

## Weekly One Liners 24th to 30th of October 2022

### Smt Droupadi Murmu presents Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard

The President of India, **Smt Droupadi Murmu**, presented the **Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard (PBG)** at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi. The President appreciated PBG for their excellent military traditions, professionalism and discipline in all their tasks. She said that the nation is proud of them. She expressed confidence that they will strive with dedication, discipline and valour, to maintain the highest traditions of Rashtrapati Bhavan and be an ideal role model for other Regiments of the Indian Army.

#### History of President's Bodyguard:

- The President's Bodyguard is the oldest regiment in the Indian Army, having been raised as the **Governor-General's Bodyguard (later the Viceroy's Bodyguard) in 1773**. As the President of India's own Guard, it has the unique distinction of being the only military unit of the Indian Army that is privileged to carry the President's Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner.
- This distinction was conferred on the **President's Bodyguard in 1923** by the then Viceroy, Lord Reading, on the occasion of the **Bodyguard completing 150 years of service**. Each succeeding Viceroy, thereafter, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the Bodyguard.
- **On January 27, 1950**, the regiment was renamed the President's Bodyguard. Every President has continued the practice of honouring the regiment. Rather than a coat of arms, as was the practice in the colonial era, the monogram of the President appears on the Banner. Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, presented his Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard on May 14, 1957.
- The President's Bodyguard, as it is known today, was raised in Banaras (Varanasi) by the then Governor-General, **Warren Hastings**. It had an initial strength of 50 cavalry troopers, later augmented by another 50 horsemen. Today, the President's Bodyguard is a select body of hand-picked men with special physical attributes. They are chosen after a rigorous and physically gruelling process.



### Blue Beaches: Two more Indian Beaches enter the coveted list

Two more Indian beaches have made it to the list of Blue Beaches. **Minicoy, Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach, in Lakshadweep** are the proud entrants in the coveted list of Blue Beaches, an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world. Now the tally of total blue flag-endorsed beaches in **India stands at 12**. Both beaches have designated staff for beach cleanliness, maintenance, safety and security of swimmers. Further, they comply with all the 33 criteria mandated by the **Foundation for Environment Education (FEE)**.

#### Blue Beaches: Thundi and Kadmat beaches

- Thundi Beach is one of the most scenic beaches in the Lakshadweep archipelago with hues of white sand mixed with turquoise & blue shade water by the lagoon, a paradise for swimmers and tourists.
- While the Kadmat Beach is popular with cruise tourists who visit the island for water sports. It is a paradise for nature lovers with its pearl white sand, blue lagoon waters, its moderate climate and friendly locals.

#### The other Indian beaches in the blue list are

- Kappad: Kerala,
- Shivrajpur: Gujarat,
- Ghoghla: Diu,
- Kasarkod and Padubidri: Karnataka,
- Rushikonda: Andhra Pradesh,
- Golden: Odisha,
- Radhanagar: Andaman and Nicobar,
- Eden in Puducherry and
- Kovalam in Tamil Nadu.

#### What is a Blue Flag Tag?

The Blue Flag tag certification or tag is one of the world's most prominent voluntary eco-labels for beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators. In order to qualify for the Blue Flag Tag, a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety, and accessibility criteria must be met and maintained. The Denmark-based non-profit Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) awards the certification. It is awarded annually to beaches and marinas. Presently, there are 48 countries currently participating in the program.

## OAG report: Delhi's IGI airport is now world's 10th busiest airport

According to **Official Airline Guide (OAG) report**, the **Indira Gandhi International Airport** in Delhi is the **10th busiest airport** in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022. According to OAG, there were 34,13,855 seats at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)**.

In its research, aviation analytics company OAG said the Delhi airport improved from its 14th position in October 2019, before the pandemic struck. The Indian aviation sector is recovering after being significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic that also saw scheduled international flight services remaining suspended for more than two years starting from March 2020.

### Key points in the reports:

- The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** having serviced **47,47,367 seats**.
- **Dubai International** is second with 41,27,704 seats, followed by **Tokyo International Airport** with 38,77,164 seats and **Dallas Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport** with 37,53,858 seats.
- In fifth place is the **Denver airport** with 37,09,394 seats, followed by **London Heathrow Airport**, **Chicago O'Hare International Airport** at the 7th spot and **Los Angeles International Airport** at the 9th position, the OAG report said.

## National Affairs

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 22 launched the Rozgar Mela recruitment drive to hire 10 lakh personnel.** In the first tranche, 75,000 new appointees will be given jobs. The new recruits, selected from across the country, **will join 38 government ministries and departments.** They will be appointed across various levels viz. Group A, Group B (Gazetted), Group B (Non-Gazetted) and Group C. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's first **'Migration Monitoring Systems'** was inaugurated by the **Maharashtra Women and Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha** in Mumbai. The **website-based Migration Tracking System** will track the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries. The **Migration Monitoring Systems** aims to provide information about **migrant pregnant women, lactating women, and children.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India suffered an income loss of 5.4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the highest among the G20 nations in 2021,** according to the new **report of Climate Transparency.** The report highlighted that **India witnessed a record heatwave that greatly affected** workers, labour migrants, low-income households, and the homeless, and reduced the yields of wheat crops. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NIA to establish offices in every state:** Amit Shah, the **Union Minister of Housing and Cooperation,** spoke today at the start of a two-day **"Chintan Shivir"** in Surajkund, Haryana. The Chintan Shivir is being attended by Chief Ministers of the States, Home Ministers of States, Lieutenant Governors, and Administrators of Union Territories. Utilizing all internal security resources to their fullest potential is necessary in order to combat the issues facing the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **New IIFT campus inaugurated:** Nirmala Sitharaman, the nation's finance minister, officially opened the third campus of the **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)** at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) -K campus** in Kakinada. She outlined the significance of the IIFT campus for the development of the country. She stressed the value of IIFT in terms of research and policy development for the growth of the Ministry of Commerce. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## States in the News

- **Honesty Shops** have been opened in 15 schools in the **Ernakulam district of Kerala.** The Honesty Shops are a part of the **Student Police Cadet (SPC)** project which aims to provide valuable lessons on truth, and integrity for students. In these honesty shops there is no salesman at the counters and students can drop the money for each item in the **collection box** kept in the shop. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Karnataka cabinet** decided to promulgate an ordinance to raise reservations for **Scheduled Caste (SCs)** by 2 percent and for **Scheduled Tribe (STs)** by 4 percent. The Karnataka cabinet is chaired by **Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.** The decision by the **Karnataka government** aims to uplift the ST/SC community in the state and provide adequate opportunities in the education and employment sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** granted **Jeypore Airport** the license to carry out commercial flight operations under the regional connectivity scheme. The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** has described it as a milestone. The airport is 33km northwest of **Koraput town** and 500km southwest of Bhubaneswar. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Trees Beyond Forests initiative:** The “trees outside forests in India (TOFI)” programme was introduced by the Assam government and the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** with the goal of bringing together farmers, businesses, and private institutions to increase the amount of trees in the State’s non-traditional forests. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gujarati New Year 2022:** Gujarati New Year which is also known as **Bestu Varas** is celebrated a day after **Diwali**. The Gujarati New Year falls on Shukla Paksha Pratipada of the **Kartik month**. The Gujarati New Year is also called **Varsha-Pratipada or Padwa**. The Gujarati New Year is one of the major festivals in **Gujarat**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jakson Green** to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up **green hydrogen** and **green ammonia** project in **Rajasthan**. The Jakson Green company signed MoU with the **Government of Rajasthan** to this effect. Jakson Green will set up a **3,65,000 tons** per annum **Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia plant** along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex in phase wise manner. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chhath Puja** is an ancient **Hindu festival** dedicated to the **Surya Dev and Shashthi Devi**. Chhath Puja is celebrated after Diwali for four days. It is mainly celebrated in **Bihar, Jharkhand, and eastern Uttar Pradesh** in India and some parts of **Nepal**. Chhath Puja is also known as **Surya Shashthi, Chhath Mahaparv, Chhath Parv, Dala Puja, Pratihari, and Dala Chhath**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gujarat** has been declared as a 100 percent ‘**Har Ghar Jal**’ state. In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to **safe drinking water** through taps under the ‘Har Ghar Jal’ mission. About **91,73,378 houses** in the state have water connections according to the government record. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** congratulated the state and people of Gujarat who has shown their enthusiasm for the **Jal Shakti** mission. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Odisha** Chief Minister, **Naveen Patnaik** has launched a common credit portal **SAFAL’ (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans)** for the welfare of farmers. SAFAL is an abridged application for agricultural loans that will enable farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to access over 300 term loan products from more than 40 partner banks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Centre** has approved the setting up of the **Terai Elephant Reserve (TER)** at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in **Uttar Pradesh**. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the **3rd Elephant Reserve in India** which is spread over **3,049 sq km**. The Terai Elephant Reserve includes protected areas, forest areas, and corridors for the conservation of **wild elephants**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Shiva statue installed in Nathdwara:** On October 29, a 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called “**Viswas Swaroopam**” that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan’s Rajsamand district, will be dedicated. In the presence of Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot**, Assembly Speaker CP Joshi, and others, preacher Morari Bapu will officially unveil Viswas Swaroopam, what is said to be the highest Shiva statue in the entire world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Kerala state tourism department has launched a ‘**Women-Friendly Tourism**’ project to ensure safe and hygienic destinations for women. The all-women tour packages, which include food, accommodation, transportation and community guides, will be controlled and operated by women. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### International Affairs

- **Chinese President Xi Jinping** has created history, becoming the first leader of the ruling Communist Party after party founder **Mao Zedong** to get re-elected for an unprecedented third term in power with the prospect of ruling China for life. He was elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party for **3rd five-year tenure by the new seven-member Standing Committee**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has put **Myanmar on the “black list”** and has called on members to apply enhanced **due diligence to business relations and transactions in Myanmar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rishi Sunak to take Oath as PM of UK:** Rishi Sunak named as the PM of UK, and the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a “deep economic dilemma,” the future prime minister of the UK, **Rishi Sunak**, has called for cooperation. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Anna May Wong:** Anna May Wong was born with the name **Wong Liu-Tsong**. Wong began her film career at the age of 14 as an extra in **The Red Lantern**. Anna May Wong was born in Los Angeles to second-generation Chinese immigrants (1919). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Diwali will be a holiday for the New York City public school starting next year in 2023**, Mayor Eric Adams announced. Adams, **joined by New York Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar**, who had introduced the legislation to recognize Diwali as a holiday. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Kremlin repeated its claim that Ukraine plans to use a radioactive “dirty bomb”, warning the West it was dangerous to dismiss Moscow’s position.** Ukraine, the United States, Britain and France have all rejected Moscow’s claims – voiced by several officials in recent days – that Kyiv could be preparing to detonate a radioactive device in Ukraine. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Nation Security Council’s (UNSC) two-day meeting in India on counter-terrorism will focus on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism and drones by terrorists.** The meetings will be hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28 and 29 October, respectively. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Tata and Airbus to produce C-295 transport planes:** The C-295 cargo aircraft for the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** will be produced in Gujarat’s Vadodara by European aviation giant **Airbus** and **Tata Advanced Systems (TASL)**, Tata’s defence division. The **C-295** aircraft will be produced for the first time outside of Europe. On October 30, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will officially lay the cornerstone for the C-295 cargo aircraft manufacturing facility in **Vadodara**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dabur India** to acquire 51 percent stake in **Badshah Masala** in a Rs 587.52 crore deal. Dabur India marks its entry into the **fast-growing spices and seasoning category**. The company signed definitive transaction agreements to acquire **51 percent shareholding** of Badshah Masala Pvt Ltd. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books and Authors

- **Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter** have compiled and edited a new book **“The Corbett Papers: Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon”** about Jim Corbett. It is published by **Black Kite Publishing**. Jim Corbett, the famous naturalist hunter, has written a series of bestsellers about his experiences with wildlife in the jungles of North India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Economist **Dr Bimal Jalan** authored the book **“From dependence to Self Reliance: Mapping India’s Rise as a Global Superpower”**, a stocktaking of India’s growth trajectory, benefits from Bimal Jalan’s deep insights. The book is written lucidly, with the general reader in mind. Bimal Jalan breaks his book into 3 parts: 4 chapters on the economy, and 3 each on governance and politics. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- The nation’s competition watchdog has fined Google, a subsidiary of Alphabet Inc., Rs 1,337 crore for engaging in anti-competitive behaviour with regard to Android mobile devices. **Google** was penalised by **India’s Competition Commission (CCI)** for “abusing its dominant position in numerous regions within the Android mobile device ecosystem.” ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Netherlands has emerged as India’s third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh.** It has moved up two spots in the list of India’s top ten export destinations since FY22, thanks to a 106% surge in dispatches until August this fiscal from a year before to \$7.5 billion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Coca-Cola**, global soft drinks company announced that its **lemon and lime-flavored soft drink ‘Sprite’** has become a **billion-dollar brand** in the Indian market. The company has recorded a **“strong” volume growth** in its India business in the third quarter of 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Elon Musk Fires Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal:** Elon Musk finally completed his \$44 billion acquisition of **Twitter Inc.**, after six months of public and legal battle over the purchase. Placing the world’s richest man in charge of the faltering social network. One of Musk’s first actions was to replace the leadership. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sony and Zee media groups** have voluntarily agreed to sell their three Hindi Channels- **Big Magic, Zee Action, and Zee Classic** to address possible anti-competition concerns arising out of their proposed mega-merger deal. Sony and Zee have submitted their proposals to the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **BSE, or the Bombay Stock Exchange, launched Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR)** on its platform on 24 October 2022. It introduced two new products of 995 and 999 purity during the Muhurat trading on Diwali. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- PSU lender **Indian Bank** has launched several digital initiatives under “**Project WAVE**” in a bid to enhance the customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform. Six digital initiatives were launched by the SL Jain, MD and CEO, Indian Bank, along with Sharad Mathur, MD & CEO, of **Universal Sampo General Insurance Co.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shiprocket is the first inter-city logistics provider to plug into the ONDC network**, enabling sellers from all segments to ship products to cities and towns across India. Shiprocket, a shipping and logistics solutions provider, has gone live on the government’s **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** and made its first successful transaction on October 22. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to information made public by the **Reserve Bank of India**, the third largest economy in Asia’s foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$3.85 billion to \$524.52 billion for the week ending October 21. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- The **United Nations Human Rights Council** appointed the **first Asian and first Indian** as an independent experts on racism and related intolerance. **Dr Ashwini’s** appointment has been officially made at the UNHRC’s session which concluded in Geneva on October 7. Three names, including that of Ashwini, were doing rounds for the post. Dr Ashwini will take over the **UNHCR special rapporteur in Geneva on November 1 for a period of six years.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)** has announced former India cricketer **Yuvraj Singh** as their brand ambassador for the **3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind** to be held in India in December. **Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh)** will lead the Indian team while **Venkateswara Rao Dunna - B2 (Andhra Pradesh)** will be the vice-captain. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government of India appointed **Sangeeta Verma** as the acting chairperson of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. The appointment follows full-time Chairperson **Ashok Kumar Gupta** demitting office. Verma is currently a member at the regulator. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India’s representative to the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**, **Shefali Juneja** has been elected as the chairperson of the United Nations’ specialized aviation agency’s **Air Transport Committee (ATC).** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Biden administration has now named a senior US diplomat**, who had worked on NATO’s role in Europe vis-a-vis Russia as the US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia, **as the next Charge d’Affaires ad interim in New Delhi** — until a full-time Ambassador is sent to India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- The Technology Development and Acceleration Cell of the **Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organization (NIO)** under the **Indian Navy and Drone Federation of India (DFI)** have come together to collaborate towards promoting indigenous development, manufacturing, and testing of drones, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Indian Navy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Garuda VII air exercise:** At Air Force Station Jodhpur, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **French Air and Space Force (FAF)** are taking part in the bilateral exercise “Garuda VII” from October 26 to November 12, 2022. FAF is taking part in this exercise with a troop of 220 people, one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, and four Rafale fighter aircraft. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian and US militaries** to conduct the battalion-level “**Yudh Abhyas**” exercise between **15th November 2022 to 2nd December 2022.** The Yudh Abhyas will be held at **Auli in Uttarakhand** which from just 100 km from the **Line of Actual Control (LAC).** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SIMBEX 2022 maritime exercise:** From October 26 to October 30, 2022, Visakhapatnam will play home to the 29th **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX).** The two phases of **SIMBEX-2022** are the Harbour Phase at **Visakhapatnam** and the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- **The European Parliament** has awarded the people of **Ukraine** its annual **Sakharov Prize** for Freedom of Thought to honour their **fight against Russia’s invasion.** European Parliament President **Roberta Metsola** announced the 2022 laureate in the Strasbourg plenary chamber, following a decision by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents (the President and political group leaders). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Intellectual Property Award:** The national award for intellectual property was given to the **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)** for 2021 and 2022. The prize was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **National Industrial Security Academy (NISA)**, at Hakimpet, Hyderabad has bagged the Union Home Minister's Trophy for the **"Best Police Training Institution for Training of Gazetted Officers for the year 2020-21"**. This extraordinary feat for this Academy was achieved during the serving period of the current Commissioner of Police (CP) Hyderabad, CV Anand, who was the previous Director of the Academy during the year under contention. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT)** and **NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory** researchers studied the interactions between microbes in the **International Space Station (ISS)**. The study aims to help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimize any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Legendary filmmaker **Satyajit Ray's** feature **"Pather Panchali"** has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the **International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI)**. The 1955 film has received the number one slot in the top ten films in the history of Indian cinema list, which was declared after a poll conducted by the India chapter of FIPRESCI. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The ace filmmaker **SS Rajamouli's**, which recently hit the screens in Japan, has won its first major international honour. The biggie won the **'Best International Film' honour at the Saturn Awards 2022**, which were held in Los Angeles. RRR is a period drama which features Jr NTR and Ram Charan as the parallel leads. RRR, which grossed nearly **Rs 1,200 crore** at the worldwide box office, has bagged its first major international honour. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summit and Conference

- The **"Akash for Life"** a 3-day space conference will showcase the blending of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought. The decision was taken by the **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology**, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, and **Dr. Jitendra Singh**. The event is scheduled to be held at **Dehradun** from **5th November to 7th November 2022**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **12th World Hindi Conference**: According to **P S Kartigeyan**, the Indian High Commissioner to the South Pacific island, **Fiji** will host the famous **World Hindi Conference** for the first time next year as a new platform for the globalisation of Hindi. The governments of India and Fiji decided together to host the World Hindi Conference in Fiji. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- At 2.4 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (tonne carbon dioxide equivalent), **India's per capita greenhouse gas emissions were far below the world average** of 6.3 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2020, according to a **new report released by the United Nations Environment Programme** October 27. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** released the **first-ever list of fungal infections — "priority pathogens"**. The fungal priority pathogens list (FPPL) **includes 19 fungi** that represent the **greatest threat to human health**. The UN body warned that some strains are increasingly drug-resistant and are growing at an alarming rate. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports News

- Belgium's **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull Racing won the **2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2022** which was held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States (US). With this, he equalled Germany's **Sebastian Vettel and Michael Schumacher's** record of 13 wins in a Formula 1 season. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Western Air Command, Indian Air Force (IAF)** won the **Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23** held at Head Quarter MC, Vayu Sena Nagar, Nagpur. The final match of the team Championship was played between **Western Air Command and Training Command** in which Western Air Command emerged as the winner. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a historic decision, the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced a **"pay equity policy"**, saying that its centrally-contracted **men and women players would get the same match fees**. BCCI secretary Jay Shah took to Twitter to announce the significant development. This means **the women players will now get Rs 15 lakh per Test match, Rs 6 lakh for a One-Day International (ODI), and Rs 3 lakh for a T20 International**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



### Schemes and Committess News

- ‘Kashi Tamil Sangamam’ will be organized by the **Ministry of Education** next month. The ‘Kashi Tamil Sangamam’ is a month-long program that will be held from the 16th of the next month. The ‘Kashi Tamil Sangamam’ aims to rediscover the centuries-old bond of knowledge and ancient civilizational linkage between **Varanasi** and **Tamil Nadu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor **Vinai Kumar Saxena** has launched a one-time property tax amnesty scheme “**SAMRIDDI 2022-23**”, which will provide a major relief to lakhs of residential and commercial property owners in the city. SAMRIDDI, an acronym for Strengthening and Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi, will start on October 26 and end on March 31, 2023, with no further extensions. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Science and Technology News

- **APPLE** said it would make fresh investments to set up solar and wind projects in Europe and called on its suppliers to decarbonise operations related to the production of iPhones and other products. The company in 2020 had pledged to remove carbon emissions from its entire business, including products and its sprawling supply chain – which spans from Vietnam to Brazil – by 2030. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian scientists** developed an indigenous **Overhauser Magnetometer**, one of the most accurate Magnetometers extensively used in all magnetic observatories around the world. The Overhauser Magnetometer will make way for reducing the cost of sampling, according to the **Ministry of Science & Technology**. The sensor installed at **Alibag Magnetic Observatory (MO)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Important Days News

- Every year the **United Nations** marks **October 24** as **World Development Information Day**. This day is observed to create awareness towards the problems surrounding development in different nations and how to overcome them. It was in 1972 when the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** established the World Development Information Day in order to draw the attention of the world toward development problems and also to strengthen international cooperation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **United Nations Day, on 24 October**, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in **1945** of the **UN Charter**. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the **Security Council**, the **United Nations** officially came into being. In 1945, 50 governments gathered to draft the UN Charter. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2022** is observed from **October 24 to October 31**. The Global MIL Week 2022 focuses on trust and solidarity as it relates to people, media, digital platforms, governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. UNESCO has announced the theme for this year’s MIL week as “**Nurturing trust: A Media and Information Literacy Imperative**.” ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Polio Day 2022** is observed every year on **October 24** to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio from every corner of the world. The day is observed to commemorate the progress made by the world towards polio eradication. This year, the overarching theme of World Polio Day is “**World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children**”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The 7th Ayurveda Day** was celebrated on a magnificent scale in India and at the international level. The theme of this year’s Ayurveda Day is “**Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda**”, with the motive to propagate the benefits of Ayurveda to masses and grass-root communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Disarmament Week** is celebrated from **October 24 to 30** each year. One of the key goals of the United Nations is to achieve world peace. To that end, the organisation marks October 24 to October 30 as Disarmament Week each year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH)** is celebrated on **October 27** every year to highlight and promote the importance of such preservation. “**Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies**” is the theme for WDAH this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Army Infantry Day** is celebrated on **October 27** every year to pay homage to the soldiers who fought for the country and laid down their lives in the line of duty. To celebrate the **76th Infantry Day** this year on October 27, soldiers are organising four simultaneous bike rallies from all cardinal directions, Wellington (Tamil Nadu), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Shillong (Meghalaya), and Ahmedabad (Gujarat). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir** on 26th October with the Union of India is being celebrated across the Union Territory. Accession Day carries great significance as it was on this day in 1947 that the then **Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh** signed the Instrument of Accession to become part of the greatest democracy of the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **International Animation Day** is celebrated on **28 October** every year. It was in this year when the **International Animated Film Association (ASIFA)** declared International Animation Day (IAD) as a worldwide occasion to commend the speciality of animation. **The International Film Association** established **International Animation Day in 2002**, honouring the birth of animation, recognized as the first public performance of projected moving images at Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique in Paris, on the **28th October 1892**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** celebrated **Shaurya Diwas** at Old Air Field, Srinagar. The Shaurya Diwas marks the **75th year of induction** of the Indian Army to save the state of **Jammu and Kashmir** from Pakistan's invasion in 1947. The **Shaurya Diwas** is celebrated as a part of celebrations for Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and the **75th year of Air landed operations** of the **Indian Army** at Budgam Airport. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Psoriasis Day** is observed every year on **October 29th** to make the general public aware of the important facts related to psoriasis and this disease and its treatment. In the year 2022, World Psoriasis Day is being observed with the theme of "**Unloading Psoriatic Disease**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Internet Day** is celebrated on **October 29** every year across the world to celebrate the usage of the internet for the first time. The day marks the sending of the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in **1969**. At that time the Internet was known as **ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network)**. The Internet provides instant access to information. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## Obituaries

- Austrian billionaire **Dietrich Mateschitz**, the co-founder of energy drink company **Red Bull** and founder and owner of the **Red Bull Formula One racing team**, has died. He was 78. Officials with the Red Bull racing team at the United States Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, announced Mateschitz's death. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bengali film Director and National award recipient **Pinaki Chaudhuri**, has passed away at the age of 82. He died due to lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system. He was born on 19th September 1940 and had a varied interest in the arts and music. He made his debut in the world of films in 1983, directing '**Chena Achena**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Amou Haji**, an Iranian man dubbed the "**dirtiest man in the world**," died at the age of 94 in the village of Dejah, in the southern province of Fars. He was so-called because he had not washed for almost 70 years and he believed that staying dirty kept him alive for so long. Owing to his unique record, a short documentary titled '**The Strange Life of Amou Haji**' was made in 2013, describing his life. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Assamese actor, **Nipon Goswami** passed away recently. He was born in Assam's Tezpur town. He was an alumnus of the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India. He debuted in the Assamese cinema as a child artist in 1957. The octogenarian worked in a number of Assamese films and was a very popular face. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Miscellaneous News

- **Ayodhya Ram Mandir- Ayodhya Deepotsav**: Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was present during the sixth Deepotsav in **Ayodhya**. He carried out a ceremonial coronation of the Lord and inspected the Ram temple's building. Over 15 lakh diyas be lit on the event, breaking its own previous world record. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cyclone Sitrang hit Bangladesh**: Cyclone Sitrang ploughed into heavily populated, low-lying parts of **Bangladesh** on night, killing at least nine people. The districts of **Barguna, Narail, Sirajganj**, and the island district of **Bhol** all reported death. Officials warned that as more casualties are reported from other districts, the death toll could rise. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal** launched the '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign from Leh. The '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign is a series of events which is organized by the **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose INA Trust** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Culture**. The '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign is going to be organized on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji on 23rd January next year. The '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign begins in Mumbai and Kolkata. ([Click here to read the article](#))



**Static Takeaways**

- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Members: 193 countries;
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- WHO Head: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948.
- United Nations Disarmament Commission Founded: 11 January 1952;
- United Nations Disarmament Commission Headquarters location: New York, New York, United States;
- United Nations Disarmament Commission Head: Han Tae-song.
- China Capital: Beijing
- China Population: 140.21 crores (2020) World Bank
- China Currency: Renminbi
- China Official language: Mandarin
- United Nations Human Rights Council Founded: 15 March 2006;
- United Nations Human Rights Council Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- United Nations Human Rights Council President: Federico Villegas.
- Cricket Association for the Blind in India Founded: 2011;
- Cricket Association for the Blind in India President: Mahantesh Kivadasannavar;
- Cricket Association for the Blind in India Headquarters: Bengaluru, India;
- Cricket Association for the Blind in India Secretary: John David Endala;
- World Blind Cricket Council Founded: September 1996;
- World Blind Cricket Council President: Syed Sultan Shah.
- European Parliament Headquarters: Strasbourg, France;
- European Parliament Founded: 19 March 1958, Europe.
- West Bengal Capital: Kolkata
- West Bengal Chief Minister: Mamta Banerjee
- Assam Capital: Dispur
- Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- International Federation of Film Archives Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium;
- International Federation of Film Archives Founded: 17 June 1938, Paris, France.
- Lt. Governors & Administrators of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.
- International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters: Montreal, Canada;
- International Civil Aviation Organization Council President: Salvatore Sciacchitano;
- International Civil Aviation Organization Founded: 7 December 1944.
- President of International Animated Film Association: Deanna Morse;

- International Animated Film Association Founder: John Halas;
- International Animated Film Association Founded: 1960, Annecy, France.
- Foundation for Environment Education President: Lesley Jones;
- Foundation for Environment Education Headquarters: Copenhagen, Denmark;
- Foundation for Environment Education Founded: 1981.
- Indian Bank CEO: Shri Shanti Lal Jain;
- Indian Bank Founded: 15 August 1907;
- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar;
- Odisha Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik;
- Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Chief of Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Pande
- Chief Minister of Gujarat: Shri Bhupendra Patel
- Capital of Gujarat: Gandhinagar
- Currency of Fiji: Fijian Dollar
- Capital of Fiji: Suva
- President of Fiji: Ratu Wiliame Katonivere
- President of International Federation of Psoriasis Associations: Hoseah Waweru.
- International Federation of Psoriasis Associations Founded: 1971.
- International Federation of Psoriasis Associations Headquarters: Sweden.
- Reserve bank of India, RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Major General of the Air and Space Force: General Stephane Mille
- Chief of Air Staff, India: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram;
- Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan;
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command: Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta
- Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet: Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla
- Fleet Commander, Republic of Singapore Navy: Rear Admiral Sean Wat Jianwen

