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## 1. CAG Girish Chandra Murmu selected as external auditor of International Labor Organization



Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu has been selected as the External Auditor of International Labor Organization (ILO), Geneva for a period of four years (2024 to 2027). The CAG will take over from the current external auditor, the Supreme Audit Institution of the Philippines. Officials said the CAG's appointment is in recognition of his position among the international community as well as of his professionalism, high standards, global audit experience and strong national credentials. The ILO had constituted a selection panel and invited bids from the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) for the appointment of the external auditor. Based on technical experience and other criteria, the ILO shortlisted three apex audit institutions (India, Canada and the UK) for technical presentations. In Geneva, a three-member team from India's CAG reviewed the ILO's Tripartite Select Panel on Strength, Presented approach and skill set as well as vast experience of auditing international organizations. Officials said the selection panel was influenced by the CAG's approach in developing a strategic partnership with the ILO, through which it aims to help the ILO meet its strategic goals while maintaining significant independence and oversight in performing the external auditor's functions. To help do. The panel specifically noted the relevance of the CAG's proposed use of data analytics, risk profiling and sampling in the audit process. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is currently the external auditor of the World Health Organization (2020-2023), the Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025), the International Atomic Energy Agency (2022-2027), the Prohibition Organization chemical weapons (2021–2023), and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (2020–2022).

## 2. ISSF in Egypt Two gold medals for India in shooting in the World Cup



India today won two gold medals in the World Cup Shooting Competition in Cairo, Egypt. India got this success in 10 meter air rifle mixed team and 10 meter air pistol mixed team event. India's team of Narmada Nitin Raju and Rudraksh Balasaheb Patil won the gold in the air rifle mixed team after defeating Hungary's Ester Dennis and Istvan Peni by 16 points to 6 points in the final. In the 10m air pistol mixed team event, India's Ridham Sangwan and Varun Tomar defeated Serbia's Zorana Arunovic and Demir Mikec by 10 to 16 points.

## 3. Federal Bank installs 100 KWp solar plant at Aluva office



Federal Bank has commissioned a 100-KWP on-grid solar power plant at its corporate headquarters in Aluva. Federal Bank MD & CEO Shyam Srinivasan inaugurated the solar facility and described it as a turning point in the organisation's sustainable path. This program is meant to support sustainable energy and reduce our carbon footprint. The Bank has installed solar panels in many of its offices and branches across the country. The bank's solar plant installations now have a combined capacity of 300 KWp, which will result in a 20% reduction in energy usage. Federal Bank

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Limited is a private sector bank in India with its head office in Aluva, Kochi, Kerala. The bank has 1,336 branches located in several states of India. In addition, it maintains representative offices in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman. 1. With a large global network of over 10 million customers and remittance partners, including 5 million NRIs, Federal Bank handled over 15% of India's total inward remittances of US\$79 billion in 2018. More than 110 banks and exchange companies around the world have remittance agreements with the bank.

#### 4. Dancer of classical dance 'Mohiniyattam' 'Kanak Rele' passed away



Popular classical dancer and Padma Bhushan awardee Kanak Rele has passed away. He died due to cardiac arrest. Kanak Rail breathed his last at the age of 85. Renowned Mohiniyattam dancer Kanaka Rele, who took classical dance to new heights in her eight-decade-long career, was remembered by her family and friends as a 'good-hearted woman'. The entire film industry is inconsolable due to his death. She started her journey in the field of dance at the age of seven. Raile was honored with other awards including Padma Shri (1989), Padma Bhushan (2013), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1994), Kalidas Samman (2006) and MS Subbulakshmi Award. Tell me, Dr. Kanaka Rele was well versed in the famous Mohiniattayam dance of Kerala. He got recognition in the country and the world from Mohiniattayam dance and he breathed new life in the field of classical dance with his dance. He is credited with revolutionizing classical dance. Apart from being a classical dancer, she was also a great choreographer. She had been winning the hearts of the audience with her dance and facial expressions. This was the reason

that she was the number one dancer of Mohiniattayam dance in the country.

#### 5. 14th Asian Lawn Ball Championship: Indian Women's Force Team won Gold Medal



The 14th Asian Lawn Ball Championship is being organized in Malaysia from 21 to 26 February. The Indian women's force team has won the gold medal in this championship. In the first round, the Indian team had to face defeat from Malaysia. But the Indian team displayed their brilliant game and defeated Malaysia 17-16 in the final and won the title of 14th Asian Lawn Ball Championship. Earlier, the Indian Women's Force team defeated Hong Kong 14-11 in the semi-finals. Rupa Rani Tirkey, a resident of Jharkhand, is working as DSO in Ramgarh. She used to play Kabaddi in the past. But in the year 2008, lawnball coach Madhukant Pathak connected Rupa Rani and Lovely Choubey with lawnball. Before the year 2008, Lovely Choubey was a long jump player.

#### 6. Karnataka Bank enters into co-lending agreement with Paisalo Digital



Karnataka Bank and Paisalo Digital Limited, a non-deposit taking NBFC registered with Reserve Bank of India entered into a co-lending arrangement to provide

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financial support to the small income segment and give impetus to the micro and small enterprise segment of the country. The arrangement will leverage Karnataka Bank's low cost of funds and its end-to-end digital capabilities and PaSolo to facilitate the sourcing of small-ticket priority sector loans, Help with servicing and recovery. Mahabaleshwar MS, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank informed that the co-lending model is one of the innovative ways of priority sector lending. The tie-up will create a dynamic synergy between the two groups of lenders – Paisalo Digital Limited and Karnataka Bank. Paisalo sees a huge opportunity and is well positioned to tap the Rs 8 lakh crore market of small-ticket loans for its 365 million under-banked and under-served population, said Shantanu Agarwal, deputy managing director, Paisalo Digital Ltd. is ready. Sanjay Benbalkar, CIO-Equities, Union AMC said that the gap between India and the rest of the world is fast closing and is driving growth for the country. Co-lending product of Karnataka Bank and Paisalo Paisalo to create the most competitive and seamless banking solution for the bottom of the pyramid population of India

## 7. Mumbai's Churchgate railway station named after India's first RBI governor CD Deshmukh



It is related to the proposal to change the name of a famous place in Mumbai. This famous place is the Churchgate railway station of Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has passed a proposal to rename the historic Churchgate station as Chintaman Dwarkanath Deshmukh station. CD Deshmukh, a veteran economist, was born on 14 January 1896 in a Marathi family in Raigad district of Maharashtra. CD Deshmukh, who came to civil service after studying in England, became the first Indian governor of RBI in 1943 under the British Raj. Later, CD Deshmukh, who was the Union Finance Minister from 1950 to 1956, contributed

to the economic development of the country. The name Churchgate dates back to the British era. According to the information, in 1862 Sir Henry Bartle Frere became the Governor of Bombay. Taking the initiative to make Bombay city a mini London, he built many buildings and churches on the British theme in the area. At that time this entire area was surrounded by three gates. These gates were called Apollo Gate, Bazaar Gate and Church Gate. The way of Churchgate used to lead directly to St. Thomas Cathedral Church, hence the name of that gate was Churchgate.

## 8. Rudranksh Patil wins gold in 10m air rifle at ISSF World Cup 2023



India's Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the Men's 10m Air Rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Cairo. He defeated Maximilian Ulbricht of Germany 16–8 in the gold medal match to win the top prize. Rudranksh Patil finished seventh in the qualification round with a score of 629.3 and made it to the ranking round where he topped the list with a score of 262.0. India's Tushar Shahu Mane finished second in the qualification round but could not participate in the ranking round as he was playing only for ranking points (RPO). Vidit Jain, another Indian competing for RPO, finished 15th in the qualification. This is Rudranksh Patil's second gold medal in the Cairo Shooting World Cup. He teamed up with Narmada Raju to win the gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event. Meanwhile, Narmada Raju was competing in the women's 10m air rifle event but finished seventh. In this event, however, Indian medalist Tilottama Sen won the bronze medal after finishing third in the ranking round. Tilottama beat compatriot Ramita with 262.0 points to secure a podium position, just 0.2 more than her Indian teammate. Tilottama Sen 632 in the qualifying round. Ranked second with a score of 7. Ramita finished seventh while Narmada was the last shooter to qualify

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for the ranking round. Former world number one Elavenil Valarivan and Nancy competed for the RPO in the qualifying round and finished eighth and 15th respectively. With these two medals, India continued to top the Cairo Shooting World Cup medals tally with five medals including three gold and two bronze. Hungary is in second place with gold and silver. Ranked eighth and 15th.

## QUIZ

### 1. When is Central Excise Day celebrated?

- a) 23 February
- b) 24 February
- c) 25 February
- d) 26 February

**Explain:** Every year on February 24, Central Excise Day is celebrated across the country by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. This day is celebrated to contribute to the service of the Central Board of Excise and Customs towards the country.

CBIC Chairman: Vivek Johri;

CBIC Headquarters: New Delhi;

CBIC Established: 1 January 1964

### 2. Who has won the title of 'Entrepreneur of the year 2022'?

- a) Mahendra Kumar Mishra
- b) Abhishek Sen
- c) Sajjan Jindal
- d) Pawan Sharma

**Explain:** Sajjan Jindal, Chairman and Managing Director of JSW Group, was awarded as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) 2022. The seven-member jury, headed by KV Kamath, former chairman of ICICI Bank, awarded the EOY to Jindal for his extraordinary entrepreneurial journey

in building a US\$ 22 billion revenue conglomerate, a global conglomerate with presence in steel, cement, infrastructure, energy and paints. Chosen as the 2022 winner was Mahesh Pratapaneni, co-founder and group CEO of Medgenum, who was awarded in the startup category. IDFC First Bank MD V Vaidyanathan won the award in the Financial Services category;

Pradeep Kheruka, executive chairman of Borosil Group in the manufacturing sector; in the services of MD Rubal Jain of Safexpress;

Ravi Modi, Chairman, Vedanta Fashion Vivek Jain, MD, Gujarat Fluorochemicals in the Business Transformation category.

### 3. Who was honored with the International Mother Language Award on 21 February 2023?

- a) Abhishek Sen
- b) Sajjan Jindal
- c) Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra
- d) Mahesh Pratapaneni

**Explain:** Indian teacher and social worker Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra was honored with the International Mother Language Award on 21 February 23. He received the award from Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is the first Indian to receive this award.

### 4. Where did the annual flagship event of the Ministry of External Affairs (EAM) on Geo-economics, Asia Economic Dialogue began on 23 February 2023?

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- a) Pune
- b) Ahmednagar
- c) Nashik
- d) Nagpur

Explain : The 3-day event is being hosted by EAM and Pune International Centre. The main theme of the dialogue is 'Asia and the Emerging World Order'. More than 44 speakers from different countries will participate in this dialogue.

**5. Where has the India Uzbekistan training exercise DUSTLIK started recently?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Bihar
- c) Jaisalmer
- d) Uttarakhand

Explain: The fourth edition of joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK' between the Indian Army and the Army of Uzbekistan began on 20 February 2023 at Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand). 45-45 soldiers each from Uzbekistan and Indian Army are participating in this exercise. Its objective is to promote positive relations between the two armies.

**6. How long has the Center approved the extension of the tenure of the 22nd Law Commission of India?**

- a) August, 2023
- b) August, 2024
- c) August, 2025
- d) August, 2026

Explain: The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the tenure of the 22nd Law Commission by one and a half years. This

commission was given the responsibility of identifying irrelevant laws and recommending their repeal. According to an official statement, a proposal to this effect was approved in a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**7. Rudranksh Patil has won gold medal in how many meters air rifle in ISSF World Cup 2023**

- a) 10 meters
- b) 11 meters
- c) 12 meters
- d) 13 meters

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**8. Which bank has entered into a co-lending agreement with Paisalo Digital**

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- b) Indian Bank
- c) Bank of Maharashtra
- d) Canara Bank

Explain : Karnataka Bank and Paisalo Digital Limited, a non-deposit taking NBFC registered with Reserve Bank of India have entered into a co-lending arrangement to provide financial support to the small income segment and give impetus to the

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micro and small enterprise segment of the country. have entered. Deputy Managing Director of Paisalo Digital Limited – Shantanu Agarwal

## ONE LINER

Recently, in which country of the African continent, "Anopheles stephensi" has received information about the infection of the deadly malaria species - **Kenya (Africa)**

Where will CRPF organize its Foundation Day function in the year 2023 - **Chhattisgarh**

Where is "Lakkhi Mela" 2023 being organized in Rajasthan - **Sikar**

Which medal has been won by the Indian women's team in the 14th Asian Bowling Championship - **Gold medal**

Who has recently been honored with the "Entrepreneur of the Year 2022" award – **Sajjan Jindal**

Dancer "Kanak Rele", who passed away recently, was associated with which classical dance – **Mohiniyattam**

Where is the "Kiladi Site Museum" being established for the display of artefacts related to the Sangam era – **Tamil Nadu (Sivagangai district)**

India's CAG Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as the external auditor of which international organization - **International Labor Organization (ILO)**

How much prize money is provided under the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship - **3 lakhs**

Recently after whom the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra has named Churchgate railway station in Mumbai - **CD Deshmukh**

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