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1. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus re-elected as WHO Director-General (May 26, 2022)

Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), has been re-elected to this position for a second term of five years.

- During the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, he was confirmed to be re-elected as Director General and his second term will start from 16 August 2022.
- Earlier Dr. Tadros was named Director General of WHO on 23 May 2017.
- His name was proposed by the Ethiopian government. He also served as the Minister of Health in the Ethiopian government.

• WHO Director General's Appointment Process

- According to the constitution of the World Health Organisation, all member countries propose names for the post of Director General. A time limit is fixed for this.
- This time the election process started in April, 2021 after which the deadline for submission of proposal was fixed on April 23, 2021.
- In this election process by the World Health Organization, secret ballot is conducted from all the member countries.
- Any person can be appointed Director General of the World Health Organisation twice and his term is five years.

• Major Institutions and their Headquarters

Organisation	Director	Headquarters
World Trade Organisation	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	Geneva, Switzerland
International Labour Organisation	Guy Ryder	Geneva, Switzerland
International Monetary Fund	Kristalina Georgieva	Washington, D.C.

• About WHO

- The World Health Organisation is an organisation for mutual cooperation on the health related problems of the countries of the world and for developing human understanding related to health.

- Established- April 7, 1948
- Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
- Director General- Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus
- Deputy Director General- Soumya Swaminathan

2. Captain Abhilasha Barak becomes first woman combat pilot in Army (May 26, 2022)

On May 25, Captain Abhilasha Barak from Haryana became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a Combat Aviator.

- She was awarded the prestigious wing along with 36 other Army pilots by the Director General of Army Aviation and the Colonel Commandant during a ceremony in Nashik.
- **About Captain Abhilasha Barak**
- She is an alumna of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh.
- She completed her B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Delhi Technological University in 2016.
- She joined his first job in Deloitte, USA.
- In 2018, she was inducted into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai.
- While serving with the Corps of Army Air Defence, he was selected by President Ram Nath Kovind as a contingent commander for the presentation of colors for Army Air Defence.
- After completing his training from Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018, she joined the Army Aviation Corps.
- **About Army Aviation Corps**
- Established on 1 November 1986, the Army Aviation Corps was first deployed in Jaffna in 1987 in India's fight against the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in what is known as 'Operation Pawan'.
- This corps flies Chetak and Cheetah helicopters developed by HAL.
- Presently, this Corps and its helicopters are serving in high altitude areas like Siachen Glacier.
- It is one of the youngest corps of the Indian Army and operates a fleet of helicopters like Chetak, Cheetah, Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv and Rudra.
- Apart from attack, these helicopters also play a major role in observation, reconnaissance operations, evacuation of casualties, drop of goods or relief material as well as relief and rescue operations.

3. Gautam Adani in the list of 100 Most Influential People in Titans category (May 25, 2022)

Gautam Adani has been included in the list of 100 Most Influential People in Titans category along with personalities like Apple CEO Tim Cook and American host Oprah Winfrey.

- On behalf of India, Supreme Court advocate Karuna Nandi and eminent Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez have also been included in this list.
- Karuna Nandi and Khurram Parvez have been ranked in the Leaders category along with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky.
- In this list of Time magazine, US President Joe Biden, Chinese President Xi Jinping, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, tennis star Rafael Nadal, current Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Omar Ata Bandiyal have also been included in different categories. .
- This list is divided into six categories. These categories are Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Innovators.
- **Key persons nominated in different categories**
- **Titans-** Gautam Adani, Tim Cook, Oprah Winfrey, Kristyl Lagarde, Kris Jenner, Andy Jessie, Sally Rooney, Elizabeth Alexander, David Jaslav and Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sorbrunn and Alex Morgan.
- **Leaders-** Karuna Nandi, Khurram Parvez, Volodymyr Zelensky, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Joe Rogan, Xi Jinping, Ursula von der Leyen, Joe Biden, Yoon Suk-yeol, Vladimir Putin, Olaf Scholz, Samia Suluhu Hassan, Abiy Ahmed, Kirsten Cinema, Gabrielle Boric, Valerie Jaluzhni, Lynn Fitch, Omar Ata Bandial and Sun Chunlan.
- **Innovators** - Taika Waititi, Miranda Lambert, Derrick Palmer and Chris Smalls, Josh Wardle, Michen Genre, Demna, Mike Cannon-Brooks, Bella Bajaria, Sevgil Musayeva, Francis Keir, David Velez, Michael Schatz, Karen Meiga, Evan Eichler and Adam Philippi .
- **Artists** - Simu Liu, Andrew Garfield, Joe Kravitz, Sarah Jessica Parker, Amanda Seyfried, Quinta Branson, Pete Davidson, Channing Tatum, Nathan Chen, Mila Kunis, Jeremy Strong, Faith Ringgold, Ariana DiBose, Jasmine Sullivan and Michael R. Jackson.
- **Icons-** Mary J Blige, Dmitry Muratov, Isa Ray, Keanu Reeves, Adele, Rafael Nadal, Maya Lin, John Batista, Nadine Smith, Peng Shuai, Hoda Silent.
- **Pioneers-** Candace Parker, Frances Hogan, Ahmir 'Questalv' Thompson, Sonia Guzzara, Stephanie Bansell, Emily Oster, Eileen Gu, Nan Goldin, Meijen Darvish and Anwar Lal Bunny, Emmet Schelling, Christina Villarreal Velasquez and Ana Christina Gonzalez Velez and Gregory L. Robinson.

4. The Government of India has appointed Vinay Kumar Saxena as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi (May 24, 2022)

The Government of India has appointed Vinay Kumar Saxena as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi after the resignation of Anil Baijal.

- Vinay Kumar Saxena was working as the chairman of National Khadi Development and Village Industries Commission before this appointment.
- As the Chairman of KVIC, he initiated many innovative schemes and products like 'Honey Mission', 'Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana', 'Empowerment of Leather Artisans' which include Khadi Prakrit Paints, Project REHAB, Khadi Cloth Shoes and Plastics. Including assorted handmade paper, etc.
- In March 2021, the Government of India appointed him as one of the members of the National Committee to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence.
- **Appointment of lieutenant governor**
- The Lieutenant Governor is also known as the Lieutenant Governor or the LG.
- In the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry and Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor is appointed as the representative of the Central Government.
- Administrators are appointed in all other union territories.
- The Lieutenant Governor is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Central Government.
- Some provisions have been given in Articles 239A and 239AA of the Constitution for administrative work in Union Territories in India. Act 239A is applicable to all Union Territories, whereas Article 239AA of the Constitution is applicable only to National Capital Territory (NCT).
- The post was first created in September 1966.

5. Labor Party leader Albanese elected Prime Minister of Australia (May 23, 2022)

Labor Party leader Anthony Albanese has been elected the new Prime Minister of Australia.

- Albanese, 59, will be the 31st Prime Minister of Australia.
- The country's incumbent Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his team's failure to deal with several issues such as climate and Covid-19, besides women's rights, political integrity and natural disasters led to their defeat in the election.
- In Australia, voting was held for 151 seats in the Lower Chamber, in which 76 seats are needed to form a government.
- The Labor Party, which won 71 seats with a vote count of 67 percent, was declared the winner. The Liberal National Coalition got only 52 seats.
- **Other facts**
- Australia has two houses, the Upper House (Senate) and the Lower House.

- Here the tenure of the upper house is 6 years and that of the lower house is of three years, that is, elections are held after every three years.
- Voting in Australia always takes place on Saturdays.
- Voting is compulsory here, and those who do not vote have to pay a fine of up to \$14.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe, in Tokyo, taking oath as the caretaker Prime Minister of Australia's elected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Biden and Japan's Prime Minister Fumiya Kishida may attend the Quad summit.

- **About Australia -**

- Australia is the only place that is considered to be a continent, a nation and an island at the same time.
- It is the smallest continent in the world and also the largest island in the world.
- Capital- Canberra
- Prime Minister- Anthony Albanese
- Currency- Australian Dollar

6. 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy (May 21, 2022)

The Ministry of Culture is celebrating the 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy from 22 May 2022 to 22 May 2023 under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

- The opening ceremony will be held at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Salt Lake, Kolkata and Science City Auditorium, Kolkata.
- During the event, a statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy will be unveiled by the Minister of Culture, G Kishan Reddy at the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata.

- **About Raja Ram Mohan Roy**

- Born - 22 May 1772 in a Hindu Brahmin family in Radhanagar village in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, Bengal.
- Gopal Krishna Gokhale called him the 'Father of Modern India'.
- He was one of the pioneers of the Indian Renaissance.
- He was awarded the title of Raja by the Mughal Emperor Akbar II.
- He opposed customs such as Sati, polygamy, child marriage, the rigidity of the caste system.
- He formed Atmiya Sabha (Friendly Society) In 1814. It was for the religious reforms in the society.
- In 1828 he founded the Brahmo Samaj.

- The Brahma Samaj was a reformist movement of Hinduism that aimed to fight the social evils prevalent in the society.
- As a result of hard work in fighting the practice of Sati, the Governor of Bengal Presidency Lord William Bentinck banned the practice of Sati in the year 1829.
- He died of meningitis on September 27, 1833, at Stapleton, near Bristol, while on a visit to Britain.

7. SC sentences Navjot Singh Sidhu to one-year rigorous imprisonment in road rage case (May 20, 2022)

The Supreme Court sentenced former Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu to one year's rigorous imprisonment in the 1988 road rage case in which Patiala resident Gurnam Singh died.

- The order was pronounced by a bench of Justice AM Khanwilkar and Justice SK Kaul.
- The Supreme Court had earlier allowed review of its May 2018 order acquitting former Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu in the 34-year-old road rage case.
- Sidhu was earlier let off with a fine of Rs 1,000.
- Now he has been given the maximum possible punishment under section 323 of the IPC.
- **What was the case?**
- On 27 December 1988, Sidhu got into an argument with Patiala resident Gurnam Singh over parking.
- Sidhu and his associate Rupinder Singh Sandhu allegedly dragged Gurnam Singh out of their car and hit him.
- He later died in hospital.
- In 1999, a sessions court in Patiala acquitted Sidhu and his associate for lack of evidence and benefit of doubt.
- The Punjab and Haryana High Court convicted Sidhu of culpable homicide not amounting to murder in 2006 and sentenced him to three years in prison.
- In 2018, Sidhu approached the Supreme Court, which quashed the High Court order and convicted Sidhu of causing hurt to a senior citizen.

8. Naveen Srivastava appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Nepal (May 19, 2022)

The Government of India has appointed Naveen Srivastava as India's ambassador to Nepal on 17 May 2022.

- The Ministry of External Affairs announced the appointment a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a visit to Lumbini in Nepal.
- Mr. Srivastava is a 1993 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, currently serving as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra, who became foreign secretary over two weeks ago, was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before Mr Srivastava's appointment.
- Nepal shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian states - Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- The land-locked country relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and services.
- **About Nepal -**
 - It is officially called as Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
 - President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari
 - Prime Minister: Sher Bahadur Deuba
 - Currency: Nepali Rupee
 - Capital: Kathmandu

9. Village Unnati appointed former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora as chairman (May 18, 2022)

Former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora has been named as the new non-executive chairman of the Village Unnati Board.

- **About Sunil Arora**
 - He is a 1980 batch retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Rajasthan cadre.
 - He has served as the secretary of two important ministries, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
 - He was also the 23rd Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- **About Gram unnati**
 - Gram Unnati is a social enterprise that helps farmers to increase their net income by realising value, increasing agricultural productivity and reducing the cost of cultivation.
 - Gram Unnati provides physical and technical infrastructure support to agri-processors, banks, agri-input manufacturers, research institutes and others.
 - Gram Unnati also provides institutional buyers with consultancy services, low cost high quality inputs and market connections to marginal farmers, as well as tailored production, logistics, and end-to-end quality control of agricultural products.

Gram unnati is headquartered in Gurgaon with operations across 6 states currently.

10. Hassan Sheikh Mahmood appointed as the new President of Somalia (May 18, 2022)

After a long-pending election in the troubled Horn of Africa nation, Somali legislators have elected former leader Hassan Sheikh Mahmood as the country's next president.

- Hassan Sheikh Mohamed, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won in the capital Mogadishu amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly rebel attacks.
- He defeated Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed in this election.
- Mahmood secured 214 votes against 110 votes in favour of the incumbent President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmajo in the final third round.
- Mahmood, 66, is the leader of the Union for Peace and Development party, which has a majority in both legislative chambers.
- **About somalia**
- Somalia is a country located on the eastern edge of Africa.
- Capital- Mogadishu
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- Prime Minister- Mohamed Hussein Roble
- Currency- Somali Shilling (SOS)