

- ❖ **Prime Minister launches 'PM-PVTG Development Mission in Jharkhand**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched PM PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) Development Mission on November 15th on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'.
- The PM-PVTG Development Mission program aims to improve “the socio-economic status of Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)”.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced 'Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission' under the Union Budget 2023-24 on February 1, 2023.
- The Central Government has allocated Rs 24,000 crore under the 'Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes'.
- The mission includes providing basic facilities like safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, better access to roads in settlements for backward scheduled tribes.
- The mission will be implemented through the convergence of 11 interventions of nine ministries for instance, under PMGSY, PMGAY, Jal Jeevan Mission etc.
- Modi also launched several schemes including 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', a nationwide programme aimed at reaching out to citizens who are eligible for various central schemes.

➤ The mission will benefit 75 PVTGs in 18 states and UTs, living in 22,544 villages in 220 districts having a population of around 28 lakhs.

### ❖ **RBI stops Bajaj Finance from giving loans under "eCOM and Insta EMI Card" products**

➤ The Reserve Bank of India has barred Bajaj Finance Limited from sanctioning and disbursing loans under its two lending products - "eCOM and Insta EMI Card" with immediate effect as the non-banking financial company did not comply with certain norms.

➤ This action is necessitated due to non-adherence of the company to the extant provisions of Digital lending guidelines of Reserve Bank of India.

➤ The action taken will be reviewed after Bajaj Finance has rectified the deficiencies to the satisfaction of the RBI.

➤ Over the past few years, the RBI has pulled up some players in the banking and financial services industry for non-compliance with norms, particularly on the digital front.

### ❖ **UCO Bank suspends IMPS transfers due to glitches**

➤ Kolkata-based UCO Bank temporarily suspended online Immediate Payment System (IMPS) transfers due to issues where funds from transactions initiated by customers from other banks were credited to UCO Bank's account holders, without the lender actually receiving the money.

➤ Bankers announced that there was no problem in the IMPS system , and that the issues were likely caused by human error.

➤ The UCO bank, as a precautionary measure, has made the IMPS channel offline and is working closely with stakeholders to resolve the issue and restore the IMPS services at the earliest.

➤ IMPS is a real-time interbank electronic funds transfer system that happens straight without intervention.

➤ The account-to-account fund transfer platform is the backbone of UPI.

➤ There is a daily transaction limit of Rs 5 lakh under IMPS and transfers are subject to charges between Rs 5 and Rs 15.

### ❖ **Hyderabad to host 2nd National Spice Conference**

➤ World Spice Organization is all set to host the 2nd National Spice Conference (NSC) in Hyderabad on November 18 and 19.

➤ As the technical partner of the All-India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF), WSO aims to provide a crucial platform for discussions within the Indian spice industry, fostering collaboration between farmer producers, FPOs, and Spice Manufacturers and Traders.

➤ WSO is organizing the National Spice Conference in collaboration with GIZ and IDH- the Sustainable Trade Initiative.

➤ Rainforest Alliance is the sustainability partner for this event.

➤ The conference will be attended by heads of Indian Regulatory Authorities- FSSAI, IISR.

➤ **Theme:** “Food Safe Spices: The Way Forward to a Stable & Sustainable Income.”

❖ **India, US and 12 other IPEF members sign supply chain resilience agreement**

➤ India , the US and 12 other members of the "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)" entered into a supply chain resilience agreement that aims to cut dependence on China and help shift manufacturing of crucial goods to member nations.

➤ The 14 countries that are part of IPEF make up for 40% of global gross domestic product and about a third of global goods and services trade.

➤ The IPEF is structured around four pillars relating to “trade, supply chains, clean economy”.

➤ India has joined all the pillars except the trade pillar.

❖ **India's 1st AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy will be inaugurated in Bhubaneswar**

➤ The AIFF-FIFA Academy to be launched under Talent Development Scheme of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).

➤ It will be inaugurated by Arsene Wenger, Chief of Global Football Development, FIFA.

## ➤ **About FIFA:**

- Founded: 21 May, 1904
- Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland
- President: Gianni Infantino
- Membership: 211 National Associations
- Secretary General: Fatma samoura

## ❖ **CPM veteran and freedom fighter Sankaraiah passes away**

- Veteran Communist and freedom fighter N Sankaraiah passed away in Chennai. He was 101.
- As one of the founder members of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Sankaraiah played a key role in several governments and was elected to the Tamil Nadu assembly in 1967, 1977 and 1980.
- He was CPI(M) Tamil Nadu state secretary from 1995 to 2002.
- Born on July 15, 1922 at Attur near Kovilpatti in present day Tuticorin district, Sankaraiah joined the freedom struggle as a 20 year old.
- A lifelong fighter for the rights of the poor and downtrodden, Sankaraiah participated in protests against honour killing even when he was 95 years old.

## ❖ FATF team in India to hold on-site review meetings

- A Financial Action Task Force (FATF) team is in India as part of the process to conduct the country's mutual evaluations to ascertain if the authorities have put in place and effectively implemented the required legal framework against money-laundering and terrorist financing.
- The team arrived in Delhi in the first week of November.
- During the on-site visit, for around two weeks, the team members will hold meetings with senior government officials and representatives of the private sector.
- According to the inter-governmental body, mutual evaluations are peer reviews where members from different countries assess another country.
- The process starts with the selection of the legal, financial and law enforcement experts for the assessment team.
- The country concerned provides to them all relevant laws and regulations that are in place to prevent criminal abuse of the financial system.
- The FATF plenary discusses the findings, include the ratings, and adopts the final report for publication.
- In India's case, the report may be discussed during the June 2024 plenary.

## ❖ **Shital Mahajan becomes First Woman to Skydive from Mt Everest**

- Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan jumped off a helicopter from the height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak, Mt Everest.
- She became the first woman to do so.
- Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444ft.
- Mahajan is a well-known Indian skydiver who holds several skydiving records and is the recipient of the fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 2001.

## ❖ **Jio and OneWeb secure licences for satellite internet services in India**

- Jio Satellite Communications Ltd and Eutelsat OneWeb have been granted the requisite licences to provide satellite internet services in India.
- Both companies hold the GMPCS (Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) licence, alongside a pan-India ISP (Internet Service Provider) licence.
- As reported by the Financial Express, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) allocated ISP-A and a VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) licence to OneWeb.

## ❖ **Asia-Pacific Airlines Aim for 5% Green Fuel Usage By 2030**

- The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has set a target for its members to adopt 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030 to reduce carbon emissions, signalling demand to fuel producers.

➤ The decision was announced at the association's 67<sup>th</sup> assembly of presidents, highlighting challenges such as limited SAF availability and cost.

➤ The industry is stressing that our position is feedstock and pathway agnostic.

### ❖ **Sahara Group Founder Subrata Roy Passes Away at 75**

➤ Sahara Group's visionary founder and chairman, Subrata Roy, breathed his last at the age of 75 in a Mumbai hospital.

➤ The news comes after a prolonged battle with illness, as stated in an official company announcement.

➤ Subrata Roy's remarkable journey began in 1978 when he initiated Sahara India Pariwar with a mere capital of ₹2,000.

➤ The company's evolution over the years positioned it as a leader in entrepreneurship, according to information on Sahara's website.

### ❖ **Greenhouse gas levels hit record high in 2022**

➤ Greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations in the Earth's atmosphere hit new record highs in 2022, according to the GHG bulletin released by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

➤ This would lead to a further rise in global average temperatures, sea-level rise, glacial melting and increase in frequency and intensity of rapid-onset extreme weather events such as torrential rainfall, flash floods, tropical cyclones and heat waves.

- Global average concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), which is the most important GHG, reached 417.9 parts per million, for the first time in 2022.
- It is 50 per cent higher than pre-industrial levels. The concentrations of the other two major GHGs - methane and nitrous oxide- also grew in 2022.
- Methane, which has the second-highest concentration in the atmosphere, reached 1,923 parts per billion.
- Nitrous oxide, which has the third-highest concentration in the atmosphere, reached 335.8 parts per billion.
- ❖ **Federal Bank signs shuttler H S Prannoy for an exclusive collaboration**
- Federal Bank collaborates with India's Top Seeded Shuttler, H.S. Prannoy.
- H.S. Prannoy, is current world number eight and a recipient of the men's singles bronze medal in the recent Asian Games.
- MVS Murthy, CMO, Federal Bank, elaborated more on the collaboration, Work Ethic is the intersection point for Prannoy and Federal Bank.
- He represents the passion of India's Youth to put up the Tri-colour at the topmost pedestal on every given opportunity.

## ❖ **Russia seals deal to supply Igla anti-aircraft missiles to India**

- Russia has signed a contract to supply **Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles** to India and allow production of the Igla there under licence.
- The Igla-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.
- India is the world's largest arms importer and Russia remains its largest supplier despite the damage to the reputation of its army and weaponry from the war in Ukraine.

## ❖ **WPI Inflation stays in negative for seventh consecutive month in october**

- India's wholesale inflation stayed in deflationary zone at -0.52% in October as prices eased across food, electricity and textiles.
- Data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- October is the seventh consecutive month the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has remained in the negative.
- It was -0.26% in September, the closest to positive territory since March.
- Wholesale inflation was -0.52% in August, -1.36% in July, -4.12% in June, -3.48% in May and -0.92% in April. A year ago, it stood at 8.67%.
- Food inflation slowed to 2.53% in October compared with 3.35% in September and 10.6% in August.

### ❖ **South India's first "Bio Bank" launched in Hyderabad**

➤ South India's first private Bio Bank, a facility dedicated to the preservation and analysis of human tissue samples for diverse research purposes, was inaugurated at AIG Hospital, Hyderabad.

➤ Over the next three years, the Bio Bank goal is to collect one lakh blood and tissue samples, safeguarding them for an additional decade.

➤ This repository will help researchers, clinicians, and scientists, granting them access to a collection of top-tier human tissue samples and other vital bio samples.

### ❖ **Kohli becomes the first batter to score 700 runs in an ODI World Cup**

➤ Virat Kohli broke the record for the most number of centuries made by any batter in ODI history, getting to his 50<sup>th</sup> ton (off 106 balls) against New Zealand in the 2023 ODI World Cup semifinal in Mumbai.

➤ He went past legendary Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 tons.

➤ The Century was also Kohli's 80<sup>th</sup> International hundred, which is second only to Tendulkar who finished his career with 100 international hundreds.

➤ Kohli had made his first ODI hundred at the same ground against Sri Lanka in 2009, Kohli made his ODI debut against Sri Lanka at Dambulla in 2008.

➤ On the way to his century, Kohli broke Sachin's record of scoring most runs in a single edition of the World Cup – 673.

➤ During his knock, Kohli also surpassed Aussie legend Ricky Ponting (13,704) becoming the third highest run-scorer behind Sachin (18,426) and Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara (14,234) in the format.

➤ Virat Kohli – 50 centuries, 279 innings.

➤ Sachin Tendulkar – 49 centuries, 452 innings

❖ **Rohit Sharma becomes the first batter to hit 50-plus sixes in the World Cup**

➤ Playing against New Zealand, Indian captain “Rohit Sharma became the first batter to hit 50-plus sixes in the World Cup”.

➤ This remarkable feat saw him surpass the previous record held by West Indies legend Chris Gayle, who had hit 49 sixes in the prestigious tournament

➤ He also became the batter with the most sixes in a single World Cup edition. This achievement once again saw him Surpass Chris Gayle, who had hit 26 maximums in the 2015 World Cup.