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1. Denmark gets a new coalition government with Mette Frederiksen as Prime Minister (Dec. 16, 2022)

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Denmark finally got a government after an agreement was reached between three political parties to form a coalition government with **Mette Frederiksen** as the Prime Minister. Mette Frederiksen who became the **youngest prime minister** of Denmark in June 2019 called an early parliamentary election on 1 November 2022.

However no political party was able to secure a majority and Mette Frederiksen's Social Democratic Party emerged as the single largest party.

After 42 days of talk the three main parties; Liberal Party, Social Democratic Party and Moderate announced to form a government of 15 December 2022 with Mette Frederiksen as the Prime Minister

The new coalition government of Liberal Party, Social Democratic Party and Moderate party control 89 seats in the 179 seat Danish parliament.

The Danish Parliament is called **Folketing**, and has a term of 4 years.

Capital of Denmark: **Copenhagen**

Currency of Denmark: **Danish Krone**

2. PM participated in a programme commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary (Dec. 13, 2022)

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in a programme commemorating **Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary**, on 13th December, 2022 via video conferencing.

Important facts

- The Prime Minister released a commemorative coin and postage stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo at the event organised at **Kamban Kalai Sangam, Puducherry** under the aegis of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

About Sri Aurobindo

- Aurobindo Ghose was born in Calcutta on **15th August 1872**.
- He was a **revolutionary, nationalist, poet, educationist, yogi and philosopher**.
- At the age of seven he was taken to England for education. There he studied at St. Paul's School, London, and at King's College, Cambridge.

- He became a **state service officer** on his return to India in 1893.
- He worked for the next thirteen years in the service of the **Maharaja in the princely state of Baroda** and as a **professor at Baroda College**.
- Aurobindo's practical strategies to break free from **British rule** marked him as the "**prophet of Indian nationalism**".
- From **1902 to 1910**, he participated in the struggle to free India from the British.
- As a result of his political activities, he was imprisoned in the year **1908 (Alipore Bomb Case)**.
- In Pondicherry he established a community of spiritual seekers, which took shape in the year 1926 as the **Sri Aurobindo Ashram**.
- Aurobindo Ghose died on **December 5, 1950**.

3. Jos Buttler, Sidra Ameen win ICC Player of the month awards (Dec. 13, 2022)

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The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** on 12 November announced the winners of the **ICC Player of the Month awards for November 2022**.

Important facts

- England's T20 World Cup-winning captain **Jos Buttler** was named the ICC Player of the Month for the first time after his stellar performance in November.
- Playing his 100th T20 match against New Zealand in Brisbane, opener Buttler played a key role in the victory, scoring 73 off 47 balls.
- Butler has achieved this award by leaving behind his compatriot spinner **Adil Rashid** and Pakistan's star fast bowler **Shaheen Afridi**.
- Pakistan's **Sidra Amin** became the country's second consecutive winner of the **Women's Player of the Month** award after a stellar performance in the ODI series win against Ireland.
- Sidra played an unbeaten inning of 176 runs against Ireland in the month of November, this was also the highest score of his cricket career.
- Sidra has won this award leaving behind Thailand's **Natthakan Chantham** and Ireland's **Gabby Lewis**.

4. Justice Dipankar Dutta takes oath as judge of Supreme Court (Dec. 12, 2022)

Justice Dipankar Dutta takes oath as judge of Supreme Court

Bombay High Court Chief Justice **Dipankar Datta** was on 12 December administered the oath of office as a **Supreme Court judge** by Chief Justice of India (CJI) **D Y Chandrachud**.

Important facts

- The number of judges in the apex court has now **increased to 28**. The sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court is **34, including the Chief Justice of India**.
- Justice Datta, born on February 9, 1965, turned 57 this year and will have a tenure till February 8, 2030, in the Supreme Court where the retirement age is 65.
- The Supreme Court Collegium headed by then **Chief Justice of India UU Lalit** in the meeting held on September 26, 2022, has recommended the elevation of **Justice Datta** to the Supreme Court.
- Justice Datta, son of the late **Justice Salil Kumar Datta**, a former judge of the Calcutta High Court, was elevated as a permanent judge to the bench of the Calcutta High Court on **June 22, 2006**.
- He was made the Chief Justice of the **Bombay High Court** on April 28, 2020.
- He was awarded the LLB degree by the University of Calcutta in 1989 and started practising as an advocate on 16 November 1989.

5. Bhupendra Patel sworn-in as Gujarat CM for 2nd consecutive term (Dec. 12, 2022)

Bhupendra Patel sworn-in as Gujarat CM

BJP leader **Bhupendra Patel** took oath as the **Chief Minister of Gujarat** for a **second straight term** in Gandhinagar on 12 December in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Important facts

- Governor **Acharya Devvrat** administered the oath as the **18th Chief Minister of the state**.
- Patel was sworn in as the **17th Chief Minister** of Gujarat on September 13, 2021.
- The BJP created history in Gujarat with a landslide and **7th consecutive victory** in the 2022 elections.
- Breaking his own record, Patel won the 2022 election once again from **Ghatlodia** constituency with a huge margin of **1,91,000 votes**.

- The BJP won **156 seats** in the 182-member assembly, its best ever performance in the state.
- The opposition Congress could win only 17 seats while Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party had to be content with just 5 seats.
- Three seats went to independent candidates, while the Samajwadi Party (SP) won one seat in the state.
- In the last assembly elections in 2017, **BJP won 99 seats**, Congress won 77 seats and NCP, BTP and Independent candidates secured 1, 2 and 3 seats respectively.

6. Mopa International Airport Goa named after Manohar Parrikar (Dec. 11, 2022)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the international airport at [Mopa](#) in north Goa on 11 December 2022. He named the airport after late Goa Chief Minister and former Union Defence Minister **Manohar Parrikar**.

Manohar Parrikar was a towering leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Goa .He was the Chief Minister of Goa 2000 to 2005, 2012 to 2014 and from 14 March 2017 until his death in March 2019.

Manohar Parrikar was also the **Union Defence Minister** from October 2014-March 2017. He was awarded **Padma Bhushan** posthumously in January 2020.

Mopa Airport

In November 2016, the PM laid Mopa airport's foundation stone. It will be the second airport in the state, the first airport in Goa is at Dabolim.

7. 25th SIES Award for public leadership 2022 conferred on former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu (Dec. 11, 2022)

25th SIES Award for public leadership 2022 conferred

Former Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu** received the 25th SIES national eminence award 2022 for **public leadership** in a function held at Mumbai on 10 December. Last year the South Indian Education Society (SIES) award for public eminence was conferred on Uttar Pradesh chief minister **Yogi Adityanath** in 2021.

Other awardees in various categories included the Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohammed Khan, eminent industrialist Ratan Tata, renowned cardiologist Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood and famous Harikatha artiste Vishakha Hari.

Venkaiah Naidu was the **13th Vice President of India** from 11 August 2017-11 August 2022.

The SIES was set up in 1932 by **M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai.**

The SIES award is given annually in the field of Public eminence, Community leadership, Science and Technology, Social thinkers and International category.

8. Veteran Marathi Lavani Singer Sulochana Chavan no more (Dec. 10, 2022)

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Legendary Marathi Lavani singer **Sulochana Chavan** died in Mumbai on Saturday 10 December 2022. She was 92 years old. She was awarded Padma shri in 2022.

Known as '**Lavani Samradnyi**' (**Queen of Lavani**), Sulochana Chavan was one of the most well-known singers in this traditional Maharashtrian musical genre closely associated with the folk theatre form *Tamasha*.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde as well as Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari condoled her death.

Dances of Maharashtra

- **Dhangari Gaja**
- **Dindi** and **Kala** are the religious folk dances in Maharashtra,
- **Koli** dance is the dance form of Koli fisher folk of Maharashtra.
- **Povadas Dance**, This dance form describes the events in the life of the great Maratha ruler, Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- **Tamasha**, The word tamasha in Persian language means fun and entertainment. The tamasha dance form has been believed to be derived from the ancient form of Sanskrit drama - the 'Prahana' and the 'Bhana'.

9. US prints first banknotes with women's signatures (Dec. 10, 2022)

US prints first banknotes with women's signatures

The U.S. The Treasury (United States of America's Finance Ministry) has printed the first US banknotes (currency notes) with two women's signatures. The new currency notes of \$1 and \$5 value carry the signature of the Secretary of Treasury (American Finance Minister) **Janet Yellen** and **Lynn Malerba**. The United States currency notes are popularly called as **Greenback**.

Lynn Malerba is Native American and is the chief of the Mohegan Tribe, who holds the position of Treasurer of the United States within the Department of Treasury, United States government.

Janet Yellen is a former chairman of the United States Central Bank, **Federal Reserve of New York**. She was the first female head of the Federal Reserve.

In the United States the currency notes are printed by the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Federal Reserve decides how much currency notes will be printed.

The Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing has note printing facilities **at Fort Worth, Texas and another in Washington.**

India

In India the government of India issues currency notes of **one Rupees and the Coins** under the Coinage act 1906(as amended in 2011).

Notes in the denomination of **Rs 2 to Rs 10,000 are issued by the Reserve Bank of India under the Reserve Bank of India act 1934.**

In India Currency notes issued by the RBI are called **bank notes**. The Bank notes are **signed by the governor of RBI**. Till date there has been no women governor in RBI.

The One rupee note is signed by the **Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.**

Printing of notes in India

Bank notes are printed at **four currency presses**, two of which are owned by the Government of India through its **Corporation, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL)** and two are owned by the **Reserve Bank, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL).**

The currency presses of SPMCIL are at **Nasik** (Maharashtra) and **Dewas** (Madhya Pradesh).

The two presses of BRBNMPL are at **Mysuru** (Karnataka) and **Salboni** (West Bengal).

10. Solar Electric Hybrid high speed ferry launched in Goa (Oct. 13, 2022)

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Sarbananda Sonowal** launched a **Solar-Electric Hybrid High Speed Ferry** and inaugurated a floating jetty project at Panaji, Goa on 13 October 2022.

The Solar-Electric Hybrid High Speed Ferry project is funded by the government of Goa at a cost of over 3.9 crores and has a carrying capacity of 60 passengers.

The floating jetty has been funded by the Inland Waterways Authority of India, the three jetties commissioned were built at a project cost of Rs. 9.6 crores. The jetties are solid concrete structures that float on water, are easy to install and have minimal environmental impact in their construction.

Speaking on the occasion the minister said that the project is likely to boost the tourism sector in the state.

First Solar Powered Ferry in India

The first solar powered ferry in India, Aditya was launched in 2017 in Kerala. It was built by the NavAlt Solar and Electric Boats for the Kerala State Water Transport Department.