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## 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 5G services in the country on October 1



The National Broadband Mission (NBM) under the Ministry of Communications tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially launch 5G services in India on October 1, when the India Mobile Congress (IMC) begins which will focus heavily on 5G and related domains. Will do All top telecom honchos including Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani and Bharti Enterprises Founder and Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal are all set to attend the keynote address at the sixth edition of IMC which will be held from October 1-4 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Training of underprivileged students in Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Big Data, Coding The event will see participation from telecom manufacturers and other industry stakeholders in the presence of IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav. According to sources, the government may showcase some of the successful 5G testbeds being run by Reliance, Jio and Airtel in the country at IMC 2022, jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).

5G During his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the Prime Minister had said that 5G services would soon be launched in India. Vaishnav had said last month that the government expects 5G services to be rolled out in the country by October 12 and the Center will ensure that the prices are affordable for the consumers. Vaishnav said

The government will ensure that 5G schemes remain affordable for the masses. 5G services will be launched in a phased manner and 13 cities are likely to get 5G internet services during the first phase. The cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Gandhinagar, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jamnagar, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Pune. Like 3G and 4G, telcos will also announce dedicated 5G tariff plans soon and according to industry experts, consumers can pay more to use 5G services on their devices.

## 2. CBI launches Operation Megh Chakra against child sexual abuse



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday launched a major operation code named "Operation Megh-Chakra" against circulation and sharing of child sexual abuse content online. As part of this operation, raids were conducted at around 56 places in 20 states and union territories.

The official associated with this operation said that the operation was started on the basis of inputs shared by Interpol. The original input about persons involved in the alleged posting and dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSEM) through various social media platforms was shared by Interpol, New Zealand, which was passed on to CBI through Singapore.

A similar operation "Operation Karbonn" was carried out by CBI in November 2021, when 76 places were raided across the country against 83 people and many people were arrested.

The CBI is also the nodal agency of Interpol, which has an International Child Sexual Abuse (ICSE) photo and video database, which allows

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investigators from member countries to share data on child sexual abuse cases. Use by 64 countries, including India ICSE has helped identify 23,500 survivors and 10,752 criminals worldwide from the 2.3 million photos and videos in the database. It has provision for sharing of data – both in open network which can be accessed by all countries as well as specific countries.

The CBI has also constituted a special unit named Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/Investigation (OCSAE) from 2019 to investigate cases related to online child sexual abuse and exploitation. Apart from obtaining various references/information, the unit investigates various offenses related to online child sexual abuse and exploitation. It collates and investigates information received from embassies and foreign federal investigative agencies about organized rackets operating in online child sexual abuse and content making.

### 3. Country's second nano compost plant ready in Prayagraj



On September 25, 2022, according to the information received from the media, the country's second nano compost plant has been ready in Phulpur, Prayagraj. Production will start as soon as the government's approval is received. The plant is expected to be commissioned in November.

This will be IFFCO's second plant in the country at Phulpur. IFFCO's first nano-fertilizer unit in the country was established in Kalol, Gujarat. It was launched by Prime Minister Modi. In the second phase, units have been set up at Aonla (Bareilly) and Phulpur (Prayagraj). The production capacity of

Phulpur plant is 7 crore and Amla has a capacity of 11 crore bottles per annum. A target of producing 70 lakh bottles of manure has been set in Phulpur between November and March next year. IFFCO has set a target of producing 32 crore bottles of nano urea annually from the three plants, which will replace 37 crore metric tonnes of subsidized urea. Phulpur unit head Sanjay Kudeshia said that nano fertilizer liquid has been prepared in the plant, which will start production from November. This fertilizer will not only help in saving the fertility being destroyed due to excessive use of urea at present, but will also save money, labor and time of the farmers.

Fertilizer capacity of half liter nano manure prepared in Phulpur plant is 45 kg of urea. The weight will be equal to one sack. Argentina and Brazil have also tied up with IFFCO for its supply. There have been complaints about the destruction of the fertility of agricultural land due to excessive use of urea to increase the yield of crops. To overcome this concern, IFFCO has not only prepared Nano Fertilizer Liquid, but has also patented it. IFFCO management claims that not only the fertility of the land, but the production will also increase with the help of nano fertilizer. For the farmers, this fertilizer will be cheaper than urea. 45 kg. While a sack containing urea is available for Rs 267, a half liter bottle of liquid nano compost that meets the same requirement will be available for Rs 240 only. Not only this, 24 thousand crore rupees given every year as subsidy to the farmers from the government fund will also be saved.

It is worth mentioning that nano urea is not only environment friendly but it is also more profitable than urea. Where the crop gets 30 percent profit from urea, while the crop gets 80 percent profit from nano urea (nano manure). Apart from this, the cost of nano urea is also less than that of urea. Drones can also be used to spray nano fertilizers.

### 4. Telangana's state festival Bathukamma begins

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Telangana's flower festival Bathukamma began on Sunday, with a large number of women participating in the festivities across the state. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan celebrated Bathukamma with women from different walks of life at Raj Bhavan, the official residence of the Governor. Ministers, MPs, MLAs and other elected representatives participated in the functions organized in various states. Panchayat Raj Minister E. Dayakar Rao along with hundreds of girl students from various residential schools of Warangal participated in the function.

Bathukamma means 'goddess of life' and is celebrated during Dussehra. Women decorate a special pot with seasonal flowers, fill the pot with offerings to the goddess, go in procession, and later immerse the pot in the local pond. The state festival will be celebrated in a grand manner across Telangana from 25 September to 3 October.

## 5. West Zone won the title of Duleep Trophy 2021-22



In the final of the Duleep Trophy 2022, West Zone defeated South Zone to win the title. West Zone won the title by 294 runs on the fifth day of this title match. This season has been very good for West Zone under the captaincy of Ajinkya Rahane.

West Zone has captured the Duleep Trophy for the 19th time. Yashasvi Jaiswal, who scored a brilliant double century in this match, was given the 'Player of the Match' award. Whereas Jaydev Unadkat, who performed well in this tournament, was given the title of 'Player of the Series'. The West Zone team maintained its dominance throughout the tournament.

## 6. K Raja Prasad Reddy elected President of Indian Newspaper Society



Of. Raja Prasad Reddy was elected President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS). The media organization gave this information. A statement said that at the 83rd Annual General Meeting of INS, Rakesh Sharma of the newspaper 'Aaj Samaj' was named 'Deputy President' of INS and MVS of Mathrubhumi Arogya Monthly. Kumar was elected 'Vice President'. According to the statement, Tanmay Maheshwari of Amar Ujala newspaper has been elected as the treasurer of INS. "The Annual General Meeting of INS was held today through video conference and other digital means," it said. The 41-member executive committee of INS includes Mohit Jain (The Economic Times), Vivek Goenka (The Indian Express), Jayant M. Mathew (Malayala Manorama), Atideb Sarkar (The Telegraph) and K.N. Tilak Kumar (Deccan Herald and Prajavani). INS is the apex organization of newspapers and magazines in the country.

## 7. Giorgia Meloni to become Italy's first female prime minister

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The old times may once again be back in Italy. For the first time since the fascist era of Italy's brutal dictator Benito Mussolini, the far-right government is set to come to power. This information has been received in the initial exit polls. The data suggests that the far-right Brothers of Italy party will form a coalition government. Which is led by Georgia Meloni. Their alliance is likely to get 41-45 per cent votes in the general elections held on Sunday. Of these, the Brothers of Italy party alone is likely to get 22 to 26 percent of the vote. While coalition partner The League may get 8.5 to 12.5 percent of the vote and Forza Italia may get 6 to 8 percent of the vote.

In this The League party is led by Matteo Salvini and Forza Italia is led by Silvio Berlusconi. Now since Meloni is leading this entire coalition, she is also going to become the first female Prime Minister of Italy. The election results can be officially released soon. Meloni's party had gained immense popularity in recent years. However, in the 2018 elections, the party got only 4.5 per cent votes. Meloni's party has been in a celebratory mood since the exit polls are likely to win.

## 8. High alert declared in Philippines due to Hurricane Noru



High alert has been declared in the Philippines due to the powerful Hurricane Noru. The eastern islands of the country have been devastated by the storm. Citizens have been asked to evacuate areas of high danger immediately. Due to the storm, winds are blowing at a speed of 240 kilometers per hour. Due to this, the risk of landslides, floods and storms is looming in the capital Manila. The intensity of the storm has increased by 90 kmph in 24 hours. The Philippines Meteorological Department has issued a hurricane warning for Luzon. Fishermen in Quezon province have been advised not to venture into the sea due to the storm. Electricity service has been disrupted in some areas. Flights and ferry services have been cancelled. In December 2021, Hurricane Rai caused widespread destruction in the Philippines and killed about 400 people.

## 9. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launches competition 'Swachh Toycathon'



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**Ministry of Housing  
and Urban Affairs**  
**Government of India**

The National Toy Action Plan (NAPT) 2020 was launched to promote the Indian toy industry, including traditional handicrafts and handmade toys, with an aim to establish India as a global toy hub. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) along with 14 Ministries of the Central Government is presently implementing various aspects of NAPT.

Apart from being the second largest populous country in the world, the youth population is also increasing in India with half of the total population under the age of 25. The demand for toys is also increasing due to strong economic growth, rising

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disposable incomes and a number of innovations for the younger population.

With ever-changing consumption trends and rapid growth of e-commerce, there has been a steady increase in per capita waste generation over the past decade, making waste management in cities a challenge for urban local bodies. The second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM 2.0) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on October 1, 2021 with the vision of 'Waste Free' cities by 2026.

With the increasing demand for toys on the one hand and the impact of solid waste on the other, Swachh Toyathon is a combination between NAPT and SBM 2.0 that seeks to discover solutions for the use of waste in the creation or manufacturing of toys. The competition will be open to individuals and groups to bring innovations in the design of toys using dry waste. It will focus on efficient designs that can be replicated extensively on toys that comply with minimum safety standards. Also, it will focus on the aesthetics of the toys. IIT Gandhinagar's Center for Creative Learning is the knowledge partner for this initiative.

The competition is being launched under the 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav', a fortnight of activities to promote cleanliness related initiatives from the service day of 17 September 2022 to the cleanliness day of 2 October 2022.

## 10. Chennai-born Meena Kandasamy to be honored with Harman Keston Award 2022



Chennai-born anti-caste activist, novelist and poet Meena Kandasamy has been named as the recipient of this year's Herman Keston Award, which recognizes her work on themes of caste, gender and ethnic oppression. She has used both poetry and prose and has been shortlisted for various literary awards, such as the Hindu Lit Prize and the Women's Award for Fiction.

The Hindu, Ms Kandasamy expressed her gratitude to PEN as the award comes at a time when the political climate is tense at the national and international level. Ms. Kandasamy says, "I didn't even know that my name was being considered for the award, so it was a completely different phone call that I got from Pen."

Despite her anti-establishment stance, she notes that the award comes from a place that aligns with her work, speaking for the independence of others. According to her, it is a moment that breaks the inertia of the fear of speaking at a time when many people are being imprisoned for their speech.

Ms. Kandasamy joins a list of notable figures such as Günter Grass and Harold Pinter, whom PEN has seen as defenders of freedom of expression. Ms. Kandasamy's reference to the book of poems Ms. Insurgency, Vice President of the German Pain Center called her "a fearless fighter for democracy and human rights", making her 'Ms. extremist'. Both Ms. Kandasamy's books on poems have been translated into German. "I have more books in German than in Tamil!" she shouts.

The Hermann Keston Award, given by the German chapter of the PEN, awarded its first medal in 1985 on the occasion of 85. th Birthday of his Honorary President Dr. Hermann Keston. Since then, it has honored personalities whose efforts have supported oppressed writers. Until 1993, the medal was awarded every two years after which it became an annual award. In 2008, it was renamed the Hermann Keston Award.

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Which unique competition has been started by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to make toys from 'Waste' - **Swachh Toyathon**

Who released the book 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas – Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks' - **M. Venkaiah Naidu, Arif Mohammad Khan & Anurag Thakur**

Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary, Department of Health Research for a period of three years - **Dr. Rajiv Behl**

Which Indian writer has won the Herman Keston Award - **Meena Kandasamy**

Which female Indian cricketer has retired - **Jhulan Goswami**

The Central Government has constituted a 5-member committee to consider a "legally enforceable" mechanism to regulate the marketing operations of pharmaceutical firms. Who was appointed as the chairman of this committee - **V.K. Paul**

Who has been appointed as the Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi - **Dr. M. Srinivas**

In which year India will host its first Moto GP World Championship race at Buddha International Circuit in Greater Noida - **2023**

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated "Arogya Manthan 2022" to celebrate the completion of how many years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana – **4 years**

Who has been appointed as the part-time chairman of Yes Bank - **Ram Subramaniam Gandhi**

Which Union Minister has launched a two-day virtual conference 'Symphony' - **G. Kishan Reddy**

## QUIZ

1. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched an operation against circulation and sharing of child sexual abuse material online. What is the name of the operation?

(a) skylight

(b) Meghacharkha

(c) Passenger Safety

(d) Nirbhaya

2. Which summit/event will host the second edition of India-Africa Defense Dialogue?

(a) DefExpo

(b) Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit 2022

(c) India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS)

(d) none of these

3. Which is the correct combination of prize and prize recipient?

(a) Daniel Spielman: Breakthrough Prize

(b) Meena Kandaswamy: Progress Award

(c) Dr. Radhika Batra: Global Goalkeeper Award

(d) Ursula von der Leyen: Hermann Keston Prize.

4. Which bank has become the first bank to get approval from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open an exclusive Vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)?

(a) SBI

(b) UCO Bank

(c) HDFC Bank

(d) Canara Bank

5. Which bank foundation has partnered with WWF India to generate micro information on species at a transboundary level for the protection of the dominant habitats of red pandas in Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim and Darjeeling?

(a) HDFC Bank

(b) SBI

(c) UCO Bank

(d) Indian Bank

6. Recently there have been many appointments which are as follows. Which of these pairings is wrong?

(a) Dilip Tirkey: President of BCCI

(b) Rajiv Behl: Director of ICMR

(c) Dilip Asbe: MD and CEO of NPCI

(d) none of these

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7. What is the name of the Booker Prize winner who passed away recently?

- (a) Lewis Fletcher
- (b) Dame Hillary Mantle
- (c) Meena Kandasamy
- (d) Mira Nair

8. Amazon is setting up its first solar project in India, it will be located in which state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

9. Which state launched "Hamar Beti Hamar Maan Abhiyan"?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) none of these

10. Indian Army with which institute installed Avalanche Surveillance Radar in North Sikkim?

- (a) Defense Research and Development Organization
- (b) Indian Space Research Organization
- (c) Defense Geo-informatics and Research Establishment
- (d) India Meteorological Department