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NATIONAL

- 1) Four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of Urban Co-operative Banks
- The Reserve Bank of India has announced a four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of Urban Co-operative Banks.
- Besides, the central bank has come out with norms pertaining to the net worth and capital adequacy of these banks.



2) Australia's Superstars of STEM

- Three Indian-origin women are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as Australia's Superstars of STEM.
- This initiative aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people.
- This year among those recognised as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-origin women: Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee. Female scientists of Sri Lankan descent have also been chosen for distinction, in addition to Indians.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) IAS Sanjay Kumar

- IAS Sanjay Kumar took charge as Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education in Shashtri Bhawan in New Delhi.























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- Sanjay Kumar, a 1990-batch Bihar cadre IAS officer, was a former Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. He replaced Anita Karwal IAS upon her superannuation.

2) Vijender Sharma

- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India said that Vijender Sharma has been elected as the new president and Rakesh Bhalla as vice-president for 2022-23.
- The institute, which is a statutory body set up under an Act of Parliament, comes under the administrative control of Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Mr. Vijender Sharma was Vice President and CMA Rakesh Bhalla was Central Council member and Chairman of Direct Tax Committee of the Institute in previous term 2021-22.



3) Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar

- Government of India had appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) of India for a period of three years.
- He will take up this role as an additional responsibility while continuing as Professor Emeritus at CMI.
- He joined CMI as a visiting professor in 2010, and officiated as the Director of CMI from January 2011 to April 2021.

SPORTS

- 1) Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the final to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- They restricted Maharashtra at 248/9 in 50 overs as captain Ruturaj Gaikwad hit a century, scoring 108 off 131 balls after a slow start. Saurashtra bowler Chirag Jani claimed a hat-trick in the match. Man of the moment is Sheldon Jackson













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- Chasing the target of 249, Saurashtra started off cautiously before the openers sitiched a 125-run partnership. Batter Shledon Jackson held one end as wickets tumbled around him.
- He scored a match-winning 133 off 136 balls to help Saurashtra chase down the target in 46.3 overs, with five wickets to spare. It was Saurashtra's second title triumph in history.

2) T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind

- The third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind will be held from December 5 to 17, 2022 in India. The participating countries of the World Cup 2022 are Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India.
- Around 150 players from all countries will participate in the tournament and there will be a total of 24 matches across nine cities in India.
- The tournament is being organised to mark the World Disability Day celebrations universally. The inauguration of the World Cup on December 5 at Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium, Gurugram. Former India batter Yuvraj Singh is the brand ambassador of the tournament.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022

- A book on the popular forest conservation campaign Chipko Movement, written by historianactivist Shekhar Pathak, was named the winner of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022.
- Translated from Hindi by Manisha Chaudhry, "The Chipko Movement: A People's History" was selected from a diverse shortlist of five books covering a wide expanse of modern Indian history and encompassing distinct topics and perspectives.
- The winner was selected by a six-member jury panel chaired by political scientist Niraja Gopal Jayal. The other jury members were entrepreneur Manish Sabharwal; historians Srinath Raghavan and Nayanjot Lahiri; former diplomat Navtej Sarna; and attorney Rahul Matthan.

2) Katherine Rundell's biography "Super-Infinite























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- British writer Katherine Rundell's biography "Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne" was named winner of the 50,000 pound (\$59,000) Baillie Gifford Prize at a ceremony in London.
- Rundell's book was a unanimous choice by the six judges from among 362 books submitted for the prize.
- The book argues that Donne, best known four centuries after his death for a poem that begins "No man is an island" – is "a writer perhaps as great as Shakespeare, and a writer we should all read for his writing on love, sex and death."

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Persons with Disabilities

- December 3rd is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, worldwide. The day is observed to highlight issues that affect people with disabilities and to champion their well-being, their dignity and fundamental rights.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated to encourage increased assimilation of persons with disabilities in the socio-political, economic and cultural aspects of life. The goals fall under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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