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1. Balkrishna Doshi receives U.K Royal Gold Medal 2022. (Dec. 10, 2021)

- Acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi has been selected for the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture.
- Given in recognition of a lifetime's work, the Royal Gold Medal is approved personally by Her Majesty The Queen of the United Kingdom.
- It is given to a person or group of people who have had a significant influence on the advancement of architecture.

2. Olaf Scholz sworn in as Germany's new chancellor (Dec. 9, 2021)

Social Democratic Party leader and Germany's Finance Minister Olaf Scholz was elected by the German Parliament as the next Chancellor of the country on 8th December 2021.

- Olaf Scholz succeeded outgoing chancellor Angela Merkel.
- He will lead a three-party coalition government in Germany.

Germany

Germany is a Western European country with a landscape of forests, rivers, mountain ranges and North Sea beaches. It is the seventh largest country in Europe.

Capital: Berlin

Currency: Euro

President: Frank Walter Steinmeier

3. Padma Shri awardee Nanda Kishore Prusty passes away (Dec. 8, 2021)

Nanda Prusty was a 98-year-old school teacher from Jajpur, popularly known as Nanda Sir who provided free education to generations of children since independence.

He was awarded Padma Shri 2021 under the "Literature and Education" category by President Ram Nath Kovind in November.

4. Sunil Arora joins advisory body of IDEA (Dec. 8, 2021)

- Former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora has been appointed to the advisory council of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).
- He was the 23rd Chief Election commissioner of India from 2nd December 2018 to 12th April, 2021.

- International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance is based in Stockholm, Sweden.
- It is an intergovernmental organisation of 34 member countries.

5. New Provident Fund Commissioner (Dec. 6, 2021)

Madhya Pradesh cadre IAS officer **Neelam Shammi Ra**o is appointed as new Provident Fund Commissioner in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on 4th December 2021 by the Government of India.

6. Senior journalist Vinod Dua dies at 67 (Dec. 5, 2021)

Vinod Dua was a prominent Hindi journalist who worked in Doordarshan and NDTV India. In 1996, he became the first electronic media journalist to be bestowed with the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award. He was awarded the Padma Shri for Journalism in 2008 by the Government of India.

7. Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Rosaiah passes away (Dec. 5, 2021)

Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Konijeti Rosaiah passed away in Hyderabad . He belonged to the Congress party.

He became the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 2009 after the death of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy in 2009 in a helicopter crash.

• The Telangana Government has declared a three-day mourning from December 4 to 6.

8. Veteran Kannada actor Shivaram passes away (Dec. 5, 2021)

Shivaram was associated with the Kannada film industry since the late 1950s, first as an associate director and later as a character and comedy actor. He was the recipient of several awards, including Padma Bhushan, Dr. Rajkumar Lifetime Achievement Award.

9. Padma Shri awardee 'Sirivennela' Seetharama Sastry passed away. (Dec. 1, 2021)

Veteran Telugu film lyricist 'Sirivennela' Sitarama Sastry (66), a recipient of the Padma Shri and numerous other awards, died due to lung cancer-related complications on November 30.

- He has penned about 3,000 songs and bagged the Andhra Pradesh government's Nandi award several times
- His interpretation of his Lyrics & Poetry has been published as a book named Sirivennela Tarangalu.