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### **1. World Champion Rudranksh Patil wins ISSF President's Cup held in Egypt ( Dec. 4, 2022 )**

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The current world champion [Rudranksh Patil](#) of India defeated world No. 1 **Danilo Sollazzo** of Italy in the men's 10m air rifle final to win the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **President's Cup 2022** in **Cairo, Egypt**, 2 December 2022.

The ISSF Presidents Cup is the season finale of the International Shooting Sport Federation yearlong competition where top ranked shooters of the year are invited. It was held from 28 November -4 December 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.

Rudranksh Patil was awarded the **Golden Target award**, given to the best athlete of the year in the category by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

Tokyo Olympian and world No. 4 **Anjum Moudgil**, had to settle for **silver** after narrowly losing to Anna Janssen of Germany in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.

India finished the ISSF President's Cup 2022 with **two medals** - one gold and one silver.

At the 2021 edition of the ISSF President's Cup, India won five medals - two golds, two silvers and one bronze.

### **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)**

It is an international body which governs International shooting.

It was founded in 1907 as International Shooting Union and later renamed as ISSF in 1998.

Headquarters: Munich, Germany

President: Vladimir Lisin

### **2. International conference on "J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist" organized in New Delhi ( Dec. 4, 2022 )**

International conference on "J C Bose

The Union Ministry of Culture organised an "International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist" at the Inter-University Accelerator Centre, **New Delhi** on 3 December 2022 on the occasion of 164th birth anniversary of legendary Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose.

The aim of the conference was to acknowledge and popularize the contributions of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose.

### **Jagdish Chandra Bose**

JC Bose was born on 30 November 1858 in Mymensingh (Bangladesh) and died on 23 November 1937 at Giridih, Jharkhand.

He was a Plant Physiologist and physicist who invented **the crescograph, a device for measuring the growth of plants**. He for the first time demonstrated that plants have feelings.

He discovered wireless communication and was named the **Father of Radio Science** by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

A crater on the **moon** is named in his honour.

He established Bose Institute in Kolkata in 1917 which is the first **interdisciplinary research centre in Asia**.

### **3. 3 Indian-Origin Women Scientists Among Australia's "Superstars of STEM" ( Dec. 3, 2022 )**

"Superstars of STEM"

**Three Indian-origin women among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians** have been selected as Australia's '**STEM Superstars**'.

#### **Important facts**

- It is an initiative aimed at breaking the gendered perceptions of society about scientists.
- In 2022, three Indian-origin women to be recognized as STEM superstars are **Neelima Kadijala, Dr. Ana Baburamani and Dr. Indrani Mukherjee**.
- Apart from Indians, women scientists of **Sri Lankan** origin have also been selected in this.

#### **About Australia's 'Superstars of STEM'**

- Each year Science and Technology Australia (STA), the country's apex body in this field and representing more than 105,000 scientists and technologists, selects 60 Australian experts working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

#### **Neelima Kadijala**

- Kadijala is an IT Program Manager at Challenger Limited and has 15 years of experience across multiple industries including Financial Services, Telco and FMCG.
- She moved to Australia in 2003 as an international student to pursue a Master of Business in Information Systems.

#### **Dr. Ana Baburamani**

- Baburamani is Scientific Adviser in the Department of Defense - Science and Technology Group and has always been fascinated by how the brain develops and functions.

- Baburamani completed her PhD at Monash University and has spent 10 years as a post-doctoral researcher in Europe.

**Dr. Indrani Mukherjee**

- Ms Mukherjee is a geologist at the University of Tasmania and focuses on what drove the biological transition.
- She is working as a postdoctoral researcher in Tasmania, as well as in the areas of public outreach, geoscience communication and diversity initiatives.

**4. The 138th birth anniversary of the country's first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad was celebrated ( Dec. 3, 2022 )**

The 138th birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad

President **Droupadi Murmu** has paid floral tributes to the first President of India, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** on his **138th birth anniversary** at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 3 December.

**Important facts**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has also paid tribute to former President Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary.
- Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** also remembered Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary.

**About Dr. Rajendra Prasad**

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad was the first President of independent India. He was one of the prominent leaders of the Indian National Movement.
- He left his legal profession for the freedom struggle. He was also an Indian independence activist, lawyer and scholar.
- He also served as the Food and Agriculture Minister in the central government after the 1946 elections.
- He also served as the President of the Constituent Assembly of India.
- He was born on 3rd December 1884 in Zeradai, District Siwan in Bihar.
- He did his MA (Economics) from the University of Calcutta in 1907 and joined the Dawn Society and the Servants of India Society.
- He won a doctorate in law from Allahabad University.
- He started practice in the Patna High Court in 1916 and founded the Bihar Law Weekly.
- He joined the Indian National Congress in 1911 and was later elected to the All India Congress Committee after which he met Mahatma Gandhi.

- He jumped into the Freedom Struggle Movement and participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement in 1920.

## **5. Hansraj Gangaram Ahir assumed charge as Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

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**Hansraj Gangaram Ahir** assumed charge as Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes on 2 December 2022. He belongs to Maharashtra and is an Agriculturist by profession.

Hansraj Gangaram Ahir has been elected four times Member of Parliament and also has been the member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.

He has also been the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers.

### **National Commission for Backward Classes**

The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) was set up by the Government of India **in 1993** under the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993.

The commission was accorded a constitutional status by the **One Hundred and Second Amendment Act, 2018** which inserted a new article 338 B in the constitution.

### **Functions of the Commission**

The commission recommends the inclusion of any communities in the backward class list to the central government.

It investigates and monitors all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the socially and educationally backward classes under the Constitution or under any other law.

It advises the government on the socio-economic development of the socially and educationally backward classes and to evaluate the progress of their development under the Union and any State.

### **Composition and qualification of the members of the NCBC**

The NCBC consists of **5 members**; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and three members.

The Chairperson must be an eminent socio-political worker belonging to the socially and educationally backward classes.

The Vice-Chairperson and all other Members out of whom, at least two shall be appointed from amongst persons belonging to the socially and educationally backward classes

At least one other member shall be a women.

### **Term of the members**

They are appointed by the President of India and have a **3 year term**. They are not eligible for appointment for more than two terms.

## **6. Sanjay Malhotra assume charge as Revenue Secretary ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

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Senior bureaucrat **Sanjay Malhotra** assumed the charge as the secretary in the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance on 1 December 2022. Sanjay Malhotra replaced Tarun Bajaj, who retired on 30 November 2022.

A 1990-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, Malhotra was working as an officer on special duty (OSD) in the revenue department since October this year.

Malhotra takes over as the top bureaucrat in the revenue department at a time when the government is preparing for the Union Budget 2023-24 to be tabled in Parliament on 1 February 2023.

### **Departments under the Union Ministry of Finance**

There are 6 departments under the Union Ministry of Finance. Each department performs specific functions. These departments are as follows:

#### **Department of Expenditure**

It is responsible for the implementation of the recommendations of the Finance Commission and Central Pay Commission, monitoring of audit comments/ observations, and preparation of Central Government Accounts.

Secretary: **Dr. T. V. Somanathan (He is also currently the Finance Secretary.)**

#### **Department of Economic Affairs**

The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, assists the Central Government in maintaining sound public finances developing sound economic policies and preparing for future economic challenges and opportunities, and leading India's bilateral and multilateral and financial engagements.

Secretary: **Ajay Seth**

#### **Department of Revenue**

It exercises control in respect of matters relating to all the Direct and Indirect Union Taxes through two statutory Boards namely, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

Secretary :**Sanjay Malhotra**

#### **Department of Financial Services**

The mandate of the Department of Financial Services covers the functioning of Banks, Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies and the National Pension System.

Secretary: **Vivek Joshi**

**DIPAM (Department of Investment and Public Asset Management)**

It deals with all matters relating to management of Central Government investments in equity including disinvestment of equity in Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Secretary: **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**

**Department of Public Enterprises**

The Department of Public Enterprises is the nodal department for all the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and formulates policy pertaining to CPSEs.

Secretary: **Ali Raza Rizvi**

**Union Finance Minister:** Nirmala Sitharaman

**7. Legendary Odia actress Jharna Das passed away ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

Odia actress Jharna Das passed away

Legendary Odia actress **Jharana Das** passed away aged 77 on 2 December. She was suffering from old age-related illnesses.

**Important facts**

- President **Draupadi Murmu** has expressed deep sorrow over his demise.
- Das, a winner of the state government's prestigious '**Jaydev Puraskar**' for her lifetime contribution to Odia film industry.
- Born in 1945, Jharana Das started her acting career in the 60s and had won several accolades for her brilliant performance in landmark films like 'Shree Jagannath', 'Nari', 'Adinamegha', 'Hisabnikas', 'Pujafula', 'Amadabata', 'Abhinetri', 'Malajanha' and 'Heera Nella'.
- Das had also worked as a child artist and announcer with the All India Radio (AIR), Cuttack.
- She had also worked as an assistant station director of Doordarshan in Cuttack.
- Her direction in the biographical documentary on former Odisha chief minister Harekrushna Mahtab was lauded by many.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has decided to conduct his last rites with full state honours.

**8. Government of India set up a panel to set a timeline for adoption of common standard charger in India ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

panel to set a timeline for adoption of common standard charger in India

The Department of Consumer Affairs under the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has formed a committee to **set a timeline for the adoption of USB Type-C as the standard charging port for electronic products, including smartphones, tablets and laptops.**

The committee will be headed by the Additional Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs, **Nidhi Khare.**

### **Why need a single charger?**

A customer has to buy different types of charger for different electronic products like feature phones, smart phones, laptops, tablets etc. A lot of e-waste is generated when the customer buys a new model of phone or laptop because they have to buy a new charger.

To reduce the **e waste** the government wants a single charger so that customers do not have to change chargers every time they buy a new electronic product.

### **Why USB type C charger**

USB (Universal Serial Bus) type C charger has a faster charging capability and also it can be used for multiple electronic products which require charging capability of 65 watts or less.

Recently the European Union has announced adoption of a common charger for small electronic devices by 2024.

India is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of chargers in the world.

## **9. Vijender Sharma elected as the President of the Institute of Cost Accountant of India ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

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The Institute of Cost Accountant of India (ICMAI) has elected **Vijender Sharma** as the President and **Rakesh Bhalla** as the Vice-President of the Institute for the year 2022-23. The Institute conducted the election for President and Vice-President on Nov 28, 2022 in New Delhi.

### **Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)**

It is a statutory body set up on 28 May 1959 under the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959. It is under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, Government of India.

The ICMAI is a professional body for the regulation of the profession of cost and management accountancy in India.

The ICMAI Institute is the **2nd largest** Cost & Management Accounting body in the world and the largest in Asia.

The Institute is headquartered in **Kolkata** having four Regional Councils in Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai, 113 Chapters in India and 10 overseas Centers.

The Institute is a founding member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the Confederation of Asian & Pacific Accountants (CAPA) and the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA).

**10. Prasanth Kumar of GroupM media elected as the President of AAI ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

**Prasanth Kumar** has been elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for fiscal 2022-23 at its annual general body meeting on 29 November 2022. Prasant Kumar is presently CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd.

Rana Barua, Group CEO of Havas Group India was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Association.

Kumar has an experience of over 25 years in the Industry. Before joining GroupM, he held positions at Pepsi, The Hindu, The Media Edge, and McCann Erickson.

He has served as AAI's vice president from 2020 to 2022.

The 'Advertising Agencies Association of India' (AAAI) was formed in the year 1945 to further the interests of the advertising industry.