

**❖ World Tsunami Awareness Day**

- In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- The theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2022 in Asia-Pacific: Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami.
- The word “tsunami” comprises the Japanese words “tsu” (meaning harbour) and “nami” (meaning wave).
- World Tsunami Day was first officially observed on 5 November 2016 After the announcement of the UN General assembly on 22 December 2015.

**❖ Vishal Kapoor named CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited****❖ VR Krishna Gupta named as Chairman of BPCL**

- BPCL Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1952.

**❖ Aruna Sairam honoured with Chevalier Award by French govt**

- Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker, Aruna Sairam has been honoured with the French government’s highest honour, Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des award.
- Aruna Sairam is the recipient of several awards including the Padma Shri by the Central Government and the Sangita Kalanidhi by the Music Academy.
- She was also elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- Apart from this, she is also the recipient of the Tamil Nadu government’s Kalaimamani Award and the Kalidas Samman Award of Madhya Pradesh.

➤ Aruna Sairam has also received the US Congressional Award of Excellence and was also conferred appreciation by the Mayor of the City of New York and the city of San Diego.

### ❖ **Ezhuthachan Award 2022**

➤ Noted Malayalam fiction writer, Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) has been selected for the Kerala government's prestigious 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram' this year in recognition of his overall contribution to the Malayalam language and literature.

➤ The Ezhuthachan Puraskaram is the highest literary honour is given by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi, Government of Kerala. The award is named after Thunchaththu Ezhuthachan, the father of the Malayalam language and consists of a cash prize of Rs 5,00,000 and a citation. The prize money was enhanced by Rs 50,000 in 2011.

### ❖ **Benjamin Netanyahu re-elected as prime minister of Israel**

### ❖ **India Tops List of Countries With Cheapest Manufacturing Costs: US News & World report**

➤ India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report.

➤ The list of top 10 countries with the cheapest manufacturing costs, which is headed by India, also includes Thailand (fourth), Philippines (fifth), Bangladesh (sixth), Indonesia (seventh), Cambodia (eighth), Malaysia (ninth) and Sri Lanka (tenth).

➤ According to the US News and World Report, out of 85 nations, India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking.

➤ The report evaluates 85 countries across 73 attributes. Attributes are grouped into 10 sub-categories, including adventure, agility, entrepreneurship, open for business, social purpose and quality of life.

➤ Under the open for business sub-category, India has scored 100 per cent when it comes to cheap manufacturing costs. India featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category. But in 'favourable tax environment', it has scored 16.2 out of 100; 18.1 in the 'not corrupt' category and 3.5 in 'transparent government policies'.

➤ In the overall Best Countries ranking, Switzerland has topped the chart, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden.

### ❖ **Gender Wealth Gap (GWG) in APAC Largest in India at 64%: Report**

➤ A new study revealed that India has the widest gender wealth gap (64%) as compared to other APAC countries.

➤ This is largely due to the higher burden of care giving responsibilities. The 2022 WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity report found that opportunities for women in leadership positions are also limited, with only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions in India.

➤ South Korea has been found as the best performing country in the APAC region in terms of gender wealth gap.

➤ According to the report, a total of six markets included in the analysis have a higher wealth index at retirement for women compared to the global average, and among them are China (78 per cent), Japan (82 per cent), Philippines (79 per cent) and Singapore (79 per cent).

### ❖ **Asian Continental Chess C'ship**

➤ Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship, in New Delhi.

### ❖ **Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament**

➤ Kerala is set to host the Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament.

➤ Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events and will be held at LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome from 25th November 2022 to 28th November 2022. In the Track Asia Cup 2022, around 200 cyclists will participate from over 25 countries in Asia. The event is being conducted outside Delhi for the first time.

➤ Track Asia Cup also the selection of Asian Countries for the 2024 Paris Olympics.