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Chapter 1

Important Bullet Points for CMAT 2023 – Part 1

- **Nirmala Sitharaman** stood at the 36th position on Forbes' list of the world's 100 most powerful women. She was featured in the 37th rank in 2021, 41st in 2020, and 34th in 2019.
- Indian javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** was the most written-about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing Jamaican sprint legend Usain Bolt from the top of the list after years.
- WHO appointed **Jeremy Farrar** as chief scientist, to replace Soumya Swaminathan.
- Tennis player, **Iga Swiatek** was named 2022 WTA Player of the Year.
- **India** ranked 5th in the 2022 Hurun Global 500 list of valuable companies.
- **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.
- **Deepika Padukone named as 1st Indian brand ambassador of Louis Vuitton**
Actress Deepika Padukone has become the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand Louis Vuitton. The news was announced by the French brand. The brand unveiled the role of a 36-year-old Bollywood actress during their new handbag campaign. It saw Padukone joining in actors Emma Stone and Zhou Dongyu for promotional shots.
- **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.

- **Adani Group to buy Ambuja Cements, ACC for \$10.5 bn**

Adani Group which belongs to Gautam Adani is set to acquire swiss multinational company Holcim's stake in Indian companies Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 bn (around Rs 81,361 crore), including the open offers.

- **Tata Motors Inks Pact For Potential Acquisition Of Ford India's Plant In Gujarat**

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML), a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd, and Ford India Private Limited (FIPL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Gujarat (GoG) for the potential acquisition of FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility. The MoU includes the potential acquisition of the facility's land & buildings, vehicle manufacturing plant, machinery and equipment and transfer of all eligible employees of FIPL Sanand's vehicle manufacturing operations, subject to the signing of definitive agreements and receipt of relevant approvals.

- **Kerala** gears up to welcome the FIFA World Cup 2022 by bringing back its "One Million Goal" programme and imparting soccer training for over one lakh students.

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav will lead the Indian delegation to attend the 27th Session of the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP27).

COP27 Venue: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

- **Coca-Cola signed on Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion**

Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion. Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of 88.13 m. Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships.

- India's 1983 World Cup hero, **Roger Binny** has become the new BCCI president, replacing Sourav Ganguly.

- Sri Lankan author, **Shehan Karunatilaka** has won Britain's Booker Prize 2022 for fiction for his work "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida", about a journalist

murdered amid the country's sectarian strife.

- **Tazuni**, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023.
- **Ballon d'Or 2022**
Awarded by: France Football (French weekly magazine)
Winner of **Ballon d'Or 2022**: Karim Benzema (France) (Club: Real Madrid)
Winner of **Ballon d'Or 2022 Feminin**: Alexia Putelis (Spain) (Club: Barcelona)
- Defending champion **Spain** beat Colombia 1-0 to win the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup at the D. Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. Nigeria stood at the third spot.
- At the 36th National Games, **Pooja Patel** of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana. Yogasana is one of the five sports to be played at the National Games this year for the first time.
- International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October
Theme: Our time is now—our rights, our future
- World Food Day: 16 October
Theme: Leave no one behind
- **Rishi Sunak took Oath as PM of UK**: He is the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a "deep economic dilemma," Prime minister of the UK, Rishi Sunak, has called for cooperation.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said there will be no charge for RuPay credit card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to Rs **2,000**.
- The former Chancellor of Germany **Angela Merkel** has won the 2022 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award. She has been awarded the UN refugee agency prize for 'political courage' and decisive action taken during her tenure to safeguard people forced to flee.
- Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance to be held in **New Delhi**.

- International Women's Day celebrates on 8th March**
 the theme of 2022 International Women's Day is "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".
- BCCI named RuPay as the official partner for Tata IPL 2022**
 Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s, Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council has announced National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)'s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022.
- Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups**
 Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cups after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.
- ICC Women's World Cup New Zealand 2022**
 The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 was held on March 04, 2022, in New Zealand. This was the 12 editions of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, being held in New Zealand from March 04 to April 03, 2022.
Winner: Australia
Runner-up: England
- 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.
- Australian telecom giant Optus said personal information and form of identification of 1.2 million customers was compromised in the recent cyber-attack.**
- Legendary Australian spinner, Shane Warne passes away**
 Legendary Australia spinner, Shane Warne has passed away at the age of 52. Shane Warne, one of the greatest-ever cricketers to have played the sport, picked up 708 wickets in 145 Tests.
- Herath Festival celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir**
 Herath or the 'Night of Hara (Shiva)', generally known as Maha Shivratri, is the main festival celebrated by the Kashmiri Pandits across Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The festival marks the marriage anniversary of Lord Shiva and Goddess Uma (Parvathi). 2022 Herath Festival was celebrated on 28th February 2022.

- Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary wins 10m air pistol gold at ISSF World Cup**
 Indian shooter, Saurabh Chaudhary has won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
- Knight Frank: India ranks 3rd in billionaire population globally**
 India is ranked 3rd in terms of most number of billionaires' population globally in 2021, as per Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022. The number of ultra-high-net-worth-individuals (UHNWIs) in India increased by 11% YoY in 2021 to 145 billionaires, the highest percentage growth in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region.
- Dabang Delhi beats Patna Pirates to win maiden PKL title**
 Dabang Delhi K C defeated Patna Pirates by 36-37 in the final of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 8 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Dabang Delhi beat three-time champion Patna Pirates.
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Toyota "Mirai" India's first Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV**
 Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the world's most advanced technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai at New Delhi. Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), which is completely powered by Hydrogen.
- Miss World 2021: Poland's Karolina Bielawska crowned**
 Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- Hurun Global Rich List 2022: Elon Musk Tops**
 SpaceX and Tesla founder Elon Musk has bagged the top position on the 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List, with a total net worth of \$205 billion.
 Amazon.com Inc executive chairman Jeff Bezos ranked second with \$188 billion in net worth.
 From India, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani was the only Indian to feature in the top 10 list of 2022 Hurun Global Rich List' to emerge as India's as well as Asia's richest man. Ambani occupied the ninth rank globally with a net worth of \$103 billion.
- Oscars 22: India's 'Writing with Fire' nominated in Best Documentary feature category**
 A documentary about the Dalit-led, all-woman newspaper Khabar Lahariya, "Writing With Fire" became the first Indian documentary to be nominated at the Oscars.

- Bhagwant Mann sworn in as new chief minister of Punjab**
 Bhagwant Mann was sworn in as the 18th chief minister of Punjab at Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Bhagat Singh in the presence of Governor Banwarilal Purohit. The Aam Aadmi Party romped home winning 92 seats in the 117-member Punjab Assembly.
- SIPRI Report: India emerges as largest importer of arms**
 The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021. As per the report, India and Saudi Arabia emerged as the largest importers of arms between 2017-21. Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales. Egypt (5.7%), Australia (5.4%) and China (4.8%) were the next three largest importers respectively in the top 5.
- NITI Aayog's releases Export Preparedness Index 2021, Gujarat again tops**
 Gujarat topped Niti Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2021, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka in second and third place, respectively. Gujarat has topped the Niti Aayog rankings for the second year in a row "s Export Preparedness Index 2021, which is intended to assess states' preparation in terms of export potential and performance.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated RBIH in Bengaluru**
 RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in Bengaluru on Thursday, which was established with a Rs 100 crore initial capital contribution to foster and nurture financial innovation. According to the central bank, the Hub has an independent Board with Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan as Chairman and other notable people from industry and academics as members.
- Mario Marcel wins the Governor of the year award 2022**
 Mario Marcel, the Governor of the Central Bank of Chile, has won the Governor of the year award at the Central Banking Awards 2022. Banco Central de Chile is the name of the central bank of Chile.
- Yogi Adityanath take Oath as UP Chief Minister for 2nd Term**
 Yogi Adityanath takes oath as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh for his second term in office. Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Adityanath at Lucknow's Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and other central ministers.
- A Children's Book 'The Little Book of Joy' authored by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu**
 A picture book edition co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize winners 14th Dalai Lama

(Tenzin Gyatso) & Archbishop Desmond Tutu, titled “The Little Book of Joy” will be released in September 2022. The illustrations provided by artist Rafael López and Rachel Neumann & Douglas Abrams collaborated on the text. This book focuses on the meaning of true happiness, which is not in the materialistic world but lies in the nature of human beings.

- **UNEP Report: Dhaka is world’s most noise polluted city**

Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, has been ranked as the most noise polluted city globally, according to the recent ‘Annual Frontier Report, 2022’ published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). As per the report, the city recorded noise pollution of 119 decibels at its highest (dB) in 2021.

Uttar Pradesh’s Moradabad came second in the list with noise pollution of 114 decibels. Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan is third, with maximum noise pollution of 105 dB.

- **Oscars Awards 2022: 94th Academy Awards 2022 announced**

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Will Smith, “King Richard”

Best Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)

Best Picture: CODA

Best International Feature Film: Drive My Car

Best Directing: Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)

- **Earth Hour 2022 celebrated on 26th March**

Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last Saturday of March month to show support for the fight against climate change and commitment towards a better planet. Earth Hour 2022 is being marked on March 26, 2022. The Earth Hour 2022 theme will focus on ‘Shape Our Future.’

- **Prof Wilfried Brutsaert bags Stockholm Water Prize 2022**

Professor Emeritus Wilfried Brutsaert has been named as the Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2022. He has been awarded for his groundbreaking work to quantify environmental evaporation. Wilfried Brutsaert is Professor in Engineering Emeritus at Cornell University, USA.

- **Swiss Open Badminton title 2022: PV Sindhu won the title**

India’s P.V. Sindhu has defeated Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand to win the women’s singles title at the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament. Playing her second successive final in the tournament, Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, took 49 minutes to get the better of the fourth-seeded Busanan 21-16, 21-8 at the St. Jakobshalle.

- **SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title 2022 won by Indian women's team**
India has been declared the winner of the 3rd edition of the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship. The 2022 edition of the international football competition for women's under-18 national teams was held in Jharkhand at JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur.



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