

29 January, 2022 Current Affairs

1. **Gol appoints Anantha Nageswaran as chief economic advisor**



- The Government of India has appointed Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran as the new Chief Economic Adviser.
- The announcement came days ahead of the presentation of the 2022 Union Budget on February 1 and the tabling of the 2021-22 Economic Survey on January 31.
- This post was lying vacant since December 17, 2021, when KV Subramanian left the office.
- He is a former member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC).

2. **A new book titled “The \$10 Trillion Dream” author by Subhash Garg**



- The former finance secretary of India, Subhash Chandra Garg has announced his debut book named “The \$10 Trillion Dream”.
- The book is scheduled to hit stands towards the end of February 2022.
- The new book explores the critical policy issues that India faces today and suggests reforms for it to become a USD 10 trillion economy by the mid-2030s.
- It is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

3. Veteran Marathi author and social activist Anil Awachat passes away

- Renowned Marathi author and social activist Anil Awachat has passed away.
- Awachat was the founder of a de-addiction center called Mukhtangan Rehabilitation Center in Pune in 1986.
- He was known for his several Marathi books like “Manasa”, Swatahavishayi, “Gard”, “Karyarat”, “Karyamagna” and “Kutuhlapoti”.
- In the early 1970s, he edited a popular Marathi journal called Sadhana which featured his trenchant writings on social issues, notably in his reportage of the 1972 drought that ravaged Maharashtra.
- His many books include ‘Kondmara’ (1985) on Dalit atrocities and ‘Dharmik’ (1989), a penetrating expose on the cult of false godmen in Maharashtra.

4. One thousand drones to perform light show for first time at 'Beating the Retreat' ceremony in National Capital

- As part of Republic Day Celebrations, the Beating the Retreat ceremony will be held at the historic Vijay Chowk this evening.
- A novel drone show will be one of the major attractions of this year’s ‘Beating the Retreat’ ceremony.

- According to the defence ministry, the 10-minute drone show will commemorate the 75 years of Independence, that is being celebrated this year as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. It has been conceptualised, designed, produced and choreographed under the Centre's 'Make in India' initiative.
- The drone show has been organised by startup 'Botlab Dynamics' and supported by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi and the Department of Science and Technology, the ministry stated.

5. India's largest EV charging station opened at Gurugram Haryana



- India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station with a capacity of 100 charging points for 4 wheelers, was opened at Delhi-Jaipur National Highway in Gurugram.
- Previously, India's largest EV charging station was situated in Navi Mumbai with 16 AC & 4 DC charging ports for EVs.
- The new EV charging station has been developed by tech-piloting company Alektrify Private Limited.

6. **World's-largest canal lock unveiled in Netherlands**

- The world's largest canal lock has been inaugurated at IJmuiden, a small port city, in the Port of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The sea lock was inaugurated by Dutch King Willem-Alexander.
- The IJmuiden sea lock is 500-meter (1,640-feet) long and 70-meter wide.
- Construction on the massive infrastructure project began in 2016 and was meant to be done by 2019.
- It also went over the initially planned budget by around €300 million (\$338 million).
- **The Netherlands Capital:** Amsterdam
- **The Netherlands Currency:** Euro
- **The Netherlands Prime minister:** Mark Rutte

7. **WGC: Global gold demand rises 10% to 4,021 tonnes**

- According to the World Gold Council (WGC) report 'Gold Demand Trends 2021' has informed that the global gold demand rose 10 per cent in 2021 to 4,021.3 tonnes.
- The overall gold demand during 2020, which was impacted following Covid-19 related disruptions, stood at 3,658.8 tonnes.
- **World Gold Council CEO:** David Tait
- **World Gold Council Headquarters:** London, United Kingdom
- **World Gold Council Founded:** 1987
- **World Gold Council President:** Kelvin Dushnisky

8. Australian Open 2022: Ashleigh Barty lifts title; first Australian to win home Grand Slam



- Australia's Ashleigh Barty celebrates after winning the final against US Danielle Collins at the Australian Open 2022, in Melbourne on January 29, 2022.
- An imperious Ashleigh Barty became the first Australian to win her home Grand Slam in 44 years, halting the charge of fearless American Danielle Collins in straight sets.
- Ashleigh Barty is an Australian professional tennis player and former cricketer. She is ranked No. 1 in the world in singles by the Women's Tennis Association and is the second Australian WTA singles No. 1 after fellow Indigenous Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley.