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## 1. Indian Startup ' Kheti ' Wins The Earthshot Award 2022 \_



Indian startup Kheti, a pioneering solution for local smallholder farmers to reduce costs, increase yields and protect livelihoods on the front lines of climate change, is one of five winners of The Earthshot Awards. Prince William and The EarthShot Prize revealed the 2022 winners in Boston on Friday — an accomplished group of entrepreneurs and innovators pioneering unprecedented solutions to repair and regenerate the planet. Each winner will receive a second annual EarthShot prize. The prize, worth £1 million, was awarded at the awards ceremony, which will be broadcast on the BBC on Sunday and begin streaming on pbs.org and the PBS app on December 5. Late US President John F. Kennedy's Moonshot Challenge in the 1960s Inspired by, Which united millions of people around the goal of sending a man to the Moon within a decade. The Earthshot Prize aims to discover and help innovate innovative solutions that keep the world strong. On the path towards a stable climate by 2030 – a world in which communities, oceans and biodiversity can thrive in harmony. Each year five winners are selected for five of the biggest environmental challenges facing our planet during this important decade for the planet. They will be selected for their groundbreaking solutions to challenges. These five Earthshots

are: Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Regenerate Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World and Heal Our Climate. During the ceremony The Prince of Wales said, "I believe that the Earthshot solutions that you have seen this evening, They prove that we can overcome our planet's greatest challenges. And by supporting and expanding them, we can change our future." "Along with tonight's winners and finalists, who will be discovered in the years to come, it is my hope that the Earthshot legacy will continue to grow, benefiting our communities and our planet." Will help it flourish."

## 2. First India - Central Asia National Security Advisers meeting to be held



National Security Advisor-NSA Ajit Doval today said that increasing connectivity with Central Asian countries is the main priority of India. On the occasion of the first meeting of India-Central Asia National Security Advisors in New Delhi, Shri Doval said that a peaceful, secure and prosperous Central Asia is in our common interest. He said that stopping the financing of terrorism should be everyone's priority. He urged all the members of the United Nations to desist from supporting the bodies involved in terrorist activities. Shri Doval also spoke on the security situation in Afghanistan. He said that

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this is an important issue for all of us. India for the first time in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

### 3. Prime Minister will dedicate three National Institutes of AYUSH to the country



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate three National Institutes of AYUSH to the nation on 11 December. These include the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in Goa, the National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) in Ghaziabad and the National Institute of Homeopathy (NIH) in the capital Delhi. Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal gave this information on Tuesday. He said that the institute research will further strengthen international collaboration with Ayurveda and facilitate affordable AYUSH services to a large population. In a press conference held here, the Union Minister also gave details of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC), to be held in Panjim, Goa from 8- 11 December. He said that it would highlight the scientificity, efficacy and potential inherent in the AYUSH system. Speaking on the occasion, Sonowal said, "The establishment of these institutes is in line with the Prime Minister's vision to expand infrastructure and human resources and promote research in traditional systems of medicine. Through these institutions, the Government of India will further strengthen its capabilities to provide affordable and better health facilities to every citizen and region of

the country. He said that with the establishment of these three National Institutes of AYUSH, 400 additional seats will be created for the undergraduate-masters (UG-PG) and doctorate students in Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani. Will work to provide the highest quality facilities for UG-PG and Post Doctoral courses in aspects of research and patient care services.

### 4. Cyclonic storm 'Mandaus' is going to hit the Bay of Bengal

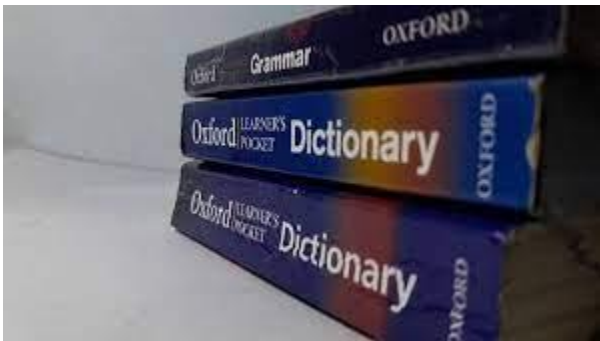


A cyclonic storm rising in the Bay of Bengal is about to change the weather of Chhattisgarh. Due to its effect, clouds will cover the Bastar and Durg divisions of the state from December 8. By the next day, they can be expanded in the entire state. There is a possibility that there may be light to moderate rain on December 10. According to the Meteorological Department, the cyclonic storm Mandaus in the Bay of Bengal is going to reach Tamil Nadu on December 8. It will affect Puducherry and Tata in Andhra Pradesh. Due to this, heavy rain alert has been issued in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh. This will also affect the weather of Chhattisgarh. Scientist of Raipur Meteorological Center H.P. Chandra said, due to the effect of this storm, clouds will start coming in the southern part of Chhattisgarh on December 8. It is located in the areas of central and north Chhattisgarh i.e.

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Durg, Raipur, It will also reach Bilaspur and Surguja divisions. There is a possibility of rain in the state on December 10. There may be good rains in South Chhattisgarh. Whereas in the areas of Surguja division, it can be limited to drizzle. According to meteorologists, the arrival of dry and cold winds from the north and the arrival of moist air from the south in the winter season increases the possibility of rain. This is going to happen in Chhattisgarh on 10th December.

## 5. 'Goblin Mode' chosen as Oxford's Word of the Year for 2022



The name of the Oxford Word of the Year has been announced. Oxford Dictionaries said that after online voting, goblin mode has been chosen as the word of the year. For the first time people were given the option to vote to choose Oxford Word of the Year 2022 from Oxford Language. Three words were in the fray for the Oxford Word of the Year this year. This included Goblin Mode, Metaverse and the hashtag iStandWith. Goblin Mode was well-liked in the online survey and it was the choice of 93 percent of the people with more than three lakh votes. According to the definition given by Oxford Dictionaries, Goblin Mode is 'a type of behavior in which a person acts without regret. Is self-indulgent, lazy, scruffy, or greedy and usually defies social norms or expectations in some way.' For the first time ever, this year's

winning word is a pun, Which has been sorted through public vote from the three last words selected by the Oxford Language Dictionary authors. These three words included goblin mode, metaverse and the hashtag istandwith. In addition to Goblin Mode, the two words were Metaverse and IStandWith. Where the meaning of metaverse is associated with the concept of the future. People used the term to debate issues ranging from hybrid working to virtual reality and the online future. Whereas, iStandWind means to support someone. This word was used by people on social media platforms to support social work or any issue. People used the term to debate issues ranging from hybrid working to virtual reality and the online future. Whereas, iStandWind means to support someone. This word was used by people on social media platforms to support social work or any issue. People used the term to debate issues ranging from hybrid working to virtual reality and the online future. Whereas, iStandWind means to support someone. This word was used by people on social media platforms to support social work or any issue.

## 6. World's first gold ATM established in Hyderabad



Till now money is withdrawn from ATMs, but such an ATM has been started in Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, from which gold coins

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can be withdrawn. People will be able to buy gold coins through debit or credit card through this ATM installed by Goldsikka, a gold trading company. This is not only India, but the world's first real-time gold ATM. This ATM has been launched with the technical support of Hyderabad based startup company Opencube Technologies. With this, people can buy coins of 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 grams as per their requirement. According to Pratap, Vice President, GoldSikka, after launching the first gold ATM, the company will soon install three to four more such ATMs in different areas of Hyderabad. At present the focus of the company is on South India. Later nationwide 3, There is a plan to install 000 gold ATMs. The company aims to launch this service in other countries as well. Significantly, although there is a huge demand for gold in the whole country, but the demand for gold is more in the states of southern India. The Gold ATM has the capacity to hold five kg of gold. One specialty of the ATM is that the price of gold will be updated live in it. The coins kept in it will be 24 carat and 999 certified. The ATM will be operational for 24 hours. The company says that people are now investing in gold. This has increased the demand for gold. Seeing this, the idea of installing Gold ATM came up. People are now investing in gold. This has increased the demand for gold. Seeing this, the idea of installing Gold ATM came up. People are now investing in gold. This has increased the demand for gold. Seeing this, the idea of installing Gold ATM came up.

## 7. Maharashtra is the first state to set up a disability department



The Maharashtra government has announced the creation of a new department for differently-abled people. Addressing a program in Mumbai on Saturday on the occasion of International Handicapped Day, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that a separate disabled department would be set up in the state for the welfare of the disabled. He said that an amount of Rs 1,143 crore would be allocated for this. CM Shinde said that Maharashtra is the first state in the country to set up the Department of Disabilities. He said his government has created 2,063 posts for the new department which will frame policies for the welfare of the disabled taking into consideration the views of all stakeholders. The formation of the Department of Disabilities was approved in the state cabinet meeting. The government says that under the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance, a new Disabled Welfare Department will be formed for disabled people. Currently, the social justice department is responsible for welfare activities for the differently-abled, which oversees education, training and rehabilitation for them.

## 8. RBI increased repo rate by 0.35% to 6.25%

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday increased the policy rate repo by 0.35 per cent to 6.25 per cent in the bi-monthly monetary policy review, mainly for the purpose of controlling inflation. Along with this, the central bank has reduced the GDP growth forecast for the current financial year 2022-23 from seven percent to 6.8 percent. Repo rate is the interest rate at which commercial banks can meet their immediate needs. To meet this, they take a loan from the central bank. An increase in this means that borrowing from banks and financial institutions will be costlier and the monthly installment (EMI) of the existing loan will increase. Giving information about the decision taken in the three-day meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which began on Monday, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in a televised statement, "Considering the current economic situation, the MPC has decided to keep the policy rate repo 0.35". Increase the percentage by 6. It has been decided to do 25 percent. With this increase in the repo rate, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate has been adjusted to 6 per cent and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 per cent. However, this pace of increase in the repo rate is lower than the previous four increases and the market was expecting it. RBI has increased the repo rate by 2.25 per cent five times since

May this year mainly to control inflation. Earlier, the repo rate was increased by 0.40 per cent in May and 0.50-0.50 per cent in June, August and September. The central bank mainly takes into account retail inflation while deciding on the policy rate and it has remained above the Reserve Bank's satisfactory level for the last 11 months. Inflation based on the Consumer Price Index stood at 6.7 per cent in October. This pace of increase in the repo rate is lower than the previous four increases and the market was expecting it. RBI has increased the repo rate by 2.25 per cent five times since May this year mainly to control inflation. Earlier, the repo rate was increased by 0.40 per cent in May and 0.50-0.50 per cent in June, August and September. The central bank mainly takes into account retail inflation while deciding

## ONE LINER

In which year was the World Bank established – 1944

Gautam Adani emerged as one of three Indian billionaires to join Forbes' philanthropy list for Who are the other two - Shiv Nadar and Ashok Suta

The first India - Central Asia meeting of National Security Advisors was held in which city in December 2022 – New Delhi  
Prime Minister Modi will dedicate three National Institutes of AYUSH to the nation in which state at the 9th World Ayurveda Congress on 10 December 2022 - Goa

Yakshagana artist and former MLA Kumble Sundar Rao passed away in December 2022 . \_ Kumble Sundar Rao belongs to which of the following state - Karnataka \_

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In which city will PM Narendra Modi inaugurate the sixth Vande Bharat train on 11 December 2022 – Nagpur

India's consumer tech brand, Noise has appointed whom as its new brand ambassador on 4 December 2022 - Virat Kohli

Dr. B. R. India celebrates Ambedkar's death anniversary on 6 December as Mahaparinirvan Divas. In which year he died – 1956

## QUIZ

1. Canara Bank has won the Bankers Bank of the Year Award 2022 for the India segment at the Global Banking Summit. Who is the CEO and MD of Canara Bank?

- a) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- b) Atul Kumar Goyal
- c) L V Prabhakar
- d) Sandeep Bakshi

Explanation - : Canara Bank has won the Bankers Bank of the Year Award 2022 for the India segment at the Global Banking Summit. Canara Bank has won this award at the Global Banking Summit to be held in London, UK from November 29, 2022 to December 1, 2022. Last 12 Months The returns, strategy, innovation, technology and ability to provide products and services in their respective geographies were the deciding criteria for the award. The award ceremony was attended by LV Prabhakar, MD and CEO of Canara Bank.

2. Who won gold medal in the International Shooting Sport Federation

(ISSF) Presidents Cup held in Cairo, Egypt recently?

- a) Rudraksha Patil
- b) Manu Bhaker
- c) Saurabh Choudhary
- d) Abhishek Verma

Explanation - : Indian shooter Rudraksha Patil won the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation Presidents Cup held in Cairo, Egypt. He defeated Danilo Solazzo of Italy 16-8 in the 10m rifle play-off. In October 2022, he won the ISSF Rifle / Pistol World Championship 2022 India secured the country's first ever quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics after winning gold in the men's 10m air rifle.

3. Recently, "The Chipko Movement: A People's Movement" has been awarded the Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Award. Who is the author of this book?

- a) Shekhar Pathak
- b) Shekhar Suman
- c) Ayushmann Khurrana
- d) Arijit Singh

Explanation - : "The Chipko Movement: A People's Movement" has been awarded the Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Award 2022. This book is written by historian and activist Shekhar Pathak. The award is given by writers of any nationality of non-fiction on contemporary India and carries a cash prize of 15 lakhs.

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**4. Who won the double gold medal in the 65th National Marksmanship Championship recently ? \_**

- a) Divya TS
- b) Sarabjot Singh**
- c) Sumit Raman
- d) Gaurav Rana

**Explanation - :** Sarabjot Singh of Haryana won double gold in the 65th National Shooting Championship. Sarabjot Singh defeated Gaurav Rana of Air Force 16-4 in the gold medal match of individual competition and together with Sumit Raman and Anmol Jain this event \_ won team gold in Championship MP Shooting Academy Range is being held in Bhopal .

**5. RBI announced to adopt how many levels of regulatory framework for urban cooperative banks based on the size of deposits ?**

- a) 02
- b) 03
- c) 04**
- d) 05

**Explanation - :** With a view to strengthen their financial soundness , the RBI announced the adoption of a four - tier regulatory framework for urban cooperative banks based on the size of deposits . N. \_ S. \_ An expert committee , headed by Vishwanathan , among other suggestions - \_ A four -tier regulatory framework was also recommended based on the size of banks ' deposits and their areas of operation .

**6. Recently who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy after defeating Maharashtra by 5 wickets ?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) Saurashtra**
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Mumbai

**Explanation - :** Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the Vijay Hazare Trophy final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad , Gujarat . The team won their first Ranji Trophy title in 2019-2020 . Player of the match in the final was awarded to Sheldon Jackson . And Player of the Tournament Raturaj given to Gaikwad . Vijay Hazare Trophy is also known as Ranji One - Day Trophy .

**7. Which agency in India is developing an app to help athletes verify drugs with banned substances ? \_**

- a) Narcotics Control Bureau
- b) National Crime Records Bureau
- c) National Anti -Doping Agency**
- d) National Intelligence Grid

**Explanation - :** Indian National Anti - Doping Agency ( NADA ) is developing app to help athletes to verify drugs containing banned substances . National Anti - Doping Agency India has appointed 20 Dope Control Officers with expertise in collecting samples of disabled athletes . sensitize to \_ The National Anti - Doping Agency is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the doping control program in sports in India . \_



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**8. Who has overtaken South Africa 's Dale Steyn to become the 9th highest wicket - taker in Test cricket ?**

- a) Kagiso Rabada
- b) Mohammed Shami
- c) Nathan Lyon**
- d) Mark Wood

Explanation - : Australian spinner Nathan Lyon surpassed Dale Steyn of South Africa to become the 9th highest wicket - taker in Test cricket . He achieved this feat on the third day of the first Test match against West Indies . Nathan Lyon now has 440 wickets , so that Stan \_ Crossed the mark of 439 Test wickets . Muttiah Muralitharan holds the record for most wickets in Test cricket with 800 wickets in 133 matches . \_

**9. Who was recently named the winner of the Baillie Gifford Award ? \_**

- a) One Christmas Wish
- b) The Wolf Wilder
- c) The Zebra Great Escape
- d) Super - Infinite : The Transformation of John Dunn**

Explanation - : " Super - Infinite : The Transformation of John Dunn " , a biography of renowned British author Catherine Rundell , was named the winner of the Baillie Gifford Prize . The Baillie Gifford Prize recognizes English - language books from any country in current affairs , politics and the arts . gives recognition to In the year 2021 , the winner was Patrick Raiden Keefe 's " Empire of Pain : The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty " .