

## 30 MARCH CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. Piyush Goyal inaugurates Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre building in Dubai



- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the **Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre (IJEX)** building in Dubai, UAE, during his visit to Dubai to participate in the **India Pavilion at Dubai Expo 2020**.
- During the launch of IJEX, the minister called upon the export members of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) to go for a USD 100 billion export target annually from the current USD 35 billion.
- IJEX will be a one-stop destination for the world to source Indian jewellery in Dubai and the platform will enable GJEPC members to display goods and book

orders throughout the year. From India, 15 states and nine central ministries are participating in Dubai Expo, which will end on March 31, 2022.

## 2. Museum of all former Prime Ministers of India inaugurates soon



- A museum of all former Prime Ministers, **Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya** (the Museum of Prime Ministers), has been built at **Teen Murti Estate, in Delhi**. The Rs. 270 crore project will be inaugurated on April 14, 2022, at the Teen Murti Bhavan complex which was the residence of ex-PM Jawaharlal Nehru.
- The Museum will showcase the life, times and contribution of all 14 Prime Ministers of India so far, except for the collections and works on **Jawaharlal Nehru**, who has a separate Nehru Memorial Museum, which was also his residence.

- The PMs Museum project was approved in 2018, and the deadline for its completion was October 2020 but faced delays due to pandemic-related lockdowns, as well as civil works and content-curation issues.

### 3. FedEx appoints Indian-born Raj Subramaniam as new CEO



- The world's largest express transportation company **FedEx** has announced that its new **Chief Executive Officer** will be Indian American **Raj Subramaniam**. He has more than 30 years of global experience across strategy and operations and has led the company through a period of tremendous growth.
- The US multinational courier delivery giant was previously helmed by **Frederick W Smith**. Smith, chairman and CEO, will step down from this position on June 1. He will now be its executive chairman.
- In his new role, Smith said he looks forward to focusing on Board governance as well as issues of global importance, including sustainability, innovation, and public policy. Smith had founded FedEx in 1971.

## 4. Uday Kotak resigns as the Chairman of IL&FS



- **Uday Kotak** has announced to step down as the Chairman of the board of **the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS)**, after his term ends on April 2, 2022.
- **CS Rajan**, Managing Director, IL&FS has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director for six months with effect from April 3 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Crisis-hit Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS) has resolved nearly 55% of the group's outstanding debt over the last three-and-a-half years, managing director C.S. Rajan said on Tuesday. Among others, the company sold its iconic headquarters at Bandra Kurla Complex for ₹1,080 crore to reduce debt.

## 5. IFS officer Renu Singh appointed Forest Research Institute (FRI) director



- **Dr Renu Singh** has been appointed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) as the next director of the **Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun**. She will be the institute's second woman director. Singh joined as FRI director after **AS Rawat**, director-general, ICFRE, handed over his additional charge of director FRI to her.
- Dr Renu Singh has an extensive experience in Forest Policy, Forest Management and Research Issues. She has a special interest in gender and development, climate change adaptation and mitigation issues in the forestry sector.
- She has participated in and represented various biodiversity, forest and climate change-related issues in international conventions like United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Convention on

Biological Diversity (CBD) and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

- As a field practitioner, she has vast experience of implementing Joint forest management practices involving rural communities and addressing their livelihood related needs from the forest while working in the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.

## 6. World Backup Day 2022 observed on 31 March



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- **World Backup Day** is marked every year on **March 31**. The day reminds us to protect our precious digital documents as we've become more reliant on technology. It is a day for people to learn about the increasing role of data in our lives and the importance of regular backups.
- Originally, World Backup Day began as **World Backup Month**, by a hard drive company named **Maxtor** which was later acquired by Seagate Technology.



- The aim of the day is simple, to raise awareness of how to safely backup data to introduce people to the **3-2-1 strategy**. This strategy leads the backup campaign and is a solid tried and tested approach that's easy for anyone to adapt.
- 3-2-1 backup is all about having three **copies of your data, one on your computer, one on an external storage device and another offsite on a cloud storage solution**.
- The great thing about the 3-2-1 backup strategy is that you can adapt it to suit your budget. So if you're just starting out then your hard drive a cheap external drive and a standard cloud solution can be found relatively inexpensively.

## 7. International Transgender Day of Visibility 2022



- The **International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)** occurs annually on **March 31** to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, while also celebrating their contributions to society.

- The day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as celebrating their contributions to society. The day was founded by US-based transgender activist **Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009**.
- As a reaction to the lack of LGBT recognition of transgender people, citing the frustration that the only well-known transgender-centred day was the Transgender Day of Remembrance which mourned the murders of transgender people but did not acknowledge and celebrate living members of the transgender community. The first International Transgender Day of Visibility was held on **March 31, 2009**.

## 8. Former CM of Sikkim B.B. Gurung passes away

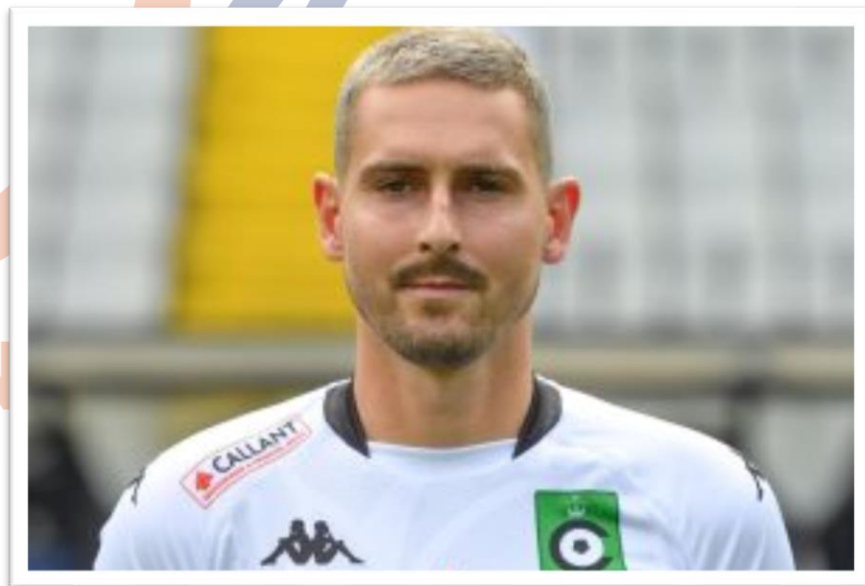


- The 3rd Chief Minister of Sikkim, **Bhim Bahadur Gurung** has passed away at his residence in **Lumsui in Gangtok, Sikkim**.



- B. Gurung served as a teacher and a staff reporter in a Calcutta (Kolkata)-based newspaper the **Amrita Bazar Patrika** and he also edited the first news-based Nepali Journal of Sikkim, called Kanchenjunga.
- Gurung started his political career with **Sikkim Rajya Congress Party in 1947** and was later appointed as the General Secretary in 1958. He served as the 3rd CM of Sikkim from 11 May to **24 May 1984**, the shortest term in the history of Sikkim. Between 2014 and 2015 he served as the political advisor to the CM of Sikkim.

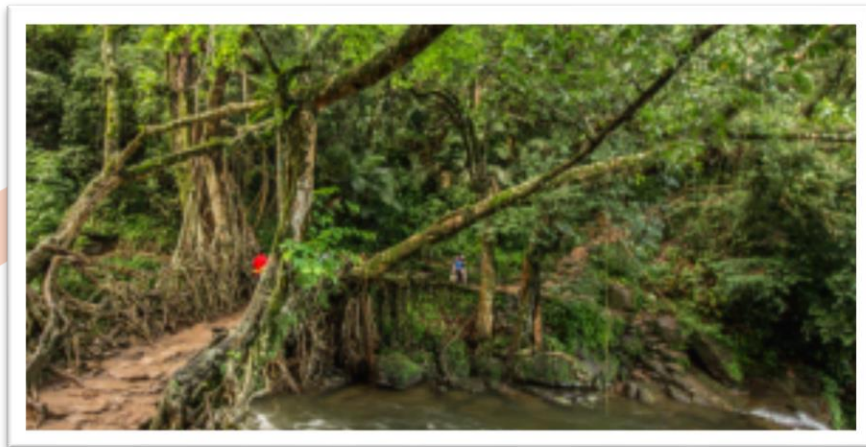
## 9. Belgian Footballer Miguel Van Damme passes away



- Veteran Belgian footballer, **Miguel Van Damme** has passed away aged 28 after a long battle with leukaemia. Van Damme was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2016 and was undergoing treatment for cancer for over five years.

- During his eight-year professional career, Van Damme played for Cercle Brugge and made 40 appearances for the team.

## 10. Living Root Bridges of Meghalaya included tentative list of World Heritage Sites



- **‘Jingkieng Jri or Living Root Bridge’**, found in over 70 villages in Meghalaya highlighting the socio-cultural, social and botanical links between people and nature, has been included in the tentative list of **World Heritage Sites of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**.
- Villagers grow the living root bridges by training the **‘ficus elastica’ tree** on both sides of water bodies over a period of about **10 to 15 years** where the roots form the bridge.
- At present, there are about 100 known living root bridges spread across **72 villages in the state**. Villagers, (especially Khasi and Jaintia tribal communities) build and maintain these bridges from the past for more than 600 years.

- **The Geoglyphs of the Konkan region of Maharashtra, Sri Veerabhadra Temple and Monolithic Bull (Nandi) at Lepakshi of Andhra Pradesh have made it to the Tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites in 2022**
- **UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945**
- **UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France**
- **UNESCO Members: 193 countries**
- **UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay**

