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### November 2nd

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Prime Global Cities Index

- The Prime Global Cities Index is published by Knight Frank. As per the index quarter ending in September 2023, Mumbai has achieved the fourth-highest yearon-year growth in prime residential prices among global cities.
- Manila secured top spot, followed by Dubai (2nd), Shanghai (3rd).
- Among Indian cities, Delhi secured 10th spot and Bengaluru secured 17th.
- The index tracks the movement of prime residential prices across 46 cities worldwide.

## 2) Development projects in Bangladesh

- The Prime Minsters of India and Bangladesh inaugurated 3 developmental projects in Bangladesh.
- a. Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line: Connects Mongla Port (Bangladesh's 2nd largest port) and Khulna rail network through broad-gauge rail route.
- b. Unit II of Maitree Super Thermal Power in Khulna.
- c. Akhaura-Agartala cross-border rail link connects Bangladesh to Tripura.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) Two Surveys announced by RBI

- Reserve Bank of India announced the introduction of two surveys, the "Inflation Expectations Survey of Households" and the "Consumer Confidence Survey" aimed at providing valuable inputs for its bi-monthly monetary policy decisions.
- The 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' is designed to gather subjective assessments of price movements and inflation. It is based on the individual consumption patterns of households across 19 major cities in India























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The 'Consumer Confidence Survey' is intended to gauge the sentiments of households on various economic aspects.

### 2) Electoral Bonds Scheme

- Recently Supreme Court remarked that the Electoral Bonds Scheme suffers from "selective anonymity" leading to an "information hole".
- Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer instruments announced in the 2017 Union Budget. At present, State Bank of India is the only bank authorized to sell them.

#### STATE NEWS

## 1) Renaming of "Throne room" in Kolkata

- At the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata, the "Throne room" was renamed after Sardar Patel.
- This decision, a tribute to the stalwart freedom fighter, was made by Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on the occasion of Patel's birth anniversary.
- The 'Throne Room' will now bear the name "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Unity Room."

### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

# 1) UPI Records 1,140 Crore Transactions in October

- NPCI announced that in October, UPI achieved a remarkable milestone, crossing 11.4 billion transactions with a total transaction value surpassing Rs 17.6 lakh crore.
- The National Payments Corporation of India operates the UPI system. NPCI's Chief, Dilip Asbe aims to achieve 2 billion daily transactions by 2030.

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# 1) "Bletchley Declaration"

"Bletchley Declaration" is the world's first agreement on Artificial Intelligence. The agreement was signed at UK AI Safety Summit.























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The agreement recognises AI's potential to enhance human well-being as well as risks posed by AI including frontier AI.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) British Academy Book Prize

- India-born author Nandini Das conferred upon the British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a prestigious international non-fiction award, for her debut book, 'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.'
- She is the Professor in the English faculty at the University of Oxford.
- This book delves into the historical account of the arrival of the first English ambassador in India, Sir Thomas Roe, during the early 17th century.
- The award was established in 2013.

#### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Saima Wazed

- Saima Wazed, was elected as the World Health Organization Regional Director for South-East Asia. She defeated Nepal's Shambhu Prasad Acharya.
- The election took place at the 76th session of the Regional Committee for the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEARO) in New Delhi.
- Saima Wazed was the daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- The WHO South-East Asia Region is one of the six regions within the World Health Organization, with its headquarters located in New Delhi.

# 2) Deepesh Nanda

Deepesh Nanda has been appointed as the CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable **Energy Limited** 





















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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

- On November 2nd every year, International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed to recognise the dangers and violence against journalists and media workers face in their line of duty.
- The date was chosen in commemoration of the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on 2 November 2013.

#### **SPORTS**

## 1) Sachin Tendulkar's statue unveiled at Wankhede Stadium

- A statue of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar was inaugurated in Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai during World Cup match between India and Sri Lanka.
- The statue is the creation of artist Pramod Kamble, a painter and sculptor from Ahmednagar.

# 2) Asian Shooting Championship 2023

- At the Asian Shooting Championship 2023, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar secured the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event 2023.
- Tomar's score of 463.5 in the final secured the top spot, making him the most successful Indian shooter at the event.
- Tian Jiaming from the People's Republic of China secured the silver medal with a score of 462.7, while his fellow countrymen Du Linshu clinched the bronze medal with 450.3 points.













