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National News

1. Austria's Volker Turk set to become next UN human rights chief



- The United Nations (UN) General Assembly approved Volker Türk of Austria to be the global body's Human Rights Chief by UN Secretary--General Antonio Guterres.
- Volker Turk replaces Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria, a Chilean politician who served at the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022.
- Turk, currently serving as assistant secretary-general for policy.
- Previously, Volker Türk served as the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at UN refugees, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Geneva.
- He had a long and successful career in the advancement of human rights globally.
- He served with the UN refugee agency in Malaysia, Kosovo and Bosnia Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kuwait.

- His immediate challenge will be the controversial report of the accusation on China committing crimes against humanity and possibly genocide (mass murder) against the Uyghur people and abusing Muslim minorities.

2. Australia captain Aaron Finch announces retirement from ODI cricket



- Aaron Finch, Australia's captain announced his retirement from one-day international cricket after Australia's third and final ODI against New Zealand.
- Finch will continue to be the captain of the Australian cricket team for T20 and will lead it in defense of its world title in the T20 World Cup which is going to be held in October and November in Australia.
- Finch is known as one of the most damaging opening batters in the world, Finch has scored 5,401 runs in the ODI format with an average of close to 40, and 17 centuries.
- Aaron Finch is a top-order batsman and is known for his ability to finish matches with his amazing batting skills.
- In 2006, Finch earned his place in the U-19 Australian cricket team for World Cup.
- He started as a middle-order batsman. In IPL, he became an acknowledged batsman as he scored 41 runs in just 17 balls against Chennai Super Kings. In 2013, Finch made his ODI debut and scored 5,041 runs.

3. World Suicide Prevention Day 2022



- **World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), celebrated annually on 10 September, is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO).**
- **The overall goal of this day is to raise awareness about suicide prevention worldwide.**
- **Objectives include promoting stakeholder collaboration and self-empowerment to address self-harm and suicide through preventative action.**
- **The theme of WSPD 2022, “Creating hope through action,” reflects the need for collective, action to address this urgent public health issue.**
- **This has been the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023.**

4. Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat conferred with 31st Vyas Samman his play Mahabali in New Delhi



- **The 31st Vyas Samman was conferred on to well-known Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat at a function in New Delhi.**
- **He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali.**

- In his play Mahabali, Dr. Wajahat focuses on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas.
- Through the play, he attempts to answer who is the real Mahabali, the poet or the emperor.
- The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.
- It carries an award of Rs 4 lakh along with a citation and a plaque. It was initiated in 1991.
- Ram Vilas Sharma received the inaugural Vyas Samman in 1991 for his work 'Bharat ke Pracheen Bhasha Parivar aur Hindi'.

5. Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra takes charge as Chairman & Managing Director of BEL



- Dinesh Kumar Batra, Director (Finance) & CFO, has taken additional charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) with effect from September 1, 2022.
- He was instrumental in the company's move to foray into the Electro-Explosive segment.
- He is also credited with BEL entering into Li-on battery packs for automobiles to support the e-Mobility programme of the Government of India.

- He is a member of the Board of BEL subsidiaries, BEL-Thales Systems Limited (BTSL) and BEL Optronics Devices Limited (BELOP).
- As Director (Finance) & CFO, Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra steered BEL to achieve its highest ever turnover of Rs. 15,044 Cr and PAT of Rs. 2,349 Cr in FY 2021-22.
- He was instrumental in increasing BEL's authorised capital to Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra Rs. 750 Cr from Rs. 250 Cr and issuing two bonus shares for each share held by the shareholders of the company.
- He also played a pivotal role in obtaining necessary approvals for BEL's highest-ever payout of 450% Dividend.

6. NITI Aayog, WRI Launches India's First National Platform For Electric Freight, E-FAST



- NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), launched India's first National Electric Freight Platform- E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India).
- The National Electric Freight Platform brings different stakeholders together with the support of the World Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India.
- The platform aims to raise awareness of freight electrification bolstered by an on-ground demonstration pilot and evidence-based research.
- It will support scalable pilots and inform policies aimed at accelerating freight electrification in India.

- The launch of E-Fast India has witnessed participation from major automobile industries, logistics companies, development banks, and fin-tech companies.
- It will help strengthen the partnership and identify freight solutions and support them.
- The launch of E-Fast India was followed by the launch of WRI India's Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Evaluator.
- The TCO Evaluator is an intuitive excel-based application, which helps in analyzing cost components and performance parameters.

7. Chhattisgarh: CM Baghel inaugurates 2 more districts, takes total to 33



- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the 32nd and 33rd districts of the State. Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and Sakti were announced as the 32nd and 33rd districts of Chhattisgarh.
- Sakti is carved out from Janjgir-Champa, and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur is carved out from the Koriya district.
- The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister said that people have been demanding the creation of the Manendragarh district for a very long time and it has been a long-term struggle to create Manendragarh as a district.
- Three new districts have been inaugurated in Chhattisgarh by the Chief Minister.

- **There are now, 33 districts in Chattisgarh including Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, and Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai.**

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