

# CURRENT AFFAIRS 07th November 2022

## National News

1. Suryakumar Yadav becomes 1st Indian player to score 1,000 T20I runs in a calendar year



- Star Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav on Sunday became the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year.
- The batter accomplished this feat in his side's final Super 12 stage match against Zimbabwe at Melbourne.
- In the match, Suryakumar put his perfect finishing touches to make sure India finished their innings on a high.
- He scored 61 not out of just 25 balls, consisting of six fours and four sixes. In 28 innings this year, Suryakumar has scored 1,026 runs at an average of 44.60.

## 2. India to participate in World Travel Market beginning today at London



- India will participate in the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 in London today which is one of the largest international travel exhibitions.
- The theme of this year's exhibition is - the Future of Travel Starts Now. The Tourism Ministry said, India is participating in the WTM 2022 to showcase itself as a preferred destination for tourism.
- During the three-day exhibition, a total of 16 stakeholders, including State Governments, Central Ministries, and tour operators, among others are participating as co-exhibitors in the India Pavilion.
- The objective is to showcase the diverse tourism products and services including Medical Value travel, luxury trains, and the gamut of tourism products to the international business community.
- In 2019, the contribution of travel and tourism to India's GDP was 5.19 percent of the total economy. The Indian tourism sector accounted for around 80 million jobs.
- The consistent efforts of the Central and State Governments have helped the tourism industry to gradually recover from the Covid-19 pandemic to the pre-pandemic levels.

### 3. MoS Rajiv Chandrashekhara releases Two books on achievements and legacy of PM Modi in Dubai



- Two books on the achievements and legacy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were released by Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Chandrashekhara in Dubai.
- These are “Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery” and “Heartfelt: The Legacy of Faith”. The books were released at a programme of Vishwa Sadhbhavana, NID Foundation (Dubai chapter) to enhance and consolidate bonds of fraternity and solidarity among people in the US, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Addressing the Indian diaspora at the Vishwa Sadhbhavana event, Mr Chandrasekhara said, the success of the government’s flagship programs like Digital India, Skills India, Start-up India, etc, have changed India’s earlier narrative of a leaky and dysfunctional democracy.
- He said India today is a “living and breathing example” of a country that is not only plural, secular and diverse but also one that stands for economic development, innovation, growth, and prosperity.

#### 4. Boxer Shiva Thapa secures historic 6th medal in Asian Elite Boxing Championships



- In Boxing, five-time Asian Championships medallist, Shiva Thapa added a historic 6th Asian Championships medal to his belt with a commanding victory and joined Mohammed Hussamuddin and Govind Kumar Sahani in the semifinals at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan.
- Thapa in the 63.5kg was contesting the quarterfinals against Minsu Choi of South Korea.
- The match ended in a 4:1 victory for Thapa who now becomes the most successful male boxer in the Asian Championships with 6 competition medals to his name.
- Hussamuddin will face the 2021 World Championships silver medallist Serik Temirzha, Govind Kumar Sahani in the 48kg will take on Sanzhar Tashkenbay and Thapa will be up against Bakhodur Usmonov in the semifinals.

## 5. City circular service, KSRTC's Grama Vandii, win national recognition



- **Grama Vandii receives accolades on national level: The KSRTC's "Grama Vandii," which was introduced in collaboration with State-level local self-government organisations, also took home the Award of Excellence in Urban Transport.**
- **The Kerala Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) city circular service took home the national "Commendation Award in Urban Transport" for "City with the Best Public Transport System."**
- **For the awards established by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, projects intended to improve public transportation in all Indian cities were taken into consideration.**
- **Governor Arif Mohammad Khan will give the prizes alongside Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) conference on November 6 in Kochi.**

## 6. Art critic Vijayakumar Menon passes away



- **Vijayakumar Menon dies at 76: Vijayakumar Menon, a 76-year-old art critic and fine arts scholar who passed away, was honoured by hundreds of art lovers in his city. He had been receiving therapy for kidney illness.**
- **At the Vyasagiri Ashram, where he had resided for the previous 32 years, and later at the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi, his body was held so that members of the public could pay their respects.**
- **As per Vijayakumar Menon request, his body was given to the Amala Medical College Hospital.**
- **According to Amala hospital sources, Vijayakuma Menon had already submitted the necessary paperwork in 2010 to donate his body for medical research.**
- **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan expressed his sorrow at Menon's passing.**
- **The Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi and Kerala Lalithakala Akademi both expressed their condolences for his passing.**

## 7. First Kerala Jyothi award for MT Vasudevan Nair



- **M T Vasudevan Nair awarded:** M T Vasudevan Nair, a renowned Malayalam author and Jnanpith laureate, has been chosen to receive the inaugural Kerala Jyothi award, which was established by the state government in the spirit of the Padma awards to recognise people who have made priceless contributions to society.
- **Delhi-based Malayalam megastar Mammooty Omcheri N. N. Pillai,** a playwright in Malayalam, and **T. Madhava Menon,** a former civil servant and social worker, has been chosen to receive the first “Kerala Prabha” awards, announced by the government.
- **The first “Kerry Sree” awards** have been given to amphibian biologist **Sathyabhama Das Biju (Dr S D Biju),** magician **Gopinath Muthukad,** sculptor **Kanayi Kunhiraman,** businessman **Kochouseph Chittilappilly,** scientist **M P Parameswaran,** and singer **Vijayalakshmi,** according to a statement released on the eve of Kerala Piravi.

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