

### NATIONAL

#### 1. 'Blue Flag' tag

**Why in news** – Two more Indian beaches have been accorded the coveted International eco-label 'Blue Flag'.

##### Key Points –

- New beaches (both in Lakshadweep) - Minicoy Thundi beach and Kadmat beach.
- Together the two beaches have taken India's tally of Blue Beaches to 12.
- Other Indian 'Blue Flag' beaches – Shivrajpur (GJ), Ghoghla (Diu), Kasarkod and Padubidri (KA), Kappad (KL), Rushikonda (Andhra), Golden (OD), Radhanagar (A&N), Kovalam (TN) and Eden (Puducherry).
- Blue Flag beaches meet 33 criteria as mandated by the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE).

#### 2. Jio 5G Services

**Why in news** – Reliance Jio chairman Akash Ambani launched 5G services at Nathdwara town of Rajsamand (RJ).

##### Key Points –

- Jio would expand 5G services to every part of the country by December 2023 (Bharti Airtel by March 2024).

##### Key Points –

- It was organized by the M/o Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with Govt. Of Kerala.
- India currently has the fifth-largest metro network in the world.
- National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) 2006 lays down the guidelines for developing equitable and sustainable urban transport systems.

#### 2. Conference of the Parties 27 (COP27) 2022

**Why in news** – COP27 is set to be held from November 6 to 18, 2022 at Sharm el-Sheikh (Red Sea coast city), Egypt.

##### Key Points –

- It is convened annually by the United Nations.
- COP is the apex decision-making body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of UNFCCC.
- This is the first climate summit in Africa since 2016 (First COP - Berlin in 1995).
- Glasgow Pact (COP26) - It "requested" countries to "revisit and strengthen" their emissions targets by the end of 2022.
- Bhupender Yadav will lead Indian delegation to attend the COP 27.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 1. World Polio Day

**Why in news** – It is observed on Oct 24 to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio.

##### Key Points –

- Theme - A healthier future for mothers and children.
- Jonas Salk developed the inactivated poliovirus vaccine, which first came into use in 1955.
- Albert Sabin developed as the oral polio vaccine which came into use in 1961.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Beidou satellite system (BDS)

**Why in news** – China plans to further expand the global reach of its home grown Beidou navigation system.

##### Key Points –

- In November 2020, it was launched for global services.
- Pakistan in 2014 became the first foreign country to set up a Beidou network.

### SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

#### 1. Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022

**Why in news** – The 15th edition of UMI Conference & Expo 2022 held at Kochi, Kerala on Nov 4 to 6, 2022.

### AWARDS & HONOURS

#### 1. Pather Panchali movie

**Why in news** – Pather Panchali was declared the best Indian film of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics.

### Key Points –

- It is a 1955 Bengali-language drama film written and directed by Satyajit Ray.
- The movie is based on Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay's 1929 Bengali novel Pather Panchali.

### 2. Ezhuthachan Award 2022

**Why in news** – Malayalam writer, Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) has been selected for the 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram'.

### Key Points –

- He is also the recipient of Kendra Sahitya Akademi and the Kerala Sahitya Akademi awards.
- His works include Pandavapuram, Kaimudrakal, Adayalangan, Kiratam, Araamathe Penkutty etc.

### 3. Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award

**Why in news** – Aruna Sairam has been honoured with the French government's highest honour, Chevalier award.

### Key Points –

- She is also the recipient of Padma Shri and the Sangita Kalanidhi by the Music Academy.
- She also received the US Congressional Award of Excellence and was also conferred appreciation by the Mayor of the City of New York and the city of San Diego.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. Terai Elephant Reserve (TER)

**Why in news** – The Centre has approved the setting up of TER at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points –

- It would be the 33rd elephant reserve to be set up in India.

- Location-Joint Forest regions of Dudhwa and Pilibhit tiger reserves.
- Previous two (latest) elephant reserve are Lemru in Chhattisgarh and Agasthyamalai in Tamil Nadu.

### 2. India's largest wind turbine

**Why in news** – Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL) installed India's largest wind turbine in Gujarat's Mundra.

### Key Points –

- It stands 200 meters tall and has a capacity to generate 5.2 MW of electricity.
- It has been set up by Mundra Windtech Ltd (MWL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL).

## COMMITTEE

### 1. K Radhakrishnan Committee

**Why in news** – The government panel chaired by K Radhakrishnan has laid down action plan for campuses abroad.

### Key Points –

- It is a 16-member committee with a mandate to devise a plan for setting up offshore campuses of Indian institutions.

## BIHAR

### 1. Parliamentarians' Conference

**Why in news** – Bihar BJP President Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal attended the conference of MPs of African countries held in Cairo, Egypt.

### Key Points –

- He was there as the Chair of the South Asian Delegation to the Climate Parliament.



### ➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

### POINTERS

- Which state has bagged the SKOCH award for Lakshmir Bhandar in the women and child development category - **West Bengal**.
- Which invasive species is spreading rapidly in the buffer zone Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) - **Senna spectabilis**.
- Which company has been recognised as a National Resource Organization (NRO) by M/o Rural Development – **Patanjali**.
- M/o Textiles has cleared how many projects under National Technical Textiles Mission - **20 strategic research projects**.
- Who has been rewarded with the National e-Governance Award for Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation in the Year 2020 and 2021 - **Sanjeev Chopra**.
- As per UNHCR report, how many people were forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations - **103 million**.
- Who addressed the opening ceremony of Global Investors Meet 'Invest Karnataka 2022' via video conference – **PM Modi**.
- What is the name of is the largest object potentially hazardous to Earth to have been discovered in the last eight years - **2022 AP7**.
- Who took over as the first woman director of ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute - **Dr G Hemaprabha**.
- Which author has recently released his latest book 'Nuclearization of Asia' in Geneva - **Rene Naba**.

