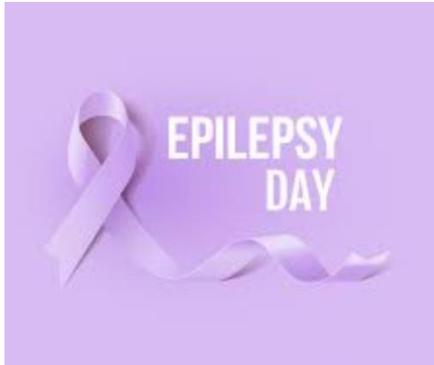


CURRENT AFFAIRS 17th November 2022

National News

1. National Epilepsy Day 2022



- Each year, on November 17, National Epilepsy Day is marked in India to raise awareness of the condition.
- National Epilepsy Day 2022 is observed to raise public awareness of epilepsy.
- To raise awareness of the causes and symptoms of epilepsy, numerous governmental and non-governmental organisations will mark National Epilepsy Day in 2022.
- A persistent brain illness called epilepsy is marked by periodic “fits” or “seizures.”
- Every year, November is observed as the Epilepsy Awareness Month to educate and aware people about the signs, symptoms and impact of this dreadful disease.
- India recognizes 17th of November as National Epilepsy Day to raise awareness about Epilepsy.
- Notably: International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on the Second Monday of February across the world. In 2022, International Epilepsy Day falls on February 14, 2022.
- According to the Epilepsy Foundation, the theme of National Epilepsy Awareness Month (NEAM) 2022 is “There is no NEAM without ME”.
- The neurological condition epilepsy is characterised by irregular brain activity that results in seizures or episodes

of strange behaviour, sensations, and occasionally loss of consciousness. Epilepsy can attack any person.

2. India joins Russia and Iran to form Moscow backed troika on Afghanistan



- India participated in the fourth Meeting of the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan, which was held in Moscow on November 16.
- Special envoys and senior officials from Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan also participated in the meeting.
- “During the meeting, the participants discussed issues related to Afghanistan, including the current humanitarian situation and the ongoing efforts of various stakeholders to provide assistance, intra-Afghan talks, formation of an inclusive and representative government, efforts to counter threats of terrorism and ensuring regional security,” Ministry of External Affairs said.
- It was introduced in 2017 on the basis of the six-party mechanism for consultations among special representatives from Russia, Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, Iran and India.
- The Moscow format meeting’s main objective is to facilitate the national reconciliation process in Afghanistan and secure peace in that country as soon as possible.

3. US transport dept fines Air India \$1.4 mn for delaying refunds of \$121 mn



- The US Department of Transportation (DOT) has fined Air India \$1.4 million (around Rs 11.3 crore) for delaying refunds worth \$121.5 million (around Rs 985 crore) to passengers whose flights were cancelled during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Air India is among the six airlines that were probed by the US government. Totally, over \$600 million in refunds were paid and \$7.25 million penalties imposed against six airlines for “extreme delays in providing refunds,” the US DOT said.
- Other airlines facing the DOT action include Frontier Airlines, TAP Portugal, Aeromexico, El Al Airlines and Avianca.
- Under US law, airlines and ticket agents have a legal obligation to refund consumers if the airline cancels or significantly changes a flight to, from and within the US, and the passenger does not wish to accept the alternative offered.

4. India to surpass China as most populous country in 2023, U.N. report says



- India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, with each counting more than 1.4 billion residents this year, according to the 27th edition of the United Nations' World Population Prospects, 2022.
- The world's population, estimated to reach 8 billion by Nov. 15 this year, could grow to 8.5 billion in 2030, and 10.4 billion in 2100, as the pace of mortality slows, said the report released on World Population Day.
- The world's population was growing at its slowest pace since 1950, having fallen below 1% in 2020, UN estimates showed.
- In 2021, the average fertility of the world's population stood at 2.3 births per woman over a lifetime, having fallen from about 5 births in 1950. Global fertility is projected to decline further to 2.1 births per woman by 2050.

5. 65TH ANNUAL GRAMMY® NOMINATIONS KICK OFF HISTORIC SEASON OF CELEBRATING MUSIC



- **65th Annual Grammy Awards to take place in Los Angeles on 5th February 2023.**
- **The Recording Academy has released the full list of nominees for the 65th Annual Grammy Awards.**
- **The top nominations of the 65th Annual Grammy Awards are from Beyonce and Adele.**
- **Beyonce has grabbed nine spots in the full list of nominees for the Grammy awards.**
- **The 65th Annual Grammy Awards list of nominees also includes Harry Styles, Taylor Swift, Lizzo, and many other singers.**

6. Superstar Krishna passes away at 79 in Hyderabad



- Veteran actor Ghattamaneni Krishna, famous as Krishna Garu and known in the Telugu film industry as ‘superstar, passes away. He was 80 years old.
- He was the father of the Telugu film superstar Mahesh Babu. He starred in over 350 movies during his long career in the film industry.
- His first film was Thene Manasulu released in 1965. In 2009, he received the Padma Bhushan.
- Krishna began his career in Telugu movies in the early 1960s. And soon he found huge success as a leading man and retained a top position in the film industry till the late 1980s.
- In a career spanning over 50 years, he did more than 350 films.
- Some of the biggest hits of Krishna were Gudachari 116, Manchi Kutumbam, Lakshmi Nivasam, Vichitra Kutumbam, Devadasu, Bhale Krishnudu, Guru Sishyulu to name a few.

7. At eighth spot, India ranks high on list for climate protection



- The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 released which was published by three environmental non-governmental organizations viz. Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute and the Climate Action Network (CAN) International.
- India rose two spots to rank eighth out of 63 countries in the Climate Change Performance Index 2023 (CCPI).
- In the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Use categories, the country was rated “high”.
- In the Climate Policy and Renewable Energy categories, it earned a “medium” rating.
- The CCPI evaluates 59 countries and the European Union, which together generate over 90 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Using standardised criteria, the CCPI looks at four categories, with 14 indicators: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use, and Climate Policy.
- In 2022 and 2021, India stood in the 10th spot. In 2020, it ranked ninth on the list. Since signing the Paris Agreement in 2015, India has updated its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

By Sameer Singhal