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1. Malta Legislator Roberta Metsola Becomes Third Female & Youngest President of European Parliament (Jan. 20, 2022)

Roberta Metsola, a legislator from Malta, replaced Italian Socialist David Sassoli (who died on January 11) as the president of the European Parliament on 18 January 2022.

- Roberta Metsola has been elected to the position for a 2.5-year term.
- Metsola is 43 years old and has become the **third woman, after Simone Weil and Nicole Fontaine, to be elected** to the position, the youngest president of the European Parliament.

European parliament Headquarters: **Strasbourg, France**

The European parliament has 705 members who are elected by the voters of the 27 member countries of the European Union.

2. World's oldest man dead (Jan. 20, 2022)

World's oldest man **Saturnino de la Fuente Garcia** dies at the age of 112 years and 341 days.

- Born in the neighbourhood of Puente Castro, León, on the 11th of February 1909, Saturnino – also known as “El Pepino” – married Antonina Barrio Gutiérrez in 1933.
- Guinness World Records named De la Fuente as the world's oldest man in September 2021, when he was 112 years and 211 days.
- De la Fuente was a cobbler by trade and started working in a shoe factory at age 13.

3. Eminent theatre personality Saoli Mitra Passed away (Jan. 17, 2022)

Saoli Mitra, who was the recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2003, Padma Shri in 2009, and Banga Bibhusan in 2012, died at her residence in South Kolkata on 16th January 2022 of heart ailments.

- She would be remembered for her solo performance as Draupadi in Naathvati Anaathbat (which she also wrote and directed), and as Sita on Sitakatha or Bitata Bitangso.
- Mitra was the daughter of legendary theatre artists Shambhu Mitra and Tripti Mitra.

4. Vikram Dev Dutt appointed as new Air India Chief (Jan. 19, 2022)

Senior bureaucrat **Vikram Dev Dutt** has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director of Air India** on 18th January 2022.

- Dutt is a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre.
- He will get the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.

Further, **Chanchal Kumar** has been appointed as **Managing Director, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**

- Kumar, a 1992-batch IAS officer, is at present posted in his cadre state Bihar.

The appointments were part of a senior level-bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Central Government on 18th January 2022.

5. Narayan Debnath passes away (Jan. 18, 2022)

A noted comics artist, writer and illustrator, who brought to life cult Bengali cartoon characters like *Bantul the Great*, *Handa Bhonda*, and *Nonte Phonte* passed away at the age of 96 years on 18 January 2022.

- He was the first and the only comics artist from the country to have received the D. Litt. degree.
- He was a Padma Shri awardee, who held the record of running the longest comics series by an individual artiste for *Handa Bhonda*, which has now completed 53 years.

6. Shri Narendra Goenka takes over as new Chairman of AEPC (Jan. 18, 2022)

Narendra Kumar Goenka, founder and managing director of Texport Industries Pvt Ltd, today took charge as the new chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC). Goenka succeeds Padma Shri Dr. A Sakthivel as AEPC chairman.

- AEPC is the official body of apparel exporters in India, under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Textiles, that provides invaluable assistance to Indian exporters as well as importers/international buyers.

Figures from the Indian Textile Sector

- The Indian textile industry contributes to about 7% of the industry output (in value terms) and around 15% of India's export earnings.
- The top global export destination countries for Indian Textiles are USA, UAE, Bangladesh, UK, and Germany.
- About 50% of India's textiles import is Fibre and Yarn used for the value addition. The maximum textile and apparel imports come from China followed by USA and Bangladesh.
- In FY 2020-21 there was a deceleration in textile exports due to pandemic disrupting the supply chain and demand.
- During April-December, 2021 the total Textiles & Apparel including Handicrafts exports was US\$ 29.8 billion as compared to US\$ 21.2 billion for the same period last year. This implies robust growth of approximately 41% over last year.

7. Djokovic deported from Australia (Jan. 17, 2022)

Tennis star Novak Djokovic has lost his chance to defend his Australian Open title after an Australian court upheld a government deportation order.

- The sensational 11-day battle over Djokovic's COVID-19 vaccination status has ended his dream of winning a record 21st Grand Slam in Australia.
- Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic lashed out at Australian authorities saying that they have humiliated Djokovic with this mistreatment of him for 10 days.

8. Bollywood lyricist-poet Ibrahim Ashk dies (Jan. 17, 2022)

Lyricist Ibrahim Ashk (70), known for penning songs for films like "Kaho Na Pyaar Hai" and "Koi... Mil Gaya", died on 16th January 2022, due to COVID-19 pneumonia.

- Born in Madhya Pradesh, Ashk did his post-graduation in Hindi Literature in 1974 from Indore University. Also an Urdu poet, he later went on to work as a journalist.

9. RajKumar Rao is the brand ambassador of RenewBuy (Jan. 17, 2022)

Online insurance platform RenewBuy has launched its first 360-degree ad campaign with film actor Rajkummar Rao as its first brand ambassador.

Raj Kumar Rao is a Hindi film actor who has won National Film awards for Best actor for his film Shahid in 2013.

10. Vicky Kaushal is the brand ambassador of Pearson India (Jan. 17, 2022)

Pearson has announced Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal as its new brand ambassador.

Pearson is a British company which is in the business of publishing books for Schools, University etc.

Vicky Kaushal is a famous Hindi film actor who won the National film award for best actor in 2020 for his film "Uri:The Surgical Strike."