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1. Karnataka's Sini Shetty is Femina Miss India World 2022 (July 4, 2022)

Sini Shetty from Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 at the grand finale of VLCC Femina Miss India on July 3.

- **First runner-up**

- In the ceremony held at the Jio World Convention Centre, Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan became the Femina Miss India 2022 first runner-up.

- **Second runner-up**

- Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh was declared Femina Miss India 2022 second runner-up.

- **Jury panel**

- Actors Neha Dhupia, Dino Morea and Malaika Arora, designers Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, choreographer Shiamak Davar and former cricketer Mithali Raj were member of the jury panel.

- **Sini Shetty**

- The 21-years old Sini Shetty was born in Mumbai and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.
- At present, she is pursuing a professional course called Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).
- She is also a trained Bharatnatyam dancer.
- Sini Shetty will now present India at the prestigious 71st Miss World pageant.
- She was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, Manasa Varanasi from Telangana.

- **Femina Miss India**

- Miss India or Femina Miss India is a national beauty pageant in India that selects representatives to participate in Miss World every year.
- It is organized by Femina, a women's magazine published by The Times Group.
- Since 2013, Femina has also organized Miss Diva as a separate contest, with its representatives competing in Miss Universe.
- In addition to Miss Diva, the organization organizes a contest every two years to select an Indian representative for Mr. World.
- The first Miss India was Pramila (Esther Victoria Abraham) of Calcutta, who won in 1947.

2. PM Unveil Legendary Freedom Fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju's Statue (July 4, 2022)

Prime Minister Modi launched the year-long 125th birth anniversary celebration of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh on 4 July.

- The Prime Minister also unveiled a 30 feet tall bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju.
- As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government is committed to give due recognition to the contribution of freedom fighters and to make people across the country aware of them.
- The government has also approved the construction of the Alluri Meditation Temple at Mogallu, which houses an idol of Alluri Sitarama Raju in meditation posture, depicting the story of his life through murals and an AI-enabled interactive system.

- **Who is Alluri Sitarama Raju?**

- He was born on 4 July 1897 near Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh.
- Alluri Sitarama Raju is remembered for his rebellion against the British to protect the interests of tribal communities in the Eastern Ghats region.
- He had led the **Rampa Rebellion** that was started in 1922.
- The Rampa Rebellion was fought between 1922 and 1924.
- In 1924, Raju was taken into police custody, tied to a tree and shot, thus effectively ending the armed rebellion.
- For his courage he was awarded the rank of Manyam Veerudu, or "Forest Hero".

3. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is sworn in as the Philippines 17th president (July 2, 2022)

Ferdinand Marcos Jr. sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines.

- Ferdinand Marcos Jr took the oath at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila.
- Ferdinand Marcos Jr. will serve as president until 2028.
- Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has replaced Rodrigo Duterte, who served as the President of the Philippines from 2016 to 2022.
- Sara Duterte Carpia has been elected Vice President.
- Marcos Jr. won the presidential election in May with 60 percent of the vote over rival Maria Leonor Robredo.
- The President is the head of the executive branch of the Philippine government. The President is directly elected by the people.
- The term of the President in the Philippine Constitution is six years.

- **About Philippines**

- The Philippines is a country located in Southeast Asia.

- It got complete independence on 4 July 1946 after the Second World War.
- It is the country with the fifth longest coastline in the world.
- The Philippines is the second largest producer of geothermal energy in the world, after the United States.
- Capital - Manila
- Currency - peso

4. Indian origin T Raja Kumar takes over as President of FATF (July 2, 2022)

Indian-origin T Raja Kumar has taken over as the chairman of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the world's anti-terror financing agency.

- He has over 35 years of experience in leadership and operations in Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs and Police Forces.
- Raja Kumar will replace Dr. Marcus Pleier as head of the FATF and will hold the position for two years.
- Raja Kumar has played a major role in the field of security with strategic partners such as Interpol and the UN.
- Since July 2018, he has also been a member of the Steering Group, which advises the FATF President.
- Since 1992, Singapore has been a member of the FATF.
- Raja has been instrumental in directing Singapore's efforts to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism.
- **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**
 - It was formed in the year 1989 at the meeting of G-7 countries held in Paris.
 - It works to generate the necessary political will to bring about legislative and regulatory reforms in the world on issues like money laundering, terror funding.
 - Headquarters - Located in the headquarters of the Organization for the Development of Economic Co-operation (OECD) in Paris.
 - Member Countries - 39 member countries including India and 2 regional organizations (European Commission and Gulf Cooperation Council).
 - India became a member of FATF in the year 2010.
 - Its sessions are held three times a year.

5. Sandeep Kumar Gupta will be the new chairman of GAIL (June 30, 2022)

Indian Oil Corporation Finance Director Sandeep Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the head of GAIL (India) Limited, India's largest gas company.

- Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has selected Sandeep Kumar Gupta for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL after interviewing 10 candidates.
- He will succeed Manoj Jain who is going to retire on August 31.
- The tenure of Sandeep Kumar Gupta will be till February 2026.
- Gupta is also involved in the board of IOC Middle East FZE, Dubai and Indian Oil Petronas Pvt Ltd.

- **About GAIL (India) Limited -**

- GAIL (India) Limited is the apex gas exploration company in India.
- It works under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.
- Established- August 1984
- Headquarters- New Delhi, India

6. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan appointed as the fifth Chief Justice of Telangana High Court (June 28, 2022)

At the Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad, Governor Dr. Tamilasai Souradyarajan administered the oath of office to Justice Ujjal Bhuiyan as the Chief Justice of Telangana.

- Ujjal Bhuiyan is the fifth judge in the High Court of Telangana, which came into existence in 2019.
- He replaced Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, who was transferred to the Delhi High Court.
- The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the elevation of Telangana High Court judge Justice Bhuiyan as Chief Justice.
- He is also the Executive Chairman of Telangana State Legal Services Authority.

- **High Court - Organisation, Powers and Powers**

- High Courts have been constituted under Article 214, Chapter 5, Part 6 of the Constitution of India.
- Under Article 216 of the Constitution of India, each High Court is composed of a Chief Justice and another Judge as may be determined by the President from time to time.
- They are appointed by the President under Article 217.
- The President may, in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, transfer any Judge of a High Court to another High Court under Article 222.

- Under Article 226 of the Constitution, the High Courts have wide powers to issue writs.
- At present the number of High Courts in India is 25.
- The first High Court of India was established in 1862 AD in Mumbai, while the 25th High Court of the country was established at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh on January 1, 2019 AD as Telangana High Court.
- At present, the salary of the Chief Justice of the High Court is ₹ 250000 per month and the salary of other judges of the High Court is ₹ 225000 per month.
- The retirement age of judges of high courts has been increased from 62 years to 65 years by the 104th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2010.

7. Nitin Gupta appointed as Chairman of CBDT (June 28, 2022)

IRS Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by the Government of India.

- Nitin Gupta will succeed Sangeeta Singh who was given the additional charge of CBDT chief after the retirement of JB Mohapatra on 30 April 2022.
- Nitin Gupta is a 1986 batch IRS officer.
- Nitin Gupta has been working as Member (Investigation) in CBDT since September 2021.
- **About Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)-**
- CBDT i.e. Central Board of Direct Taxes is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.
- CBDT is empowered by the Board of Revenue Act 1963.
- CBDT provides necessary inputs for direct tax policies and schemes in India. Also it is responsible for the administration of direct tax laws through the Income Tax Department.
- All matters relating to direct taxes in India were entrusted to the Central Board of Direct Taxes with effect from 1 January 1964.
- The CBDT is headed by the Chairman and can have six members, who are of the rank of Special Secretary.
- It is the administrative body for the Income Tax Department.

8. Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's seventh death anniversary (June 27, 2022)

Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's seventh death anniversary is being celebrated.

- **About Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam -**

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
- He served as the 11th President of India from the year 2002 to the year 2007.
- Dr. Kalam joined the 'Indian Space Research Organisation' in 1962 and there he got the credit of making India's first indigenous satellite (SLV-III) missile as a project director.
- Abdul Kalam is considered the father of India's missile program.
- The United Nations (UN) designated 15 October as World Students Day in the year 2010 to mark the birthday of Dr. Kalam.
- Dr. Kalam was awarded honorary doctorates by 48 universities and institutions in India and abroad.
- He also served as the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister from 1992 to 1999.
- Dr. Kalam was awarded the Padma Bhushan in the year 1981, the Padma Vibhushan in the year 1990 and the 'Bharat Ratna' in the year 1997.
- He died of cardiac arrest on 27 July 2015 during an event at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.
- **Dr. Abdul Kalam also wrote many books, the main ones are -**
 - India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium (1998)
 - Wings of Fire: End Autobiography (1999)
 - Ignited Minds: Unlearning the Power Within India (1999)
 - Mission India

9. SS Mundra appointed new chairman of BSE (June 25, 2022)

Approval has been given for the appointment of SS Mundra as the new Chairman of BSE Limited. Mundra was earlier Public Interest Director in BSE.

- SS Mundra will replace the current chairman of BSE, Justice Vikramjit Sen.
- **SS Mundra**
 - On 30 July 2017, Mundra retired as a deputy of the Reserve Bank of India after a tenure of three years.
 - **He has a banking career spanning over four decades and has held several important positions. These include -**
 - Union Bank of India - Executive Director
 - Bank of Baroda - Chief Executive (European Operations)
 - OECD's International Network- Vice President on Financial Education (INFE).
 - **He has also served on the boards of several companies such as:**

- Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)
- Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL)
- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited
- India Infrastructure Finance Corporation (UK) Limited
- National Payments Corporation of India Limited, etc.
- **About BSE Limited -**
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) also known as BSE Limited.
- It is an Indian stock exchange located at Dalal Street, Mumbai.
- This organisation was founded in the year 1875 by Premchand Roychand.
- It is the oldest stock exchange in Asia and the tenth oldest stock exchange in the world.
- In terms of total market capitalization, BSE is the 8th largest stock exchange in the world with a market capitalization of over Rs 276.713 lakh crore.

10. IPS Dinkar Gupta appointed as Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA) (June 24, 2022)

The Personnel Ministry has appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Dinkar Gupta as the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

- Dinkar Gupta is a 1987 batch IPS officer of Punjab cadre.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment as Director General of NIA till March 31, 2024, i.e. the date of his retirement.
- Dinkar Gupta has held the post of DGP of Punjab.
- Gupta was awarded two Police Gallantry Medals in 1992 and 1994.
- He was also awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Services and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (2010) by the President.
- **About National Investigation Agency (NIA)-**
- Its real name is National Investigation Agency, commonly known as National Investigation Agency. It was constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008.
- Realizing the need for a central agency to investigate terrorism and some other criminal acts after the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack, the NIA was formed.
- It acts as the central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency.
- The cases are assigned to the NIA by the Central Government in accordance with Section VI of the NIA Act, 2008.

- It is headquartered in New Delhi and has branches in Hyderabad, Guwahati, Kochi,
- Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkata, Raipur and Jammu.
 - The founding director general of NIA was Radha Vinod Raju.