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### 1. NMDC wins IEI Industry Excellence Award 2022 ( Dec. 17, 2022 )

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National Miner **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** won the coveted IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) **Industry Excellence Award 2022** on 16th December, 2022 in **Chennai**.

#### Important facts

- On behalf of NMDC, **N R K Prasad, CGM (IE & MS)**, received the award from **Dr K Ponmudy**, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- NMDC, the **largest producer of iron ore** in the country, was honoured at the **37th Indian Engineering Congress** for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence.
- The Institution of Engineers (India) has given the Industry Excellence Award to NMDC , after reviewing the business operations, financial performance, environmental performance, research and development, CSR and corporate governance policies of a company.
- With an **eco-friendly, economic and efficient approach**, NMDC is undertaking transformational projects to maintain its domestic leadership and move towards becoming a global mining company.

#### About NMDC

- It was incorporated in **1958** as a Government of India **public enterprise**.
- It is India's largest producer of iron ore.
- Since inception, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, it has been exploring minerals including copper, rock phosphate, limestone, magnesite, diamond, tungsten and beach sand, among others.
- Headquarters: **Hyderabad**

### 2. UN ranks 'Namami Gange' project among world's top 10 initiatives ( Dec. 15, 2022 )

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India's '**Namami Gange**'- river Ganga rejuvenation project- has been recognised as one among **world's 10 most "ground-breaking" initiatives** for restoration of natural ecosystems, according to a report released during the **UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15)**.

**National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has won the "**Public Water Agency of the Year**" award at the Global Water Awards, 2019 by Global Water Intelligence.

### **Important facts**

- The award was received by **G Ashok Kumar**, Director General, Namami Gange, at the **15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada** on 14 December 2022.
- Namami Gange was selected from over 150 such initiatives from 70 countries across the globe.
- They were selected under the banner of the **United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**, a global movement coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Recognized initiatives, including Namami Gange, will now be eligible to receive UN support, funding or technical expertise.

### **Other initiatives included in the World Restoration Flagship**

- **Trinational Atlantic Forest Pact**, which aims to protect and restore the forest in Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina.
- **Abu Dhabi Marine Restoration project** that targets safeguarding the world's second-largest dugong population in Abu Dhabi.
- **Great Green Wall** for restoration to restore savannahs, grasslands and farms across Africa.
- **Multi-Country Mountain Initiative** based in Serbia, Kyrgyzstan, Uganda and Rwanda.
- **The Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative** in Kazakhstan to restore the steppe, semi-desert and desert ecosystems.
- **The Central American Dry Corridor**
- **Shan-Shui Initiative in China**

### **About Namami Gange**

- It was approved as a '**Flagship Programme**' by the Central Government in **June 2014**.
- It was launched to serve the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and **rejuvenation of the national river Ganga**.
- It is being operated under the **Ministry of Water Resources**, Department of River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The program is being implemented by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** and its State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).

### **3. Meghalaya awarded for TB control programme ( Dec. 14, 2022 )**

Meghalaya awarded for TB control programme

The **Meghalaya government**, which has adopted a 'people's movement' against **tuberculosis**, has recently been awarded for best practices in controlling the disease that affects **2.6 million people in India every year**.

#### **Important facts**

- Representatives of the health department were presented with awards for best practice in tuberculosis control, communication and social mobilisation at a **national workshop** aimed at ending TB infection in the national capital.
- The state registered **4,189 TB cases in 2021** while in the **first quarter of 2022, around 1,075 patients** have been enrolled for treatment.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set a national target to eliminate the disease, which affects more than 26 lakh Indians each year, by 2025, five years ahead of the WHO's Sustainable Development Goals.
- A **National Strategic Plan for TB Elimination (2017-25)** has also been launched which ensures greater community engagement.

#### **About Meghalaya**

- Capital: **Shillong**
- Chief Minister: **Conrad Kongkal Sangma**
- Governor: **B. D. Mishra**

### **4. India win 6 gold medals at 19th International Junior Science Olympiad in Bogota ( Dec. 14, 2022 )**

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**India** secured the **top rank** at the **19th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) 2022** held in **Bogota, Colombia** by winning **6 gold medals**.

#### **Important facts**

- The 19th edition of the competition was hosted at Bogota in Colombia, from **2 to 12 December**.
- A total of **six students from India** participated in the competition and each earned one gold, **203 students from 35 countries** participated in the event.

- This is the **third consecutive year** and **fourth overall** that the country has put up an “all-gold performance.
- In total, **20 gold, 42 silver, and 59 bronze** medals were awarded at the IJSO.
- India won the best team award, being the only country to win six gold medals. Three members of the Indian contingent also jointly won bronze medals in the experimental category.
- This year's edition was originally scheduled to be held in war-torn Kyiv, but was later moved to Colombia due to the ongoing conflict in Russia and Ukraine.
- The **Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE)** is the **nodal centre** of the country for the Olympiad programme.

### **Winners from India**

- Arittra Malhotra from Delhi,
- Rajdeep Mishra from Jamnagar,
- Avaneesh Bansal from Dehradun,
- Vasu Vijay from Kota,
- Devesh Pankaj Bhayiya from Jalgaon
- Banibrata Majee from Hyderabad

### **About International Junior Science Olympiad**

- It is an annual individual and team competition in the **Natural Sciences for students** who are **under sixteen years** old on 31st December of the competition year.
- It has been established for the general education of youth and in recognition of the importance of natural science in all aspects of their lives.
- Its aim is to promote and reward the pursuit of excellence in scientific endeavour.

## **5. Indian film RRR bags two Golden Globe Award nominations ( Dec. 14, 2022 )**

Indian film RRR bags two Golden Globe Award nominations

**SS Rajamouli**-directed period movie '**RRR**' has been nominated in two categories at the **Golden Globe Awards** to be held in January 2023.

### **Important facts**

- The **Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)** has nominated 'RRR'.
- The film has been nominated in **two categories** for Best **Non-English Language Film** and **the film's song 'Naatu-Naatu' for Best Original Song**.

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Gurdeep **Singh** has been named the S&P Platts Global CEO of the Year Award. The 24th annual Platts Global Energy Awards which is also considered as the “**Oscars of the energy industry**” was held in **New York**, United States of America.

### **8. Indian-American Krishna Vavilala receives US Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award ( Dec. 8, 2022 )**

The United States of America President **Joe Biden** has conferred the Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award on the Indian American **Krishna Vavilala**. The Presidential Lifetime Achievement is America's highest honour and is awarded to American citizens, who exhibit outstanding character, worth ethic, and dedication to their communities.

**9. Dr Ogarit Younan and Dr Waleed Slyabi of Lebanon gets the Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India 2022 ( Dec. 8, 2022 )**

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation has on 8 December 2022 announced the winners of the Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022 .**Dr Ogirat Younan** and **Dr Walid Slyabi** of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.

The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories. Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to **a foreigner**.

## For Constructive Works

**Nilesh Desai** of Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works. He is the founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan which works for the upliftment of the Bhil Community.

### **Award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development:**

**Mansukhbhai Prajapati** of Gujarat was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development. He was selected for his innovation and entrepreneurship in bringing traditional pottery making into the mainstream. His company **Mitticool** produces clay products and clay pots. He has helped the rural artisans making clay pottery to find new markets and business.

### **Award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children:**

**Sophia Saik** of Odisha was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children. She is a social service activist who works for women empowerment and gender rights. She is a prominent activist for women beedi workers in Odisha.

### **International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India:**

Dr **Ogirat Younan** and Dr **Walid Slyabi** of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.

They are the founders of the Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights. They are the pioneers of non-violence in Lebanon and Arab world and spreading the Gandhian ideas in the region.

## **10. Bank of Baroda wins EAG Laureate award on Financial Security ( Dec. 7, 2022 )**

Bank of Baroda wins EAG Laureate award on Financial Security

State-owned Bank of Baroda on 6 December 2022 has said it has bagged an **EAG Laureate award** in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia on 10 October 2022.

The Eurasian group on combating money laundering and terrorism (EAG) is a FATF type regional which comprises of 9 members including India.

The [Financial Action Task Force \(FATF\)](#) is the global anti- money laundering and anti- terrorist financing body.

### **Bank of Baroda**

It is the second largest public sector bank in India after State Bank of India (SBI).

The banks in which the government of India holds 51% or more equity shares are called public sector banks in India.

Chairman of the Bank: **Hasmukh Adia**

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): **Sanjiv Chadha**

The Headquarters of the bank: **Vadodara, Gujarat**

Tagline of the Bank: **India's International Bank**