5% rise from 2020, and 1.6 million people died.

➤ About 450,000 cases involved people infected with drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) in 2021, 3% more than in 2020.

➤ The seven countries with the highest burden of MDR/RR-TB cases in 2021 are India with estimated case range of 93,000 – 1,45,000; Russia (31,000 – 46,000); Pakistan (6,200 – 65,000); China (27,000 – 39,000); Indonesia (15,000 – 41,000), South Africa (13,000 – 29,000), and Phillipines (8,300 – 34, 000).

❖ IMT- Trilateral Naval Exercise

➤ The Defence Ministry has informed that the first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27th October 2022.

➤ The Indian Navy has participated in the Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak Helicopter, and MARCOS.

➤ The exercise has three main objectives including capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices, Enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation.

❖ ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2022

➤ India's shooting contingents finished the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2022 with 2nd on the medal tally with a total of 34 medals(12 golds, 9 silvers and 13 bronze). China tops the medal tally with 58 medals(27 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze followed by India and Norway(12 medals – 7 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze)

➤ ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2022 was held in Cairo, Egypt from 12th October to 28th October 2022.

➤ India's Junior shooters have won 25 medals out of the total 34 medals won by India.