❖ 'Cartoos Saab: A Soldier's Story of Resilience in Adversity'

➢ Author: Maj. Gen. (Retd) Ian Cardozo

❖ World Television Day

➢ World Television Day is observed on 21 November every year. The day is observed to acknowledge the role of broadcast media.

➢ The 21 November was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1996, because the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.

❖ World Children's Day

➢ The Universal/World Children's Day is celebrated on 20 November annually.

➢ Aim: To promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare

➢ Theme 2022: "A Better Future for Every Child"

➢ World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year. In 1959, UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

❖ International Men's Day

➢ International Men's Day is observed on 19 November to remember all the men in the society and their contribution in all aspects of life.

➢ Aims: To remember positive male role models and honour their contributions in all aspects of life

➢ Theme 2022: "Helping Men and Boys"

➢ International Men's Day was first celebrated in 1999 by Dr. Jerome Teelaksingh, Professor of History at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago, to commemorate the birth anniversary of his father.

❖ India won Excellence in Family Planning Leadership (EXCELL) Award

➢ India became the only country to receive the Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022 in the 'country category' at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Thailand.

➢ The award recognizes and applauds India's achievements in ensuring increased access.

➢ The adoption of modern contraceptive methods and significantly reducing the unmet needs for family planning..

➢ The overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate has increased substantially from 54 percent to 67 percent in the country.

➢ The total demand satisfied for family planning among currently married women aged 15-49 in India increased from 66 percent in 2015-16 to 76 percent in 2019-21.

❖ Gianni Infantino set to continue his 3rd term as FIFA president

➢ Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) president Gianni Infantino is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body.

➢ Infantino won a five-candidate race in 2016 to replace Sepp Blatter, and was re-elected unopposed in 2019. He's now set to stay in the job beyond the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

➢ FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904; Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

❖ Arun Goel appointed as Election Commissioner of India.

➢ Arun Goel has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner of India.

➢ He will be in office till December 2027.

➢ The post of 3rd Election Commissioner remained vacant after the then Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar took the charge of Chief Election Commissioner in May this year.

❖ C V Ananda Bose becomes Governor of West Bengal

➢ The former bureaucrat C V Ananda Bose was appointed as the Governor of West Bengal.

➢ The appointment of C V Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal will take effect on the date he assumes charge of his office.

➢ Governor of Manipur La Ganesan was holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July 2022 after incumbent Jagdeep Dhankhar was nominated as the Vice President Candidate by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

❖ India's first elephant death audit framework introduced by Tamil Nadu

➢ Tamil Nadu's Forest Department has introduced an elephant death audit framework to put in place a more detailed and transparent process for recording and monitoring elephant deaths in the State.

➢ The Elephant Death Audit Framework (EDAF) is the first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.

➢ India is home to over two-thirds of the World's Asian elephant population. Incredibly, they live alongside people across much of India, with only about 20 per cent of their range inside protected areas. Yet their population is stable or even increasing in some regions.

❖ INS Trikand participated in 'Sea Sword 2' counter-terrorism drill

➢ INS Trikand has participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Operation "Sea Sword 2" in the Northwest Arabian Sea.

➢ The operation was held to prevent narcotics trade & stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities.

➢ This edition also marked the 30th anniversary of the exercise and was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).

❖ Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022)

➢ India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report released recently.

➢ In its latest version of 2022, the NRI Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact covering a total of 58 variables.

➢ India has not only improved its ranking, but also improved its score from 49.74 in 2021 to 51.19 in 2022. It is noteworthy that India leads in several indicators.

➢ The report states that India secured 1st rank in "AI talent concentration", 2nd rank in "Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country" and "International Internet bandwidth", 3rd rank in "Annual investment in telecommunication services" and "Domestic market size", 4th rank in "ICT Services exports", 5th rank in "FTTH/Building Internet subscriptions" and "AI scientific publications".

➢ India is ranked 3rd out of 36 in the group of lower-middle-income countries after Ukraine (50) and Indonesia (59). India has a score higher than the income group average in all pillars and sub-pillars..

❖ Rajiv Kumar Invited as International Observer for Elections in Nepal

➢ Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal's House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly

➢ ECI also has a similar International Election Visitors Program where members from other Election Management Bodies are invited to experience firsthand our General and Assembly Elections held periodically.

❖ 'Homer'- Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2022

➢ The Cambridge Dictionary has revealed its word of the year for 2022 as "homer"

➢ The word "homer" was searched for nearly 75,000 times during the first week of May 2022, when it was an answer in the word game Wordle.

❖ 15th Asian Airgun Championships

➢ In Shooting, a dominant India ended their campaign at 15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea with a rich haul of 25 gold medals.

➢ The 2022 Asian Airgun Championships were held at Daegu International Shooting Range, Daegu, South Korea between 9 and 19 November 2022.

➢ India dominated the event winning 25 out of 28 events in eight days. India won a total of 38 medals with 25-Gold, 9-Silver & 4-Bronze.

➢ South Korea was placed second in the medals tally with 29 medals overall.

❖ Carlos Alcaraz becomes the youngest world No. 1 ATP Player

➢ Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz has become the youngest year-end ATP World Number 1, making him the first teenager to achieve this feat.

➢ Before this 19-year-old star, the youngest year-end ATP World Number 1 was Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, who was 20 years, 275 days in age at the time of his crowning in 2001.