

IndiaSkills 2021



- 270 winners of **IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition** felicitated with 61 gold, 77 silver, 53 bronze and 79 medallions of excellence.
- **Odisha** topped the chart with 51 winners, followed by Maharashtra, 30 and Kerala, 25 winners.
- The competition, organised by **National Skill Development Corporation** under the guidance of **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, Government of India, witnessed participation in 54 skills such as concrete construction work, beauty therapy, car painting, health and social care, visual merchandising, graphic design technology, wall & floor tiling, welding, among others.
- IndiaSkills Competition, which raises the profile and recognition of the youth, brought together over 500 participants from 26 states/ union territories this year.
- The winners of IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals will get a chance to represent the country at **WorldSkills International Competition** to be held in Shanghai, China in October 2022.

Source: PIB

Kochi becomes India's first city with Water Metro Project



- **Kochi (Kerala)** has become India's first city with a **Water Metro Project** as it launches the first in a series of battery-powered electric boats in the city.
- The new project by the Kochi Metro Rail Ltd will likely have an integrated water transport system with 15 identified routes.

- It will connect 10 islands along a network of routes that span 76 km with a fleet of 78 fast, electrically propelled hybrid ferries plying to 38 jetties.
- The project intended to introduce modern, energy-efficient, environment-friendly and safe boats with low wake and draft characteristics at a high frequency to increase ridership.
- Constructed at Cochin Shipyard Ltd, the fully air-conditioned boats with wide windows offer comfortable travel which would be an exciting experience to passengers and tourists.

Source: India Today

Uttar Pradesh Govt declares 4 Villages near Nepal Border as Revenue Villages



- The **Uttar Pradesh government** declared four villages located near the Nepal border in the Bahraich district as revenue villages.
- These four villages are Bhavanipur, Tedhia, Dhakia and Bichhia located in Mihinpurwa tehsil of the Bahraich district.
- All these villages are Vantangiya villages.
- The Vantangiya' community comprises people brought from Myanmar during the colonial rule to plant trees.
- The people of these villages will now get the benefits of all the schemes of the government.

Revenue village:

- A revenue village is a small administrative region with defined borders. One revenue village may contain many hamlets.
- A village administrative officer is the head officer of a revenue village.

Source: Business Standard

Kevadia railway station renamed as Ekta Nagar railway station



- The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of the **Kevadiya railway station** as **Ekta Nagar railway station**.
- The Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station falls under the Vadodara division.
- Facing the Narmada River, it is 7 kilometers away from the small town of Kevadiya.
- The construction of the station aims to make the **Statue of Unity** more accessible to tourists.

Source: Financial Express

Naval variant of BrahMos supersonic missile test-fired from INS Visakhapatnam



- An extended range sea-to-sea variant of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** was successfully test-fired by India from the Indian Navy's newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam.
- BrahMos, deployed by the Navy on its warships first in 2005, has the capability to hit sea-based targets beyond radar horizon.
- The naval variant was originally tested in October and December 2020 from the Navy's indigenously-built stealth destroyer INS Chennai and Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay, respectively.
- This version of the missile has been designed to launch either in a vertical or a horizontal mode from moving/stationary assets to target both land and sea targets.

Source: Indian Express

Golden Globe Awards (2022)



- The **79th Golden Globe Awards (2022)** honored the best in film and American television of 2021, as chosen by the **Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)**.
- The nominations were announced on December 13, 2021 by rapper Snoop Dogg and HFPA president Helen Hoehne.
- Two of the films namely The Power of the Dog and the West Side Story, won the most number of awards with 3 each.

List of winners in key categories:

MOVIES:

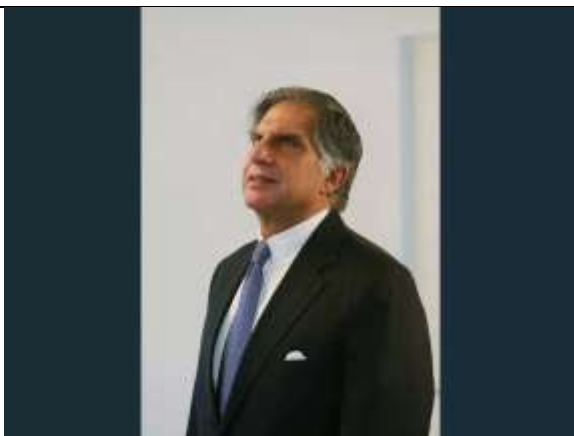
- BEST DRAMA: "The Power of the Dog"
- BEST COMEDY OR MUSICAL: "West Side Story"
- BEST ACTOR, DRAMA: Will Smith "King Richard"
- BEST ACTRESS, DRAMA: Nicole Kidman, "Being the Ricardos"
- BEST ACTOR, COMEDY OR MUSICAL: Andrew Garfield, "Tick, Tick... Boom!"
- BEST ACTRESS, COMEDY OR MUSICAL: Rachel Zegler, "West Side Story"
- BEST DIRECTOR: Jane Campion, "The Power of the Dog"
- BEST ANIMATED FILM: "Encanto"
- BEST NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE FILM: "Drive My Car"

TELEVISION:

- BEST TV DRAMA SERIES: "Succession"
- BEST TV COMEDY/MUSICAL SERIES: "Hacks"
- BEST ACTOR, TV DRAMA: Jeremy Strong, "Succession"
- BEST ACTRESS, TV DRAMA: Mj Rodriguez, "Pose"
- BEST ACTOR, TV COMEDY/MUSICAL: Jason Sudeikis, "Ted Lasso"
- BEST ACTRESS, TV COMEDY/MUSICAL: Jean Smart, "Hacks"
- BEST TV MOVIE OR LIMITED SERIES: "The Underground Railroad"

Source: goldenglobes.com

Ratan Tata's authorized biography to come in November 2022



- **Industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata's** authorized biography titled '**Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography**' is all set to hit the stands globally in November 2022.
- It will be published globally by HarperCollins in all formats in November 2022.
- The biography will be penned by former senior bureaucrat and retired IAS officer Dr. Thomas Matthew.
- The biography chronicles the 84-year-old Ratan Tata's childhood, college years, and early influences.

Source: **TOI**

National Youth Day



- **National Youth Day** is celebrated on January 12, every year in India to honor the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- In 1984 the Government of India declared this day as National Youth Day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year.
- Swami Vivekananda was born on January 12, 1863, in Kolkata.

Note: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **25th National Youth Festival** on 12th January, 2022 in Puducherry.

Source: IndiaToday