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1. Army's Kibithu base in Arunachal Pradesh renamed after first CDS, late General Bipin Rawat (Sept. 10, 2022)

To honour the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General Bipin Rawat, the Kibithu military garrison in Arunachal was named as General Bipin Rawat garrison on 10 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Kibithu is a small hamlet near Walong on the banks of the Lohit Valley in Arunachal Pradesh close to the India-China border.
- Gen Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles as a Colonel at Kibithu from 1999-2000.
- The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh (Retd), Brigadier BD Mishra, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** and other senior military and civilian dignitaries were present on the occasion along with daughters of the late CDS.
- General Bipin Rawat and his wife along with senior Army and Air Force officers died in a Helicopter crash in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 8 December 2021. He was going to the **Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Tamil Nadu** to address the faculty and student officers of the 'Staff Course.
- He was the **27th Army chief** and was the first Chief of Defence Staff. He was appointed to the Chief of Defence Staff post on December 31, 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Arunachal Pradesh :

- It is the easternmost region of India. It is also called '**Land of the Dawn-lit-Mountains' or land of rising sun.**
- It shares its International border with China, Bhutan and Myanmar.
- Arunachal Pradesh finds its mention in the literature of Kalika Purana and the great Hindu Epic Mahabharata. It is believed to be the Prabhu Mountains of the Puranas.
- It was earlier called as North East Frontier Agency (NEFA) and it was renamed as **Arunachal Pradesh in 1972.** It was a Union Territory.
- It became a state on **20 February 1987.**
- Governor of the State: **(Retd), Brigadier BD Mishra**
- Chief Minister: **Pema Khandu**
- **Capital: Itanagar**

2. Army chief witnesses "Exercise Parvat Prahar" in eastern Ladakh, as India China starts disengagement in Ladakh (Sept. 10, 2022)

The Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande who is on a two day (10&11 September) visit to Ladakh witnessed the Army war game code named "Exercise Parvat Prahar" on 10 September 2022.

His findings in the Ramjanmabhoomi site in Ayodhya :

- Lal commenced a project in 1975 titled, '**Archaeology of the Ramayana sites**'.
- The project was funded by ASI, Jiwaji University, Gwalior and the Department of Archeology in the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Under this, five sites related to Ramayana were excavated, including **Ayodhya, Bharadwaj Ashram, Nandigram, Chitrakoot and Shringverapur.**
- Under his leadership the ASI had proved the existence of an ancient temple at the site.

4. King Charles III, Britain's new monarch (Sept. 10, 2022)

Charles Philip Arthur George, eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II was proclaimed as the King of the United Kingdom in a ceremony at the St James's Palace, London on 10 September 2022. Before becoming the King he was known as the Prince of Wales.

The new monarch of the United Kingdom is proclaimed at St James's Palace in London, in front of a ceremonial body known as the Accession Council.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Head of the Commonwealth :

- King Charles is now officially the Head of the Commonwealth .Commonwealth is an **association of 56 Independent** countries .
- He is also now the **Head of State of 14 countries** namely; Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

- **Prince Charles** has now become **Britain's monarch**, and his son **William** has been made **Prince of Wales** and William's wife, **Catherine, Princess of Wales.**
- Charles said he was given the position by his mother, Queen Elizabeth, in 1958 when he was just nine years old.
- Formerly Prince of Wales, Charles is the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II. He was born in 1948.
- Charles married Lady Diana Spencer on 29 July 1981, they have two sons, William and Harry.
- Princess of Wales Diana was killed in a car accident in Paris in 1997, later Charles married Camilla Parker on 9 April 2005.

Charles will be succeeded by his eldest son, **Prince William**.

5. Gadkari calls for joint effort to achieve 5 trillion dollar economy goal (Sept. 9, 2022)

While addressing the 41st Meeting of the Transport Development Council at Bengaluru ,Karnataka on 9 September 2022 ,Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that both the Centre and the States should work together to transform the transport sector.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The 41st Transport Development Council meeting was held as part of the 3 day '**Manthan**' organised by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways at Bengaluru.
- Gadkari said that" In the next five years, both the Centre and the states should work together to transform the transport sector of the country to become a five trillion-dollar economy,"
- In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisioned making India a \$5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by **2024-25**.
- He further said that efforts should be made to increase the automobile industry from **7.5 lakhs crore to 15 lakhs crore in the next 5 years** enabling India as a top automobile manufacturing hub in the world.
- Ministers of Transport from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Goa, Karnataka, Delhi and Tamil Nadu participated in the 41st Transport Development Council.

6. Indian origin Devika Bulchandani appointed as the Global CEO of Ogilvy (Sept. 9, 2022)

The leading global advertising and public relations agency Ogilvy has named India-born American citizen Devika Bulchandani as its Global Chief Executive Officer. Ogilvy is part of the London based British multinational company WPP.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The Amritsar born 53 years old Bulchandani is the latest in a number of Indian origin persons taking leadership positions in multinational companies.
- Last week coffee giant Starbucks appointed **Laxman Narasimhan** as its chief executive.
- The list includes Microsoft CEO **Satya Nadella**, Adobe CEO **Shantanu Narayen**, Alphabet CEO **Sundar Pichai**, Twitter head **Parag Agrawal**, **Leena Nair** from Chanel, IBM Group CEO Arvind Krishna, Bata CEO **Gunjan Shah**, and Novartis CEO **Vasant Narasimhan**.

7. Vice President Dhankhar releases the Arabic version of Dara Shikoh (Sept. 9, 2022)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released the Arabic Version of “Majma Ul-Bahrain” of Dara Shikoh in New Delhi on 9 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The book has been translated into Arabic by **Amar Hasan**, and published by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR).
- .The ‘Majma Ul-Bahrain (Confluence of Two Oceans) was written by Dara Shikoh in **Persian** in 1654-55. In the book he compared Sufi Islam and Vedantic philosophy and concluded that there was more commonalties between the two than difference.
- The Book was translated in **Hindi as ‘Samudra Sangam Grantha.’**
- Dara Shikoh was the eldest son of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and was defeated by Aurangzeb in the succession struggle .He was later executed by Aurangzeb in 1659.

8. Operation Unicorn for Queen Elizabeth II funeral (Sept. 9, 2022)

The 96 year old [Queen Elizabeth II](#) of United Kingdom died at her remote Highlands residence, Balmoral, in Scotland on 8 September 2022.

The whole of the United Kingdom is in mourning and Buckingham Palace has planned an elaborate funeral for her.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Operation London Bridge or Operation Unicorn :

- According to Buckingham Palace if the Queen had died in London then the code name of her funeral would have been ‘**London Bridge**’ .
- However as she died in Scotland the funeral has now been code named ‘**Operation Unicorn.**’
- The name was chosen because the unicorn is the national animal of Scotland and forms part of the royal coat of arms, along with the lion of England.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Another Important point to remember :

She was not only the Head of State of United Kingdom but also the Head of State of **14 other commonwealth countries** -Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, St Kitts and Nevis, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Buckingham Palace :

Buckingham Palace has served as the official London residence of the United Kingdom's Monarch since 1837 and today is the administrative headquarters of the Monarch.

9. Former Chief Justice of India Kamal Narain Singh no more (Sept. 9, 2022)

Former Chief Justice of India Kamal Narain Singh, who remained Chief Justice of India (CJI) for the shortest period of 17 days, died at his residence in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on 8 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Justice Kamal Narain Singh was born on December 13, 1926 and was the **22nd Chief Justice of India**.
- He was appointed as the Chief Justice of India on November 25, 1991 and retired on December 12, 1991.
- The Judges of the Supreme Court have to retire after attaining the **age of 65 years**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Longest serving Chief Justice of India :

- The 16th Chief Justice of India, Yeshwant **Vishnu Chandrachud**, is the longest-serving Chief Justice. He was Chief Justice of India for over 7 years (February 1978 – July 1985).

10. Volker Türk appointed new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Sept. 9, 2022)

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Volker Turk of Austria as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, following approval by the General Assembly on 8 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Turk will succeed **Michelle Bachelet of Chile**, who served as High Commissioner from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2022.
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**
- The High Commissioner for Human Rights is the principal human rights official of the United Nations.
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is accountable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and is responsible for all the activities of OHCHR, as well as for its administration.

OHCHR :

- The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) also known as the UN Human Rights Office , is mandated to promote and protect all human rights established in the UN Charter and in international human rights laws and treaties.
- The headquarters of the OHCHR: **Geneva, Switzerland.**