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18th October 2022

INTERNATIONAL

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- Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader Ulf Kristersson as the country's new prime minister. A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him.
- The Sweden Democrats were the big winners in the closely fought September 11 general election. They emerged as the second-largest party with a record 20.5 percent of votes, trailing only the Social Democrats, who have dominated Swedish politics since the 1930s. The right-wing bloc now has 176 seats in parliament, to their left-wing rivals' 173.

NATIONAL

1) India's First Aluminum Freight Rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first aluminium freight rake 61 BOBRNALHSM1 at Bhubaneswar Railway Station.
- The rake's destination is Bilaspur. As per reports, the aluminium freight rake wields the capacity to carry 180-ton more goods as against the traditional rake. Moreover, it is 180 tons lighter than the traditional steel rake.
- Fully Lockbolted construction with no welding on superstructure. The tare is 3.25 tons lower than normal steel rakes, 180 ton extra carrying capacity resulting in higher throughput per wagon.

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2) Amit Shah launched the MBBS Course books

- Home Minister Amit Shah launched the MBBS Course books in Hindi version at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It is the first ever Hindi version of the MBBS course books in India.

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- The book launch event was felicitated by the Bhopal state education minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang and Bhopal CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched India's first version of MBBS Course Books in Hindi.

The event took place on 16th October 2022, at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- The book launched is praised throughout the country, as the books can help poor children to get admission to medical colleges.

3) 90th General Assembly of Interpol

- The 90th General Assembly of Interpol is going to be held in New Delhi from 18th October to 21st October 2022. The 90th General Assembly of Interpol will have the world's largest police body with 195 members.

- The General Assembly is the International policing organization's top governing body and meets once a year to take important decisions.

- The meeting will be attended by 2,000 overseas dignitaries, including Ministers, Police Chiefs, Police Officers, and support staff. The General Assembly is taking place in India after 25 years. The last General Assembly held in India was in the year 1997.

- This was initiated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock.



4) DefExpo 2022

- India-Africa Defence Dialogue to be held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The dialogue aims to explore new areas of convergence for mutual engagement, including areas like capacity building, training, cyber security, maritime security, and counter-terrorism.

- The theme of the India-Africa Defence Dialogue is India-Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergising and strengthening Defence and Security Corporation. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will host the Defence Ministers of African Nations.



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STATE NEWS

1) Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched a new book Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's

- Odisha Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik released the book titled 'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance' by Dr Amar Patnaik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha this evening at Naveen Niwas.
- This book is a culmination of the various essays on pertinent contemporary issues that emerged in India during the pandemic years of 2020-21 and 2021-2022.
- Odisha Government's handling of the covid crisis riding on its earlier experience in handling natural disasters has been applauded nationally as well as globally.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal

- Adani Airport Holdings has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive officer.
- Bansal, who spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company, was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America. The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda.

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2) 50th Chief Justice of India

- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr Justice DY Chandrachud as the new Chief Justice of India. He will succeed the present Chief Justice of India Justice Uday Umesh Lalit.
- Justice Chandrachud's appointment will come into effect from the 9th of next month. Justice DY Chandrachud would be the 50th Chief Justice of India. While Justice Lalit has a tenure of 74 days, Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJ for two years. Justice Chandrachud will demit office on November 10, 2024.

3) Apoorva Srivastava



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- Indian Foreign Service, Apoorva Srivastava has been appointed to serve as India's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. An officer of the 2001 batch, she currently serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto.
- Prior to this, she served in various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs and has been posted in Kathmandu and Paris, among other locations.
- Slovakia, officially the Slovak Republic, is a landlocked country in Central Europe. It is bordered by Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east, Hungary to the south, Austria to the southwest, and the Czech Republic to the northwest.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Shehan Karunatilaka

- Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won Britain's Booker Prize 2022 for fiction for his work "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida", about a journalist murdered amid the country's sectarian strife.
 - The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques".
- Karunatilaka's second novel, The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida comes more than a decade after his debut, Chinaman, which was published in 2011.

2) Prof. Barbara Metcalf

- American historian Prof. Barbara Metcalf was awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on the 205th birth anniversary of its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- Prof. Metcalf has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan. "Muslims constituted a full quarter of the population at the time of Independence and an important share of the Indian citizenry in the Republic of India thereafter. Yet their histories are understudied and are essential to telling India's history well."

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1) Donnarumma Gukesh

- India teenager Donnarumma Gukesh scripted history in the ongoing Aimchess Rapid online tournament as he defeated Magnus Carlsen, thereby becoming the youngest player ever to beat him as world champion.
- The 16-year-old Donnarumma defeated Carlsen with white in the 9th round and hence he defeated the Norwegian during his reign as world champion.
- Gukesh at 16 years 4 months 20 days – also became the youngest Indian player to defeat Carlsen. Praggnanandhaa was 16 years 6 months and 10 days old when he defeated the world No.1.

2) Jyothi Yarraji

- Jyothi Yarraji, an Indian Sprinter made history in the women's 100m hurdles as she became the first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022.
- Jyothi Yarraji broke her national record representing Andhra Pradesh by running the final in 12.79s. Earlier, Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m gold, leaving behind Sprinters lime Dutee Chand and Hima Das.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Trauma Day

- Every year, October 17 is celebrated as World Trauma Day. The day is observed with a view to prevent the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world. The day was created in New Delhi, India, in 2011.
 - This was a result of the high number of deaths caused by road accidents in the country, an estimate of over 400 people lost their lives each day to it. Road Traffic Accident (RTA) is the leading cause of trauma across the world.
- World Trauma Day was established in 2011 in New Delhi, India.



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- This is because the number of deaths due to traffic accidents in Korea is high, and According to an estimate, it has been seen that more than 400 people die every day.

2) World HandWashing Day

- October 15 is marked as Global Handwashing Day, with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

- Hand hygiene has become quite popular after the Covid-19 pandemic. And to make handwashing a habit, there is a day dedicated to it; global hand washing day. It is an initiative to unite universal hand hygiene habits of people across the world. This global advocacy day is celebrated on October 15 each year.

- This year's theme, "Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene".



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