

❖ International Anti-Corruption Day

- International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on 9 December to raise public awareness for anti-corruption. The day is observed since the passage of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003.
- The theme for this year's international day is “UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption”.

❖ Bank of Baroda wins EAG Laureate award on Financial Security

- State-owned Bank of Baroda has bagged an EAG Laureate award in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia.
- The Eurasian group on combating money laundering and terrorism (EAG) is a FATF type regional which comprises of 9 members including India.
- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the global anti- money laundering and anti-terrorist financing body.
- It is the second largest public sector bank in India after State Bank of India (SBI).

❖ Time magazine chose Zelensky as 'Person of the Year 2022'

- Time Magazine has named Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky and "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 Person of the Year.
- He became president of Ukraine in April 2019, at the age of 41, having spent his previous years as a performer, starring in romantic comedies and co-founding a successful TV production company.

➤ Other nominees for the magazine's honor this year included Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Supreme Court, Rep. Liz Chaney, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and last year's winner, Tesla CEO Elon Musk.

➤ Time Magazine has been electing 'Person of the Year' since 1927.

❖ **Nadoja Award**

➤ Cardiologist and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research C.N. Manjunath, writer Krishnappa G. and social activist and businessman S. Shadakshari have been selected for the Nadoja Award

➤ The Nadoja Award is a prestigious award presented annually by Kannada University, Hampi, India to eminent personalities for their contribution in various fields.

➤ The word ‘Nadoja’ belongs to Adikavi Pampa which means ‘teacher to the Land’s and Instituted in 1995.

➤ Award is given to eminent personalities for their contribution in various fields. First recipient of award: Kuvempu (Literature), S. Nijalingappa (Politics) and Gangubai Hangal (Hindustani Music).

❖ **N Chandrasekaran becomes the president of B20 India**

➤ Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the Chair of B20 India.

➤ Chandrasekaran will lead the business agenda during India's G20 Presidency.

➤ The Business 20 (B20) is the official G20 dialogue forum with the global business community.

➤ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Centre to lead the B20 India process.

➤ B20 India has identified priorities for deliberations under the theme 'R.A.I.S.E – Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Businesses.'

➤ About 100 business policy initiatives will be organised by CII under the B20 calendar across the country during the presidency year.

❖ **Arun Kumar Singh appointed Chairman of ONGC**

➤ The government appointed Arun Kumar Singh, former chairman of oil refining and marketing company BPCL, as chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

➤ He was Director (Marketing) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) from October 2018 to September 2021, after which he was elevated as chairman and managing director of the company. He retired as *Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is India's top oil and gas producer.

❖ **NABARD named Shri Shaji KV as Chairman**

➤ K V Shaji has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). He formerly served as NABARD's Deputy Managing Director (DMD) till May 21, 2020.

➤ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is an apex regulatory body for overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India. It is under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

❖ **Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president**

➤ The South American country, Peru, has just seen a significant political upheaval. Pedro Castillo has been impeached and arrested and Dina Boluarte, a 60-year old lawyer, has become the country's first female President.

➤ The latest political crisis in Peru is a continuation of a series of events that have led to four Presidents since 2020.

❖ **Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Review**

➤ The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India recently increased the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25%, and the Standing Deposit Facility stands raised to 6%.

➤ Since May, the board has now increased the key rate by 225 bps in FY23.

- A 100 basis points equal one percentage point.
- Retail price inflation in India reduced to 6.77 percent YoY in October 2022 from a five-month high of 7.41 percent in September, 2022.
- However, the fact that it continued to be above the central bank's acceptable limit of 2 to 6 percent for a tenth consecutive period prompted RBI to raise the repo rate for the fifth time.
- Inflation is expected to be 6.7% this year, with CPI inflation for the first quarter of 2023-24 projected at 5% and the second quarter at 5.4% on the assumption of a normal monsoon.
- The central bank's key committee also marginally lowered the GDP projection to 8% for 2022-23, with the third quarter registering 4.4% growth.
- The rupee has appreciated by 3.2% in real terms even as several other currencies have dropped.
- The Monetary Policy Committee of India is responsible for fixing the policy interest rate, to achieve the objectives of monetary policy.
- Three officials of the Reserve Bank of India, with Governor of RBI as Chairperson, ex officio .Three external members appointed by the Government of India. The external members hold office for a period of four years.

❖ **Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary**

- It is located in Palamner - Kuppam forest ranges of Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.
- This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant - a Country wide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by Government of India.
- The only home for Asiatic elephants in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- An 18-member herd of all female elephants from the forests of Gudiyattam and Pernambattu of Tamil Nadu are currently on the prowl in the Koundinya wildlife sanctuary zone in Chittoor district, apparently "in search of mates".

❖ **Kumbhalgarh Fort**

- The Sherpas of the G20 countries and invitees from countries and international organisations recently visited the famous Kumbhalgarh Fort in Udaipur.
- Kumbhalgarh is the second most important citadel after Chittorgarh in the Mewar region.
- The fort was built in the 15th century AD by Rana Kumbha.
- The massive fort is 3,600 feet tall and 36 kilometres long, and it surrounds the city of Udaipur.
- It is the second-longest wall of the world after the Great Wall of China.
- The fort has also been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the group of Hill Forts of Rajasthan.
- It is strategically located on the western Aravalli hills.
- The fort contains seven fortified gateways and several Jain temples, as well as the Lakhola Tank, the most famous tank within the fort, which was built by Rana Lakha.
- It is the birthplace of Mewar's legendary king Maharana Pratap.
- Its defences could be breached only once by the combined armies of the Mughal and of Amber primarily for scarcity of drinking water.

❖ **World Weightlifting Championships 2022**

- Star Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu bagged a silver medal in the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Bogota, Colombia.
- Mirabai lifted a total of 200kg (87kg snatch + 113kg clean & jerk), 2kg more than the Olympic champion from China Hou Zhihua (198kg) and 6kg behind another Chinese, Jiang Huihua (206kg: 93+113) who won the gold medal.
- Hou Zhihui of China took bronze with 198 (89kg plus 109 kg).

➤ This was Mirabai's second Worlds medal, having previously won gold at the 2017 World Championships with a lift of 194kg (85kg plus 109kg). She came in fourth place in the 2019 edition.

❖ **India's 77th Chess Grandmaster: Aditya Mittal**

➤ Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal has become India's 77th chess Grandmaster during an ongoing tournament in Spain.

➤ The Mumbai player, who had secured three GM norms, crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain. He drew the game against Spain's No.1 Francisco Vallejo Pons to achieve the feat.

➤ Mittal is also the fifth Indian to achieve the GM title in 2022 after Bharath Subramaniyam, Rahul Srivatshav, V Pranav V and Pranav Anand.

➤ To become a GM, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 ELO points.

❖ **Deepika Padukone to unveil FIFA World Cup trophy**

➤ Deepika Padukone will be the first global actor to unveil the FIFA World Cup trophy during the finals, possibly the first in FIFA history.

➤ The FIFA World Cup final will be held on December 18 at the Lusail Iconic Stadium in Qatar.

➤ Deepika Padukone is an Indian actress who works in Hindi films.

➤ She is one of the highest-paid actresses in India, and her accolades include three Filmfare Awards.

➤ Padukone is the founder of the Live Love Laugh Foundation, which creates awareness on mental health in India.