

❖ National Energy Conservation Day

- The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14th December 2022. The purpose is to showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation.
- This occasion has been celebrated since 1991 when is led by the Ministry of power.
- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the power ministry of India, launched the National Energy Conservation Awards in 1991 to recognise the contribution of industries and establishments in reducing energy consumption while maintaining their production through awards.

❖ Justice Dipankar Datta takes oath as Supreme Court judge

- Justice Dipankar Datta has been sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- With Justice Datta's addition, the working strength of the top court rose to 28 as against its sanctioned strength of 34.
- Justice Dutta will have a term till February 8, 2030.
- Justice Datta was appointed as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court in April 2020.
- He served as a Judge of the Calcutta High Court from June 22, 2006. He was elevated as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court on April 28, 2020.

❖ BJP's Bhupendra Patel sworn-in as Gujarat CM

- Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term in Gandhinagar.

➤ He was administered oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat by Governor Acharya Devvrat.

➤ Patel was sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat on September 13, 2021.

❖ **Meghalaya Awarded For TB Control Program**

➤ The Meghalaya government, which has adopted a 'Jan Andolan' (people's movement) against tuberculosis, has been awarded the award for best practices to control the disease.

➤ TB affects 2.6 million people in India every year.

➤ The state of Meghalaya was awarded for using the best applications to eradicate TB disease.

➤ The state registered 4,189 TB cases in 2021 while in the first quarter of 2022, around 1,075 patients have been enrolled for treatment.

➤ The TB Mukht Bharat campaign, or 'Jan Andolan' aims to enhance awareness, eradicate stigma and generate demand for services throughout the state.

➤ 543PM Narendra Modi aims to eliminate the disease that affects over 26 lakh Indians annually by 2025, five years ahead of WHO's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

❖ **7 zonal cultural centres set up by the Ministry of Culture**

➤ Ministry of Culture has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These centers aim to conserve and develop art, culture and crafts across the country.

➤ ZCCs organize a minimum 42 Regional Festivals for promotion of art and culture every year as per their programme calendar.

➤ These centers also implement a number of schemes for preservation and promotion of various folk arts and culture of the country.

❖ WHO releases 2022 edition of annual World Malaria Report

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched the 2022 edition of its annual World Malaria Report, emphasising the cumulative impacts the prolonged pandemic continued to weigh on the economies and health systems of malaria-endemic countries across the globe.
- As per the report, there were an estimated 247 million malaria cases recorded in 2021 in 84 malaria-endemic countries.
- Over the past two decades, the WHO South-East Asia Region displayed a reducing trend in both malaria cases and associated deaths – cases reduced by 76 per cent, from 22.8 million in 2000 to about 5.4 million in 2021.
- About 95 percent of the world's malaria infections and deaths last year were in Africa. And just four countries – Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Tanzania – accounted for more than half of all malaria deaths.

❖ Japan launches its first-ever lunar mission

- Japan has launched its first-ever lunar mission, the HAKUTO-R Mission 1. It is headed by ispace, a Tokyo-based startup.
- It took off on December 11 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
- The ispace mission is the first of the "Hakuto-R" program, which means "white rabbit" in Japanese.
- The Japanese lunar lander (Mission 1) will touch down at the Atlas Crater, located on the southeastern edge of the Moon's Mare Frigoris (also called "Sea of Cold").
- The M1 lander will deploy two robotic rovers, two-wheeled, orange-sized devices from Japan's JAXA space agency and a four-wheeled Rover made by the UAE known as the Explorer Rashid, after the Dubai royal family patriarch.

❖ Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival

- The 20th Edition of the Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival kicked off in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- This year, the festival was scheduled to be held from December 8 to 12, 2022.
- The key focus of the film fest is on the mountain communities and cultures to Nepali audiences. This year, the audience will get a chance to witness more than 60 films from 30 different countries
- The theme of the Film Fest is ‘Sustainable Summits’ and is going to feature documentaries, fiction, shorts as well as experimental and animated films.
- Indian film Bandhua (Bonded), directed by Shobhit Jain is also going to be featured in the International Competitive Film category along with films like Ayena, Before You were my Mother, and Matto ki Saikil.

❖ Indian Army's Airawat Division conducted Ex Sanchaar Bodh

- Indian Army's Airawat Division conducted Ex Sanchaar Bodh in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab.
- The exercise validated tactical communication capabilities. The formation reaffirmed its determination to win at any cost under adverse conditions.
- The Indian 1 Armoured Division, under II Corps, is headquartered at Patiala. The 1 Armoured Division, nicknamed the “Black Elephant” or “Airawat” Division, is considered to be the pride of the Indian Army.
- Elephants have been regarded as precious and majestic since the “puranic” era. The supremacy of Elephant is also well illustrated in the Hindu Mythology. The 1 Armoured Division played a major role in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965. At that time the Division consisted of 2 Royal Lancers, 4 Hodson's Horse, 7 Light Cavalry, 16 ‘Black Elephant’ Cavalry, 17 Cavalry (Poona Horse), 18 Cavalry and 62 Cavalry.

❖ **BWF World Tour**

- In badminton, India's HS Prannoy outclassed Olympic and world champion Viktor Axelsen 14-21, 21-17, 21-18 in the BWF World Tour in Bangkok.
- Prannoy prevailed 14-21, 21-17, 21-18 over Axelsen in 51 minutes.
- It is his second win over the Dane shuttler in seven meetings.
- Prannoy was the lone Indian player competing at the 2022 season-ending BWF World Tour Finals – where only the top 8 players and pairs of the year take part.

❖ **'ICC Player Of The Month: November'**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for November 2022.
- England captain Jos Buttler claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month award.
- While Pakistan opening batter Sidra Ameen is named ICC Women's Player of the Month.
- Buttler and Ameen secure the awards following a global vote conducted among media representatives, ICC Hall of Famers, former international players, and fans registered at icc-cricket.com.