

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2022

### Persons

The Hindi film actress who has been named the PETA Person of the Year 2022 – **Sonakshi Sinha**

The Indian contestant who was crowned Mrs. World at a beauty pageant in Las Vegas, USA – **Mrs. Sargam Koushal**

The new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh who was sworn in on 11 December 2022 – **Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu**

The veteran singer of lavani folk style (recipient of 2022 Padma Shri) who passed away on 10 Dec 2022 – **Sulochana Chavan**

The President of Ukraine who has been named the Person of the Year by TIME magazine – **Volodymyr Zelensky**

The French author well-known for books like Freedom at Midnight, City of Joy, The Fifth Horseman, who passed away on 04 December 2022 – **Dominique Lapierre**

The contestant from South Korea who has been crowned Miss Earth 2022 at a beauty pageant held in Manila, Philippines – **Ms. Mina Sue Choi**

### Places

The state which has become the first in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill, bringing the Chief Minister and other ministers under the ambit of Lokayukta – **Maharashtra**

The country which has reported death of 18 children after consuming cough syrup made by Indian company Marion Biotech – **Uzbekistan**

The place at which Indian Army has inaugurated the first ever 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration) for soldiers – **Ahmedabad**

The place in Madhya Pradesh where India's first Infantry Museum was opened to the public – **Mhow, Indore**

The city in which the opening ceremony of International Year of Millets 2023 was held by Food and Agricultural Organisation – **Rome, Italy**

The venue of 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo organised from 08 to 11 December 2022 – **Panaji, Goa**

The state in which International Lusophone Festival was organised from 3 to 6 December by the Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with Indian Council of Cultural Relations – **Goa**

The state in which the 23rd edition of Hornbill Festival was inaugurated by the Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankar – **Nagaland**

The country which has been expelled from the UN Commission on the Status of Women UN by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) – **Iran**

### **Sports**

The team which has ranked at No. 1 position in the 2022 FIFA Men's World Ranking – **Brazil**

The team which has won the 2022 Pro Kabaddi League defeating Puneri Paltan in the finals – **Jaipur Pink Panthers**

The tennis stars who have been named the ITF World Champions of 2022 by ITF – **Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek**

The team India defeated to win the T20 World Cup for the Blind for the 3rd consecutive time at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru – **Bangladesh**

The Indian batsman who has broken the record of Chris Gayle for fastest double century in ODI, by scoring a double century in 131 balls against Bangladesh – **Ishan Kishan**

The American born Swedish pole vaulter who has been named the 2022 World Athlete of the Year (Male) – **Armand duplantis**

The American hurdler and sprinter who has been named the 2022 World Athlete of the Year (Female) – **McLaughlin-Levrone**

The Indian shooter who has won the gold medal in men's 10 m air rifle at the ISSF President's Cup 2022 in Cairo Egypt – **Rudranksh Patil**

The team which has won the 2022-23 Vijay Hazare Trophy defeating Maharashtra in the finals at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad – **Saurashtra**

### **Defence**

The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise to be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 - 29 December 2022 – **SURYA KIRAN-XVI**

The 12th edition of bilateral exercise between the Singapore & Indian Army, held from 13 November 2022 to 30 November 2022 at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra) was named – **Ex Agni Warrior**

## Miscellaneous

The intranasal vaccine for COVID-19 developed by Bharat Biotech, American company Precision Virologics and the Washington University School of Medicine is named – **INCOVACC**

The initiative by Govt of India which has been recognised by the United Nations (UN) as one of the Top 10 World Restoration Flagships programmes aimed at reviving the natural world, at the 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada – **Namami Gange**

The Indian film directed by SS Rajamouli which has won nominations for the Golden Globe Awards 2023 in the Best Non-English Language Film category and for the Best Original Song – **RRR**

The rank of India in the Global Passport Power Rank 2022 released by Canada based organisation Arton Capital (UAE ranked at No. 1 position) – **69**

The slang term meaning a type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, which has been chosen to be the Oxford word of the year 2022 – **Goblin Mode**

The metro which has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the longest double-decker viaduct metro measuring 3.14 km – **Nagpur Metro**

The rank of India among the countries that are at high risk of mass killings as per report released by U.S. based Early Warning Project – **8th**

The letter writing carnival organised by Ministry of Culture in association with Department of Post and supported by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on 04 Dec 2022 at Raj Ghat was named – **Daakroom**

## 2022 Jamnalal Bajaj Awards

Awarded by: **Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation**

Category: **Constructive Work**

Nilesh Desai (Madhya Pradesh): Founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan

Category: **Application of Science & Technology for Rural Development**

Mansukhbhai Prajapati (Gujarat) : Founder of the Mitticool, which manufactures clay products

Category: **Development & Welfare of Women & Children**

Sophia Saik (Odisha) : Activist for women beedi workers in Odisha

Category: **International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India**

Dr Ogirat Younan and Dr Walid Slyabi of Lebanon : Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights

## Sahitya Akademi Awards 2022

#	Language	Work	Author
1.	Assamese	Bhool Satya (Short stories)	Manoj Kumar Goswami
2.	Bengali	To be declared later	--
3.	Bodo	Sansrini Modira (Poetry)	Rashmi Choudhury
4.	Dogri	Chhe Roopak (Drama)	Veena Gupta
5.	English	All the Lives We Never Lived (Novel)	Anuradha Roy
6.	Gujarati	Gher Jatan (Autobiographical Essays)	Gulam Mohammad Shaikh
7.	Hindi	Tumadi Ke Shabd (Poetry)	Badri Narayan
8.	Kannada	Bahutvada Bhaarata mattu Bouddha Taatvikate (Collection of Articles)	Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy
9.	Kashmiri	Zael Dab (Literary Criticism)	Farooq Fayaz
10.	Konkani	Amrutvel (Novel)	Maya Anil Kharangate
11.	Maithili	Pen-Drive Me Prithvi (Poetry)	Ajit Azad
12.	Malayalam	Ashaante Seethayanam (Literary Criticism)	M. Thomas Mathew
13.	Manipuri	Leironnung (Poetry)	Koijam Shantibala
14.	Marathi	Ujavya Sondechya Bahulya (Novel)	Praveen Dashrath Bandekar
15.	Nepali	Saino (Drama)	K.B. Nepali
16.	Odia	Dayanadi (Poetry)	Gayatribala Panda
17.	Punjabi	Main Aynghosh Nahi (Short Stories)	Sukhjit
18.	Rajasthani	Alekhun Amba (Play)	Kamal Ranga
19.	Sanskrit	Deepmanikyam (Poetry)	Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani'
20.	Santhali	Sabarnaka Balire Sanan' Panjay (Poetry)	Kajli Soren (Jagannath Soren)
21.	Sindhi	Sindhi Sahit Jo Mukhtasar Itihas (Literary History)	Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani
22.	Tamil	Kaala Paani (Novel)	M. Rajendran
23.	Telugu	Manodharmaparagam (Novel)	Madhuranthakam Narendra
24.	Urdu	Khwab Saraab (Novel)	Anis Ashfaq

## Important Days of December 2022

**World AIDS Day:** 01 December 2022

Designated by: World Health Organisation

Theme: **Equalize**

First Observed in: 1988

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities:** 03 December 2022

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 1992

<p><b>International Volunteer Day:</b> 05 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Solidarity through volunteering</b>  First Observed in: 1986</p>
<p><b>World Soil Day:</b> 05 December 2022  First launched by: International Union of Soil Sciences (2002)  Endorsed by: Food and Agricultural Organisation (Jun 2013)  Accepted by: United Nations General Assembly (Dec 2013)  Theme: <b>Soils, Where Food Begins</b></p>
<p><b>International Civil Aviation Day:</b> 07 December 2022  Established by: International Civil Aviation Organisation (1994)  Adopted by: United Nations General Assembly (1996)  Theme (upto 2023): <b>Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development</b></p>
<p><b>International Anti-Corruption Day:</b> 09 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2003  Theme: <b>Uniting the World Against Corruption</b></p>
<p><b>United Nations Human Rights Day:</b> 10 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All</b>  First Observed in: 1948</p>
<p><b>International Mountains Day:</b> 11 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Women move mountains</b>  First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p><b>International Universal Health Coverage Day:</b> 12 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Build the world we want: A healthy future for all</b>  First Observed in: 2017</p>
<p><b>International Migrants Day:</b> 18 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>International Human Solidarity Day:</b> 20 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p><b>International Day of Epidemic Preparedness:</b> 27 December 2022  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2021</p>

### [Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22](#)

1. Sudeep Sen for **Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation**
2. Shobhana Kumar for **A Sky Full of Bucket Lists**

## Football legend Pele

- Original name: **Edson Arantes do Nascimento**
- Born: 23 Oct 1940
- Expired: 29 Dec 2022
- Nationality: Brazil
- FIFA World Cups won by Brazil during his career: **1958, 1962 & 1970**
- Goals in international matches: **77 in 92 matches**
- Club teams played for: **Santo and New York Cosmos**
- Autobiography is titled: **Pele: The Autobiography**

## New Prime Ministers

**Ireland:** Mr. Leo Eric Varadkar since 17 Dec 2022

**Peru:** Mr. Alberto Otarola since 21 Dec 2022

**Fiji:** Mr. Sitiveni Rabuka since 24 Dec 2022

**Nepal:** Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal since 26 Dec 2022

## 2022 FIFA World Cup

Held from 20.11.2022 to 18.12.2022

Host: **Qatar**

No of teams: **32**

Opening ceremony and first match: **Al Bayt Stadium**

Final match and closing ceremony: **Lusail Stadium**

Trophy unveiled by **Deepika Padukone and Iker Casillas** (former Spanish footballer)

Prize money: **\$42 million for winners**

Mascot: **La'eeb** (meaning skilled player)

Official match ball named: **Al Rihla**

Official match ball for final: **Adidas Al Hilal**

Winners: **Argentina** (3rd title - 1978, 1986 and 2022)

Runners-up: **France**

Final score in the final match: **3 - 3 (4 - 2 penalty shoot-out)**

3rd and 4th Position: **Croatia and Morocco**

### Awards

Golden Boot: **Kylian Mbappe**

Golden Ball: **Lionel Messi**

Golden Glove: **Emiliano Martinez**

Young Player Award: **Enzo Fernandez**

Fair Play Award: **England**

### Global Food Security Index 2022

Released by: The Economist

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Finland	25.	China
2.	Ireland	68.	India
3.	Norway	74.	Nepal
4.	France	79.	Sri Lanka
5.	Netherlands	80.	Bangladesh

### Books in News

**The Chipko Movement - A People's History** by Shekhar Pathak (Won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022)