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1. Manipur tops the medal table as the 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games concludes in Shillong (Nov. 18, 2022)

The 2nd Edition of the North East Olympics games concluded on 16 November 2022 at the Meghalaya's capital **Shillong**. The week-long (10-16 November) Olympic Games was dominated by the North East sports powerhouse Manipur.

The Games was organised by the government of Meghalaya and the state Olympic Association under the aegis of Northeast Olympic Association.

Arunachal Pradesh was to host the second edition of the Games in 2019 but there was a change of plan following the Covid-19 pandemic and Shillong was named the host city.

The first North East Olympics games **was held in Manipur** in 2018 and the **third edition will be held in Nagaland**.

Final Medal position

Manipur emerged as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals which included 88 gold medals, 75 silver and 77 bronze medals.

Assam took the second spot with a total of 203 medals which included 79 gold medals, 61 silver and 63 bronze medals.

Arunachal Pradesh got the third spot from the host State with a total of 112 medals which included 39 gold, 36 silver and 37 bronze medals.

Meghalaya was at the 4th spot followed by Nagaland at the 5th, Mizoram at 6th, Tripura at 7th and Sikkim was at the last position.

In this one week long edition of the sporting event, about 3000 participants from all around the North East states competed in 18 disciplines like football, shooting, basketball and others at 12 venues spread across Shillong.

2. President Murmu appoints DR CV Bose as the 22nd Governor of West Bengal (Nov. 17, 2022)

22nd Governor of West Bengal s

The President of India **Droupadi Murmu** has appointed **Dr CV Ananda Bose** as the **22nd Governor** of West Bengal on 17 November 2022. The post fell vacant after the previous governor **Jagdeep Dhankhar** was elected as the **14th Vice President of India**.

The Governor of Manipur La Ganesan Iyer was given the additional charge of West Bengal on 18 July 2022 by the President.

About Dr CV Ananda Bose

Dr CV Ananda Bose is a retired IAS officer. He served as the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Kerala and has held the rank of secretary to the government of India, been a Vice chancellor. He is currently the Chairman of the Habitat Alliance, in consultative status with the UN.

A prolific writer and columnist, Dr. Bose has published 32 books in English, Malayalam and Hindi including novels, short stories, poems and essays.

State Governor

Article 153 of the constitution provides for a Governor for each state. However a person can be appointed as Governor for **two or more States**.

Appointment of the Governor

The **President of India** appoints the Governor (article 155) of a state .

Qualification to be a Governor

- A person to be eligible for appointment as Governor should be citizen of India
- has completed the age of 35 years
- He shall not be a member of the Legislature or Parliament;
- Shall not hold any office of profit.

Term of the Governor

The constitution also says that the term of the governor shall be of **five years** but the constitution also says that the Governor holds office at the **pleasure of the President**. It means that he /she can be dismissed from office whenever the President wants so.

The Governor is the head of the **state executive** and his role is similar to the President of India. The governor exercises his power on the aid and advice of the State Cabinet headed by the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister of West Bengal : **Mamata Banerjee**

3. Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award will be given to Spanish film director Carlos Saura at 53rd IFFI (Nov. 15, 2022)

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award

Spanish film director and writer **Carlos Saura** will be honoured with the **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022** at the upcoming **53rd edition** of the International Film Festival of India in Goa.

Important facts

- The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in **Goa** from November 20 to 28, 2022.
- This year **280 films from 79 countries** will be screened here. **25 feature films** and **20 non-feature films** from India will be screened in the '**Indian Panorama**', while **183 films** will be part of international programming.

- This year the feature film and non-feature segments will see the opening of
- '**HadinLentu**' and '**The Show Must Go On**' festivals.
 - France is the '**Spotlight**' country this time and 8 of its films will be screened under the Country Focus package.
 - The '**Homage**' section will include **15 Indian and 5 international films**.
 - To promote films from **Northeast India**, 5 feature and 5 non-feature films will celebrate the golden jubilee of Manipuri cinema.
 - Other special attractions include the Shigmotsav (Spring Festival) on November 26 and the Goa Carnival on November 27, 2022.
 - CBC will organise an exhibition on the theme of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
 - Austrian film '**Elma and Oscar**' directed by Dieter Berner will open the festival, while Christoph Zanussi's '**Perfect Number**' will be the closing film here.

4. Manipur to celebrate Amur Falcon festival on 14 November (Nov. 13, 2022)

Manipur to celebrate Amur

The 7th edition of the Amur Falcon Festival will be held in the **Tamenglong district** of Manipur on 14 November 2022. The festival has been organised since 2015 to spread awareness about protection and conservation of world's longest flying migratory bird Amur falcon. The day-long festival is generally celebrated in the first or second week of November.

Amur Falcon (Falco amurensis)

The Amur falcon is the world's **longest travelling small raptors** of the falcon family. Raptor means which hunts other animals or birds as prey.

Amur Falcon breeds in the central Siberia region of Russia, eastern China. They migrate to the North Eastern states of **Manipur, Nagaland**, and part **of Assam** during October. They stay in India for about two months and in the month of November they cross the Arabian Sea to fly non-stop to South Africa and Kenya covering a distance of around 22,00 Km. The Amur Falcons are protected under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Nagaland falcon capital of world

Around a million Amur Falcon raptor stop at the **Pangti village** of the Wokha district in Nagaland during October -November month. This is the single largest congregation of the Amur Falcon bird in the world. Hence Nagaland is also known Falcon capital of the world

5. MoU to set up effective governance systems under DAY-NRLM (Nov. 11, 2022)

effective governance systems under DAY-NRLM

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **Gurugram-based Veddis Foundation** to support setting up of effective governance systems under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)** on 10 November, 2022.

Important facts

- The partnership with MoRD and Vedis Foundation is for **three years** and is a non-financial partnership.
- The MoU was signed by Joint Secretary, Rural Livelihoods, Nita Kejrewal from MoRD and Murugan Vasudevan, CEO, Vedis Foundation in a meeting chaired by Secretary, Rural Development, Nagendra Nath Sinha.
- As per the MoU, Vedis Foundation will set up a PMU in the Rural Livelihoods (RL) Division of the Ministry of Rural Development for the next five years.
- The MoU will also strengthen the state's capabilities, establish innovative models and implement a national strategy for convergence of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and SHGs.
- One of the initial focuses as part of the MoU is an annual report on the status of SRLMs in which the various SRLMs are expected to be evaluated on the basis of 'Governance Index'.

About Vedis Foundation

- Vedis Foundation has set up Project Management Units-PMUs in the State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Manipur.
- It will work on a 360-degree approach for effective implementation of the top level priorities of the government in Rajasthan in future.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)

- It was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in **June 2011**.
- It aims to reduce rural poverty by increasing livelihood opportunities through skill development and better access to financial services for rural poor households in the country.
- With an annual budget outlay of over Rs 13,000 crore, the program covers 7.15 lakh villages in 723 districts, and covers over 8.6 crore rural households.

6. Union Cabinet approves naming Hollongi Airport as Donyi Polo Airport (Nov. 2, 2022)

Donyi Polo Airport.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 2 November approved naming of **greenfield airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, as 'Donyi Polo** Airport.

Important facts

- A resolution was passed by the state government of Arunachal Pradesh to name this airport '**Donny Polo Airport, Itanagar**'.
- The '**Doni Polo**' reflects the people's respect for the **Sun (Doni)** and the **Moon (Polo)**, symbols of the state's traditions and rich cultural heritage.
- The Government of India had given 'in-principle' approval for the development of Hollongi Greenfield Airport in **January 2019**.
- The project is being developed by the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** in collaboration with the Central Government and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh at a cost of **Rs 646 crore**.
- Hollongi Airport is the **third airport** in the state and the only airport in the capital city after Pasighat and Tezu airports.
- Doni Polo Airport in Itanagar is the **16th airport in Northeast India**.

Operational airports in the north-eastern region

- Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tezpur, Lilabari, and Rupsi (Assam); Pasighat and Tezu (Arunachal Pradesh); Agartala (Tripura); Imphal (Manipur); Shillong (Meghalaya); Dimapur (Nagaland); Lengpui (Mizoram) and Pakyong (Sikkim).

7. Service Sports Control Board tops the medal tally at the 36th National Games 2022 (Oct. 13, 2022)

The **Service Sports Control Board (SSCB)** has topped the medal tally at the recently concluded [36th National Games 2022](#) with 128 medals, including 61 golds, 35 silvers and 32 bronze. This is the **fourth consecutive time** that the SSCB has topped the medal tally in the National Games. It topped the medal tally in 2007, 2011 and 2015 and 2022 games.

Service Sports Control Board (SSCB) is a combined team of the Indian Army, Navy and Air force.

The [National Games 2022](#) were held in six cities; Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, of Gujarat from September 29 to October 12. It was last held in Kerala in 2015.

The next 37th National Games will be held in Goa in 2023.

Best Athlete of the National Game 2022**Best male athlete:**

29 year old swimmer, **Sajan Prakash of Kerala**. He won five golds, two silvers and one bronze medal.

Best female athlete:

14 year old swimmer, **Hashika Ramachandra** of Karnataka. She won six golds and one bronze medal in the game.

Best State Trophy

Maharashtra was awarded the Indian Olympic Association's Best State trophy for winning the most medals (140) in the Games.

However Maharashtra finished second to SSCB in the medal tally as SSCB had won more gold medals(61) as compared to Maharashtra (30) gold medals.

National Games 2022 medal tally

Rank	State/Union Territory	Gold medal	Silver medal	Bronze medal	Total Medal
1	SSCB	61	35	32	128
2	Maharashtra	39	38	63	140
3	Haryana	38	38	40	116
4	Karnataka	27	23	38	88
5	Tamil Nadu	25	22	27	74
6	Kerala	23	18	13	54
7	Madhya Pradesh	20	25	21	66
8	Uttar Pradesh	20	18	18	56
9	Manipur	20	10	20	50
10	Punjab	19	32	25	76

8. President Droupadi Murmu flags off Kolkata-Agartala express train (Oct. 13, 2022)

President **Draupadi Murmu** flagged off the **Agartala-Khongsang Janshatabdi Express** and **Agartala-Kolkata Express** from **Agartala Railway Station** on 13 October 2022.

Important facts

- These trains connecting Tripura to Assam, West Bengal and Manipur will help boost connectivity and tourism in the Northeast region.

- The President is on a three-day visit to Tripura and Assam.
- President Murmu inaugurated the **Tripura Judicial Academy** and laid the foundation stone of the **National Law University, Tripura**.
- The President will later inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for various projects of the Union Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and the Government of Assam.
- This will include a supercomputer facility at **PARAM Kamrup** and a facility for design and development of high powered microwave components at **IIT Guwahati**.
- The President will also lay the foundation stone of the Regional Institute of Medical College and Hospital at Dhubri, National Institute of Virology (NIV) at Dibrugarh (Assam) and Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh).

About Tripura

- Capital - **Agartala**
- Governor - **Satyadeo Narain Arya**
- Chief Minister - **Manik Saha**
- State Bird - **Green Imperial Pigeon (Ducula aenea)**
- State Tree - **Agar (Aquilaria malaccensis)**
- State Flower - **Nageswar (Mesua Ferrea)**
- Borders - **Bangladesh, Mizoram and Assam.**
- connected with the rest of India - by NH-44 that runs through Assam, Meghalaya, North Bengal, Kolkata and other parts of India.
- No. of Districts - **08**

9. Center approves 'Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme' (Oct. 12, 2022)

To boost economic and social development in the North Eastern region the central government has decided to launch a 100% centrally funded scheme **Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)**. The scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet in a meeting held on 12 October 2022 and chaired by the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.

PM-DevINE, was announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 to address development gaps in the North Eastern Region.

Duration of the Scheme

The scheme will be of **four year** duration from 2022-23 to 2025-26, which will coincide with the remaining period of the 15th Finance Commission.

Outlay on the scheme

The scheme is 100% centrally funded and the outlay for the scheme is **Rs 6,600 crore** for the next four years.

Who will implement the scheme?

The Scheme will be implemented by the Union Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) through North Eastern Council or Central Ministries/ agencies.

Objectives of the new Scheme

PM-DevINE will provide support to infrastructure and social development projects which may be larger in size and will also provide an end-to-end development solution instead of isolated projects.

PM-DevINE will lead to creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects and create livelihood activities for youth and women, thus leading to employment generation.

The objectives of PM-DevINE are to:

- (a) Fund infrastructure convergent, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti;
- (b) Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER;
- (c) Enable livelihood activities for youth and women;
- (d) Fill the development gaps in various sectors.

North Eastern States in India

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland and Sikkim.

Union Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region: **Kishan Reddy**

10. The Plenary Session of North Eastern Council Concludes (Oct. 10, 2022)

The two-day plenary session of the **North Eastern Council (NEC)**, which was held in **Guwahati**, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** concluded in Guwahati on 9 October.

Important facts

- The meeting was attended by the Governors, Chief Ministers of North Eastern States, Union Ministers and Ministers of State for North Eastern Affairs and senior officers of various departments of the Centre and North Eastern States.
- In his address, Amit Shah said that there were three major hurdles in the path of development of the Northeast for decades - violence and unrest by extremist groups, lack of rail, road and air connectivity in the Northeast and previous governments' lack of emphasis on development of the Northeast.

- He said that the whole of India considers the languages, cultures, food and costumes of the Northeast of the country as its heritage and the Government of India is making every effort to preserve and promote the natural identity of this region.
- The 70th Plenary meeting reviewed the status of different ongoing social and developmental projects in the North Eastern Region.

NEHHDC Mobile Application launched

- The Home Minister launched the North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (**NEHHDC**) Mobile Application during the session.
- It would help register artisans and weavers online and collect authentic data through the app.

About North Eastern Council

- It is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the **North Eastern Region**.
- It consists of the **eight States** of **Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura**.
- It was constituted under the **North Eastern Council Act in 1971**.
- The Council comprises Governors and Chief Ministers of constituent States and three members nominated by the President.
- The Union Cabinet, in June 2018, approved the proposal of the **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)** to nominate the **Union Home Minister as the ex-officio Chairman** of the North Eastern Council (NEC).
- The Cabinet also approved that the **Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of DoNER** will act as the **Vice-Chairman** of the Council.
- It discusses any matter in which some or all the States represented on the Council have a common interest and advises the Central Government and the respective State Governments as to the action to be taken on any such matter.
- The headquarters - **Shillong**