



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 7th October 2022

### National News

1. MoS for Home, Ajay Kumar Mishra attends 30th RAF Anniversary Parade; says, RAF plays key role to keep peace in country



- Union Minister of State for Home, Ajay Kumar Mishra today, October 7 said the Rapid Action Force (RAF) is playing a key role in keeping peace in the country and helping the nation's progress in all spheres.
- Addressing the 30th RAF Anniversary Parade this morning in Hyderabad, the Minister said the entire world is looking at India with respect.
- Stating that internal conditions are changing, the Minister said India is being recognised worldwide for its traditional knowledge and spiritual leadership.
- Lauding the expertise of the RAF in tackling emergency situations like disaster management, rescue, and relief operations, he said the force has been doing yeomen service.

- He said the government is making constant efforts to bring positive change and all development is linked to peace. He further said efforts are also on to improve the conditions of the central police forces.
- Fifteen battalions of the specialised RAF have been raised since 1992. Currently, the RPF battalions have been strategically located in 15 cities across the country.

## 2. International Solar Alliance's Fifth Assembly to be held in New Delhi from October 17 to 20



- International Solar Alliance's Fifth Assembly will be held in New Delhi from 17th to 20th October. Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R.K Singh will preside over the Assembly.
- He unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance today.
- He said India's pace of Energy Transition is the fastest in the world and International Solar Alliance is absolutely essential for the planet's goal of Energy Transition.
- The Minister said that solar energy is the cheapest source of energy.
- He added that solar and mini grids are the answer to the universal access of energy in the world. India holds the office of the President of the ISA Assembly.

### 3. EAM S Jaishankar launches book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" in Auckland



- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on Thursday participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022 and launched the book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" in Auckland. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was also present during the event.
- The event felicitated members of the Indian community in New Zealand for their exceptional achievements and contributions.
- Dr Jaishankar started his official engagements earlier today with a traditional Maori welcome.
- He appreciated the symbolism of the convening of two energies together.
- He also met New Zealand's Leader of Opposition Christopher Luxon. Dr Jaishankar said India -New Zealand relationship will advance with broad-based support and mutual efforts.

#### **4. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh performs 'Shastra Pooja' at Auli Military Station in Uttarakhand on occasion of Vijayadashami**



- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today stressed India believes in the principle that whole world is one family but gives a befitting response if any outsider casts an evil eye.**
- **Mr Singh said this while celebrating Vijaya Dashami performing Shastra Pooja with Jawans of Armed Forces and ITBP personnel at Auli Military Station in Chamoli Uttarakhand.**
- **He said, the whole world acknowledged India's growing stature and, India has emerged as one of the key decision makers on all issues of international importance.**
- **Mr Singh said, India is heard with respect in international fora.**
- **The Minister reaffirmed that the entire nation has pride and faith in the capabilities of Jawans, and their contribution towards safeguarding the country.**
- **Mr Singh applauded the role of the forces in securing the nation against external threats. He said, this secure**

environment, has enabled India to pursue economic development and achieve new heights of progress.

#### **5. Govt appoints Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of Delhi High Court as Presiding officer of UAPA Tribunal**



- The government has appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the Presiding officer of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal.
- The presiding officer has been appointed to review the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates.
- The centre has recently banned PFI for five years, after seizing incriminating documents during the search operations at the offices of the outfit and the residences of its office bearers.

## 6. Rest of India beat Saurashtra by eight wickets to win Irani Cup



- The Rest of India's side won the Irani Cup title after beating the Ranji Trophy Champion of 2019-2020 Saurashtra by eight wickets in Rajkot.
- Rest of India (ROI) chased down the 105-run target, with Abhimanyu Easwaran remaining undefeated on 63 runs while adding 81 runs and Kona Bharat not out at 27.
- Kuldeep Sen took most of the wickets in the first innings against Saurashtra.
- ROI dominated Saurashtra from the opening day when they clean-bowled the opposing team for 98.
- The eight-wicket partnership of Jaydev Unadkat and Prerak Mankad, however, Kuldeep Sen changed the game in the favor of ROI.
- Irani Trophy is also known as Mastercard Irani Trophy. It is a test match format cricket tournament in India. It is played annually between the incumbent Ranji Trophy winners and the Rest of the India Cricket Team.

- It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

#### 7. Dr Vivek Murthy appointed as US representative on WHO executive board



- Indian-origin Dr. Vivek Murthy has been nominated by US President Joe Biden to serve as the country's representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.
- Dr. Murthy will serve as the US Representative on WHO Executive Board and he will continue his duties as the US Surgeon General.
- In March 2021, Dr. Vivek Murthy was confirmed to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the Country.
- Previously, he served as the 19th Surgeon General under the Presidency of Barack Obama.
- Dr. Murthy as the nation's doctor aims to draw attention to and work across the Government to address several critical public health issues.

- **Dr. Murthy is also the Vice Admiral of the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; he also commands a uniformed service of over 6000 dedicated public health officers.**
- **He is the first Indian-origin Surgeon General of the US, he was raised in Miami and graduated from Harvard, the Yale School of Medicine, and the Yale School of Management.**

#### **8. Google to build its first cloud region in Greece**



- **Alphabet Inc's Google will set up its first cloud region in Greece, giving a boost to the country's efforts to become a world cloud computing hub.**
- **The deal is estimated to contribute some 2.2 billion euros (\$2.13 billion) to Greece's economic output and create some 20,000 jobs by 2030.**
- **The investment would enable organizations to better use their data, help improve low latency and ensure users' security in the face of cybersecurity threats.**
- **Since taking office in 2019, Mitsotakis's conservative government has stepped up moves to diversify the economy and attract foreign investment and high-tech companies to the country which emerged from a decade-long financial crisis in 2018.**
- **Google's investment comes two years after Microsoft Corp. decided to build a data centre hub in the country. Amazon Inc's cloud computing division also opened its first office in Greece last year to support what it said was a growing**

number of companies and public sector agencies using its cloud services.

## 9. NASA and SpaceX's historic Crew-5 launch to International Space Station



- A SpaceX rocket soared into orbit from Florida carrying the next long-term International Space Station crew, with a Russian cosmonaut, two Americans and a Japanese astronaut flying together in a demonstration of US-Russian teamwork in space despite Ukraine war tensions.
- SpaceX Crew5 astronauts, Russian cosmonaut Anna Kikina, NASA astronaut Josh Cassada, NASA astronaut Nicole Mann and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Koichi Wakata pose for a photo as they leave the Operations and Checkout building before heading to Launch Pad 39-A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, for a mission to the International Space Station.
- The mission, designated Crew-5, marks the fifth full-fledged ISS crew NASA has flown aboard a SpaceX vehicle since the private rocket venture founded by Tesla

**CEO Elon Musk began sending US astronauts aloft in May 2020.**

- **The SpaceX launch vehicle, consisting of a Falcon 9 rocket topped with a Crew Dragon capsule dubbed Endurance, lifted off into clear skies at noon from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral.**
- **The two-stage, 23-story-tall Falcon 9 ascended from the launch tower as its nine Merlin engines roared to life in billowing clouds of vapor and a reddish-orange fireball.**

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