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1. President unveils the Statue of Swarna Ramanujacharya (Feb. 14, 2022)

President Ramnath Kovind visited **Srirama Nagaram** in Muchintal ,Hyderabad, Telangana on 13 February 2022. He inaugurated the 120-kg statue of Sri Ramanujacharya made of gold as part of the Sriramanuja Sahastrabdi Samaroh, marking the 1,000 years of the birth of the saint poet at Muchintal in Telangana.

- Srirama Nagaram is a place in Muchintal, Hyderabad where 108 Vaishnavite shrines have been set up along with the Statue of Equality.
- Statue of Equality was Inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5 February 2022. **(For Statue of Equality kindly see 5 February 2022 post)**

Important for Exam

Place :

Srirama Nagaram: It is a temple complex in Muchintal, Hyderabad.

2. Debashis Mitra elected as the new President of ICAI (Feb. 13, 2022)

Chartered Accountant , Dr. Debashis Mitra, has been elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23.

Sunil Talati was elected as the Vice-President of the ICAI .

ICAI

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

- It was set up on 1 July 1949.
- The ICAI is the second largest professional body of Chartered Accountants in the world after the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants(AICPA).
- It is the regulator of the Chartered Accountancy profession in India .
- It comes under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ,Government of India .

Headquarters : New Delhi

3. Famous Industrialist Rahul Bajaj no more (Feb. 13, 2022)

Noted Industrialist and grandson of noted Gandhian Jamna Lal Bajaj died at the age of 83 in Mumbai on 12 February 2022.

- He was the former chairman of the Bajaj group which included Bajaj Auto, Bajaj Finserv and Bajaj Holdings & Investment. Bajaj scooter “Chetak” was once a household name in India.
- He was also a member of the Rajya Sabha from 2006 to 2010.
- Rahul Bajaj was awarded with the third-highest civilian award, Padma Bhushan in 2001.

4. Trekker R Babu rescued after nearly 48 hours (Feb. 10, 2022)

- Trekker R.Babu was rescued by the mountaineering team of the Indian Army Southern Command on 9 February 2022, after he was trapped in a cleft on a hill in Kerala's Palakkad district
- R.Babu who along with his friends went on a trekking trip to climb the **Kurumbachi hillock** in Malampuzha's **Cherad hill** . He slipped off a cliff and was stranded in a steep gorge for around 48 hours before being rescued by the army team.

Terms

Hillocks :

It is also called Knoll .It is a land surface that is smaller than a hill and usually is separated from a large hill.

Hill

According to NCERT , A hill is a land surface that rises higher than the surrounding area having an elevation up to 600 metres.

Mountain

Generally, a steep hill with an elevation of more than 600 metres is termed as a mountain.

Gorge

It is a steep narrow valley between two hills or mountains.

5. Ravi Mittal take charge as the new Chairman of IBBI (Feb. 10, 2022)

- Ravi Mittal took over the charge as the Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on 9 February 2022.
- The post of the Chairman was vacant when the first Chairman of the IBBI, MS Sahoo completed his five year term on 30 September 2021.

IBBI

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India was set up by the Government of India on 1st October, 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

- It is the main body which implements the code related to insolvency of companies ,firms etc in India .
- **Headquarters** of IBBI: **New Delhi**

Full form for exam

- **IBBI** : Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- **IBC** : Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

6. Gautam Adani richest person in Asia (Feb. 9, 2022)

- Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani group, has overtaken Reliance Industries Ltd chairman Mukesh Ambani to become the richest man in Asia .
- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index ,Gautam Adani net worth was \$88.5 billion while Mukesh Ambani was \$87.9 billion.
- Gautam Adani founded the company in 1968 and started with a commodity trading business. Now the company is engaged in the business of ports, airports, coal mining, power sector, renewable energy, and defence.

7. Manoj Ahuja to be the new Agriculture Secretary (Feb. 9, 2022)

The Appointment committee of the Cabinet,Government of India headed by the Prime Minister has approved the appointment of Manoj Ahuja as the new Agriculture Secretary .

At present he is the chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) and he will take over the post in April 2022.

The committee also approved the appointment of

- **Mr. S. Kishore** is the Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission(SSC).
- **Mrs. Arti Ahuja** as the new Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.
- **Mr. Sanjay Malhotra** as the new Secretary, Department of Financial Services.

Important secretary of the Government of India, important for Exam

- **Finance Secretary** : T.V.Somanathan
- **Foreign Secretary** : Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- **Home Secretary** : Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- **Defence Secretary** : Ajay Kumar

8. Praveen kumar Sobti “Bheem” no more (Feb. 9, 2022)

Noted athlete and famous TV actor Praveen Kumar Sobti passed away on 8 February 2022 at the age of 74 in Delhi .

Praveen Kumar who started his career as an athlete shot to fame with the portrayal of the character "Bheem" in the B.R Chopra's Television Serial Mahabharat telecasted in 1988.

- Praveen Kumar Sobti became the second Indian athlete after Milkha Singh to win a medal in the Commonwealth games when he won the silver medal in the hammer throw event at the Commonwealth Games held in Kingston, Jamaica 1966.
- He also won the gold medal in discus throw and Bronze medal in the hammer throw at the 1966 Asian Games held at Bangkok, Thailand .
- Sobti went on to add another gold and silver in discus in successive Asian Games in 1970 Bangkok and 1974 Tehran ,respectively.
- He also participated in the 1968 Mexico city Olympics and the Munich 1972 Olympics .

9. First Women Vice-Chancellor of JNU (Feb. 8, 2022)

Santishree Dhulipadi Pandit has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor(VC) of the prestigious JawaharLal Nehru University(JNU) ,New Delhi

- She is the first woman and also a former student of JNU to be appointed as the Vice - Chancellor of the University.
- She has replaced Mr Jagdish Kumar who was earlier appointed as the chairman of the University Grant Commission by the Government of India.
- Santishree Pandit has been appointed for five years .

10. Lata Mangeshkar no more (Feb. 6, 2022)

Bharat Ratna and legendary singer Lata Mangeskar died on 6 February 2022 at the Breach Candy hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra due to multiple organ failure after recovering from Covid. She was 92 years old.

She was born in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 28 September 1928.

Lata Mangeskar was also popularly called the "Nightingale of India" melody queen etc . She was a playback singer who has sung in 36 languages with more than 50,000 songs , but majority of her songs were in Hindi and Marathi.

Awards and Achievements

- She was the second singer after M.S.Subbulakshmi to get the highest civilian award of India ,Bharat Ratna . She got the award in 2001.
- She got Padma Vibhushan in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 1969.
- In 1989 she got the highest award in cinema, the Dada Shaeb Phalke award .
- She received National Film awards in 1972,75,1990.
- In 1993 Filmfare Lifetime achievement Award .

- Filmfare award for best female singer in 1958, 1962, 1965, 1969, 1993 and 1994.
- IIFA Lifetime achievement award in 2000.
- The government of France conferred her with the” **Officer of the Legion of Honour**” in 2009, which is the country’s highest civilian award
- She was the member of the Parliament from 1999-2005 as the President nominated her to the Rajay Sabha
- She was the first Indian to perform at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall of London in 1974.
- Her first recorded song for the marathi film **Kiti Hasaal was in 1942 when she was 13 years old .**
- Her first recorded Hindi song was for the film **Aap Ki Seva Mein ,released in 1946.**
- Mangshkar’s last full film album was “Veer-Zaara” in 2004.