

# CURRENT AFFAIRS 15th November 2022

## National News

### 1. Spanish Film Director and writer Carlos Saura to be given Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at 53rd IFFI



- Spanish Film Director and writer Carlos Saura will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 at the upcoming 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India at Goa.
- The announcement was made by the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L Murugan in New Delhi today.
- Addressing a curtain raiser press conference ahead of the 53rd International Film Festival of India, The Minister said, the international section is an important and focused area of this time, and more than 180 films have been selected to screen at the festival.
- The Minister informed that a children's film package, suggested by UNICEF, has been introduced for the first time in IFFI, and which would include the screening of about seven films.
- Mr L Murugan said, keeping in line with major international markets like Marche du Cannes, IFIF this year also introduced the first edition of Pavilions, which will house the film officers of state government, countries Industries players.

- He added that the 42 pavilions will be showcased and a window from 3 pm to 6 pm will be opened to the general public.
- He said the '75 creative Minds of Tomorrow' will be announced from the 19 states and the youngest one is 18 years old from the state of Haryana and Maharashtra.

## 2. Seventh edition of Indo-French joint air exercise culminates in Jodhpur



- The seventh edition of the bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF), 'Exercise Garuda-VII' concluded at Air Force Station, Jodhpur today.
- In a statement, the Defence Ministry said, that Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Forces with the opportunity for professional interaction and sharing of operational knowledge and experience.
- With meticulous planning and execution of various phases of the exercise, personnel of the IAF and the FASF were exposed to realistic air combat simulations and the associated Combat Support Operations.
- This enabled the participating contingents to engage in wide-ranging interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices.

- The exercise also provided a platform for cultural exchange between the Air Force personnel of both countries.

### 3. World population projected to reach 8 billion people today: UN Estimates



- The world's population is projected to reach 8 billion people today, according to United Nations estimates.
- The UN's Population Division Director John Wilmoth said that reaching 8 billion people is a sign of human success, but it is also a great risk for our future.
- According to the World Population Prospect report 2022, India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country during 2023.
- The annual World Population Prospect report, released yesterday also notes that the global population is growing at its slowest rate since 1950, having fallen to less than one percent in 2020.
- The UN said that figure has come due to longer lifespans and the rapid growth of some nations in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

#### 4. Mehran Karimi Nasseri, Who Inspired 'The Terminal,' Dies in Paris Airport



- An Iranian man who lived in a Paris airport for 18 years has died. Caught in diplomatic limbo, Mehran Karimi Nasseri made a small area of Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport his home in 1988.
- His experience inspired the 2004 film, *The Terminal*, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones.
- Mr Nasseri was eventually given the right to live in France, but he ended up returning to the airport a few weeks ago, where he died of natural causes on Saturday.
- Born in 1945 in the Iranian province of Khuzestan, Mr Nasseri first flew to Europe in search of his mother.
- He spent some years living in Belgium, having been expelled from countries including the UK, the Netherlands and Germany for not having the correct immigration documents.
- He then went to France, where he made the airport's 2F Terminal his home.

## 5. Sharath Kamal Achanta to receive Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award

Sl. No.	Name of the Awardee	Sport
1.	Dr. Bhanu Prasad	Chess
2.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
3.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
4.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
5.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
6.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
7.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
8.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
9.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
10.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
11.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
12.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
13.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
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18.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
19.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
20.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
21.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
22.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
23.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
24.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess
25.	Dr. K. Suresh Babu	Chess

- Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has announced the National Sports Awards 2022. The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30th of this month.
- Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta has been chosen for Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- Arjuna Awards will be given to 25 sportspersons including Seema Punia, Lakshya Sen, Nikhat Zareen, R Praggnanandhaa, Deep Grace Ekka, Sushila Devi, Sagar Kailas Ovhalkar, Omprakash Mitharval, Vikas Thakur, Manasi Girishchandra Joshi among others.
- Five coaches have been chosen for Dronacharya Award in the regular category and three coaches in lifetime category.
- Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games will be given to four sportspersons including Ashwini Akkunji C, Dharamvir Singh, B.C Suresh and Nir Bahadur Gurung.
- Three entities including TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Ladakh Ski and Snowboard Association have been recommended for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

## 6. Veteran Tollywood actor G Shivarama Krishnamurthy passes away



- Veteran Tollywood actor and producer G Shivarama Krishnamurthy, popularly known as Krishna, passed away during the early hours due to multiple organ failure at a private hospital in Hyderabad. He played lead roles in several hit films of Telugu cinema.
- The legendary actor breathed his last in the hospital this early morning after he got admitted due to a massive heart attack yesterday. He was 79.
- Born in 1942 in tiny village, Burrepalem in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, he first acted in Tenemanasulu in 1964.
- Then onwards he acted in about 350 films in lead roles. He produced several films and also directed over a dozen films.
- He was known for trendsetting technical excellence and experimentation in his films. His son Mahesh Babu is a well-known actor in the Telugu film industry currently.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the demise of veteran Telugu actor Krishna.

## 7. Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi appointed as Prasar Bharati CEO



- Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi was on Monday appointed the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.
- A 1995-batch officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, Dwivedi will have a five-year tenure from the date he assumes charge.
- Earlier, Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia, the citizen engagement platform of the government.
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022.
- After Vempati completed his five-year tenure, Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Agrawal was given the additional charge of CEO Prasar Bharati in June this year.

## 8. Jio strongest telecom brand in India: TRA



- Jio ranks as India's strongest telecom brand in India, ahead of Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd.
- The data was unveiled by the brand intelligence and data insights company TRA.
- TRA, formerly Trust Research Advisory, in its 'India's Most Desired Brands 2022' ranked companies according to their brand strength.
- Reliance Jio topped the telecom category, followed by Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea Ltd, and BSNL.
- Adidas was the top brand followed by Nike, Raymond, Allen Solly, and Peter England in the apparel category.
- The automobile list was topped by BMW followed by Toyota, Hyundai, and Honda.
- LIC ranked 1 on the banking and financial services index had State Bank of India at number 2 and ICICI Bank at 3rd.
- The consumer appliances were topped by Kent, followed by Livpure, and Okaya.
- In consumer electronics, LG, Sony, and Samsung were in the top three of the brand lists.
- ITC topped the diversified conglomerate list followed by Tata and Reliance.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) topped the energy list, followed by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Adani.

## 9. Batman legend Kevin Conroy tragically passes away at the age of 66



- Kevin Conroy, an actor and voice actor best known for playing Batman in several animated movies and series, has passed away at the age of 66.
- Kevin played Batman in a variety of projects, and Mark Hamill took on the role of the Joker.
- The acclaimed animated series, which launched in 1992 and continued until 1996, is where Conroy first voiced Batman.
- His portrayal of Batman in various other DC productions, including the video games Injustice and Batman: Arkham, has received a lot of positive attention.
- He also appeared in several DC Universe Animated Original Movies, including Batman: Gotham Knight (2008), Superman/Batman: Public Enemies (2009), Justice League: Doom (2012), Batman: The Killing Joke (2016), and Justice League vs. the Fatal Five (2019).

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