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## ❖ World AIDS Day

➤ World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1st December every year since 1988. The day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.

➤ This year's theme for World AIDS Day is “Rock the Ribbon.”

➤ The day was first marked in 1988 and was also the first-ever international day for global health. Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic disease that is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The immune system of the person who is suffering from the disease gets damaged and also reduces the disease-fighting ability of the body.

## ❖ International Jaguar Day

➤ The National Zoological Park, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) recently celebrated the International Jaguar Day.

➤ International Jaguar Day is observed annually on November 29.

➤ International Jaguar Day was created to raise awareness about the increasing threats facing the jaguar and the critical conservation efforts ensuring its survival.

➤ This is the third largest Cat Predator of the World and an important species of Amazon Rainforest.

➤ Jaguars (*Panthera onca*) are often mistaken for leopards, but can be differentiated due to the spots within the rosettes on their coats.

➤ Jaguars are classified as Near-threatened by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

## ❖ **November 28 is marked as Red Planet Day**

- Each November 28 is celebrated as “Red Planet Day.”
- This day is observed annually to mark the launch of Mariner 4 spacecrafts on the Planet Mars on November 28, 1964.
- The spacecraft landed in 1964 and soon after a year, on July 14, 1965 it departed from the red planet.
- Mars has two moons named Phobos and Deimos and there are no rings around it unlike other planets
- Mars is considered the second most livable planet in the solar system, after Earth. Mars has various gaseous layers like water vapor, oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and other noble gases which is found in small quantities
- Galileo Galile was one of the first person to view Mars through a telescope.
- Red Planet Day 2022 is observed widely across to commemorate the 1964 NASA launch of Mariner.

## ❖ **Iranian film ‘Nargesi’ wins ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal**

- Iranian film Nargesi by Director Payam Eskandari has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India, given for a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.
- Every year at IFFI, ICFT Paris and UNESCO come together to present the Gandhi medal to one film.
- The films competing for the ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award are screened at IFFI first and then, the ICFT jury evaluates the films based on the ideals of UNESCO.
- The UNESCO issued commemorative medal in 1994, marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Since then the ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award is being given to a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

### ❖ **Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador**

- CEO & CCO of McCann World group India, Prasoon Joshi has been appointed by Uttarakhand Government as the state's brand ambassador.
- Padma Shri awardee Prasoon Joshi is currently the Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (Censor Board).
- Earlier this month, the Uttarakhand government bestowed the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman honour to Joshi for his contributions to art, literature, culture and advertising.
- He has received several prestigious international honours such as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2006.
- He was also the first Asian to become the jury president at the Cannes International Festival of Creativity in 2014 for the prestigious Titanium category.

### ❖ **Laxmi Singh becomes UP's first woman Police Commissioner**

- Laxmi Singh, a 2000-batch IPS officer, has been appointed as Noida's new Police Commissioner and has become the state's first female Police Commissioner.
- She has also received a silver baton from PM Narendra Modi.

### ❖ **Niti Aayog launches CCUS policy framework and its deployment mechanism in India**

- Niti Aayog today launched the carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) policy framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India.
- The report was launched by Vice Chairman Niti Aayog Suman Bery, in the presence of Power secretary Alok Kumar, Dr V Saraswat, member Niti Aayog and other officials in New Delhi.
- The purpose of CCUS policy framework is to develop and implement a practicable framework to accelerate research and development on carbon capture, utilisation and storage in India.

- As India is the third largest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub> in the world after China and the US about 2.6 gigatonne per annum, carbon capture utilisation and storage is an essential imperative for India to reach its Decarbonisation Goals.
- At COP 26 late year in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced panchamrit to mitigate climate change including achieving net zero by 2070.
- The government of India has also committed to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50 percent by 2050.
- Mr Parameswaran Iyer is the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.

#### ❖ **RBI launches retail digital rupee for common people**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched its first pilot project for retail digital rupee (e₹-R) on 1 December.
- The digital rupee will be distributed through banks and users will be able to transact with it through a digital wallet offered by the participating banks and stored on mobile phones/devices.
- However, as in the case of cash, the digital currency will not earn any interest and can be converted to other forms of money, like deposits with banks.
- RBI has identified eight banks for phase-wise participation in this pilot. These include State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank. The four banks will participate in the first phase across 4 cities in the country.
- Four more banks, namely, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank will join this pilot subsequently.

#### ❖ **UN panel recommends Australia's Great Barrier Reef be put on in danger list**

- A UN panel has recommended that Australia's Great Barrier Reef should be listed as a world heritage site that is in danger.
- The world's biggest coral reef ecosystem was significantly impacted by climate change and warming of oceans.

➤ The long-awaited report on the 10-day mission that took place in March said, climate change was presenting a serious challenge to the values that saw the reef inscribed as a global wonder in 1981.

➤ Corals are sessile animals that ‘take root’ on the ocean floor.

❖ **Monkeypox Disease Name Changed to Mpox by WHO**

➤ The World Health Organisation has changed the name of the disease Monkeypox to Mpox.

➤ Mpox virus is a species of double-stranded DNA virus that causes monkeypox in humans and other mammals.

➤ Mpox virus is a zoonotic virus belonging to the orthopoxvirus genus, making it closely related to the variola, cowpox, and vaccinia viruses.

❖ **Merriam-Webster announced ‘Gaslighting’ as its Word of the Year 2022**

➤ The US dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster announced that their 2022 word of the year is “gaslighting” or as Merriam-Webster defines it, “the act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one’s own advantage.”