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76th Session Of WHO Regional Committee

- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has said that government is expanding health infrastructure, promoting traditional systems of medicine, and providing affordable healthcare to all.
- Dr Mandaviya said this while **addressing the 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia Regional Office in New Delhi** .
- He highlighted India's efforts towards achieving the goal of Universal Health Care following a holistic and inclusive approach.
- He added that India is reaching the last mile with the help of Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres.
- The Minister mentioned that so far **Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres** have recorded over two thousand one hundred and ten million footfalls.



Special Operation Medal

- The “**Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal**” for this year has been awarded for four Special Operations.
- Several officers and personnel from **CRPF, NIA, NCB** and different States, and organizations have been selected for the award.



- According to the Home Ministry, the award will be conferred for Special Operation in the areas such as counter-terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.
- The medal was **constituted in 2018** with the objective to recognize those operations, which have high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country, State or Union Territory and have significant impact on the security of larger sections of the society.

S/No	Name S/Shri/Ms	Designation	Date of Operation	State/UT/ Organization
1	Rajiv Singh, IPS	IG (NOW DGP MANIPUR)	08/02/2022 to 09/09/2022	CRPF
2	Amit Kumar, IPS	IG (NOW ADG)		
3	Prabhat Kr. Sandwar	Commandant		
4	Rajesh Kujur	Constable		
5	Amit Kumar	2 IC		
6	Daleep Kumar	Constable		
7	R Someshwarbabu,	Constable		
8	Surender Kumar	Commandant		
9	Abhimanyu Singh Yadav	AC		
10	Sahdev	Constable		
11	Toman Kumar,	Constable		
12	Sudarsana Sethy,	Constable		
13	Birendra Kumar Sharma	DIG (NOW IG)		
14	Rohit Kumar	DC		
15	Sudheer Kumar	DC		
16	Vishan Swaroop Sharma	DIG		
17	Raju Kumar Singh	DC		
18	Rajeev Kumar	Commandant		
19	Preetinder Rajput	DC		
20	A Ingocha Meetei	Head Constable		

AI Safety Summit' 2023 In UK

- Electronics and IT Minister **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** will participate in the two-day 'AI Safety Summit' 2023 in the United Kingdom from Wednesday.
- The summit, organized by the UK Government, will bring together Ministers and representatives from various countries, including the UK, US, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, among others.
- The Electronics and IT Ministry said the summit will see the participation of leading global think tanks, renowned academic institutions specializing in Artificial Intelligence, and government representatives from like-minded nations.
- The Ministry added that the Minister will engage in meaningful dialogues with his counterparts from around the world, centered on **the theme of “AI for Good.”**



New Mushroom Species Discovered In Western Ghats

- A recent finding from the **Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) in Kerala, India**, has unveiled a previously unknown mushroom species.
- This newly identified mushroom, named **Candolleomyces albosquamosus**, was spotted within the confines of the JNTBGRI campus situated in the Western Ghats.
- This significant revelation not only highlights the rich biodiversity of the area but also serves as an impetus for further exploration into the fungal diversity of this region.
- Notably, the newly discovered species falls within the **Candolleomyces genus**, a small group comprising only **35 known species** worldwide.

- The findings of this discovery were formally documented in the scientific journal Phytotaxa, courtesy of the diligent efforts of researchers C. K. Pradeep and P. K. Nayana from the Microbiology Division of JNTBGRI.



Kerala 1st State - Hallmarking Centers In Every District

- Kerala, the southern Indian state, has accomplished a notable feat with the opening of a hallmarking center in Idukki.
- This milestone has firmly established **Kerala as the first state in India** to set up hallmarking centers in all of its 14 districts.
- The inauguration of these hallmarking centers marks a significant stride in ensuring the quality and trustworthiness of gold jewelry for customers.
- As of 2022, Kerala's gold industry is valued at **over ₹1 lakh crore**, with yearly sales totaling around **250 tonnes**.
- The state houses roughly 12,000 gold traders, a majority of whom are enlisted with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).



Nita Ambani Receives USISPF Global Leadership Award

- **Nita Ambani**, the Founder and Chair of Reliance Foundation, received the 2023 **USISPF Global Leadership Award** for her outstanding contributions to philanthropy and corporate social responsibility.



- The prestigious award was bestowed upon her by **John Chambers**, the Chairman of USISPF, during a gathering in New Delhi, graced by notable personalities from USISPF, Indian business magnates, and officials from the Government of India.
- USISPF, an **independent non-profit organization**, is dedicated to enhancing the partnership between the **United States and India**, acting as a trusted ally for businesses, non-profit organizations, the diaspora, and both the Indian and US governments.
- This platform cultivates impactful collaborations between the two nations, facilitating dialogue and fostering cooperation across diverse sectors.



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FATF Removes Cayman Islands From Its 'Grey List'

- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, an inter-governmental body responsible for setting international standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, has recently made headlines by removing several countries from its '**grey list**' while adding another.



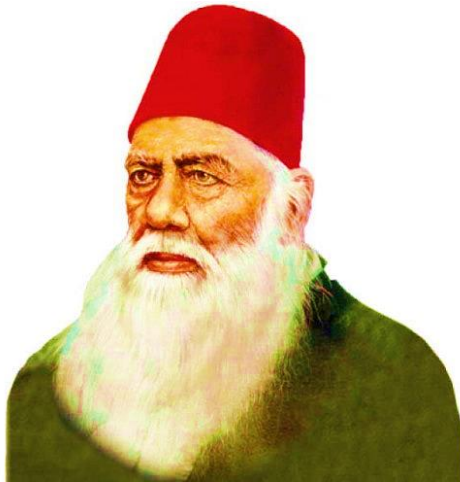
- Removed Cayman Island From The List.
- The FATF maintains a 'grey list,' which consists of **jurisdictions that do not meet the organization's** anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorism financing (CFT), and proliferation financing standards.



- Countries placed on this list are subject to increased monitoring until identified deficiencies in their regulatory frameworks are resolved.
- **FATF added Bulgaria to the list.** This decision reflects the need for Bulgaria to strengthen its AML, CFT, and proliferation financing systems, aligning them with international standards.

Aligarh Muslim University To Launch Its Own Satellite

- **Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)** has initiated a pioneering space endeavor called the '**SS AMU SAT**' project, sanctioned by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe).
- Spearheaded by **AMU's Robo Club**, this venture endeavors to construct a **3U CubeSat**, which notably commemorates the institution's founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.



- The **primary objectives** of this initiative include:
- Leveraging satellite imagery to examine the economic progress in the most underprivileged districts of India.
- Testing internally developed satellite subsystems to enhance overall functionality.
- Implementing cutting-edge image compression technology to facilitate swift multimedia transmission.



All Ballon D'or Winners

- The Ballon d'Or, commonly known as the '**Golden Ball**,' is renowned as one of the most esteemed **accolades in the realm of football**, honoring the exceptional player of the season.
- Throughout its history, this prestigious award has been claimed by football icons like Johan Cruyff, Eusébio, Gerd Müller, Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo, and Lionel Messi, each leaving an unforgettable legacy in the sport's annals.
- **Lionel Messi Secures Eighth Ballon D'Or in 2023.**



All Ballon d'Or winners (1956-2023)

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** holds the record for the most nominations, an impressive 18 in total.
- Instituted by the **French news magazine France Football in 1956**, the Ballon d'Or has been an annual tradition, with a brief pause in 2020 due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The inaugural recipient of this esteemed award was **England's Stanley Matthews**.
- Importantly, the introduction of the **Ballon d'Or Féminin in 2018** marked a significant step in recognizing the achievements of female footballers, **with Ada Hegerberg of Norway** emerging as the first-ever recipient, underscoring the importance of acknowledging women's contributions to the sport.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Country Is Hosting The 'AI Safety Summit' 2023

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France

ANSWER: C

2. What Does Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal Recognize

- A. Exemplary Service In Administrative Roles
- B. Special Operations In Various Security Sectors
- C. Significant Contributions To The Government's Policy-making
- D. Long-term Commitment To Public Service

ANSWER: B

3. Who Discovered New Mushroom Species In The Western Ghats

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden
- B. Ministry of Environment and Forests
- C. Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

ANSWER: A

4. First State To Have Hallmarking Centers In All Districts

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

5. Who Received The 2023 USISPF Global Leadership Award

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Aakash Ambani
- C. Nita Ambani
- D. Shloka Ambani

ANSWER: C

6. Which Jurisdiction Was Recently Added To FATF's 'Grey List'

- A. Bulgaria
- B. Cayman Islands
- C. India
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: A

7. 'SS AMU SAT' Project Initiated By

- A. Delhi University
- B. Aligarh University
- C. Panjab University
- D. Anna University

ANSWER: B

8. Who Holds The Record For The Most Ballon D'or Nominations

- A. Johan Cruyff
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Zinedine Zidane

ANSWER: C

9. In Which Year Was The Ballon D'or Féminin Introduced

- A. 2018
- B. 2019
- C. 2020
- D. 2021

ANSWER: A

10. Which Ministry Is Rajeev Chandrasekhar Associated With

- A. Ministry Of Electronics and IT
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Textiles

ANSWER: A

11. Who Was The First Ever Recipient Of The Ballon D'or Féminin

- A. Ada Hegerberg
- B. Marta
- C. Megan Rapinoe
- D. Alex Morgan

ANSWER: A

12. World Day For Audiovisual Heritage Celebrated On

- A. 26th October
- B. 27th October
- C. 28th October
- D. 29th October

ANSWER: B

13. Which Food Delivery App Introduced Maternity Insurance For Women Delivery Partners

- A. Swiggy
- B. Door Dash
- C. Zomato
- D. Food panda

ANSWER: C

14. Which State Government Launched The 'istart Talent Connect Portal'

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

15. Which Country Is Experiencing A Severe Demographic Crisis, With The Number Of Births Hitting A New Low This Year

- A. Japan
- B. Germany
- C. China
- D. Italy

ANSWER: D

16. According To Statista, What Is India's Rank In The Number Of Fintech Unicorns Worldwide

- A. Third
- B. Second
- C. First
- D. Fourth

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Launched Its Youngest-ever Space Crew In 2023

- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. India

ANSWER: C

18. Which City Is Known As The "Sweet City Of India"

- A. Patna
- B. Gaya
- C. Muzaffarpur
- D. Darbhanga

ANSWER: C

19. Through Which One Of The Following, The King Exercised His Control Over Villages In The Vijayanagar Empire

- A. Dannayaka
- B. Sumanta
- C. Nayaka
- D. Mahanayakacharya

ANSWER: D

20. State Government Launched "Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojna"

- A. Delhi
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: B