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1. Justice Mohanty gets additional charge of Lokpal chairperson (June 1, 2022)

President Ram Nath Kovind has named Justice Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, a judicial member of the Lokpal, as the acting chairman of the Lokpal on the completion of the term of Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh.

- Justice Mohanty was appointed as a judicial member of the Lokpal on 27 March 2019.
- Justice Mohanty's father Jugal Kishore Mohanty served as the Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court.

• About Lokpal

- The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act was passed in 2013.
- The President gave his assent to it on January 1, 2014 and came into force on January 16, 2014.
- The name Lokpal or Lokayukta in India was established in 1963 by the famous jurist Dr. L. M. Singhvi had given.
- The Lokpal is a multi-member body consisting of a chairperson and a maximum of 8 members. In which four members can be judicial and the rest can be non-judicial.
- The term of the chairperson and members of the Lokpal body is 5 years or till the age of 70 years.
- Former Supreme Court judge Pinaki Chandra Ghosh was appointed as the country's first Lokpal.
- The Ombudsman institution was officially started in the year 1809 in Sweden.

2. Eminent playback singer KK passes away (June 1, 2022)

Popular playback singer Krishnakumar Kunath, popularly known as KK, collapsed after a concert in Kolkata and was rushed to a private hospital in the city, where he was declared brought dead. He was 53.

- He was introduced by A. R. Rahman in a Tamil Film Kadhal Desam.
- As a playback singer, he has recorded popular Bollywood numbers such as 'Ankhon Mein Teri' (Om Shanti Om), 'Zara Sa' (Jannat), 'Khuda Jaane' (Bachna Ae Hasino) and 'Tadap Tadap' (Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam).
- He has also recorded songs in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali, among other languages.
- The Delhi based singer is survived by his wife and two children.

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur have expressed grief over his demise.

3. Pope Francis elevates archbishops of Hyderabad and Goa to cardinal rank (May 30, 2022)

Pope Francis announced on 29 May that he would create 21 new cardinals, including two from India, in a Consistory on 27 August.

- It is a matter of pride for the Goans to receive such a coveted honour.

• The two Cardinals from India

1. Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião di Rosário Ferrão, (Archbishop of Goa)
2. Archbishop Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad

• About Father Ferrao

- He was ordained as a priest on 28 October, 1979
- On 12 December 2003, he was ordained as Archbishop of Goa and Daman by Pope John Paul II.
- Father Ferrao was born on 20 January 1953 in the village of Aldona, near Panaji.
- He graduated in Philosophy and Theology and knows Konkani, English, Portuguese, Italian, French and German languages.

• About Anthony Poola

- He was a native of Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh and was ordained a priest in February 1992
- He was appointed as Bishop of Kurnool in 2008.
- He was appointed as Archbishop of Hyderabad in 2020.
- He is currently the Chairman of the Youth Commission of the Andhra Pradesh Bishops' Conference.
- For the first time in history, a Telugu Archbishop has been made a cardinal.

• Important facts

- Eight of the newly named cardinals are from Europe, six from Asia, two from Africa, one from North America, and four from Central and Latin America.
- The College of Cardinals currently has 208 cardinals, of whom 117 are electors and 91 are non-electoral.
- From August 27, this number will increase to 229 cardinals.

4. First Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru death anniversary (May 27, 2022)

Today the nation is remembering first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru.

• About Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

- He was born on 14th November 1889 at Allahabad, United Provinces, his father was Motilal Nehru and his mother was Swaruprani Thussu.
- He moved to England at the age of 15 to study at Harrow School.
- He then studied natural science from the University of Cambridge.
- Nehru studied law and started his practice at the Allahabad High Court in 1912.
- When he met Mahatma Gandhi for the first time in 1916, he was very impressed by his teachings.
- He became the Indian National Congress's General Secretary in 1923.
- He was the party president when Purna Swaraj was first announced at the Lahore session in 1929.
- He was a prominent face of the independence movement after Gandhi. He was jailed on several occasions.
- He headed the interim government in 1946.
- After the country got independence, he successfully integrated the country with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and his associate VK Krishna Menon.
- He initiated many projects for the development of the country like establishment of IITs, Defence academies etc.
- He was the first prime minister of India (1947-64).
- He is the longest-serving prime minister of the country, having held this position for 17 years.
- He passed away on May 27, 1964.
- His birth anniversary is celebrated as Children's Day in the country.

• Some of Nehru's Works

- The Discovery of India
- Letters from a Father to His Daughter
- Glimpses of World History
- Toward Freedom (Autobiography)

5. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus re-elected as WHO Director-General (May 26, 2022)

Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), has been re-elected to this position for a second term of five years.

- During the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, he was confirmed to be re-elected as Director General and his second term will start from 16 August 2022.
- Earlier Dr. Tadros was named Director General of WHO on 23 May 2017.
- His name was proposed by the Ethiopian government. He also served as the Minister of Health in the Ethiopian government.
- **WHO Director General's Appointment Process**
 - According to the constitution of the World Health Organisation, all member countries propose names for the post of Director General. A time limit is fixed for this.
 - This time the election process started in April, 2021 after which the deadline for submission of proposal was fixed on April 23, 2021.
 - In this election process by the World Health Organization, secret ballot is conducted from all the member countries.
 - Any person can be appointed Director General of the World Health Organisation twice and his term is five years.
- **Major Institutions and their Headquarters**

Organisation	Director	Headquarters
World Trade Organisation	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	Geneva, Switzerland
International Labour Organisation	Guy Ryder	Geneva, Switzerland
International Monetary Fund	Kristalina Georgieva	Washington, D.C.

- **About WHO**

- The World Health Organisation is an organisation for mutual cooperation on the health related problems of the countries of the world and for developing human understanding related to health.

- Established- April 7, 1948
- Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
- Director General- Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus
- Deputy Director General- Soumya Swaminathan

6. Captain Abhilasha Barak becomes first woman combat pilot in Army (May 26, 2022)

On May 25, Captain Abhilasha Barak from Haryana became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a Combat Aviator.

- She was awarded the prestigious wing along with 36 other Army pilots by the Director General of Army Aviation and the Colonel Commandant during a ceremony in Nashik.
- **About Captain Abhilasha Barak**
 - She is an alumna of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh.
 - She completed her B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Delhi Technological University in 2016.
 - She joined his first job in Deloitte, USA.
 - In 2018, she was inducted into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai.
 - While serving with the Corps of Army Air Defence, he was selected by President Ram Nath Kovind as a contingent commander for the presentation of colors for Army Air Defence.
 - After completing his training from Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018, she joined the Army Aviation Corps.
- **About Army Aviation Corps**
 - Established on 1 November 1986, the Army Aviation Corps was first deployed in Jaffna in 1987 in India's fight against the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in what is known as 'Operation Pawan'.
 - This corps flies Chetak and Cheetah helicopters developed by HAL.
 - Presently, this Corps and its helicopters are serving in high altitude areas like Siachen Glacier.
 - It is one of the youngest corps of the Indian Army and operates a fleet of helicopters like Chetak, Cheetah, Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv and Rudra.
 - Apart from attack, these helicopters also play a major role in observation, reconnaissance operations, evacuation of casualties, drop of goods or relief material as well as relief and rescue operations.

7. Gautam Adani in the list of 100 Most Influential People in Titans category (May 25, 2022)

Gautam 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.

- On behalf of India, Supreme Court advocate Karuna Nandi and eminent Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez have also been included in this list.
- Karuna Nandi and Khurram Parvez have been ranked in the Leaders category along with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky.
- In this list of Time magazine, US President Joe Biden, Chinese President Xi Jinping, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, tennis star Rafael Nadal, current Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Omar Ata Bandial have also been included in different categories. .
- This list is divided into six categories. These categories are Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Innovators.

• Key persons nominated in different categories

- **Titans-** Gautam Adani, Tim Cook, Oprah Winfrey, Kristyl Lagarde, Kris Jenner, Andy Jessie, Sally Rooney, Elizabeth Alexander, David Jaslav and Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sorbrunn and Alex Morgan.
- **Leaders-** Karuna Nandi, Khurram Parvez, Volodymyr Zelensky, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Joe Rogan, Xi Jinping, Ursula von der Leyen, Joe Biden, Yoon Suk-yeol, Vladimir Putin, Olaf Scholz, Samia Suluhu Hassan, Abiy Ahmed, Kirsten Cinema, Gabrielle Boric, Valerie Jaluzhni, Lynn Fitch, Omar Ata Bandial and Sun Chunlan.
- **Innovators** - Taika Waititi, Miranda Lambert, Derrick Palmer and Chris Smalls, Josh Wardle, Michen Genre, Demna, Mike Cannon-Brooks, Bella Bajaria, Sevgil Musayeva, Francis Keir, David Velez, Michael Schatz, Karen Meiga, Evan Eichler and Adam Philippi .
- **Artists** - Simu Liu, Andrew Garfield, Joe Kravitz, Sarah Jessica Parker, Amanda Seyfried, Quinta Branson, Pete Davidson, Channing Tatum, Nathan Chen, Mila Kunis, Jeremy Strong, Faith Ringgold, Ariana DiBose, Jasmine Sullivan and Michael R. Jackson.
- **Icons-** Mary J Blige, Dmitry Muratov, Isa Ray, Keanu Reeves, Adele, Rafael Nadal, Maya Lin, John Batista, Nadine Smith, Peng Shuai, Hoda Silent.
- **Pioneers-** Candace Parker, Frances Hogan, Ahmir 'Questalv' Thompson, Sonia Guzzara, Stephanie Bansell, Emily Oster, Eileen Gu, Nan Goldin, Meijen Darvish and Anwar Lal Bunny, Emmet Schelling, Christina Villarreal Velasquez and Ana Christina Gonzalez Velez and Gregory L. Robinson.

8. The Government of India has appointed Vinay Kumar Saxena as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi (May 24, 2022)

The Government of India has appointed Vinay Kumar Saxena as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi after the resignation of Anil Baijal.

- Vinay Kumar Saxena was working as the chairman of National Khadi Development and Village Industries Commission before this appointment.
- As the Chairman of KVIC, he initiated many innovative schemes and products like 'Honey Mission', 'Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana', 'Empowerment of Leather Artisans' which include Khadi Prakrit Paints, Project REHAB, Khadi Cloth Shoes and Plastics. Including assorted handmade paper, etc.
- In March 2021, the Government of India appointed him as one of the members of the National Committee to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence.
- **Appointment of lieutenant governor**
- The Lieutenant Governor is also known as the Lieutenant Governor or the LG.
- In the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry and Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor is appointed as the representative of the Central Government.
- Administrators are appointed in all other union territories.
- The Lieutenant Governor is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Central Government.
- Some provisions have been given in Articles 239A and 239AA of the Constitution for administrative work in Union Territories in India. Act 239A is applicable to all Union Territories, whereas Article 239AA of the Constitution is applicable only to National Capital Territory (NCT).
- The post was first created in September 1966.

9. Labor Party leader Albanese elected Prime Minister of Australia (May 23, 2022)

Labor Party leader Anthony Albanese has been elected the new Prime Minister of Australia.

- Albanese, 59, will be the 31st Prime Minister of Australia.
- The country's incumbent Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his team's failure to deal with several issues such as climate and Covid-19, besides women's rights, political integrity and natural disasters led to their defeat in the election.
- In Australia, voting was held for 151 seats in the Lower Chamber, in which 76 seats are needed to form a government.
- The Labor Party, which won 71 seats with a vote count of 67 percent, was declared the winner. The Liberal National Coalition got only 52 seats.
- **Other facts**
- Australia has two houses, the Upper House (Senate) and the Lower House.

- Here the tenure of the upper house is 6 years and that of the lower house is of three years, that is, elections are held after every three years.
- Voting in Australia always takes place on Saturdays.
- Voting is compulsory here, and those who do not vote have to pay a fine of up to \$14.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe, in Tokyo, taking oath as the caretaker Prime Minister of Australia's elected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Biden and Japan's Prime Minister Fumiya Kishida may attend the Quad summit.

- **About Australia -**

- Australia is the only place that is considered to be a continent, a nation and an island at the same time.
- It is the smallest continent in the world and also the largest island in the world.
- Capital- Canberra
- Prime Minister- Anthony Albanese
- Currency- Australian Dollar

10. 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy (May 21, 2022)

The Ministry of Culture is celebrating the 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy from 22 May 2022 to 22 May 2023 under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

- The opening ceremony will be held at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Salt Lake, Kolkata and Science City Auditorium, Kolkata.
- During the event, a statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy will be unveiled by the Minister of Culture, G Kishan Reddy at the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata.

- **About Raja Ram Mohan Roy**

- Born - 22 May 1772 in a Hindu Brahmin family in Radhanagar village in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, Bengal.
- Gopal Krishna Gokhale called him the 'Father of Modern India'.
- He was one of the pioneers of the Indian Renaissance.
- He was awarded the title of Raja by the Mughal Emperor Akbar II.
- He opposed customs such as Sati, polygamy, child marriage, the rigidity of the caste system.
- He formed Atmiya Sabha (Friendly Society) In 1814. It was for the religious reforms in the society.
- In 1828 he founded the Brahmo Samaj.

- The Brahmo Samaj was a reformist movement of Hinduism that aimed to fight the social
- evils prevalent in the society.
 - As a result of hard work in fighting the practice of Sati, the Governor of Bengal Presidency Lord William Bentinck banned the practice of Sati in the year 1829.
 - He died of meningitis on September 27, 1833, at Stapleton, near Bristol, while on a visit to Britain.