



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 15th October 2022

### National News

#### 1. Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil bags Gold medal at ISSF World Championship in Egypt



- In the ISSF World Championship, Indian shooter Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle event in Cairo, Egypt yesterday.
- With this win, he also secured a 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country. In the gold medal match, he defeated Italy's Danilo Dennis Sollazzo 17-15.
- He is only the second Indian to achieve the feat after Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra, who had won the gold in this event in 2006 in Zagreb, Croatia.
- This was Ruranksh's first appearance at a World Championship.

## 2. ISSF World Championship: India bags bronze medal in shooting



- India began their ISSF World Championship campaign with a bronze in the women's 25m pistol team junior competition in Cairo, Egypt yesterday.
- The trio of Esha Singh, Naamya Kapoor, and Vibhuti Bhatia demolished team Germany 17-1 in the bronze medal match to get India on the medal tally on day one of the competition.
- Esha, Naamya, and Vibhuti finished fourth in the first round of qualification with a score of 856 to make it to the next stage in third position.
- In the next round, they shot 437 to finish behind the Germans in fourth position to qualify for the bronze medal match. China won the gold in the event while Korea bagged silver.

### 3. ISRO to launch 36 satellites of UK's global communications network OneWeb on October 23



- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch 36 satellites of UK's global communications network OneWeb on 23rd of this month. The launch of satellites is scheduled for 12.07 AM on October 23.**
- **The commercial launch onboard the GSLV-Mk3, India's heaviest satellite, is being facilitated by Space PSU NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).**
- **NSIL has signed two launch service contracts with OneWeb for launching the firm's LEO (low Earth orbit) broadband communication satellites onboard the GSLV-Mk3.**

#### 4. Global Hunger Index 2022: India ranks 107th



- India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan.
- India's score of 29.1 places it in the 'serious' category. India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99).
- Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.
- China is among the countries collectively ranked between 1 and 17 having a score of less than five.
- India's child wasting rate (low weight for height), at 19.3%, is worse than the levels recorded in 2014 (15.1%) and even 2000 (17.15%), and is the highest for any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population.

## 5. Iraqi Parliament elects Abdul Latif Rashid as country's new President



- The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician, Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country.
- Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh. Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010.
- Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied.
- Rashid was born in 1944 in the northeastern Sulaymaniyah region of Iraq. He graduated as a civil engineer from the University of Liverpool in 1968. He went on to complete his engineering doctorate in 1976 from the University of Manchester.
- Rashid has a long history in Iraqi politics. He served as the minister of water resources from 2003 to 2010 and then as the senior adviser to the President. He can speak speaks Kurdish, Arabic and English.

- Rashid is a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) party. He was also the former spokesperson for the PUK in Britain.
- Although the veteran Kurdish politician is considered accommodating, he is seen as a compromise candidate for the polarised country, AFP reported.

## 6. World Students Day 2022



- October 15 is celebrated as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India.
- The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931.
- He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable.
- After his tenure as the President came to an end, he became a visiting faculty at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Shillong, IIM-Indore and IIM-Ahmedabad.
- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was a dedicated student with a deep passion to learn. Despite financial constraints, he completed his graduation in Physics and later studied Aerospace Engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology.

- He became India's most famous nuclear scientist and was known as the 'Missile Man of India'. He played a crucial role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998.
- During his five-year tenure as the country's President, between 2002 to 2007, he was fondly called the 'People's President'.

## 7. Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops, top 10 Indian Universities



- Times Higher Education Rankings 2023 has been announced. This year, the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has secured the top place among Indian universities.
- Five Indian universities made it into the world's top 500 universities. IISc has been placed under the 251-300 bracket. The complete list of the top 10 Indian Universities is enlisted below.
- In total, 22 Indian universities made it below rank 800 – three of which were debutant entries.
- DTU, Graphic Era University, IIT Indore, IIIT, Delhi, Jamia Hamdard University, JNU, Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education, and KIIT University also have been put under the 601-800 bracket.
- Globally, the University of Oxford continued to retain the top spot for the seventh consecutive year, while the

**University of Cambridge jumped to joint third from joint fifth last year.**

- **The US is the most-represented country overall with 177 institutions in the overall ranking list.**
- **A record number of 1,799 universities from 104 countries and regions are ranked, 137 more than last year.**

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