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1. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal take charges of office (Oct. 1, 2022)

Senior IAS officer **Sunil Barthwal** assumed charge as the Commerce Secretary on 30 September 2022. Sunil Barthwal, is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre and was previously the Labour and Employment secretary.

Sunil Barthwal replaced B.V.R Subrahmanyam who has retired. B.V.R Subrahmanyam has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO).

Important Secretary of the Government of India for exam

Cabinet Secretary: Rajiv Gauba

Finance Secretary: T V Somanathan

Home Secretary: Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Defence Secretary: Ajay Kumar

Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra

2. Avinash Pandey elected President of the 1AA Indian chapter (Oct. 1, 2022)

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the ABP network, Avinash **Pandey** was elected as the President of the India Chapter of the International Advertising Association (IAA) for 2022-23 at its annual general meeting.

Abhishek Karnani, director, Free Press Journal Group, was elected as Vice President.

The IAA comprises corporate members, organisational members, and educational affiliates. It has 56 chapters with individual members and young professionals from 76 countries including the top 10 economies in the world.

IAA is an over 80 years' old organization and is headquartered in **New York, United States of America.**

3. Amitabh Kant led the Indian delegation at the G-20 Sherpa meeting in Indonesia (Sept. 30, 2022)

The Indian delegation led by Indian G20 Sherpa, **Amitabh Kant** participated in the third G20 Sherpa meeting organised by Indonesia at **Yogyakarta**, from 26th to 29th of September 2022.

Amitabh Kant was appointed as India's G20 Sherpa by the Government in June 2022 in place of the Union Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goel.

They met in Yogyakarta to discuss the agenda of the forthcoming G20 summit meeting to be held in Bali, Indonesia in November 2022.

Role of the Sherpa's

The G20 process is led by the Sherpa's of member countries, who are personal emissaries of the Leaders. The Sherpa's oversee negotiations over the course of the year, discussing agenda items for the Summit and coordinating the substantive work of the G20.

Group of 20 or G-20 is a multilateral organisation of 19 countries and the European Union was set up in 1999. India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999. India will be holding the G20 Presidency from 1 December 2022 and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time..

4. Dr Madhav Harda selected for 32nd Bihari Puraskar 2022 (Sept. 30, 2022)

Noted Hindi writer Dr Madhav Harda has been selected for the 32nd Bihari Puraskar 2022 for his literary criticism book '**Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri**'.

This was announced by the K K Birla Foundation on 29 September 2022. Dr Madhav Harda's book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri' focuses on the life of medieval devotee poet Meera.

Bihari Puraskar

- The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the K K Birla foundation in 1991. The award is given every year for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani.
- It carries a cash prize of ₹2.5 lakh, a plaque and a citation.
- The first Bihari Puraskar was in 1991, to the famous poet **Jaisingh Neeraj** for his poetry compilation 'Dhani Ka Aadmi'.
- The 31st Bihari Puraskar was awarded to **Madhu Kankariya** for her 2018 novel '**Hum Yahan The**'.

K.K. Birla Prize

K.K.Birla foundation was established by Krishna Kumar Birla in 1991. It aims to promote literature, especially Hindi literature. Every year it gives literature award for works published in the last ten years

Some of the important awards given by K.K.Birla foundations are as follows:

Vyas Samman

- It is given for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen and published in the previous 10 years.
- It carries a cash prize of ₹4 lakh.
- The first person to get the award was Ram **Vilas Sharma** for his work "**Bharat ke Pracheen bhasha parivar aur Hindi**."
- The 31 Vyas Samman 2021 was awarded to **Asgar Wajahat** for his **play Mahabali.**"

Saraswati Samman

- Saraswati Samman is given every year to an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years.
- It carries a citation, a plaque, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakhs

- First person to get the award was **Harivansh Rai Bachchan** in 1991 for his four volume autobiography, *Kya Bhooloon Kya Yaad Karoon, Needa Ka Nirman Phir, Basere Se Door and Dashdwar se Sopan Tak*.
- The 31st awardee was **Ramdarash Mishra** for his collection of Hindi poems '**Mein to Yahan Hun**'.

5. Jio Chairman Akash Ambani included in the Time's 100 emerging leaders' list (Sept. 29, 2022)

The Jio company chairman and Mukesh Ambani son **Akash Ambani** has been included in the prestigious **US Magazine Times** , list of 100 next world's rising stars .

He is the only Indian who has made it to the list. American born Indian Amrapali Gan,CEO of ONLYFans website has also been included in the list.

The Time's list highlights 100 emerging leaders who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science and activism,

The 30 year old Akash Ambani was made the Chairman of India's largest telecom company Jio, in June 2022.

6. R Venkataramani appointed as 15th Attorney General of India (Sept. 28, 2022)

The Union government has appointed senior advocate **R Venkataramani** as the 15th Attorney General of India for a period of three years.

Venkataramani will succeed 91-year-old **K K Venugopal**, whose term will end on September 30.

The development comes days after senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi declined to become India's Attorney General.

The first Attorney General of India was MC Setalvad (1950-1963).

Attorney General of India

Article 76 of the Indian constitution provides for appointment of Attorney general of India by the President of India.

Qualification

The person who is appointed for the post of Attorney general shall have the same qualification as required to become the **Judge of the Supreme Court of India**.

Term of Office

He holds office at the **pleasure of the President** of India. It means he can be dismissed any time by the President.

Functions

He is the **first law officer** of the Government of India.

He gives legal advice to the President of India.

He can appear in **any court of India** on behalf of the government of India.

He is the only person apart from a minister who can participate in the **proceedings of any house of the Parliament** without being its member. However he cannot vote in the Parliament.

7. Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav represented India in the '8th World Green Economy Summit' held in Dubai (Sept. 28, 2022)

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav attended the Ministerial Roundtable for the Green Economy at the **8th World Green Economy Summit** (WEGS) held in **Dubai**, United Arab Emirates on 28 September 2022.

WGES is organised by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), and the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy.

The **theme** of the 8th World Green Economy Summit: '**Climate Action Leadership through Collaboration: The Roadmap to Net-Zero**'.

The World Green Economy summit announced the launch of the '**Global Alliance on Green Economy**'.

The 'Global Alliance on Green Economy' aims to build a coalition of countries, prioritising a green economy in the context of climate action and sustainable development, to enhance the capacity of developing countries, provide support for their green economy transition projects and exchange knowledge on implementation.

8. Government appoints Lt General Anil Chauhan as the Chief of Defence Staff (Sept. 28, 2022)

The Government of India has appointed Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) who shall also function as Secretary to Government of India, Department of Military Affairs with effect from the date of his assumption of charge and until further orders.

The post of the CDS was vacant after the death of the first CDS, General Bipin Rawat, was killed in a helicopter crash on December 8, 2021. General Rawat took over the CDS post on 1 January 2020.

Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

- The post of the Chief of Defence staff was created by the government on the recommendation of the **Kargil Review Committee** headed by **K. Subramanyam**.

- The CDS is a **4 star General** whose rank is the same as the chief of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- He is the military adviser to the Nuclear Command Authority (chaired by the Prime Minister), which handles India's nuclear arsenal.
- He will ensure the integration of land-air-sea operations through the eventual setting up of theatre commands.
- The CDS remains in office for the period mentioned by the government or retires after attaining the age of **65 years**.
- He is not eligible to hold any government office after demitting (resigning) as the CDS.

9. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman appointed as the Prime Minister (Sept. 28, 2022)

The Saudi King Salman has appointed the Crown Prince **Mohammed bin Salman** as the Prime Minister of the country, according to a royal decree published on 27 September 2022.

Prince Mohammed is already de facto ruler of the **world's largest oil exporter**, and the appointment formalises his role as leader of the kingdom's government.

The crown prince, known by his initials MBS, previously served as deputy prime minister as well as defence minister. He is being replaced as defence minister by his younger brother, Khalid bin Salman, who was deputy defence minister.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia is a West Asian kingdom founded by Ibn Saud in 1923. The country is known for its oil and Islam.
- According to the BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2020, Saudi Arabia has the world's 2nd largest oil reserves in the world after Venezuela.
- At present it is the world's largest exporter of crude oil.
- It has two of the holiest shrine of Islam, Mecca and Medina mosque
- The world's **largest mosque Al-Haram** or forbidden mosques is in Mecca.
- The world's second largest mosque, Mosque of the Prophet, or **Masjid al-Nabawi** is in Medina.
- The Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) headquarters is also in **Jeddah**, Saudi Arabia.
- The world's largest sand area, the Rub al-Khali ("Empty Quarter") which is spread around 647,500 square km, is also in Saudi Arabia.

Capital of Saudi Arabia: **Riyadh**

Currency: **Saudi Riyal**

King of Saudi Arabia: **King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**

10. Shubi Gupta, Charvi wins the U-12 and U-8 section title at the FIDE World Cadets Chess Championship (Sept. 28, 2022)

India's Shubi Gupta and A Charvi won the girls under-12 and under-8 sections respectively in the [FIDE](#) World Cadets Chess Championship .

The FIDE World Cadets Chess Championship was held in Batumi, Georgia from 16 September to 27 September 2022.

Medal winners of India

Under -12 Girls events

Shubhi Gupta, of Uttar Pradesh scored 8.5 points from 11 rounds to claim the **gold medal** in the under-12 event.

Under 8 Girls event

A.Charvi of Karnataka won the **gold medal** in the U-8 girls event with nine points

Under -8 boys events

Safin Safarullakhan of Kerala won the **bronze medal** in the under-8 boy category . The gold medal was won by France's Marc Llari and the silver was won by Russian Sav Shogdzhiev Roman.