

Weekly Current Affairs 2nd Week Oct 2021

Important News: State

Competition for democracy



- With the aim of strengthening the democratic system in the country, the State Election Office has organized a competition for democracy this year.
- The main objective of the competition is to make the general public aware of the difference between democracy and dictatorship through modern songs.
- Through this contest, women will consider their right to vote and democratic values.
- But you can also create songs that motivate a woman to register as a voter or change her name after marriage.
- Given that today's woman is more independent and decisive than the woman in folklore, she can make such an appeal to her people's representative to choose the one who prioritizes the development of the village and the country based on democratic values.

Source: Newsonair

Ropeway service in public transportation



- Varanasi will soon become the first Indian city to use ropeway services in public transportation.

Nodal Agency under the Central Sector component of PMMSY for implementing River Ranching across the Country.

Source: PIB



Important News: World

High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People



- 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.
- 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.

Source: PIB

‘G20 Extraordinary Summit’ on Afghanistan



- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the ‘**G20 Extraordinary Summit’ on Afghanistan.**
- The Meeting was convened by **Italy**, which currently holds the G20 Presidency, and **chaired by Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.**
- Issues under consideration at the meeting related to the humanitarian situation; concerns relating to terrorism; and human rights in Afghanistan.

Source: PIB



Important News: Economy



Air India



- **Tata Sons group** has won the bid for acquiring **Air India** by winning a bid of **18000 crore rupees**.
- **J.R.D. TATA** founded India's first commercial airline, **Tata Airlines in 1932**, which became Air India in 1946. In 1953, Air India was nationalised.
- **J.R.D. TATA** was the first licensed pilot in India.

Source: newsonair

Freight Trains



- **Indian Railways** has successfully operated two long haul freight trains "**Trishul**" and "**Garuda**" for the first time over **South Central Railway (SCR)**.
- Long haul trains, which are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains, provide a very effective solution to the problem of capacity constraints in critical sections.
- **Trishul** is SCR's first long haul comprising three freight trains, i.e., 177 wagons. This train was started from Kondapalli station of Vijayawada division to Khurda division of East Coast Railway.
- SCR followed it up with the running of yet another similar one named **Garuda** from Raichur of Guntakal division to Manuguru of Secunderabad division.

Source: PIB

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Important News: Defense

Exercise "Ajeya Warrior" 2021

- The **6th Edition of India - UK Joint Company Level Military Training**



Exercise "Ajeya Warrior" 2021 has commenced at **Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.**



- It is being conducted from 07 to 20 October 2021.
- The exercise is part of an initiative to develop inter-operability and sharing expertise with friendly foreign nations.

Source: **The Hindu**

Exercise Malabar 2021



- The Indian Navy (IN) participated in the Second Phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar 2021 along with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the United States Navy (USN).
- The exercise is being conducted in the Bay of Bengal from 12 – 15 Oct 2021.
- **First Phase** of the Malabar exercise was conducted in the Philippines Sea from 26 – 29 Aug 2021.
- The Indian Navy's participation includes INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft and a Submarine.

Source: **India Today**

Naval Exercise 'Milan'



- **India** is set to host its largest Naval Exercise 'Milan' in February 2022 for which 46 countries have been invited.
- The exercise will see the participation of all **Quad countries (United States, India, Japan and Australia)** with the U.S. being invited for the first time.

About Milan:

- Milan, which began in 1995, is held biennially and brings together Navies of all the countries in the region.
- It has so far been held at Port Blair but is now being shifted to Visakhapatnam which offers more space and infrastructure.

Source: The Hindu

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Science and Technology

Anti-Malaria Vaccine



- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has endorsed the first anti-malaria vaccine ‘**RTS, S/ASO1 (Mosquirix)**’.
- **RTS, S/ASO1 (Mosquirix)** is the first and, to date only, vaccine shown to have the capability of significantly reducing malaria, and life-threatening severe malaria, in tests on young African children.
- The vaccine is developed by British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

Source: Indian Express

Indian Space Association



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

About Indian Space Association (ISpA):

- **ISpA** is the **Premier Industry Association of Space and Satellite companies**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**.

Source: India Today

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Environment

Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh



- The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** approved the Chhattisgarh government's proposal to declare the combined areas of the **Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as a **Tiger Reserve**.
- The new Reserve is located in the northern part of the state, bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- This will be the **fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh**, after the Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar, and Indravati Reserves.
- It will be the **53rd of the country's Tiger Reserve**.

Source: Indian Express

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Schemes

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Awards and Honours

2021 Nobel Prize



- The 2021 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to journalists **Maria Ressa of Philippines** and **Dmitry Muratov of Russia** 'for their fight for freedom of expression in their countries'.
- Ressa is the co-founder and CEO of *Rappler*, an independent news website based in the Philippines.

Nobel Prize for Literature

- **Tanzanian Novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah** has won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugees in the gulf between cultures and continents.

Source: newsonair

Nobel Prize 2021



- The **2021 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences (2021 Economic Nobel Prize)** in Memory of Alfred Nobel has been awarded with one half to **David Card** and the other half jointly to **Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens**.
- **David Card (University of California at Berkeley)** has been awarded the 2021 prize in economic sciences “for his empirical contributions to labour economics.”
- **Joshua D. Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)** and **Guido W. Imbens (Stanford University)** have been awarded the 2021 prize in economic sciences “for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.”

Source: Indian Express

Rajiv Saraswat Sanman



- Writer Vishwas Patil was conferred the 'Rajiv Saraswat Sanman' by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.
- This honor comes from Shruti Samvad Sahitya Kala Akademi.
- Writer Vishwas Patil's writings: Panipat, Mahanayak, Zadazdati
- Rajiv Saraswat, a well-known writer, poet and general manager of Hindustan Petroleum, was killed in the November 26, 2008 terrorist attacks on Mumbai.
- In his memory, Shruti Samvad Sahitya Kala Akademi gives 'Rajiv Saraswat Sanman' to the writers.

Source: Newsonair

Aryabhata Award 2021



- **Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy** has been conferred the prestigious **Aryabhata Award 2021** by **Astronautical Society of India (ASI)** for his outstanding life-time contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India.
- **G Satheesh Reddy** is a pioneer in the area of R&D of advanced avionics, navigation and missile technologies.

Source: **PIB**

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Books and Authors

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Important Days

10 October, World Mental Health Day



- World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.
- The **theme** of World Mental Health Day 2021 is '**Mental Health in an Unequal World.**'
- It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization.

Source: **who.int**

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction



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

Source: **un.org**

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Sports



2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games



- Hockey India has pulled out of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games citing COVID-19 concerns and UK's discriminatory quarantine rules for travellers from India.
- The move comes after England withdrew from the Men's Junior Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar over similar reasons.

Source: TOI

World Wrestling Championships



- **Wrestler Anshu Malik** became the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in the 2021 World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway.
- She went down fighting against Helen Maroulis in the women's 57kg final.

Source: ndtv

International marathon competition



- The Pune International Marathon, which was canceled last year due to corona, will be held this year. However, the schedule and rules have changed.
- This information was provided by the International Marathon Management.
- According to him, the competition, which takes place in the first week of December every year, will be held on February 27 next year.
- There will be no races for the 14, 16 and 18 age groups this year

massive global nuclear proliferation scam by Pakistan.

Source: newsonair

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Miscellaneous

PM MITRA Parks



- The Central Government has approved the setting up of **7 Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks** with a total outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore in a period of 5 years.

About PM MITRA Park:

- PM MITRA Park will be developed by a **Special Purpose Vehicle** which will be owned by the State Government and Government of India in a **Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode**.

Source: PIB

Forbes India Rich List 2021



- **Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani** retained the top spot in the Forbes list of richest Indians in 2021, by adding \$4 billion to his net worth amounting to \$92.7 billion this year.
- With this, Mukesh Ambani has been named the wealthiest in the country for the 14th year in a row since 2008.
- The list ranks India's 100 richest Indians.

Top 3 richest Indians:

1. Mukesh Ambani (\$92.7 billion)
2. Gautam Adani (\$74.8 billion)
3. Shiv Nadar (\$31 billion)

Source: Indian Express

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