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1. Denmark not to use fossil fuels on Domestic flights by 2030 (Jan. 3, 2022)

- The Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has announced that by 2030 the domestic airlines will not use fossil fuels in order to meet its emission target .
- The Danish Government has set a target of reducing its carbon emission by 70 % by 2030.
- Airline uses ATF(Aviation Turbine Fuel) is derived from hydrocarbons which are either Kerosene type or naphtha type.
- Green fuel for airlines or Sustainable Aviation Fuels is produced from agricultural residues , waste oil from a biological origin etc .

2. Haldia Jetty and Inland Terminal to be operational soon (Jan. 3, 2022)

- **Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** announced that the contract has been awarded for the **Haldia inland waterway terminal in West Bengal.**
- This will **facilitate export-import and inland cargo movement to Pandu terminal in Guwahati connecting the northeast with Kolkata.**
- This will provide an **alternative to the chicken neck route for easy and cost-effective movement of cargo** to and from the northeast to the foreign countries and other states of India.
- **This is a unique opportunity of using the sea and river route combinations (National Waterway 1 and National Waterway 2) via Kolkata port.**

For more details on National Waterways kindly refer to the link below.

3. Pune's NFAI to restore Satyajit Ray's Film Pratidwandi (Jan. 3, 2022)

On the occasion of legendary film director **Satyajit Ray's** birth centenary year, Pune based **National Film Archive of India (NFAI)** has started the process of restoring Ray's films **as part of National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM).**

- **"Pratidwandi" film is based on Sunil Gandopadhyay's novel of the same name,**
- It is the first of his films to be taken up for restoration.
- It is the first film in the Calcutta trilogy, the other being , Seemabaddha , and Jana Aranya.
- The films were made in Bengali.

Satyajit Ray received an Honorary Academy Award(Oscar award) in 1992.

About

National Film Archive of India (NFAI)

The National Film Archive of India (NFAI) was established as a media unit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in February 1964 to:

- **trace, acquire and preserve for posterity the heritage of Indian cinema;**

- **to classify, document data and undertake research relating to films;**
- **to act as a centre for the dissemination of film culture.**

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National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM)

The NFHM was started in 2017 by the I&B Ministry with a mandate to collect, assess, and preserve film reels as well as non-film materials associated with cinema, such as posters, flyers, or booklets, which have historical and aesthetic value.

- **National Film Archive of India (NFAI) is the nodal organization for the implementation of this project.**

4. Census first phase, National Population Register(NPR) data collection deferred till Sept 2022 (Jan. 3, 2022)

- The **first phase of Census 2021 – the House listing and Housing Census along with updating the NPR** – was scheduled to be held between April and September 2020, whereas the **second and main phase of population enumeration** was scheduled to be concluded by March 5, 2021
- The **decennial exercise was postponed multiple times due to the Covid-19 pandemic.**
- The Registrar General of India (RGI) had informed the States that the deadline for finalization of administrative boundaries is extended till 30th June 2022.
- **Finalization of administrative boundaries, at least three months prior to the exercise, is a prerequisite for conducting the census.**
- **The preparation of this unambiguous list of administrative units is termed as “Census Frame”** which covers the entire area but without omission or duplication of any administrative unit at any level.
- For Census 2021, all the changes between January 1, 2010, i.e. after the date of finalization of boundaries for Census 2011 up to the date of finalization of boundaries for forthcoming exercise (presently up to June 30, 2022) are to be considered for preparing the Census Frame.

[For more information about Census 2021, click here.](#)

5. PM Modi releases the 10th Installment of PM KISAN (Jan. 2, 2022)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released the ₹20,900 crore to more than 10.09 crore farmers as the 10th instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme on 1st January, 2022 via video conferencing.

- Under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PMKISAN) scheme, a financial benefit of ₹6,000 a year is provided to the eligible farmer families, payable in three equal instalments of ₹2,000.**
- The money is transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries.

- During the virtual event, the Prime Minister **also released an equity grant of more than ₹14 crore to about 351 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), benefiting 1.24 lakh farmers.**
- The PM-KISAN scheme was announced in the February 2019 Budget and the total amount provided under the scheme has touched about ₹1.8 lakh crore.

[For more information about PM-KISAN click here](#)

6. PM laid foundation of Major Dhyan Chand sports University in Meerut (Jan. 2, 2022)

Important Highlights:

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 2nd January 2022**, to inculcate sporting culture and establish world-class sporting infrastructure in the country.
- The Sports University will be **established at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town** at an **estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees.**
- The Sports University will be equipped with modern and state-of-the-art sports infrastructure including synthetic Hockey ground, Football ground, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Kabaddi ground, Lawn tennis court, Gymnasium hall, Synthetic running stadium, Swimming pool, Multipurpose hall, Cycling Velodrome etc.
- Meerut is the birthplace of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand
- **Last year the Government of India renamed India's highest sporting award the Rajeev Gandhi Khel Ratna award into Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna award.**
- **Major Dhyanchand birth date 29 August is celebrated in India as the National Sports Day in india**

7. "Padhe Bharat", 100 days reading campaign by Ministry of Education (Jan. 2, 2022)

- Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100 days reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat' on 1st January 2022.
- Padhe Bharat campaign will focus on children studying in Balvatika to Grade 8. The reading campaign will be organised for 100 days (14 weeks) starting from 1st January 2022 to 10th April 2022.
- The 100 days reading campaign will also focus on Indian languages including mother tongue/local/regional languages.
- **It is in this regard, 21st February which is celebrated as International Mother Tongue Day, has also been integrated with this campaign. This day will be celebrated with the activity of KahaniPadhoApniBhasa Main (Reading story in own language) across the country by encouraging children to read in their mother tongue/local language.**

8. India gift Covaxin to Afghanistan (Jan. 2, 2022)

- India has gifted 5 lakh Bharat Biotech-made Covaxin corona vaccines to Afghanistan. This is part of the 10 lakh vaccine to be gifted by the Government of India to Afghanistan .

- The consignment was sent to Afghanistan by the Iranian Mahan Airlines.
- The consignment will be handed over to the UN official in the Indira Gandhi Children hospital in Kabul .
- India earlier sent vaccines to Afghanistan in February 2021 when Ashraf Ghani was in power in Afghanistan.
- This is the first time India has sent vaccines to Afghanistan after the Taliban captured power in August 2021 and the Government of India does not recognise the Taliban government in Kabul.

Maitri Vaccine initiative of the Government of India

- In January 2021 ,Government of India launched the vaccine maitri initiative to supply domestically produced corona vaccine, Covishield made by Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech made Covaxin to the neighbouring countries in South Asia and to the poor and developing countries in the world .
- The vaccines were to be provided to these countries as a grant or on a commercial basis .The first country to receive the Serum Institute of India (SII) made vaccine, Covishield was **Bhutan and later Maldives** on 20 January 2021.
- The export of vaccine was halted by the Government of India in the month of April 2021 after the devastating second corona wave in India. The export of vaccines was put on hold by the Government of India.
- The Government of India restarted the export of corona vaccine in the month of October 2021.
- India is the largest producer of vaccine in the world.

9. Nearly 6000 NGO loses FCRA Licence (Jan. 2, 2022)

- Registration of **5,933 NGOs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) 2010 lapsed on December 31, 2021**, either for failure to apply for renewal before the due date or the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) rejecting their applications.
- The remaining, which had applied for renewal, were refused, as MHA found their operations or accounts to be in violation of FCRA..
- Oxfam India Trust, Jamia Millia Islamia and Indian Medical Association (IMA) are among these organisations.
- Oxfam was found to have transferred over ₹4 crore to 140 small NGOs and educational institutions before September 2020.
- The amendments to the FCRA brought in September 2020 bar NGOs from transferring foreign funds to other domestic NGOs.
- **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs is the administrator of the FCRA 2010 act in India.**

10. China renames 15 Places in Arunachal Pradesh (Jan. 1, 2022)

- China has renamed 15 places in Arunachal Pradesh to reaffirm its claim on the state.
- China's Ministry of Civil Affairs announced that it had standardised in Chinese characters, Tibetan and Roman alphabet the names of 15 places in Zangnan, the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh.

- China claims 90,000 sq. km of areas in Arunachal Pradesh as part of its territory and calls it Zangnam or South Tibet.
- The Government of India has rejected the Chinese claim.