



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 26 OCTOBER 2022

### National News

1. Competition Commission of India imposes Rs 936 Crore penalty on Google for abuse of dominant position



- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed more than nine hundred 36 crore rupees penalty on Google in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices in relation to its Play Store policies. The Commission also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline.
- The CCI has found the US tech giant guilty of abusing its market position to promote its payments app and in-app payment system. It said, Google forced app developers to use its in-app payment system. It further said Google should not restrict app developers from using any third-party billing or payment processing services, either for in app purchases or for purchasing apps. The Commission

has directed Google to cease and desist from indulging in anti-competitive practices.

- The CCI had imposed a penalty of over one thousand 337 crore rupees on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets on the 20th of this month.

## 2. Swachhta Campaign 2.0: Focus on cleanliness and reducing pendency in Govt department



- over 254 crore rupees has been earned from the disposal of the scrap and more than 37 lakh square feet of space has been freed which was occupied by dump and junk items. Dr Singh also said that under the campaign, over 3 lakh Public grievances have been redressed and 588 rules were eased.
- Special Swachhta Campaign 2.0 on 2nd October, with a focus on Swachhata including disposal of scrap and reducing pendency in the government's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) office.  
under the Special Campaign 2.0, so far around 18 thousand post offices have been covered including those located in border and Left Wing Extremism affected areas.

- **pecial Campaign 2.0 has been implemented in remote outstation offices, foreign missions attached and subordinate offices, besides citizen-centric swachhata initiatives. The Campaign has witnessed widespread participation from thousands of officials and citizens who came together create a movement for Swachhata in Government Offices.**

### **3. National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022**



- **The annual award, from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, recognises achievers, including individuals, institutions, organisations and enterprises for their IP creations and commercialisation.**
- **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, had instituted the award. The criteria for evaluation was patent applications, grants and commercialisation. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, presented the award.**
- **These awards are conferred annually to recognise and reward the top achievers comprising individuals, institutions, organisations and enterprises, for their Intellectual Property (IP) creations and**

**commercialisation, which have contributed towards strengthening the IP ecosystem in the country and in encouraging creativity and innovation.**

### **Trees beyond forests programme launched in Assam**



- **The Assam government and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) on Tuesday launched the “trees outside forests in India (TOFI)” programme for bringing farmers, companies, and private institutions together to expand the tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the State.**
- **The new programme seeks to enhance carbon sequestration, support local communities, and strengthen the climate resilience of agriculture, thereby supporting global climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.**
- **Forest officials said Assam had placed high priority on expanding the tree cover outside forest areas, as demonstrated in the State Action Plan on Climate Change and recent establishment of the Assam Agroforestry Development Board (AADB).**

- The objective is to increase the tree coverage outside traditional forests by 2.8 million hectares, contributing to India's nationally determined contribution target of creating an additional "carbon sink" of 2.5-3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2030.

## Formula-1 Racing: Max Verstappen wins action-packed US Grand Prix 2022



- Belgium's Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the 2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2022 which was held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States (US).
- He equalled Germany's Sebastian Vettel and Michael Schumacher's record of 13 wins in a Formula 1 season. He defeated the UK's Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes. Hamilton had to settle for second place, with Mercedes' wait for a 2022 victory continuing, while Charles Leclerc salvaged a podium finish for Ferrari as the Italian team mathematically dropped out of contention for the constructors' crown.

- **The US Grand Prix 2022 was the 19th round of the 2022 Formula One World Championship.**

### **Cyclone Sitrang helped strengthen winds, aided dispersal of air pollution**



- **Cyclone Sitrang crossed the Bangladesh coast as a cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph**
- **Cyclone Sitrang, which crossed the Bangladesh coast on Monday, helped strengthen winds over northwest India and aided the**

dispersal of air pollution due to Diwali festivities and from other sources such as crop stubble fires.

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) director general M Mohapatra said a trough in the westerlies (elongated region of relatively low atmospheric pressure, often associated with weather systems) also caused the remnant of the cyclone to move in a north-northeasterly direction. He added whenever a cyclone passes, north-westerly winds also pick up as the cyclone pulls winds towards the system.
- Cyclone Sitrang crossed the coast as a cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph and continued to move north-northeastwards and weakened into a deep depression in the early hours of Tuesday. It weakened further into a depression and a well-marked low-pressure area over Bangladesh and adjoining Meghalaya. Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh recorded heavy rainfall on Tuesday.

**7th Ayurveda Day 2022 observed on 23rd October**



- **National Ayurveda Day is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year since 2016. The 7th National Ayurveda day this year will be celebrated on October 23, 2022. It aims to introduce Ayurvedic principles of healing to the younger generation and to establish awareness among them.**
- **The main event will be held at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi and various programs will be organized across the country with support of other ministries as a whole government approach. This year Indian missions/Embassies will also organize programs in their respective countries.**

#### **WORLD AYURVEDA DAY 2022: THEME**

**This year, India will celebrate Ayurveda Day under the theme of “Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda”.**

#### **WHAT IS AYURVEDA?**

**Ayurveda has long been recognised as one of the most ancient and well-documented systems of medicine and is equally relevant today. Whether it is treating a healthy individual or one who is sick, it offers a distinctive holistic approach. Prevention of disease and promotion of health is the main aim of Ayurveda.**

#### **WHY IS AYURVEDA DAY CELEBRATED ON DHANTERAS?**

**The Union Ministry of Ayush initiated the practice of observing Ayurveda Day, which falls on Dhanwantri Jayanti. The Vedas and Puranas depict Lord Dhanwantari as the physician of the Gods and the God of Ayurveda. This is why the birth anniversary of the God of Ayurveda is observed as "National Ayurveda Day" by the Ministry of AYUSH.**

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