

CURRENT AFFAIRS 20th October 2022

National News

1. PM Modi holds meeting with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres; will launch Mission LiFE in Kevadiya in Kevadiya



- On the second day of his Gujarat visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with UN Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres today at Kevadiya.
- The PM will shortly launch the Mission LiFE in Kevadiya. Mission Lifestyle for Environment will be the India-led global mass movement toward protecting and preserving the environment.
- Later, PM will also address the 10th Heads of Missions Conference, being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs at Kevadiya.
- The three-day Conference will bring together more than 100 Heads of Indian Missions including Ambassadors and High Commissioners from all over the world.
- Various issues pertaining to the contemporary geo-political & geo-economic environment, and connectivity will be discussed at the conference.

2. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launches draft of National Credit Framework for public consultation



- Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the draft of National Credit Framework (NCF) for public consultation.
- The Government has developed it to enable the integration of academic and vocational domains to ensure flexibility and mobility between them.
- The Framework would be a game changer by opening numerous options for further progression of students and inter-mingling of school and higher education with vocational education and experiential learning.
- It will also enable students who have dropped out of mainstream education to re-enter the education ecosystem.
- Speaking on the occasion in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Pradhan said that National Credit Framework is a next-generation, multidimensional instrument under National Education Policy, 2020.
- He said, that National Credit Framework is an umbrella framework for skilling, re-skilling, up-skilling, accreditation,

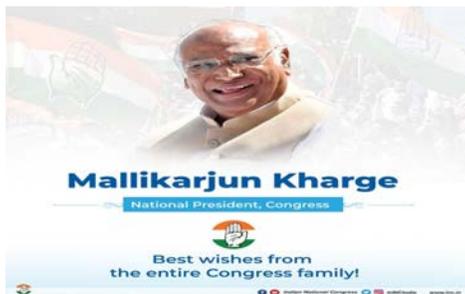
and evaluation encompassing our people in educational & skilling institutions and workforce.

3. India to bring in new National Tourism Policy to attract foreign and domestic tourism



- The government will bring a new National Tourism Policy 2022 to promote tourism in the country.
- Addressing the National Conference on Tourist Police Scheme in New Delhi today, Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that the policy will be launched before the upcoming budget session.
- He said, Tourism sector will play a major role in making India a developed nation by 2047.
- Speaking on the occasion, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, India can become best destination for tourism in the world by providing safe and secure environment to tourist.
- He said, India is blessed with natural resources, heritage and adventure.
- AIR correspondent reports that the agenda of the Conference is implementation of uniform Tourist Police Scheme at pan-India level for developing the tourist specific policing.

4. Mallikharjuna Kharge elected President of Congress



- Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge today elected as the new party chief. He defeated former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor.
- Announcing the results in New Delhi, Chairman of the party's Central Election Authority, Madhusudan Mistry said, Mr. Kharge scored 7,897 votes while Shashi Tharoor got 1,072.
- The polling for election of new Congress president was held two days back. Mr. Kharge will be the first Congress President in 24 years who does not belong to the Nehru-Gandhi family.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his best wishes to newly elected Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge.
- In a tweet today, Mr. Modi wished that Mr. Kharge may have a fruitful tenure ahead.

5. 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme held in New Delhi



- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs today organised 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme for the development of Tribal Youth in New Delhi.**
- **The aim of the programme is to sensitize tribal youth to rich cultural heritage of the country and to enable them to appreciate the concept of unity in diversity.**
- **Its objective is also to expose them to development activities and industrial advancement and help the tribal youth to develop emotional linkages with their peer groups in other parts of the country and enhance their self-esteem.**
- **220 selected youth in the age group of 18 to 22 years are participating in the programme from Left Wing Extremism-affected districts of Sukma and Rajnandgaon of Chhattisgarh, Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh and Jamui of Bihar.**
- **The duration of each Tribal Youth exchange Programme is of 7 days.**

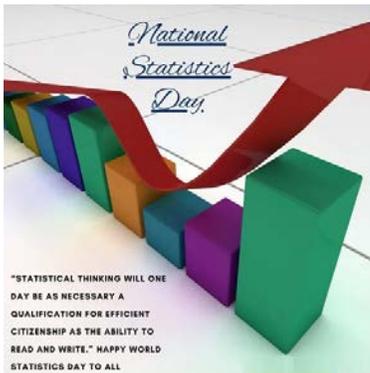
6. ISSF World Championship: Ramita Jindal crowned world champion in 10 meter Air Rifle Women Junior event in Cairo



- India's Ramita Jindal was crowned world champion in the 10-meter Air Rifle Women Junior event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt yesterday.
- She defeated China's Ying Shen 16-12. Ramita was tied 12-12 in the gold medal clash against Ying but finished off with two strong shots of 10.8 and 10.7 to clinch the crown in the junior version of the Olympic event.
- She was fourth in qualification with 629.6 but topped the ranking round with a 262.8 to make it to the gold medal match.
- Tilottama Sen won a second medal for India at the event, a bronze, after she shot 261.0 in the ranking round to finish third.
- Indian girls also swept the 50-meter Pistol Women Junior event after Divanshi topped the field with a score of 547, Varsha Singh came second with 539 and Tiyana was third with 523.

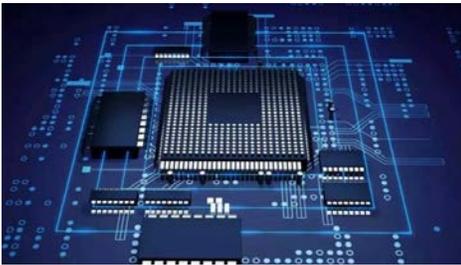
- The fourth place was also captured by India as Khushi Kapoor shot 521.
- Rhythm Sangwan won a silver in the 25m Standard Pistol Women, shooting 573 to finish behind China's Xiao Jiaruixuan who shot 575.
- A second silver came via Abhinav Choudhary who shot 546 in the 50-meter Pistol Men Junior event to go down narrowly to Korea's Song Seungho.

7. World Statistics Day 2022



- World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on October 20th to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives.
- The United Nations Statistical Commission has been at the forefront of advocating for the use of statistics to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Good data and statistics are essential for effective planning, monitoring and evaluation of progress towards the SDGs.
- The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is "Data for Sustainable Development".

8. SemiconIndia Future Design Roadshow : An initiative for boosting the Semiconductor industry



- **1st SemiconIndia Future Design roadshow launched: Rajeev Chandrasekhar, state minister for electronics and IT for the Union, officially kicked off the first SemiconIndia FutureDesign roadshow in Gujarat.**
- **Speaking at the event, Chandrasekhar stated that the roadshows were organized with the intention of encouraging startups, next-generation innovators, and business titans to invest in semiconductor design.**
- **As envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it will contribute to the development of a strong semiconductor ecosystem in the nation.**
- **At the occasion, the minister also unveiled the ISRO-tested and approved NavIC Receiver Chipsets.**
- **They are prepared for commercial market deployment.**
- **The government wants to get as many young Indians interested in and involved in the Semicon India trip by bringing the programme to every student and every campus.**

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