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National News

1. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur to inaugurate Mega Cleanliness Drives under Swachh Bharat 2022 on October 19



- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will inaugurate Mega Cleanliness Drives under Swachh Bharat 2022 from Chandni Chowk, Delhi tomorrow.
- Similar cleanliness drives will also be undertaken in all villages across the country.
- The aim of this drive is to consolidate the efforts of Swachh Bharat 2022 by the Department of Youth Affairs and its affiliate organizations to further intensify activities for ensuring mass public participation in the Swachh Bharat campaign.
- The month-long nationwide Swachh Bharat 2022 was launched on 1st of this month from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- The programme commenced on with the objective of collection of one crore kilogram of waste in the span of one month.

- More than 60 Lakh kilogram of waste has been collected till date

2. 12th DefExpo to begin today in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, Gujarat



- The 12th edition of biennial DefExpo will begin in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, Gujarat today. Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry will be held during the five-day event.
- The theme of 12th DefExpo is 'Path to Pride' which is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to transform India into a strong and self-reliant nation by supporting, showcasing and forging partnerships for the Indian Aerospace and Defence manufacturing sectors with Indian as well as global customers, the defence ministry said.
- At DefExpo-2022, the participants will get an opportunity to showcase their equipment and platforms and be able to explore the strengths and capabilities of the expanse of Indian Defence industry for forging business partnerships.

- As part of the DefExpo, live demonstrations by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and DRDO, showcasing land, naval and air procedures, and systems in action will be held in the evening from 4.45 pm daily at Sabarmati River Front.
- The joint live demonstration will include combat freefall, Sarang helo aerobatics, slithering from helo into a boat, high-speed boat runs and neutralising enemy post, the defence ministry said in a statement.

3. President Droupadi Murmu appoints Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud as new Chief Justice of India



- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud as the new Chief Justice of India.
- In a tweet today, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said, Justice Chandrachud's appointment will come into effect from 9th of next month.
- He will succeed present Chief Justice of India Justice Uday Umesh Lalit.
- Justice DY Chandrachud would be the 50th Chief Justice of India. Born in 1959, Justice Chandrachud was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 13th May 2016.
- Earlier, he served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- He had completed his LLB from Campus Law Centre from Delhi University and obtained LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School in USA.

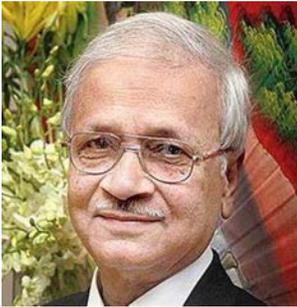
4. NATO begins annual nuclear exercises in northwestern Europe



- **NATO today began its long-planned annual nuclear exercises in northwestern Europe as tensions simmer over military action in Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin's threat to use any means to defend Russian territory.**
- **Fourteen of NATO's 30 member countries were due to take part in the exercises.**
- **The military alliance said around 60 aircraft including fighter jets and surveillance and refueling planes will take part in the event.**
- **The bulk of the war games will be held at least 1,000 kilometers from Russia's borders.**
- **US long-range B-52 bombers will also take part in the maneuvers, dubbed Steadfast Noon, which will run until October 30.**
- **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is not permitting any media access.**

- **NATO said that training flights will take place over Belgium, which is hosting Steadfast Noon this year, as well as over the North Sea and the United Kingdom.**
- **The exercises involve fighter jets capable of carrying nuclear warheads but do not involve any live bombs.**

5. ORS icon Dr Dilip Mahalanabis dies in Kolkata



- **Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, the epoch-making doctor, who pioneered the use of oral rehydration theory for the treatment of diarrhoeal diseases and the development of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) passed away in Kolkata yesterday.**
- **Dr. Mahalanabis proved the effectiveness of ORS in cholera patients at a refugee camp in Bongaon, West Bengal, during the 1971 War.**
- **Dr. Mahalanabis was made a member of the WHO's Diarrhoeal Disease Control Programme in 1983 for over five years.**

6. Swedish Parliament elects conservative Prime Minister



- Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader Ulf Kristersson as the country's new prime minister.
- A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him.
- The Sweden Democrats were the big winners in the closely fought September 11 general election.
- They emerged as the second-largest party with a record 20.5 percent of votes, trailing only the Social Democrats, who have dominated Swedish politics since the 1930s.
- The right-wing bloc now has 176 seats in parliament, to their left-wing rivals' 173. Kristersson's four-party alliance unveiled a 62-page roadmap heavily influenced by the far-right agenda.
- It promises major crackdowns on crime and immigration and the construction of new nuclear reactors.

7. Booker Prize 2022: Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka wins literary award



- Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won Britain's Booker Prize 2022 for fiction for his work "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida", about a journalist murdered amid the country's sectarian strife.
- The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques".
- Karunatilaka's second novel, The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida comes more than a decade after his debut, Chinaman, which was published in 2011.
- Neil MacGregor, chair of the judges for this year's prize, said the novel was chosen because "it's a book that takes the reader on a rollercoaster journey through life and death right to what the author describes as the dark heart of the world".

8. Aayan Khan, the youngest player in men's T20 World Cup



- UAE's Aayan Khan, the 16-year-old all-rounder, is the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup.
- He was picked in the UAE XI for the team's first match of the T20 World Cup against the Netherlands at the Simonds Stadium in Geelong.
- He impressed in the U19 World Cup earlier this year with 93 and one for 13 in UAE's 82-run win over West Indies.
- Aayan was out for a seven-ball five against the Netherlands. He then bowled three overs for 15 runs and picked a wicket.
- Aayan broke Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir's record. The left-arm quick played his first T20 World Cup when he was 17 years and 55 days old.
- Notably: Netherlands' Stephan Myburgh, at 38 years and 230 days, is the oldest in the 2022 T20 World Cup.

- Hong Kong's Ryan Campbell played in the 2016 World Cup when he was 44 years and 33 days old.

9. Three-day Kuchipudi dance festival concludes on grand note in Vijayawada



- The third World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam was organized for three days in Vijayawada.
- The World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam starts on 14th October 2022.
- The Kuchipudi dance festival is being organized in commemoration of the 93rd birth anniversary of world-renowned Kuchipudi dance artist Vempati China Satyam.
- The World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam is being organized by the collaboration of the Department of Culture, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Kuchipudi Art Academy, and Jayaho Bharateeyam.

- More than 3,000 Kuchipudi dancers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will take part in the Kuchipudi Dance Festival.
- The Kuchipudi dance students will give 'Maha Brinda Natyam' which is a grand performance on each day.
- Two dances choreographed by China Satyam will be performed by them.
- The two dances are Pedda Vinayaka Kautham and Koluvaiva.

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