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1. Village Palli: India's 1st carbon-neutral panchayat in J&K

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a **500 KV solar plant** to the nation in the unassuming hamlet of **Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba** making it the country's **first 'carbon neutral panchayat.'**

Palli, according to the Prime Minister, has showed the country the way by becoming **carbon neutral**.

Palli residents have assisted with the project. They've also fed those who are working on the project.

Officials added that under the national government's '**Gram Urja Swaraj**' programme, 1,500 solar panels with a total area of 6,408 square metres will provide clean electricity to 340 homes in the model panchayat.

As **India's first carbon-neutral solar village**, the village has made history.

Officials said the project was finished in record time for a **cost of 2.75 crore**. The electricity generated will be distributed to the village through the local power grid station, which has a **daily need of 2,000 units**.

2. Robert Golob elected as Prime Minister of Slovenia

Robert Golob has defeated three-time prime minister **Janez Janša** in the **Slovenia Prime Minister election**.

State election authorities have confirmed that the Freedom Movement won nearly 34% of the votes as compared to around 24% for the governing conservative Slovenian Democratic Party.

The New Slovenia party with 7%, followed by the Social Democrats with more than 6%, and the Left party with just 4%.

The 55-year-old former power company manager has promised to restore "normality", having billed the elections as a "referendum on democracy".

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

Slovenia Capital: Ljubljana;

Slovenia Currency: Euro;

Slovenia President: Borut Pahor.

3. Tamil Nadu govt to observe Minorities Rights Day every year on 18 December

Tamil Nadu government has announced that **December 18**, every year will be observed as **Minorities Rights Day** at the state level. The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures.

The government, being the saviour of minorities, is striving tirelessly to promote the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of various development schemes and welfare measures.

This day is being observed at the district level of Tamil Nadu under the concerned collectors concerned. Henceforth, it will also be observed at the state level.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;

Tamil Nadu Chief minister: K. Stalin;

- Tamil Nadu Governor: N. Ravi.

4. Kerala signed MoU with the Netherlands for "Cosmos Malabaricus" Project

Kerala and the Netherlands have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for the 'Cosmos Malabaricus' project. This study will contribute to a better understanding of Kerala's history in the 18th century.

In **Malappuram** and **Kollam**, the state will also collaborate with the **Netherlands** to establish paint academies.

The agreements were inked in the presence of **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** and **Dutch Ambassador to India Marten van den Berg**.

The **Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR)**, which is part of the **Department of Higher Education**, the **University of Leiden**, and the **National Archives of the Netherlands**, is carrying out this project.

The amount of time it will take to accomplish this project

This project will take six years to complete.

5. N Chandrasekaran takes charge as Tata Digital Chairman

Tata Sons executive chairman **N Chandrasekaran** has formally taken charge as **chairman of Tata Digital**. At present, Tata's digital strategy is being spearheaded by its CEO Pratik Pal along with Mukesh Bansal, founder of Cultfit. Chandrasekaran's formal appointment is of significance considering its future plans of raising funds from external investors.

For Chandrasekaran, who was reappointed as the chairman of Tata Sons for another five years in February, Tata Digital has been his brainchild since he took charge as Tata Sons chairman. He has been closely involved in its growth plans from the beginning as the Mumbai-based conglomerate eyes to make a dent in the Indian eCommerce universe.

6. Haj Committee of India elects AP Abdullahkutty as chairperson

- **AP Abdullahkutty** has been elected as the **chairperson of the Haj Committee of India**, while for the first time, two women have been chosen as its vice-chairpersons— **Munnawari Begum and Mafuja Khatun**. Ministry of Minority Affairs is the nodal ministry to conduct the Haj pilgrimage in India.
- Haj pilgrimage for the Indian pilgrims is conducted either through **Haj Committee of India (HCoI)**, or the **Haj Group Organisers (HGOs)** approved by the Ministry.
- The Government of India has appointed C Muhammed Faizi as a member of the Haj Committee of India (HCoI), a statutory body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, under **sub-section (11), of Section 4 of Haj Committee Act 2022, for a period of 3 years up to 31st March 2025 with effect from 21st April 2022**.

7. Aditya Birla Capital named Vishakha Mulye as next CEO

- **Vishakha Mulye** has been appointed as the next **Chief Executive Officer of Aditya Birla Capital**. The company said in its stock filing that the board of directors approved the appointment based on the recommendations of the Nomination, Remuneration and Compensation Committee.
- She replaces **Ajay Srinivasan**, who is taking up other responsibilities within the group, as per the exchange filing. Mulye, currently the **Executive Director of ICICI Bank**, will join Aditya Birla Capital on June 1, 2022, and will operate as the CEO with Srinivasan for a month to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. She will take charge of her role as the CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Limited post this period

8. BHIM UPI became operational at NEOPAY terminals in the UAE

- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)**, the International arm of the **National Payment Corporation of India** has announced that **BHIM UPI** is now live at **NEOPAY terminals, across the UAE**.
- This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE, to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI. NIPL and NEOPAY, the payment subsidiary of Mashreq bank, partnered last year to create the acceptance infrastructure in the UAE.
- With the acceptance of BHIM UPI in the UAE, Indian tourists can now make seamless payments through BHIM UPI across NEOPAY enabled shops and merchant stores. This partnership will play a key role in transforming the P2M payment experience for Indian travellers in the UAE. The implementation of the BHIM UPI in the UAE is a stepping stone toward providing a major boost to digital payments in the country.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- NPCI International Payments Ltd Establishment: 2020;
- NPCI International Payments Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- NPCI International Payments Ltd CEO: Ritesh Shukla.

9. India will host the 21st World Congress of Accountants

- According to the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** president, **Debashis Mitra**, India is set to host the **21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA)**, the Kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence.
- About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the programme physically. The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France.
- The event will be held at **Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai**. The theme for 2022 would be **'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'**. The WCOA, a forum for thought leadership and global exchange of views, is held every four years since it started in 1904.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Formation: 1 July 1949;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Headquarters: New Delhi, India;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India President: Debashis Mitra;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Vice President: Aniket Sunil Talati;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Secretary: Jai Kumar Batra;

10. Sir David Attenborough earns UN 'Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement award'

- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** has named **Sir David Attenborough**, English natural history broadcaster and naturalist, as the recipient of the **Champions of the Earth Award 2021 under the Lifetime Achievement category**.
- This award is given to him for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.
- Sir David Attenborough is well known for his innovative educational television programs, especially the nine-part Life series forming the Life collection. His well-known documentaries include The Green Planet and A Plastic Ocean.
- He was knighted twice by Queen Elizabeth II in 1985 and again in 2020. He has won 3 Emmy Awards and 8 British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards.

Other Winners of 2021 Champions of the Earth Awards:

Category	Winners	Country
Policy Leadership	Mia Mottley (Prime Minister, Barbados)	Barbados
Inspiration And Action	Sea Women of Melanesia	Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands
Science And Innovation	Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka Founder and CEO of Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH)	Uganda

Enterpreneurial Vision	Maria Kolesnikova	Kyrgyz Republic
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Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 1972;
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya;
- United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director: Inger Andersen (Denmark).