

## **Current Affairs**

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1. When has the 'International Translation Day' been celebrated recently?

➤ 30 September

- This day came into being after the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution on May 24, 2017.
- The resolution was signed by eleven countries after recognising the importance of the role of language professionals and September 30 was chosen to pay tribute to them as it also coincides with the feast of the Bible translator, St. Jerome. He was a priest belonging to Northeastern Italy who translated the Bible Greek Manuscripts of the New Testament into Latin.
- 2022 theme: 'A world without barriers'.

2. Which state will develop the world's largest safari park recently?

➤ Haryana

- Haryana is planning to develop a big Jungle Safari Range near Gurugram.
- This curated safari park will cover an area of 10,000 acres over the Aravalli hill ranges in Haryana's Gurugram and Nuh districts.
- According to a statement by the Haryana Government, this project will be the largest such project in the world.
- Presently the largest curated park outside Africa is situated in the United Arab Emirates' Sharjah. The park in Sharjah opened in February 2020 and covers an area of 2,000 acres.

3. Who has topped the Hurun India Under 40 Rich List recently?

➤ Nikkhil Kamat

- Nikhil Kamath, cofounder of Zerodha, topped the 'IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022' with a net worth of Rs 17,500 crore. Bhavish Aggarwal, the founder of Ola, came in second place (Rs 11,700 crore), and Divyank Turakhia of Media.net in third place (Rs 11,200 crore).
- Kaivalya Vohra, the 19-year-old co-founder of Zepto, the instant grocery app, is the list's youngest self-made entrepreneur.

4. Where has Adani Greens recently commissioned the world's largest 'wind solar power plant'?

➤ Rajasthan

- Adani Green Energy has commissioned a 600 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in the Indian state of Rajasthan.
- The plant will supply electricity under 25-year power purchase agreements with Solar Energy Corp. of India (SECI) at a rate of INR 2.69/kWh.

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5. Who has been honoured with 'National Lata Mangeskar Award' recently?

- Kumar Sanu, Shailendra Singh, Anand Milind
  - Noted playback singers Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh and music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeskar Award for different years.
  - They will be presented the prestigious award (on September 28), the birth anniversary of the late legendary singer, at her birthplace Indore.
  - State Culture Minister Usha Thakur conferred Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind, and Kumar Sanu with the award for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

6. Who has topped recently released Global Innovation Index 2022?

- Switzerland
  - Recently, India was ranked 40<sup>th</sup> position out of 132 in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 rankings released by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
  - India was ranked 46<sup>th</sup> position in 2021, and 81st rank in 2015.
  - Switzerland is the most innovative economy in the world in 2022 - for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row - followed by the United States, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.
  - China is nearing the top 10 while Türkiye and India enter the top 40 for the first time.

7. Which Indian has recently been included in Time magazine's list of 100 emerging leaders?

- Akash Ambani
  - Akash Ambani, son of billionaire Mukesh Ambani and head of India's largest telecom firm Jio, has been named in the Time 100 Next - the magazine's list of world's rising stars.

8. Recently which state's Pullampara Panchayat has become the first digitally literate Panchayat in the country?

- Kerala
  - Pullampara became the first gram panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents.
  - The 'Digi Pullampara' project was launched on August 15, 2021 to impart digital education to the most underprivileged sections of society in the panchayat. The project was run with the assistance of volunteers from five engineering colleges, Kudumbashree units and other self-help groups.

9. Which operation has been started by CBI recently to end the drug network?

- Garuda
  - The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) this week launched a massive crackdown on narcotics networks with global footprints along with states' police and arrested at least 175 people.

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- As many as 127 first information reports (FIRs) were filed by the two agencies involved in 'Operation Garuda' that was carried out to "disrupt, degrade and dismantle" drug networks with international linkages, the CBI said in a statement.

10. When has the 'International Day of Older Person' been celebrated recently?

➤ 01 October

- On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons.
- The overall umbrella theme for the United Nations International Day of Older Persons in 2022 is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World."

11. Recently who has written a new book 'Ambedkar: A Life'?

➤ Shashi Tharoor

- Shashi Tharoor, a congress leader announced to write a biography of BR Ambedkar next month. The book will be published by Aleph. The book will be known as "Ambedkar: A Life".

12. Recently Russian President Putin has declared control over how many Ukrainian territories?

➤ 04

- Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk and Luhansk regions were partially seized by Moscow's forces during a seven-month conflict with Ukraine Russia declared the annexations after holding what it called referendums in occupied areas of Ukraine.

13. With which country India has recently signed an agreement for the export of Missiles and weapon system?

➤ Armenia

- After recent clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijan troops, India will export missiles, rockets and ammunition, including indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers, to Armenia to help defend the nation against the neighbour Azerbaijan.
- Defence India signed an order for the arms export through a government-to-government route, through which the two nations inked contracts for the supply of arms and ammunition to Armenia earlier this month.
- Armenia:
  - Landlocked country in western Asia.
  - Capital and largest city- Yerevan
  - President- Vahagn Khachaturyan
  - PM- Nikol Pashinyan
  - Currency- Dram
- Azerbaijan:
  - Located at the boundary of Eastern Europe & Western Asia.
  - Capital and Largest city- Baku

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- President- Ilham Aliyev
- PM- Ali Asadov
- Currency- Manat

14. Which institute has recently unveiled the list of prestigious heritage textile crafts of India?

➤ UNESCO

- UNESCO has released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of the country.
- Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad and Bandha tie and dye weaving from Sambalpur in Odisha were some of the textiles that made the cut.
- Garad-Korial from West Bengal.
- According to UNESCO, one of the major challenges to the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South Asia is lack of proper inventory and documentation. The publication, which aims to bridge this gap, brings together years of research on the 50 selected textiles.

15. When has 'International Day of Non-Violence' been celebrated recently?

➤ 02 October

- The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.
- According to General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/271 of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence".

16. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of CRPF recently?

➤ Sujoy Lal Thosen

- Senior Indian Police Services officer Sujoy Lal Thaosen took charge as the 37th Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the largest Central armed police force mandated to provide internal security in the country, reported news agency ANI.
- A 1988-batch Madhya Pradesh cadre IPS officer, Thaosen took the salute of the impeccable Guard of Honour and took over as Director General of CRPF in a formal ceremony organised earlier in the day, reported the news agency.
- Earlier, he was holding charge of Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as well as the additional charge of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) chief.
- Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF):
  - Formation – 1939
  - Motto- Service and Loyalty

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- HQ- New Delhi
- Primary role is to assist states/UTs in police operations to maintain law and order and counter insurgency.

**17. Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Election Commissioner of India recently?**

➤ **Ajay Bhadoo**

- Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner as part of a senior level bureaucratic reshuffle effected on Sunday by the Centre.
- Bhadoo, a 1999 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Gujarat cadre, has been appointed to the post up to July 24, 2024, a Personnel Ministry order said.

**18. When has 'World Habitat Day' been celebrated recently?**

➤ **03 October**

- The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022) to reflect on the state of our habitats, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter.
- In 1985 the United Nations designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day.
- World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 with the theme "Shelter is My Right"
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) celebrated World Habitat Day 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- Theme of WHD 2022: "Mind the Gap. Leave No One Behind and No Place Behind."

**19. Which has been declared as the cleanest state of the country in Swachh Survekshan 2022 recently?**

➤ **Madhya Pradesh**

- Madhya Pradesh has secured the first position, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in the category of best performing states in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022'.
- For the sixth consecutive time, Indore has been adjudged as India's cleanest city, followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai on the next two positions in the Central government's annual cleanliness survey, according to latest data as quoted by news agency PTI.

**20. Who has recently become the first Indian player to play 400 T20 matches?**

➤ **Rohit Sharma**

- Rohit Sharma became the first Indian cricketer to complete 400 appearances in the Twenty20 format during the second T20I against South Africa in Guwahati.

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- The India skipper, making his 141st appearance in Twenty20 Internationals in the second game of the three-match series against the Proteas,

21. Who has recently inducted the indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter 'Prachanda' into the Indian Air Force?

➤ **Rajnath Singh**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formally inducted the indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) in the Indian Air Force at a ceremony held at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan. LCH would be inducted into the 143 Helicopter Unit. LCH has been named as 'Prachanda'.
- Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Singh said induction of LCH not only adds to the combat capability of the Air Force but is also a great leap towards the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He added that the need for a combat helicopter was seriously felt during the Kargil War and LCH is a culmination of two decades of effort to address this need.
- LCH has been developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). It is a state-of-the-art modern combat helicopter, primarily designed for deployment in high-altitude regions. LCH is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 m with a considerable load of weapons and fuel.

22. Recently who has been elected as new Vice President of 'International Astronautical Federation'?

➤ **Anil Kumar**

- Dr. AK Anil Kumar, a senior scientist at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been elected as the Vice- President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).
- The International Astronautical Federation (IAF):
  - Formation- 1951 at Paris, France
  - It is one of the world's top space advocacy bodies with 433 members in 72 nations.
  - The IAF also hosts International Astronautical Federation Congress (IAC) an annual space event and the largest put on by the organization, with approximately 6,000 participants each year.
  - A different member of IAF is selected by IAF each year to host the IAC.