

## Daily Current Affairs 13/10/2021

### 1. PM Modi launches Indian Space Association



#### Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **Indian Space Association (ISpA)**.

#### Key Points

##### About Indian Space Association (ISpA):

- ISpA is the **Premier Industry Association of Space and Satellite companies**, which aspires to be the collective voice of the Indian Space industry.
- It will undertake policy advocacy and engage with all stakeholders in the Indian Space domain, including the Government and its agencies.
- It is represented by leading home grown and global corporations with advanced capabilities in space and satellite technologies.
- Its **founding members include** Larson & Toubro, Nelco (Tata Group), OneWeb, Bharti Airtel, Mapmyindia, Walchandnagar Industries and Ananth Technology Limited. Other core members include Godrej, Hughes India, Azista-BST Aerospace Private Limited, BEL, Centum Electronics, Maxar India.

- **Lt Gen Anil Bhatt (Retd)** has been appointed the director-general of the **ISpA**.

**Note:** Recently, **Bharti Group-backed OneWeb** has entered an arrangement with the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**, to launch its satellite in India from 2022.

Source: India Today

## 2. 41 Industrial Parks identified as "Leaders" in the Industrial Park Ratings System Report (IPRS 2.0)



### Why in News

• **41 Industrial Parks** have been assessed as "Leaders" in the Industrial Park Ratings System Report (IPRS 2.0) released by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**.

- The **2nd edition of the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) Report (IPRS 2.0 Report)** was launched by the Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Som Prakash.

### Key Points

- **90 Industrial Parks** have been rated as under "Challenger" category while **185** have been rated as under "Aspirers".
- These ratings are assigned on the basis of key existing parameters and infrastructure facilities etc.
- The **IPRS 2.0 Report** is an extension of the **India Industrial Land Bank (IILB)** which features more than 4,400 industrial parks in a GIS-enabled database to help investors identify their preferred location for investment.
- The **IPRS pilot exercise** was launched in 2018, with an objective of enhancing industrial infrastructure competitiveness and supporting policy development for enabling industrialization across the country.
- Based on the learnings from the pilot stage, the Government started the IPRS 2.0 in 2020.

Source: PIB

## 3. India Joins High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People



### Why in News

- Recently, India officially joined the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People.
- **India** is the first of the **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)** to join the HAC.

### Key Points

- The **High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People** was launched in 2019 by Costa Rica, France and Britain.

- HAC is an intergovernmental group co-chaired by France and Costa Rica and by the UK as Ocean co-chair.
- It has a group of more than 70 countries encouraging the adoption of the global goal to protect **30x30 (30 percent of the world's land and ocean by 2030)**.

Source: PIB

#### 4. Jim Corbett National Park may be renamed as Ramganga National Park



##### Why in News

- **Jim Corbett National Park**, a world-renowned tiger reserve in Uttarakhand, may be renamed as **Ramganga National Park** in the future.

##### Key Points

- Union Minister of State for Forest and Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey hinted about the change in name

of India's first national park.

- However, for some time in between it was also named Ramganga National Park as the Ramganga, a tributary of the Ganges, passes through it.

##### About Jim Corbett National Park:

- Jim Corbett National Park is a national park in India located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand state.
- It is spread over an area of about 521 km.
- The first national park in India, it was established in 1936 and named Haily National Park after a governor of the United Provinces in which it was then located.
- In 1956, it was renamed Corbett National Park after the hunter and naturalist Jim Corbett.
- The park was the first to come under the **Project Tiger initiative**.

**Note:** It is one of the thirteen protected areas covered by the **World Wide Fund For Nature** under their Terai Arc Landscape Program

Source: The Hindu

## 5. Telangana develops India's first smartphone-based eVoting solution



### Why in News

- **Telangana government** has developed the **country's first smartphone-based eVoting solution**.

### Key Points

- The solution has been successfully developed and tested and its dry run in the form of a dummy election is being conducted in Khammam district and the dummy voting on October 20, 2021.
- The initiative has been driven by the Telangana State Election Commission (TSEC) with the implementation support of the Emerging Technologies Wing of the IT Department of the State and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).

Source: Indian Express

## 6. 2021 ISSF Junior World Championships



- With **43 medals** (17 Gold, 16 Silver and 10 Bronze), **India** has topped the table of **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship 2021** in Lima, Peru.
- The **second place** in the medals tally went to the **USA with 21 medals** (7 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze).

Source: ndtv

## 7. FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021



- **Indian hockey players** swept the 2020-21 edition of the **FIH (International Hockey Federation) Hockey Stars Awards**.

- It's the first time that a country (India) has won in all

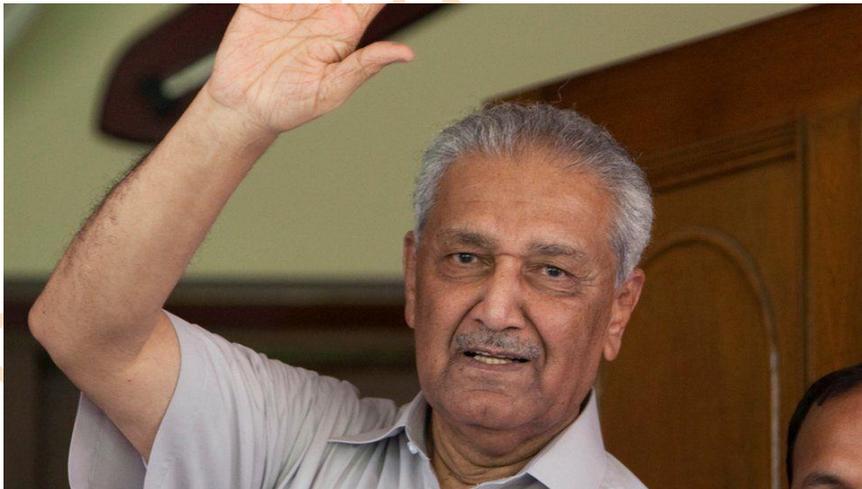
eight categories.

### Winners list:

- **Player of the Year:** Gurjit Kaur (women) and Harmanpreet Singh (men)
- **Goalkeeper of the Year:** Savita Punia (women) and PR Sreejesh (men)
- **Coach of the Year:** Sjoerd Marijne (women) and Graham Reid (men)
- **Rising Star of the Year:** Sharmila Devi (women) and Vivek Sagar Prasad (men)

Source: Indian Express

## 8. Abdul Qadeer Khan, father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb passes away



- Abdul Qadeer Khan, 85, known as the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb passed away.

- AQ Khan had been living a secluded life since 2004 after he admitted to a role of massive

global nuclear proliferation scam by Pakistan.

- In a televised address, he had accepted responsibility for illegal proliferation of N-technology to Iran, North Korea and Libya.

Source: newsonair

## 9. Veteran Malayalam Film Actor Nedumudi Venu passes away



- Nedumudi Venu was one of the finest actors in the Malayalam film industry who has acted in over 500 films.
- He has won two National Awards and a special jury mention during his career in addition to six Kerala State film awards.

Source: newsonair

## 10. October 13, International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction



### Why in News

- **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction** is observed on October 13, every year.

### Key Points

#### Background:

- It was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

- The 2021 edition focuses on “**International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses.**” This is the **sixth of the Sendai Seven** targets.

**About Sendai Seven Campaign:**

- The Sendai Seven Campaign is in its 6th year following its launch by the UN Secretary-General in 2016.
- Each year, the focus has been on one of the seven targets of the Sendai Framework agreed by UN Member States at a World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan.

**Source: [un.org](http://un.org)**

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