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1. Annie Ernaux becomes the first French woman to win Nobel Prize for Literature (Oct. 6, 2022)

82 year old, **Annie Ernaux** became the **first French woman** to win the Nobel Prize for literature . The Swedish Academy which announced the [Nobel Prize](#) for literature 2022 on 6 October 2022, cited the French author for "the courage and clinical acuity" in her largely autobiographical books examining personal memory and social inequality.

Annie Ernaux's first novel was **Les Armoires Vides**, published in 1974 but she gained international recognition following the publication of Les Années in 2008, translated into The Years in 2017.

The Nobel prize for literature is normally given to established authors but some prizes have gone to writers from outside mainstream literary genres, including French philosopher Henri Bergson in 1927, British Prime Minister **Winston Churchill in 1953** and American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan in 2016.

In 2021 the prize was won by Tanzanian novelist **Abdulrazak Gurnah**.

The prizes for achievements in science, literature and peace were established in the will of Swedish chemist and engineer Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite made and the prize have been awarded since 1901.

The prize is worth 10 million **Swedish crowns** (\$915,000) and it will be conferred on 10 December in the Swedish capital city of **Stockholm**.

2. C K Mishra “Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance” submits its report to IFSCA (Oct. 6, 2022)

A '**Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance**', constituted by International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) submitted its final report to the Chairperson, IFSCA on October 03, 2022. The committee was chaired by **C.K. Mishra**, Former Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, and Forest & Climate Change.

The main focus areas of the committee were directed towards aligning the IFSC regulations with the international best practices, exploring ways in which capital flows through IFSC can be enhanced and also supporting development of innovative financial products in the area of green and sustainable finance.

Some important recommendations include developing a voluntary carbon market, framework for transition bonds, enabling de-risking mechanisms, promoting regulatory sandbox for green fintech and facilitating the creation of a global climate alliance among others.

IFSC (International Financial Service Center)

- India's first International Financial Service Center (IFSC) has been set up at GIFT city.
- It deals with customers who are outside India. It provides financial products and services like banking, insurance, etc to foreign customers.
- It has a well developed Capital market including stock exchanges.

- **It is regulated by the International Financial Service Centers Authority (IFSCA).**

Chairman of IFSCA: **Injeti Srinivas**

3. Karl Barry Sharpless, Carolyn R. Bertozzi and Morten Meldal wins the Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2022 (Oct. 5, 2022)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science on 5 October 2022 announced the winner of the [2022 Nobel Prize](#) in Chemistry. **Karl Barry Sharpless** and **Carolyn R. Bertozzi** of America and **Morten Meldal** of Denmark were chosen "for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry."

While Carolyn R. Bertozzi and Morten Meldal are the first-time recipients of the Nobel, **Karl Barry Sharpless won the top science award for the second time** in his career.

Karl Barry Sharpless is the **second person to get Nobel in Chemistry twice** after the British scientist **Frederick Sanger** who won it in 1958 and 1980.

Karl Barry Sharpless last won the Nobel in Chemistry in 2001 for his work around chirally catalyzed oxidation reactions.

The 2022 Chemistry prize was given to the three chemists for laying the foundation for a functional form of chemistry, click chemistry, and utilising it in living organisms. “

What is Click Chemistry?

Click chemistry is the special process of joining molecules together to form new molecules. The term “click chemistry” was introduced by Barry Sharpless.

Morten Meldal and Barry Sharpless discovered chemical agents that could bind to molecules, and then add other molecules one after the other to form complex clusters of molecules which can be modified by the scientist according to the needs. At present, through this click chemistry, large and complex structures are being created by connecting molecules. They are being used from making medicines to making polymers and new substances.

The Nobel Prize will be conferred on 10 December 2022 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Persons/Institutions who has won the Nobel prize more than once

- American Physicist **John Bardeen** won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 and in 1972.
- **Marie Curie** was a Polish/ French scientist. In **1903** she got the Nobel Prize in Physics along with her husband Pierre Curie and Henri Becquerel. She won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in **1911**. She is the first **woman** to get a Nobel Prize. She and Linus Pauling are the only two people to win Nobel prizes in two different fields.
- **Linus Pauling of America**. He won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1954 and Peace Prize in 1962.
- **Frederick Sanger**. He was a British scientist who won the Chemistry Nobel prize in 1958 and 1980.
- **Karl Barry Sharpless**. He is an American scientist who won Chemistry Nobel prize in 2001 and 2022.
- **International Committee of Red Cross**: It won Nobel peace prize in 1917, 1944 and in 1963.

- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:** It won the Nobel peace prize in 1954 and 1981.

4. Vice Admiral Arti Sarin assumes charge of Commandant AFMC Pune (Oct. 5, 2022)

Vice Admiral **Arti Sarin** took over as the commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in Pune on 5 October 2022. She was commissioned in 1985 into Armed Forces Medical Services and she has the distinction of having completed two postgraduate degrees.

She is from the Indian Navy.

Colonel P P Chowdry was the first commandant of the AFMC.

Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC)

Armed Forces Medical College is the first medical college to be set up by armed forces in Asia.

It was set up on 1 May 1948 at Pune, Maharashtra.

It caters to the medical needs of the armed forces in India.

5. SEBI bans Guatam Thapar for 5 years in the CG Power case (Oct. 5, 2022)

The Capital market regulator [Securities Exchange Board of India](#) (SEBI) has imposed a **five year ban** and a fine of **Rs 10 crore** on **Gautam Thapar, chairman** of Avantha Group for diverting funds from CG Power and Industrial Solutions, where he was the chairman.

It means that Guatam Thapar cannot raise capital from the market for the next five years for any business.

SEBI also barred the company's former CFO V R Venkatesh and two ex-directors Madhav Acharya and B Hariharan for periods varying from 6 months to 3 years.

Background to the case

In 2019, the CG Power company said that there has been accounting fraud in the company and its liabilities were understated to the tune of over Rs 1600 crore.

After the examination of the company's book, SEBI found that several irregularities and fraudulent transactions were carried out by key officials of the company including Thapar. Funds were being diverted from the CG Power Company to another Thapar company, Avantha Group.

Securities Exchange Board of India Chairperson: **Madhabi Puri Buch**

6. Saket Dalmia takes over as the Chairman of PHDCCI (Oct. 5, 2022)

Marble City (PG Industries Limited) Managing Director **Saket Dalmiya** has taken over as the Chairman of PHDCCI with effect from October for the financial year 2022-23.

MMG group chairman **Sanjeev Agrawal**, has taken over as the President of the PHDCCI for the financial year 2022-23.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is an association of companies in India.

It was set up in 1905.

It works to influence the policy of the government so that it makes policy which favours its members

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

7. Kishore Kumar Poludasu appointed as the new MD and CEO of SBI General Insurance (Oct. 5, 2022)

SBI General Insurance Company Limited has announced the appointment of **Kishore Kumar Poludasu** as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. He was nominated by the parent company, State Bank of India, for the position and has been appointed from 4th October 2022.

SBI General Insurance

SBI General Insurance is a private sector insurance company which was set up in 2009.

It has been promoted by State Bank of India and Premji Invest.

Headquarters: **Mumbai.**

8. Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel wins UN refugee award (Oct. 5, 2022)

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 4 October honoured former **German Chancellor Angela Merkel** with the **UNHCR 'Nansen' Refugee Award for the year 2022** for her '**moral and political courage**' during the refugee crisis in Syria.

Important facts

- The award selection committee said she was chosen for her leadership, courage and compassion, which helped ensure the protection of millions of desperate asylum seekers.
- Merkel will be honoured with the award on **October 10 in Geneva.**

Merkel's efforts for refugee protection

- Under the leadership of former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Germany gave asylum to more than **1.2 million refugees** and asylum seekers in **2015 and 2016.**

- These refugees had reached **Germany** to save lives from violent conflict in **Syria and other places.**
- UN Refugee Agency High Commissioner **Filippo Grandi** praised the former chancellor's resolve to stand up for the protection of refugees, human rights and international law.

About UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

- This award was established in **1954.**
- This award is given every year in memory of **Fridjof Nansen**, devoted to Norway's scientific, diplomatic and human welfare work.
- This award is awarded to an individual, group or organisation that has made efforts to protect refugees, displaced and homeless people.

9. Mumtaz Khan named FIH women's rising player of year 2021-22 (Oct. 4, 2022)

Young India Hockey player **Mumtaz Khan** was named the **FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year 2021-22** on 4 October 2022. Mumtaz Khan who hails from **Lucknow** was rewarded for her brilliant performance at the FIH 2021 junior women World Cup in South Africa.

The 19 year old Mumtaz scored eight goals in six matches of the tournament. India finished fourth in the tournament which was won by Netherlands.

Mumtaz Khan is **the third Indian woman** to win the award after **Lalremsiami** in 2019 and **Sharmila Devi** in 2020-21.

In the men's category, **Vivek Sagar Prasad** has won the honour in both 2019 and 2020-21.

FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year

Timothee Clement of France was voted FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year.

The FIH Rising Star of the Year Award is the annual award for the best men's and women's young players (U23) in international hockey in a given calendar year as determined by experts, teams, fans and media.

FIH

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

Headquarters : **Lausanne , Switzerland**

Acting President : **Seif El Dine Ahmed**

10. Dr. Rajendra Kumar assume charge as the Director General of ESIC (Oct. 4, 2022)

Senior IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, Dr. **Rajendra Kumar**, took over the charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on 4 October 2022.

The ESIC comes under the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

It was set up under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948. It comes under the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.

The ESIC was set up to administer a health insurance scheme for the workers and their dependents.

It also has hospitals in India where medical facilities are provided to eligible workers and their families.

The Scheme was started in New Delhi and Kanpur on 24th February 1952.

24 February is observed as ESIC day.

Headquarters: **New Delhi**