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### **1. Aman Sherawat wins 1st ever gold for India in the U23 World Wrestling Championship ( Oct. 23, 2022 )**

Aman Sherawat wins 1st

16 year old Aman Sehrawat made history as he became the **first ever Indian** wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships. The U-23 World Wrestling Championships was held in **Pontevedra**, Spain from 17 -23 October 2022.

Aman Sehrawat defeated Ahmet Duman of Turkey in the final to win the gold medal.

The U-23 World Wrestling Championships was held in Pontevedra, Spain from 17 -23 October 2022.

Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya had made the final in their categories in previous editions but could only win the silver medal.

Aman Sehrawat won gold at the U23 Asian championship and silver at the U20 Asian championship earlier this year.

India finished with six medals - one gold, one silver and four bronze at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022.

#### **Medal Winners for India**

Name	Medal	Category
<a href="#">Sajan Bhanwala</a>	Bronze	Greco Roman 77kg
Vikas	Bronze	Greco Roman 72kg
Nitesh	Bronze	Greco Roman 97kg
Ankush	Silver	Women's 50kg
Mansi Ahlawat	Bronze	Women's 59kg
Aman Sehrawat	Gold	Men's 57kg

### **2. ISRO successfully launches its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2 ( Oct. 23, 2022 )**

ISRO launches

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM3-M2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in **Sriharikota** spaceport, Andhra Pradesh on 23 October 2022. The **mission**, which was named **LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1**, carried 36 broadband communication satellites of OneWeb Company.

It was the first commercial launch of the GSLV Mk3 now called **LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark 3)**. M2 means that it is the second mission of the rocket.

The launch was part of the contract between OneWeb, a London-based company, and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a central public sector enterprise under the Department of Space, to launch One Web LEO satellite launches on board ISRO's LVM3.

### **Satellite carried by the Rocket**

**It carried 36** broadband communication satellites of the United Kingdom based company OneWeb. OneWeb is a private satellite communications company, in which India's Bharti Enterprises (Airtel) is a major investor and shareholder.

The satellites were later successfully placed in the Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

The company's constellation of satellites will be used to beam internet connectivity to terrestrial regions, in a service that will compete with Elon Musk-backed **Starlink** by SpaceX, Jeff Bezos-backed **Project Kuiper**.

### **LVM3-M2 Rocket**

The LVM3-M2 is a three-stage launch vehicle that has two strap-on solid propellant stages (S200) on its sides and a core stage that consists of an L110 liquid stage and a C25 cryogenic stage.

The rocket was earlier called GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) MkIII and ISRO had successfully carried out four missions.

The current rocket has the ability to launch 8 tonnes satellite into the LEO and satellites weighing up to 4,000 kg into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)

### **What is LEO?**

A low Earth orbit (LEO) is an orbit that is relatively close to Earth's surface. It is normally at an altitude of 2000 km but could be as low as 160 km above Earth. The satellite placed in this orbit is used for communication, spying, remote sensing etc.

### **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**

It was set up on 15 August 1969

It is India's national space agency.

Headquarters: **Bengaluru**

Chairman: **S.Somanath**

### **3. PM Modi hands over houses built under PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) in Madhya Pradesh to over 4.51 lakh families virtually ( Oct. 22, 2022 )**

PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) in Madhya Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22 October 2022 handed over houses to 4 lakh 51 thousand families of Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin virtually.

Virtually addressing the state-level program organized in **Satna**, the Prime Minister said that home brings progress for all as the village also progresses due to construction of houses along with the owner of the house. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh **[Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#)** was also present in the programme..

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, about 38 Lakh houses have been sanctioned so far in Madhya Pradesh and construction of about 29 Lakh houses has been completed at a cost of more than Rs. 35,000 crores.

### **Housing for All**

Government of India has launched **Housing for All** scheme to provide pucca houses to the eligible person by **2022**.

The Housing for All target goal is to be achieved by two central government scheme ; **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin (PMAY-U)** and **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban(PMAY-U)**

#### **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin (PMAY-U)**

It was earlier known as **Indira Awas Yojana** . It was revamped and relaunched as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin (PMAY-U) on 20th November, 2016 with effect from 1st April 2016.

The program envisages the completion of **2.95 crore** PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities for the identified beneficiaries by the year 2022.

It is being implemented by the **Union Ministry of Rural Development**.

#### **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban(PMAY-U)**

It was launched on **25 June 2015** by the Government of India and it is being implemented by the Union **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**.

The scheme aims to provide pucca houses to all the eligible beneficiaries by 2022.

Around **1.12 crore houses** are to be constructed under the scheme .

### **4. PM Modi visits last Indian village along Indo -Tibetan border Mana to participate in the 'Saras Mela' ( Oct. 21, 2022 )**

'Saras Mela'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is visiting Uttarakhand attended the '**Saras Mela**' in Mana village of Chamoli district, on 21 October, 2022.

Mana Village on the banks of river **Saraswati** is also known as the **last Indian village** along the India-Tibetan border in Uttarakhand is just 3 kms from Badrinath town.

The Saras Mela is normally organized by the Union Ministry of Rural Development all over India with a focus on a particular state. In the mela products made by the women Self Help Groups (SHG) are displayed and cultural activities are also held.

However this Saras Mela was organised at the local level with the participation of the local women SHGs. PM Modi also interacted with the local artisans and visited the stalls in the Mela.

He laid the foundation stone for **road widening projects** worth around Rs 1,000 crore.

The two road widening projects - from **Mana to Mana Pass** (NH07) and from **Joshimath to Malari** (NH107B), will not only provide last-mile all-weather road connectivity to the border areas but are also of strategic significance for the defence forces.

The Prime Minister also visited Badrinath Temple accompanied by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, **Pushkar Singh Dhami** and the Governor of Uttarakhand, **Retd. Gen Gurmit Singh**.

### **Kedarnath**

Before visiting the Badrinath temple PM Modi visited Kedarnath temple in **Rudraprayag** which is dedicated to Lord Shiva.

### **Ropeway Projects**

The Prime Minister laid the foundation of two ropeway projects in the state to be built at the cost of Rs. 2430 crore.

In Kedarnath he laid the foundation stone of the **Kedarnath Ropeway Project**. The ropeway in Kedarnath will be around 9.7 Km long and will connect Gaurikund to Kedarnath.

The **Hemkund ropeway** project in Chamoli district will connect **Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib**. It will be around 12.4 Km long and will reduce the travel time from more than a day to only about 45 minutes. This ropeway will also connect Ghangaria, which is the gateway to **Valley of Flowers National Park** in Chamoli.

### **Uttarakhand**

Uttarakhand was formed on 9th November 2000 as the 27th State of India. It was formed by carving out the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

It shares international boundaries with China (Tibet) in the north and Nepal in the east. On its north-west lies Himachal Pradesh, while on the south is Uttar Pradesh.

The state is also famous as **God's Land or Dev Bhoomi**.

It has a total of 13 districts.

### **Official state symbols**

- State animal – Musk Deer
- State flower – Brahma Kamal
- State tree – Buransh (Rhododendron)
- State Bird – Monal
- State Instrument – Dhol

## **5. Dehradun to host 3-day “Akash for Life” Space Conference in November ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

Akash for Life

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr **Jitendra Singh** said that the 3-day “Akash for Life” Space Conference will be held in **Dehradun**, Uttarakhand from 5-7 November 2022.

ISRO and all major scientific ministries and departments of the government of India in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati will organize this National conference. Vijnana Bharati is a dynamic Science Movement with a Swadeshi Spirit, interlinking traditional and modern sciences on the one hand, and natural and spiritual sciences on the other hand.

The Government of India is organizing a campaign “**Sumangalam**” across the country for finding solutions to the environmental issues with an Indian perspective based on traditional knowledge .

### **Panchmahabhoot**

In a blend of the modern and the traditional knowledge, the government of India is going to organise five national conventions across the country on the **Panchmahabhoot**- the five elements for solving environmental issues for the betterment of society.

In the traditional knowledge system the human body or the universe is made of Panchmahabhoot. **It consists of Aakash, Vaayu Jal, Prithvi and Agni.**

The government of India is organising the first conference based on Panchmahabhoot-Akash or Space in Dehradun.

## **6. Government to organise Kashi-Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

Kashi-Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi

The government of India will organize ‘Kashi-Tamil Sangamam’ from 16th November to 19th December 2022 in **Varanasi (Kashi)**. This was announced by the Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** along with the Minister of State, Information and Broadcasting , Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying **L. Murugan** in New Delhi

### **Aim of the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam’**

The main aim of the ‘Kashi-Tamil Sangamam is to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the age-old links between Tamil culture and Kashi that have existed since centuries.

The broader objective is to bring the two Knowledge and Cultural traditions closer, create an understanding of our shared heritage and deepen the people-to-people bond between the regions.

The Sangamam to be organised under the overall framework and spirit of “**Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat**” will create a bridge between ancient India and contemporary generation.

### **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**

It has been launched by the Government of India to enhance interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs through the concept of state/UT pairing.

The states carry out activities to promote a sustained and structured cultural connection in the areas of language learning, culture, traditions & music, tourism & cuisine, sports and sharing of best practices, etc.

The Union Ministry of Education is the **nodal ministry** for the programme.

## **7. 10th Heads of Missions Conference starts in Kevadia, Gujarat ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

10th Heads of Missions Conference

The Ministry of External Affairs is organizing its 10th Heads of Missions Conference in **Kevadia**, Gujarat, from 20-22 October 2022. The Conference will bring together 118 Heads of Indian Missions (Ambassadors and High Commissioners) from all over the world.

The conference is always presided over by the Union External affairs Minister and this year **S.Jaishankar** presided over the meeting.

The event is a platform for the government to brief the country's top diplomats on ways to promote India's interests abroad.

This year [Prime Minister Modi](#) who was on a two day (19-20) Visit to Gujarat also participated in the meeting.

### **Difference between Ambassador and High Commissioner**

Every country appoints a senior diplomat to a foreign country to represent the government in that country. The senior diplomat is called Ambassador or High Commissioner.

#### **High Commissioner**

If the country is a member of the Commonwealth and sends its diplomat to a fellow Commonwealth country then the senior diplomat will be called as High Commissioner. For eg. India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, as both the countries are members of the Commonwealth.

#### **Ambassador**

If the senior diplomat is appointed to a non-commonwealth country then he/she is called as Ambassador. For eg. India's ambassador to Russia, United States of America, and France etc. These countries are not members of the Commonwealth.

### **Commonwealth of Nations**

Commonwealth is an association of Independent countries who were once part of the British Empire. However there are some countries like Rwanda, Mozambique, Gabon and Togo who were never part of the British Empire but still are the members of the Commonwealth.

At present **56 countries** are its members and the monarch of Britain is the head of the Commonwealth.

## **8. Prime Minister Modi lays the foundation stone of the strategic Deesa Air Base in Gujarat ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

Deesa Air Base in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a new air base at **Deesa in Banaskantha district** of north Gujarat near the India-Pakistan border. The air base is of

strategic importance as it will reduce the strategic gap of 355 Kms between the Air Force station in Bhuj and Uttarlai. The air base is expected to be completed by **2024**.

### **Deesa Air Force Base**

The project was approved by the Vajpayee government in 2000 but the project actually took off in 2017 when Modi became the Prime Minister. Deesa is a Greenfield air base spread over an area of 4,519 acres being developed in the Banaskantha region.

It is 130 km away from the Pakistan border.

### **Strategic significance of the Deesa Airbase**

Gujarat is economically very important for India and Pakistan is expected to hit the state during a conflict situation. The Deesa base will provide the Indian Air force the capability to take down the Pakistani planes launched from Mirpur Khas, Hyderabad, Shahbaz F-16 airbase in Jacobabad.

Deesa will also make Pakistani cities of Hyderabad, Karachi, and Sukkur vulnerable with its deep penetration strike aircraft.

The airbase can also be used to retaliate against Pakistan in case of a major terror strike in Gujarat or along the south-western sector apart from giving support to any land offensive in future.

The Indian fighter plane can cross the international border in mere two minutes at Mach 2.0 speed if there is an emergency.

Indian Air Force Chief: **Air Marshal Vivek Ram Choudhary**

## **9. Prime Minister Modi launches Mission LiFE globally in Kevadia, Gujarat ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

launches Mission LiFE globally

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) in the presence of the United Nations Secretary-General, [\*\*António Guterres\*\*](#) at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia on 20 October 2022.

Several world leaders including French President **Emmanuel Macron**, United Kingdom's Prime Minister **Liz Truss**, Georgia Prime Minister **Irakli Garibashvili**, Estonia Prime Minister **Kaja Kallas**, and Madagascar President **Rajoelina** sent video messages for the global launch.

Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister said that the vision of LiFE is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. And those who live such a lifestyle are called "Pro-Planet People." Mission LiFE will strengthen the concept of P3 (Pro-Planet People) and join the people of Earth.

### **LiFE ('Lifestyle for the Environment')**

- The idea of LiFE ('Lifestyle for the Environment') was given by Prime Minister Modi at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow 2021.
- The idea promotes an environmentally conscious lifestyle that focuses on 'mindful and deliberate utilisation' instead of 'mindless and destructive consumption'.

**Strategy of LiFE**

**According to the Prime Minister Office (PMO) the** "Mission LiFE aims at following a three-pronged strategy for changing our collective approach towards sustainability.

First is by nudging individuals to practise simple yet effective environment-friendly actions in their daily lives (demand);

Second is by enabling industries and markets to respond swiftly to the changing demand (supply) and;

Third is to influence government and industrial policy to support both sustainable consumption and production (policy).

**10. Sajan Bhanwala becomes the first Indian wrestler to win a Greco Roman medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships ( Oct. 19, 2022 )**

first Indian wrestler to win a Greco Roman medal

**Sajan Bhanwala** won the first medal for India at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022 being held in **Pontevedra**, Spain from 17 -23 October 2022. Wrestler who are below 23 years of age participate in the championship.

Sajan Bhanwala won the bronze medal in the **Greco Roman** 77kg category by defeating Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi in a closely-fought match on 19 October 2022.

It is for the first time that India has won a medal in the Greco Roman event at the U23 Wrestling World Championship.

**Denial of Visa to Indian wrestler**

India is competing with a depleted squad at the ongoing U-23 World Wrestling Championship 2022 in Pontevedra after host country Spain denied visas to 21 of the 30 wrestlers chosen to represent India at the meet. According to the Spanish embassy in Delhi these wrestlers were likely to illegally overstay in Spain.