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1. India becomes the only country among top 10 steel growth



Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, Minister of Steel, praised India's steel sector on its remarkable performance on a **global scale** and encouraged it to continue at this level in the year **2022**. This **production momentum** will help **India** to meet the predicted level of **500 million tonnes of production capacity** in the following **25 years**.

Key Points:

- According to data released by **the World Steel Association on April 22**, **India** is the only country among the top ten steel-producing nations in the world that grew steel output from **January to March 2022 over the same period last year**.
- India produced 9 million tonnes of steel, up 5.9% over the previous year.**
- India's growth rate is 4.4 percent, with 9 million tonnes of steel produced in March 2022.**
- The only other country in the top 10 that saw a rise in steel production in March is**

Important Takeaways for All Competitive Exams:

- Union Minister of Steel: Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh**

2. Noted Padma Shri writer Binapani Mohanty passes away



Eminent writer of Odisha and Padma Shri awardee (2020), Binapani Mohanty passed away at the age of 85. She was born in Berhampur **and started her teaching career as a lecturer in Economy in 1960. Her many short stories have been translated into various languages (including Hindi, English, Kannada, Marathi). She had founded an organisation of Odia women writers named 'Odisha Lekhika Sansad.'**

Her work:

Pata Dei, Khela Ghara, Naiku Rasta, Bastraharana, Andhakarara, Kasturi Murga O Sabuja Aranya and Michhi Michhika are some of her best-known stories.

Awards and Honour she received:

Binapani Mohanty was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2020 for her contribution to Odia literature. She also was awarded the Adibadi Jagannath Das Puraskar – the highest literary award by the Odisha Sahitya Akademi, in 2019. Her collection of short stories 'Pata Dei' has won the Sahitya Akademi award. She also received Sarala Samman from the Government of Odisha.

3. Serbia Open title: Andrey Rublev defeated Novak Djokovic



Andrey Rublev (Russian) has defeated world No. 1 **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** to win his third title in the **Serbia Open**. Andrey Rublev has saved five set

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points in the second set to force a tie-break, but he was unable to prevent Djokovic from levelling the match. Rublev has now equalled **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** for the most tour-level titles in 2022. He also clinched crowns in Marseille and Dubai in February 2022.

4. Former Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki passes away



Former President of Kenya, Mwai Kibaki passed away at the age of 90. He led the country from 2002 to 2013. In 2007, more than 1,100 people were killed in bloody ethnic clashes following the controversial elections held during his reign. However to prevent such unrest he accepted a new constitution with various reforms. During his reign, there was uncontrolled corruption and huge expenditure on major projects, which ruined the country and increased the country's debt.

5. NITI Aayog releases draft of 'Battery Swapping Policy 2022'



NITI Aayog has released a draft battery swapping policy. Under this policy, in the first phase, priority will be given to all metropolitan cities with a population of more than 40 lakhs for development of battery swapping network. In the second phase, all major cities like state capitals, union territory headquarters and cities with a population of more than 5 lakh will be covered.

Under this, importance has been given to two wheelers and three wheelers in developing cities. As per the draft

policy, vehicles with swappable batteries will be sold without batteries, thereby passing on the benefit of lower purchase cost to potential EV buyers.

What is Battery Swapping?

- Battery swapping is an option that involves exchanging a discharged battery with a charged battery. Battery swapping de-links the vehicle and fuel (in this case the battery) and therefore reduces the upfront cost of the vehicles.
- Battery swapping is commonly used for smaller vehicles such as 2 and 3 wheelers. In fact they have smaller batteries which are easier to swap than other automotive segments, can be implemented mechanically.
- Battery swapping offers three major advantages over charging: it is time, space and cost-efficient, provided each swappable battery is actively used.
- Furthermore, battery swapping provides a level playing field for innovative and sustainable business models such as "Battery as a Service".

6. Karnataka Government launches social awareness campaign "SAANS"



Karnataka's Minister of Health and Medical Education, Keshav Reddy Sudhakar has launched 'Social Awareness and Action to Successfully Prevent Pneumonia (SAANS)' campaign. It has been started to ensure early detection and greater awareness of pneumonia in children below the age of five years. According to SRS 2018, the mortality rate of children under five in Karnataka is 28 deaths per 1,000 live births.

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Pneumonia is a type of lung infection caused by a viral, bacterial or fungal infection. The state aims to reduce the under-five mortality rate to 23 deaths per 1,000 live births by 2025. Also, to achieve the goals of the National Health Policy, the pneumonia mortality rate has to be reduced to less than 3 deaths per 1,000 live births.

7. Aditya Birla Capital Names 'Vishakha Mule' As Next CEO



Vishakha Mulay has been appointed as the next Chief Executive Officer - CEO of Aditya Birla Capital. The company said in its stock filing that the Board of Directors has approved the appointment based on the recommendations of the Nomination, Remuneration and Compensation Committee. She will replace Ajay Srinivasan. According to the exchange filing, Ajay Srinivasan continues to hold other responsibilities within the group.

Mulay is currently the Executive Director of ICICI Bank. She will join Aditya Birla Capital on June 1, 2022, and will work with Srinivasan as CEO for a month to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. She will take over her role as the CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Limited after this period.

About Vishakha Mulye:

She will be the first woman to join the board of Aditya Birla Management Corporation, the group's top decision-making board.

She has been a Chartered Accountant. At ICICI Bank, she is in charge of domestic and international wholesale banking, proprietary trading, markets and transaction banking.

8. A.P. Abdullakutty elected chairman of Haj Committee



A.P. Abdullakutty has been elected as the Chairman of the Haj Committee of India. For the first time in history, two women have been elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Haj Committee - Munnavari Begum and Mafuza Khatoon. The Ministry of Minority Affairs is the nodal ministry for Haj pilgrimage in India. Haj pilgrimage for Indian pilgrims is conducted either through Haj Group Organizers (HGOs) approved by the Haj Committee of India (HCoI), or the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The Government of India, under sub-section (11) of section 4 of the Haj Committee Act 2022, has appointed C. Mohammad Faizi as a member of the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) for a period of 3 years till March 31, 2025. His tenure has come into effect from 21 April 2022. The Haj Committee of India (HCoI) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

9. Sir David Attenborough Receives 'Champions Of The Earth' Lifetime Achievement Award'



The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has honored Sir David Attenborough with the 'Champions of the Earth' Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a biologist, natural historian and a well-known broadcaster. This award has been given to him for his

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'dedication to research, documentation and advocacy for the protection and conservation of nature'.

Sir David Attenborough is noted for his innovative educational television programs, most notably the nine-part Life Collection Life series. His famous documentaries include 'The Green Planet and A Plastic Ocean'. He was knighted twice by Queen Elizabeth II in 1985 and again in 2020. He has won 3 Emmy Awards and 8 British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards

10. Max Verstappen named 'Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2022'



F1 champion Max Verstappen has been named the 2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year, while Jamaican Olympic sprinter Ellen Thompson-Hera has been named Laureus Sportswoman of the Year. The awards recognize the biggest sporting achievements of 2021. One of the achievements of the previous year was the victory of the European Championship by the Italian men's football team, which resulted in their second Laureus Team of the Year award.

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- Constitution of NITI Aayog: **January 1, 2015;**
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: **New Delhi;**
- Chairman of NITI Aayog: **Narendra Modi;**
- Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog: **Suman Berry;**
- CEO of NITI Aayog: **Amitabh Kant.**
- Karnataka Capital: **Bengaluru;**

- Chief Minister of Karnataka: **Basavaraj S Bommai;**
- Karnataka Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot.**
- Formula One champion Max Verstappen has won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix title - **Italy**
- The country whose Andre Rublev has won the singles title of the Serbia Open tennis competition - **Russia**
- Recently a security agreement has been signed between China and the island- **Solomon Islands**
- The central government has set a target of increasing the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras to as many as thousand by March 2024.
- Recently the country in which the first human infection with H3N8 (H3N8) strain of bird flu has been recorded- **China**
- Recently a community radio station named Doodh Vani was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit- **Gujarat**
- The world's richest person Elon Musk has bought the social media company for \$ 44 billion - **Twitter**
- National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated on - **April**

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