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### **1. Kalyan Chaubey elected as new AIFF President ( Sept. 2, 2022 )**

Former India goalkeeper from **West Bengal Kalyan Choubey** became the **AIFF President** on 2 September 2022 by defeating legendary football player Bhaichung Bhutia in the All India Football Federation (AIFF) elections.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS :**

- In the 85-year history of AIFF, Choubey is the first person to become the president after a player.
- He has played as a goalkeeper for Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. Bhutia and Choubey were once teammates in East Bengal.
- NA Haris has been elected as the Vice President. Haris is the president of the Karnataka Football Association and a Congress MLA in the state.
- Only 34 of India's 36 state football associations took part in the elections, while Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir were not allowed to vote.

#### ***AIFF election results :***

- President: **Kalyan Choubey (West Bengal)**
- Vice President: **NA Haris (Karnataka)**
- Treasurer: **Gopalkrishna Kosaraju (Andhra Pradesh)**

#### ***All India Football Federation (AIFF) :***

- It is the governing body of football in India under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.
- It was established in 1935.
- It is responsible for managing the India national football team as well as the women's team and various youth national sports.

### **2. Indian-origin Laxman Narasimhan to be world's largest coffee chain Starbucks' new CEO ( Sept. 2, 2022 )**

America's multinational coffee company '**Starbucks**' has appointed Indian-origin '**Laxman Narasimhan**' as its new CEO in place of Howard Schultz.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Narasimhan will take over as the CEO of world's largest coffee chain company Starbucks from October 1.

- Mr Narasimhan, 55, has served as chief executive of **UK-based Reckitt Benckiser Group**, maker of Lysol and Enfamil baby formulas.
- In a statement issued by Starbucks, it has been told that Narasimhan will shift from London to Seattle.
  - Starbucks' board asked **Howard Schultz (the current CEO of Starbucks)** to remain as interim CEO until April 2023, to assist Narasimhan.
  - According to The Wall Street Journal, Narasimhan will assume the role of CEO and join the company's board on April 1.
  - **Narasimhan** serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the multinational consumer goods company **Reckitt Benckiser Group (popularly known as Reckitt)**.
  - Narasimhan will step down on September 30, 2022, after leading the company for three years (September 2019 to September 2022).
  - He will now be replaced by senior independent director **Nikandro Durante at Reckitt Benckiser**.

***Laxman Narasimhan :***

- Shri Narasimhan holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Pune University. He has an MBA from The Wharton School. He was appointed as the CEO of Reckitt on September 1, 2019.
- Prior to joining Reckitt, he held various high positions at PepsiCo from 2012 to 2019.
- He also served as a director at McKinsey & Company from 1993 to 2012.

**3. Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev dies at the age of 91 ( Aug. 31, 2022 )**

Former Soviet President **Mikhail Gorbachev** died on 30 August at the age of 91.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- In June, he was taken to the hospital after suffering from a serious kidney ailment.
- He played an important role in ending the **Cold War**.

***About Mikhail Gorbachev :***

- **He was born in 1931 in southern Russia.**
- Gorbachev was the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, he pushed for stronger Soviet-India ties.
- During his tenure, he visited India twice in 1986 and 1988.
- He became general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party in 1985.

- He wanted to reform the communist regime on the lines of democratic principles by giving freedom to the citizens.
- Gorbachev's policies helped to open up the Soviet economy and liberalize society in the late 1980s.
- He played a major role in the withdrawal of Soviet troops from a nearly decade-long military operation in Afghanistan.
- He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 "for his role in the radical change in East-West relations".

***Cold War :***

- The Cold War was an ongoing political rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union and its allies that developed after World War II.
- This enmity between the two superpowers was first named the Cold War by George Orwell in an article published in 1945.
- Its period is considered to be between 1945 to 1991.
- The term "cold" is used because there was no direct large-scale war between the two sides.

**4. Gautam Adani is now the world's 3rd richest ( Aug. 30, 2022 )**

**According to the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani has become the third richest person in the world with a net worth of \$137 billion.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Gautam Adani has become the **third richest person** in the world, surpassing **LVMH co-founder magnate Bernard Arnault**.
- The top two spots on the list are occupied by **Tesla chief Elon Musk (\$251 billion)** and **Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos (\$153 billion)**.
- According to Bloomberg, this is the first time an Asian has made it to the list of the top three richest people in the world.
- In this list, Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, is at 11th place with a net worth of \$ 91.9 billion.

***Top 10 list :***

- 1st place - Elon Musk (Tesla)
- 2nd place - Jeff Bezos (Amazon)
- 3rd place - Gautam Adani (Adani Group)
- 4th place - Magnet Bernard Arnault( LVMH luxury fashion brand)

- 5th place - Bill Gates (Microsoft)
- 6th place - Warren Buffett (Berkshire Hathaway)
- 7th place - Larry Page (Google Inc.)
- 8th place - Sergey Brin (Google Inc.)
- 9th place - Steve Ballmer (Microsoft Corporation)
- 10th place - Larry Ellison (Oracle Corporation)

***Gautam Adani (Adani Group) :***

- Gautam Adani is the co-founder of the **Adani Group**, the country's largest port operator.
- Adani Group is also called the **largest coal trader** of the country.
- Gautam Adani is also the **richest person in Asia** according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- Recently, Adani has been included in the list of 100 Most Influential People in **Titans category** along with personalities like Apple CEO Tim Cook and American host Oprah Winfrey.
- Recently, the Adani Group was in the news for buying a 29 percent stake in **NDTV**.

**5. Distinguished Scientist Samir V Kamat takes charge as new DRDO chairman ( Aug. 27, 2022 )**

**Dr Sameer V Kamat has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Defense Research and Development (DDR) and the new Chairman of Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO).**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Dr Sameer V Kamat was currently serving as Director General (Naval Systems and Materials) in DRDO.
- Sameer V Kamat will succeed the current Secretary G Satheesh Reddy who has been appointed as Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister.

***About Dr Sameer V Kamat :***

- His full name is Dr Sameer Venkatapathy Kamat.
- Dr. Kamat holds a B.Tech Engineering (Hons) degree in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 1985.

- He obtained his PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from Ohio State University, USA in 1988.
- In recent times, Dr. Kamat has made significant contributions in the development of Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) at DMRL.

***Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) :***

- It is a premier defence research and development agency under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- It aims to make India self-reliant in critical defence technology and systems.
- **It was established in 1958.**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Chairman : **Dr. Sameer V Kamat**

**6. Justice U U Lalit sworn in as 49th Chief Justice of India ( Aug. 27, 2022 )**

**Justice U U Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on 27 August.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Lalit at the swearing-in ceremony held at the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The tenure of the new Chief Justice is short and he will hold the post till November 8, 2022.
- He succeeds **Chief Justice N V Ramana** who retired on 26 August.

***About Justice Uday Umesh Lalit :***

- He was born on 9th November, 1957 at Solapur, **Maharashtra**.
- Justice Lalit was enrolled as an Advocate by the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in June, 1983.
- He practised in the Bombay High Court until December 1985, before moving to Delhi in January 1986.
- He worked in Soli Sorabji's chamber from October 1986 to 1992 and was on the panel of lawyers for the Union of India during the period when Soli Sorabji was the Attorney General of India.
- From 1992 to 2002 he served as Advocate on Record and was designated as Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court in April 2004.

- He was also appointed amicus curiae in many important matters like forest matters, vehicular pollution, pollution of Yamuna etc.

***Landmark Judgments :***

- In August 2017, a five-judge Constitution Bench, which also included him, declared the practice of instant divorce through '**triple talaq**' as "**void**", "**illegal**" and "**unconstitutional**" by a 3-2 majority.
- In another important judgement, a bench headed by Justice Lalit had empowered the then royal family of Travancore to manage the historic Sree **Padmanabhaswamy Temple** in Kerala, which is one of the richest temples.
- A bench headed by Justice UU Lalit had ruled that touching the sexual parts of a child's body or any act involving physical contact with 'sexual intent' is punishable under Section 7 of the Protection of Children from **Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act**.

**7. Former CEA Krishnamurthy Subramanian appointed India's Executive Director at IMF ( Aug. 26, 2022 )**

**The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dr Krishnamurthy Subramaniam, former Chief Economic Adviser, to the post of Executive Director (India) in the International Monetary Fund.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- He has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from November 1, 2022.
- Subramaniam, who is currently Professor of Finance at the Indian School of Business, will succeed Surjit S Bhalla, who was appointed to the post in 2019.
- Subramaniam had stepped down as the Chief Economic Adviser in 2021 after a 3-year tenure.
- The government of India had appointed Professor Subramaniam, ISB Hyderabad, as the CEA in December 2018. He had replaced Arvind Subramanian.
- Subramaniam holds an MBA in Financial Economics and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.
- He has completed his PhD in supervision of former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan.
- Subramaniam is also an alumnus of the IIT, Kanpur where he studied electrical engineering.
- He was the youngest Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India from 2018 to 2021.

***India's Executive Director at IMF :***

- The IMF's EDs are elected through voting by governors representing the countries of the respective constituencies for a two-year term.
- India falls in a 4-country constituency in which India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan are members.

## **8. Thailand constitutional court suspends PM Prayuth Chan-ocha ( Aug. 25, 2022 )**

**The constitution court of Thailand on 25 August temporarily suspended prime minister Prayuth Chan-ocha over allegations that he has continued in the post after the expiry of his term.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The court ruled that the PM would remain suspended until the allegations were investigated.
- According to the Constitution of Thailand, the prime minister cannot hold office for more than eight years.
- Prayuth Chan-ocha became prime minister after a coup in 2014, and eight years have passed since then.
- As military leader, Prayuth seized power after a coup in May 2014 and, in August 2014, appointed himself prime minister of the new military government.
- Hence the opposition argues that his term as prime minister began in August 2014 and ended this week.
- The court considered the petition and supporting documents and gave this decision on the basis of factual doubts.
- The court, with a majority of four out of five judges, with effect from 24 August 2022, said that Prayuth be suspended as prime minister until the court issues a final decision.
- Deputy Prime Minister Pravit Wongsuwan will currently be the interim head of government.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

#### ***About Thailand :***

- Capital - Bangkok
- Official Language - Thai

## **9. Debasisa Mohanty appointed director of National Institute of Immunology ( Aug. 24, 2022 )**

**Senior Scientist Debasisa Mohanty has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII), as per the order of the Personnel Ministry.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Mohanty is currently working as a Staff Scientist in the institute.
- Debasisa Mohanty is an Indian computational biologist, bioinformatician and staff scientist at the National Institute of Immunology.
- The government awarded him the National Bioscience Award for Career Development in 2009, one of the highest Indian science awards, for his contribution to the biosciences.
- In another order, the ministry said Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj has been given additional charge as Corporate Affairs Secretary.

***National Institute of Immunology :***

- The National Institute of Immunology is an autonomous research institute located in the
- Established - **24 June 1981**
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**
- Founding Director - **G.P. Talwar**

**10. Manisha Kalyan becomes the first Indian to play in UEFA Women's Champions League ( Aug. 20, 2022 )**

**Striker Manisha Kalyan became the first Indian footballer to play in the UEFA Women's Champions League, making her debut for Apollo Ladies FC at the European club tournament in Cyprus.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Kalyan replaced Cyprus' Marilena Georgiou in the 60th minute at the Makario Stadium, as Apollon Ladies FC beat Latvian top flight club SFK Rīga 3-0 in their UWCL opener on 18 August.
- 20-year-old Manisha Kalyan became the fourth Indian female footballer to sign for an overseas club when she signed a multi-year contract with Cyprus' top division winners Apollon Ladies.
- Kalyan has performed impressively for the national team and the Gokulam Kerala team in the Indian Women's League (IWL).

- Manisha won the 'Player of the Season' title in the last season of the Indian Women's Football (IWL) League. Manisha scored 14 goals in that tournament.
- Kalyan was recently awarded the AIFF Woman Footballer of the Year for the 2021-22 season.
- Kalyan shot to fame last year by scoring a goal in an international friendly match against former World Cup runners-up Brazil.

***UEFA Women's Champions League :***

- It is an international women's association football competition.
- It consists of the top club teams from countries affiliated to the European governing body UEFA.
- The competition was first played in 2001-02 as the UEFA Women's Cup.
- Lyon is the most successful club in this league competition's history. It has won the title eight times, including five consecutive titles from 2016 to 2020.