

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION

❖ International Day of Radiology

- International Day of Radiology is observed globally on 8th November every year.
- The day is celebrated to promote the awareness of the value that radiology contributes to safe patient care.
- Theme 2022: "Radiologists and Radiographers supporting patients"
- The day also marks the anniversary of the discovery of xrays by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895.
- World Radiology Day was first celebrated in the year 2012.

❖ National Cancer Awareness Day

- National Cancer Awareness Day is being observed on 7th November 2022. This day is observed annually to highlight the significance and promote awareness about the diagnosis, treatment, and early detection of the disease.
- National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7th November for the last 8 years coinciding with the birth anniversary of the Nobel-prize-winning scientist Madame Curie.
- According to the World Health Organization, cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide.
- In India, nearly 1.1 million new cases of cancer are reported annually.

❖ World Urbanism Day

- World Urbanism Day, also known as "World Town Planning Day", is celebrated every year on 8 November globally.
- This day for recognise and promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.

➤ Theme 2022: "Think Global, Plan Local"

➤ World Urbanism Day is organised by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).

➤ The day was founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires, to advance public and professional interest in planning.

❖ **Kishor K Basa Appointed Chairman of National Monuments Authority**

➤ Professor Kishor K Basa, the present Vice-Chancellor of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University in Baripada, has been appointed as the chairman of National Monuments Authority (NMA).

➤ He had been teaching archaeological anthropology and museum studies since 1980 and was the former head of the department of Anthropology at Utkal University.

➤ National Monuments Authority (NMA) under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has been setup as per provisions of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains AMASR (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 which was enacted in March, 2010.

❖ **Tayyab Ikram elected as new FIH president**

➤ Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO, Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.

➤ International Hockey Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland; CEO: Thierry Weil (Apr 2018–); Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France;

❖ **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman**

➤ Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: The Uttarakhand government announced that this year's Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman would be given to National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval, poet Prasoon Joshi, and three other individuals for their notable achievements.

➤ On November 9, the recipients will be honoured with the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman.

❖ **Grama Vandi, from KSRTC, receives accolades on national level**

- Grama Vandi receives accolades on national level: The KSRTC's "Grama Vandi," which was introduced in collaboration with State-level local self-government organisations, also took home the Award of Excellence in Urban Transport.
- The Kerala Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) city circular service took home the national "Commentation Award in Urban Transport" for "City with the Best Public Transport System."

❖ **Guyana President to be chief guest at 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention**

- Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention.
- It will be held from 8th to 10th January next year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.
- The 9th of January was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion because it was on this day in 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa.
- The first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was organized in 2003 to mark the contribution of the Overseas Indian community in the development of India.

❖ **Ujjain to Get World's First Vedic Clock**

- Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, the city of Mahakal will soon boast the world's first Vedic clock which will be synced with the position of the Sun.
- After laying the foundation stone at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain, the people will become familiar with the Vedic time calculation.
- The state government has allocated Rs 1.62 crore for this mega project as it is working to restore the ancient glory of Ujjain.

➤ The application of the Vedic Clock will be for Vikram Panchang, Vikram Samvat month, planetary position, yoga, Bhadra position, moon position, festival, auspicious time, constellation, birth anniversary, fast, festival, Choghadiya, solar eclipse, lunar eclipse, major holidays, celestial planets, constellations and comets etc.

❖ **Vadodara becomes the second city to issue municipal bonds issuance**

➤ Vadodara, Gujarat became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the United States Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance.

➤ Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017.

➤ Municipal Bonds are also known as Muni bonds.

➤ It is a debt instrument which is issued by Urban Local Bodies in India.

➤ The fund is used to develop Infrastructure developments in municipal areas.

➤ The first Municipal bonds were issued in 1997 by the Bangalore Municipal Corporation.

❖ **India to take part in World Travel Market: 2022**

➤ World Travel Market, WTM 2022: One of the biggest international travel expos, the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022, will have India as a participant in London. The Future of Travel Starts Now is the exhibition's theme for this year.

➤ Theme 2022: The Future of Travel Starts Now'

➤ India is taking part in the WTM 2022 to promote itself as a top travel destination according to the tourism ministry.

➤ The aim of World Travel Market 2022 is to introduce the various tourism services and goods, such as Medical Value travel, opulent trains, and the range of tourism items, to the world's business community.

➤ Travel and tourism in India contributed 5.19 percent of the country's GDP in 2019.

❖ **Reliance India's best employer; in top 20 worldwide: Forbes**

- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's oil-to-telecom Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is ranked India's best employer and among top 20 worldwide, according to the recently released Forbes' World's Best Employers ranking 2022.
- The Forbes list is topped by South Korean smartphone and electronics maker Samsung, which is followed by tech giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet, and Apple.
- American companies occupy second to twelfth positions on the list followed by German carmaker BMW, retailer Amazon and sports retailer Decathlon in the 13th, 14th, and 15th positions on the list.
- With 230,000 employees, Reliance Industries occupies 20th place on the list and is the only Indian company in the top 100. Only 7 Indian companies figure in the top 500 in the list.

❖ **Suryakumar Yadav becomes First Indian to hit 1,000 T20I runs in a Calendar Year**

- Suryakumar Yadav created history on November 6 as he became the first Indian batter to complete 1000 runs in T20Is in a calendar year.
- The 32-year-old right-handed batter achieved the milestone against Zimbabwe during Team India's final Super 12 match of the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.
- He has now joined Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan on the elite list of batters who have scored more than 1000 T20I runs in a calendar year.
- Rizwan, who has 924 runs in 23 T20Is this year, scored a total of 1326 runs in 29 matches in 2021.
- Surya is only the second player in T20I history to have scored more than 1000 runs in one calendar year
- He has played a total of 39 T20I matches in total for India, in which he has scored 1270 runs.

❖ 21st Asian Squash Team Championships 2022

- The 2022 Men's Asian Squash Team Championships was the 21st edition of Asian men's team championship for squash players. The event was held at Cheongju International Squash Stadium in Cheongju, South Korea, from 31 October to 4 November 2022.
- The Indian men's team, led by the seasoned Saurav Ghosal, clinched its first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships with a 2-0 win over Kuwait in the final.
- It is the biggest win of Indian Men's Team since they won 2014 Asian Games Gold. The Indian men's team has won three silver medals in the Asian Team Squash Championships and seven bronze medals.
- Hong Kong upset favourites Malaysia to win the women's Asian Team Championship title for the fourth time this millennium. Earlier, the Indian women's team settled for the Bronze medal after losing to Malaysia 1-2 in the semifinals.

❖ Art critic Vijayakumar Menon passes away

- Vijayakumar Menon, a 76-year-old art critic and fine arts scholar who passed away recently.
- Vijayakumar Menon had written numerous works on art and was a professor of art at various universities.
- Adhunika Kaladarsanam, Ravivarma Padanam, Bharathiya Chitrakala-Irupatham Noottandil, and Bharathiya Lavanya darsanavum Kala Parasparyavum are some of his well-known works.
- He received numerous honours, such as the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi prize for the finest art book, the Kerala Sahitya Akademi prize for academic writing, the Kesari Puraskaram prize, and the Gurudarsanam prize.