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❖ International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is celebrated, each year, on December 2.
- The day is observed to remind us of the evils of enslavement, forced labour, child labour, and sexual exploitation and trafficking and to eliminate slavery practised in our time.
- In the last five years, there has been an increase in instances of forced labour and forced marriages, as noted by the United Nations (UN). The UN mentions that the number of modern slaves increased to 50 million by the end of 2021.
- On December 2, 1949, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others via resolution 317 (IV). The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is celebrated on December 2 to mark the above convention.

❖ World Computer Literacy Day

- December 2 is observed as International Computer Literacy Day. It was started in 2001 by NIIT, a world-famous Indian computer firm.
- Founded in 1981 by Rajendra Singh Pawar and Vijay K. Thadani, N.I.I.T, which stands for National Institute of Information Technology, is a skills and talent development company.

❖ South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022

- South Korea's Mina Sue Choi was crowned Miss Earth 2022 during the pageant's coronation night on November 29 at Cove Manila, Okada Hotel, Parañaque City. There were 86 Eco-warriors, and only three queens were awarded the pageant's three elements titles.
- Miss Fire 2022 is Andrea Aguilera of Columbia, Miss Water 2022 is Nadeen Ayoub of Palestine, and Miss Air 2022 is Sheridan Mortlock of Australia.

❖ **India's Assumes of G -20 Presidency**

- India has formally taken over the G-20 presidency from 1st December 2022.
- The theme of India's G-20 Presidency is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam of One Earth One Family One Future. The theme affirms the value of life- human, animal, plant, and microorganisms and their interconnectedness on the planet earth and in the wider universe.
- The G-20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States, along with the European Union.

❖ **Maternal mortality ratio improves to 97 in 2018-20 from 130 in 2014-16: RGI**

- As per the Special Bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has improved further by a spectacular 6 points and now stands at 97/ lakh live births.
- The country's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) witnessed a decline by 6 points at 97 per lakh live births in 2018-2020, from 130 in 2014-16.
- The world health organisation (WHO) has defined the maternal mortality ratio as the number of maternal deaths during a given time period per 100,000 live births.
- Meanwhile, maternal mortality is the annual number of female deaths during pregnancy and childbirth or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy.
- In India, eight states have achieved WHO's SDG target. Kerala has been ranked at the top having a maternal mortality ratio of 19, followed by Maharashtra which has a maternal mortality ratio of 33.

❖ **'Doctor Apke Dwar' Mobile Health Clinics**

- Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) 'Doctor Apke Dwar' in Bihar

- 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) aims to provide door-step primary health care service to the underprivileged population across all 14 blocks of the Bhojpur district in Bihar.
- Free generic medicines will also be dispensed to the patients. Each MHC will conduct more than 20 camps per month and will see 50-70 patients every day.
- REC Limited is an NBFC focusing on Power Sector Financing and Development across India. Established in 1969, REC Limited has completed over fifty years in the area of its operations

❖ **French baguette given UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status**

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has just given the french baguette intangible cultural heritage status.
- The French baguette joins other foods and culinary cultures on UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage, including the making of Neapolitan pizza, kimchi, Belgian beer culture, the "Mediterranean diet" and Arabic coffee.
- A baguette is a long, thin type of bread of French origin that is commonly made from basic lean dough.
- It is distinguishable by its length and crisp crust.
- A baguette has a diameter of about 5 to 6 centimetres and a usual length of about 65 cm, although a baguette can be up to 1 m long.

❖ **Jeypore Ground Gecko included in Appendix II of the CITES**

- The Jeypore ground gecko (*Cyrtodactylus jeyporensis*), an endemic reptile of India, has been included in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).
- It is a wild reptile species endemic to India.
- It is a rare species and was first described in 1878 by Colonel Richard Henry Beddom, a British officer and naturalist.
- It was rediscovered by a team of researchers in 2011 after a gap of over 130 years.

➤ The animals listed under Appendix II may not necessarily be threatened with extinction, but trade in such species should be controlled to ensure it does not threaten their existence.

❖ **NASA's Orion reaches record-breaking distance from Earth**

➤ The United States' space agency, NASA's Orion spacecraft, reached a key milestone in its voyage around the Moon by travelling furthest than any spacecraft designed to carry humans has before.

➤ NASA confirmed that the uncrewed Orion capsule has moved at least 270,000 miles (430,000 km) beyond Earth marking the midpoint of the mission.

➤ The Orion spacecraft is key to the US space agency's historic Artemis I mission which plans to send humans to the Moon after nearly five decades.

➤ The previous record was set by the Apollo 13 mission in 1970 which carried astronauts at least 248,655 miles (400,171 km) away from Earth.

➤ If the Artemis I mission is successful, NASA will then look to choose a crew to fly on the Artemis II mission, which could take off as soon as 2024.

➤ Artemis II will aim to send astronauts on a similar trajectory as Artemis I, flying around the moon but not landing on its surface.

❖ **Stephanie Frappart to be first woman referee at men's World Cup**

➤ Stephanie Frappart became the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match held between Germany and Costa Rica.

➤ France's Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside Rwandan official Salima Mukansanga and Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita.

➤ Two other referees – Rwanda's Salima Mukansanga and Yamashita Yoshimi of Japan – were also included in Fifa's pool of World Cup officials.

➤ She was the first woman to referee in France's Ligue 1 in 2019, the same year she took charge of the women's World Cup final in her home country.

➤ Frappart also officiated the 2019 Uefa Super Cup final between Liverpool and Chelsea, before refereeing the Champions League in 2020 and then the French Cup final last season.

❖ **Yakshagana artiste Sundar Rao passes away**

➤ Well-known Yakshagana and Talamaddale artiste and former MLA Kumble Sundar Rao passed away recently. He was 88.

➤ Rao was an exponent of Thenkuthittu style of Yakshagana and the MLA serving Surathkal (present Mangalore City North) constituency from 1994 to 1999.

➤ Sundar Rao had served as president of Karnataka State Yakshagana Academy.

➤ Yakshagaana is a traditional theatre, developed in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Shimoga and western parts of Chikmagalur districts, in the state of Karnataka and in Kasaragod district in Kerala that combines dance, music, dialogue, costume, make-up, and stage techniques with a unique style and form.

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