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Awards and Honours Current Affairs:

Ferdinand Marcos Jr. takes oath as Philippine president

Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the namesake son of an ousted dictator, is to be sworn in as Philippine president Thursday in one of history's greatest political comebacks but which opponents say was pulled off by whitewashing his family's image. He took the oath at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila before the Supreme Court Justice, Alexander Gesmundo. The former President's daughter and his running mate, Sara Duterte Carpio, swore as vice president on 19th June. The two will be serving the nation until 2028.

PokerBaazi appoints Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador

PokerBaazi has appointed actor Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador.

Aims: to create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India.

According to research firm Statista, the online gaming industry across India was valued at around ₹79 billion in 2021, marking a leap from about ₹65 billion in 2020. The sector is expected to be worth over ₹150 billion by 2024, indicating a compound annual growth of around 15%. PokerBaazi was owned by Navkiran Singh (founder of Baazi Game).

Ashok Soota awarded CII Quality Ratna Award 2021

Ashok Soota has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021 for his contribution to building the competitiveness of the Indian industry through quality Initiatives. He is founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies.

The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award was constituted in the year 2019 for outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.

CII President: Sanjiv Bajaj

Singapore's T. Raja Kumar is new president of FATF

Indian- origin T Raja Kumar has been appointed as President of world's anti-terrorism financing agency, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for two years (July 2022 -June 2024). He succeeded Dr Marcus Pleyer, who served as the chief of the FATF.

He will be responsible for enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures. He has a working experience in home ministry of Singapore and police force.

FATF HQ: Paris, France

Carlos Sainz wins maiden F1 British Grand Prix 2022

Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz has won his maiden Formula One British Grand Prix 2022 at Silverstone. He beat Red Bull's Sergio Perez and Lewis Hamilton for Mercedes.World champion, Max Verstappen has finished at the seventh spot for Red Bull.

UK Parliament honours Tanuja Nesari with Ayurveda Ratna award

Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament, the UKs All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the prestigious Ayurveda Ratna award on Dr Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ayush.

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Karnataka's Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India 2022

Sini Shetty has won the title of **Femina Miss India 2022.** She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, **Manasa Varanasi** at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai. Femina Miss India 2022's first runner-up is **Rubal Shekhawat** from Rajasthan, while the second runner-up is **Shinata Chauhan**, who hails from Uttar Pradesh.

Michelle Poonawalla received the coveted Shiromani Award

Michelle Poonawalla has received the Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022 in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art.

In addition to Poonawalla, the Shiromani Award was also awarded to Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria.

Lt. General Mohan Subramanian appointed as Force Commander of UN Mission in South Sudan

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on Wednesday announced the appointment of Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian of India as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). He succeeds Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar also from India. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment on July 5.

Almost 20,000 peacekeepers serve with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan to protect civilians and build durable peace in the conflict-affected country. The civilian, police and military personnel from 73 countries carry out many duties under the mandate provided by the United Nations Security Council.

Aviva Life appoints Asit Rath as new MD and CEO

Asit Rath has been appointed as the new chief executive officer and managing director of Aviva India, with effect from July 11, 2022. He will replace Amit Malik, who is leaving the business after 10 years.

Currently, He is working as the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance. Aviva India is a JV between Dabur Invest Corp and Aviva International Holdings Limited (UK-based insurance group). Since 1834, Aviva International has been associated with India.

Maryna Viazovska becomes second woman to win Fields Medal for Mathematics

Ukrainian mathematician, Maryna Viazovska has been named as one of four recipients of the 2022 Fields Medal for mathematics. She is the second woman to win the Fields Medal after Maryam Mirzakhani (Iranian), who received the prize in 2014.

Other winners: Frenchman Hugo Duminil-Copin, Korean-American June Huh, Britisher James Maynard

Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, to serve as new G-20 Sherpa

The government has decided to appoint former NITI Aayog chief executive Amitabh Kant as India's Sherpa for the G20 grouping. Kant will replace commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal, who offered to shed this role due to his mounting workload. Later this year, India will preside over the G-20. It should be highlighted that the nation requires a full-time G-20 Sherpa, which Goyal is unlikely to provide as he already holds a number of cabinet positions.

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