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1. 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.

2. 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

3. 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 Veddis 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, Veddis 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 Veddis 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.

4. 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).

5. 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
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6. 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**

7. 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**

8. 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**

9. Election Commission launched Matadata Junction (Oct. 3, 2022)

The Election Commission launched **Matadata Junction**, a year-long voter awareness program on All India Radio on October 3.

Important facts

- Matadata Junction was launched in a program organised at **Akashvani Rang Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- Chief Election Commissioner of India **Rajiv Kumar** inaugurated the program in the presence of Election Commissioner of India **Anoop Chandra Pandey**, CEO Prasar Bharati **Mayank Kumar Agarwal**.
- DG AIR News Vasudha Gupta and actor Pankaj Tripathi, who is an ECI state icon, were present on the occasion.

About Matadata Junction

- Under this, **52 episodes of 15 minutes** duration will be telecast every Friday on **Vividh Bharati stations, FM Rainbow, FM Gold and primary channels of All India Radio**.
- Each program will be based on a specific **theme** on the electoral process.
- All 52 themes aim to encourage all eligible citizens, especially young and first-time voters.
- Quiz, interviews with experts, and songs produced by EC's **SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation)** team will be played in every episode.
- The program includes a Citizens' Corner where any citizen can ask questions or make suggestions on any aspect of voting.

Matadata Junction will be conducted in 23 languages

- **23 languages are** - Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santhali, Maithili & Dogri.

Election Commission of India

- It is a **permanent and independent body** established by the Constitution of India to ensure free and fair elections in India.

- It was established as per the Constitution on **25 January 1950**.
- It administers the elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Assemblies, State Legislative Councils and the President and Vice President of the country.
- It has nothing to do with elections to **panchayats and municipalities** in the states. For this the Constitution of India provides for a separate State Election Commission.
- Basically there is only one **Chief Election Commissioner** in the Election Commission.
- Currently it consists of **two Election Commissioners**.
- The **President** appoints Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.
- They have a tenure of **six years, or up to the age of 65 years**.

10. Central government appoints Sujoy Lal Thaosan as head of CRPF and Anish Dayal Singh as ITBP head (Oct. 2, 2022)

The Union Ministry of Personnel on 1 October 2022 ,announced the appointment of Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers **Sujoy Lal Thaosan** and **Anish Dayal Singh** as the new Director Generals of the **CRPF** and **ITBP** respectively. The notification was issued by the ministry after the Cabinet Committee on Appointment headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved their names.

Sujoy Lal Thaosan is a 1988 batch officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre and is currently working as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and is holding the additional charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

Anish Dayal Singh is a 1988-batch officer of Manipur cadre and is currently serving as a special director in the Intelligence Bureau.

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)

There are seven Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in India. They are under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. These are ;

- Assam Rifles
- Border Security Forces(BSF)
- Central Industrial Security Force(CISF)
- Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Indo Tibetan Border Force (ITBP)
- National Security Guard(NSG)
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

It is the **largest CAPF** in India. It was set up as Crown Representative Police on 27 July 1939. It was renamed as the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on 28 December 1949.

Moto: **Service and Loyalty**

Indo -Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

It was set up in 1962 after the Indo-China war of 1962. It is normally deployed in the Himalayan Mountains along the China border.

Motto: **Valour - Steadfastness and Commitment**