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8th October 2022

NATIONAL

1) Bird Festival 2022

- Jammu and Kashmir have inaugurated Bird Festival 2022 in Pahalgam in South Kashmir. It is a first-of-its-kind bird festival in the Union Territory.
- Jammu and Kashmir are all set to welcome tourists from all around the world for the Bird Festival 2022. The festival will be organized in collaboration with the Department of Tourism in the Sanctuary Foundation.
- The Bird Festival will be beneficial for tourism and the local economy of Jammu and Kashmir. Secretary Tourism J&K, Sarmad Hafeez inaugurated the festival.
- The department of tourism with the Sanctuary Foundation will help to promote tourism. The inaugural ceremony of the six-day Bird Festival was attended by a large number of nature enthusiasts and bird lovers from across the country.

2) Life Insurance Indian Campaign

- **HDFC Life Insurance** has launched the 'Insure India' campaign which aims to educate Indian on the benefits of life insurance as a product category.
- HDFC Life is one of the leading life insurers in India and over the last three years, HDFC along with several vast networks of distribution partners has established life insurance awareness month as an exclusive property.
- The objective of the campaign is to educate Indians about **life insurance** and to motivate them to secure their future.

3) Cheetah Introduction Project Monitoring

- **Cheetah Introduction Project Monitoring:** The Center has established a Task Force to oversee the introduction of cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park and other suitably specified places.
- **The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would support the Cheetah Task Force's operations and provide all essential assistance.**
- Principal Secretaries of Madhya Pradesh's Forests and Tourism, as well as **Dr. Amit Mallick**, Inspector General of the NTCA in New Delhi, will be among the task force's nine members.

STATE NEWS

1) 5th Assembly Of International Solar Alliance

- **5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance:** The curtain raiser for the 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance and associated side activities, which will take place in New Delhi from October 17–20, 2022, was unveiled by Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh.



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- According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India currently holds the position of President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly.
- The gathering will feature ministers, missions, and delegations from 109 Member and Signatory Countries. R.K. Singh, Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, will preside over the assembly.
- The International Solar Alliance is very necessary to achieve the energy transition objective for our planet. As the cheapest form of energy, solar and mini-grids, according to the Minister, are the solution to ensuring that everyone in the globe has access to electricity.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Reappointment of Prashant Kumar

- **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the appointment of **Prashant Kumar** as the MD & CEO of Yes Bank for a period of 3 years.
- It will be effective from 6th October 2022 subject to the approval of shareholders. Prashant Kumar was appointed as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Yes Bank** post the reconstruction in March 2020.

2) Mohit Bhatia:

- **Mohit Bhatia- New CEO of Bank of India Mutual Funds:** The appointment of **Mohit Bhatia** as CEO of Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd (**Bank of India Mutual Funds**) has been made public.
- In the fields of sales and distribution, team development, marketing & branding, and the creation of digital eco-systems, Bhatia has more than 26 years of professional expertise.

3) K. G Balakrishnan

- The **Union Government** has appointed a three-member commission, headed by former Chief Justice of India **K G Balakrishnan**, to consider the possibility of **granting SC status to "new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes"** but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

AWARDS

1) Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards

- External **Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** participated in the **Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022**. Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022 is organized to award and celebrate the finest Kiwi-Indian achievers and trailblazers.
- Jaishankar was given a traditional Maori welcome to the **Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards**. The Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards was held in **Auckland, New Zealand**.
- He **praised the contribution of his fellow members**, Lata Mangeshkar, Home Minister Amit Shah, Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Group Shobana Kamineni, CEO



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of Kotak Mahindra Bank Uday Kotak, author Sudha Murty, Chairman & CEO India Inc. Group Prof Manoj Ladwa, Bharat Barai, Anupam P Kher, and Author-Director Amish Tripathi.

SPORTS

1) Mallakhamb Competitions

- **Mallakhamb** is an Indian indigenous sport that is a part of the **36th National Games**. Mallakhamb is the display of **aerial yoga and wrestling grips** with vertical stationary or hanging wooden poles performed by gymnasts.
- It is one of the five new games which is added to the 36th National Games this year.
- The sport made its debut at the **Khelo India University Games** in which Madhya Pradesh bagged 12 medals including 5 golds, 5 silver, and 2 bronze.

BOOKS

1) Modi@: Dreams Meet Delivery

- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** participated in the **New Zealand** launch of the Book "**Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery**". Jaishankar has authored one of the chapters of the book **Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery** which was launched on **11th May 2022**. He also participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022.
- it is a collection of Twenty chapters written by twenty-two domain dignitaries from Home Minister Amit Shah to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Sudha Murty and others.
- **The book highlight minute details about the country's progression and consist of the journey of that man, who dedicated his whole life to the people of India.**

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Migratory Day

- **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.
- The purpose of World Migratory Bird Day is to increase public awareness on the issues migrating birds encounter, their ecological importance, and the need for global cooperation to safeguard them. They migrate in search of food. Twice a year, these birds spend the winter in warmer regions before coming home to reproduce.

2) Indian Air Force Day 2022



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- **Indian Air Force** was raised on **October 8, 1932**, and it is completing **90 years today**. The day and its observance is a matter of pride for Indians and inspire a patriotic zeal among the citizenry for the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces.

- **The President of India is the Commander-in-chief of the IAF. This time Air Force Day flypast is scheduled to take place over Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh this afternoon.**

OBITUARIES

1) Arun bali passes away

- **Arun Bali Death:** Arun Bali, a seasoned actor best remembered for playing Kunwar Singh in Swabhimaan, passed away on 7 October 2022 at the age of 79.

- The actor passed away in Mumbai, according to various sources. On October 7, his final movie, Goodbye, was released in theatres. In the Friday-released movie Goodbye, Arun Bali made his final appearance.



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