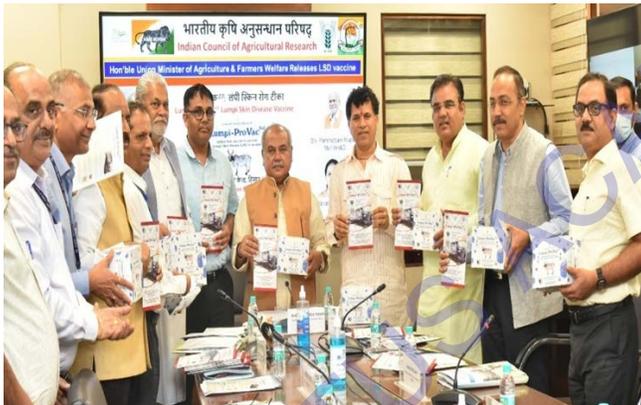




## CURRENT AFFAIRS 13th August 2022

### National News

#### 1. Agriculture Minister launches indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVac to protect livestock from Lumpy Skin disease



- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVac to protect livestock from Lumpy Skin disease.
- The vaccine has been developed by the National Equine Research Center, Hisar, Haryana in collaboration with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar, Bareilly.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Tomar described this vaccine as a milestone for eradicating the Lumpy disease.
- He expressed happiness that scientists have developed a vaccine 100 percent effective complying with all standards, which will be effective in getting rid of the Lumpy disease.

- The Minister directed the concerned officials to provide this vaccine in large numbers at the earliest for relief to the cattle.
- He said that there are thirty crore livestock in the country and all possible measures should be taken to provide them relief at the earliest.

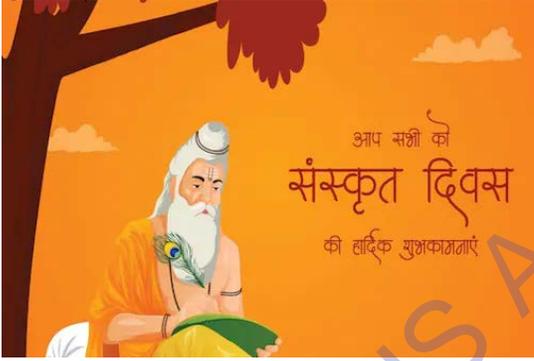
## 2. Bangladeshi architect Marina becomes first South Asian to win Lisbon Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award



- Renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher and educator Marina Tabassum became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Announcing the award, the Lisbon Architecture Triennale jury praised Marina Tabassum for presenting an inspiring example of work with local communities that can have a positive impact across the globe even under the most adverse conditions.
- The International Jury for the award said that Marina Tabassum's unique practice touches on the spiritual fundamentals of architecture.

- Driven by specific cultural and geographical context, her works address pressing contemporary issues, said the jury in their citation for the award.
- Her work shows how architects can challenge the climate crisis and bring about social change in an experimental, respectful and inspiring manner.
- She will receive an original artwork by the Portuguese artist and sculptor Carlos Nogueira as award during the Lisbon Triennale which begins on 29 September in Lisbon, Portugal.

### 3. World Sanskrit Day 2022



- World Sanskrit Day is celebrated on Sawan Purnima in the Hindu calendar.
- As per the calendar, today Friday, August 12 marks the occasion.
- It was first celebrated in 1969 when the government decided to illuminate the world about the language that is deeply rooted in the Hindu culture.
- The auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan was decided as the day to commemorate the language.
- Sanskrit is one of the most ancient languages that make up the holy scriptures of the Hindu culture.
- The origins of the language are long debated and are surrounded by multiple theories.
- Many believe that the language dates back to roughly 3,500 years old.

#### 4. Badhe Chalo'- Lehra Do, Har Gahr Tiranga Fehra Do' campaign culminates in New Delhi



- The "Badhe Chalo'- Lehra Do, Har Gahr Tiranga Fehra Do' campaign culminated with the Grand Finale event in the presence of Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi this evening.
- Speaking on this occasion, Mr Thakur said, under the reign of previous governments at the centre, no one could dare to unfurl the national flag in Jammu and Kashmir region, but after the abrogation of article 370 by the NDA government, anyone can freely hoist the tricolour anywhere in the region.
- He urged the youth to resolve to take India to newer heights in the next 25 years under Amrit Kaal.

- In his address, Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy called upon all citizens to hoist the tricolour on their house and resolve to make India a new, young, secure and strong country in the world.
- He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is tirelessly working towards this cause.

## 5. Initiative 'SMILE' launched to make cities, towns and municipal areas begging-free



- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar today launched the 'SMILE: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' initiative in New Delhi.
- The Initiative aims to make cities, towns and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders.
- The Ministry has allocated a total budget of a hundred crore rupees for the project till 2025-26.
- Through the project, the Ministry envisions developing a support mechanism for holistic rehabilitation of those engaged in the act of begging and building an India where

no person is forced to beg in order to survive and fulfill their basic needs.

- The Ministry highlighted that under the initiative seventy-five Municipal Corporations in collaboration with Non-Government Organizations and other stakeholders will cover several comprehensive welfare measures for persons who are engaged in the act of begging.

## 6. Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan named the AIFF's Footballers of the Year



- Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan have been named the 2021-22 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year and the 2021-22 Women's Footballer of the Year, respectively.
- Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season, while this is the 7th time that Sunil won the award, having last won it in 2018-19.
- This was Sunil Chhetri's record seventh AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year award, having won it previously in 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018–19.

- No other player has won it more times than the 38-year-old veteran.
- Sunil Chhetri is currently third after Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi in the list of highest goal scorers in international football among active players and sixth on the all-time leaderboard.
- Manisha Kalyan, who won the 2021-22 AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year, was the recipient of the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year from last season.
- This award is started in 1992, the winners of the AIFF Player of the Year Awards were nominated by Igor Stimac and Thomas Dennerby, the Indian men's and women's national team coaches, respectively.

#### 7. India, Malaysia begin four-day air exercise Udarashakti



- Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a four-day bilateral exercise 'Udarashakti' with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- The exercise will give an opportunity to the IAF contingent members to share and learn best practices with some of the best professionals from the RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities.
- The exercise will witness various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces, the IAF said, adding that it would fortify the long-standing bond of friendship and

enhance the avenues of defence cooperation between the two Air Forces, thereby augmenting security in the region.

- From the Indian Air Force Su-30, MKI and C-17 aircraft will be participating while the RMAF will be flying Su-30 MKM aircraft.

#### 8. Tamara Walcott lifts 737.5 kg to break powerlifting Guinness World Record



- Tamara Walcott, a female powerlifter from Maryland in the United States broke according to sources in the investigating agency for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of 737.5 kg across three compound lifts – the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.
- She was honoured at the 2022 World Raw Powerlifting Federation American Pro in Manassas, Virginia last month.
- GWR compared the weight she lifted with a female adult giraffe that weighs about 680.3 kg.

- **Walcott started powerlifting four years ago when she realized that she cannot invest time in baseball or basketball.**
- **Initially, she was aiming for weight loss and general fitness, and not setting new world records.**

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