

❖ **MoS Rajiv Chandrashekar releases two books on achievements and legacy of PM Modi in Dubai**

- Two books on the achievements and legacy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were released by Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Chandrashekar in Dubai.
- The name of the two books are "Modi@20 : Dreams Meet Delivery" and "Heartfelt: The Legacy of Faith".
- These books were released at an event of Vishwa Sadbhavna, NID Foundation (Dubai Chapter) to increase the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity among people in the US, Australia and New Zealand.

❖ **Rituraj Awasthi has been appointed as the chairperson of the Law commission.**

- The appointment comes after more than two years after the 22nd Law Commission was notified on February 24, 2020. The law panel has been lying vacant since the retirement of former Supreme Court judge Justice BS Chauhan in 2018.
- Status: Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body and is constituted by a notification of the Government of India.
- Background: The Charter Act 1833 which was enacted by the British Parliament provided for the establishment of a Law Commission for consolidation and codification of Indian Laws. In 1835, Lord Macaulay was appointed as Chairman of the First Law Commission.
- Tenure: The tenure of Law Commission is for three years.

❖ **Airtel CEO Gopal Vittal elected deputy chair of GSMA for two years**

- Bharti Airtel chief executive officer Gopal Vittal has been elected as the deputy chair of GSMA, a global mobile operator's body. Vittal will hold the post for two years beginning January 1, 2023.
- Vittal is the second Indian to hold a senior position in the global grouping of mobile operators. Bharti Airtel founder Sunil Mittal had held the post of GSMA chair during 2017-18.
- Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete Lopez, CEO of Telefonica Group, will continue to be the Chair at the GSMA.

❖ **Centre appoints non-executive Chairman in four Public Sector Banks**

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), has appointed Non-Executive Chairman on the Boards of four Public Sector Banks Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), Union Bank of India, and Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) respectively.
- Appointments:
 - a) Vijay Srirangam has been appointed as a part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank for three years.
 - b) K G Ananthakrishnan has been appointed as part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of PNB for a term of three years.
 - c) Srinivasan Varadarajan has been appointed as part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Union Bank of India for a term of three years
 - d) The Centre has also appointed Charan Singh as a part-time Non-Official Director as well as Non-Executive Chairman of Punjab & Sind Bank for a term of two years.

❖ **National Florence Nightingale Award 2021**

- President of India recently presented National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021
- The award was conferred on as many as 51 nurses from across the country at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

- The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to society.
- The award is given to outstanding Nursing personnel employed in central, State/UTs, Private, Missionary and Voluntary Organizations.
- Florence Nightingale was an English social reformer, statistician and the founder of modern nursing.
- Nightingale came to prominence while serving as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War, in which she organised care for wounded soldiers at Constantinople.
- Her efforts to formalize nursing education led her to establish the first scientifically based nursing school—the Nightingale School of Nursing, at St. Thomas' Hospital in London.

❖ **MHA Mother Tongue Survey**

- The Indian Government recently completed the Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI) project.
- The Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI) project is implemented by the Central Government to conduct surveys of mother tongues that are returned consistently across 2 or more Census decades. It also records the linguistic features of select languages.
- According to the Home Ministry's annual report for 2021-22, the MTSI project was successfully completed, with field videography of India's 576 languages. The report also stated that, to preserve and analyse the original flavour of each indigenous mother tongue, The NIC and the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) is currently documenting and preserving the linguistic data of the surveyed mother tongues in video-audio files. The data will be stored in the web-archive that will be set up at the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- According to the 2011 linguistic census data released in 2018, more than 19,500 languages or dialects are spoken as mother tongues in India. These were grouped into 121 mother tongues after the census data underwent linguistic scrutiny, editing and rationalisation.

➤ 43.6 per cent of the population (52.8 crore people) declared Hindi to be their mother tongue, making the most widely spoken mother tongue in India. The second highest spoken mother tongue is Bengali. 9.7 crore people or 8 per cent of the population speak the language.

❖ **11th Joint Military Training-2022 Commenced between IAF & RSAF**

➤ The 11th edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) commenced at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda, West Bengal (WB).

➤ The two Air Forces have resumed this training after a gap of two years. The 2022 edition of JMT would be conducted over six weeks.

➤ The bilateral phase of the exercise will be conducted from 09 to 18 November 2022 and will see the two Air Forces engage in advanced air combat simulations. The exercise underscores the strong and long-standing relationship between India and Singapore in the domain of defence cooperation.

❖ **ADB provide USD 350 million loan to Maharashtra for road connectivity**

➤ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to Maharashtra.

➤ Reason: To improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in state

➤ The Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth will develop the road network in the Ahmednagar, Hingoli, Jalna, Kohalpur, Nagpur, Nanded, Nashik, Pune, Sangli and Satara districts.

➤ It will build on the Maharashtra State Road Improvement Project approved by ADB in April 2020.

❖ **Middle East Green Initiative Summit**

➤ Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change attended the Middle East Green Initiative Summit 2022 at COP 27 Egypt.

- The Middle East Green Initiative aims to reduce carbon emissions from regional hydrocarbon production by more than 60%.
- It also plans to plant 50 billion trees across the Middle East and restore an area equivalent to 200 million hectares of degraded land. The initiative will help reduce global carbon levels by 2.5%.
- The first Middle East Green Initiative (MGI) Summit was hosted by HRH Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister in Riyadh on 25 October 2021.
- It facilitated a first-of-its-kind regional dialogue on climate, with leaders in attendance from 28 countries agreeing to work together to tackle climate change.
- Saudi Arabia plans to rely on renewables for 50% of its electricity generation by 2030, , removing 44 million tonnes of carbon emissions by 2035.

❖ **ICC Player of the Month: October**

- Mens: Virat Kohli (India)
- Women's: Nida Dar (Pakistan)