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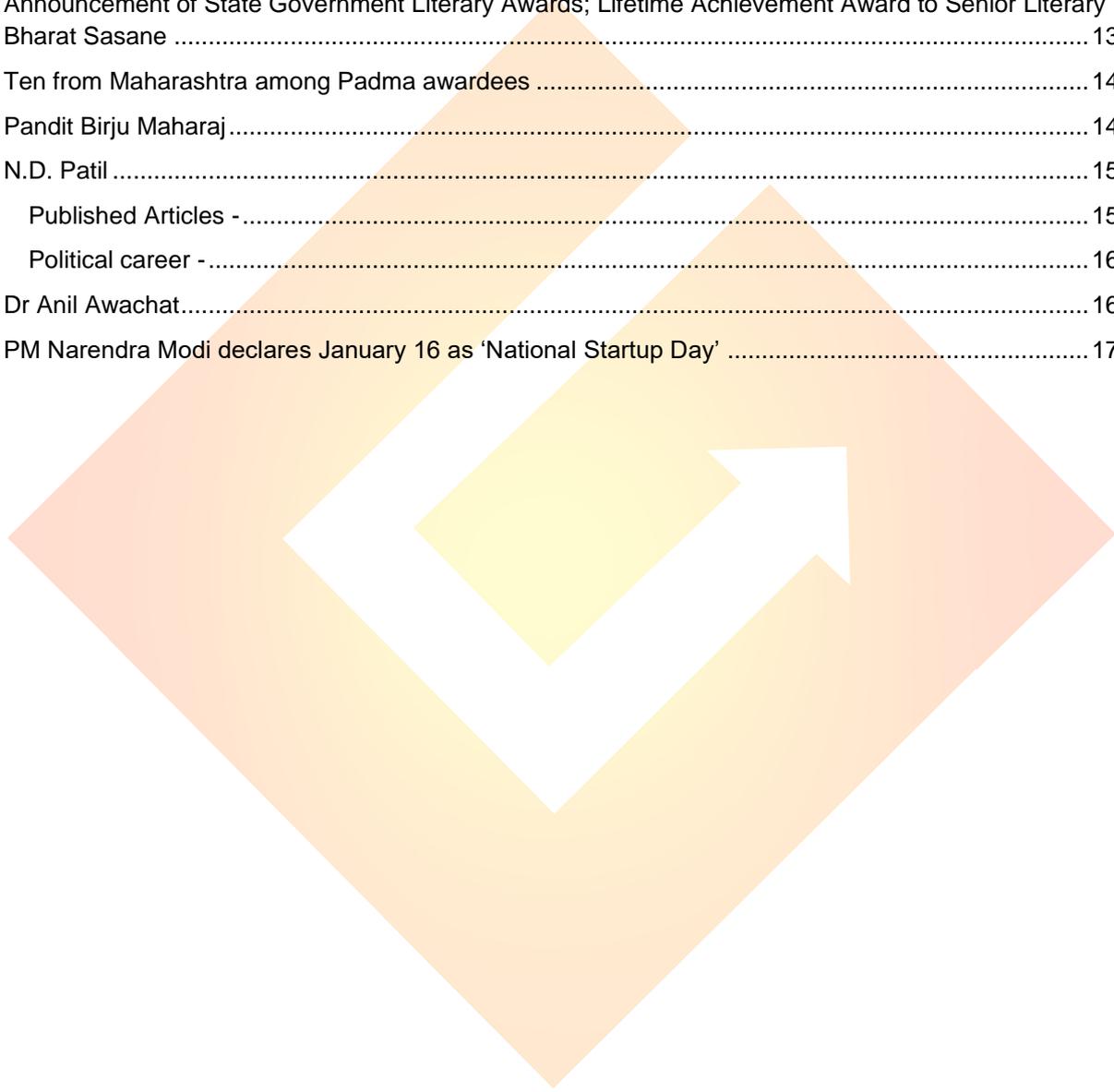
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## INDONESIA NAMES NEW CAPITAL NUSANTARA, REPLACING SINKING JAKARTA

Indonesia will move its capital to mineral-rich East Kalimantan, an Indonesian province on the island of Borneo. The name of the new capital will be Nusantara, which means “archipelago” in Javanese. It will be based in the regions of North Penajam Paser and Kutai Kartanegara. The new project is likely to cost around 466 trillion rupiahs (\$32 billion)

### WHY CHANGE CAPITAL?

- Jakarta has a population of over 1 million
- Jakarta is one of the most populous cities in the world
- Due to transportation problems, the minister and staff do not reach the office on time
- The change of capital has been demanded for the last 15 years
- According to President Widodo, this is not the right place to trade
- After independence in 1949, Jakarta was declared the capital of Indonesia

### WHY THE NAME NUSANTARA?

According to Indonesian Urban Development Minister Suraraso Monorfa, Nusantara in Indonesia is a place surrounded by water.

### WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE CHANGED THEIR CAPITALS BEFORE THIS?

- The capital of Brazil was Rio de Janeiro. Now there is Brasilia
- The capital of Nigeria was Lagos. Now it is Abuja
- The capital of Kazakhstan was Almaty. Now there is Noor-Sultan
- The capital of Myanmar was Rangoon. Now there is Naypyidaw

## GLOBAL UNEMPLOYMENT TO REACH 207 MILLION IN 2022, SAYS ILO REPORT

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released its World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends 2022 (WESO Trends) report. The report analyses comprehensive labour market projections for 2022 and 2023 and assesses how labour market recovery has unfolded worldwide. In the WESO 2022, ILO has downgraded its forecast for labour market recovery in 2022.

### KEY FIGURES OF THE REPORT:

- The global unemployment level in 2022 is estimated at 207 million, compared to 186 million in 2019.

- Total working hours globally in 2022 is projected to be 2% below the pre-pandemic level, and that is equivalent to the loss of 52 million full-time jobs.
- The global labour force participation rate in 2022 is projected to remain 1.2 percentage points below that of 2019 before the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic began.
- In 2022 around 40 million people will no longer be participating in the global labour force.
- ILO states that there can be no real recovery from this pandemic without a broad-based labour market recovery.

### INDIA'S FIRST "DISTRICT GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX" LAUNCHED

- The Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Amit Shah has virtually released India's First "District Good Governance Index" for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The top 5 districts in the District Good Governance Index" are (1) Jammu, (2) Doda, (3) Samba, (4) Pulwama, and (5) Srinagar.
- This index has been prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The District Good Governance Index (DGGI) is a framework document comprising of performance under ten governance sectors having 58 indicators with 116 data points

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX (CPI), 2021

The 2021 Corruption Perception Index by Transparency International places India 85th on a list of 180 countries, one position above last year.

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX (CPI)

- The CPI is an index that ranks countries "by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, as determined by expert assessments and opinion surveys."
- The CPI generally defines corruption as an "abuse of entrusted power for private gain".
- The index is published annually by the non-governmental organization Transparency International since 1995.
- The index ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption according to experts and business people.

- It uses a scale of 0 to 100 to rank CPI, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021 REPORT

- The top-performing countries were Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand — all having corruption perceptions score of 88 — followed by Norway, Singapore, and Sweden, all of them scoring 85.
- In contrast, the worst-performing countries were South Sudan with corruption perceptions score of 11, followed by Syria (13), Somalia (13), Venezuela (14), and Afghanistan (16).

## INDIA'S PERFORMANCE

- In 2021, India ranked 86th with the same CPI score of 40.
- The report highlighted concerns over the risk to journalists and activists who have been victims of attacks by the police, political militants, criminal gangs, and corrupt local officials.
- Civil society organizations that speak up against the government have been targeted with security, defamation, sedition, hate speech, contempt-of-court charges, and regulations on foreign funding.

## 'HAR GHAR HAI DONOR' CAMPAIGN TO SPREAD THE ORGAN DONATION MOVEMENT

The 'Har Ghar Hai Donor' campaign was launched to expand the organ donation movement. The campaign is being implemented in collaboration with the Public Health Department of the State Government and Project Mumbai NGO.

Organ donation is decided by close relatives of the brain dead. November 27 is National Organ Donation Day.

## WHAT EXACTLY IS ORGAN DONATION? HOW DO THEY DO IT?

Organ donation is the process of removing organs or tissues from a living or dead human body and transplanting them into another human body. This is called a donation because it requires the consent of the donor.

## IS ORGAN DONATION LEGAL IN INDIA?

Yes. Of course. The concepts of organ donation and 'branded' have been adopted by the Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), 1994. However, buying and selling of organs are prohibited by law. This means that the exchange of money in this transaction is not legal.

## WHAT ORGANS CAN BE DONATED?

Organs like the heart, liver, kidneys as well as tissues like skin, cornea, bone marrow can be donated. Some of these can be donated alive and some posthumously.

By taking care of your health while you are alive, you can donate kidneys, blood, bone marrow, bones, skin, blood cells and some organs (liver, lungs and in rare cases pancreas and intestines).

In addition to the above, many more organs and tissues can be donated in post-mortem organ donation - a total of 34 organs including lungs, intestines, pancreas, heart valves, heart, blood vessels.

Organs can be removed from the body and stored, but this period is different for each organ. E.g., Heart - 3 hours, liver and pancreas - 12 hours, kidney - 24 hours, cornea - 2 weeks, inner ear, skin, bone marrow - 5 years, heart valves - 10 years.

## GOI MERGES THE ETERNAL FLAME OF AMAR JAWAN JYOTI WITH THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL FLAME

The government of India has merged the flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti at Delhi's India Gate with the flame at the adjoining National War Memorial on January 21, 2022, ahead of Republic Day. The ceremony was led by the Integrated Defence Staff chief, Air Marshal Balabadhra Radha Krishna.

## WHY THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN?

The decision to merge the two flames was taken keeping in mind that flame at Amar Jawan Jyoti paid homage to the martyrs of 1971 but none of their names is present there, while names of all Indian martyrs from all the wars, including 1971 and wars before and after it are housed at the National War Memorial. So, housing the flame at the same place along with the names will serve as a true tribute to martyrs. This will also do away with upkeeping two flames for the same purpose. This means that after 50 years of continuous lightning, the flame at Amar Jawan Jyoti will no longer be present there.

## ABOUT AMAR JAWAN JYOTI

The Amar Jawan Jyoti was inaugurated on the Republic Day of 1972 by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The eternal flame of Amar Jawan Jyoti was lit in memory of soldiers who laid their lives during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war.

## ABOUT NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

The National War Memorial was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25, 2019. The eternal torch of this memorial burns at the heart of the

Smarak Stambh, the main pillar of the memorial, inside the Amar Chakra. The names of 25,942 soldiers have been inscribed in golden letters on granite tablets.

## WORLD'S LARGEST KHADI NATIONAL FLAG DISPLAYED AT LONGEWALA

- The world's largest national flag made of khadi cloth will be hoisted for a grand public display on the Indo-Pakistan border in Jaisalmer on Saturday to mark "Military Day". The national flag will be hoisted at Longewala, the epicentre of the historic 1971 war between India and Pakistan.
- This will be the 5th public display of the national flag since its unveiling in Leh on 2 October 2021. The flag was hoisted at Hindon Air Base on the occasion of Air Force Day on 8 October 2021 and at the Red Fort on 21 October to mark the completion of 100 crore covid vaccinations in India. On December 4, 2021, the National Flag was hoisted at the Naval Dock near the Gateway of India in Mumbai to mark Naval Day.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has created this national flag to symbolize the collective spirit of Indianness and the craftsmanship of Khadi. Has been submitted.
- The national flag is 225 feet long, 150 feet wide, and weighs (approximately) 1400 kilograms. It took 70 khadi artisans 49 days to make this flag. The creation of this national flag created additional employment of about 3500-man hours for khadi artisans and related workers.
- The flag, which covers a total area of 33,750 square feet, is made of 4500 meters of hand-woven, hand-woven khadi cloth. The Ashoka Chakra in the flag is 30 feet in diameter. "

## ISSUANCE OF STAMPS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S NATIONAL COVID PREVENTION VACCINATION PROGRAM

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today released a commemorative Postal Stamp on COVID-19 Vaccine to mark the 1st anniversary of India's National Covid-19 Vaccination program along with Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Shri Devusinh Chauhan, Union Minister of State for Communications.

The commemorative stamp design features a healthcare worker inoculating a senior citizen with the COVID-19 vaccine, along with an image of a 'COVAXIN' vial.

This stamp signifies the remarkable work done by our frontline healthcare workers and scientific community across the country in protecting the people against the COVID pandemic.



## PM NARENDRA MODI UNVEILS HOLOGRAM STATUE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate on Parakram Divas.
- The size of the hologram statue is 28 feet in height and 6 feet in width. A grand statue, which will be made of granite, will replace the hologram statue once it is completed.
- The statue is being installed on the 125th birth anniversary as a tribute to the immense contribution of Netaji in the country's freedom struggle and would be a symbol of the country's indebtedness to him.
- The prime minister also conferred the 'Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar' for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 in the investiture ceremony.
- A total of seven awards were presented during the ceremony. Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (in the Institutional category) and Professor Vinod Sharma (in the Individual category) have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for their excellent work in Disaster Management for the year 2022.

## ABOUT THE AWARD:

The Union government has instituted the annual award to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of disaster management.

## KUMBALANGI IN KERALA TO BE FIRST SANITARY NAPKIN FREE VILLAGE IN INDIA

Kumbalangi in Ernakulam, Kerala will be the first-ever sanitary napkin-free village in the country.

As part of the initiative, menstrual cups will be distributed to women aged 18 and above. A total of 5000 menstrual cups will be distributed.

According to MP Hibi Eden, the project is being implemented as part of the 'Avalkayi' (for her) scheme being implemented in the Ernakulam parliamentary constituency. The other partners in the scheme are HLL Management Academy through their 'Thingal' scheme and Indian Oil Corporation.

## MODEL VILLAGE

Kumbalangi will be declared a model village by the Governor at the same event. The model village project is implemented through Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). One of the major attractions for tourists in Kochi, Kumbalangi, will also have a new tourist information centre. It holds the title of India's first model tourist village too.

## JERRI HAMLET DECLARED AS FIRST 'MILK VILLAGE' OF J&K

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the administration has declared Jerri settlement in Reasi district as the first 'Milk Village' of the Union Territory and sanctioned 57 more dairy farms under the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) for the hamlet.

The village, which houses 73 individual dairy units with 370 cows, will give the local farmers financial security.

After being declared as 'Milk Village', a total of 57 units have been sanctioned under the IDDS for the village. Under the IDDS, dairy units of five animals are provided with a 50 per cent subsidy. The scheme also has a provision for milking machine, bulk milk cooling unit at 50 per cent subsidy (maximum Rs 5 lakh), paneer making machine, khoya making, Dahi making, cream separator, ice cream making machine, butter and ghee making machine (max subsidy Rs 3.5 lakh), milk van (maximum subsidy Rs 2 lakh), milk ATM subsidy of Rs 5 lakh.

## INDIA'S FIRST GRAPHENE INNOVATION CENTRE WILL BE SET UP IN KERALA.

The Kerala government announced the country's first Graphene Innovation Centre, a joint venture of the Digital University of Kerala, Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), and Tata Steel Limit.

The India Innovation Centre for Graphene would come up in Thrissur at a cost of Rs 86.41 crore. The project would give a major fillip for scientific research as well as the state's industrial sector.

### GRAPHENE

- Graphene is a one-atom-thick layer of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice.
- It is the building block of Graphite, but graphene is a remarkable substance on its own with a multitude of astonishing properties.
- It is the thinnest, most electrically and thermally conductive material in the world, while also being flexible, transparent, and incredibly strong.
- Graphene is also known as a wonder material due to its vast potential in the energy and medical world.

## LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT LAUNCHES DIGITAL SANSAD APP

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has launched the official mobile application of the Parliament named 'Digital Sansad App' on January 27, 2022, to allow citizens to access live proceedings of the House, including the Union Budget 2022 live. The app will make the Parliament and Parliamentary proceedings accessible not only to the members but also to the public of the country.

### ABOUT THE DIGITAL SANSAD APP:

Through the Digital Sansad App, citizens can check what their members of Parliament are doing, what debates they are participating in and what they are saying. Using the app, parliamentarians can also digitally log their attendance. The app contains information on budget speeches since 1947 as well as House discussions from the 12th Lok Sabha to 17th Lok Sabha. It will also contain a live telecast of Sansad proceedings. 2022 Budget session can also be watched live on this App.

### HOW WILL THIS APP HELP MPS?

The app will also help members of parliament to access services like checking personal updates viz., House bulletins, the status of their notices, etc.

MPs are barred from using laptops inside the house. Thus, this app will become handy for MPs to get parliamentary information during any debate in the House. In future, this app will help MPs to log in for attendance, give questions for the Question Hour as well as submit notices for debates or adjournment motions.

### WHY THIS APP WAS LAUNCHED?

Legislature is required to keep its constituents apprised of its routine proceedings. This objective needs Parliament to keep its communication channels up-to-date with evolving technological landscape. Thus, parliament started expanding its digital footprint. The launch of the 'Digital Sansad App' is an initiative in that direction.

### MILITARY EXERCISE

Sr no	Name	Countries	Where
1	PASSEX	Indian Navy and Russian Navy	Cochin
2	Paschim Lehar Indian Navy, IAF, Indian Army and Coast Guard	Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy	off the West Coast
3	“Neptune Strike ’22	NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)	Mediterranean Sea
4	CHIRU-2Q22	Russian, Chinese, and Iranian navies	Gulf of Oman

### TASNIM MIR BECAME THE WORLD NO 1 IN BADMINTON U-19 GIRLS SINGLES

Tasnim Mir became the first Indian to grab World no 1 in Under-19 (U-19) Girls Singles category with 10,810 points in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) Junior rankings. She is followed by Mariia Golubeva from Russia and Lucia Rodriguez from Spain. In 2021, she won 3 Junior International Tournaments held in Bulgaria, France and Belgium, which helped her climb up for No.1 position. The World No.1 position in Boy’s Singles is shared by Lakshya Sen, Siril Verma and Aditya Joshi.

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA CUP 2022:

- India defeated China, 2-0 to win the bronze medal at the 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup tournament. The 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup was the 10th edition of the quadrennial Women's Hockey Asia Cup.
- The tournament was held from January 21 to 28, 2022 at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Muscat, Oman.
- Japan defeated South Korea 4-2 in the final to win their third title at the Women's Hockey Asia Cup tournament.

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022

- Rafael Nadal (Spain) has defeated Daniel Medvedev (Russia) 2-6,6-7,6-4,6-4,7-5 to win the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2022.
- This is his 21st Major title, becoming the first male player to do so.
- In women's tennis, Margaret Court (Australian) has 24 singles majors, an all-time record.
- In women's, World Number 1 Ashleigh Barty of Australia defeated Danielle Collins of the US, 6-3 7-6, to win women's singles final title at the Australian Open 2022.

Events	Winners
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty
Men's Doubles	Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejčíková and Kateřina Siniaková
Mixed Doubles	Kristina Mladenovic and Ivan Dodig

## NATIONAL STARTUP AWARDS 2021

National Startup Awards 2021 is the second edition of the award ceremony, conceived by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). A total of 46 Startups have been recognized as winners of the National Startup Awards 2021 along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator, by the Government of India. They have been felicitated for their contribution in their respective sectors.

### SOME WINNERS IN THE LIST:

- State-wise, Karnataka bagged the highest number of awards, which included 14 out of 46 national startup awards.
- In the fintech category's financial inclusion sub-sector, Bengaluru-based Naffa Innovations Private Limited (ToneTag) was declared the winner.
- In the fintech category's insurance sub-sector, Umbo Idtech Private Limited won the award.
- In the Robotics sub-sector, Sagar Defence was declared the winner.
- In the women-led start-up category, Jaipur-headquartered Frontier Markets was honoured.

### KEY POINTS OF THE AWARD:

- Over 2,177 applications were invited across 15 sectors and 49 sub-sectors for the award.
- These applicants were evaluated against six broad parameters namely Innovation, Scalability, Economic Impact, Social Impact, Environmental Impact, and Inclusiveness and Diversity.
- The National Startup Awards recognize and reward outstanding Startups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative products or solutions and scalable enterprises.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT LITERARY AWARDS; LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO SENIOR LITERARY BHARAT SASANE

- Every year, on behalf of the Marathi Language Department of the State Government, the Lifetime Achievement Award is given to the writers who have done remarkable work in the field of literature.
- This year's Vinda Karandikar Lifetime Achievement Award has been announced for veteran writer Bharat Sasane. Five lakhs Rs. The awards are in the form of cash, badges, and honours. Marathi Language Minister Subhash Desai announced the awards.
- Mr P. Bhagwat Award (2021) was announced to Lokvangmay Griha, Mumbai. The award consists of Rs. 3 lakhs in cash and a badge of honour.
- Dr Ashok Kelkar Marathi Language Study Award was announced to Ramesh Varkhede. The award consists of a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and a badge of honour.
- Poet Mangesh Padgaonkar, Marathi Language Enhancer Award (2021, for individuals) Chandrakant Patil was declared. Dr Ashok Kelkar, Marathi

Language Study Award 2021 (for the organization) was announced to Marathi Studies Council Pune.

- The Poet Mangesh Padgaonkar Marathi Language Promotion Award 2021 (for the organization) was announced at the Center for Marathi Studies, Mumbai.

### TEN FROM MAHARASHTRA AMONG PADMA AWARDEES

Ten Maharashtrians were honoured with Padma national awards, announced by President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday. In all, 128 Padma awards were announced, including four Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri awards.

Padma Vibhushan	Ms. Prabha Atre (Art)
Padma Bhushan	Shri Natarajan Chandrasekaran (Trade and Industry), Shri Cyrus Poonawalla (Trade and Industry),
Padma Shri	Dr. Himmatrao Bawaskar (medicine), Ms. Sulochana Chavan (Art), Dr. Vijaykumar Vinayak Dongre (Medicine), Shri Sonu Nigam (Art), Shri Anil Kumar Rajvanshi, Dr. Bhimsen Singhal, Dr. Balaji Tambe

### PANDIT BIRJU MAHARAJ

- Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj died at his home in Delhi late Sunday after suffering a heart attack. He was 83.
- A recipient of the country's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, he was fondly called Pandit-Ji or Maharaj-Ji by his disciples and legions of followers and was one of India's best-known artists.
- Indian dancer, a master of the kathak form and a leading exponent of the Kalka-Bindadin Gharana (community of musicians sharing a distinctive musical style) of Lucknow.
- Birju Maharaj was born into a well-known kathak dancing family. He began performing as a child alongside his father, Acchan Maharaj. After the death of his father, when Birju was nine years old, he began training with his uncles, the dance masters Shambhu and Lacchu Maharaj. He became a dance teacher at the age of 13, and by the time he was 28 his mastery of the dance form had won him the coveted Sangeet Natak Akademi (India's national academy of music, arts, and dance) Award.
- Known for his perfect rhythm and expressive abhinaya, or gesture language, Birju Maharaj developed a style that blends elements belonging

to both his uncles as well as those belonging to his father. He claimed to have inherited the precision of footwork and the play of the face and neck from his father, and the stylized fluidity of movement from his uncles. In addition to delineating episodes from the Radha-Krishna legend, Birju Maharaj innovatively used the dance form to express himself on various non-mythological and social issues. He was especially known as a brilliant choreographer, and he helped popularize dance dramas.

### N.D. PATIL

- Narayan Dyandeo Patil, who passed away on January 17, was a towering figure of the Left movement, and the Peasants and Workers Party (PWP). He was 93.
- The PWP grew out of a non-Brahmin, social reform movement, Satyashodhak Samaj, founded by Jyotiba Phule in Pune.
- The party was formed in 1948 by prominent Congressman, Keshavrao Jedhe, who felt the Congress was not giving its due to farmers. His exit, along with other Congressmen, helped the rise of Y.B. Chavan in the Congress. Later, as he became more secure, he, in turn, engineered defections from the PWP.
- This changed the ideological course of Maharashtra politics. Even then, the PWP remained strong with a good presence in the Lok Sabha and the state legislature.
- As a journalist, I have seen Patil's work for decades, since 1978 when he was the minister for cooperation in the coalition government led by Pawar. Patil then became the architect of the cotton monopoly procurement scheme. Like some other dedicated PWP leaders, he never set up any cooperative enterprise.

### PUBLISHED ARTICLES -

- Undressing of Social Development Scheme (Handbook)
- Ceilings on Agricultural Land and the Regressive Act of the Government of Maharashtra (Pamphlet) 1962
- Congress Government and Farmers' Loot (Booklet) 1962
- Guarantee of affordable prices for agricultural commodities and nationalization of wholesale trade (booklet) 1963
- Rising Inflation and Consumer Saseholpat (Booklet) 1966
- Krishnaswarup (booklet) of Maharashtra Government's White Paper 1967
- Affidavit of Affordable Price of Agricultural Commodities (Book) 1970

- After all, this education is for whom? (Booklet) 1992
- Maharshi Vitthal Ramji Shinde (booklet)
- Ninth Thought Conference Parbhani, Presidential Address, 2001 (Challenges Facing Indian Democracy in the Neo-Imperialist Era)

#### POLITICAL CAREER -

- 1948 - Joined the Peasant Workers Party
- 1957 - General Secretary of Mumbai Mill Workers Union
- Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council for 18 years from 1960-66, 1970-76, 1976-82
- 1969 - 1978, 1985 - 2010 - General Secretary of shetakri kamgar paksh
- 1978-1980 - Minister of Co-operation, State of Maharashtra
- 1985-1990 - Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Representative of Kolhapur Constituency)
- 1999-2002 - Convener Democratic Alliance Government
- Member of Maharashtra State Boundary Question Committee and prominent leader of Border Movement

#### DR ANIL AWACHAT

- Dr Anil Awachat, a prominent Marathi author and social activist based in Pune, passed away. He was the founder-director of Mukangan rehabilitation centre in Pune and was associated with several other social causes. He was 77.
- The centre was set up in 1986 to treat addiction and included a combination of medicine, therapies, and activities. Dr Anil Awachat, who got his medical degree from B J Medical College, decided to serve in the community and along with his late wife Dr Anita set up the centre.
- In 2021, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad. His book 'Srishtit Goshtit' won the Sahitya Akademi's Best Children's Literature Award.
- As a journalist, he wrote on a variety of topics. It has been published in Diwali issues from time to time. He compiled these articles from several books such as 'Reporting Day' and 'Manasa (माणस)'. In this autobiographical essay a little about himself, he has written in detail about his own life.

## PM NARENDRA MODI DECLARES JANUARY 16 AS 'NATIONAL STARTUP DAY'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared to mark 16th January as 'National Start-up Day'. The announcement was made by PM Modi on January 15, 2022, via video conferencing during a week-long event "Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem" as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Prime Minister interacted with more than 150 Startups across different sectors, during the event.
- The Startups, categorized under six groups, gave presentations to the Prime Minister on six themes — 'growing from roots, 'nudging the DNA', 'from local to global, 'technology of future', 'building champions in manufacturing' and 'sustainable development.
- The Prime Minister was of the view Indian Startups can easily make it to the global stage and reach other countries and told the young entrepreneurs: "Don't just keep your dreams local, make them global. Remember this mantra — let's Innovate for India, innovate from India".

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