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## ❖ CAG Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected as external auditor of WHO

- CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as the external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a period of four years from 2024 to 2027.
- He has held this position at the WHO since 2019, with his current term set to end in 2023. The re-election took place during the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva.
- Mr. Murmu secured a massive majority of 114 votes out of 156 in the first round of voting.
- The appointment of CAG Girish Chandra Murmu is a recognition of the position of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India among the international community.
- This is the second major international audit assignment for CAG Girish Chandra Murmu this year.
- Earlier in March, he was selected as the external auditor of the International Labor Organization.

## ❖ Chennai Super Kings win IPL 2023

- Chennai Super Kings won their 5th IPL title by defeating defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets in a rain-curtailed match at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- Chasing a revised victory target of 171 runs in 15 overs against defending champions Gujarat Titans, Chennai Super Kings reached the target in the last ball of the final over with the loss of 5 wickets.

- Chennai Super Kings equaled Mumbai Indians' record for most number of tournament wins.
- IPL 2023 awards: Orange Cap (Highest Run-Scorer): Shubman Gill (GT) 890 runs.
- Purple Cap (Leading Wicket-taker): Mohammed Shami (GT) 28 wickets.
- Most Valuable Player: Shubman Gill.
- Emerging Players: Yashasvi Jaiswal.
- Fairplay Award: Gujarat Titans.
- ❖ **Srikrishnan Harihar Sarma appointed as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank**
- Private sector Karnataka Bank announced the appointment of former Jio Payments Bank head Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma as Managing Director and CEO.
- Sarma has nearly four decades of experience spread across commercial, retail and transactional banking, technology and payments.
- Pursuant to the approval received from the Reserve Bank of India, the Board of Directors at its meeting held, has appointed Sarma as an additional director to take up the role of MD and CEO.
- The appointment is subject to approval of shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting or within a period of 3 months from the date of assuming charge whichever is earlier.
- With this appointment, there would be 11 directors on the board of the bank. Of which, 8 are independent directors constituting 73 per cent of the board, including one woman independent director.

## ❖ Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner

- President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- Srivastava was serving as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since December last year after the completion of Suresh N Patel's tenure as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- The Commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two Vigilance Commissioners.
- CVC is an apex vigilance institution, which is free from any executive authority. It is an independent body whose accountability is only to the Parliament.

## ❖ Goan writer Damodar Mauzo conferred with 57th Jnanpith Award

- Damodar Mauzo, a Goan short story writer, novelist, critic, and scriptwriter in Konkani, has been awarded the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honor.
- Mauzo is the second Goan to receive the award, after Ravindra Kelekar in 2008. Mauzo's 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English.
- Many of his books have also been translated in different languages. Mauzo's famous novel 'Karmelin' received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983. Renowned poet Gulzar was present during the function held at the Raj Bhavan near Goa capital Panaji.
- Mauzo was born in 1944 in the village of Aldona, Goa. He began writing short stories in the early 1960s, and his work has been translated into English, French, Portuguese, and other languages.
- Mauzo is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Sahitya Akademi Award, the Padma Shri, and the Padma Bhushan. He is also a member of the Sahitya Akademi and the Goa Konkani Academy.

## ❖ **Dubai set goals for Zero-Emissions Public Transportation by 2050**

- The Roads and Transport Authority of Dubai has set a target to achieve zero-emissions public transportation by 2050.
- Its aim is to contribute to climate change mitigation and minimize its carbon footprint across three critical areas (public transportation, buildings and facilities, and waste management).
- This move aligns with the UAE COP28 preparations and UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative.
- It outlined ten key initiatives, each assigned to various agencies and sectors.
- Apart from its environmental benefits, the strategy promises substantial financial savings, estimated at AED3.3 billion, following its implementation. By embracing innovative services and prioritizing sustainable mobility, the RTA aims to achieve global leadership in the transportation sector.

## ❖ **UP Hockey wins 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023**

- Uttar Pradesh Hockey emerged as the champions of the 13th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men's National Championship 2023.
- Its final was held at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Odisha.
- Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Odisha Hockey Association in the final. Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh to secure the third position.
- Ujjwal Pal converted three penalty corners, while Rahul Yadav, Ketan Kushwaha, Rahul Rajhbar, and Ajeet Yadav (Team Captain) each scored a goal to secure their victory.

## ❖ **India clinches title of CAVA Women's Challenge Cup 2023**

- India has won the title of the NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

- India won the title by defeating Kazakhstan in the final at the National Sports Council's Covered Hall in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu.
- The event was organized by the Nepal Volleyball Association and is supported by the NSC, eight nations participated in it.
- In the competition, Kazakhstan became the runner-up, followed by Nepal, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, and Kyrgyzstan.

### ❖ **Naveen Patnaik launches 'Odisha for AI, and AI for Youth' initiative**

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Odisha for AI' and 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiatives.
- Odisha for AI: A free 4-hour course on AI by Intel on its app/site
- In the first phase, the initiative will be implemented in Bhubaneswar, Puri, and Cuttack.
- AI for youth: It is for students (below 18) of 2000 5T schools of phase 1 and Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas.
- Its aim is to create an ecosystem fostering research, innovation, and application across sectors.

### ❖ **Unemployment rate dips to 6.8% in January-March 2023**

- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey, released by the National Statistical Office, India's unemployment rate has declined to 6.8% in January-March 2023 (Q4FY23) from 7.2% in Q3FY23.
- The unemployment rate was 6% for men and 9.2% for women.
- It was 6.5% and 9.6% for men and women respectively, in October– December 2022.
- The female labour force participation has increased marginally to 22.7% in Q4FY23 and the male labour force participation stands at 73.5%.

➤ The worker-population ratio (WPR) also witnessed a slight increase as compared to the December quarter.

➤ The WPR in urban areas for persons aged 15 and above stood at 45.2 per cent in January- March 2023, an increase from 44.7 per cent in Q3. The WPR among men was 45.2 per cent and 20.6 per cent among women. It was 68.6 per cent and 20.2 per cent, respectively, in the third quarter.

### ❖ **FDI equity inflows dip 22% to \$46 billion in 2022-23: DPIIT data**

➤ Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India declined by 22 per cent to USD 46 billion in 2022-23, dragged by lower inflows in computer hardware and software, and automobile industry, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data.

➤ The FDI inflows stood at USD 58.77 billion during 2021-22.

➤ Total FDI inflows, which include equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other capital, declined by 16 per cent to USD 70.97 billion in the last fiscal as against USD 84.83 billion in 2021-22.

➤ During April-March 2022-23, Singapore emerged as the top investor with USD 17.2 billion FDI.

➤ It was followed by Mauritius (USD 6.13 billion), the US (USD 6 billion), the UAE (USD 3.35 billion), the Netherlands (USD 2.5 billion), Japan (USD 1.8 billion), UK (USD 1.73 billion), Cyprus (USD 1.27 billion), Cayman island (USD 772 million), and Germany (USD 547 million).

### ❖ **Congress MP Suresh Dhanorkar passes away**

➤ Congress MP from Chandrapur Lok Sabha constituency of Maharashtra, Balu alias Suresh Dhanorkar passed away.

➤ Dhanorkar was born in Yavatmal district on June 4, 1975.

➤ In 2014, he was elected as an MLA of Shiv Sena, winning the Warora-Bhadrawati Assembly seat.

- He resigned from the Shiv Sena in 2019 and was elected as a Congress MP from Chandrapur Vani Arni Lok Sabha constituency.
- His wife Pratibha Dhanorkar is also a Congress MLA from the Varora constituency.

### ❖ **Goa Raj Bhavan launches first books under Governor's scheme**

- Five books published under the Raj Bhavan's scheme for new writers titled 'Nayi Pahal' were released by Goa's Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai in a function at Raj Bhavan.
- The five books released were authored by Sanjay Ramesh Salelkar (Konkani), Pallavi Polekar (Marathi), Manohar Adpaikar (Marathi), and Pachu Menon (two books in English).
- The five titles are the first of 100 odd books that the Raj Bhavan plans on publishing in 22 different languages through its innovative scheme.
- Authored by Sanjay Ramesh Salelkar (Konkani), Pallavi Polekar (Marathi), Manohar Adpaikar (Marathi) and Pachu Menon (two books in English), this will be the first round of books.