



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 19th November 2022

### National News

#### 1. India hosts pavilion with theme of LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment - at COP 27 in Egypt



- India hosted a pavilion with the theme of LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment - at COP 27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt from 6th to 17th November.
- The Pavilion had been designed to send out the message of LiFE through various audio-visuals, Logo, 3D models, set up, décor and side events.
- Various side events were held during entire duration of COP 27 in the pavilion.
- The organizers of the side events included the Central Government Ministries, State Governments, PSUs, autonomous bodies, subordinate organizations, think tanks and UN Organizations.
- The pavilion had a footfall of around 25,000 COP participants. India Pavilion enthused the visitors with the display of India's achievements in Climate Change using

technology along with a display on Indian culture, textile, and food.

- The Block Printing activity planned at the pavilion saw huge participation specially from the young participants at COP.

## 2. IAF's Air Fest 2022 organized at HeadQuarters Maintenance Command, Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur



- An annual show, Air Fest 2022 showcasing maneuvers of planes & helicopters in the arsenal of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is organised at Head Quarters Maintenance Command, Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur today.
- The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- The objective of the Air Fest is to showcase various facets of Indian Air Force and motivate the youth of Nagpur to choose Indian Air Force for an exciting career.
- During the show team of 4 Sarang - advanced light helicopters shown heart throbbing maneuvers like Dolphin lift, and crossover.
- These helicopters are indigenously manufactured by HAL-Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The Surykiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) also displayed exciting formations in the sky.

### 3. PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today stressed that development projects are no longer halted or delayed. He said the government has brought a work culture of laying the foundation stone and also inaugurating the projects.
- After inaugurating the Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Mr Modi said the government has ensured on-time completion of all the undertaken development projects. He said, Hindrance, pendency and diversion are not aspects of the government.
- Prime minister emphasised the gathering of such a huge crowd with such a festive feel so early in the morning, is the result of implementation of all the government policies efficiently on time. It is the first Greenfield Airport of the state.
- The airport is equipped with ultra modern facilities to ensure all weather operations. Mr Modi said, the name of the airport is given after Donyi and Polo; Donyi means the Sun whereas Polo means the Moon, the Sun is hot and the Moon is cool ; both fulfilling the facets of development.

- Mr Modi said, today even the remotest corners of the North-Eastern region are electrified.
- Prime minister highlighted that through Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY the treatment cost of up to five lakh rupees is made available to the NE Region.
- He said, Bamboo has been an important part of North-East's livelihood, which was restricted during the colonial regime but the government changed these restrictive laws to empower bamboo farmers to cultivate, add value and sell their produce.

#### 4. PM Modi inaugurates Kashi Tamil sangamam in Varanasi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kashi Tamil sangamam in Varanasi on Saturday afternoon.
- The sangamam is being organized by the Government of India as a part of the “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” and to uphold the Spirit of “Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat”.
- The objective of sangamam is to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi - two of the country’s most important and ancient seats of learning.
- The Kashi Tamil Sangamam aims to provide an opportunity for students, scholars, philosophers, traders, artisans, artists and people from other walks of life from the two regions to come together, share their knowledge, culture and best practices and learn from each others’ experience.
- The endeavour is in sync with the emphasis of National Education Policy 2020 on integrating the wealth of Indian Knowledge System with modern system of knowledge.

## **5. Tamil Nadu introduces India's first elephant death audit framework**



- **Tamil Nadu's Forest Department has introduced an elephant death audit framework to put in place a more detailed and transparent process for recording and monitoring elephant deaths in the State.**
- **Presently, identifying the cause of mortality in the field remains critical for many questions related to population and conservation of elephants.**
- **The framework will improve transparency, assist all stakeholders in assessing the results and ultimately facilitate standardisation and more credible comparisons of cause of mortality.**
- **The broad objectives of Elephant Death Audit Framework (EDAF), the first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, are threefold, said Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forests.**
- **According to media reports, out of the 131 elephant deaths recorded in Tamil Nadu's forest divisions between January 1, 2021 and March 15, 2022, only 13 were human-induced.**

- Out of the rest, 118 were due to natural causes; six because of electrocution; four due to train hits; one due to road accident and two because of retaliatory kills.

#### 6. Tripura CM launches 'Amar Sarkar' portal, says govt working to ensure all schemes reach people



- Tripura chief minister Dr Manik Saha his government is working to ensure all central and state-sponsored schemes reach every doorstep and launched a new portal, 'Amar Sarkar', to act as a bridge between the people and the government.
- A total of 78 departments, including the panchayat department, has been included in the webportal.
- The portal will help people to register their problems and complaints through village committee officials.
- It is worthy to mention here that various problems and complaints of the people will be registered through the village and village committee level workers in this URL <https://amarsarkar.tripura.gov.in/>.
- Earlier in September, the state government had launched the 'Har Ghar Sushasan' initiative to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The three-month-long initiative, which will end in November, was initiated to ensure door-step delivery of

major central and state government-run schemes in a mission mode.

- The initiative also urged the rural and urban local bodies to undertake developmental works.

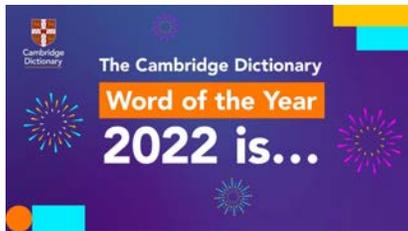
## 7. Poll body chief Rajiv Kumar invited as international observer for Nepal elections



- Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal's House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly, the Election Commission said.
- Rajiv Kumar will be leading a delegation of ECI officials as State guest in Nepal from 18 November to 22 November, 2022, the poll panel said.
- During his visit Kumar would be visiting Polling stations at Kathmandu and areas around.
- ECI also has a similar International Election Visitors Program where members from other Election Management Bodies are invited to experience firsthand our General and Assembly Elections held periodically.
- Elections are scheduled in Nepal on 20 November to elect 275 members of the Federal Parliament and 550 seats of the seven Provincial Assemblies.

- A total 330 seats in the seven provincial houses will be decided directly; the remaining 220 seats will be filled by proportional representation.

## 8. Cambridge Dictionary's word of the year 2022 revealed



- The Cambridge Dictionary has revealed its word of the year for 2022 as “homer”, saying that it was inspired by the global word game sensation, Wordle.
- The word ”homer” was searched for nearly 75,000 times during the first week of May 2022, when it was an answer in the word game Wordle.
- In the context of the game, ”homer” doesn’t refer to the Greek poet and author, or a character from Simpson, but refers to an informal American English word for a ‘home run’ in baseball.
- According to Cambridge, homer saw over 65,000 searches occurring in a single day on the dictionary website in 2022. Homer was the Wordle word of the day on May 5 this year, and this significant surge of searches occurred on that day.
- The dictionary website said the same word is used very differently in British and American English.

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