

CURRENT AFFAIRS

20th Oct. 2022

National & International Appointments

1. Former Indian cricketer Roger Binny appointed as new BCCI president

- Former Indian cricketer, Roger Binny (67) has been appointed as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- He has replaced Sourav Ganguly.
- Jay Shah has been re-inducted as the secretary of the board.
- **Other appointments:**
 - Vice President: Rajiv Shukla
 - Joint-secretary: Devajit Saikia
 - Treasurer: Ashish Shelar
 - IPL Governing Council Chairman: Arun Singh Dhumal
 - IPL Governing Council member: Avishek Dalmiya
 - Apex Council member: M Khairul Jamal Majumdar

2. Bharati Das takes charge as 27th Controller General of Accounts

- Senior officer of Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS), Bharati Das has been appointed as the 27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
- She has replaced Sonali Singh, who had given the additional charge of CGA, after the superannuation of Dipak Dash.
- Prior to this, she has served as Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (Pr. CCA), CBDT and Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs.
- CGA is 'the Principal Advisor' on Accounting matters to the Union Government.

3. Adani Airports appoints Arun Bansal as CEO

Adani Airport Holdings has named Ericsson veteran, Arun Bansal its chief executive officer.

- He has spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company and was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America.
- The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda.
- Adani's airports account for 25% of airport footfalls and 40% of air cargo in India.
- Adani Airport Headquarters: Ahmedabad.

Honours & Awards

4. **Barbara D Metcalf awarded 2022 Sir Syed Excellence International Award**

- **Noted American historian, Prof. Barbara Metcalf** has been awarded the **Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022** by the **Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)**.
- The award ceremony was held on the 205th birth anniversary of the founder of AMU, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- She has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan.
- Sir Syed Ahmad Khan **established the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College in 1875**, later known as Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

5. **Real Madrid's Karim Benzema won the Ballon d'Or 2022**

- **Real Madrid's Karim Benzema** has won the 2022 Ballon d'Or trophy at the **66th Ballon d'Or ceremony, held at Theatre du Chatelet Paris, France**.
- While, **Barcelona's Alexia Putellas** won the **women's Ballon d'Or**.
- **Other awards:**
 - **Kopa Award:** Barcelona's Gavi (best-performing player under the age of 21).
 - **Gerd Muller:** FC Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski
 - **Socrates Award:** Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane
 - **Club of the Year Award:** Manchester City
 - **Yachine Award:** Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)

Obituaries

6. **Father of ORS, Dr Dilip Mahalanabis passes away**

- **Renowned physician, Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis**, who is also known as the **father of oral rehydration therapy**, has been passed away at 87 in Kolkata due to lung infection and other old-age ailments.
- During the Liberation War in Bangladesh in **1971**, he saved thousands of lives with the oral rehydration solution during an outbreak of **cholera while serving in a refugee camp at Bangaon in West Bengal**.
- It is a solution used to **prevent and treat dehydration**.

National Affairs

7. **Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas plant**

- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri** has inaugurated **Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab**.
- The plant has been **commissioned with FDI of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG** (German bioenergy company).
- The present production of plant is about six tonnes per day.

- Soon, it will process 300 tonnes of paddy straw per day to produce 33 TPD of CBG by using eight digesters of 10,000 cubic meters.

Sports

8. Indian junior women's team wins 10m air pistol gold medal at ISSF

- India's junior women's 10m air pistol team has won Gold medal at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.
- The team comprising Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal and Varsha Singh.
- The Indian women team beat China's Zhao Nan, Wang Siyu and Shen Yiyao by a 16-6.
- This was sixth gold medal of India at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022.
- Presently, China top the list with 32 medals, which include 17 golds, while, India placed second with 15 medals.

9. Javelin thrower, DP Manu bags gold at National Open Athletics C'Ships

- Indian javelin thrower, DP Manu has won Gold medal in the men's javelin with the throw of 81.23m at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.
- No other athlete could cross the 80 m mark in the final.
- Former national champion, Rohit Yadav has clinched Silver medal with throw of 79.80 metre, and Kishore Kumar Jena has settled for bronze.
- Manu, who represents Services, had won gold at the National Games 2022 with throw of 80.32m.

Banking & Finance

10. LIC launches new 'DhanVarsha' plan

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new scheme 'LIC DhanVarsha.'
- This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers a combination of protection and savings.
- This is a close ended plan and would be available for sale till March 31, 2023.
- Premiums can be paid in single (lumpsum) payment mode only.
- The policy can be surrendered by the policyholder at any time during the policy term.

11. SBI General Insurance launches insurance buying facility via WhatsApp

- SBI General Insurance has joined hands with Gupshup to offer a new insurance policy, renew an existing one, intimate claims and more, through WhatsApp.
- Customers across the country can buy insurance from SBI General by sending a 'Hi'.
- The Gupshup's chat bot will guide users through a simple and secure buying process.

- It also help them to complete the purchase within the WhatsApp chat thread.
- **SBI General Insurance MD & CEO: Kishore Kumar Poludasu**

12. **CASHe, IRCTC partner to launch 'travel now pay later' facility**

- **CASHe** has **partnered with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to provide a 'travel now pay later' (TNPL) payment option on its IRCTC Rail Connect, travel app.
- This feature will **enable travellers of Indian Railways** to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in **EMIs, ranging from three to six months.**
- With this option, the booking and paying for rail tickets on the IRCTC travel app, is become **easier and hassle-free.**

State Affairs

13. **Wildlife board approves new tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh**

- **Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board** has approved a **2,339 Sq km** new tiger reserve, will be known as **Durgavati Tiger Reserve.**
- The new tiger reserve will be **spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts of MP.**
- The Board's meeting was **chaired by Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, who has approved a proposal to notify 1,414 sq km area as core area and 925 sq km as a buffer in the new tiger reserve.
- The proposal will be **sent to NTCA for final approval.**