

# CURRENT AFFAIRS 08th November 2022

## National News

### 1. Centre appoints Justice Rituraj Awasthi as Chairperson, Law Commission of India



- The central government appointed chairperson and members of the Law Commission over two and a half years after it was constituted.
- Retired Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Rituraj Awasthi appointed as the chairperson of the commission.
- The Law Commission is constituted for three years and the 22nd Law Commission was notified on February 24, 2020.
- The law panel has been lying vacant since the retirement of former Supreme Court judge Justice BS Chauhan in 2018.
- Former Kerala High Court judge Justice KT Sankaran, Professor Anand Paliwal, Professor DP Verma, Professor Raka Arya and M Karunanithi have been appointed as members of the commission.
- The government has said the issue related to the Uniform Civil Code might be taken up by the 22nd law panel.

## 2. Russia becomes India's top oil supplier in Oct



- **Surpassing traditional suppliers Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Russia has emerged as the top oil supplier to India in October.**
- **This comes amid an ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine that has also seen many Western nations issue sanctions against Russian Federation.**
- **The data shows that Russia, which made up for just 0.2 per cent of all oil imported by India in the year to March 31, 2022, supplied 935,556 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil to India in October — the highest ever.**
- **Russia now supplies almost 22% of India's total crude imports, ahead of Iraq's 20.5 per cent and Saudi Arabia's 16 per cent.**
- **India's appetite for Russian oil swelled ever since it started trading on discount as the West shunned it to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.**
- **India imported just 36,255 barrels per day of crude oil from Russia in December 2021 as compared to 1.05 million bpd from Iraq and 952,625 bpd from Saudi Arabia.**

### 3. Kohli and Dar crowned ICC Players of the Month for October



- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for October 2022.
- India veteran batter Virat Kohli has been named as the ICC men's Player of the Month for October.
- Meanwhile, Pakistan's veteran all-rounder Nida Dar has been selected as ICC Women's Player of the Month, thanks to her sensational form in the Women's Asia Cup.
- Virat Kohli has been in phenomenal touch this past month, delivering brilliant performances throughout the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup and has been an integral part of India's semifinal qualification.
- The 34-year-old played four innings in October and had 205 runs in his kitty, including a match-winning 53-ball unbeaten 82 against Pakistan in India's Super-12s opener.
- Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza and South Africa's David Miller were the other nominees for the award along with Kohli, but the Indian batter beat them to claim the title.

#### 4. ISRO plans to return to Mars and work with Japan to examine the moon's dark side



- **ISRO plans to return to Mars:** The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has turned its attention to Venus and is collaborating with Japan to examine the moon's dark side, following trips to the moon and Mars.
- **ISRO's next mission at the Akash Tattva conference** here was that the space agency also intended to send a probe to Mars.
- **A Japanese rocket will launch an ISRO-built lunar lander and rover into orbit with a planned landing site close to the south pole of the moon.**
- **"The rover will then move to the area of the moon that is always in shadow and never receives sunlight."**
- **The examination of the area was fascinating since anything that had persisted in the PSR zone was analogous to something that had been frozen for aeons.**
- **The Aditya L-1 will be a special mission in which a payload-carrying 400-kg class satellite will be deployed in an orbit around the Sun so that it may continually view the star from a location known as the Lagrange Point L-1.**
- **5 million kilometres would separate the orbit from Earth, and it would study coronal heating, solar wind acceleration, the beginning of coronal mass ejections, flares, and near-Earth space weather.**
- **The Aditya L-1 and Chandrayaan-3 missions would be prioritised, as early as next year, the missions to Venus and the moon with JAXA were expected to follow.**

## 5. UIDAI introduces AI chatbot with enhanced features for grievance redressal



- **Aadhaar Mitra: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) presented the brand-new AI/ML chatbot Aadhaar Mitra in order to facilitate citizens' usage of the services.**
- **Both Hindi and English are available for the chatbot. For the purpose of teaching viewers, it also offers the option of viewing related videos on specific themes.**
- **Features of the new chatbot, Aadhaar Mitra include the capacity to monitor the status of Aadhaar PVC cards and confirm Aadhaar enrollment/update status.**
- **The bot can be used by locals to file complaints and follow up on them.**
- **The organisation is committed to strengthening its grievance redressal mechanism while also providing ease of life. A cutting-edge and futuristic open-source CRM solution is being gradually rolled out by UIDAI.**
- **To improve residents' access to UIDAI services, a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system has been created with cutting-edge capabilities.**
- **In order to effectively file, follow up on, and resolve complaints, the new CRM solution may handle a variety of channels, including phone call, email, chatbot, web portal, social media, letter, and walk-in.**
- **Using this coordinated, resident-focused approach, UIDAI is able to resolve 92% of CRM complaints within a week.**

## 6. Vision for urban transportation headlines mobility conference



- **15th iteration of Kerala's Urban Mobility India Conference: The 15th iteration of Kerala's Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference, which is taking place in Kochi, comes to an end.**
- **Among those attending the farewell event are Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, State Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore, and State Transport Minister Antony Raju.**
- **The UMI-2023 will be introduced during the event, and Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and MOS Housing & Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore will present the Awards for Excellence in Urban Transport.**
- **The conference is attended by senior officials from the federal and state governments, decision-makers, managing directors of metro rail companies, chief executives of transportation companies, and foreign experts.**
- **"Azadi @ 75 — Sustainable Aatmanirbhar Urban Mobility" will be the main emphasis of the meeting.**
- **The event places a lot of attention on developing state and local capacity to deal with issues related to urban transportation.**

## 7. Infant Protection Day 2022



- Every year, November 7 is celebrated as Infant Protection Day. This day is celebrated with the sole purpose of raising awareness about the safety of newborn lives and giving them proper care.
- The day has been set to discuss how to best safeguard and nurture young children at one of their most important and vulnerable developmental stages.
- The main reason behind the commemoration of Infant's Protection Day is to take steps to protect the lives of infants.
- On this day, the government hopes to raise awareness about the protection and nurturing that infants require.
- This day also seeks to provide every child with the strong health and immunity they deserve.
- While highlighting the need of improving immunological support, this day also emphasises the measures that the government should take into account in order to promote effective healthcare systems.
- According to the data from the Sample Registration System (SRS) Bulletin of Registrar General of India (RGI), the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has reduced from 37 per 1000 live births in 2015 to 30 per 1,000 live births in 2019 at National Level.

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