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### National News

1. Country celebrates National Unity Day, commemorating birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



- The nation pays homage to the unifier of Modern India, Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 147th birth anniversary today. The day is also celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.
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- President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Home Minister Amit Shah paid floral tribute at the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Patel Chowk in New Delhi this morning.

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## **Morbi bridge collapse: PM asks for close monitoring of situation & delivery of all possible help to affected persons**



- In Gujarat, the rescue and relief operations after the collapse of a hanging bridge over the River Machchhuin at Morbi yesterday evening have entered the last stage.
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- Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said, 132 people lost their lives in the tragic incident and two people are still missing. He added that the rescue operation carried out by various security agencies including NDRF, SDRF, Air Force, Army, and Navy since last night will end soon. FIR has been lodged by Morbi B Division Police under various sections of IPC against those responsible for the tragedy. The minister said the culprits will face strict action. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel held a meeting with the district administration this morning and took stock of the rescue and relief work.

## **Second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2022 begins in New Delhi**



- **The second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2022 begins today in New Delhi.**
- **During the Four-day conference, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address and interact with the Naval Commanders on matters pertaining to national security. The Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and the Chiefs of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force would also interact with the Naval Commanders.**
- **During the conference, the Chief of the Naval Staff, along with other Naval Commanders will review major Operational, Material, Logistics, Human Resource Development, Training and Administrative activities undertaken by the Indian Navy in the last few months.**
- **They will further deliberate upon future plans for important activities and initiatives. The conference would also dwell upon the dynamics of the geostrategic situation of the region and the Navy's readiness to deal with the same.**

## PM Modi congratulates Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on winning Presidential elections in Brazil



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on winning the Presidential elections in Brazil. In a tweet today, Mr Modi said that he looks forward to working closely together to further deepen and widen the bilateral relations and also mutual cooperation on global issues.**

## CEC Rajiv Kumar along with EC Anup Chandra Pandey inaugurate two-day international conference in New Delhi



- **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey inaugurated a two-day international conference in New Delhi today. The theme of the**

conference is 'Role, Framework and Capacity of Election Management Bodies'.

- In his keynote address at the inaugural ceremony, the CEC said that free, fair, inclusive, accessible and inducement-free elections being a cornerstone of a democratic polity, is a precondition to peace and developmental dividends.
- These threshold concepts embody the understanding that sovereignty belongs to and flows from the people of a country.
- The Conference is organized by the Election Commission of India (ECI) under Cohort on Election Integrity led by ECI, which was established as a follow on to the 'Summit for Democracy held in December 2021.

### **Vigilance Awareness Week being observed by Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi**



- **Vigilance Awareness Week** is being observed by Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi from today to the 6th of next month.
- This year the theme is 'Corruption-free India for a developed Nation'.

- The Central Vigilance Commission had carried out a three-month campaign initiative for all the ministries and departments that include Management of Property, Assets, Records and Technological initiatives comprising two parameters and disposal of complaints.
- Under Vigilance Week, the commission will organise a function on 3rd November in New Delhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to grace the function as the Chief Guest.

### World Cities Day 2022: Theme, History and Significance



- **WORLD CITIES DAY 2022: Urbanisation, or the development of cities, has existed since the times of Indus Valley Civilisation. In the modern sense, urbanisation began with the Industrial Revolution of the late 18th century. To find jobs, rural population moved to places near factories which led to the birth of modern cities.**
- **World Cities Day is celebrated on October 31 every year to highlight the need for international cooperation to promote global urbanisation and address its challenges.**

- A different city hosts the event each year. Shanghai, China, is hosting the event this year.
- “Better City, Better Life” has been the general theme of World Cities Day since its inception, but each year, a sub-theme is also announced.
- The sub-theme this year is “Act Local to Go Global.” To reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 11 of the United Nations by 2030, local action is vital.
- The mission of SDG 11 is to “Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.” Local and regional governments need to be empowered to develop greener and more equitable cities.

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