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### **1. KPAC Lalitha passes away ( Feb. 23, 2022 )**

Maheshwari Amma, who was popularly known by her stage name KPAC Lalitha, died on 22 February 2022 in Kochi, Kerala. She was 74 years old.

- She was a noted Malayalam film actress who worked in more than 500 films.
- She won the National Awards under the best supporting actress category twice for her roles in Amaram (1990) and Shantham (2000).
- She was also the winner of four Kerala State Film Awards. She also chaired the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi.

### **2. Noted Gandhian Shakuntala Choudhary passed away ( Feb. 21, 2022 )**

Shakuntala Choudhary also popularly known as 'Shakuntala Baideo' died on 21 February 2022. She was 102 years old .

- She was from Kamrup district of Assam and a noted Gandhian social worker and freedom fighter.
- She worked for the welfare of the villagers, especially women and children .
- **She was awarded with Padam Shri by the President in 2022.**

### **3. Noted Kannada poet Channaveera Kanavi no more ( Feb. 17, 2022 )**

Noted Kannada poet Nadoja Channaveera Kanavi died on 16 February 2022 at Dharwad, Karnataka. He was 93 years old.

He was often referred to as '**Samanvaya Kavi**' (Poet of Reconciliation),

He won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award for his collection of poems '**Jeevadhvani**' in 1982.

### **4. G. Ashok Kumar appointed as the first National Maritime Security Coordinator ( Feb. 17, 2022 )**

The Government of India has appointed Vice Admiral (retd) G Ashok Kumar as India's first National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC).

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval to create the post in November 2021.

- The NMSC will be responsible for coordinating the various agencies which are involved in coastal security of India like the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, State Police and other agencies.
- He will directly report to the **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval**.
- India has a coastline of 7516.6 Km which encompasses 13 States and Union Territory.

### **Why the need of such a post**

On November 26, 2008, 10 Pakistani terrorists sneaked into Mumbai through the sea, arriving by boat from Karachi and created a havoc in Mumbai killing around 166 people. This terrorist incident in Mumbai brought into light the complete lack of coordination amongst the security agencies.

To prevent such security failure in future and for better coordination amongst security agencies this post has been created.

### **Important Full form for Exams**

**CCS** : Cabinet Committee on Security

**NMSC**: National Maritime Security Coordinator

**NSA**: National Security Advisor

### **5. Legendary Bengali singer Sandhya Mukhopadhyay passes away ( Feb. 16, 2022 )**

Legendary Bengali singer Sandhya Mukhopadhyay died in Kolkata on 15 February 2022 after a brief illness. She was 90 years old. .

- She trained under Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan and was later associated with legends like Begum Akhtar.
- The unique feature of her career was that her songs were released during the Durga puja festival in Bengal.
- Sandhya Mukherjee's first record was in 1945 and her first album of Durga Puja songs was released in 1948.
- Her first playback song was for the film Samapika released in 1948.
- **In 1971, She won the national film award for best female playback singer for songs in the films Jai Jayanti (1970) and Nishi Padma (1970).**
- Last month she declined the Padma Shri award by the Union government.

### **6. Famous Bollywood music composer Bappi Lahiri passes away ( Feb. 16, 2022 )**

Legendary Bollywood music composer, singer and pioneer of disco, Bappi Lahiri passed away at Midnight on 15 February 2022 in a Mumbai hospital. He was 69.

Bappi Lahiri was born on November 27, 1952 in Calcutta (now Kolkata), West Bengal.

His first major hit film was Zakhmee. He was best known for his works in Wardat, Disco Dancer, Namak Halaal, Dance Dance, Commando, Saheb, Gang Leader, Sailaab, Sharaabi among others. He was very popular in the 1980s and 1990s for his music compositions.

His last Bollywood song **Bankas** was for the film Baaghi 3 released in 2020.

His last on screen appearance was with Salman Khan on Big Boss 15, where he promoted grandson Swasti's new song Baccha Party.

### **Awards won by Bappi Lahiri**

- Filmfare Lifetime achievement award 2018.
- Filmfare best Music Director Award for the film Sharabi in 1985.
- Mirchi Music award 2012 for best Item song of the year: "Oh la la" for the film Dirty Picture.

## **7. Justice M N Bhandari sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Madras High Court ( Feb. 15, 2022 )**

Justice M N Bhandari was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court by the Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi on 14 February 2022. He was administered the oath of office by the state governor, R.N.Ravi

Madras High Court is the third oldest High Court in India .

### **Madras High court is the High Court of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry .**

#### **Fact files**

High Courts in India were set up under the High Court act 1861 ,passed by the British Parliament for India .

- The first High Court to be set up in India was the Calcutta High Court or the High Court of Judicature at Fort William. It started functioning from 1st July, 1862.
- The second High Court in India was the Bombay High Court which started functioning from 14 August 1862 .
- The third High Court in India was the Madras High Court which started functioning from 15 August 1862 .
- There are 25 High Courts in India .
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#### **Important Points**

The Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed by the President of India in consultation with the Chief Justice of India and the Governor of the state, under article 217 of the Indian constitution.

Under article 219 of the constitution oath to the Chief Justice of the High Court or the judge of the High Court is administered by the State Governor or by a person appointed by the Governor.

## **8. Mehmet Ilker Ayci to take charge of Air India ( Feb. 15, 2022 )**

Tata Sons has appointed former Turkish Airlines chairman **Mehmet Ilker Ayci** as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India.

Mehmet Ilker Ayci will take charge of Air India on or before 1 April 2022.

**Mehmet Ilker Ayci is a Turkish businessman.**

### **Tata Sons**

It is the holding company of the Tata group of companies like TCS, TaTa Steel ,Tata Motors,Tata Finance, etc.

Chairman of the Tata Sons : **N. Chandrasekaran**

### **Air India Disinvestment**

On 25 October 2021, Government of India signed an agreement with Tata Group for selling off its entire 100% share in Air India to Talace Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.

- The deal was of Rs 18,000 crore of which Tata will pay Rs 2,700 crore to the government and Tata will take over the Rs 15,300 crore of the Air India debt.
- On 27 January 2022,Air India was formally taken over by the Tatas from the Government of India.
- **Air India finally returned to Tata after almost 69 years .**

### **Air India and Tata Group**

Air India was founded by JRD Tata in 1932 as Tata Airlines .

- It was converted into a public company and named Air India in 1946 .
- In 1953 the Nehru Government nationalised all the private airlines in India and created Indian Airlines for domestic operations and Air India for International operations .
- Later both Indian Airlines and Air India were merged and finally Air India was created in 2010.

## **9. Ishan Kishan the highest priced player at the IPL 2022 ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

Wicket- keeper batsman Ishan Kishan was bought by Mumbai India for Rs 15.25 crores. He became the highest priced player for the 15th Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022. Deepak Chahar was the second highest priced player and he was bought by Chennai Super Kings for Rs 14 Crore.

**Fact Files**

- Chris Morris of South Africa , holds the record for being the highest priced player in IPL when Rajasthan Royals bought him for Rs 16.25 crores in the IPL 2021.
- The highest priced Indian player is Yuvraj singh . He was bought by Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals) for the IPL 2015 season for Rs. 16 crore.
- The IPL 2022 will see the participation of ten teams . The two new teams are
- **Lucknow Super Giants and Gujarat Titans.**
- The other teams are :Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan Royals, Delhi Capitals, Punjab Kings ,Kolkata Knight Riders ,Chennai Super Kings , Royal Challengers Bangalore ,Sunrisers Hyderabad ,

**Indian Premier League (IPL),**

- IPL is a twenty-twenty overs professional cricket league organized by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) that was started in India in 2008.
- The first season was won by Rajasthan Royals in 2008.
- The 14th Season of IPL 2021 was held in the United Arab Emirates which was won by Chennai Super King .
- Mumbai Indians is the most successful team in the IPL. It has won the titles 5 times(**2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020**) while the second most successful team is Chennai Super King which has won it 4 times(**2010, 2011, 2018, and 2021**).

**10. Ramkumar Ramnathan win Bengaluru Tennis double's title ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

Ramkumar Ramnathan won the third doubles title of the year when he and Saket Mayeni won the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger tennis title at Bengaluru.

The Indian Tennis player defeated the French pair of Hugo Grenier and Alexandre Muller in straight sets .

**Men Singles title**

**Chun-hsin Tseng of Chinese Taipei** (also known as Taiwan ) defeated Croatian Borna Gojo in straight sets.