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1. PM Modi inaugurates over 3000 newly constructed flats for Economically Weaker Sections



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated over three thousand newly constructed flats for the Economically Weaker Sections at Kalkaji in Delhi yesterday.
- He handed over the keys of the flats to eligible beneficiaries at a ceremony in Vigyan Bhawan.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that it is a historic day as several citizens staying in slum clusters in Delhi will now have their own houses.
- Rehabilitation of 376 slum clusters is being undertaken by the Delhi Development Authority to provide a better and healthy living environment to residents.
- Mr. Modi said the Government of India with an investment of 50 thousand crore rupees is widening roads to provide relief to Delhites from traffic congestion.
- He also spoke about the rapid expansion of the Metro network in the National Capital.

2. DRDO successfully conducts maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor



- Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- The flight-test was carried out with the participation of all BMD weapon system elements located at different geographical locations.
- The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.
- It is propelled by a two-stage solid motor and equipped with indigenously-developed advanced control system, navigation and guidance algorithm to precisely guide the vehicle to the target.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO and other teams associated with the successful flight trial of AD-1.

- He termed it as a unique type of interceptor with advanced technologies available with a very few nations in the world.
- He exuded confidence that it will further strengthen the country's BMD capability to the next level.

3. Celebrate December 11 as Bharatiya Bhasha Divas: UGC to Colleges



- The University Grants Commission has written to vice-chancellors and principals of all universities and colleges in this regard following recommendations of a committee constituted last year by the education ministry to promote Indian languages.
- All higher education institutions in India must observe a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11 every year to create "language harmony" and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages.
- The committee has proposed to observe December 11 as 'Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas' or 'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav' on the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati, a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry who penned songs to kindle patriotism during the Independence movement.
- The commission also shared a concept note of the proposal with the universities, according to which universities and colleges will organise competitions, games, exhibitions and other activities to mark the day.

- They will also be felicitating students who know multiple languages or those who can read the scripts of major Indian languages.
- The central government has been making efforts to promote Indian languages. It is soon going to establish 22 bhasha kendras (language centres) to promote Indian languages as enshrined in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.

4. India-Africa: Reinvigorating Partnership through New Initiatives



- Today, Africa has positioned itself as a key partner in the global arena, a global investment and trading hub, a US\$ 2.2 trillion market and a population base of over 1 billion, Africa offers a great market potential .
- With a largest arable landmass in the world, housing 30% of global minerals reserves, and 8% of the world's oil reserves , the continent offers promising long-term sustainable growth prospects which would be further enhanced by deeper integration of Africa into the global economy.
- In fact, in the coming years, Africa is to benefit from strong fundamentals including a young and growing population, the world's fastest urbanization rate, and accelerating technological change .
- The continent's young population with a growing labour force is a highly valuable asset in an ageing world. By 2034, Africa is expected to have the world's largest working-age population of 1.1 billion.

- Urbanisation is a common feature of most economies in Africa, according to estimates, an addition of 187 million Africans are expected to live in cities.
- This urban expansion is contributing to rapid growth in consumption by households and businesses.
- Further, penetration of smart phones is expected to be more than 50% in 2020 from only 2% in 2010.

5. India donates USD 2.5 million to support education, healthcare of Palestinian refugees



- India's Representative Office in Ramallah said this will support the agency's core programs and services, including education, healthcare, relief and social services.
- "The Government of India presented USD 2.5 million (second tranche of a total contribution of USD 5 million for the Financial Year 2022-2023) to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in support of the Agency's core programmes and services, including education, healthcare, relief and social services," Representative Office of India Ramallah said in a statement.
- "The financial contribution was presented to Ms Xuran Wu, Associate Donor Relations and Projects Officer, Department of External Relations, UNRWA at the

Representative Office of India in Ramallah, Palestine,” the statement added.

6. Zojila Day commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass to celebrate action by Indian troops in 1948 Operation Bison



- Zojila Day was commemorated on 1st November, at Zojila War Memorial near Drass.
- Zojila Day is observed to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in ‘Operation Bison’ in 1948 which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh.
- A solemn wreath-laying by Commander Drass and warriors of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps marks the commemoration of the day, to pay homage to the gallant Bravehearts, who have etched their names in history by liberating the Zojila pass from Pakistani Intruders.
- Zojila day epitomizes the indomitable spirit of bravery and the ‘Never Say Die’ attitude of the Indian Army.

- This battle was also historic for the reason that tanks were used for the first time at such heights.
- Commander Drass Brigade, interacted with the soldiers on the occasion and called upon all ranks to continue to draw inspiration from the heroic deeds of our Bravehearts and always keep 'Nation First' in their endeavors.

7. Puneeth Rajkumar posthumously conferred 'Karnataka Ratna' award at rain-hit event



- The Karnataka government honored the late actor with the Karnataka Ratna award on 1st November 2022.
- The late Kannada Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar's last film, Gandhada Gudi, was released on 28th October 2022.
- Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, Puneeth Rajkumar's wife, received the state's highest civilian award on her husband's behalf.
- The event was also attended by Shiva Rajkumar, Appu's elder brother.
- Puneeth Rajkumar became the ninth recipient of the prestigious award with his posthumous honor.
- The award was presented by renowned actors Rajnikanth and Junior NTR, along with the Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murthy.

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