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Chapter 3

Important Bullet Points for CMAT 2023 – Part 3

- **India receives highest-ever FDI inflow of \$83.57 bn in FY22**

The central government announced that India has recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$83.57 billion during FY22. In 2020-21, the inflow stood at \$81.97 billion. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector. FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76 per cent in 2021-22 (\$21.34 billion) compared to 2020-21 (\$12.09 billion).

- **In GIFT City, New Development Bank opened a regional office**

The New Development Bank (NDB), the Brics countries' multilateral bank based in Shanghai, will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to address the country's infrastructural and sustainable development needs. The India office will concentrate on extending its presence in the country by developing, implementing, and monitoring new projects.

- **Indian novel 'Tomb of Sand' wins International Booker Prize**

Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for "Tomb of Sand,". Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English. The 50,000-pound (\$63,000) prize money will be split between New Delhi-based Shree and Rockwell, who lives in Vermont.

- **Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus re-elected as Director-General of World Health Organization**

Organization

World Health Organization has re-appointed Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term with effect from 16th August 2022. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017. Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.

- PM announces 'Yoga for Humanity' is the theme of eighth International Day of Yoga**
 'Yoga for Humanity' has been chosen as the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga to be organised in India and across the globe on June 21. The theme has been selected after much deliberation and consultation and it appropriately portrays how yoga served humanity in alleviating suffering during the peak of the pandemic. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the theme in his "Maan Ki Baat" broadcast.
- Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed the first Arab free trade deal**
 Israel has inked its first free trade agreement with an Arab country, with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The agreement was signed in Dubai by Israel's Economy and Industry Minister Orna Barbivay and the UAE's Economy Minister Abdalla Bin Touq Al Marri.
- Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title**
 Hosts Haryana won the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title with 52 gold medals on the final day. Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals – the highest cumulative haul by any state. The late surge helped Haryana leapfrog the 2020 champions Maharashtra on the KIYG medals table.
- UNCTAD's World Investment Report: India ranked 7th**
 According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India jumped one position to 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into the country declining. In its latest World Investment Report, UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year. Outward FDI from India rose 43 percent to \$15.5 billion in 2021.
- India's 1st private train service flagged off under 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme'**
 The first train to be operated between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operator, under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of the Indian Railways, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.
- Russia overtakes Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest oil supplier**
 Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine. Indian refiners bought about 25 million barrels of Russian oil in

May, or more than 16 per cent of all their oil imports. Russian-origin crude hit 5 per cent of India's total seaborne imports in April for the first time, rising from under 1% throughout 2021 and Q1 2022. After the U.S. and China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil, over 85 per cent of which is imported.

- **Neeraj Chopra Sets New National Record With 89.30 Metre Javelin Throw**

India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra set a new national record as he threw 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. Chopra's earlier national record was 88.07m which he had set in Patiala in March last year. He had won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of 87.58m on August 7, 2021. Neeraj Chopra is India's first ever Olympic gold medallist in athletics and only the second individual gold medallist at Olympics.

- **Finally, Microsoft's Internet Explorer retiring after 27 years**

Microsoft has announced the retirement of 27-year-old Internet Explorer (IE) as the firm's oldest browser will be completely phased out from June 15. Microsoft released the first version of Internet Explorer in 1995 as an add-on package for Windows 95, the antediluvian era of web surfing dominated by the first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator.

- **IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th**

India has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022. The Index has been compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD). Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while Switzerland slipped from the top ranking to the second position and Singapore regained the third spot from fifth, a global study showed.

- **Japan to participate in NATO summit for the first time**

Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance. The June 28-30 gathering is seen as a crunch moment for the 30 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, four months into Russia's war in Ukraine. South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend.

- **S.S. Mundra appointed as chairman of BSE**

S.S. Mundra, a public interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange, according to the BSE. Justice Vikramajit Sen will be replaced by Mr. Mundra. After serving for three years, Mr. Mundra left his position as Reserve Bank of India's

Deputy Governor in July 2017. Before that, he held the positions of Chairman and Managing Director at Bank of Baroda, until he retired in July 2014.

- **'Single-Use Plastic' use to be banned by Union Govt. from 1st July, 2022**

'Single-Use Plastic' use to be outflow from July 1st, 2022 by the Union government. Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, and use starting on July 1, 2022, nationwide. A national task group has also been established by the Environment Ministry to make coordinated efforts in this area.

- **Ranji Trophy 2022: Madhya Pradesh beats Mumbai by six wickets**

Madhya Pradesh wrote history as they won their maiden Ranji Trophy title, beating tournament heavyweights Mumbai by 6 wickets in the final at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Under the leadership of Aditya Shrivastava, the team defeated 41-time champions Mumbai. The team was coached by former India wicketkeeper-batsman Chandrakant Pandit. The Ranji Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket championship played in India between multiple teams representing regional and state cricket associations. The competition currently consists of 38 teams, with all 28 states in India and four of the nine union territories having at least one representation.

- **Global Liveability Index 2022 released**

The annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities has just been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), and 2022's Global Liveability Index shows some marked differences from the previous year.

2022's Global Liveability Index: The top cities

1. Vienna, Austria
2. Copenhagen, Denmark
3. Zurich, Switzerland

- **Parameswaran Iyer appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog**

Former Drinking and water Sanitation Secretary, Parameswaren Iyer has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog for 2 years. He will succeed Amitabh Kant.

- **Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill**

The Rajasthan government is soon likely to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, "the first of its kind in India", which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. In January, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the

rights of patients, their attendants and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing grievances of the stakeholders.

- **Google launched Startup School India, targets 10,000 startups in small cities**

Tech Giant, Google launched the Startup School India initiative, which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem.

- **Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passes away after being shot**

Shinzo Abe, Former Japan's Prime Minister, who was shot at during an election campaign in western Japan's Nara city, has passed away. The Nara fire department had earlier said that the 67-year-old Abe was in cardiopulmonary arrest before he was taken to the hospital. They said that he had been wounded on the right side of the neck and the left clavicle.

- **India's first Monkeypox case reported in Kerala**

The first case of monkeypox was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to Kerala from UAE developed symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to National Virology Institute in Pune which confirmed the disease. It was first found in monkeys in 1958.

- **World Youth Skills Day 2022 celebrates globally**

World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on July 15. It focuses on the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

- **Ola introduces India's first indigenously made lithium ion-cell**

Ola Electric has unveiled the country's first indigenously developed lithium-ion cell. The Bengaluru-based two-wheeler maker will begin the mass production of the cell-NMC 2170, from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023. The use of specific chemicals and materials enables the cell to pack more energy in a given space and also improves the overall life cycle of the cell.

- **PM Narendra Modi attends first virtual I2U2 summit**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where "I" stands for India and Israel, and "U" for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The main focus of the virtual meeting was on the food security crisis and clean energy.

- **Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022**

Two locations from India have been named among "50 extraordinary destinations to explore" this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of Kerala and Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world's greatest places of 2022.

- **India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped**

Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member Dr VK Saraswat, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and senior adviser Neeraj Sinha.

Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East and Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.

- **Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th**

The Henley Passport Index has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. India is ranked 87th on the list of the world's most powerful passports in 2022, according to the latest Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners, an immigration consultancy.

- **India sign an agreement with Namibia to reintroduce cheetah**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Namibia aims to bring back cheetahs to the country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs are expected to arrive in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park by August 15.

Separately, India is anticipated to receive 12 cheetahs from South Africa; a draught deal has already been signed, and a final one is forthcoming, according to authorities with knowledge of the situation.

- **England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces ODI retirement**

England all-rounder Ben Stokes has made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket. "Three formats are just unsustainable for me now," he said. The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham. Stokes'

ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand at Lord's.

- **Rajasthan introduces the first digital Lok Adalat in India**

During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, National Legal Services Authority Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit unveiled the first digital Lok Adalat driven by artificial intelligence. Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA) digital Lok Adalat was created by Jupitice Justice Technologies, the organization's technological partner.

N V Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, opened the two-day event in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, the Union Minister of Law and Justice, and Ashok Gehlot, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

- **2025 World Athletics Championships: Tokyo's Olympic Stadium to host event**

The World Athletics Council has selected Tokyo (Japan) to host the 2025 World Athletics Championships. At the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.

- **Ashish Kumar Chauhan named as the next MD & CEO of NSE**

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as its new managing director and CEO. He will succeed Vikram Limaye whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022. He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE.

- **Varanasi named 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO**

The holy city of Varanasi showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

- **INS Vikrant: Navy receives India's first indigenous aircraft carrier**

The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant, which was created by the Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the Cochin Shipyard. It bears the name of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000

tonnes. The aircraft carrier has a top speed of 28 knots and is propelled by four gas turbines with a combined 88 MW of power.

- **Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row**

HCL Technologies' Chairperson, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at Rs 84,330 crore. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner Falguni Nayar, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.

- **Netanyahu's Autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' Due Out In November**

Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "Bibi: My Story" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not," . My story is one of tragedy and triumph, setbacks and successes, lessons learned and loved ones cherished. It is woven with that of Israel, which has proven that faith and resolve can overcome insurmountable odds to forge a brilliant future, Netanyahu, 72, said in a statement.

- **Scotland becomes first nation to make period products available to everyone**

Local governments of Scotland are now required by law of Scotland to offer free sanitary products (Period Products) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in Scotland, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill was unanimously approved by MSPs in November 2020. Labour MSP Monica Lennon, who has been working to eradicate period poverty since 2016, introduced the bill.

- **Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote cultural heritage of India**

Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas. The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region.

- **Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi govt to set up country's first night safari in Lucknow**

The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on

the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.

- **67th Filmfare Awards 2022 Winner**

Best Film: Shershaah (Dharma Productions)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh's (83) as Kapil Dev

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore

- **Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format**

Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.

Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.

- **National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022: 29th August**

The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

- The government has decided to rename the historic Rajpath and Central Vista lawns in the national capital as "**Kartavya Path**". Rajpath was known as Kingsway during British Rule.

- **King Charles names William and Kate as the Prince and Princess of Wales.**

Britain's King Charles has bestowed the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Kate, passing on the titles that he and his late wife Diana previously held. Charles, who became Prince of Wales in 1958, automatically became king on the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

- **Assam** has become the 36th State to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.

- **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2022** ranks India at the bottom position among 180 countries.

With a rank of 180 and a score of 18.9, India has fallen from rank 168 and a score of 27.6 in 2020. Denmark tops the list with a score of 77.9.

- **World Ozone Day**, also known as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is observed annually on September 16 to bring attention to the ozone layer and the dangers of ozone depletion.
- India's maiden human space-flight mission **Gaganyaan** is expected to be launched in 2024
- **India** will be the president of the G20 meetings for one year beginning from December 1, 2022, to November 20, 2023.
- **Neeraj Chopra** became the first Indian to win a Diamond League title after winning the Men's Javelin event at the Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 with a best throw of 88.44m.
- **Queen Elizabeth II**, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96. She reigned for 70 years.
The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.
- India's first intranasal Covid vaccine by **Bharat Biotech** received DCGI approval for primary immunization against the infection for people above the age of 18.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit-I of the **Maitres Super Thermal Power Project** following bilateral and delegation level talks in Delhi.
- **Uttarakhand** recently received the first prize in two categories - the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- Indian badminton player **Anupama Upadhyaya** moved two spots to become the new world No. 1 in the latest BWF world junior women's rankings.
Overall, Anupama is the sixth Indian shuttler to top the junior world badminton rankings.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the **Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana** under which 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools.

- **Chandigarh Airport** was renamed Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on his 115th birth anniversary.

- **Indian scientist Samir V Kamat appointed as DRDO Chairman**

According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist Samir V Kamat was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

- **Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the UNESCO Peace Prize 2022** for “her efforts to welcome refugees”. In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country’s borders and famously declared to Germans “Wir schaffen das”, “We can do this.”

- **Commonwealth Games 2022**

Location: **Birmingham, England**

Dates: **28 Jul 2022 – 8 Aug 2022**

Australia won the greatest number of medals.

India won total 61 medals (Gold 22, Silver 16 & Bronze 23)

Hockey player Manpreet Singh and badminton athlete P. V. Sindhu served as the country's opening ceremony flag bearers.

Nikhath Zareen and Sharath Achanta served as the country’s closing ceremony flag bearers.

Squash player Anahat Singh became the youngest Indian athlete to compete at the Commonwealth Games at just 14 years of age.

45-year-old Lawn Bowls player Sunil Bahadur was the oldest player in the contingent.

Sharath Kamal was India's most successful player at the Games, having won four (3 gold and 1 silver) medals in table tennis.

- **Pankaj Tripathi** has been made the National Icon of the Election Commission of India.
- The book titled "The Last Heroes" which has been authored by **P Sainath** is scheduled to release on November 21, 2022.
- **Rohit Sharma** has become the first player from India to feature in 400 T20 matches.
- **India** became the largest producer and second-largest exporter of sugar in the world.

- Wrestler, **Antim Panghal** won gold in wrestling in the 2022 National Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared **Modhera**, a village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, as India's first solar-powered village.
Modhera, is also associated with the Sun Temple. According to the Gujarat government, over 1000 solar panels have been installed on village houses, generating electricity for the villagers. They will be provided with solar electricity at zero cost.
- Ace tennis player **Novak Djokovic** won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022 held in Israel. It is regarded as the biggest prize in tennis.
The 35-year-old Serbian beat Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4 in the final to win his first title since Wimbledon in July. He was handed a large three-foot-tall trophy.
- **HCL founder Shiv Nadar** topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022 revealed. Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day, according to the report.
- Hero MotoCorp launched **Vida V1 Electric Scooter** in India. The Vida V1 Electric Scooter is commenced to be booked for Rs 2,499 in India. The bookings are open for Delhi, Jaipur, and Bengaluru only.
- **YUVA 2.0 programme**: The Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, known as YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), was launched by the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education on October 2. In order to promote India and Indian literature abroad, it is an author mentoring programme for young and aspiring writers (under 30 years old).
- India has emerged as the largest producer and consumer of **sugar** in the world and the second largest exporter. During the sugar season in India, over 5,000 lakh metric tons (LMT) of sugarcane was produced out of which about 3,574 LMT was crushed by Sugar Mills to produce about 349 LMT of Sugar. 35 LMT of Sugar is diverted to ethanol production and 359 LMT of sugar was produced in sugar mills.
- Election Commission of India (ECI) in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor **Pankaj Tripathi** has been declared as the 'National Icon' of ECI.
- The Adani group-AAI-operated **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport** (CSMIA), Mumbai airport has switched to green energy sources, fulfilling 95 per cent of its requirement from hydro and wind, while the rest 5 per cent from solar power.
- Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader **Ulf Kristersson** as the country's new prime minister. A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him.

- **Elon Musk unveils Optimus robot's prototype:** Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, unveiled a model of the humanoid "Optimus" robot, which uses some of the same Artificial Intelligence (AI) software and sensors as the Autopilot driving assistance system in Tesla vehicles.
- **K Radhakrishnan Committee:** The panel was set up to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions. The committee has been formed under the chairmanship of K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, and IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of the IIT Council Standing Committee.
- **Bandhan Bank** has announced that it has roped in Sourav Ganguly as it's Brand Ambassador. Sourav Ganguly will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and services of the Bank.
- **Dabur India** to acquire 51 percent stake in Badshah Masala in a Rs 587.52 crore deal. Dabur India marks its entry into the fast-growing spices and seasoning category. The company signed definitive transaction agreements to acquire 51 percent shareholding of Badshah Masala Pvt Ltd.
- **Hero MotoCorp named New EV Brand 'Vida' 2022**
Hero MotoCorp has unveiled a new brand "Vida", (Vida means life) for its emerging mobility solutions and upcoming electric vehicles. Vida brand has been unveiled by Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp, on March 3, 2022, in Dubai.
- **Ola to acquire neo bank Avail Finance**
Ola, an Indian ride-hailing startup, has agreed to acquire neo-banking platform Avail Finance in order to expand its financial services offering.
- **Australian telecom giant Optus** said personal information and form of identification of 1.2 million customers was compromised in the recent cyber-attack.
- **FIFA World Cup 2022:** Argentina clinched their 3rd World Cup trophy from six final appearances in history, seeing off France 4–2 on penalties (3–3 after extra time). The 2026 World Cup will be held across three different countries, the United States, Canada and Mexico. Golden Ball award was given to Lionel Messi, While Golden Boot award was given to Kylian Mbappe.