

## 31 January, 2022 Current Affairs

### 1. 74th Martyrs' Day observed on 30 January 2022



- Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed every year on January 30 in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated at Gandhi Smriti in the Birla House by Nathuram Godse in 1948.
- This year nation observed 74th Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas.
- The day is observed to remember the sacrifices made by freedom fighters in the struggle for India's independence and to pay our respects to them.
- Notably, Martyrs' Day is also observed in India on March 23 to pay respect to Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, who was hanged death on this day in 1931.

### 2. Pushp Kumar Joshi named to be new chairman and MD of HPCL



- Pushp Kumar Joshi has been named to be the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), the nation's third-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company.
- Joshi had missed out on being the head of HPCL on previous two occasions - first in August 2013 when Nishi Vasudeva was picked by PESB and again in October 2015 when Surana was selected
- Joshi, who is currently Director – Human Resources at HPCL has been on the board of HPCL for almost a decade now.
- He will replace Mukesh Kumar Surana, who superannuates on 30 April 2022.
- HPCL is a subsidiary of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

### 3. TerraPay tie-up with NPCI International to boost cashless transactions

- TerraPay has signed MoU with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to allow Indian customers with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts via TerraPay's secure payments technology.
- It will enable a seamless and convenient cross-border remittances experience. NIPL is an international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- **NPCI Founded:** 2008
- **NPCI Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **NPCI MD & CEO:** Dilip Asbe

**4. Australian Open 2022: Rafael Nadal wins historic 21st Grand Slam title, defeats Daniil Medvedev in Australian Open final**



- Rafael Nadal wins a record-breaking 21st Grand Slam title after making a stunning comeback in the men's singles final at Australian Open 2022.
- He defeated world No. 2 Daniil Medvedev, 2-6, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 in the final that lasted 5 hours and 24 minutes.
- With the historic win, the Spaniard has broken his tie with Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer for all-time record of Grand Slam Men's Singles.
- This is Nadal's first Australian Open win in 13 years.

**5. 11th meeting of India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation Committee held in Delhi**

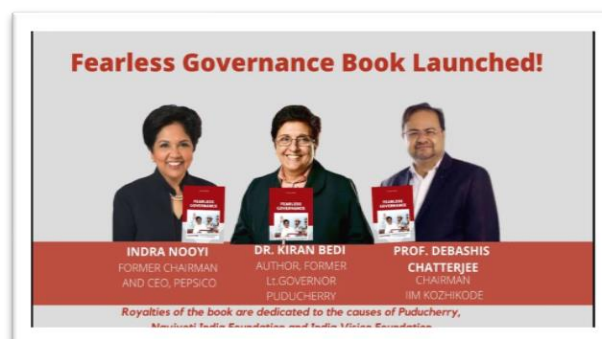


- Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Mohammed Bin Nasser Bin Ali AL Zaabi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence of Oman on 31 January 2022 attended the 11th meeting of India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMCC) in New Delhi.
- After a gap of three years, India and Oman held the JMCC meeting.
- The JMCC is the highest forum of engagement between India and Oman in the field of defence that evaluates and provides guidance to the overall framework of defence exchanges between the two sides.
- This would initiate a series of high-level defence engagements between the two countries next month.

## 6. Educationist/social leader Baba Iqbal Singh Ji passes away

- Iqbal Singh Kingra, who was an Indian socio-spiritual leader of the Sikh community and an educationalist passed away at the age of 95 years.
- He was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2022 for his contributions in the field of social work.
- He established Eternal University in 2008 and Akal University, Guru ki Kashi in 2015.

## 7. A book titled “Fearless Governance” authored by Kiran Bedi



- The book titled 'Fearless Governance' authored by Dr Kiran Bedi has been released.
- She is the former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd).
- This book is based on the ground realities of nearly five years of service of Dr Bedi as Lt. Governor of Puducherry and her vast experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service.

#### 8. SPMCIL opens new bank note printing lines at Nashik and Dewas

- Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) has set up 'new banknote printing lines' at its Currency Note Press, Nashik and Bank Note Press, Dewas.
- In India, four printing presses for printing and supply of Banknotes.
- These are at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh, Nasik in Maharashtra (owned by SPMCIL), Mysore in Karnataka, and Salboni in West Bengal (owned by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)).

#### 9. Paytm Money launches "India's first" intelligent messenger called 'Pops'



- The company has launched 'Pops', with which users can receive specific information related to their stocks, analysis about their portfolio, market

news, and important market movements in an easy to consume format, all in one place.

- The platform will also serve as a marketplace to offer sophisticated stock recommendations, news insights, and other services.
- **CEO Paytm Money:** Varun Sridhar
- **Paytm Money Headquarters located :** Bengaluru
- **Paytm Money Founded:** 20 September 2017

