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Pashmina Craft

- **Basohli Pashmina**, an age-old traditional craft originating from the picturesque district of **Kathua** in **Jammu and Kashmir**, has recently earned the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- While Basohli Pashmina shawls are the most renowned products, this craft extends its charm to a variety of items, including-**Shawls for Both Men and Women**. Mufflers, basketry and blankets.

Sudha Murty

- Renowned author, philanthropist and the wife of Infosys co-founder **N.R. Narayana Murthy**, **Sudha Murthy**, was honored with the prestigious Global Indian Award by the **Canada India Foundation (CIF)** at a grand **Indo-Canadian gala in Toronto**.
- **CIF Global Indian Award** is presented annually to an outstanding person who has demonstrated global leadership, vision and personal excellence.

Ajay Jadeja

- **Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB)** appointed former India captain **Ajay Jadeja** as the team mentor for the upcoming ODI World Cup.

World Space Week (WSW) 2023

- **World Space Week (WSW)** is a global celebration that highlights the significance of space science and technology in enhancing human life.
- Established in **1999** by the United Nations General Assembly, this annual event takes place from October 4 to 10. World Space Week finds its roots in the United Nations and the historic milestones of space exploration- Sputnik 1 – October 4, 1957 and UN Space Treaty – October 10, 1967.
- UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS): COPUOS plays a central role in organizing and managing the events and activities that take place during WSW.
- UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA): UNOOSA is responsible for coordinating and supporting the implementation of WSW globally, ensuring that the celebration reaches diverse audiences.

Mohamed Muizzu

- Mohamed Muizzu, a pro-China candidate from the Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM), won the Maldives presidential election with over 53% of the vote in a runoff, defeating the incumbent president, **Ibrahim Solih**.
- Mohamed Muizzu is known for his '**pro-China**' stance, which stems from significant Chinese loans received by the Maldives during the previous PPM government's tenure.

'Whoosh,'

- Indonesian President **Joko Widodo** officially inaugurated Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway. The ambitious project, known as the "**Whoosh**" high-speed railway, is a key component of **China's Belt and Road Initiative**.
- The high-speed railway connects the sprawling metropolis of **Jakarta** with **Bandung**, the bustling capital of West Java province.
- With an estimated cost of **\$7.3 billion**, this monumental infrastructure project was predominantly funded by China.

World Nature Day 2023

- **World Nature Day**, established by the **World Nature Organization (WNO)** on **October 3, 2010**, serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.
- This annual celebration unites individuals, groups, and organizations worldwide in their commitment to spreading information about climate change and advocating for its mitigation.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign

- The **Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign**, which kicked off on September 15, reached its culmination on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.
- This nationwide initiative, also known as the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and garnered widespread participation from citizens across India.
- The day after concluding the mega cleanliness drive, India observed '**Swachh Bharat Diwas**' on October 2, marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- During the 105th episode of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi urged all citizens to join the cleanliness campaign on October 1 under the national initiative '**Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath**' (**One Date, One Hour, Together**).

J&K Achieves 100% Open Defecation Free Plus Model Status

- All 6,650 villages of **Jammu and Kashmir** have been declared **Open Defecation-Free (ODF) Plus Model** under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Jammu and Kashmir has achieved a status that extends beyond constructing toilets; it encompasses the management of **greywater** and **solid waste** in each village.

Lt General Raghu Srinivasan

- Lieutenant General **Raghu Srinivasan** assumed the role of the **28th Director General (DG) of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**.
- The Border Roads Organisation was established on **May 7, 1960**, with the primary objective of securing India's borders through the development of infrastructure in the remote regions of the north and northeast.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti 2023

- Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti holds special significance as we remember the life and legacy of the man who served as **India's second Prime Minister**.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri, born on **October 2, 1904, in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh**, remains an enduring symbol of selfless service and dedication to the nation.
- As a leader, he held various key positions, including **Minister of External Affairs and Railways**. His tenure was marked by several notable achievements, including the signing of the **Tashkent Agreement**, which aimed to ease tensions between India and Pakistan.

Gandhi Jayanti 2023

- **Gandhi Jayanti**, celebrated on **October 2nd every year**, is a day of profound significance in India and around the world. It marks the **154th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**, fondly known as **Mahatma Gandhi, Bapu or the Father of the Nation**.
- "**Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath**" is the theme for 2 October Gandhi Jayanti, A national call to action for 1 Hour of citizen-led shramdaan for swachhata on 1st Oct, 2023 at 10 am.

Nobel Prize in Medicine 2023

- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2023 has been awarded to Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman for their groundbreaking research on nucleoside base modifications that played a pivotal role in the development of highly effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19.
- Kariko and Weissman identified a key problem: dendritic cells in the body perceived lab-grown genetically engineered mRNA as foreign, triggering an inflammatory response.

WHO Recommends R21/Matrix-M Malaria Vaccine for Wider Use

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine, a product of collaboration between the University of Oxford and the Serum Institute of India, employing Novavax's adjuvant technology.
- Following rigorous safety and efficacy evaluations by WHO's expert committees, this vaccine has received the green light for use, marking a significant milestone in the fight against malaria.

"Statue of Equality" in Maryland

- A significant milestone is approaching as the "Statue of Equality," touted as the largest statue of Dr. B R Ambedkar outside India, is set to be unveiled in Maryland on October 14.
- The statue is a vital component of the ongoing construction of the Ambedkar International Center in Accokeek, Maryland.
- The AIC aims to be a hub for promoting and disseminating the teachings and messages of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.
- The AIC and the "Statue of Equality" stand as symbols of the principles of equality and human rights championed by Dr. Ambedkar.

India-Argentina 'Social Security Agreement'

- India and Argentina have signed a significant Social Security Agreement (SSA) aimed at protecting the rights of professionals and workers from both countries regarding social security contributions.
- The SSA covers areas related to old-age benefits, survivor's pensions, and permanent, total disability pensions for employed individuals in India.
- In Argentina, it applies to contributory benefits provided by the Social Security System.
- The agreement ensures that detached workers and their family members, who temporarily work in another country, retain their rights to contributory benefits under local legislation without reduction, modification, suspension, suppression, or retention.

SAMPRITI-XI

- India and Bangladesh have kicked off the 11th edition of their annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI, on October 3, 2023, in Umroi, Meghalaya.
- This exercise, which alternates between the two nations, highlights the strong bilateral defense cooperation between them. SAMPRITI, initiated in 2009, aims to boost interoperability, share tactical expertise, and promote best practices between the Indian and Bangladeshi armies.
- SAMPRITI-XI is scheduled for a duration of 14 days and involves approximately 350 personnel from both India and Bangladesh.
- The exercise focuses on enhancing cooperation and interoperability while conducting Sub-Conventional Operations as per Chapter VII of the UN mandate.

2023 Nobel Prize in Physics

- The Nobel Prize in Physics for 2023 has been awarded to Ferenc Krausz, Pierre Agostini, and Anne L'Huillier for their groundbreaking experiments that have led to the creation of attosecond pulses of light.
- Pierre Agostini is a French-American experimental physicist who currently teaches at The Ohio State University, Columbus, US.
- Anne L'Huillier, a physicist born in Paris in 1958, teaches at Lund University in Sweden.
- Ferenc Krausz, born in Hungary in 1962, serves as the director at the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics in Germany and teaches at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.

Glacial Lake Burst in Sikkim

- At least seven people have lost their lives, and a significant number remain injured or missing in the wake of

flash floods that struck Sikkim on October 4.

- When rainfall exceeds more than 100 mm in an hour then it is categorised as cloudburst.
- These devastating floods were triggered when a glacial lake, formed by the gradual melting of a Himalayan South Lhonak glacier lake, unexpectedly overflowed, leading to the inundation of the Teesta River basin.
- This catastrophic event resulted in the destruction of the Chungthang dam, a critical component of Sikkim's largest hydroelectric project, and caused extensive damage to highways, villages, and towns.

World Teachers Day 2023

- **World Teachers' Day**, observed annually on **October 5th**, is a global celebration dedicated to honouring the invaluable contributions of teachers to society.
- The theme for World Teachers' Day 2023 is "**The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage**".

National Wildlife Week 2023

- **The National Zoological Park** recently kick-started the celebration of the **69th Wildlife Week**, a significant event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation in India.
- The National Zoological Park will celebrate "Wildlife Week – 2023" from 02.10.2023 to 08.10.2023.
- This year's theme, "**Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation**," reflects the collaborative efforts required to protect and preserve the nation's rich biodiversity.

Yashasvini

- **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** kick-started an all-female bikers' expedition rally named '**Yashasvini**' from **Srinagar to Gujarat** on Oct 03.
- The cross-country bike expedition is a collaborative effort between the **CRPF** and the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.

MiG-21

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced plans to retire its iconic **MiG-21 fighter jets** and replace them with the indigenous **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 1A** by 2025.
- The Indian Air Force is set to celebrate its **91st anniversary** on October 8th, with the theme "**IAF – Airpower Beyond Boundaries**." This year's air display will be held in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**, where the IAF will showcase the diversity of its air assets.

World Cotton Day 2023

- **World Cotton Day**, observed on **October 7** each year, emphasises cotton's importance in generating jobs and supporting economies, especially in less developed countries.
- The first World Cotton Day was proposed on October 7, 2019, and was officially approved by the WTO. Collaborations with organizations such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Cotton Advisory Committee, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) helped bring this initiative to life.

'SUGAM REC' Mobile App

- **REC Limited**, a prominent Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) specializing in Power Sector Financing and Development, announced the launch of its latest digital innovation, the '**SUGAM REC**' mobile application.
- This exclusive app has been specifically designed to cater to the needs of investors interested in **REC's 54EC Capital Gain Tax Exemption Bonds**.
- **Section 54EC Bonds**: These bonds are a type of **fixed-income financial instrument** that offers tax exemption on capital gains to investors, as per Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act.

Nobel Peace Prize 2023

- **Narges Mohammadi** "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human

rights and freedom for all”.

- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2023 to Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

Country's first high-tech sports training center

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training centre for Divyangjan, named after former **Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.**
- This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines. Divyangjan from all over the country can practice and train in the **Atal Bihari Training Center for Divyang Sports.**
- Atal Bihari Training Centre for Disability Sports is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to training and nurturing athletes with disabilities. It houses world-class infrastructure and coaching staff to provide the best possible training environment for differently-abled athletes.

Yak Churpi

- Slightly sour and salty churpi, a naturally fermented cheese prepared from the milk of Arunachali yak, nurtured in the high-altitude areas of **Arunachal Pradesh**, has recently received the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag.**
- Churpi, a traditional cheese made from yak milk, has been a staple food for tribal communities in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The yak herders, belonging mainly to the **Brokpa and Monpa tribes in West Kameng and Tawang districts,** rely on churpi as a substitute for vegetables in their diet.

Sarakka Central Tribal University

- On **October 4th**, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a tribal university in **Telangana**, named **The Sarakka Central Tribal University.**
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced that the university would be named after **Sammakka-Sarakka**, a revered mother-daughter duo in the local tribal community.

Bangladesh's Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

- **Bangladesh** recently received its first shipment of **uranium from Russia**, which will be used to fuel the country's **Rooppur nuclear power plant.** The plant, financed and constructed by **Russia's Rosatom**, is a significant project aimed at enhancing Bangladesh's electrical grid and supporting its growing economy.
- **The Rooppur** power plant, located in **Ishwardi, Bangladesh**, will generate **2,400 megawatts** of electricity when both units are fully operational.

Dilip Nongmaithem

- 'Bal Sahitya Puraskar' for the year 2023, has been conferred upon **Dilip Nongmaithem**, an accomplished author in the **Manipuri language**, for his remarkable work titled "Ibemma Amasung Ngabemma."

'Mobile Handheld Device' To Drive Financial Inclusion

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced the 'Mobile Handheld Device' for its Financial Inclusion (FI) customers.
- The Mobile Handheld Device is set to revolutionize banking accessibility by bringing **kiosk banking directly to customers' doorsteps.** It offers greater flexibility to **Customer Service Point (CSP)** agents, enabling them to reach out to customers wherever they are.

6G Lab Facility In Bengaluru

- Telecom giant **Nokia** has made a significant stride towards the future of wireless technology with the establishment of its state-of-the-art **6G lab** at the company's global R&D center in **Bengaluru, India**.
- Nokia's 6G lab in Bengaluru is more than just a research facility; it's a hub for innovation and collaboration among industry stakeholders. The primary objective is to **accelerate the development of fundamental technologies** and innovative use cases that will shape the future of wireless communication.

4th EMRS National Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav-2023

- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, **Shri Arjun Munda**, inaugurated the **4th Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) National Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav-2023** in the picturesque city of **Dehradun** on the 3rd of October, 2023.
- The **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) Cultural Fest** is an annual extravaganza eagerly anticipated by tribal students from all corners of India. This year's four-day event, scheduled from the 3rd to the 6th of October, boasts participation from over **2000 tribal students hailing from 22 different states**.

Muneesh Kapur

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the appointment of Muneesh Kapur as an Executive Director (ED) starting from October 3, 2023.
- Before his promotion to the role of Executive Director, Muneesh Kapur held the position of Adviser-in-Charge within the Monetary Policy Department.

World Nature Day 2023

- **World Nature Day**, established by the **World Nature Organization (WNO)** on **October 3, 2010**, serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.
- This year, the theme for World Nature Conversation Day 2023 is **'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'**.