

❖ International Day for Tolerance

- International Day for Tolerance is observed on November 16 every year with an aim to build tolerance among diverse cultures and spread the message that tolerance is an integral part of society.
- The UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 51/95 proclaiming November 16 as International Day for Tolerance back in 1996.
- The action followed the adoption of a Declaration of Principles on Tolerance by UNESCO's Member States on the same day in 1995. In 1995, the UN paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 125th birth anniversary by kickstarting the commemoration of International Tolerance Day.
- Madanjeet Singh, who was the UN's goodwill ambassador in 2000, sponsored the celebrations that year. He had contributed immensely to bring about communal harmony and peace. Thus, the UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence named the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize.

❖ Gaurav Dwivedi appointed Prasar Bharati CEO

- Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.
- Earlier, Mr. Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia, the citizen engagement platform of the government.
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.

❖ Carlos Saura wins 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022'

- Spanish Film Director and writer Carlos Saura will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 at the upcoming 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India at Goa.
- The announcement was made by the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L Murugan in New Delhi.
- The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to be held between November 20 and 28.
- The Austrian film 'Alma and Oskar', directed by Dieter Berner, will open the annual festival while Krzysztof Zanussi's 'Perfect Number' is the closing film.
- France is the 'Spotlight' country and 8 films will be screened under 'Country Focus' package.

❖ National Sports Awards 2022

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has announced the National Sports Awards 2022.
- The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30th November, 2022.
- Table tennis star Achanta Sharath Kamal has been announced as the Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022 winner.
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2022: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
- National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports.
- 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award' is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over the period of the previous four years.
- 'Arjuna Award for outstanding performance in Sports and Games' is given for good performance over a period of the previous four years and for showing qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

- 'Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games' is given to coaches for doing outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and for enabling sportspersons to excel in International events.
- 'Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games' is given to honour sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and who continue to contribute to promotion of sports event after their retirement.
- 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' is given to corporate entities (both in private and public sector), Sports Control Boards, NGOs, including sports bodies at the State and National level, who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development.
- The overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments is given the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.

❖ **Wangala Festival: 100 Drum Festival of Meghalaya**

- Wangala Festival of Meghalaya is one of the most popular festivals among the Garos of Meghalaya. Wangala Festival is a harvest festival that is held in honor of Saljong, the Sun-God of fertility.
- The celebrations of the Wangala Festival mark the end of a period of toil, which brings good output to the fields. The beginning of the Wangala Festival also denotes the onset of winter.
- The Wangala Festival is also known as 100 drum festival.
- Wangala Festival is the occasion when the tribals offer sacrifices to please their main deity Saljong (The Sun God).

❖ **Climate disaster aid scheme 'Global Shield' launched at COP27**

- A G7-led plan dubbed "Global Shield" to provide funding to countries suffering climate disasters was launched at the U.N. COP27 summit.
- The Global Shield plan is coordinated by Germany and the V20 group of climate-vulnerable nations.

- The V20, which stands for the Vulnerable Twenty Group of Ministers of the Climate Vulnerable Forum, is a dedicated cooperation initiative of economies systematically vulnerable to climate change, and works through dialogue and action to tackle global climate change.
- Coordinated by Group of 7 president Germany and the V20 group of climate-vulnerable countries, it aims to rapidly provide pre-arranged insurance and disaster protection funding after events such as floods, droughts and hurricanes hit.
- The G7 is an intergovernmental political forum consisting of seven of the world's advanced economies, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.
- The European Union is a 'non-enumerated member'. Germany is the President of G7.
- Pakistan, Ghana, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Fiji, Philippines and Senegal will be among the first recipients of funding from a G7 'Global Shield' initiative to provide funding to countries suffering climate disasters, the programme announced at the COP27 summit in Egypt.

❖ **Natasa Pirc Musar : Slovenia's First Female President**

❖ **'India's Most Desired Brands 2022'**

- Jio ranks as India's strongest telecom brand in India, ahead of Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd.
- The data was unveiled by the brand intelligence and data insights company TRA. TRA, formerly Trust Research Advisory, in its 'India's Most Desired Brands 2022' ranked companies according to their brand strength.
- Reliance Jio topped the telecom category, followed by Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea Ltd, and BSNL.
- Adidas was the top brand followed by Nike, Raymond, Allen Solly, and Peter England in the apparel category.
- The automobile list was topped by BMW followed by Toyota, Hyundai, and Honda.

- LIC ranked 1 on the banking and financial services index had State Bank of India at number 2 and ICICI Bank at 3rd.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) topped the energy list, followed by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Adani.
- Amul was the top brand in the food and beverages category, followed by Nescafe.
- Top-ranked firms on the internet brand list are Amazon, Facebook, Flipkart, and Google.

❖ **Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22**

- The third edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' will be conducted from 15 to 16 November 2022.
- This National Level Coastal Defence Exercise was conceptualized in 2018 to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security since '26/11'.
- The exercise will be undertaken along the entire 7516 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India .
- The exercise build up towards the major Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX), which the Indian Navy conducts every two years.
- Sea Vigil and TROPEX together will cover the entire spectrum of Maritime Security challenges. Assets of the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Customs, and other maritime agencies will participate in Ex Sea Vigil.

❖ **Brazilian Grand Prix 2022**

- Britain's George Russell took his first Formula One Grand Prix victory to end a season-long blank for Mercedes in a one-two finish with seven times world champion Lewis Hamilton in Brazil.
- Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished third, with team mate Charles Leclerc fourth.