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1. Amit Shah unveils, 'Savaj' , mascot for the 36th National Games (Sept. 4, 2022)

Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperatives Amit Shah unveiled the Logo and Mascot of the 36th National Games at the EKA Arena TransStadia in Ahmedabad on 4 September 2022.

- The mascot is named as **Savaj** which means cub in Gujarati. It is a lion cub.
- The theme of the anthem is **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**.
- The theme of the 36th National Games is 'Sports **for Unity**.'

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and other distinguished guests were present.

36th National Games :

- The National Games will see a total of 36 sports and participation from all 28 states and eight Union Territories.
- Yogasana and Mallakhamba sports will be introduced for the first time in the National Games.
- The Games will take place in six cities of Gujarat -- Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.
- In the previous edition in Kerala in 2015, there were 33 sports.
- The Games are happening after a gap of five years.
- Goa was to hold this edition of the Games but multiple delays, mainly due to infrastructure-related issues, led to postponement several times.
- Services Sports Promotion Board topped the medal charts in each of the three previous editions.

2. Former chairman of Tata Sons, Cyrus Mistry killed in road accident in Maharashtra (Sept. 4, 2022)

Cyrus Mistry, who succeeded Ratan Tata as chairman of Tata Sons but was later unceremoniously ousted, was killed in a car accident in Maharashtra's Palghar on 4 September 2022. He was 54.

He was travelling from Ahmedabad to Mumbai in a Mercedes car.

His father, Shapoorji Pallonji Mistry recently died at the age of 93. The Shapoorji Pallonji Group has built luxury hotels, stadiums, palaces and factories across Asia.

3. Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul creates a world record in International T-20 (Sept. 4, 2022)

Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul created a new world record in the international T 20 matches. Their opening partnership of 54 runs in 5.1 overs against Pakistan in the Asia cup was the 14th 50 plus partnership.

They broke the record held by Ireland's pair of **Paul Stirling and Kevin O'Brien** of 13 such partnerships.

The match is being played at the Dubai international Cricket Stadium, United Arab Emirates.

India has scored 181 for 7 wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Pakistan are batting.

4. 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**.

5. Barack Obama : President, Nobel laureate, and now an Emmy winner (Sept. 4, 2022)

The Television Academy on September 3 honoured Hollywood newcomer **Barack Obama** with an Emmy Award for his narration of his Netflix documentary series "**Our Great National Parks**".

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Former US President Obama has already won Grammy Awards for audio versions of his memoirs "**The Audacity of Hope**" and "**Dreams from My Father**".
- Barack Obama, one of the world's popular leaders, who has been two-time President of America, has also received the **Nobel Peace Prize**.
- He has also received the **Grammy**, the biggest award in the music world, twice.
- This time he has also got an **Emmy**, the most prestigious award in the television world.
- Out of the four prestigious awards in the world of entertainment, two awards **Oscar and Tony** are yet to be received.

- These four awards are called **EGOT**, which means achievement of having won all four of the major American entertainment awards.
- If he wins two more awards, he will join the **EGOT club**.
- Before this, another US President, **D. Eisenhower**, received an Emmy in 1956.

6. 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.

7. Yamuna Kumar Choubey gets charge of NHPC chairman and managing director (Sept. 3, 2022)

Yamuna Kumar Choubey has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of state-owned **hydroelectric power company NHPC** for a period of three months.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Abhay Kumar Singh retired as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company on August 31, 2022.

- Choubey has been appointed for a period of three months with effect from September 1, 2022, or till regular appointment to the post, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Choubey, 59, is a civil engineering graduate from IIT Kharagpur.
- He joined NHPC Limited in 1985 as Probationary Executive (Civil) in the 540 MW Chamera Hydro-Electric Project.
- Presently he is Director (Technical) in NHPC and also holding additional charge of Director (Personnel), NHPC.
- He has experience in all aspects of hydropower project development and has contributed to the development of NHPC.

About NHPC Ltd :

- It is a Mini-Ratna Category-I Enterprise of the Government of India.
- It is one of the largest organisations in the field of hydro power development in the country.
- The company is a hydroelectric power generating company.
- It is dedicated to the planning, development and implementation of an integrated and efficient network of hydroelectric projects in India.
- It was incorporated on November 7 1975 as a private limited company.
- The company was converted into a public limited company on 2 April 1986.

8. Supreme Court judge DY Chandrachud nominated executive chairman of National Legal Services Authority (Sept. 3, 2022)

The President of India **Droupadi Murmu** has nominated Supreme Court judge **Justice DY Chandrachud** as the next **executive chairperson** of the National **Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Chief Justice of India **UU Lalit** was the former working chairman of NALSA.
- After the retirement of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit, **Justice Chandrachud** will take over as the **50th Chief Justice of India** from November 2022.
- Justice DY Chandrachud, a Supreme Court judge, has been a former **Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court** and a former judge of the **Bombay High Court**.
- Born in 1959, Justice DY Chandrachud was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of India on **13 May 2016**.
- He holds an LLB degree from Campus Law Center, University of Delhi, LLM from Harvard Law School, USA and a doctorate in Judicial Science.

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) :

- It was established in 1995 under the **Legal Services Authority Act, 1987**.
- It works to monitor and review the effectiveness of programs and develop rules and principles for providing legal services under the Act.
- It distributes funds to state legal services authorities and non-profit organizations to help them execute legal aid systems and initiatives.

Purpose of Legal Services Authorities :

- Free Legal Aid and Advice
- Spreading Legal Awareness
- Organizing Lok Adalats
- Promote settlement of disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism

9. Kalyan Choubey elected as new AIFF President (Sept. 2, 2022)

Former India goalkeeper from **West Bengal Kalyan Choubey** became the **AIFF President** on 2 September 2022 by defeating legendary football player Bhaichung Bhutia in the All India Football Federation (AIFF) elections.

IMPORTANT FACTS :

- In the 85-year history of AIFF, Choubey is the first person to become the president after a player.
- He has played as a goalkeeper for Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. Bhutia and Choubey were once teammates in East Bengal.
- NA Haris has been elected as the Vice President. Haris is the president of the Karnataka Football Association and a Congress MLA in the state.
- Only 34 of India's 36 state football associations took part in the elections, while Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir were not allowed to vote.

AIFF election results :

- President: **Kalyan Choubey (West Bengal)**
- Vice President: **NA Haris (Karnataka)**
- Treasurer: **Gopalkrishna Kosaraju (Andhra Pradesh)**

All India Football Federation (AIFF) :

- It is the governing body of football in India under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.
- It was established in 1935.
- It is responsible for managing the India national football team as well as the women's team and various youth national sports.

10. Indian-origin Laxman Narasimhan to be world's largest coffee chain Starbucks' new CEO (Sept. 2, 2022)

America's multinational coffee company '**Starbucks**' has appointed Indian-origin '**Laxman Narasimhan**' as its new CEO in place of Howard Schultz.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Narasimhan will take over as the CEO of world's largest coffee chain company Starbucks from October 1.
- Mr Narasimhan, 55, has served as chief executive of **UK-based Reckitt Benckiser Group**, maker of Lysol and Enfamil baby formulas.
- In a statement issued by Starbucks, it has been told that Narasimhan will shift from London to Seattle.
- Starbucks' board asked **Howard Schultz (the current CEO of Starbucks)** to remain as interim CEO until April 2023, to assist Narasimhan.
- According to The Wall Street Journal, Narasimhan will assume the role of CEO and join the company's board on April 1.
- **Narasimhan** serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the multinational consumer goods company **Reckitt Benckiser Group (popularly known as Reckitt)**.
- Narasimhan will step down on September 30, 2022, after leading the company for three years (September 2019 to September 2022).
- He will now be replaced by senior independent director **Nikandro Durante at Reckitt Benckiser**.

Laxman Narasimhan :

- Shri Narasimhan holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Pune University. He has an MBA from The Wharton School. He was appointed as the CEO of Reckitt on September 1, 2019.
- Prior to joining Reckitt, he held various high positions at PepsiCo from 2012 to 2019.
- He also served as a director at McKinsey & Company from 1993 to 2012.