

CMAT

Chapter 2

Important Bullet Points for CMAT 2023 – Part 2

- **Shehbaz Sharif elected as 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan**

Pakistan's opposition leader, Shehbaz Sharif has been elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of the country through voting in the National Assembly. The 70-year-old Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) Chief will succeed Imran Khan, who has been removed by a no-trust vote recently in the National Assembly. Shehbaz Sharif is the brother of former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

- **NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index: Gujarat tops**

NITI Aayog has launched the State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I. The State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I ranks the states' performance on 6 parameters, namely, (1) DISCOM's Performance (2) Access, Affordability and Reliability of Energy (3) Clean Energy Initiatives (4) Energy Efficiency (5) Environmental Sustainability; and (6) New Initiatives.

Top Three States among Larger States Category

Gujarat

Kerala

Punjab

- **F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022 won by Charles Leclerc**

Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix, held on 10 April 2022 in Melbourne, Victoria. It was the third round of the 2022 Formula One World Championship. Sergio Pérez (Red Bull Racing-RBPT – Mexico) came second while George Russell (Mercedes – Britain) came third.

- **'Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI', book by Former CAG Vinod Rai**

Former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and chief of Supreme court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) in 2017, Vinod Rai has penned a book titled as, "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI" in which the former bureaucrat encapsulates his 33-month stint at the BCCI. In the book, Rai – whose stint of overseeing the administration of one of the richest sports bodies in the world ended in September 2019 – has made some major revelations.

- **'Tomb of Sand' becomes first Hindi novel to get shortlisted for International Booker Prize**

In the history of the International Booker Prize, the novel 'Tomb of Sand', authored

by Geetanjali Shree, has become the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious literary prize. The novel has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell. The book Tomb of Sand will compete with five other novels from around the world.

- **Grammys 2022: Indian-American Singer Falguni Shah, Winner of Best Children's Music Album**

Indian-American singer Falguni Shah won a Grammy Award for A Colorful World in the Best Children's Album category. Falguni Shah has even performed and collaborated with music maestro AR Rahman and she is the only Indian-origin woman to be nominated in the Best Children's Music Album category at the Grammys twice. Falguni Shah was earlier nominated for a Grammy in the same category for her 2018 album Falu's Bazaar.

- **Khanjar 2022: The 9th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise**

The 9th Edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held in March-April, 2022 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP). Special Forces contingents from India and Kyrgyzstan have shared their experience and best practices in terms of tactics, techniques, and procedures for countering present and emerging threats throughout the conflict spectrum.

- **Ex-IPS officer Lalpura reappointed National Commission for Minorities chief**

The central government has re-appointed retired Punjab-cadre IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura as the chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities. Lalpura, who was first appointed as chairman in September last year, had to resign from the post in December to contest as the BJP candidate from the Ropar assembly constituency, which he lost.

- **Falguni Nayar crowned EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2021**

Falguni Nayar has been named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021, at the 23rd edition of the EY Entrepreneur of The Year India awards. She is the founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of beauty supply company Nykaa (FSN E-commerce).

- **PM Narendra Modi to be honoured with 1st Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award which is instituted in the memory of the veteran singer of Lata Mangeshkar. PM Modi will receive the award for selfless service to the nation and society. The award ceremony will be held on April 24 which marks the 80th death anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar (singing legend's father).

- **Ecuador became 1st country to give legal rights to wild animals**

Ecuador, a South American Country, became the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals. The highest court in the country has ruled in favour of the case that focused on a woolly monkey named “Estrellita” who was taken from her home to a zoo, where she passed just a week later.

- **World Earth Day**, also known as International Mother Earth Day, is celebrated every year on April 22. The theme of Earth Day 2022 is to ‘Invest in our planet’.

- **Russia test-fired the “RS-28 SARMAT,” world’s “most powerful” nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile**

Russian President Vladimir Putin said that his military had successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying a big nuclear payload, but the Pentagon said the missile did not pose a substantial danger to the US. Russia’s most powerful ICBM is the RS-28 Sarmat, dubbed “Satan 2” by NATO.

- **CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated nation’s first ethanol plant in Purnia, Bihar**

Bihar’s Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India’s first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105 crores. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021. It is the country’s first grain-based ethanol plant.

The ethanol manufactured will be supplied to oil marketing companies for blending into petrol and diesel.

- **Kerala beat West Bengal to lift their seventh Santosh Trophy title**

Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala. The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter in which plenty of chances were created at both ends with the finishing being astray.

- **World Press Freedom Day observed on 3rd May**

World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on 3rd May every year. It is also known as World Press Day. The day also pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives. This year’s World Press Freedom Day theme “Journalism under digital siege,” spotlights the multiple ways in which journalism is endangered by surveillance and digitally-mediated attacks on journalists, and the consequences of all this on public trust in digital communications.

- **PV Sindhu won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships**

In Asia Badminton Championships, India’s P.V. Sindhu won her second Asian bronze

medal after a heart-breaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semi-final in Manila. She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.

- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra assumes charge as India's new Foreign Secretary**

Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as India's new Foreign Secretary. A 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Mr Kwatra succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla who retired from service. Mr Kwatra was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before assuming the charge of the Foreign Secretary.

- **Asian Games 2022 in China postponed to 2023**

The Asian Games 2022, due to be held in Hangzhou, China in September, has been postponed to 2023 due to rising COVID-19 cases in the country, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced. The Olympic Council of Asia, the governing body for the Asian Games, said it will announce the new dates for the 19th edition of the Games. The Asian Games 2022 were originally scheduled from September 10 to 25.

- **ISRO plans mission to Venus by Dec 2024**

The Indian Space Research Organisation will send a spacecraft to orbit Venus to study what lies below its surface, the space body's Chairperson S Somnath announced. ISRO is expecting to launch the mission by December 2024 with an orbital manoeuvre planned for a year after that. The orbital manoeuvre is the use of propulsion systems to change the orbit of a spacecraft. It enables a spacecraft to enter a planet's orbit.

- **Andy Jassy joins as Next Amazon CEO from 5th July 2022**

Jeff Bezos, who established Amazon exactly 27 years ago on July 5, 1994, has stepped down as CEO, and Andy Jassy, a long time AWS executive, has taken over as the company's new CEO. Jassy is currently identified as President and CEO of Amazon.com, as well as a member of the Board of Directors, on the Amazon investor relations website.

- **World Press Freedom Index 2022: India ranked 150th**

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories. The Index highlights the disastrous effects of news and information chaos – the effects of a globalised and unregulated online information space that encourages fake news and propaganda.

- **Max Verstappen won Miami Grand Prix 2022**

F1 world champion Max Verstappen has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for Red

Bull after defeating the Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc. Leclerc (Ferrari) finished second and Spanish teammate Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) placed third in the Miami Grand Prix 2022.

List of 2022 F1 Race:

Bahrain Grand Prix: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari-Monaco)

Saudi Arabian Grand Prix: Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)

Australian Grand Prix: Charles Leclerc

Emilia Romagna Grand Prix: Max Verstappen

- **Padma Vibhushan Pandit Shivkumar Sharma Passes Away**

Indian music composer and santoor player, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma passed away at the age of 84. He had been suffering from kidney-related issues for the last six months and was on dialysis. He passed away due to cardiac arrest. He gave the santoor, once a little-known instrument from Jammu and Kashmir, a classical status and exalted it along with other, more traditional and famous instruments such as the sitar and sarod. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma received the prestigious Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.

- **Reliance became 1st Indian company to cross USD 100 bn annual revenue**

Reliance Industries become the first Indian company to record annual revenue of more than a whopping \$100 billion. The company has recorded a 22.5% rise in net profit for the quarter ended March 2022. Reliance has recorded strong growth in retail, digital services, and the oil & gas business.

- **Pulitzer Prizes 2022**

The 106th class of Pulitzer Prize winners in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature and musical composition within the United States.

In Public Service category, Award was given to The Washington Post for its account of the assault on Washington on January 6, 2021.

- **Lionel Messi topped Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2022**

Lionel Messi has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported income of \$130 million, followed by Basketball player, LeBron James with \$121.2 million while Cristiano Ronaldo was third with \$115 million. Messi had moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in August 2021 and Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Manchester United from Juventus in the same month. Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

- **Union Bank of India launches Online Platform 'Trade nxt'**

The Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched an online platform, 'Trade nxt', which enables corporate, and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place, i.e., eliminates the need for companies to visit a bank branch for the same. It offers seamless entry and processing of letters of credit (LC), bank guarantees, export/import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing etc.

- **Campbell Wilson named as new MD & CEO of Air India**

Campbell Wilson has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India. He has 26 years of aviation industry expertise across both full service and low-cost airlines. He is the chief executive of Scoot, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines.

Wilson's appointment comes after Turkey's IlkerAyci decided not to take on the role of chief executive of Air India after the announcement of his appointment led to opposition in India over his previous political links.

- **Rajiv Kumar appointed as next Chief Election Commissioner**

Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the next chief election commissioner. He will assume charge on May 15 after incumbent Sushil Chandra demits office on May 14, a notification issued by the Law Ministry said. In pursuance of clause (2) of Article 324 of the Constitution, the President appointed Shri Rajiv Kumar as the Chief Election Commissioner with effect from the 15th of May 2022.

- **India now the top beneficiary from overseas remittances**

According to the World Bank, India has surpassed Mexico as the top remittance receiving country in 2021, pushing China to third place. In 2021, India received remittances totalling more than \$89 billion, an increase of 8% above the \$82.73 billion received in 2020. Despite the fact that the world was significantly hit by Covid in 2020, remittances were somewhat higher than the \$82.69 billion in the non-Covid year of 2019.

- **Ramgarh Vishdhari notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve**

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav has announced that Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and the 52nd tiger reserve of India. It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.

- **South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022, defeating China**

After a thrilling final at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand, Korea stunned

defending champions China to capture their second Uber Cup title. Korea fought back from behind twice to deny China a record-extending 16th title in the famous team tournament in a tie that lasted close to 90 minutes apiece.

- **Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022 announced.** Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world using four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204. Berkshire Hathaway took the No. 1 spot for the first time since Forbes started publishing the Global 2000 in 2003, dethroning the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which dropped to No. 2 after nine consecutive years at the top of the list. Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) took the 3 Spot.
- **Manik Saha named as new chief minister of Tripura**
Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president Manik Saha is all set to take over as the new Chief Minister of Tripura. Manik Saha, the BJP State unit president and lone Rajya Sabha MP from Tripura, was elected as legislature party leader at a meeting held at the Chief Minister's official residence. The decision was taken at a legislature party meeting following the resignation of CM Biplab Kumar Deb.
- **India's men's badminton team wins the Thomas Cup title for the first time ever**
with a stunning 3-0 win over powerhouse Indonesia in the final. India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0. India dished out a performance for the ages with World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and the world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy producing memorable performances.
- **Odisha won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship title**
Odisha women's team has won its first-ever gold in Senior Nationals as they defeat Karnataka 2-0 in the final of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship.
- **Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister**
Australia's Labor Party leader, Anthony Albanese was sworn in as the country's new prime minister. Albanese claimed the victory in the election, ending his wait for power after nine years and with this Anthony Albanese became the country's 31st Prime Minister. Outgoing Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was heading the Liberal-National coalition has conceded defeat.