

International Anti-Corruption Day

- International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) is observed annually on December 9 to raise public awareness on the malpractice of corruption and its harmful effects on progress and development.
- The UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption on October 31, 2003.
- The Assembly also designated December 9 as International Anti-Corruption Day, to raise awareness of corruption and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it.
- The theme for International Anti-Corruption Day 2022 is “Uniting the world against corruption.”
- This year marks the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

❖ Meghna Ahlawat elected as the first female president of TTFI

- Meghna Ahlawat was elected president of the Table Tennis Federation of India.
- Meghna Ahlawat has been elected its first female President, eight-time national champion Kamlesh Mehta takes over as the new secretary general of the TTFI and Patel Nagender Reddy has been elected as the Treasurer.
- Table Tennis Federation of India Founded: 1926; Headquarters : New Delhi.

❖ Veena Nair won Prime Minister’s prize in Australia

- Indian-origin teacher in Australia has received the 2022 Prime Minister’s Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in secondary schools.

➤ Melbourne-based Veena Nair, who is View Bank College's Head of Technology and STEAM project leader, has been awarded for demonstrating practical application of STEAM to students, and how they can use their skills to make a real impact in the world.

❖ **CoP27: Swayam Shikshan Prayog Has Been Awarded The Local Adaptation Champions Awards**

➤ Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), Maharashtra-based organisation has been awarded the Local Adaptation Champions Awards, organised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) at the ongoing COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

➤ It won the award in the 'Capacity and Knowledge' category for the work in supporting women farmers to adopt more resilient and sustainable agricultural practices in Marathwada, Maharashtra, where a focus on water-intensive cash crops currently leaves farmers exposed to climate shocks such as poor and uncertain monsoon seasons.

➤ The Global Center on Adaptation, an international organization that raises awareness and resources on adaptive climate solutions through public and private sector collaborations, organized the award.

❖ **Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022**

➤ The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation has on 8 December 2022 announced the winners of the Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022.

➤ The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories. Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to a foreigner.

a) For Constructive Works: Nilesh Desai

b) For Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development : Mansukhbhai Prajapati

c) For Development and Welfare of Women and Children : Sophia Saik

d) For Promoting Gandhian Values outside India : Dr Ogirat Younan and Dr Walid Slyabi

➤ The Jannalal Bajaj Foundation established in 1977. Each award carries a Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of Rs. 10, 00,000.

❖ **Anurag Thakur Inaugurated India's 1st Drone Training Conference**

➤ Towards empowering and mobilising farmers across the nation with the use of agri-drones, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform at the Chennai manufacturing facility of Garuda Aerospace, a drone-based startup of India.

➤ The Minister, simultaneously flagged off Garuda Aerospace's drone yatra, 'Operation 777' which will educate and demonstrate the efficacy of drones for different agricultural uses across 777 districts in India.

➤ The I&B Minister also launched the first of 1000 planned Drone Centre of Excellence at the company's Manufacturing unit in Chennai which is also the largest in India. To gain hands-on experience, and understand functionality and technology, he also flew a drone after a quick crash course.

➤ Garuda Aerospace is a Chennai-based start-up dealing in drone technology, and its Kisan Drones are fitted with sensors, cameras, and sprayers and help in increasing food crop productivity, reducing crop loss, reduce farmer exposure to harmful chemicals.

❖ **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi scheme**

➤ The Centre has recently extended the PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme beyond till December 2024.

➤ The government has also introduced third loan of upto Rs 50,000 in addition to first and second loans of Rs 10,000 and Rs 20,000, respectively.

➤ PM SVANidhi was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on June 01, 2020 for providing affordable Working Capital loan to street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19 lockdown.

➤ Implementation agency: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

❖ 'Global Water Resources Report 2021'

- WMO (World Meteorological Organization) is an intergovernmental organization which has released the State of Global Water Resources Report 2021
- Global Water Resources Report 2021 assess the effects of climate, environmental and societal change on the Earth's water resources.
- WMO has released the State of Global Water Resources Report 2021 Currently, 3.6 billion people face inadequate access to water at least a month per year and this is expected to increase to more than 5 billion by 2050.
- 2021 was ranked between the fifth and seventh warmest year on record (not concluded yet) with the global annual mean temperature of 1.11 ± 0.13 degree C above the 1850–1900 pre-industrial average, despite prevailing La Niña conditions.

❖ India ranked 87th in the world strongest passport list 2022

- UAE passport has been ranked as world's strongest and most powerful, according to Global Passport Power Rank 2022 list released by Arton Capital.
- India has ranked 87 in the world's strongest passport list and Pakistani passport is at 94th rank in the list.
- UAE is followed by Germany, Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and South Korea. The citizen of these countries can travel to 173 countries without a visa.
- Passport Index 2022 is the ranking of the world's strongest and weakest passports. The passport ranking tells the number of countries one can enter without acquiring a visa.

❖ International Fleet Review 2022

- The Bangladesh Navy has hosted the first-ever International Fleet Review at Inani of Cox's Bazar between December 6 and 9.

- Naval commanders, ships from some 30 countries including the United States, China, India and the neighbouring Myanmar participated in the international gathering. Indian Navy ships Kochi, Kavaratti and Sumedha will participate in this.
- The key purpose of hosting the IFR would be to deepen relations among the naval forces on the Indo-Pacific Ocean.
- International Fleet Review -22 is being conducted by BN this year, to commemorate the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh.

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