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## 1. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu Releases Book 'Modi @20: Dreams Meeting Delivery'



Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book "Modi@20 Dreams Meet Delivery" in New Delhi. The book presents various aspects of the distinctive thought process, pioneering, proactive approach and quintessential, transformational leadership style that Narendrabhai Modi has so closely identified with.

'Modi@20 (Modi@20)' is an anthology edited and compiled by Bluecraft Digital Foundation, and a compilation of chapters written by eminent intellectuals and domain experts, Roopa Publications.

The essence of the book:

The book covers the experiential journey of Modi as he left his home at the age of 17 and embarked on a mission to know himself and his country and ultimately define the mission to transform India. In the year 2021, Modi completed twenty consecutive years as the head of government. The book, a compilation of chapters written by eminent intellectuals and domain experts, attempts to take a definitive and detailed exploration into the fundamental transformation of Gujarat and India over the past twenty years due to Modi's unique model of governance.

## 2. India has been elected as the new President of the Association of Asian Election Authorities



India has been unanimously elected as the new President of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the Executive Board and General Assembly meeting in Manila, Philippines. At present the Election Commission, Manila is the chairman of the AAEA. The new members of the Executive Board now include Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and the Philippines.

A 3-member delegation of Election Commission of India led by Deputy Election Commissioner Mr. Nitesh Vyas along with Mr. Rajesh Agrawal, Election Commissioner, Manipur and Mr. Praveen Gupta, Election Commissioner of Rajasthan participated in the Executive Board meeting at Manila. He presented to the Executive Board the action plan for 2022-23 as well as the future activities for 2023-24.

### What is the work of the Association of Asian Election Authorities?

According to the ECI, the mission of the Association of Asian Election Authorities is to provide a non-partisan forum in the Asian region for sharing of experience and best practices among election officials. Simultaneously working on ways to promote open and transparent elections with the aim of supporting good governance and democracy.

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## 3. Mamta Banerjee Receives Special Bangla Academy Award



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee received the 'Bangla Akademi Award' for her "relentless literary pursuit". The award, instituted by the Sahitya Akademi this year, was presented to Banerjee for her book "Kabita Bitan", which pays tribute to the best writers of West Bengal. Mamta Banerjee's 'Kabita Bitan' book was launched in the Kolkata Book Fair of the year 2020. The book contains a collection of 946 poems written by the TMC supremo.

Despite being on stage, Mamata Banerjee herself did not accept the award and received it on her behalf by state education minister Bratya Basu.

Banerjee was given this award at the "Ravi Pranam" function organized by the Information and Culture Department of the government on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Bangla Akademi has decided to reward those who work tirelessly for the betterment of literature as well as other sectors of the society.

## 4. President presented 13 Shaurya Chakras and Param Vishisht Seva Medals to Army personnel



President Ram Nath Kovind awarded Shaurya Chakra to 13 brave heroes who defended the motherland. Of these, six soldiers were given this honor posthumously. While Army Chief General Manoj Pandey received the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM). Shaurya Chakra is India's third highest peacetime gallantry award after Ashoka Chakra and Kirti Chakra.

The President also presented 14 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals (UYSM) and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM) for distinguished service of exceptional order.

These awards for gallantry and other defense decorations were approved by the President in January on the eve of the 73rd Republic Day celebrations this January. General Manoj Pandey took over as the 29th Chief of the Army Staff on 30 April. Prior to this, he served as the Chief of the Army Staff for three months and was earlier the General Officer Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Command of the Army.

## 5. Country's first biogas-powered charging station started in Mumbai



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India's first EV charging station to run on Bio-Gas was inaugurated in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The station will be expected to generate 220 units of electricity from the food waste collected from its surrounding areas. Waste will mostly be collected in bulk from generators such as hotels and offices. This power plant will also be used to power street lights and charge electric vehicles. It was inaugurated by Maharashtra Environment Minister Aditya Uddhav Thackeray.

The biogas power generation plant, set up in 2021, uses about 1.5 lakh kilograms of food waste to generate electricity. Also, to promote electric vehicles, BMC is planning to set up EV charging stations powered by organic waste in its 24 administrative wards.

## Key points:

- Country's first organic waste powered EV charging station has been built on Keshavrao Khade Road near Haji Ali in Mumbai.
- The project is a joint venture between the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and AeroCare Clean Energy.
- This EV charging plant is connected to the waste-energy unit at Minatai Thackeray Park.

## 6. South Korea becomes first Asian country to join NATO Cyber Defense Group



South Korea has become the first Asian country to join the Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence

(CCDCOE) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) has joined NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence as a contributor. It was established in May 2008 keeping in mind the cyber security research, training.

Now the NATO CCDCOE consists of 32 countries as total official members, including 27 NATO member states and 5 non-NATO states as contributors. South Korea has participated in Locked Shields 2022. It is the largest and most complex annual international live-fire cyber defense exercise in the world. It is participating for two consecutive years from the year 2020. South Korea joining the CCDCOE will help counter the perception of cyber security threats posed by North Korea.

## About the NATO:

The full name of NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also known as the North Atlantic Alliance. It includes 28 European countries and two North American countries. NATO is called OTAN in French which is the complete opposite of NATO. The main objective of NATO is to guarantee freedom and security to its member countries through political and military means.

## 7. International Nurses Day 2022 being celebrated on 12th May, know today's history and this year's theme



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May 12 is celebrated as International Nurses' Day across the world to honor the services of nurses. It is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, an English social reformer, statistician and founder of modern nursing. She was also known as 'Lady with the Lamp'. She was the founder of modern nursing and was a British social reformer and statistician.

## Theme of International Nurses Day 2022:

The theme of this year's Nurses Day is "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Invest in Nursing and Honor Rights to Secure Global Health". Many hospitals around the world are celebrating International Nurses Week from 6 to 12 May. During this many activities including yoga sessions and seminars are being organized.

## The Florence Nightingale story

- Florence's most important contribution was in the war of Crimea. In October 1854, he sent a team of 38 women to Turkey to serve the wounded. She was awarded the title of 'Lady with the Lamp' for her service work done at this time. When the doctors left, she would light a candle in the deep darkness of the night to serve the injured. But the serious infection he got during the service of the wounded in the war had gripped him.
- In 1859, Florence established a Nightingale training school at St. Thomas' Hospital. In the meantime, he wrote the book Notes on Nursing. She spent the rest of her life expanding and modernizing the work of nursing. In 1869 he was awarded the 'Royal Red Cross' by Queen Victoria. He died on August 13, 1910 at the age of 90.

## 8. 12th AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship Begins In Istanbul



The 12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships has begun in Istanbul, Turkey. In the event, over 400 boxers from a record 93 countries are set to participate in this year's event, which also marks the 20th anniversary of the prestigious event.

Olympic player Lovlina Borgohain will represent the Indian country. Other representatives of this sport are Pooja Rani (81kg), Nandini (+81kg) and Nikhat Zareen (52kg), Neetu (48kg), Anamika (50kg), Shiksha (54kg), Manisha (57kg), Parveen (63kg) and Sweetie (75kg).

## 9. Government of India released Rs.7,183.42 crore as revenue deficit grant to 14 states



The central government has released Rs 7,183.42 crore as revenue deficit grant to 14 states including Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Assam and Kerala. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released this amount. This is the second monthly installment of the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant after devolution to the states. This grant has been released as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

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The States to which post devolution revenue deficit grants have been recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission during 2022-23 are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

## Key points:

- The Fifteenth Finance Commission recommended post-transfer revenue deficit (PDRD) grants to the states. The Post-Transfer Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant is provided under Article 275 of the Indian Constitution.
- Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended Total Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant for the financial year 2022-23 after devolution of Rs 86,201 crore to 14 states.
- The Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) will release the grant in 12 Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) to the recommended states. With the recent release, the total amount of revenue deficit grant released to the states in 2022-23 stands at Rs.14,366.84 crore.

## 10. World's oldest chess grandmaster 'Yuri Averbakh' passes away



Russian Chess Grandmaster, Yuri Averbakh passed away at the age of 100 in Moscow. He was one of the best players in the world for a decade. Yuri trained world

champion and was the last surviving participant in one of the biggest competitions in history. He won the Moscow Championship in 1949 and earned the title of Grandmaster in 1952. In 1954, he became the champion of the USSR. He also headed the Chess Federation of the USSR from 1972 to 1977.

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- **Established: In 1949.**
- **Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.**
- **The International Boxing Association (IBA) was formed in 1946;**
- **IBA Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;**
- **President of IBA: Omar Nazarovich Kremlev.**
- **Recently how many states have started distribution of food grains under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)-13**
- **According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of countries in which the B.1.617 form of the corona virus appeared for the first time in India last year - 44**
- **The number of members in the National Task Force set up by the Supreme Court to improve oxygen supply - 12**
- **The country which has stopped the entry of tourists from India and other South Asian countries from May 13, taking precautionary measures regarding Covid-19 - Maldives**
- **The country whose population experts say that India may soon become the world's most populous country- China**

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- The Central Government has approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for an estimated expenditure of Rs.18,100 crore to promote the manufacturing of state-of-the-art Chemical Cell (ACC) batteries.
- Recently the country which has approved the Pfizer-BioNtech company's Kovid vaccine for children in the age group of 12 to 15 years - **America**
- The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved the second and third phase of the vaccine trial for children between the ages of 2 to 18 years - **Covaccine.**

