

❖ Greg Barclay gets second term as ICC chairman

- Greg Barclay has been unanimously re-elected as chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.
- Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, was originally appointed as the ICC Chair in November 2020.
- He was previously the Chair of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and was a director of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015.
- Besides Barclay's re-election, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee at the board meeting.

❖ Indian-origin Nobel Laureate awarded 'British Order of Merit'

- India-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science.
- The 70-year-old UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in September and the first to be appointed by Charles.
- He received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009 for his work on ribosomal structure and was knighted by the Queen in 2012.
- He was President of the UK's Royal Society from November 2015 until November 2020.
- The Order of Merit is an exclusive mark of honour conferred by the British sovereign.

➤ The Order of Merit, founded in 1902 by King Edward VII, is conferred on individuals of exceptional distinction in the armed forces, science, arts, and literature, or for the promotion of culture based on the personal choice of the monarch.

❖ **Shlok Mukherjee wins India's 2022 Doodle for Google**

➤ Google announces Shlok Mukherjee as the winner of the 2022 Doodle for Google competition.

➤ Shlok Mukherjee is from Kolkata and he was declared the winner for India for his inspiring Doodle titled 'India on the Centre State'.

➤ His doodle is also featured on Google.co.in on 14th November 2022. Shlok Mukherjee has showcased India's scientific achievements and advancements through his doodle.

➤ The theme for this year's Doodle for Google competition was 'In the next 25 years, My India will..'

➤ Shlok Mukherjee received Rs 5,00,000 college scholarship, and a Rs 2,00,000 techno package for their school or non profit organization.

❖ **Kerala Tourism won "Responsible Tourism Global award" at the World Travel Mart**

➤ The Kerala Tourism has bagged the prestigious Responsible Tourism Global award at the World Travel Mart held in London.

➤ The award was given for the STREET project implemented by the Responsible Tourism Mission under the Kerala Government.

➤ STREET is an acronym for Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, and Tourism hubs, which was implemented by the Responsible Tourism Mission under the Government of Kerala on March 31, 2022. The STREET Project is an initiative that promotes water conservation and protection with public participation.

❖ 7th Edition of Amur Falcon Festival: Manipur

- The Manipur Forest Authority to celebrate the 7th edition of the Amur Falcon Festival in Tamenglong district, Imphal.
- The objective of the Amur Falcon Festival is to spread awareness about the protection and conservation of the Amur Falcon.
- Amur Falcon is the world's longest-flying migratory bird. It is a day-long festival that is generally celebrated in the first or second week of November to strengthen human-nature relationships and acknowledge the importance of the small raptor in the lives of people.
- The first edition of the Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated in 2015.
- Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) is the world's longest-traveling small raptor of the Falcon family. Amur Falcon migrates to their wintering grounds in South Africa and they usually arrive in large numbers during October in Nagaland and Manipur.

❖ ASEAN agrees in principle to admit East Timor as 11th member

- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member.
- The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings.
- The country would be the first new member of the regional grouping in more than two decades, since Cambodia was admitted in 1999.
- The East Timorese voted for independence from a brutal occupation by neighboring Indonesia in a 1999 UN-supervised referendum, and the country was officially recognized by the United Nations in 2002, making it Asia's youngest democracy.
- The resource-rich country of 1.3 million people immediately started the process of accession to ASEAN, but only formally applied for membership in 2011.
- The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership.

❖ **RBI Approves Amalgamation of Two Banks**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the amalgamation of Shree Sharda Sahkari Bank Limited, with Cosmos Cooperative Bank Limited.
- The amalgamation of the banks was approved by the RBI under Section 44A and Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- After the due procedure, the branches of Shree Sharda Sahkari Bank Limited would function as the branches of Cosmos Cooperative Bank Limited.
- Cosmos Bank has branches in 7 states and various banking transactions by the customers of Sharada Bank will now be conducted through all these branches of the Bank.
- This merger will increase the count of the branches of Cosmos Bank to 152.
- Cosmos Cooperative Bank Limited is the second leading urban cooperative bank in India that was established in 1906 with its headquarters in Pune. The current Chairperson of the bank is Dr. Mukund Abhyankar.

❖ **"Ganga Vilas Cruise": world's longest luxury river cruise**

- The world's longest luxury river cruise covering a distance of around 4,000 km will start in 10th January 2023.
- Called "Ganga Vilas Cruise", the voyage connects Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam, travelling through Kolkata and Dhaka.
- Ganga Vilas Cruise route : The ship will also pass through national parks and sanctuaries, including the Sundarbans Delta and Kaziranga National Park.
- The cruise will be operated under the PPP model by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), Antara Luxury River Cruises and JM Baxi River Cruises.

❖ **Exercise Garuda-VII: Bilateral air exercise between India, France concludes**

- The seventh edition of the bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) 'Exercise Garuda-VII' concluded on November 12 at air force station, Jodhpur.

- Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Force regiments with the opportunity for professional interaction.
- The FASF participated in the exercise with Rafale fighter jets and A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, while the IAF contingent comprised Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA 'Tejas' and Jaguar fighter aircraft.
- The fighter element was complemented by the IAF's Flight Refuelling Aircraft, AWACS and AEW&C, as well as Mi-17 helicopters and the newly-inducted LCH 'Prachanda'.

❖ Indian Navy Conducts 'Prasthan' an Offshore Security Exercise

- The Indian Navy conducted a structured exercise to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. The exercise was named 'Prasthan' by the Indian Navy.
- Prasthan is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Headquarters, Western Naval Command. The exercise which is conducted every six months aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defense.
- The Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), the Police fisheries, and customs were a part of the Prasthan exercise.

❖ Sri Lanka to host U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the venue for Under-19 Men's and Women's T-20 World cup.
- ICC said the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- The 2025 Under -19 women's T20 World Cup will be held in Malaysia and Thailand, and 2027 Under -19 women's event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal.
- India won the U19 Men's World Cup 2022 after defeating England by four wickets in the final. The reigning champions India also won the title for a fifth time, the most successful nation in the tournament.

➤ The ICC also informed that BCCI secretary Jay Shah will become the chairman of the ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee, replacing Cricket Ireland's Ross McCollum who has stepped down from the role.

❖ **West Midlands to host Kabaddi World Cup in 2025**

➤ The West Midlands will host the 2025 Kabaddi World Cup, an initiative of the World Kabaddi Federation.

➤ This is the first time that a kabaddi world cup will be held outside of Asia.

➤ The tournament, organised by England Kabaddi, Scottish Kabaddi and the British Kabaddi League, will feature at least 16 teams (men and women), including from India, Iran and Pakistan and will be held across the West Midlands during the first quarter of 2025.

➤ The World Kabaddi Federation was founded in 2003. It was incorporated under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 on September 30, 2005.

❖ **India to Host IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022**

➤ Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan inaugurated the IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 at Kochi, Kerala.

➤ The IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 is being held from 11th November 2022 to 18th November 2022.

➤ This is the first time in India that a para football event will have 10 men's teams and 2 women's teams.

➤ This para football event is a qualifier for the World's Championships Birmingham 2022 and the Paris Paralympics 2024.

➤ Ten teams are participating in the event including India, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Australia, and Uzbekistan.