

## Daily Current Affairs 10/12/2021

### 1. MoHUA and UNDP sign MoU for strengthening Waste Management Sector under SBM-U 2.0



#### Why in News

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, Government of India signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India to strengthen the waste management sector in India under the **Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0)**.

#### Key Points

- The MoU will be operational for a period of five years (2021-26).
- Through this MoU, UNDP India will also be facilitating the setting up of 75 Smart Swachhata Kendras across the country, working with local partners and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- The collaboration between MoHUA and UNDP India is another step towards realizing the vision of 'Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Land' in urban India through a circular economy approach based on the 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle) principle.
- With concerted focus on source segregation and scientific processing of municipal solid waste, the waste processing capacity in India has gone up by nearly 4 times, from 18% in 2014, to 70% on date.

#### About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0):

- It envisions to make all cities 'Garbage Free' and ensure grey and black water management in all cities other than those covered under AMRUT, make all urban local bodies as ODF+ and those with a

population of less than 1 lakh as ODF++, thereby achieving the vision of safe sanitation in urban areas.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched SBM-U 2.0 on October 01, 2021.

**Source: PIB**

## **2. Ministry of Culture implements Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art under “Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojna”**



### **Why in News**

- Recently, the **Ministry of Culture** implemented a Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art under “**Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojna (KSVY)**”.

### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Buddhist and Tibetan Organizations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture and tradition, located in any part of the country.
- The quantum of funding is Rs.30.00 lakhs per year for an organization.
- The Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) on the scheme is empowered to recommend the amount beyond the maximum limit but not exceeding Rs.1.00 crore from this scheme.

### **Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojna (KSVY):**

- It is an umbrella scheme under the Ministry of Culture for the promotion of art and culture in the country. It is a central sector scheme.

**Source: PIB**

### 3. BEE announces 31st National Energy Conservation Awards and 1st National Energy Efficiency Innovations Awards



#### Why in News

- **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**, under the guidance of Ministry of Power, recognizes and encourages endeavors of industrial units, institutions and establishments in reducing energy consumption by felicitating them with **National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA)** on the occasion of **National Energy Conservation Day**, celebrated on **14<sup>th</sup> December** every year.
- This year, a new award - **National Energy Efficiency Innovation Awards (NEEIA)** is also institutionalized.

#### Key Points

- This year, the NECA and NEEIA awards are being organized as part of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".
- The National Energy Conservation Awards are given to the energy-intensive units of various sectors of the Indian economy for their exceptional achievements in reducing the specific energy consumption.

#### About Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE):

- The BEE is a statutory body established through the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 under the Union Ministry of Power.

#### Efforts Related to Energy Efficiency and Conservation:

##### Global:

- International Energy Agency

- Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)
- Paris Agreement

**Indian:**

- Energy Conservation Act, 2001
- PAT Scheme: Perform Achieve and Trade Scheme
- Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC)
- Demand Side Management

**Source: PIB**

**4. India successfully test-fires air version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**



**Why in News**

- India successfully test-fired the air version of the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile from the supersonic fighter aircraft Sukhoi 30 MK-I from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

**Key Points**

- In this copy book flight, the missile launched from the aircraft followed the pre-planned trajectory meeting all mission objectives.
- **BrahMos** is a Joint Venture between India (DRDO) and Russia (NPOM) for the development, production and marketing of the supersonic cruise missile.
- BrahMos is the potent offensive missile weapon system already inducted into the Armed Forces.



**Note:** Earlier, Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) was successfully flight tested by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.

**Source: HT**

**5. “President’s Standard” presented to 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy**



**Why in News**

- President Ramnath Kovind presented the ‘**President’s Standard**’ to the **22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy** at a ceremonial event in Mumbai.

**Key Points**

- The President’s Standard is the highest honour bestowed by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to a military unit in recognition of the service rendered to the nation.

**About 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron:**

- The 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron was formally established at Mumbai in October 1991 with ten Veer Class and three Prabal Class missile boats.

**Source: PIB**

## 6. Government expands SCALE committee, appoints 3 new members



### Why in News

- The Central government has expanded the **SCALE committee (Steering Committee for Advancing Local Value-Add and Exports)** by adding three new members, hailing from diverse industry backgrounds.
- The new appointees are Panasonic India Chairman and CEO Manish Sharma, Toyota Kirloskar Vice-Chairman Vikram S Kirloskar, and Asian Paints co-promoter and Chairman Addverb Technologies Jalaj Dani.

### Key Points

- Currently, the 14-member SCALE committee is headed by former Mahindra CEO Pawan Goenka.
- It has representation from industry bodies such as FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM and officials from commerce and other ministries.
- The SCALE Committee, formed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been working closely with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the guidance of the ministry.
- The SCALE committee has given impetus to the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, which is enabling the environment for domestic manufacturing capability in the country.

**Source: ET**

## 7. Alka Upadhyaya appointed Chairperson of NHAI



### Why in News

- The Centre has appointed **Alka Upadhyaya** as **Chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**.

### Key Points

- A 1990-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, Alka Upadhyaya is currently Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

### Other appointments:

- **Sanjay Bandopadhyay**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has been named Chairman **Inland Waterways Authority of India**.
- **G Asok Kumar**, Mission Director, National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, will be Director General, **National Mission for Clean Ganga**.

**Source: Indian Express**

## 8. Davis Cup: Russia beats Croatia to win title after 15 year



### Why in News

- **Russia** defeated Croatia in the final at Madrid to win the **Davis Cup** title after 15 years.

### Key Points

- It is Russia's third Davis Cup title.

**About Davis Cup:** It is the premier international team event in men's tennis. It is run by the International Tennis Federation and is contested annually between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format.

**Source: Indian Express**

## 9. Padma Shri awardee Nanda Prusty passes away





- Padma Shri awardee and teacher from Odisha, Nanda Prusty passed away at 104.
- Nanda Prusty, popularly known as 'Nanda Master', was honoured with the Padma Shri on November 9, 2021 for his long contribution in the field of education and social service.
- Prusty, who had to discontinue his studies after Class 7 owing to his family's financial condition, had been teaching children free of cost since Independence with the goal of eradicating illiteracy in his village.

**Source: India Today**

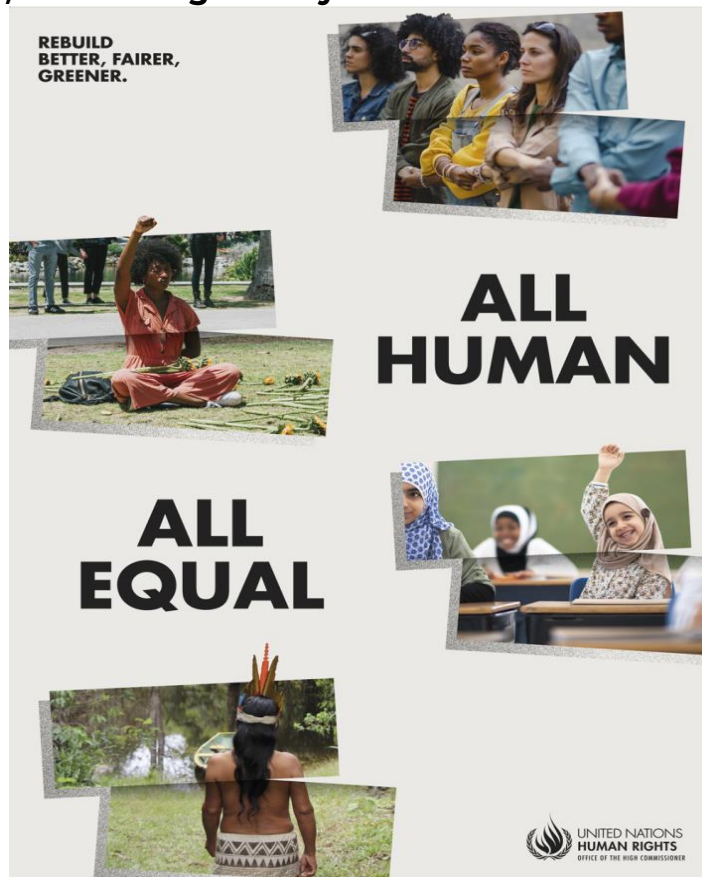
#### **10. Former MLA Urimajalu K. Rama Bhat passes away**



- Urimajalu K. Rama Bhat, former MLA, who had laid a strong foundation for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in coastal Karnataka, passed away.
- He first won Puttur Assembly constituency in 1977 as a Janata Party candidate and in 1983 as a BJP candidate.

**Source: The Hindu**

## 11. December 10, Human Rights Day



### Why in News

- **Human Rights Day** is celebrated every year on 10 December.

### Key Points

- The **theme** of Human Rights Day 2021 is '**EQUALITY - Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights**'.
- "All Human, All Equal" is this year's slogan for Human Rights Day.
- Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

**Source: un.org**

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