

❖ National Organ Donation Day

- In India, the 'National Organ Donation Day' is observed every year on 27 November since past 10 years.
- Aims: To promote awareness and recognize the selfless contribution made by deceased donors to healthcare and mankind re-instill our faith in humanity
- Organ donation is retrieving a donor's organ like heart, liver, kidneys, intestines, lungs, and pancreas after the donor is deceased and then transplanting into another person who is in need of an organ.
- The first time organ donation day was celebrated in 2010. Under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it is organised by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- There are only 3 percent registered organ donors in India.

❖ National Milk Day

- National Milk Day is celebrated on 26th November every year to signify the importance and benefits of milk. Milk day is a special day that is observed to spread awareness among people about the importance and need for milk.
- National Milk Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is also known as the 'Father of White Revolution'. He was a social entrepreneur whose vision of the "Billion-Litre Idea", Operation flood, made dairy farming India's largest self-sustaining industry and the largest rural employment sector providing a third of all rural income. This made India the largest producer of milk in the world.

➤ The day was chosen as the National Milk Day by the dairy majors of the country including the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the Indian Dairy Association (IDA), along with the milk federation of 22 states.

➤ The Indian Dairy Association took the initiative of celebrating National Milk Day for the first time in 2014.

❖ **‘India: The Mother of Democracy’**

➤ Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book ‘India: The Mother of Democracy’ prepared and published by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in New Delhi.

➤ The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is a captive body of the Ministry of Education, Government of India

❖ **Rajendra Singh Pawar honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by FICCI**

➤ The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), felicitated Rajendra Singh Pawar, Chairman & Founder, NIIT with ‘Lifetime Achievement Award 2022’ at the 8th FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards ceremony.

➤ The award recognises Pawar for his immense contribution and exemplary work in the field of education as well as creating the IT Training industry.

➤ For an outstanding contribution in his field, Pawar has been awarded the country’s prestigious civilian honour, Padma Bhushan, by the President of India in 2011.

➤ Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India.

❖ **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for 2021-22**

➤ 39 schools from across the country were awarded the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for the 2021-2022 academic session by the Ministry of Education.

➤ The schools were selected from among a total of 8.23 lakh entries. Out of which 28 were government and aided schools and 11 were private schools.

- The awarded schools include two Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, one Navodaya Vidyalaya, and three Kendriya Vidyalayas.
- The schools are rated on six broad parameters of water, toilets, handwashing with soap, operation, and maintenance, behavioral change, and capacity building.
- 34 schools have been awarded a cash prize of ₹60,000 and ₹20,000 were awarded in the sub-categories.

❖ **India Wins Vice Presidency of International Electro technical Commission**

- India wins the International Electro technical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term.
- Shri Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.
- International Electro technical Commission (IEC) is an international standard setting body that publishes international Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies. Standardization Management Board (SMB) is an apex governance body of IEC responsible for technical policy matters.
- BIS is the National Standard Body of India for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods.

❖ **Mumbai becomes the first city in South Asia to top CDP's climate action list**

- Mumbai has become the first city in India to be added to the A-list in CDP's 5th Annual Cities Report. CDP is a non-profit organisation that manages the environmental disclosure system for businesses, cities, states, and regions around the world.
- This report acknowledges the crucial role that cities play in taking decisive action to combat and adapt to climate change.
- In 2022, CDP has recognised 122 cities from around the world as pioneers in environmental action and transparency.

❖ IAF to conduct joint disaster relief exercise at Agra air force station

- The Indian Air Force will conduct the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from 28 to 30 November 2022 at Air Force Station Agra.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be Chief Guest for the Capability Demonstration events planned during the exercise on 29 November.
- The armed forces, National Disaster Response Force, Defence Research and Development Organisation and Border Roads Organisation will also be part of the "Samanvay 2022".
- The exercise also aims to provide a unique platform for exchange of domain knowledge, experience and best practices with the participating ASEAN member countries.

❖ INS Mormugao: Second Ship of Project 15B Delivered to Indian Navy

- INS Mormugao is the second ship of Project 15B stealth destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL). INS Mormugao was delivered to the Indian Navy on 24th November 2022. Project 15B was signed on 28th January 2011, which is a contract of four ships.
- This project is a follow-on of the Kolkata class (Project 15A) destroyers Commissioned in the last decade and the lead ship of the project-INS Visakhapatnam had been commissioned into the Indian Navy on 21st November 2021.
- INS Mormugao was designed by the Warship Design Bureau, the Indian Navy's in-house organization, and M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai. The four ships are named after four major cities in India, which are Imphal, Surat, Vishakhapatnam, and Mormugao.

❖ Exercise Samanvay 2022

- Indian Air Force is conducting the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from 28 November 2022 to 30 November 2022 at Air Force Station Agra.
- Along with the involvement of various stakeholders from the country, the exercise will see participation by representatives from the ASEAN countries as well.

➤ Samanvay 2022 will promote a synergistic approach towards HADR by various national and regional stakeholders involved in Disaster Management including the Civil Administration, the Armed Forces, NDMA, NIDM, NDRF, DRDO, BRO, IMD, NRS, and INCOIS.

❖ **Garuda Shakti 2022**

➤ The Special Forces of India and Indonesia commenced the joint military exercise Garuda Shakti. The exercise is currently underway in Indonesia at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang.

➤ The eighth edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti focuses on enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.

❖ **22nd Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers' Meeting: Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

➤ India participated in the 22nd Council of Ministers's meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) held at Dhaka in Bangladesh.

➤ The Indian delegation was led by Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

➤ The COM adopted the 'IORA's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific' (IOIP) which would guide enhancement of IORA's engagement in the Indo-Pacific region. India led the process of development of the IOIP. Dhaka Communique was adopted as the Outcome Document of the 22nd COM Meeting.

➤ The idea for IORA first surfaced during the late South African President Nelson Mandela's 1995 visit to India.

➤ IORA is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to fostering regional cooperation and sustainable development in the Indian Ocean region through its 23 Member States bordering the Indian Ocean and 10 Dialogue Partners. It is a regional forum that is tripartite in nature and brings together representatives of Government, Business, and Academia, in order to foster cooperation and closer engagement among them.

➤ The People's Republic of Bangladesh took over as Chair from November 2021 to November 2023, after the United Arab Emirates (UAE) who held the position from November 2019 to November 2021.

❖ **IIT Delhi Ranks in top 50 of Times Higher Education Employability Rankings**

➤ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has been placed at the 28th position in the Top 50 of Times Higher Education Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS).

➤ IIT Delhi is the only Indian institute to rank in the top 50. The varsity was ranked 27th last year.

➤ It is followed by IISc at rank 58 and IIT Bombay at rank 72. A total of seven Indian universities have ranked it in the top 250.

➤ 3 US institutes have taken the top 3 positions including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, and Harvard University, respectively.

❖ **Pakistan PM names Lt Gen Asim Munir as new army chief of Pakistan**

➤ Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has named Lieutenant General Asim Munir as the new army chief.

➤ Pakistan's military has directly ruled the country of 220 million people for nearly half of its 75-year history.

➤ Munir will replace General Qamar Javed Bajwa who will end his six-year tenure as army chief on November 29.

➤ Lt Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza has been appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC).

❖ **AMLAN- 'Anemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan' programme.**

➤ Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik has launched AMLAN- 'Anemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan' programme.

➤ **Aim:** To ensure complete eradication of anemia problem among women and children

- The health and family welfare, school and mass education, women and child development, mission shakti and ST and SC development departments will jointly roll out the initiative in 55,000 government and government aided schools besides 74000 anganwadis.
- The programme will benefit about 1.37 crore people, which includes pregnant women, lactating mothers, women of reproductive age group, adolescents and children.