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1. Recently India and which country has announced New Energy Task Force?

➤ **America**

- The US and India have launched a new task force under the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP), which will focus on the accelerated deployment of energy storage technologies.
- The US Department of Energy (DOE) and India's Ministry of Power (MoP) launched the Energy Storage Task Force to facilitate ongoing and meaningful dialogue among government officials, industry representatives, and other stakeholders from both countries to help scale up and accelerate deployment of energy storage technologies to facilitate clean energy transition.

2. Recently who has been re-elected as the President of AMFI?

➤ **A Balasubramanian**

- A Balasubramanian has been re-elected as the chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- AMFI is the Indian mutual fund industry body and has all the 44 asset management companies that are registered with SEBI as its members.

3. Who has been appointed as its brand ambassador by Gulf Oil recently?

➤ **Smriti Mandhana**

- Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has signed on as a brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India.
- India women's vice-captain joins current men's cricket ace Hardik Pandya and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an ambassador for the company.
- Through the partnership, Gulf Oil stated that it aims to 'celebrate women power' and 'inspire female audience in the country', while also honouring the achievements of Indian women cricketers.

4. According to the recent report which state is the worst in the terms of child marriage?

➤ **Jharkhand**

- "The percentage of females who got effectively married before reaching 18 years of age is 1.9 at the national level and varies from 0.0 in Kerala to 5.8 in Jharkhand," the survey said.
- The survey was conducted in 2020 by Home Ministry and the report was published late last month.
- Jharkhand and West Bengal are the only two states in the country where more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years.

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- The survey said that while 54.9 per cent of girls are married in West Bengal before attaining the age of 21 years, the figure for Jharkhand is 54.6 per cent as against the national average of 29.5 per cent.

5. Recently 'White Shipping Information Exchange' agreement has been signed between India and which country?

➤ New Zealand

- The Royal New Zealand navy and the Indian navy have signed a contract on the exchange of White Shipping Information Exchange.
- The communication of previous knowledge regarding the location and identification of commercial, non-military merchant boats is known as the White Shipping Information.
- White, black and grey ships are classed as commercial, illegal and military boats respectively.
- Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar and New Zealand Navy Chief Rear Admiral David Proctor signed the contract. In order to encourage more openness in the Maritime Domain, the agreement was signed.
- New Zealand:
 - Island country in the south western Pacific Ocean.
 - Capital- Wellington
 - Largest city – Auckland
 - PM – Jacinda Ardern
 - Currency- New Zealand Dollar.

6. When has the 'World Migratory Bird Day' been celebrated recently?

➤ 08 October

- Since its creation in 2006, World Migratory Bird Day has been commemorated twice a year.
- It is supposed to be celebrated on the second Saturday of May and the second Saturday of October.
- This year, it was previously celebrated on 14 May and for the second time, the world marks this day again today, 8 October.
- At least 4,000 different bird species travel long distances, making up about 40% of the world's bird population. They migrate in search of food. Twice a year,
- The United Nations (UN) chose to promote awareness of migratory birds' linkages to various geographic areas around the world in 2006.
- 2022 theme: Light Pollution will be the focus of the World Migratory Bird Day 2022 campaign.

7. Recently in whose name, the country's first multi-art cultural centre has been announced?

➤ Nita Ambani

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- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) director Isha Ambani on Thursday announced the opening of India's first multi-art cultural centre at Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex.
 - Dedicated to her mother and founder of the Reliance Foundation Nita Ambani, the centre has been named Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) and will be inaugurated next year on March 31.
8. Who has recently released the book titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' in Auckland?
- S Jaishankar
 - External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022 and launched the book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" in Auckland. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was also present during the event.
 - The event felicitated members of the Indian community in New Zealand for their exceptional achievements and contributions.
9. Recently how many members task force has been constituted to monitor foreign cheetahs?
- 09
 - The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Friday, October 7, constituted a Task Force for monitoring Cheetahs which were recently introduced in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park and other suitable designated areas.
10. Which Indian Armed force has recently approved the introduction of a new weapon system?
- Airforce
 - The Government has approved the creation of a Weapon System branch for officers in the Indian Air Force (IAF) which will bring all weapon systems operators of the force under one roof.
 - This is the first time since independence that a new operational branch is being created, said IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal (ACM) V. R. Chaudhari on October 8, 2022.
 - The IAF also unveiled a new digital camouflage uniform for its rank and file.
11. When has 'World Post Day' been celebrated recently?
- 9 October
 - World Post Day is celebrated every year on October 9 to celebrate the date when the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was founded in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.
 - It is the largest logistic network in the world and every year, more than 150 countries celebrate this day in various ways.
 - The World Post Day 2022 theme is 'Post for Planet'.
 - Universal Postal Union:
 - Specialized agency of the UN that co-ordinates postal policies among member nations.

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- Formation- 9th October, 1874.
- HQ- Bern, Switzerland.

12. World's tallest 351 feet Shiva statue will be installed in which city of Rajasthan recently?

➤ Nathdwara

- World's tallest Shiva statue located at Nathdwara.
- This is the only statue of Lord Shiva in which a hall has been built for people to sit with elevator stairs.
- Initially, the height of this statue was to be kept at 251 feet but later it was decided to make it up to 351 feet.

13. Where has Home Minister Amit Shah recently unveiled the statue of Iron Man Sardar Patel?

➤ Gangtok

- Home Minister Shri Amit Shah “**UNVEILED THE STATUE OF SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL**” at Raj Bhawan, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Sikkim:

- Capital and largest city- Gangtok
- Governor- Ganga Prasad
- CM- Prem Singh Tamang (SKM-Sikkim Krantikari Morcha)
- High Court- Sikkim High Court
- Least populous state in India.
- Areawise 2nd smallest state in India.
- Kanchenjunga- highest peak in India and 3rd highest peak in World.
- 35% of the state is covered by Kanchenjunga National Park.

14. Recently the World Bank has estimated India's economic growth rate to be what Percent in the financial year 2022-23?

➤ 6.5%

- The World Bank has estimated that India will grow 6.5% in the current fiscal year (FY22-23), after having grown at 8.7% in the fiscal year ended March 31.
- World Bank:
 - It is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of poorer countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.
 - Formation- 1944.
 - Motto- working for a world free of poverty.
 - HQ- Washington DC
 - President- David Malpass
 - Parent org- world bank group.

15. Recently which state's Modhera has been declared as India's first 24*7 solar powered village?

➤ Gujarat

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Modhera in Gujarat's Mehsana district as first 24*7 solar powered villages in India. PM Modi also said that earlier Modhera was only famous for Sun temple but now it'll be also known
- A ground-mounted solar power plant and more than 1,300 rooftop solar systems on government and residential buildings have been installed to make Modhera the first 24*7 solar-powered villages in India.

16. Which country will host the UNSC meeting on counter terrorism recently?

➤ India

- It is not very frequent that the Counter-Terrorism Committee meets outside of New York but the meeting in India will be the seventh time that this is happening.
- A key meeting of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) in Mumbai later this month will be a "tribute and statement" to the horrific 26/11 terror attacks and members of the powerful United Nations (UN) organ will place a wreath in memory of the victims of the attack, Committee Chair Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj has said.
- India is currently the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for the year 2022 and will host diplomats of the 15-nation UN body along with other member states for a special meeting in Mumbai and New Delhi on October 28-29 to focus on new and emerging technologies.

17. Recently who has been named FIH Player of the Year?

➤ Harmanpreet Singh, Felis Albers

- Indian defender Harmanpreet Singh was named the FIH Player of the Year in the men's category for the second successive time.
- The 26-year-old became just the fourth player to win the Player of the Year award (men's category) in consecutive years, joining an elite list that includes Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands), Jamie Dwyer (Australia) and Arthur van Doren (Belgium).
- In women's category, Felice Albers of Netherlands was named the FIH Player of the Year.
- The 22-year-old became the youngest winner of the FIH Player of the Year award (women's category) since Germany's Natascha Keller (1999) and second youngest ever, since the inception of the awards in 1998.

18. Who has recently won the 25th world title in billiards?

➤ Pankaj Advani

- India's leading cueist Pankaj Advani claimed his 25th world title after outclassing compatriot Sourav Kothari 4-0 in the 150 up billiards final at the World Championships on Saturday.

19. When has 'World Mental Health Day' been celebrated recently?

➤ 10 October

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- World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to support those experiencing mental health issues.
- World Mental Health Day was first observed on October 10, 1992, by the World Federation for Mental Health.
- 2022 theme: 'Make mental health for all a global priority'.

20. In which state hanging solar fencing has been installed recently?

➤ Odisha

- The forest department of Odisha has installed hanging solar fences along railway tracks as an experiment in a bid to prevent elephants from being moved down by trains.
- The solar fence will not harm animals but stop them from moving further ahead and force them to retreat.
- The forest department has used this technique in the Keonjhar district. It has installed hanging solar fences for 800 metres along the railway tracks at Joda, the mineral hub of the district.

