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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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1. Lionel Messi clinches record-extending eighth Ballon d'Or award:

36-year-old clinched his eighth Ballon d'Or award, at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris. Messi dedicated the trophy to late Argentina legend Diego Maradona. Messi is 36 and won his first Ballon d'Or in 2009. With eight, he is now three ahead of his old rival Cristiano Ronaldo, the next most decorated player in the award's history. Aitana Bonmati clinches women's award. [No]. Of goals scored by Lionel Messi at the 2022 World Cup is 7.



2. Bishan Singh Bedi former Indian legendary spinner passed away.

Bishan Singh Bedi, a former Indian cricket team captain and one of the most renowned spinners to have featured in the national team, died on October 23. He was aged 77.

The legendary Indian spinner had played 67 Test matches between 1967 and 1979, and has 266 wickets to his name. At the time of his retirement, he was India's leading wicket-taker in Test cricket.



3. Central Vigilance Commission observes Vigilance Awareness Week:

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 is observed from 30th October till 5th November of every year. It is observed as an outreach measure to create greater awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life.



The theme for this year is, "Say no to corruption; Commit to the Nation." It commenced with an integrity pledge by Central Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava.

4. **Modi - Hasina to jointly inaugurate 3 Indian-assisted development work:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina will jointly inaugurate three Indian-assisted development projects. The three projects are the Akhaura-Agartala Cross Border Rail Link; Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line; and Unit-II of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant.



5. **India to host World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly in 2024:**

The World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly-20 is a four-yearly global conference of ITU dedicated to standardization of the Information and Communications Technologies. India is going to host the World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly next year, a step to move forward in 5G and 6G networks, said Union Communication & IT Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav.



6. **International Day for Biosphere Reserve: November 3rd:**

In the year 2022 at the 41st Session of UNESCO's general Conference, it was decided that November 3 would be celebrated worldwide as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves. Biosphere Reserves are protected areas, meant for the conservation of plants and animals. Presently, India proudly boasts a total of 18 biosphere reserves.



7. **CBSE to open new administrative Office in UAE:**

In a significant development for the Indian expatriate community in the United Arab Emirates, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting with the Principals of Central Board of Secondary Education affiliated schools in Dubai. This decision is expected to streamline operations and enhance the educational experience for students and teachers in these schools.



8. **T Padmanabhan selected for Kerala's highest civilian award:**

Eminent writer T Padmanabhan has been awarded the prestigious Kerala Jyothi Award for his remarkable contributions to literature. Retired Justice M Fathima Beevi was selected for her contributions to social service and civil service. Nataraja Krishnamoorthy was recognized for his accomplishments in the field of arts, both receiving the Kerala Prabha Award.



9. **28 Countries sign world's 1st agreement to contain risks associated with AI:**

India, along with 27 other countries and the European Union have signed world's first agreement on artificial intelligence (AI) safety at a meeting in the United Kingdom. The agreement pledges to work together to assess the risks associated with artificial intelligence. The agreement will be known as the Bletchley Declaration.



10. Nandini Das wins British Academy Book Prize for Cultural

Understanding:

India-born author Nandini Das has been named the winner of the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, for her book 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'. Das is a Professor of English literature at the University of Oxford. The winning book is her debut and describes the role of the British and Mughals in transforming India's history.



11. 7th Edition of Ganga Utsav Celebrated With Festive Fervor:

The 7th edition of Ganga Utsav was organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga in New Delhi. The event also marked the release of the 33rd edition of Namami Gange Magazine, the new Chacha Chaudhary series and the Voyage of Ganga Booklet, based on Ganga Pustak Parikrama in collaboration with NBT. Ganga Pustak Parikrama will commence its 3-month long journey from Gangotri on 7 November 2023.



12. Surendra Kumar Adhana re-elected at UN Advisory Committee:

Ruchira Kamboj expresses gratitude on re-election of Indian candidate to UN advisory committee. India's permanent mission to the UN in New York announced that Adhana has been re-elected. The Advisory Committee is an expert Committee of 21 members elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years, on the basis of a broad geographical representation.



13. **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists:**

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is commemorated on the 2nd of November. Held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States in Washington D.C. The event is organized by UNESCO, in partnership with the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, and its Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.



14. **"Project Kusha" of DRDO to revolutionize air defense capabilities:**

The Project Kusha, is under the purview of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO). It seeks to establish a formidable three-layered defense system with the capability to neutralize enemy aircraft and missiles from extended distances effectively. Valued at over \$2.5 billion, this project has the potential to catapult India into an elite group of nations having such a system.



15. **The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation [HSBC], limited**

India in association with National e-Governance services limited [NeSL] has introduced the electronic Bank guarantees [e-BGs] services to digitize trade finance.

What are e-BGs?

e-BG is a digital equivalent of a traditional paper based bank guarantee. It is a guarantee issued by a bank to a beneficiary on behalf of an applicant, promising to pay the beneficiary a specific amount of money if the applicant fails to fulfill a certain obligation, the process is made simple by introducing electronics stamping (E-stamping) and electronic signing (E-signing).



16. The Indian contingent finished fifth position in the medal tally with 111 medals (29 Gold, 31 Silver, 33 bronze) in the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2022, held in China from 22nd to 28 of October. It is India's highest medal tally in Para Asian



games. Overall China became the first country in para asian games with 521 medals. Mascot- 'The Divine Bird' named Feifei.

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