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1. Kerala Health Minister rejected the Ramon Magsaysay Award as it was against the communists (Sept. 4, 2022)

Former Kerala Health Minister **KK Shailaja** has rejected the [Ramon Magsaysay award](#) for her commitment and service towards ensuring an accessible public health system and effectively leading from the front to manage the Nipah and Covid-19 outbreaks in the state. However after she declined it the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation decided not to announce her name in the final list.

- Her handling of the health crisis was praised nationally and internationally.
- KK Shailaja who is a central committee member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) said that the party decided not to accept the award.
- She said that cannot accept the award as it was given to an individual while her work as a health minister was a collective work.
- Also the award which is given in the name of the former Philippines President, was anti-communist and ruthlessly crushed the communist guerrilla movement in the country.
- If she had accepted the award she would be the fifth Keralite to get the honour after Verghese Kurien, M S Swaminathan, B G Verghese and T N Seshan.
- Till date 55 Indians have won the award. First being **Vinoba Bhave in 1958** and the last being **Ravish Kumar 2019**.

2. Germany won the men's and women's title at the Leh Edition of UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup 2022 edition held today (Sept. 4, 2022)

The German Cyclist won both the men and women category In the Leh Edition of UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup held in Leh, Ladakh on 4 September 2022.

Twenty international, 55 national and local cyclists participated in this world cup competition.

The men's category was won by **Felix Klausmann** and the women's section champion was **Marion Fromberger**.

The UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup was held in Leh Ladakh for the first time on 4 September. It was organised by the Ladakh Police in association with City Mountain Bike and Cycling Federation of India.

Earlier, Ladakh LG RK Mathur, MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, SS Khandare flagged off various raids that are part of world cup eliminator.

3. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Honoured with Capital Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award (Sept. 4, 2022)

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** was conferred with the **Capital Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award**. The award was presented by former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice N.V. Ramana at India International Centre, New Delhi, on September 4, 2022

Naveen Patnaik of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party has been the chief minister of Odisha since 5 March 2000 - till date.

The foundation in a statement said that in recognition of his distinctive and outstanding leadership qualities Naveen Patnaik is being conferred Capital Foundation Lifetime Achievement.

The Capital Foundation Society, established in 1987 is one of the most prestigious voluntary organisations in India which has been engaged in providing a platform for policy dialogue and debate on issues of national and international importance.

Odisha State :

- In ancient times it was called Kalinga.
- Its name was changed to Odisha from Orissa in 2011.
- The **96th constitutional amendment 2011** changed the name of language of the state from Oriya to **Odia** in the 8th schedule of the constitution.
- The State of Orissa was founded on 1 April 1936 after it was separated from the Bengal presidency.
- 1 April is celebrated as Utkal Dibas or Odisha divas in Odisha.
- It has 30 districts.

Governor of Odisha : Professor Ganeshi Lal

Capital: Its capital was at Cuttack but it was shifted to Bhubaneswar on 19 August 1949.

4. DST to set up India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary in Ladakh (Sept. 4, 2022)

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India will set up India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary in Ladakh. It will be completed within the next three months.

This was disclosed by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh after meeting **Lt. Governor Ladakh, R.K. Mathur** on 3 September 2022 at New Delhi .

Where it is being set up ?

The proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be located at **Hanle in Ladakh** as a part of **Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary**.

It will boost Astro tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infrared, and gamma-ray telescopes.

Who will set up ?

The Union Minister informed that a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed recently among the Ladakh Union Territory administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh and the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru** for launching the Dark Space Reserve.

5. Bhartaul in Bareilly district becomes first village in UP to have RO water in every household (Sept. 4, 2022)

Bhartaul in Bithiri Chainpur block of Bareilly district has become the first Uttar Pradesh village where each household is being supplied RO water.

The Village has used the award money of the Central government's Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sashaktikaran , Chief Minister Panchayat Encouragement award and funds of Gram Nidhi to install RO in the village . These RO has been connected with the water tank which supplies the drinking water to the village.

The village has won 12 lakh each as award money from the two awards.

The village has a population of around 7,000 with 40 percent of it being in the Indian Army. The village has a total of 850 houses of which 350 are owned by Army men who are deployed in different parts of the country but their families stay in Bhartaul.

6. Telangana to celebrate National Integration Day for 3 days (Sept. 3, 2022)

The Telangana government on 3 September 2022 announced that September 17 will be celebrated as the **Telangana National Integration Day**. Celebrations will be conducted officially across the state for three days from September 16 to 18.

Telangana Liberation Day is observed on 17 September to mark the popular rebellion against the ruler of Hyderabad, Nizam after Independence. It subsequently led to the Police action by India, code named 'operation polo in 1948 and the Hyderabad princely state was merged with India.

Telangana is considered to be the successor state of Hyderabad princely state.

Controversy over Telangana Liberation Day

The Central government announced that it will conduct 'Telangana Liberation Day' this year on September 17, 2022.

In response, Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on 3 September 2022 wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao demanding that the celebrations of Hyderabad Liberation Day should instead be celebrated under the title of National Integration Day.

It was agreed to by the Chief Minister of Telangana K. Chandrashekar Rao who doesn't have a good relationship with the BJP led Central Government.

Telangana

It was the 29th state (now there are 28 states in India) to be formed on 2nd June 2014. It was separated from Andhra Pradesh.

The Telangana region was part of the Hyderabad state from Sept 17th 1948 to Nov 1st 1956, until it was merged with Andhra state to form the Andhra Pradesh state.

Capital: **Hyderabad**

District: 33

Governor: **Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan**

Four icons of the State:

- The State Bird - Palapitta (Indian Roller or Blue Jay).
- The State Animal - Jinka (Deer).
- The State Tree - Jammi Chettu (Prosopis Cineraria).
- The State Flower - Tangedu (Tanner's Cassia).

7. RBI to launches pilot project to digitize Kisan Credit Card In MP and Tamilnadu (Sept. 3, 2022)

The Reserve Bank of India has decided to launch pilot projects to digitize Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) in Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to transform rural credit delivery systems and to improve the quality of credit delivery in the rural areas.

The Digitisation Project

- RBI will launch a pilot project for end-to-end digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending, developed by the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) Bengaluru**.
- The pilot project would entail automation of various processes within banks and integration of their systems with the service providers.
- The proposed digitalisation of the KCC lending process will make it more efficient, reduce costs for borrowers and reduce Turn Around Time (TAT) from loan application to disbursement significantly.

Where it will be launched

The pilot project will commence in September 2022 in select districts of **Madhya Pradesh** and **Tamil Nadu** with **Union Bank of India** and **Federal Bank**, respectively, as partner banks and with active cooperation of the state governments.

Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)

- It was introduced in India by banks in **August 1998** to meet the agricultural credit needs of the farmers.
- The model of KCC scheme was prepared by NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) on the recommendations of **RV Gupta Committee**.
- RBI set up a High Level Committee on Agricultural Credit through Commercial Banks in 1997. The committee was headed by **RV Gupta**.

8. On the lines of Delhi NCR, 'State Capital Region' will be made in UP (Sept. 3, 2022)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** on 2 September proposed to create an **Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (UPSCR)** on the lines of **Delhi National Capital Region(NCR)**.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- In the proposed SCR in the state, besides Lucknow, six other districts including **Unnao, Sitapur, Rae Bareli, Barabanki, Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat** have been asked to prepare the proposal soon.
- In this context, the Chief Minister has directed the officials of the Housing Department to provide an action plan for the formation of SCR at the earliest.

Instructions for the upgradation of various cities of the state :

- In view of the increasing trend of passengers in metro service in Lucknow, the Chief Minister has asked to prepare a proposal to start the second phase metro service in a week.
- Instructions have also been given to start the **Lucknow Green Corridor** soon and to expand the limits of the Municipal Corporation.
- At the same time, it has also been asked to expedite the process of revival of wetlands in Butler Lake and CG City.
- He has also directed to select 35 acres of land and decorate **Avadh Shilpgram and Kakori Shaheed Smriti Udyan** with dynamic lighting to build a modern convention centre in the capital.
- The Chief Minister has asked to prepare a city development plan for the planned development of big cities of the state.
- At present, the Chief Minister has given instructions to prepare city development plans for **Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Jhansi, Mathura, Bareilly, Meerut, Agra, Chitrakoot, Varanasi and Prayagraj**.
- Whereas under the 2021 policy, the urban logistics plan for **Ghaziabad, Prayagraj, Agra, Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi and Meerut** has been asked to be prepared soon.
- The Chief Minister has asked the officials to prepare a master plan keeping in mind the needs of the next 50 years in view of the rapidly growing urban population.

9. Nuakhai Festival (Sept. 2, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1 September greeted the nation on the occasion of **Nuakhai, a harvest festival**.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- **Nuakhai Zuhar** is an agricultural festival, also known as **Nuakhai Parab or Nuakhai Bhetghat**.
- It is celebrated in parts of **Odisha and Chhattisgarh** on the next day of **Ganesh Chaturthi**.
- It is celebrated to welcome the **new crop** of the season.

- Nuakhai is a combination of two words which denote eating new rice as '**Nua**' means new and '**Khai**' means food.
- It is celebrated on the **Panchami Tithi (fifth day)** of the lunar fortnight of the month of **Bhadrapada (August-September)**, the day after the **Ganesh Chaturthi festival**.
- On this occasion, farmers offer the first produce from their land to the famous '**Goddess Mata' Devi Samleswari** of Sambalpur district of Odisha.
- **Sambalpuri dances** like Rasarkeli and Dalkhai can be seen in this festival.

10. Bengaluru will soon have 'statue of prosperity' (Sept. 2, 2022)

India's Bangalore city is soon going to become a city with '**Statue of Prosperity**'.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- A ₹20 crore theme park is being built around a statue of **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** at **Kempegowda International Airport** in **Bengaluru**.
- This idol has now come to be called the '**Statue of Prosperity**'.
- The construction project of the theme park has been entrusted to a firm named **KNK Construction Pvt Ltd**.
- Soil from **31 different districts** will be collected in Bengaluru for the construction of the theme park.
- Karnataka Government has launched a **45-day campaign** to collect the mud from various places across the state.
- 'Statue of Prosperity', which is 108 feet tall, is made of bronze and is accompanied by a 4000 kg heavy sword.

Who was Nadaprabhu Kempegowda?

- Nadaprabhu Kempegowda was the **founder of Bengaluru city**.
- He was a close associate of **King Krishnadevaraya** in the **Vijayanagara Empire**.
- He provided financial support for the construction of the city of Bangalore and forts around its perimeter in the late 1530s.