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INTERNATIONAL

1) World Book Capital for the year 2022

- Guadalajara, Mexico was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay.
- The city, already a UNESCO Creative City since 2017, was selected for its comprehensive plan for policies around the book to trigger social change, combat violence and build a culture of peace.

2) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

- As per the findings, published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India third highest military spender in 2021.
- Five largest spenders were U.S., China, India, U.K. and Russia. U.S. and China alone accounted for 52% spending.
- SIPRI is an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.

NATIONAL

1) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 has completed four years.
- UBA is a flagship programme of Ministry of Education which aims to involve Higher Education Institutions (HEI) of the country in indigenous development of self-sufficient and sustainable village clusters.
- IIT Delhi is the National Coordinating Institute for UBA.

2) Rattle and Kwar hydroelectric projects

- Pakistan objected to the construction of Rattle and Kwar hydroelectric projects on the Chenab River in Kashmir.
- Chenab River is formed by the confluence of Chandra and Bhaga streams (originating from Baralacha La) in Lahaul and Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh.

STATE NEWS

1) Khongjom day was observed in Manipur





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- Tributes were paid in Manipur to the valiant sons of the state who made tremendous sacrifices fighting against the British in the battle of Khongjom during the 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War to maintain Manipur's independence.
- Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, stated that the younger generation must remember our forebears' sacrifices and always fight for a united nation.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Elon Musk acquired Twitter

Elon Musk, agreed to acquire Twitter for \$44 billion. According to Twitter, the publicly traded corporation will now become a private entity owned by Musk, who negotiated a \$54.20 per-share purchase price.

- Twitter was founded in the year 2006.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The Magic of Mangalajodi"

- A book titled "The Magic of Mangalajodi" authored by Avinash Khemka was released by Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik.

- The book provides a bird's eye view of Mangalajodi in Chilika lake through various images and descriptions.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Laureus World Sports Award

- Max Verstappen (Formula One) and Elaine Thompson-Herah (Athletics) have been named Laureus World Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year (2021) respectively.

- First held in 2000, annual event honours greatest and most inspirational sporting triumphs of the year and showcases work of Laureus Sport for Good.

- American golfer Tiger Woods was the first winner in 2000.

- Roger Federer received this award maximum number of times (5).

OBITUARY

1) Binapani Mohanty

- Odisha writer, Padma Shri awardee (2020), Binapani Mohanty passed away at the age of 85.





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- Her many short stories have been translated into various languages (including Hindi, English, Kannada, Marathi).
- She had founded an organisation of Odia women writers named 'Odisha Lekhika Sansad.'
- Binapani Mohanty was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2020.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Intellectual Property Day

- Every year, on 26th April, World Intellectual Property Day is observed to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- Theme of 2022: "IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future".

2) International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day

- International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is observed on April 26th every year to raise awareness of the consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy in general.
- The day not only informs us about the man-made disaster but also educates human beings about the risks of nuclear energy in general.

SPORTS

1) Serbia Open

- Andrey Rublev (Russian) has defeated world No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia) to win his third title in the Serbia Open.
- Rublev has now equalled Rafael Nadal (Spain) for the most tour-level titles in 2022.
- In February 2022, he also clinched crowns in Marseille and Dubai.

2) Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix in Italy. - Verstappen recorded his second win this season after Saudi Arabia, which has also included two retirements, and the 22nd of his career.
- Sergio Perez (Red Bull-Mexico) finished second and Lando Norris (McLaren-UK) finished third.

