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1. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi virtually launches portals to read Preamble online on Constitution Day (Nov. 26, 2022)

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The Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi virtually launched www.readpreamble.nic.in portals for Online reading of the Preamble and **www.constitutionquiz.nic.in** for Quiz on the Constitution of India on 25 November 2022 on the eve of the Constitution Day.

[Constitution day](#) is observed every year on the 26th November. On this day the Indian constitution was promulgated. .

Launching these portals, Mr. Joshi stated that all fellow citizens should read the Preamble of the Constitution in a language suitable to them out of the 23 languages.

He paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for his peerless contribution in the making of the country's Constitution which has guided the destiny of India as a great democracy so far.

2. Indian Navy and Royal Enfield organises motorcycling expedition across North east India (Nov. 25, 2022)

The Indian Navy Motor Bike team, '**The Sea Riders**', in partnership with **Royal Enfield**, the world's oldest motorcycle brand, embarked on an motorcycle expedition, as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations', commemorating the 75th year of independence, across the seven states of North East India from 25 Nov - 14 Dec 22. Royal Enfield is the owner of the famous brand 'Bullet'.

The expedition was flagged off by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral **R Hari Kumar**, by Video Conferencing from South Point School at Guwahati. Fifteen Sea Riders rode out on Royal Enfield Meteor 350 cc bikes on their journey to cover a total distance of 3500 kms over a period of 24 days across the seven states of NE India.

The expedition is being conducted over two phases across seven states with each phase covering some of the toughest and most breath-taking terrains in North East India. The riders will traverse along the Indo-Bangladesh border, visiting historical Unakoti sculptures, , the only floating national park in the world **Keibul Lamjao National Park (Manipur)** and witness the famous **Hornbill festival (Nagaland)**. The expedition will pass through Guwahati (Assam), Shillong (Meghalaya), Aizawl (Mizoram), Imphal (Manipur), and Kohima (Nagaland).

North Eastern States

States	Capitals
Assam	Dispur
Manipur	Imphal

Mizoram	Aizawl
Meghalaya	Shillong
Sikkim	Gangtok
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
Nagaland	Kohima
Tripura	Agartala

3. PM Modi to participate in Constitution Day celebrations hosted in the Supreme Court on 26th November (Nov. 25, 2022)

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in the Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court on 26th November, 2022. The day has been celebrated as Constitution Day **since 2015**, to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949.

During the programme, the Prime Minister will launch Virtual **Justice Clock**, **JustIS mobile App 2.0**, **Digital court** and **S3WaaS Websites**.

Virtual Justice Clock is an initiative to exhibit vital statistics of the justice delivery system at the Court level giving the details of the cases instituted, cases disposed and pendency of cases on day/week/month basis at the Court level. Public can access the Virtual Justice Clock of any court establishment on the District Court's website.

JustIS Mobile App 2.0 is a tool available to judicial officers for effective court and case management by monitoring pendency and disposal of not only his court but also for individual judges working under them. This App is also made available to High Court and Supreme Court Judges who can now monitor pendency and disposal of all the States and Districts under their jurisdiction.

Digital court is an initiative to make the court records available to the judge in digitized form to enable the transition to Paperless Courts.

S3WaaS Websites is a framework to generate, configure, deploy and manage websites for publishing specified information and services related to district judiciary. S3WaaS is a cloud service developed for government entities to generate Secure, Scalable & Sugamya (Accessible) websites. It is multilingual, citizen friendly and divyang friendly.

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Important facts

- The MoU was signed by **Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha**, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush and **Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar**, Secretary, DST.
- The MoU will identify the potential areas of research to explore cooperation, convergence, and synergy for evidence-based scientific intervention in the Ayush sector and further application of these into the public health care system.
- Ministry of AYUSH and DST have agreed to jointly undertake research and development activities on scientific validation of AYUSH concepts, processes and products.
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- India's representative in the IC and various technical committees of the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** were elected.
- **Vimal Mahendru** will be the IEC Vice President representing India.
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8. India and Gulf Cooperation Council to resume FTA talks (Nov. 25, 2022)

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India's Industry and Trade Minister **Piyush Goyal** said on 24 November that India and the **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** have agreed to resume talks on a **free trade agreement**.

Important facts

- Both sides have agreed to expedite the necessary legal and technical requirements for the formal resumption of FTA negotiations.
- The FTA will be a comprehensive economic partnership that will cover different aspects of trade.
- Goyal said the GCC is currently **India's largest trading partner bloc** with bilateral trade expected to exceed USD 154 billion in the financial year 2021-22.
- bilateral trade in services between India and the GCC was worth 14 billion US dollars in the last financial year.

- GCC countries contribute almost 35 per cent of the country's oil imports and 70 per cent of gas imports.

About Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) :

- It is a political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries—**Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.**
- It was established in **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**, in May 1981.
- Its aim is to achieve coordination, cooperation and integration and Arab regional unity among these countries.
- The GCC member states have a total GDP of over USD 3.464 trillion and a total population of 54 million.

9. Former ISI chief Asim Munir appointed new chief of Pakistan Army (Nov. 25, 2022)

Lt Gen Asim Munir appointed new chief of the Pakistan Army

Former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency chief **Lt Gen Asim Munir** has been appointed as the **new chief of the Pakistan Army** on 24 November by Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif**, succeeding **Gen Qamar Bajwa**.

Important facts

- He replaced outgoing General **Qamar Javed Bajwa** on 29 November.
- Bajwa was appointed army chief in 2016 for three years. In the year 2019, he was given a three-year extension.
- Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif wrote to **President Alvi** to appoint Lt. Gen. Munir as the **Chief of Army Staff (COAS)** and Lt. Gen. Sahir Shamshad Mirza as the **Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC)**.
- With the approval of Munir's name by the President, the process of appointment was completed.
- Lt Gen Munir has served as the chief of the two most powerful intelligence agencies **Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)** and **Military Intelligence (MI)**.
- However, his tenure as ISI chief was the shortest ever and within eight months he was replaced by **Lt Gen Faiz Hameed** in 2019 at the behest of the then Prime Minister **Imran Khan**.
- The CJCSC is the highest authority in the hierarchy of the armed forces, but major powers, including deployment, appointments and transfers of troops, rest with the Chief of Army Staff. Because of these powers, the army chief is the most powerful.

- Pakistan has been in existence for more than **75 years** and the country has been under military rule for more than half of that time. In such a situation, the army has been interfering a lot in the security and foreign policy matters of the country.

10. Second stealth-guided missile destroyer delivered to Indian Navy (Nov. 25, 2022)

second ship of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer

The **second ship of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer** being built at **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**, was delivered to the **Indian Navy** on 24 November.

Important facts

- When commissioned, the ship will be christened **INS Mormugao**.
- The contract for four ships of **Project 15B** was signed on January 28, 2011.
- The project is a follow-up to the **Kolkata class (Project 15A)** destroyers commissioned in the last decade and the lead ship of the project - INS Visakhapatnam has already been commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 21, 2021.
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau, Indian Navy's in-house organisation and built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd** in Mumbai, the four ships of the project are christened after cities from four corners of the country — **Visakhapatnam, Mormugao, Imphal and Surat**.
- The foundation stone of Mormugao was laid in 2015 and the ship was launched on 17 September 2016.

About Second stealth-guided missile destroyer

- The ship is **163 metres long** and **17 metres wide, displaces 7400 tonnes** when fully loaded and has a maximum speed of 30 knots.
- The overall indigenous content of the project is around **75 per cent**.
- The class of destroyers armed with indigenous weapons includes-

1. Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (BEL, Bangalore)
2. BrahMos Surface-to-Surface Missiles (BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi)
3. Indigenous Torpedo Tube Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai)
4. Anti-Submarine Indigenous Rocket Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai)
5. 76mm Super Rapid Gun Mount (BHEL, Haridwar)

