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❖ **Constitution Day is celebrated across the country on 26th November**

- Every year the 26th of November is celebrated as Constitution Day, to mark the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.
- The Constituent Assembly of the country formally adopted the Constitution on this day in 1949, which came into force on the 26th of January 1950.
- In 2015, the Government decided to celebrate this day to promote constitutional values among citizens.
- President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the father of the Constitution, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar's statue in the Supreme Court.
- To commemorate the 73rd Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day), the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has urged all citizens to participate in the Constitution Quiz and Online Reading of the Preamble.
- The Ministry has made two web portals operational to ensure Maximum Jan Bhagidari.

❖ **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launches Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and Mascot Ujjwala**

- First-ever Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and mascot Ujjwala was launched in New Delhi by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- 'Ujjwala' - a sparrow, was unveiled as the official mascot of Khelo India Para Games 2023.
- The little sparrow is a symbol of the pride of Delhi and its uniqueness portrays determination and empathy.
- Ujjwala, as the mascot of Khelo India Para Games 2023, is a reminder that strength comes in many forms and the human spirit is unbreakable.

➤ The Union Minister also added that for the last four years, the budget for Khelo India was Rs 3,000 crores sanctioned by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi.

❖ **India Celebrates National Milk Day on 26th November**

➤ National Milk Day is celebrated on 26th November every year to signify the importance and benefits of milk

➤ Milk day is a special day that is observed to spread awareness among people about the importance and need for milk.

➤ National Milk Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is also known as the ‘Father of White Revolution‘.

➤ The National Milk Day highlights the importance of milk in human life.

➤ The day was chosen as the National Milk Day by the dairy majors of the country including the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the Indian Dairy Association (IDA), along with the milk federation of 22 states.

➤ The Indian Dairy Association took the initiative of celebrating National Milk Day for the first time in 2014.

❖ **Vidya Pillai clinch the World 6 Red Women Championships title at Doha**

➤ In the World 6 Red Women Snooker Championships, Vidya Pillai secured Gold to clinch the title of World Champion.

➤ In the final, she defeated compatriot Anupama Ramachandran by 4-1 frames, who settled for Silver.

➤ Vidya earlier defeated top seed Bai Yulu of China by 4-3 frames in semi-final round.

➤ The Bengalurean came up with a splendid show, beating all en route to the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship in Doha, Qatar.

❖ Punjab's Uday Pratap Saharan to lead India in U-19 Asia Cup

- Punjab's Uday Pratap Saharan has been named as the skipper of the India Under-19 squad slated to participate in the ACC Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2023 in UAE starting next month.
- The junior cricket selection committee picked a 15-member touring party and three travelling standby players.
- The selection committee has also named four additional reserve players.
- The Asia Cup will start on December 8 with India taking on Afghanistan in its opening fixture with the final being played on December 17.
- India will take on Pakistan on December 10 and then take on Nepal on December 12.

❖ Madhya Pradesh: India's largest tiger reserve to be set up in Damoh

- The Central government has approved a proposal to merge the two wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh to create the largest tiger reserve in the country spanning 2,300 square kilometres.
- The Union government has issued a notification regarding the approval of the proposal to merge the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary—located in central Madhya Pradesh covering parts of Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur, and Raisen districts—with the Rani Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary in the Damoh district of the state.
- The tiger reserve will attract tourists from across India and abroad, boosting the local economy.
- The Forest Department is currently working on establishing the tiger reserve within the next two to three months.

❖ Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates Global Professional Accountants Convention

- Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Global Professional Accountants Convention at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.
- Mr Dhankhar urged the Chartered Accountants fraternity to nurture the spirit of economic nationalism among trade business and industry of the country.

- The Vice President lauded the contribution of CAs in the successful implementation of GST in the country by making it a Good and Simple tax.
- The vice president called upon the CAs to maintain ethical integrity in their profession and work together to eradicate the menace of tax evasion.
- More than 4,000 delegates from over 25 countries are taking part in the three-day event to discuss various aspects to shape the future of the accountancy profession at the global level.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal and ICAI President, Aniket Sunil Talati also presented at the inaugural session.

❖ **Max Verstappen won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023**

- Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.
- Hamilton and Piastri made contact which saw the 7x world champion's car getting a puncture.
- The Mercedes driver limped his way to the pit and then made a slow stop, coming out around the back of the grid.

❖ **Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates the 8th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) in New Delhi**

- Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, inaugurated the 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers,'.
- The summit, organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).
- Addressing scientists, Union Minister urged them to focus on proven technologies, economic viability, availability of raw materials, and marketability of finished products.

➤ He provided examples, such as the potential development of the Zuari river in Goa, where a large gallery is being constructed that will boost tourism and generate revenue.

❖ **A book Thread By Thread on the life of Shambhu Kumar Kasliwal**

➤ A book, Thread by Thread, on the life of Shambhu Kumar or 'the' S Kumar will be released by Kapil Dev at The Palace Halls, NSCI, Mumbai.

➤ Kapil Dev has been a brand ambassador for S.Kumars for their tv and print campaigns in the 80s and 2000s.

➤ The book has been written by noted journalist and author Sathya Saran and published by Penguin Random House.

➤ Thread By Thread is a personal look into the tale of Shambhu Kumar, who, starting from scratch built one of India's most successful textile empires.

➤ The book traces his growth from being a trader to an industrialist checking the milestones to reveal the business mantra behind his phenomenal success.

❖ **Centre renames Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres as Ayushman Arogya Mandir**

➤ The central government renamed Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres as Ayushman Arogya Mandir with the tagline Arogyam Paramam Dhanam.

➤ All States and Union Territories, the Union Health Ministry has issued guidelines to suitably replace the existing title across all operationalized Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres.

➤ The Ministry has also asked to upload pictures of the primary health facilities upon successful completion of the renaming task.

➤ The funds required for renaming the existing facilities has been proposed at Rs. 3,000 per facility.

❖ **PM Narendra Modi to visit UAE to attend World Climate Action Summit**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two day visit to Dubai, UAE from 30th November to attend the World Climate Action Summit.
- The Summit is the High-Level Segment of the 28th Conference of Parties , COP-28 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC.
- COP-28 is being held from 28th November to 12th December under the Presidency of the UAE.
- Prime Minister had announced five specific targets, titled "Panchamrit", as India's unprecedented contribution to climate action.
- Prime Minister had also announced Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) on that occasion.
- Climate change has been an important priority area of India's G20 Presidency, and significant new steps have been captured in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration and other outcomes during India's Presidency.

❖ **Third World Hindu Congress concluded in Thailand**

- The Third World Hindu Congress concluded in Thailand with the resolve to connect every Hindu in the world with each other and to gain strength for welfare of the world through the life values of Hinduism.
- According to a report by ANI, the Thai PM was supposed to participate in the third edition of the World Hindu Congress (WHC) which is held every four years with an aim to establish the identity of Hindus in the world.
- The World Hindu Congress gathered more than 2,200 delegates from 61 countries.
- The delegates were invitees who made remarkable achievements in the fields of education, economy, academics, research and development, media and politics.

❖ Irish author Paul Lynch's 'Prophet Song' wins Booker Prize 2023

- Irish author Paul Lynch's "Prophet Song" was named the winner of the Booker Prize 2023, beating London-based Indian-origin author Chetna Maroo's debut novel "Western Lane", at a ceremony in London.
- Lynch, 46, won for his novel presenting a dystopian vision of Ireland in the grips of totalitarianism, something the author describes as "an attempt at radical empathy".
- "Prophet Song" tells the story of a family grappling with a terrifying new world in which the democratic norms they are used to begin to disappear.
- "Prophet Song" was the bookies' favourite to win this year's Booker Prize and makes Lynch the fifth Irish author to win the prestigious prize after Iris Murdoch, John Banville, Roddy Doyle and Anne Enright.

❖ India announces phased introduction of biogas blending for domestic use

- India will start blending compressed biogas with natural gas to boost domestic demand and cut reliance on natural gas imports.
- The mandatory phased introduction will start at 1% for use in automobiles and households from April 2025.
- The share of mandatory blending will then be increased to around 5% by 2028.
- India, which is one of the world's largest importers of oil and gas, ships in about half of its overall gas consumption and wants to cut its imports cost.
- The government also aims to have 1% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in aircraft turbine fuel by 2027, doubling to 2% in 2028.
- The SAF targets will initially apply to international flights.
- The steps are aimed at helping India achieve net zero emissions targets by 2070.

❖ **Gen Avais Dastgir made Pakistan Army's Chief of General Staff**

- Lt Gen Avais Dastgir, who was recently promoted to three star rank, has been named Pakistan Army's 38th Chief of General Staff.
- The CGS, second in influence only to the army chief, oversees operational and intelligence matters, with the Directorates of Military Operations and Military Intelligence under his command.
- Senior military promotions in Pakistan, especially at the three-star level, are closely watched as they are indicative of potential future leaders within the powerful Army.
- The promotion of Gen Dastgir, from the 58th Cavalry Armoured Corps and former director general of military operations, is viewed as a sign of the army chief's continued confidence in him.
- His immediate appointment as CGS following promotion is a rarity in the military, a precedent set by Gen Bajwa with Lt Gen Bilal Akbar.

❖ **IIL unveils measles, rubella vaccine Mabella for children**

- Indian Immunologicals (IIL), a prominent vaccine manufacturer, has launched Mabella, a live-attenuated measles and rubella (MR) vaccine for children.
- This product launch marked the 25th anniversary celebrations of IIL's Human Biologicals Institute (HBI) in Udthagamandalam, Tamil Nadu.
- The vaccine, developed in an exclusive collaboration with the Polyvac Institute of Vietnam, has successfully undergone comprehensive human clinical trials, establishing its safety and efficacy.
- Measles and rubella are responsible for approximately one lakh child fatalities each year worldwide.
- Mabella's introduction aims to control these deadly diseases, thereby addressing this critical global health concern.

❖ **Mumbai street to be named in memory of actor Vikram Gokhale**

- The Maharashtra Government announced a heartfelt tribute to the late National Award-winning actor-director Vikram Chandrakant Gokhale.
- As the first death anniversary of the legendary figure approaches, a street in Andheri West, Mumbai, is set to be named in his honor.
- This initiative serves as a testament to Gokhale's significant contributions to the world of cinema and his enduring impact on the entertainment industry.
- The street is adjacent to the new headquarters of Cine & Television Artistes' Association (Cintaa) and Cawt, which was inaugurated last month, and leads to the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.
- Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, in the presence of the late actor's wife Vrushali Vikram Gokhale, a galaxy of Bollywood and Marathi film personalities and political leaders.

❖ **CSJMU in Kanpur gets A++ grading by NAAC**

- The Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University (CSJMU) in Kanpur, has secured A++, the highest grading by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).
- It has now joined select state universities in Uttar Pradesh with similar status.
- Lucknow University (LU) was graded A++ in July 2022 followed by Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University and Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut.
- A++ is the highest NAAC grading and elevates a university's profile substantially.
- CSJMU had earlier been ranked 'B' by NAAC in 2006 and 2015.
- This remarkable leap from B to A++ is a big achievement for the university under the inspiration and guidance of Chancellor Anandiben Patel.

❖ **NIDM, TERI sign strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction**

- The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to forge a strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction.
- The MOU will serve as a platform to formalise the strategic partnership and facilitate research, capacity building, and training.
- According to NIDM currently 260 universities and institutions are part of the disaster risk reduction programme.
- **Executive Director (ED) of NIDM:** Rajendra Ratnoo