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CURRENT AFFAIRS 5th October 2022

National News

1. PM to inaugurate and lay foundation stone of projects worth over Rs 3,650 crore at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects over three thousand 650 crores at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh today.
- Prime Minister will also dedicate AIIMS Bilaspur, to the state, which has been built at a cost of over one thousand 470 crores. Other than AIIMS, Mr Modi will also inaugurate Hydro Engineering College at Bandla, Bilaspur.
- Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stones of Medical Devices Park at Nalagarh and the Four-lane project from Pinjore to Nalagarh. Mr Modi will also participate in Kullu Dussehra starting today.
- The much-awaited AIIMS Bilaspur, whose foundation stone was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2017, will also be dedicated to the state today.
- Spread over 247 acres, this AIIMS hospital will have state-of-the-art facilities.

- The hospital is equipped with 24 hours emergency, latest diagnostic equipment, 18 modular operation theaters, 750 beds, and also has a 30 bedded AYUSH block.
- The hospital will admit 100 students for MBBS and 60 students for nursing courses every year.

2. Festival of Vijaya Dashami being celebrated across country



- The festival of Vijayadashmi or Dussehra is being celebrated across the country today.
- The festival is celebrated to remember Lord Ram's victory over Ravana, marking the triumph of good over evil. The day also marks the culmination of Navratri and Durga Puja.
- President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar have greeted the people on the occasion of Vijayadashami.
- In a message, Ms Murmu said the festival of Vijayadashami is celebrated all over India as a symbol of victory of good over evil, truth over untruth, morality over immorality.
- She added that in North India, it is celebrated as 'Dussehra' and the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana is animated through 'Ravana Dahan'.
- President said Lord Rama's message of ideal conduct and propriety has been inspiring to people from generation to generation.

- In eastern India, the 'Durga idol immersion' ceremony is celebrated with enthusiasm on this day. President said that this festival is an example of the cultural unity of India.
- She hoped that this festival continues to inspire people to imbibe the eternal life values of ethics, truth and goodness and to live a life of peace and harmony.

3. ICSI celebrates its 54th foundation day in New Delhi



- Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 54th foundation day in New Delhi today.
- The theme of this year was Building Governance Ecosystem for Sustainable Growth.
- Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad was the chief guest for the event.
- Addressing the event, Dr.Rao said, company secretaries, play an important role in making sure that all the companies are following guidelines issued by the government.
- He further said, India is the fifth largest economy in the world and one of the factors behind this success is the country's corporates.
- Last year, 83.57 billion dollars in foreign investments came into the country and company secretaries had a big role in it.
- He said that with this progress, social justice and social development are also very important. He added that it will help in uplifting the poor.

4. Election Commission launches year-long voter awareness program on All India Radio



- The Election Commission today launched Matadata Junction, a year-long voter awareness program on All India Radio.
- A total 52-episode programme of 15-minute duration each will be broadcast every Friday on Vividh Bharati stations, FM Rainbow, FM Gold and Primary channels of AIR.
- The Matadata Junction programme will be broadcast in 23 languages across the country.
- Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar launched the Program in the presence of Election Commissioner Anoop Chandra Pandey, CEO Prasar Bharati Mayank Kumar Agrawal and Director General AIR News Vasudha Gupta in New Delhi.
- Speaking on the occasion Mr. Kumar said that the programme will help in creating awareness among the voters across the country.
- He added that each programme will be based on a particular theme of the electoral process.

- The Chief Election Commissioner also announced Actor Pankaj Tripathi as the National Icon of the Election Commission. Earlier, he was the state icon of the ECI for Bihar.

5. Services continue to dominate medals tally at National Games with 39 Golds

NATIONAL GAMES 2022					
TOP MEDALISTS					
RANK	STATE	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
1	SERVICES SPORTS CONTROL BOARD	39	24	23	86
2	HARYANA	24	22	19	65
3	MAHARASHTRA	20	17	35	72
4	UTTAR PRADESH	18	13	9	40
5	TAMIL NADU	14	14	16	44
6	MANIPUR	13	5	11	29
7	PUNJAB	12	20	16	48
8	KARNATAKA	11	12	21	44
9	WEST BENGAL	11	9	12	32
10	KERALA	10	15	6	31

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- At the 36th National Games, Services continue to dominate the medals tally with 86 medals including 39 golds, 24 silvers and 23 bronze, followed by Haryana with 65 medals including 24 gold, 22 silver and 19 bronze.
- Maharashtra is now in third place with 20 gold medals, 17 silver and 35 Bronze.
- Uttar Pradesh is now in fourth place with 18 gold medals, 13 silver and 9 bronze medals.
- Indian sprinter Jyothi Yarraji made history in the women's 100m hurdles as she became the first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time to win the gold medal yesterday

6. World Teachers' Day 2022



- **World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Day is observed every year on October 5.**
- **This is a day to celebrate, thank and honour teachers for their contributions to their students.**
- **On this day, many also come together and organise meetings, conferences and such to identify problems being faced by teachers of the country as well as globally and find solutions to those issues.**
- **This year marks the 28th anniversary of World Teachers' Day and the theme is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers".**

7. PNB launches WhatsApp banking service



- **PNB WhatsApp Banking Launched :** The government-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) announced that it has made banking services available to both clients and non-customers via WhatsApp.
- **Customers must save the official PNB WhatsApp number (919264092640) and start a conversation by texting a hello or hi to this number in order to enable the banking feature on WhatsApp.**
- **Before starting a chat, clients should make sure to verify the “green tick” next to PNB’s profile name on WhatsApp to confirm that this is an actual WhatsApp banking account, according to the statement.**
- **Currently, account holders of Punjab National Bank (PNB) may inquire about their balance, view their most recent five transactions, halt checks, and obtain cheque books using the WhatsApp banking service.**
- **Online account opening, learning about bank deposit/loan products, digital goods, NRI services, finding a branch or**

ATM, and opt-in and opt-out choices are additional educational services that would be offered to both account and non-account holders.

8. Pullumpara declared first fully digitally literate panchayat



- **The Pullumpara village panchayat in the Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country.**
- **The announcement was made by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan at a public event.**
- **The mission to achieve total digital literacy was aimed at empowering the residents to get access to over 800 government services available through the online mode.**
- **The residents were also trained to use social media platforms and basic banking services during the training.**
- **The program to provide digital literacy to the residents of the Pullumpara village panchayat, 'Digi Pullampara' was launched on August 15, 2021. After a year-long effort from the local body with able support from the volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) of five engineering colleges, a higher secondary school and Kudumbashree workers, the mission was accomplished.**

- A survey was held in 15 wards of the panchayat to identify the prospective trainees. Around 3,917 people were identified of which 3,330 were trained by the volunteers. The remaining were unable to participate in the training due to age and health-related issues.
- The primary aim was to educate the beneficiaries to access around 800 online services provided by the government of Kerala.

9. Adani Green commissioned world's largest wind-solar power plant



- Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The plant has a power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) at Rs 2.69/kWh for 25 years.
- The project consists of 600 MW solar and 150 MW wind plants.
- In May 2022, AGEL operationalized India's first hybrid power plant with a capacity of 390 MW in Jaisalmer.
- The commencement of the 600 MW plant AGEL has a total operational generation capacity of 6.7 GW.
- This includes an operational hydropower generation capacity of 1 GW, the largest in the world.
- AGEL's total renewable portfolio goes up to 20.4 GW to reach its vision of 45 GW capacity by 2030.

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