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1. Indian Foreign minister S.Jaishankar visits Moscow to strengthen bilateral relations with Russia (Nov. 7, 2022)

S.Jaishankar visits Moscow to strengthen bilateral relations with Russia

The Indian External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar arrived in the Russian capital **Moscow** on 7 November 2022. He is on a 2 day (7 and 8 November) official visit to Russia. During his visit he will meet his Russian counterpart **Sergei Lavrov**.

Importance of the visit

India and Russia share a very strong political, strategic and defence relationship. Russia is a major supplier of defence equipment to India.

Also India and Russia hold an annual bilateral summit meeting between the Russian President and the Indian Prime minister.

The **21st India- Russia** summit meeting was held in New Delhi on December 2021. Vladimir Putin came to India to attend this meeting.

The next **22nd Annual India- Russia Summit** meeting will be held in Russia in 2022. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Russia to participate in the summit meeting.

The visit of the External Affairs Minister is seen as preparing the ground for the forthcoming Prime Minister Modi's visit to Russia.

Russian Federation

It is the world's **largest country** area wise.

It lies in both Asia and Europe but is considered as a European country.

It has **11 time zones**, the highest in the world.

Russia contains Europe's longest river, the **Volga**, and Europe's largest lake, **Ladoga**. Russia also is home to the world's deepest lake, **Baikal**.

Leo Tolstoy, author of the War and Peace book is considered to be the **spiritual guru of Gandhiji** was a Russian.

Capital: Moscow. It lies on the bank of the **Moskva River**.

Currency: **Ruble**

President: **Vladimir Putin**

2. Former Indian captain 'Virat Kohli' named as the ICC player of the month for October 2022 (Nov. 7, 2022)

ICC Player of the Month for October 2022.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), on 7 November 2022 announced the winners of the 'Players of the Month Awards' for November 2022.

These awards rate the best performances in a particular month from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket.

Male cricketer of the Month

Former Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli was named as the ICC Player of the Month for October 2022.

He beat Sikandar Raza of Zimbabwe's and South Africa's David Miller for the award.

According to the ICC the 33-year-old Kohli batted in only four innings in October but he played out three memorable knocks, including a magical 82* against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup.

Other ICC Awards for Virat Kohli

- Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy (ICC Cricketer of the Year): 2017, 2018
- ICC ODI Player of the Year: 2012, 2017
- ICC Test Team of the Year: 2017 (captain)
- Padma Shri: 2017
- ICC ODI Team of the Year: 2012, 2014, 2016 (captain), 2017 (captain)
- Sir Garfield Sobers award for ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade (2010-2020)
- ICC Men's ODI Player of the Decade (2010- 2020)

Female cricketer of the Year

Pakistan's all-rounder Nida Dar has been named as the ICC Women's Player of the Month thanks to her sensational form in the [Women's Asia Cup 2022](#).

India's Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma were also nominated for the award alongside Dar.

International Cricket Council (ICC)

It is an international body which governs the men's and women's international cricket.

It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 and was later converted into the International Cricket Conference in 1965.

In 1987 it was renamed as the International Cricket Council.

Members: 106 members.

There are two categories of members in ICC.

Full members: There are 12 full member countries which are qualified to play test matches. They are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ireland and Afghanistan.

Ireland and Afghanistan were granted full membership in 2017.

Associate members: There are 94 Associate members. They are not authorized to play test cricket but they do participate in other tournaments of ICC or at the regional level recognised by ICC.

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Chairman of ICC: Greg Barclay of New Zealand

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICC: Geoff Allardice of Australia

3. 'Pramod Bhagat' and Manisha wins gold medal at the BWF Para World Championships 2022 (Nov. 6, 2022)

BWF Para World Championships 2022

Paralympic champion **Pramod Bhagat** and teenager **Manisha Ramadass** won gold for India at the [BWF](#) Para Badminton World Championship 2022. The BWF Para Badminton World Championship 2022 for badminton players with disabilities was held in **Tokyo**, Japan from 1-6 November 2022.

Pramod Bhagat who won the gold medal at the 2019 edition of the BWF Para Badminton World Championship, successfully defended his singles title by defeating Nitesh Kumar of India in the SL3 category.

17 year old Manisha Ramadass won her first gold medal at the event by defeating Japanese Mamiko Toyoda in the women's singles SU5 finals.

India ended the championship with 16 medals.

4. Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau elected the new President of FIH (Nov. 6, 2022)

Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of **Macau** was elected as the new President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 5 November 2022. He is also at present the Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Hockey Federation.

The 48th Congress of the FIH, which was held virtually on 4th and 5th of November, voted on the 5th November to elect a new President of the FIH. The election was necessitated due to the resignation of the earlier president [Narinder Batra](#) on 18 July 2022.

Mohammad Tayyab Ikram defeated Marc Coudron of Belgium to become the new President of FIH.

Term of the new President

The term of the FIH president is 4 years . However the term of the newly elected President Mohammad Tayyab Ikram will be of **two years**.

The Previous President Narinder Batra had to resign in 2022 after the Delhi High Court judgement against him . His term of FIH was to end in 2024 . Hence the new Resident will be of two years to complete the remaining period of Narinder Batra.

FIH

FIH(Fédération Internationale de Hockey) is the governing body of men's and women's International hockey.

Headquarters : **Lausanne , Switzerland**

President :Mohammad Tayyab Ikram

Members: 137 countries

5. Independent India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi dies at the age of 106 (Nov. 5, 2022)

India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi dies

Independent India's first voter **Shyam Saran Negi** passed away at the age of 106 on 5 November, 2022 morning in **Himachal Pradesh**.

Important facts

- Shyam Saran Negi, exercising his right to vote, had voted for the **34th time** in his life on **2 November 2022**.
- He had cast his vote in the **14th Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly** election through postal ballot paper at his home in Kalpa, Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- Born on **1 July 1917**, Shyam Saran Negi voted for the **first time** in India's general elections in **1951** and has voted **sixteen times** in the Lok Sabha elections.
- He worked as a school teacher in Kalpa.
- When the first general elections were held in India in 1951 after the end of **British rule in 1947**, Negi was the first to vote on 25 October.
- Shyam Saran Negi also made a special appearance in the Hindi film **Sanam Re**.
- He was also made the **brand ambassador** by the Election Commission.
- Negi had refused to take the Election Commission's **12-D facility** that allows voters aged 80 and above to vote from home.
- The Election Commission has started the facility of 12-D form for people above 80 years.
- Under this scheme, any person above **80 years** of age who wants to vote by staying at home can do it and the department will provide the facility of vote from home.
- This facility is also available for people with **disabilities** and **COVID-19 patients**.

6. Government set up Radhakrishnan committee for strengthening the Assessment & Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (Nov. 4, 2022)

Government set up Radhakrishnan committee

The Government of India has set up a four member **high level committee for strengthening the Assessment & Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions** under the chairmanship of **Dr. K. Radhakrishnan** on 4 November 2022.

The Committee will suggest measures to the government to strengthen the Assessment & Accreditation processes for the Higher Educational Institutions and prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020.

Members of the committee

The chairperson of the committee is Dr. **K. Radhakrishnan** who is the Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur & Chairperson, and Standing Committee of IIT Council. The other members are Prof. **Mridul Hazarika**, Vice-Chancellor, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Assam; **Prof. Bharat Bhasker**, Professor, IIM, Lucknow and the Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

What is the role of accreditation in Higher Educational Institution?

Accreditation plays a vital role in making quality assurance an integral part of the functioning of Higher Educational Institutions.

Accreditation status of any Higher Educational Institution serves as a source of reliable information for the students, employers and the society regarding the quality of education being offered in the Institution.

Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship :
Dharmendra Pradhan

7. Vice President Dhankhar inaugurates the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 (Nov. 4, 2022)

15th CII Agro Tech

The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 at **Chandigarh** on 4 November 2022. The CII Agro Tech 2022 has been organised by the [Confederation of Indian Industries \(CII\)](#) in partnership with Haryana and Punjab government from 4-7 November 2022.

The CII Agro Tech -2022 is India's premier international initiative exclusively focused on strengthening the Indian Agriculture and Food Processing sector through technology interventions, discussions, and nurturing partnerships.

Theme of the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022: '**Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security**'.

Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)

It is a business lobby group of top business houses in India.

It was set up in 1895.

It works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry in India, partnering industry and government alike through advisory and consultative processes.

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

President: **Sanjiv Bajaj**

8. EESL appoints Vishal Kapoor as CEO (Nov. 4, 2022)

EESL appoints Vishal Kapoor as CEO

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) on 2 November, 2022 announced the appointment of **Vishal Kapoor** as its **chief executive officer (CEO)**.

Important facts

- Kapoor took charge after completing his tenure as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Power.
- As Joint Secretary, he led various government interventions, schemes and reforms in the distribution sector.
- He also led cyber security and IT initiatives in the power sector.
- He worked with Indian Railways in the design, operation and maintenance of rolling stock of Indian Railways.
- He introduced high-capacity car carrying cargo cars in India and exported over a dozen engines to Tanzania and Myanmar.
- EESL Group has been at the forefront of India's journey towards sustainability and self-reliance.
- Kapoor holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Railway Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE).

9. Amit Dasgupta honoured with a member of the Order of Australia Award (Nov. 4, 2022)

member of the Order of Australia Award

Amit Dasgupta on 3 November 2022 was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship by the Australian government. Amit Dasgupta is a former Indian diplomat, author and educator.

Order of Australia is an award and when it is conferred on a person the Australian government says that they have made the person its member.

Amit Dasgupta was the Consul-General of India to Australia from 2009 to 2012. Dasgupta was instrumental in establishing the Australia-India Youth Dialogue. Now in its second decade, the Dialogue is a permanent fixture of the bilateral relationship and fosters connections between Australian and Indian young people.

The Order of Australia

It was established in 1975 by Queen Elizabeth II ,Queen of Australia to honour Australians and others who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Within the Order of Australia award there are four categories of award. Rank wise(Highest to lowest) they are as follows ;

Companion of the Order of Australia; for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large

Officer of the Order of Australia; for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large

Member of the Order of Australia; for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group

Medal of the Order of Australia; is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

Commonwealth of Australia

Head of State: British Monarch, **King Charles III**

Prime Minister: **Anthony Albanese**

Currency: **Australian Dollar**

Capital: **Canberra**

10. India's Praggnanandhaa and Nandhidhaa wins the Asian Continental Chess championship (Nov. 4, 2022)

Asian Continental Chess championship

Top seeded Indian Grandmaster **R Praggnanandhaa** and **P V Nandhidhaa** won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in **New Delhi**.

The Asian Continental Chess Championship was held in **New Delhi** from 26 October to 3 November 2022.

R Praggnanandhaa remained unbeaten in the tournament and has also qualified for the **FIDE World Chess cup** to be held in 2023.

The international chess governing body FIDE has not yet announced the date and place of the World Chess Cup 2023.