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**Current Affairs Power Capsule for IBPS RRB Mains 2022****RBI Monetary Policy - Rates**

Policy Rates	According to 4th RBI Monetary Policy review
Repo rate	5.40%
Standing deposit facility	5.15%
Marginal standing facility rate (MSF)	5.65%
Bank rate	5.65%
Reverse repo rate	3.35%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00%

**Important Schemes Rates**

S.no	Schemes	Interest Rates
1	Public provident fund(PPF)	7.1%
2	Senior citizen savings scheme	7.4%
3	Kisan Vikas Patra(KVP)	6.9%
4	Sukanya samriddhi Account (SSA) Scheme	7.6%

**INDIA'S GDP Predictions By Different Organisations**

S.no	Name of the organization	GDP Growth Of India Predicted
1.	Morgan Stanley	7% FY 23
2.	American brokerage Morgan Stanley	7.2%FY 23,6.6% FY 24
3.	RBI	7.2% FY 23
4.	Nomura	4.7% FY23
5.	Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry(FICCI)	7%FY 23
6.	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	7.2%FY 23,7.85FY 24
7.	International Monetary Fund(IMF)	To 7.4% from 8.2%, fy 23
8.	World bank	To 7.5% FY 23
9.	Fitch ratings	7.8% fy 23

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Organization for Economic Co-operation &amp; Development(OECD)</b>	<b>6.9% for FY 23</b>
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**IMPORTANT DAYS****April:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed as</b>	<b>Theme/ Aim / Key Points</b>
April 01	<b>Utkal Diwas</b>	It is also known as Odisha Day
April 02	<b>International Children's Book Day (ICBD)</b>	It is organized every year by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY)
April 02	<b>World Autism Awareness Day</b>	Aim: To make people understand and accept people with autism, foster worldwide support, and inspire people.
April 04	<b>International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action</b>	The General Assembly approved the decision on December 8, 2005
April 05	<b>National Maritime Day</b>	Theme: Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19
April 05	<b>International Day of Conscience</b>	Aim: To create conditions of stability and well-being and relationships based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all
April 06	<b>The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)</b>	Aim: To recognize the positive role sport and physical activity play in communities and people's lives across the globe.
April 07	<b>World Health Day</b>	Theme: Our Planet, Our Health
April 07	<b>The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide</b>	
April 09	<b>Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrates Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas)</b>	Aim: To tribute to the Force's courteous personnel.
April 10	<b>World Homeopathy Day</b>	Theme: People's Choice For Wellness
April 12	<b>International Day of Human Space Flight</b>	The day remembers the first human space flight on April 12, 1961
April 11	<b>National Safe Motherhood Day</b>	Aim: It is aimed at raising awareness about the care that a pregnant woman needs before, during, and after childbirth.
April 12	<b>World Parkinson's Day</b>	
April 13	<b>International Turban Day</b>	The 2022 Turban Day marks the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.
April 13	<b>38th Siachen Day</b>	Aim: to honor the soldiers of the Indian army who continue to guard the Siachen Glacier
April 14	<b>Ambedkar Jayanti</b>	Aim: to honor Dr. Ambedkar's countless contributions to the making of present-day India.
April 14	<b>World Chagas Day</b>	Theme: silent and silenced disease



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April 15	<b>World Art Day</b>	World Art Day was first declared in 2019 during the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference.
April 15	<b>Himachal Day</b>	Four districts of Mandi, Chamba, Mahasu, and Sirmour were integrated with over two dozen princely states
April 16	<b>World Voice Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness and education about the value of speaking in our daily lives.
April 16	<b>Elephant Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness regarding the dangers elephants face and the various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
April 17	<b>World Hemophilia Day</b>	Theme: Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy
April 18	<b>World Heritage Day</b>	Theme: Heritage and Climate
April 19	<b>World Liver Day</b>	Aim: The day is observed to raise awareness about liver diseases across the world
April 20	<b>UN Chinese Language Day</b>	The 1st Chinese Language Day was celebrated in 2010 on the 12th of November, but since 2011 the date has been on the 20th of April
April 21	<b>Civil Services Day</b>	The first such event took place on April 21, 2006, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi
April 21	<b>World Creativity and Innovation Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness about the crucial role of creativity and innovation in different aspects of human development.
April 22	<b>International Mother Earth Day</b>	Theme: Invest In our Planet
April 23	<b>World Book and Copyright Day</b>	The first World Book Day was celebrated on 23 April 1995 and continues to be recognized on that day
April 23	<b>UN Spanish Language Day</b>	The event was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010
April 24	<b>National Panchayati Raj Day</b>	Aim: to increase awareness about Panchayats and Gram Sabhas
April 24	<b>The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace</b>	It was established on 12 December 2018 and was first observed on 24 April 2019
April 25	<b>World Malaria Day</b>	Theme: Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives
April 25	<b>International Delegates Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness of the role of representatives and delegates from the Member States at the United Nations
April 26	<b>International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day</b>	This Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of this historic nuclear accident.
April 26	<b>World Intellectual Property Day</b>	Theme: IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future
April 27	<b>World Stationery Day</b>	This year World Stationery Day 2022 is observed on the 27th of April
April 24 – 30	<b>World Immunization Week</b>	Theme: Long Life for All
April 28	<b>International Girls in ICT Day (fourth Thursday in April)</b>	Theme: Access and safety
April 28	<b>World Day for Safety and Health at Work</b>	Theme: Act together to build a positive safety and health culture
April 29	<b>International Dance Day</b>	

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April 30	<b>International Jazz Day</b>	Theme: A Call for Global Peace and Unity
April 30	<b>World Veterinary Day (last Saturday of April)</b>	Theme: Strengthening Veterinary Resilience
April 30	<b>Ayushman Bharat Diwas</b>	This day revolves around the Ayushman Bharat Yojna launched in 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**May:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed as</b>	<b>Theme/ Aim / Key Points</b>
May 01	<b>Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood days</b>	
May 01	<b>International Workers Day</b>	Aim: The global event is organized to celebrate the working class and laborers
May 01	<b>World Laughter Day (first Sunday in May)</b>	This year, World Laughter Day will be observed on 1 May
May 02	<b>World Tuna Day</b>	Aim: To spread awareness among people about Tuna fish.
May 03	<b>World Press Freedom Day</b>	Theme: Journalism under Digital Siege
May 03	<b>World Asthma Day</b>	Theme: Closing Gaps in Asthma Care
May 04	<b>Fire Fighters Day</b>	Aim: To recognize and honor professional firefighters across the world.
May 04	<b>Coal Miners Day</b>	Aim: to highlight one of the toughest professions- those working in coal fields or mines.
May 05	<b>World Portuguese Language Day</b>	In the United States, May 5th will be officially celebrated in New York, in a joint initiative between Portugal and Brazil
May 05	<b>World Hand Hygiene Day</b>	Theme: Unite for safety: clean your hands
May 06	<b>International No Diet Day</b>	People are made aware on this day of body acceptance, leaving the behavior of body shaming, which consists of people of all shapes and sizes
May 08	<b>World Red Cross Red Crescent Day</b>	Theme: #BeHUMANKIND (Belief in the power of Kindness)
May 07	<b>Border Roads Organisation 63rd Raising Day</b>	Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was formed on May 7, 1960, with the primary role to provide road connectivity in India's border areas
May 07	<b>World Athletics Day</b>	The special day is observed across the globe to promote the importance of fitness and health
May 08	<b>World Thalassemia Day</b>	Theme: Be Aware. Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassemia knowledge
May 09	<b>Russia Victory Day</b>	Victory Day in Russia marks the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945 and falls one day after Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) is celebrated in the UK and Western Europe
May 8 – 9	<b>Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who died during World War II</b>	This year marks the 77th anniversary of World War II
May 10	<b>International Day of Argania</b>	The resolution, submitted by Morocco, was once co-sponsored



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		by 113 member states of the United Nations and adopted by using consensus
May 11	<b>National Technology Day</b>	Theme: Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
May 12	<b>International Nurses' Day</b>	Theme: Lady with the Lamp
May 12	<b>International Day of Plant Health</b>	The day was promoted by Zambia and was taken into action by the UN General Assembly
May 14	<b>International Migratory Bird Day</b>	Theme: light pollution
May 15	<b>International Family Day</b>	Families and Urbanisation
May 16	<b>International Day of Light</b>	It marks the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer Theodore Maiman
May 16	<b>International Day of Living Together in Peace</b>	Aim: To urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way
May 16	<b>National Dengue Day</b>	The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare created National Dengue Day to raise public awareness about dengue fever and how to prevent it
May 16	<b>Vesak Day, also known as Buddha Purnima</b>	For millions of Buddhists around the world, "Vesak," or the Full Moon Day in May, is the most important day
May 17	<b>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)</b>	Theme: Digital technologies for older people and healthy aging
May 17	<b>World Hypertension Day</b>	
May 17	<b>International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia</b>	Aim: to raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and encourage interest in LGBT rights to work worldwide.
May 18	<b>International Museum Day</b>	Theme: The Power of Museums
May 18	<b>World AIDS Vaccine Day</b>	Aim: to raise awareness and provide information about Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
May 20	<b>World Bee Day</b>	Theme: Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems
May 20	<b>National Endangered Species Day</b>	Theme: Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration
May 20	<b>World Metrology Day</b>	Theme: Metrology in the Digital Era
May 21	<b>Anti-Terrorism Day</b>	This day is observed after the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi
May 21	<b>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</b>	This day was established by United Nations General Assembly
May 21	<b>International Tea Day</b>	
May 22	<b>International Day for Biological Diversity</b>	Theme: Building a shared future for all life
May 23	<b>International Day to End Obstetric Fistula</b>	Aim: To encourage action toward treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a disorder that affects many girls and women following childbirth in underdeveloped nations
May 23	<b>World Turtle Day</b>	This year's theme for World Turtle Day is "Shellebrate". The theme asks "everyone to Love and Save Turtles"

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May 24	<b>Commonwealth Day (second Monday of March)</b>	Theme: Delivering a Common Future
May 25 – 31	<b>International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories</b>	The first week of the year was observed in 2000
May 25	<b>World Thyroid Day</b>	Theme: It's not you. It's your thyroid
May 25	<b>International Missing Children's Day</b>	Missing Children's Day was first observed in the United States in 1983
May 29	<b>UN Peacekeepers International Day</b>	Theme: People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships

**June:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed as</b>	<b>Theme/ Aim / Key Points</b>
June 01	<b>Global Day of Parents</b>	Theme: "Appreciate all parents throughout the world"
June 01	<b>World Milk Day</b>	Aim: to draw the world's attention to the climate change crisis and highlight how the dairy industry could minimize its impact on the planet.
June 02	<b>Telangana Formation Day</b>	Telangana, the 28th state of India, was established on June 2, 2014
June 03	<b>World Bicycle Day</b>	This day celebrates the cycling tradition and its important role in maintaining our health
June 04	<b>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression</b>	According to recent statistics, 536 million children live in countries affected by conflict or disasters
June 05	<b>World Environment Day</b>	Theme: Only One Earth
June 05	<b>The International Day to Fight Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing</b>	This day is an opportunity to draw attention to the threats posed by activities
June 06	<b>United Nations Russian Day</b>	The day was created by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010
June 07	<b>World Food Safety Day</b>	Aim: To help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks
June 08	<b>World Oceans Day</b>	Theme: Revitalization: Collective action for the ocean
June 08	<b>World Brain Tumor Day</b>	Theme: Together We Are Stronger
June 12	<b>World Day Against Child Labour</b>	Theme: Children Shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams
June 14	<b>World Blood Donor Day</b>	Theme: Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives
June 15	<b>Global Wind Day</b>	In 2007, The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) organized the first Wind Day
June 15	<b>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</b>	Theme: Digital Equity for All Ages
June 17	<b>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought</b>	Theme: Rising from drought together

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June 18	<b>Autistic Pride Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness that autism is a condition, not a disease.
June 19	<b>World Sickle Cell Day</b>	Theme: Shine the Light on Sickle Cell
June 19	<b>World Fathers' Day (third Sunday)</b>	President Richard Nixon designated Father's Day a permanent national holiday in 1972
June 19	<b>World Sauntering Day</b>	Theme: Everyone is busy these days and their daily hectic routine impacts adversely people
June 20	<b>World Refugee Day</b>	Theme: Together we heal, learn, and shine
June 21	<b>World Hydrography Day</b>	Theme: Awareness is spread to protect marine life and safe navigation
June 21	<b>World Music Day</b>	Theme: Music at Intersections
June 21	<b>International Yoga Day</b>	Theme: Yoga for Humanity
June 23	<b>International Widow's Day</b>	Theme: Invisible Women, Invisible Problems
June 23	<b>United Nations Public Service Day</b>	Theme: Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the Sustainable Development Goals
June 23	<b>Olympic Day Run or International Olympic Day</b>	Theme: Stay healthy, stay strong, and stay active with the Olympic Day workout on June 23
June 26	<b>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking</b>	Theme: Share Drug Facts, Save Lives
June 30	<b>World Asteroid Day</b>	Theme: Small is beautiful

**July :**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed as</b>	<b>Theme/ Aim / Key Points</b>
July 01	<b>National Doctors' Day</b>	Theme: Family Doctor on the Front Line
July 01	<b>National Postal Workers Day</b>	Postal workers walk or travel miles a day to deliver letters and packages to our doorsteps
July 01	<b>National Chartered Accountants Day</b>	The founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by the Indian parliament in 1949 is commemorated on this day.
July 02	<b>World UFO Day</b>	The World UFO Day organization decided in the year 2001 to celebrate this day for all UFO enthusiasts
July 02	<b>World Sports Journalists Day</b>	Aim: To acknowledge the work of sports journalists & encourage them to do better at their work
July 02	<b>International Day of Cooperatives (first Saturday)</b>	Theme: Cooperatives Build a Better World
July 04	<b>American Independence Day</b>	On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson
July 06	<b>World Zoonoses Day</b>	Theme: Let's Break the Chain of Zoonotic Transmission
July 11	<b>World Population Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness among people about the impact of a

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		growing population and issues including gender equality
July 12	<b>World Malala day</b>	The 12th of July has been designated as World Malala Day by the UN in honor of the teenage activist Malala Yousafzai
July 12	<b>Paper Bag Day</b>	Aim: To promote the use of paper bags instead of plastic ones
July 12	<b>National Simplicity Day</b>	This Day is to honor Henry David Thoreau who advocates a life of simplicity
July 14	<b>Bastille Day</b>	In French, it is formally called the Fête Nationale française; legally it is known as le 14 Juillet
July 15	<b>World Youth Skills Day</b>	Theme: Transforming youth skills for the future
July 17	<b>World Day for International Justice</b>	The establishment came to be known as the International Criminal Court (ICC), which came into force on July 1, 2002
July 18	<b>Nelson Mandela International Day</b>	This day was first celebrated on July 18, 2010, after the United Nations in November 2009 officially declared Nelson Mandela International Day
July 20	<b>International Moon Day</b>	
July 20	<b>World Chess Day</b>	General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
July 23	<b>National Broadcasting Day</b>	The Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio on June 8, 1936
July 24	<b>National Thermal Engineer Day</b>	Aim: to mark and appreciate all thermal engineers in the country.
July 24	<b>National Parents' Day (fourth Sunday)</b>	
July 25	<b>World Embryologists' Day</b>	Louise Joy Brown on 25 July became the first baby to be born due to In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) method in 1978
July 26	<b>Kargil Vijay Diwas</b>	This is to commemorate its victory over Pakistan in the Kargil conflict.
July 28	<b>World Nature Conservation Day</b>	Aim: To create awareness about the need to preserve the environment and natural resources to keep the world healthy
July 29	<b>Global Tiger Day</b>	The decision to recognize this day was taken in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia
July 31	<b>World Ranger Day</b>	In 1992, the International Ranger Federation was established.

**August:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed as</b>	<b>Theme/ Aim / Key Points</b>
August 1- 7	<b>World Breastfeeding Week</b>	Theme: Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support
August 01	<b>Muslim Women's Rights Day</b>	This is in remembrance of the legalization of the practice known as "Triple Talaq" among Muslims
August 01	<b>World Lung Cancer Day</b>	One of the top causes of cancer-related mortality in both men and women is lung cancer
August 04	<b>U.S. Coast Guard Day</b>	Aim: Commemorating the military organization for its valor and discipline.

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August 06	<b>Hiroshima Day</b>	
August 07	<b>National Handloom Day</b>	Aim: To promote wearing clothing manufactured by hand by indigenous tribes
August 07	<b>Javelin Throw Day</b>	Neeraj Chopra, an Indian javelin thrower who won the nation's first Olympic gold medal in athletics in Tokyo
August 08	<b>Quit India Movement</b>	The Quit India Movement was launched by Mahatma Gandhi on 8 August 1942 at the Bombay session of the All-India Congress Committee (AICC)
August 09	<b>Nagasaki Day</b>	The historical nuclear attack took place in the year 1945 with an atomic bomb on August 6 in the city of Hiroshima and later on August 9 in Nagasaki
August 09	<b>International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples</b>	Aim: To raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population
August 10	<b>World Biofuel Day</b>	August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day in honor of Sir Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine
August 10	<b>World Lion Day</b>	In 2013, co-founders of Dereck and Beverly Joubert the Big Cat Initiative, and National Geographic made a partnership to create World Lion Day
August 12	<b>International Youth Day</b>	The first Youth Day was observed in 1999 after the UN General Assembly (UNGA)
August 12	<b>World Elephant Day</b>	Initiated by the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation and filmmakers Patricia Sims and Michael Clark in 2011
August 13	<b>International Left-Handers Day</b>	The founder of Lefthanders International Inc., Dean R. Campbell, commemorated the day for the first time in 1976.
August 19	<b>World Humanitarian Day</b>	The UN General Assembly designated this day as World Humanitarian Day in 2009 to honor the bombing
August 19	<b>World Photography Day</b>	The first durable color photograph was captured in 1861 while the first digital photograph was created in 1957, two decades earlier than the invention of the digital camera
August 21	<b>World Senior Citizen Day</b>	On December 14, 1990, the first World Senior Citizens' Day was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations
August 23	<b>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</b>	
August 23 – 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>World Water Week</b>	Theme: Seeing the unseen: The value of water
August 26	<b>Women's Equality Day</b>	It was first celebrated in 1973
August 29	<b>National Sports Day</b>	The inaugural National Sports Day was observed on August 29, 2012, the birthday of India's renowned hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand

**September:**

Date	Observed as	Theme/ Aim / Key Points
September 01 –	<b>National Nutrition Week</b>	Aim: To raise public awareness about nutrition and healthy

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07		eating habits.
September 02	<b>World Coconut Day</b>	Aim: To raise awareness of the value of this crop in eradicating poverty.
September 03	<b>National Skyscraper Day</b>	Across the globe, skyscrapers have defined people's vivid imagination and creativity
September 05	<b>International Day of Charity</b>	Mother Teresa, who had always worked in charity, was remembered on September 5 to mark her passing anniversary
September 05	<b>Teachers' Day</b>	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday, He was a Bharat Ratna winner, academic, and former president of India
September 08	<b>International Literacy Day</b>	
September 08	<b>World Physical Therapy Day</b>	Aim: to raise awareness about the important role of physiotherapists in keeping people fit and well.

**BANKING AND ECONOMY:****Google Pay ties up with Pine Labs to Launch the 'Tap To Pay' Feature For UPI**

- **Google Pay** has partnered with **Pine Labs** to launch **Tap to Pay for UPI** - a functionality that aims to bring the seamless convenience of Tap to Pay to UPI.
- So far, Tap to Pay was **only available for cards**.

**Central Bank of India partners with Kwik.ID to digitize customer onboarding**

- State-owned **Central Bank of India** has selected **Kwik.ID** to implement digital **know your customer (KYC)**, **video KYC**, and **eKYC** for its network across India.

**HDFC ERGO Launches VAULT, an Industry-first Digitally-enabled Rewards Program**

- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co.** has launched a digital customer engagement and rewards program - **VAULT** an industry-first digital customer engagement and rewards program.

**HDFC Bank & Shoppers Stop Launch Co-Branded Credit Cards**

- **HDFC Bank**, India's largest private sector bank, and **Shoppers Stop**, India's leading fashion and beauty destination have joined hands to launch **co-branded credit cards**.

**Nabet India Partners with PNB Housing Finance Ltd for a unique employment generation program for women:**

- **Nabet India** and **PNB Housing Finance Pvt Ltd** joined hands to carry out a **special women's health and wellness initiative**.

**Sebi imposes penalties worth Rs 25 lakh on 5 entities for non-genuine trades**

- Capital markets regulator **Sebi** imposed fines totaling **Rs 25 lakh on five entities** for conducting **non-genuine trades** in the illiquid stock option segment in BSE.
- In five separate orders, the regulator imposed a fine of **Rs 5 lakh each** on **Abhishek Kumar Jain huff, Ajay Kumar Baid, Sumit Shankar Dudani, Sumer Chand Jain, and Sons and Milestone Viniyog Pvt Ltd**.

**ADB, HSBC tie-up to set up \$100M partial guarantee program for MFI**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **HSBC India** have signed an agreement to establish a **\$100 million partial-guarantee program** to support **more than 400,000 (0.4 million) micro-borrowers** and mostly women-run microenterprises across India.
- It is ADB's **first** partnership with HSBC India.

**FinMapp gets a license from PFRDA and Irdai to sell NPS, insurance**

- Financial services company **FinMapp** has received a license from **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** under the **National Pension Scheme (NPS)**.



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### RBI extends timelines for banks to use lockable cassettes in ATMs by March 2023

- The Reserve Bank of India has extended the timeline for the implementation of cassette swaps in all ATMs by banks by one year till March 31, 2023.

### RBI fixes the WMA limit for states at Rs 47,010 cr

- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to reduce the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for states and Union Territories to Rs 47,010 crore from Rs 51,560 crore, because of improvement in the pandemic situation.

### RBI announces WMA Limit for the Government of India for the first half of the Financial Year 2022-23

- The Reserve Bank of India has announced the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half of the financial year 2022-23 (April 2022 to September 2022) will be ₹1,50,000 crore.

### India's First KYC-Compliant Crypto Token – Redemption

- Redemption Digital Technology Private Limited has soft-launched India's first KYC-compliant crypto token – Redemption.
- It's a unique crypto token with which users can earn investing time, instead of money.

### SEBI launches "Manthan"- ideation to promote innovation in the Securities Market

- Chairperson of SEBI Madhabi Puri Buch in association with the other market infrastructure institutions and QRTAs has announced the launch of 'Manthan', an Ideathon for supporting new ideas and innovations in the securities market.

### FICCI Economic Outlook Survey Projects India's GDP growth rate for FY23 at 7.4%

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Economic Outlook Survey has estimated India's GDP to grow at 7.4% in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23) with a minimum and maximum growth estimate of 6.0 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively.

### Aegon Life partners Ahlia Finforex to offer insurance cover to unserved segment

- Aegon Life, a digital life insurance company, has partnered with Ahlia Finforex, a Kerala-based diversified financial services firm, to provide life insurance access to the unorganized and unserved segments residing in tier 2, tier 3, and tier 4 towns.

### ADB projects India's economy to grow by 7.5% in FY23

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected the GDP growth rate of the Indian economy, in its flagship, Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022 projected India's economic growth for the years 2022-23 (FY23) – 7.5 percent & 2023-24 (FY24) – 8.0 percent.

### ICICI Securities partners with Coverstock to offer insurance

- Financial products distributor ICICIDirect entered a partnership with the digital B2B platform for insurance services CoverStack under which the entire customer journey on [icicidirect.com](http://icicidirect.com) for insurance products will be powered by CoverStack.

### World Bank & AIIB to give Rs 7,500 cr loan for Mission School of Excellence project in Gujarat

- The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will provide a loan of Rs 7,500 crore for the Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence project.

### RBI Monetary Policy: Repo rates unchanged at 4%; GDP growth projected at 7.2%

- Based on an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, the Reserve Bank of India conducted its first Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting for 2022-23 between April 6- 8, 2022.

### RBI imposes monetary penalties on Axis Bank, IDBI Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties of Rs 93 lakh and Rs 90 lakh on Axis Bank and IDBI Bank, respectively, for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.

### Two separate SEBI panels to review ownership norms of Sponsor & Trustees

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has set up two separate expert groups to examine the roles, eligibility criteria, and functions of sponsors and trustees at asset management companies (AMCs)

### ADB, French firm LDC ink pact for USD 100 mn loan to help small farmers



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- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Louis Dreyfus Company BV (LDC) have signed a loan of up to \$100 million to help smallholder farmers in countries, including India and Pakistan recover from the economic challenges caused by Covid-19 and improve resilience to climate change impacts

### Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank launches new deposit scheme - Vikas Siri Sampat-1111'

- Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank P. Gopi Krishna launched a new deposit scheme of the bank, Vikas Siri Sampat-1111.

### Tata AIA Life Insurance ties up with CSC for making insurance accessible to rural India

- One of India's fastest-growing life insurers, Tata AIA Life Insurance Co Ltd, has partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics & IT to engage its network of over 4 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) at the last mile for distribution of life insurance plans.

### ADB Approves \$2 Million Loan To Support Urban Development In Nagaland:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed an agreement with the Government of India to offer a \$2 million project readiness financing (PRF) loan.

### ADB sanctions Rs 551 Cr for 3 projects: Agartala Smart City

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned an amount of \$76.25 million or Rs 551 crore for three specific projects under Agartala Smart City Limited.
- The ADB agreed to fund 23 kilometers of the road by retrofitting 15 stretches at Rs 444 crore.
- Revive lakes and water bodies of Maharaja Bir Bikram College and its adjoining areas at Rs 30.67 crore

### ADB provides a \$2 million loan to support urban development in Nagaland

- The Central government and the Asian Development Bank signed a \$2 million Project Readiness Financing (PRF) Loan for designing climate-resilient urban infrastructure, strengthening institutional capacity, and improving municipal resource mobilization.
- Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance who signed for the Government of India
- Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission signed for ADB.
- The project aimed at improving urban infrastructure and services in Nagaland to help the state realize its economic potential.

### ICICI Bank inks MoU with GIFT SEZ to promote global, Indian businesses

- ICICI Bank and GIFT SEZ at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote the special economic zone to Indian as well as global businesses including IT, IT-enabled services and financial services.

### PNB Commemorates 128th Foundation Day: Launches Cardless Cash Withdrawal facility

- On the occasion of the 128th foundation day, Punjab National Bank (PNB) launches Cardless Cash Withdrawal and Virtual Debit Card, along with a range of other select digital services on its mobile app named PNB One, for safe banking transactions.
- The new services were launched by Shri Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of PNB, at the Bank's head office in New Delhi.
- On April 12, 2022, PNB celebrated its 128th foundation day.

### Mashreq NEO ties up with Federal Bank to facilitate NR Account opening for Indians in UAE

- Mashreq NEO, the full-service digital bank from Mashreq Bank in Dubai, UAE has tied up with Federal Bank to enable Mashreq Neo's Indian customers to open a Non-Resident account in India, instantly via the Neo app.
- To leverage the open banking construct to simplify the customer onboarding journey and deliver a real-time account opening experience for customers.

### Kotak Mahindra Bank launches digital platform for business banking

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched Kotak FYN, its new enterprise portal exclusive to business banking and corporate clients.



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- The bank's customers can use the portal to carry out **all trade and service transactions**.

### World Bank Lowers India GDP Growth Forecast To 8% In FY23

- According to the **World Bank's bi-annual "South Asia Economic Focus" report**, it has cut India's **GDP** forecast for the **fiscal year 2022-23 to 8%** from **8.7%** predicted earlier, citing the impact of the war in Ukraine, high global oil prices, elevated inflation, and supply disruptions.

### PhonePe partners with Extreme IX to reduce latency during transactions

- **PhonePe**, one app for all things money, and **Extreme IX**, an Indian internet exchange point, have joined hands to form a partnership that will enable a faster digital payments experience for over **370 million PhonePe users**.
- PhonePe has become the **first digital payments platform** to participate in an Internet Exchange in India.
- Extreme IX has **30 points** of presence in **five cities** in India & more than **450 networks**.

### Centre infuses ₹5,000 crore into 3 state-run insurance companies - NICL, OICL & UIICs

- The Center has raised the authorized capital of **₹5,000 crores** in three public sector insurance companies namely **Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)**, **National Insurance Co. Ltd. (NICL)**, and **United India Insurance Co. Ltd. (UIICL)** – to enable subscription of capital.
- Of that ₹5,000 crores, ie **₹3,700 crores in NICL, ₹1,200 crores in OICL, and Rs 100 crore in UIICL**
- A notification issued by the finance ministry stated that for **NICL** the authorized capital will now be **₹15,000 crores from 7,500 crores**, for **OICL** it will be **₹7,500 crores from ₹5,000 crores** and for **UIICL**, authorized capital has been raised to **₹7,500 crores from ₹5,000 crores**.

### Govt amends FEMA rules to allow 20% FDI in LIC

- The government has amended rules of the **Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)**, paving the way for up to **20 percent foreign direct investment** in the insurance behemoth LIC.

### RBI Certifies 121 Finance As NBFC-Factor After Revised Registration Of Factors Regulations

- The **fintech firm 121 Finance** has become India's first **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) -factor** to receive the **certificate of registration under registration of factors (Reserve Bank) regulations, 2022**
- To deliver the **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)** experience for seamless Working Capital solutions to MSMEs

### Nexo launches the world's first card with Mastercard and DiPocket

- **Nexo**, the leading regulated institution for digital assets, officially launched the **Nexo Card**, a first-of-its-kind crypto-backed **Mastercard & DiPocket**, in selected **European markets**.
- The Nexo Card is the **first card** in the world that allows users to spend without having to sell their digital assets.

### SBI raises USD 500 million through the IFSC Gift City branch

- India's largest public lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** has raised **3-year funds of \$500 million (over Rs 3,800 crore)** through its **IFSC Gift City branch**.
- This is the **first offshore USD Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)** linked syndicated loan raised by SBI through its Gift City branch.
- The facility is for **\$400 million, plus \$100 million** as a green shoe option.

### RBI imposes a Rs 17.63 lakh monetary penalty on Manappuram Finance for non-compliance with KYC and PPI norms

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **fine of over Rs 17,63,965** on **non-banking finance company Manappuram Finance** for violating **KYC guidelines** as well as norms related to prepaid payment instruments.
- The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in **RBI under Section 30** of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

### World Bank slashes global growth forecast to 3.2% for 2022 from 4.1%

- The **World Bank** lowered its annual global growth forecast for 2022 to **3.2%** due to the impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the world economy.
- Earlier this was estimated at **4.1%**.



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### IMF cuts India's FY23 GDP forecast to 8.2% from 9%

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest **World Economic Outlook report**, slashed the gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India in FY23 to **8.2 percent**.
- Earlier in the January 2022 report, this was estimated at **9 percent**.

### Russian Central Bank Registers New Payment System HELLO

- The **Central Bank of Russia (CBR)** has registered a new payment system called **HELLO** to the national register of credit institutions.
- The system's payment infrastructure services will be operated by the Russian commercial bank **TransKapitalBank**.

### India Post Payments Bank launches Finclusion

- On the occasion of the **75th anniversary of Indian Independence & ongoing Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**, a 100% government-owned entity under the **Department of Posts (DoP)** has launched **Finclusion**— a joint initiative to collaborate with Fintech Startup community to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.

### BHIM UPI goes live at NeoPay terminals in UAE

- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)**, the international arm of the National Payment Corporation of India, has announced that **BHIM UPI** is now live at **NEOPAY terminals across the UAE**.
- It will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE, to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI.
- In 2021, NIPL and NEOPAY, the payment subsidiary of **Mashreq Bank**, partnered to create the acceptance infrastructure in the UAE.
- This partnership will play a key role in transforming the **P2M payment experience** for Indian travelers in the UAE.

### SEBI Issues Rs 2 Crore Recovery Notice To Former NSE Chief Ravi Narain

- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** sent a **fine of ₹2.06 crore** to former **National Stock Exchange (NSE) chief Ravi Narain** in a case related to governance lapses at the stock exchange.
- SEBI directed Narain to pay **₹2.06 crore**, which includes interest and recovery costs, **within 15 days**.

### SIDBI Provides 1st approval of Rs 600 cr for industrial cluster development in Maharashtra

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India** has provided the approval for **Rs 600 crore** to the **Maharashtra government** under the **SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF)**.
- An in-principle approval letter for an amount of Rs 600 crore for reviving and upgrading various ITIs /polytechnics under the **SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF)**.
- These institutions are being run by the **Directorate of Vocational Education and Training** under the **Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation of Maharashtra**.

### SEBI imposes Rs 40 lakh on 4 entities over violation of market norms

- Capital markets regulator **SEBI** imposed penalties totaling **Rs 40 lakh on 4 entities** for **failing to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act and public issue norms**.
- Through this, the regulator imposed a fine of **Rs 10 lakh each** on **HPC Biosciences Limited, Tarun Chauhan, Madhu Anand, and Arun Kumar Gupta**.

### Dhanlaxmi Bank signs MoU with CBDT and CBIC

- **Dhanlaxmi Bank** signed an **MOU** with the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** and the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** for the **collection of Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes**.
- Bank has been authorized by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** based on the recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts for the collection of various Taxes.

### Signatories :

- **Shri Shivan J K, Managing Director & CEO of the Bank, Ms. Bharati Das**, The Principal Chief Controller of Accounts- for CBDT, and **Shri Dhruva Kumar Singh**, Chief Controller of Accounts - for CBIC in New Delhi.

### Airtel Payments Bank tie up with IndusInd Bank to offer FD facility

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **IndusInd Bank** to offer **fixed deposit (FD)** facilities to its customers.

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- The payments bank's customers can open FDs starting from **₹500 up to ₹190,000** in a few minutes through a digital process on the Airtel Thanks mobile application.
- With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank's savings account customers will get an interest rate of up to **6.5 percent per annum** and senior citizens will get an additional 0.5 percent on all fixed deposits.

### Suryoday SFB partners with Kyndryl to drive digital, IT transformation

- Suryoday SFB has chosen Kyndryl the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider, to drive its technology transformation program, improve operational efficiency, and increase digital banking adoption among its customers as part of a 5-year transformation partnership

### FinMapp ties up with Bajaj Finance to launch fixed deposit feature

- Fintech firm **FinMapp** has collaborated with **Bajaj Finance** to launch a **fixed deposit feature** on its application by adding a new icon for an improved customer experience.
- The fintech firm is offering to provide an **interest rate of 7.35 percent** on the fixed deposit of app users.

### SBI Card Partners with TCS to revamp digital experience

- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** is expanding its strategic partnership with **SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd., India's largest pure-play credit card issuer**, to power the latter's next leg of **digital transformation**.
- It will enable SBI Card to further expand its **e-card issuance, delighting end customers** and giving it a competitive edge in the market.

### BoB launches bob World Gold for Senior Citizens

- **Bank of Baroda** has launched a new feature '**bob World Gold**' on its bob World mobile banking platform designed especially for **seniors** and the **elderly**.
- Bob World Gold is a unique **digital banking platform** that has been designed especially for this demographic and provides its senior customers with a **simple, smooth, and secure mobile banking experience**.

### Pencilton Launches PencilKey Contactless RuPay Card

- **Pencilton**, a teen-focused fintech startup, has launched **PencilKey**, a **Nationwide Widespread Mobility Card (NCMC) compliant RuPay contactless keychain**, in partnership with **Nationwide Funds Company of India (NPCI) and Transcorp**.

### RBI imposes Rs 1.12 crore penalty on Bank of Maharashtra

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed a **monetary penalty of Rs 1.12 crore** on the state-run **Bank of Maharashtra** for non-compliance.
- The non-compliance pertains to certain directions issued under the **Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, of 2016**.

### ICICI Bank launches digital ecosystem for MSMEs

- **ICICI Bank** has launched **India's first comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in the country, offering a complete range of enhanced banking and value-added services in one place.

### SEBI cuts listing time for REITs, and InvITs from 12 days to 6 days

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** the time taken for allotment and listing of **REITs (real estate investment trusts)** and **InvITs (infrastructure investment trusts)** after the closure of the issue would be **reduced to six** against the current requirement of **12 working days**.
- The new rules will apply to the public issues of REITs and InvITs which open on or after **June 1, 2022**.

### Religare Broking partners Spice Money to help open demat accounts in rural India

- **Rural fintech player Spice Money** has tied up with **Religare Broking Ltd** to facilitate the rural populace to apply for shares of the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**. The life insurance giant is coming out with a premium **initial public offering (IPO)**.

### DBS Bank partners with Headstart and Anthill to support promising startups



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- DBS Bank India has partnered with startup venture capital fund **Anthill Ventures** and evangelist network **Headstart Network Foundation** to launch **DBS Business Class foundED**, in line with its vision to support **entrepreneurs** and **innovators**.
- This forum will be held across cities in India and will celebrate modern-day founders, innovators, and game-changers to foster co-innovation and collaboration in the startup ecosystem.

### IFSCA Issues Framework for FinTech Entity in International Financial Services Centers:

- The government-controlled **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** issued a framework for fintech entities across the spectrum of **banking, insurance, securities, and fund management** in the **International Financial Services Centres (IFSC)**.

### Indian Bank launches pre-approved personal loan under Project WAVE

- Public sector lender **Indian Bank** launched its maiden digital product called **Pre-Approved Personal Loan (PAPL)** under **Project World of Advanced Virtual Experience (WAVE)**, which will be serviced only through digital channels.
- The project was launched by Indian Bank MD and CEO **S.L Jain** in the presence of its Executive Directors Imran Amin Siddiqui and Ashwani Kumar.

### FidyPay partners with Yes Bank to foster financial inclusion

- One of the industry's leading Financial Inclusion and Digital Payment companies **FidyPay** has partnered with **Yes Bank** to extend digital facilitation to a wide array of **businesses**, comprising **fintech, SMEs, and start-ups**.
- Friday will also be the solution provider for **UPI services**.

### Canara Bank Partners with ASAP to launch skill loans

- **Canara Bank** in association with the **Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP)** has launched 'skill loans'.
- The loan was formally launched by Higher Education Minister **R. Bindu** in the presence of Canara Bank's general manager and State Level Bankers' Committee convener **S. Premkumar**.

### IIFL Finance, Open Financial JV to launch India's 1st neobank for MSMEs

- Non-Banking financial company **IIFL Finance Ltd** and **Open Financial Technologies**, Asia's largest SME-focused neo-banking platform will launch **IIFL Open Fintech Pvt Ltd**.
- The joint venture claims to be India's first neobank to cater to the banking and credit requirements of **micro and small enterprises (MSMEs)**.

### RBI hikes repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40%: RBI monetary policy committee

- From **May 2-4, 2022**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** conducts a **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** meeting.
- During this meeting, they decided,
- To **Increase the repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 40 basis points (bps) to 4.40 percent** with immediate effect from **4.00%** earlier (first since August 2018 as well as the first instance of the RBI governor-headed monetary policy committee (MPC) holding an unscheduled meeting for raising interest rates.)

### UBI Becomes the First Public Sector Bank to Join the Account Aggregator Ecosystem

- **Union Bank of India** became the **first public sector bank** to go live on the **Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem** for participating in Govt. of India's Digital Initiatives.
- Union Bank of India endeavors to work both as FIP and as FIU enabling its Customers to share Data digitally on a real-time basis.

### SEBI reconstructs secondary market advisory panel

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has restructured its committee on the **secondary market**, which provides suggestions to the capital markets regulator on improving **market safety, efficiency, and transparency**.
- The **18-member advisory committee** will now be chaired by **G Mahalingam**, a former whole-time member of Sebi.

### Indian Bank introduces digital broking solution - E-Broking

- Public sector **Indian Bank** has introduced a **digital broking solution E-Broking**.
- The product was launched in association with the bank's financial technology partner **Fisdom**.
- It allows customers to open a demat and trading account facility, in line with the digitalization mission of the bank.



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### RBI Provides NoC for the merger of Equitas SFB, Equitas Holdings

- Equitas Holdings Ltd (EHL) and Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFBL) received **no objection** from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the **voluntary amalgamation** of both units.
- The merger is being effected to comply with the RBI norms on small finance banks, mandating the promoter to reduce the stake in the subsidiary to 40 percent within five years of commencement of operations by the SFB (Small Finance Bank).

### SEBI forms an advisory committee for ESG-related matters

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has formed an **advisory committee** for advising on **Environmental Social and Governance (ESG)** related matters about the **securities markets**.
- The committee will be chaired by **Navneet Munot**, the chief executive officer of **HDFC Asset Management Company**.

### RBI approved the merger of Equitas Holdings and Equitas SFB:

- Equitas Holdings Ltd (EHL) and Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFBL) have received **no objection** from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the voluntary amalgamation of both units
- The RBI no-objection comes with conditions.

### HDFC Bank Launches Industry 1st 30-Minute 'Xpress Car Loan'

- India's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank**, has launched 'Xpress Car Loans' – an **end-to-end digital** new car loan journey for **existing customers** as well as **non-customers**.
- The Bank has integrated its lending application with automobile dealers across India.
- HDFC Bank has created a **comprehensive, faster, more convenient, and inclusive digital journey** for car buyers.

### UPI hits record high in April with 5.58 bn transactions worth Rs 9.83 transaction:

- As per the latest data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Unified payments interface (UPI) hit a record high with **558 crore transactions** amounting to **Rs 9.83-lakh crore** in April 2022.
- In April, the volume of transactions was up **3.33 percent** and the value of transactions rose **2.36 percent** compared to March.

### ICICI Bank Partners with Santander for India-UK business ease

- **ICICI Bank** inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Santander UK Plc**, a premier British bank, establishing a framework of the partnership between the banks for financial service requirements of the corporate customers in the **India – UK corridor**.

### Bharti AXA Life insurance launches financial literacy campaign – InspiHERs

- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has launched a **financial literacy campaign 'InspiHER'** - enabling an empowered future - a special initiative to **spread financial awareness** among **women** and enable them to make informed financial decisions for a secured future.

### Worldline India Partners with Bank Of India To Digitise E-challan Collections

- **Worldline India**, a payment services firm, has partnered with the **Bank of India** to digitize e-challan collections for the **Madhya Pradesh police department**.
- A **Memorandum of Association (MoU)** was signed between **BOI** and **MP Police Department, Govt. of India** to integrate **Point of Sale (POS)** terminals with the e-challan portal of the police department.

### RBI extends the period of restriction on 2 cooperative banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the **period of restriction on two co-operative banks** namely the **Laxmi Co-operative Bank Ltd Solapur, Maharashtra**, and **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bengaluru, Karnataka** for up to **three and six months**, respectively.

### Union Minister Ajay Kumar Mishra launches Repco Subiksham - new schemes of Repco Bank

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Kumar Mishra has launched a **New Repatriate Welfare Scheme**, a deposit scheme for **Repco Bank**, a microfinance loan scheme, and an **app for Repco Micro Finance Ltd. (RFML)** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.

### New Schemes of Repco Bank :

- Repco Subiksham
- Repatriate Youth Development Scheme



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- Repco Mahila Samriddhi Scheme

### Exim Bank's Government of India supported an additional Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 190 million to the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd

- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has entered into an agreement dated **January 06, 2022**, with the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (SBMIDCL), for making available to the latter, Government of India supported Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 190 million.

### Purpose of the agreement :

- To finance its participation through Redeemable Preference Shares in public sector entities for implementing the ongoing **Metro Express Project** and other infrastructure projects in Mauritius.

### RBI restricts withdrawals from Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Nagari Sahakari Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on **Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited, Ichalkaranji, Kolhapur**, including on withdrawals, given the **lender's worsening financial position**.
- The restrictions will remain in force for **six months** from the close of business on May 13, 2022, and are subject to review.
- However, **99.84 percent** of the depositors are fully covered by the DICGC insurance scheme.
- Under the **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) insurance scheme**, deposits of up to **Rs 5 lakh** are insured.

### Union Bank launches online platform 'Trade nxt' for export-import transactions

- **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has launched a **digital solution**, 'Trade nxt' to ease all cross-border export-import transactions for corporates and **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.
- 'Trade nxt' eliminates the need for companies to visit a bank branch to initiate a trade transaction and ensures better governance with enhanced **security** and **controls**.
- It will also enable regulatory online auto reporting through the **import Data Processing & Monitoring System (IDPMS)**, **Export Data Processing & Monitoring System (EDPMS)**, and other statutory reporting about **ODI/ FDI/ LRS transactions**.

### SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch a co-branded credit card

- The country's airline SpiceJet & India's third largest private sector bank, Axis Bank have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visa that will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers.
- The card is available in two variants

  1. SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage
  2. Voyage Black.

- The cards were officially launched at the **Indira Gandhi International airport** in the presence of **Ajay Singh**, Chairman and MD, of SpiceJet, and **Amitabh Chaudhry**, MD & CEO, of Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

### Morgan Stanley lowers India's FY23 growth forecast to 7.6%

- Global brokerage firm **Morgan Stanley** has lowered India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for the current financial year to **7.6 percent** from **7.9 percent** for F2023.

### RBI imposes monetary penalty on KEB Hana Bank

- Reserve Bank of India has imposed a **penalty of Rs 59 lakh** on **KEB Hana Bank (Formerly Korea Exchange Bank)** for **non-compliance** with certain norms related to **'interest rates on deposits'**.
- The bank has been penalized for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on **"Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016"**.
- The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of **Section 47 A (1) (c)** read with **sections 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949** (the Act).

### WPI inflation hits a record 15.08% in April price rise across all items

- Wholesale price-based inflation spiked to a record **high of 15.08 percent** in April on **rising prices across segments from food to commodities**.

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- The WPI-based inflation was **14.55 percent** in March and **10.74 percent** in April 2021.

### RBI allows Lending by Commercial Banks to NBFCs & SFBs to NBFC-MFIs, for on-lending to priority sectors

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has permitted lending by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) to non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for on-lending to **priority sector loans (PSL)**.

### PNB MetLife launches India's 1st dental health insurance plan

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Co Ltd** has launched **India's first dental care insurance plan** that covers **fixed-benefit outpatient expenses** and provides **financial assistance** with costs related to **overall dental health**.
- PNB MetLife's new Dental Care Plan will help customers **manage their dental health** and reduce their essential spending to make space for dental treatment.

### World bank sanctions USD 350 billion in Gujarat -SRESTHA-G project

- The **World Bank** has approved **350 million dollars** in aid for the **Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G)** project.
- The **five-year total cost** of the project will be around **USD 500 billion** which is approximately **Rs 3,750 crore** & out of this, **USD 350 billion** which is approximately Rs 2,625 crore, will be provided by the **World Bank**.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel** approved the SRESTHA-G project & it will implement the program through the **Health & Family Welfare Department (HEWD)**.

### AXA set to launch mental health insurance in Indian group policies

- AXA France India**, along with its Indian insurance partners, is set to launch **mental health insurance** coverage in its group policies.
- The mental health insurance would provide **Rs 25,000** for consultation with therapists, psychologists, and life coaches, among others through virtual mode, and up to **Rs 1 lakh for hospitalization**.
- The cover would also provide **free mental health assessment tests** as recommended by the **World Health Organisation (WHO)**.

### SEBI Notifies Rules to Strengthen Regulatory Framework for CIS

- The market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has enhanced the **net worth criteria** and **track record requirements** to strengthen the regulatory framework for **collective investment schemes**.
- The rules, **first notified in 1999**, have not been reviewed since then.

### Aim :

- To strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes as well as empower the CIMCs to effectively discharge their responsibilities toward the investors.

### Banking Frauds dip 51% To Rs 40,295 Crore: RBI

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has stated **Public sector banks** reported over a **51%** dip in the amount involved in frauds to **Rs 40,295.25 crore** during the financial year ended March 2022.
- The **12 PSBs (Public Sector Banks)** had reported frauds worth **Rs 81,921.54 crore** in the preceding fiscal 2020-21.
- However, the number of fraud cases fell to **7,940 frauds** reported by the **PSBs in 2021-22**, against **9,933 incidents reported in FY21**.

### S&P slashes India's Economic Growth Forecast To 7.3% FY23

- S&P Global Ratings cut India's growth projection for the current fiscal to **7.3 percent** from **7.8 percent** earlier on rising inflation and the longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine conflict.

### IDBI Bank to sell 25% stake in Ageas Federal Life Insurance

- IDBI Bank** has signed a share purchase **agreement** with **Ageas Insurance International** to sell its **25 percent stake** in **Ageas Federal Life Insurance(AFLI)** for **₹580.2 crores**.
- It will be the **first foreign investor** to use the enhanced foreign direct investment cap of **74 percent** for the insurance sector.



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- Currently, Ageas Insurance International holds a 49 percent stake in the private sector life insurer, Ageas Federal Life Insurance, and Federal Bank holds 26 percent.

### BRICS bank issues CNY 7 billion bonds in China's interbank bond market

- BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) has issued an RMB-denominated bond of 7 billion yuan (about USD 1.04 billion) in China's interbank bond market with a maturity of three years.
- The bank would have a cumulative total of 30 billion yuan bonds issued under its RMB bond programs in the China interbank bond market.

### UN Projects India's growth estimate to 6.4% in 2022

- According to the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) Mid-year Update 2022 report released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projections have declined from 6.7% to 6.4% for 2022-23 due to war between Russia and Ukraine & higher commodity prices and potential negative spillover effects from monetary tightening in the United States.
- In 2021, India's economy grew at 8.8%, meanwhile, For 2023-24, 6% GDP growth is forecasted for India as against 6.1%.

### NEFT, RTGS facility to be available for post office savings account holders from May 18, 2022

- According to a Department of Post circular, the NEFT facility has been made available for Post Office Savings Bank Account (POSB) customers from May 18, 2022, and the RTGS facility is currently under testing and is expected to be rolled out by May 31, 2022
- This facility enables POSB customers to transfer funds to and from other bank accounts to POSB Accounts in DoP-CBS (Department of Posts - Core Banking Solutions).

### RBL Bank Partners with Amazon Pay to offer UPI Payment Services

- RBL Bank, Amazon Pay, and Amazon Web Services (AWS) have collaborated to offer Universal Payments Interface (UPI) payments.
- Amazon Pay will issue the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) allocated UPI ID to RBL Bank with the handle @rapl.

### SC orders constitution of 25 special courts for cheque bounce cases

- The Supreme Court has directed the constitution of 25 special courts with a retired judge in 5 states for expeditious disposal of cheque bounce cases.
- A three-judge bench of justices L Nageswara Rao, B R Gavai, and S Ravindra Bhat informed that the special courts under the Negotiable Instruments Act (NI) would be set up in Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan were given a large number of pending cases.

### RBI imposes a penalty on Daimler Financial Services India, KKR India Financial Services

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh each on KKR India Financial Services Limited, Mumbai & Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune for failing to comply with the 'Monitoring of Frauds in NBFCs (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016' issued by RBI.
- This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 58 G read with clause (aa) of sub-section (5) of section 58 B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, taking into account the failure of the company to adhere to the aforesaid RBI Directions.

### RBI imposes Rs 2.97 million Monetary Penalty on Unimoni Financial Services Limited

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 29.79 lakh on Unimoni Financial Services Limited (the entity) for non-compliance with norms on small-Prepaid payment instruments (PPI) requirements.
- The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

### Volopay ties with Visa to issue their cards in the APAC region

- A Y Combinator-backed corporate cards and payable management company, Volopay has partnered with Visa's Fintech Fast Track Program to offer financial management solutions.
- The Fast Track Program will enable Volopay to begin issuing their Visa cards to their shopper companies in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.



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- The partnership program was founded by Visa to support innovative financial services and solutions.

### HDFC Bank to have new vertical for rural banking

- India's largest private sector lender **HDFC Bank** has carved out **rural banking functions** as a **separate vertical**.
- **Anil Bhavnani**, who has been with the bank for **over 19 years**, has been appointed **National Rural Banking Head**
- At present, the bank has **50 percent** of its **6,342 branches** in semi-urban and rural areas, and the remaining 50 percent in metro and urban areas.
- The bank also works with **Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE)** of **Common Service Centres (CSC)** as an extension of the bank's branches in far-flung areas.

### RBI directs banks & ATMs on cardless cash withdrawals

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has directed **all banks and ATM networks** to provide the option of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW)**, and the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** supports **UPI integration** with all banks and ATM networks.
- This is a step towards combating frauds like **skimming, card cloning, and device tempering**.

### RBI allows trade transactions with Sri Lanka in INR

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed trade transactions with the island country to be settled in **Indian Rupees (INR)**, outside the **Asian Clearing Union (ACU)** mechanism given the **difficulties** being experienced by exporters in receiving proceeds from **Sri Lanka**.
- Under the arrangement, financing of the **export of eligible goods and services from India**, as defined under the agreement, would be allowed subject to their being eligible for export under the **Indian Foreign Trade Policy** and whose purchase may be agreed to be financed by **SBI** under this agreement.

### RBI board approves transfer of Rs 30,307 crore as surplus to Central Government for 2021-22

- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** Central Board of Directors has approved the **transfer of Rs 30,307 crore as surplus** to the **Central Government for the accounting year 2021-22**
- The decision was taken during the **596th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of RBI** held in Mumbai under the **Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das**.

### HDFC rolls out Instant Home Loans offer on WhatsApp

- **Mortgage lender, HDFC Ltd.** in association with **Cognito AI** has launched a **first-of-its-kind 'Spot Offer'** on **WhatsApp**, to provide an in-principle **home loan approval** to **home buyers** within two minutes.
- To avail of the offer, users have to send a message to **HDFC's WhatsApp number (+91 9867000000)** and provide some basic information.
- The home loan spot offer facility can be availed **24x7** & this facility can be availed by **salaried resident Indians**.

### SBI introduces Real-Time Xpress Credit on the YONO app

- The country's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced **Real Time Xpress Credit** on its **Yono platform**, allowing eligible customers to get personal loans of up to **₹35 lakh**.

### Aim :

- To digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience.
- The service would be a **100 percent paperless** and **digital experience** and an **end-to-end 8-step journey**.
- The bank also claimed that the flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – was **Xpress Credit**.

### RBI sets up a panel to review customer service standards at banks, NBFCs

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** constituted a **committee** to examine & review the efficacy, adequacy, and quality of customer service in **banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)**, and **payment operators**.
- It is a part of the **Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies** released along with the **Monetary Policy Statement**.

### HDFC Bank partners with Retailio to launch co-branded credit cards

- India's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** Partners with India's largest B2B pharma marketplace, **Retailio** launched a **new range of co-branded credit cards** primarily targeted at **chemists** and **pharmacies** in the merchant segment.



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- The credit cards will be available to **more than 1 lakh customers** of Retailio from their existing merchant base and new customers.

### India records highest ever FDI inflow of USD 83.57 billion in FY 21-22

- According to the data released by the **commerce and industry ministry, India** has recorded the **highest ever annual FDI inflow of USD 83.57 billion** in the **Financial Year 2021-22** overtaking FY21's FDI by **USD 1.60 billion** despite military operation in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **FDI inflow** has increased by **23% post-Covid (March 2020 to March 2022: USD 171.84 billion)** in comparison to the **FDI inflow reported pre-Covid (February 2018 to February 2020: USD 141.10 billion)** in India.

### IIBI Bank divests its entire 19.18% stake in ARCIL

- **IIBI Bank** has divested its entire holding of **6,23,23,800 fully paid-up equity shares** constituting **19.18 percent** of the total equity share capital of **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (ARCIL) to Avenue India Resurgence Pte. Ltd.**
- **ARCIL** was the **first & and largest Asset Reconstruction Company in India.**

### Tata Capital launches digital 'Loan Against Shares'

- The **financial services company of the Tata Group, Tata Capital Ltd** has launched '**Loan Against Shares**'(Tata Capital is amongst the first financial institutions to offer), an end-to-end **integrated digital financial offering.**
- Through this facility, Customers can avail of loans up to **Rs 5 crores** by simply pledging their dematerialized shares online which is facilitated by NSDL.

### FDI equity inflows marginally down at \$58.77 bn in 2021-22: DPIIT data

- According to the data from the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows** into **India** contracted marginally by **1 percent to USD 58.77 billion** during **2021-22.**
- In fiscal 2020-21, the FDI equity inflows stood at **\$59.63 billion.**
- However, total foreign direct investment into India rose by **2 percent** to the "**highest ever**" **USD 83.57 billion in 2021-22.**

### SEBI reviews the framework for debt ETFs and index funds

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has announced a new framework for managing **Passive Funds, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), and Index Funds** amid the growing popularity of such funds as investment products for retail investors.
- The parameters of debt ETFs or Index Funds could be based on indices comprising corporate **debt securities or Government Securities (G-Secs), T-bills, and/or State Development Loans (SDLs)** or a combination of corporate debt securities and G-secs, T-bills, and SDLs.
- The new framework will come into effect from **July 1, 2022.**

### UCO Bank signs Co-Lending Loan Agreement with Paisalo Digital Limited

- **UCO Bank** signed a co-lending agreement with **NBFC Paisalo Digital Limited** for agriculture business to capitalize on the huge **Rs 8 lakh crore** market of small-ticket loans for the **365 million underbanked and underserviced population.**
- **Co-lending** is an emerging area in priority sector financing and due focus is given by the **Government of India** to help agriculture and other small borrowers who are the backbone of the Indian economy.

### Mahagram Partners with IndusInd Bank to enhance the digital payments ecosystem

- A rural fintech company, **Mahagram** partners with a new-generation Indian bank **IndusInd Bank**, to enhance the **digital payments ecosystem** & provide a wider horizon to transact especially for its customers in rural India.

### Aim :

- To add **15 million (1.5 crores)** small merchants to **UPI QR** in the current fiscal year (2022-23).

### India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) introduces Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) issuer charges

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has introduced **issuer charges** for the **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System service (AEPS).**

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- AePS Issuer transaction charges will be in effect from **June 15, 2022**.
- AePS allows you to do **six types of transactions**.
- AEPS is a **bank-led model** which allows online interoperable financial inclusion transactions at **PoS (MicroATM)** through the Business correspondent of any bank using the **Aadhaar authentication**.

### Japan's MUFG Bank gets approval to set up a branch at GIFT City

- MUFG Bank will be the **first Japanese bank** to open a branch at **Gujarat International Financial Tech City (GIFT City)** in **Ahmedabad** for foreign currency-denominated lending business.
- This will be its **6th** branch in India.

### Purpose :

- To offer a wide range of banking services to **both domestic and global clients**.

### BRICS's New Development Bank (NDB) to Set up India's Regional Office in GIFT City

- The **New Development Bank (NDB)**, the Shanghai-based multilateral bank of the **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)**, Development Bank would set up a **regional office in India** at the **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gujarat, India** to cater to **infrastructure and sustainable development needs**.

### HDFC Securities launches Robo-Advisory platform for MF investments

- **HDFC Securities** has launched **HDFC Money**, a **Robo-advisory investment platform** for all **mutual fund investments**.
- **HDFC Money** is a **100 percent digital platform** that doesn't involve opening or having a Demat Account.
- It mainly focuses on mutual funds investment and offers a range of options for investors depending on their preference and risk tolerance.

### BOB Financial & HPCL Launch co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card

- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)** in partnership with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** have launched the **HPCL BoB co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card**.

### Aim :

- To offer extraordinary services to its customers by making their journey faster, safer, and more rewarding.

### Moody's lowers India's economic growth forecast to 8.8% for 2022

- **Moody's Investors Service**, often referred to as **Moody's**, lowered India's economic growth projection to **8.8 percent for 2022** from **9.1 percent earlier**.
- For 2022 and 2023, it projected inflation to be around **6.8 percent** and **5.2 percent**, respectively.

### NBFC Northern Arc Capital Partners with Indian Bank

- A **non-banking finance company (NBFC)**, **Northern Arc Capital** has entered a strategic partnership with **Indian Bank**.
- The partnership will enable Indian Bank to access **Northern Arc's n-POS platform**, which helps NBFCs, fintech, digital lenders, and investors co-lend to retail borrowers.

### Paytm sets up a general insurance JV named Paytm General Insurance Limited

- Digital financial services firm **One97 Communications**, which operates under the **Paytm brand**, has formed a joint venture firm **Paytm General Insurance Limited (PGIL)** approved by **May 20**
- Paytm has announced plans to infuse **Rs 950 crore** in PGIL in tranches, for **10 years** and to hold an upfront equity stake of **74%** in JV.

### AU Small Finance Bank Introduces New Services for Affluent Segment

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched **two** new products of **AU Royale** –'AU Royale Salary' and 'AU Royale Business' current account under its affluent banking program.
- It had launched the Royale program designed to cater to the **everyday banking requirements** of the affluent segment.
- 'AU Royale Salary' and 'AU Royale Business', specially designed for the **salaried** and **business class**, respectively.

### India GDP Growth Rate projected at 8.2-8.5 percent in FY 2022 - SBI report

- According to the **State Bank of India's research report Ecowrap**, India's **GDP growth rate** has been projected at **8.2-8.5 percent** for FY 2022.



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- The report has projected growth at 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter of FY 2022.

### LIC introduces savings life insurance plan Bima Ratna

- The largest insurer in India **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan called **Bima Ratna** which offers a combination of protection and savings.
- The product can be purchased through **Corporate Agents, Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF), Brokers, CPSC-SPV, and POSP-LI** engaged by these intermediaries viz. **Corporate Agents, Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF), and Brokers**

### IMF raises the weighting of the dollar and yuan in the SDR basket

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has increased the yuan's weighting in the **Special Drawing Rights (SDR)** currency basket, prompting the **Chinese central bank** to pledge to push for a further opening of its financial markets.
- The IMF raised the yuan's weighting to **12.28 percent from 10.92** in its first regular review of the SDR evaluation since the Chinese currency was included in the basket in **2016**.

### Neobanking platform Stashfin introduces a credit line card LiveBoundless for women

- A neo-banking platform, **Stashfin** has launched a **credit line card**, especially for **women** called **LiveBoundless**.
- **1% cash back** on every online spend and POS transaction

### Tata AIA Life debts industry launches first Smart Value Income Plan

- **Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (Tata AIA Life)** has launched a '**Smart Value Income Plan**', a non-linked, participating life insurance savings plan where the bonus can be adjusted against premium payments.

### SEBI alters Risk Management Review Committee

- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **restructured** its committee, which reviews the risk management framework for cash and derivatives, including commodity derivatives.
- The **14-member committee** will be headed by **IIM Ahmedabad Professor JR Varma**.

### IDFC First Bank Partners with CarTrade Tech to offer financing solutions for used-cars

- Multi-channel automobile buying and selling platform **CarTrade Tech Ltd** has allied with **IDFC First Bank** to offer **easy and smart financing for used cars**.
- **CarWale abSure** is the used car platform of CarTrade Tech.

### SBI General Insurance launches a new health vertical

- **SBI General Insurance** has launched a **new health insurance vertical**, through which the company plans to focus on **new innovative health products, and an in-house claim settlement process**, among others, **to boost customer experience**.

### India's GDP grows 4.1% in Q4; expands 8.7% in FY22

- According to the data released by the **Statistics Ministry**, India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed to **4.1 percent in January-March 2021-22** period.
- The growth in the financial year 2021-22 stood at **8.7%**.

### HDFC Ltd Partners with Accenture to digitally transform the lending business

- India's largest housing finance company, **HDFC Ltd.**, has collaborated with global information technology services firm **Accenture** to digitally transform its **lending business**.
- To make HDFC create a paperless lending experience through a new analytics-powered cloud-native lending platform.

### ToneTag emerges the winner in 2 categories in RBI's first global hackathon

- A brand of **Naffa Innovations Pvt Ltd**, **Tone Tag**, has been declared the **winner in two categories** in the **RBI's first global hackathon Harbinger 2021**.
- To encourage entrepreneurs to suggest innovative solutions for smarter digital payments.
- The Reserve Bank launched its first global hackathon - "Harbinger 2021 – Innovation for Transformation" with the theme '**Smarter Digital Payments**' in November 2021.

### State Bank of India revises up FY23 economic growth forecast to 7.5%

- The **SBI Research** has projected the **Indian economy** to grow at **7.5 percent in 2022-23**, an upward revision of **20 basis points** from its earlier estimate.



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- The real GDP will incrementally increase by **Rs 11.1 lakh crore in FY23**.

### Govt releases Rs 86,912 crore to states & clears GST compensation dues

- The **Government of India** has released the entire amount of **GST compensation payable to States** up by releasing an amount of **Rs.86,912 crores**.
- It was taken to assist the States in managing their resources and ensuring that their programs, especially the expenditure on capital are carried out successfully during the financial year.

### Bharat BillPay onboards CRED as a key agent institution

- Bharat BillPay system (BBPS), the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI), has on-boarded **CRED** as a key agent institution (AI) to provide **bill payment solutions to CRED users**.
- AIs are entities that offer or wish to offer bill payment, collection, and aggregation services to their customers through physical or digital channels.

### Public Sector Banks doubled their Net Profit to record almost Rs 66,500 crore in FY22

- Public sector banks (PSBs) have doubled the **collective profit** of 12 state-owned banks during the financial year 2021-22 to **Rs 66,539 crore**, an increase of **110%** over **Rs 31,816 crore** in FY21.
- Despite the record performance, PSBs continue to lag behind their private peers, which reported a net profit of over **Rs 91,000 crore**, **29% higher** than the previous year's **Rs 70,435 crore**.

### PhonePe Pulse & BCG Report - Digital payments in India projected to reach \$10 trn by 2026

- **India's leading digital payments company**, PhonePe in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), unveiled a report titled, "**Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity**"
- As per the report, **India's digital payments market** is at an inflection point and is expected to increase more than threefold from the current US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by 2026.
- This would translate to digital payments (non-cash) constituting 2 out of 3 payment transactions by 2026.

### Airtel Payments Bank Collaborates With Muthoot Finance To Offer Gold Loans

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Muthoot Finance** to offer gold loans through the **Airtel Thanks app**.
- With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank customers can get **hassle-free gold loans** with Zero processing fees from Muthoot Finance.
- There will be **no-processing charge** on the loan and Muthoot Finance will provide up to **75 percent** of the pledged gold value as a loan.
- The partnership will give access to secured and affordable credit to customers looking for quick liquidity against their gold assets.

### Kotak Investment Advisors launches 'Kotak Cherry'

- **Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd**, a subsidiary of **Kotak Mahindra Bank**, has launched a curated tech-led investment management platform, **Kotak Cherry**.
- It will help investors in choosing from a wide array of offerings beyond the ones manufactured by Kotak group companies.

### Kiya.ai launches India's first banking metaverse - Kiyaverse

- A digital solutions provider serving financial institutions and governments globally, **Kiya.ai**, has launched **India's first-ever banking metaverse - Kiyaverse**.
- Kiyaverse will be used by banks and **non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)** to enable virtual interactions.

### Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' for PSBs

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled **EASE 5.0 - 5th edition of Enhanced Access and Service Excellence**, a **common reform agenda** for **public sector banks (PSBs)**.
- EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' of the **EASENext** program has been developed for Public Sector Banks and was launched through video-conferencing by the **Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman**

### Fino Payments Bank partners with Go Digit General Insurance Limited for Shop Insurance Policy

- **Fino Payments Bank** has partnered with one of India's fastest-growing general insurers, **Go Digit General Insurance Limited**, to **offer shop insurance policies to small and medium business owners**.
- Fino serves as a **corporate representative** for Go Digit.



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### ICICI Bank Collaborates with ZestMoney to expand ‘Cardless EMI’ facility

- ICICI Bank has partnered with ZestMoney, a digital EMI/ pay-later platform, to expand its ‘Cardless EMI’ facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms.

### Ather Energy partners with SBI for customer retail finance

- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer Ather Energy has partnered with the State Bank of India to provide customers with vehicle financing.
- The partnership will enable Ather Energy customers to get pre-approved loan offers from SBI to avail of instant loans at low-interest rates starting from 9.55% p.a depending on the customer's credit profile.
- The loan can be availed on YONO SBI, without a branch visit.
- With this collaboration, the OEM aims to accelerate the growth of the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem in the country.

### RBI cancels certificate of registration of 3 NBFCs

- The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has canceled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) of three Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) including 2 Housing Finance Companies (HFCs).
- CoR of Noida-based Malik Motor Finance Limited, Uttar Pradesh has been canceled.
- Malik Motor Finance Limited shall not transact the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution, as defined in clause (a) of Section 45-I of the RBI Act, 1934.

### RBI cancels license of Mudhol Co-op Bank, Bagalkot, Karnataka

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has canceled the license of “The Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited, in Bagalkot, Karnataka” citing an inadequate capital situation.

### CoinSwitch Launches India's First Crypto Rupee Index CRE8

- India's largest crypto investing app, CoinSwitch, launched the Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8), which is the country's first benchmark index to measure the performance of the rupee-based crypto market.
- It is owned and administered by CoinSwitch.

### OECD Slashes India Growth Forecast To 6.9% In FY23

- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s latest report, has forecast India's GDP progress at 6.9 percent for FY23 & which is 120 basis points lower than the 8.1 percent projection made in December 2021.
- It is due to the Indian financial system is progressively dropping momentum as inflationary expectations stay elevated due to rising international vitality and meals costs, financial coverage normalizes, and international circumstances deteriorate

### India's forex reserves rise above USD 600 billion

- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves for the week ended May 27 rose from USD 3.854 billion to USD 601.363 billion led by a sharp increase in the country's foreign currency assets.
- The country's forex reserves have risen sharply for the second consecutive week after falling for 10 straight weeks.

### World Bank lowers India's GDP growth to 7.5% for FY 23

- The World Bank In its latest Global Economic Prospects report, lowered its 2022-23 (FY23) real gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India to 7.5 percent, from 8 percent, on the back of inflationary pressures, supply-chain pressures, and geopolitical tensions due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- This is the second time the World Bank has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in FY23.

### Axis Bank and Indian Oil launches co-branded RuPay Contactless credit card

- Axis Bank and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of a co-branded contactless INDIAN OIL AXIS BANK RuPay Credit Card.

### Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Gets approval from Sebi To Float IPO

- Private sector lender Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has received the capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) nod to launch and raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).
- According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), The public issue comprises a fresh issue of 1,58,27,495 equity shares and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 12,505 equity shares by shareholders.



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### IRDAI eases capital norms for insurers to offer PMJJBY

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai)** has reduced the capital required by insurance companies offering policies under **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)** by almost 50 percent.
- It will enable life insurers to offer more policies under the scheme, and provide financial security through life insurance.

### SBI Foundation partners with Khan Academy to launch UpSchool

- **SBI Foundation** has launched **UpSchool**, a **digital learning program** for students from **classes 1 to 10** in partnership with **Khan Academy**, an educational nonprofit in India.
- This program will be available in **English, Hindi, and Kannada languages**.

### Easy Home Finance partners with ICICI HFC to Offer Home loans

- **Easy Home Finance Ltd (EASY)**, a tech-based mortgage company, has partnered with **ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. (ICICI HFC)** have entered into a **co-lending partnership** to disburse **affordable home loans in India**.

### RBI issues standard assets provisioning norms for upper-layer NBFCs

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued a new set of norms for provisioning for **standard assets** by large **Non-Banking Financial Companies-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)** because of the increasing role played by such entities in the **financial system**.
- The new norms on standard asset provisioning will come into effect from **October 1, 2022**.

### DBS Bank India launches its 1st credit card in partnership with Bajaj Finance Limited - Bajaj Finserv DBS Bank SuperCard

- **DBS Bank India** has launched its **first-ever credit card** in India in partnership with **Bajaj Finance Limited**, co-branded as '**Bajaj Finserv DBS Bank SuperCard**', powered by **Visa**.
- Designed to de-clutter customers' wallets, the SuperCard eliminates the need for having multiple credit cards.

### RBI imposes a Rs 27.5 lakh penalty on Punjab & Sind Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **penalty of Rs 27.5 lakh on Punjab & Sind Bank for non-compliance** with certain directions issued by it on '**external benchmark-based lending**'.
- The penalty comes after RBI had carried out a statutory inspection for Supervisory Evaluation of the bank concerning its financial position as of **March 31, 2020**.

### Suryoday SFB partners with Mobisafar Services for banking services across India

- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank**, one of India's leading small finance banks, has partnered with **Mobisafar Services Private Limited** to provide banking services through all Mobisafar's franchises and Business Correspondent networks across India.

### SEBI restructures mutual fund advisory committee

- Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **restructured** its **advisory committee on mutual funds**.
- The **25-member advisory committee** will be chaired by **former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Usha Thorat**.

### Xpay. life launches India's 1st blockchain-enabled UPI services targeting Rural areas

- **Fintech startup XPay.Life** launched **India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework** and launched its **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** services targeted at **rural India**, as it completes **three years** of operations.

### Aim :

- To make financial facilities accessible for people in rural areas who need financial support the most.

### OmniCard launches cash withdrawal facility across all ATMs PAN India

- **Payment solutions provider OmniCard** became the **first Reserve Bank of India (RBI) licensed PPI (prepaid instruments)** to provide cash withdrawal service using a **RuPay-powered card** from any **Automated Teller Machine (ATM)** throughout the country.

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- The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallet.

### Indian Bank launches KCC Digital renewal scheme

- **Public sector Indian Bank** has launched **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) digital renewal scheme** enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes.
- The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project '**WAVE**' - **World of Advanced Virtual Experience**.

### HSBC India to offer USD 250 million to startups

- Mumbai-based retail banking and financial services provider, **Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India)** announced to lend **\$250 million to startups** in the country.

### Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance rebranded as Canara HSBC Life Insurance

- **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance** rebranded and **renamed** itself as **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** and launched its **first brand campaign #PromisesKaPartner** aligned to its new positioning - '**Powering India to re-imagine their dreams and aspirations**'.

### Aim :

- To increase financial inclusion, insurance awareness, and accelerating wealth generation for the clients.

### RBI lifts restrictions on Mastercard 2022

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, lifted the restrictions imposed on **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd** on **onboarding new domestic clients**.
- The **RBI** has barred **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pete** from onboarding **new domestic customers (debit, credit, or prepaid)** onto its card network from **July 22, 2021**.
- The move was a major hit for the US-based company which had earlier commanded roughly **33 percent** market share in India.

### 47th meeting of GST Council to be held in Srinagar:

- The **GST Council's 47th meeting** will take place in **Srinagar on June 28 and 29, 2022**.
- **Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the GST Council**.
- The GST Council meeting is being held in **Srinagar for the second time**.

### Ministerial meeting on GST rationalization fails to reach agreement:

- A team of **state ministers working on GST** rate rationalization was **unable to reach an agreement**, according to insiders, since certain members were opposed to changes to tax slabs and rates.

### World's central banks launch their most hawkish campaign: Since 1980

- As they attempt to deal with an unexpected jump in inflation, **central bankers around the world are conducting** what could be the **most dramatic tightening of monetary policy** since the 1980s, triggering recessions and disturbing financial markets.
- The week began with an unexpected move on Wall Street to price in a 75-basis-point Federal Reserve rate hike.

### Govt to take additional efforts to reduce inflation if required: Mr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

- **India's State Minister for Finance, Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad**, declared that the Finance Ministry will take **additional steps to control inflation if necessary**.
- To reduce the retail impact of **fuel inflation on customers**, the Finance Ministry has already decreased excise duty.

### RBI raises the limit of e-mandates for transactions up to ₹15,000

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** raised the **Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA)** limit from **Rs 5,000** to **Rs 15,000** per transaction for e-mandates on cards, **Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)**, and **UPI** for recurring transactions.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put in place various safety and security measures for card payments, including the requirement of AFA, especially for '**card-not-present**' transactions.

### Equitas Small Finance Bank Launches Savings Account For Kids - ENJOI

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** announced the launch of an **exclusive savings account called ENJOI** for kids.



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- This account introduces "young kids" to the financial world & encouraging them to develop an early habit of saving.

### Tamil Nadu becomes the largest State with outstanding microfinance loans Portfolio

- According to MFIN Micrometer Q4 FY21-22, a quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), the gross loan portfolio (GLP) of Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022, stood at ₹36,806 crore.
- Tamil Nadu has replaced West Bengal to emerge as the largest State in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.
- It was followed by Bihar (₹35,941 crores) and West Bengal (₹34,016 crores).

### Kotak General Insurance Collaborates with PhonePe to offer Motor Insurance

- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance) has partnered with PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe), a digital payments platform to offer motor insurance to 380 million customers on the PhonePe platform.
- Through PhonePe, Kotak General Insurance will provide quick and seamless car and two-wheeler insurance policies to its customers.

### BOB Financial and Nainital Bank launch co-branded contactless RuPay credit card

- A wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Nainital Bank launched the Nainital Bank – BoB co-branded Contactless RuPay Credit Card during the centenary year of Nainital Bank
- The card is designed to reward customers for everyday spending categories like grocery and departmental stores.
- Cardholders of Nainital Bank – BoB RuPay Contactless Credit Card will be able to earn 5X i.e. 5 reward points (per Rs. 100 spent) for spending on groceries, departmental stores, and movies.
- For all other spending, cardholders will earn 1 reward point per Rs. 100 spent.
- In addition, cardholders will also benefit from a 1% Fuel Surcharge Waiver on fuel purchases.

### RBI Suspends license of millath co-operative bank due to inadequate capital

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the license of Davangere-Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank Ltd due to inadequate capital and lack of earning prospects.
- On liquidation, every depositor will be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), subject to the provisions of the DICGC Act, 1961.

### Govt declares ICICI, HDFC, and NPCI's IT resources as 'critical information infrastructure'

- The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) announced the IT resources of private sector lender ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and UPI managing entity National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) as 'critical information infrastructure' under Section 70 of the IT Act, 2000 indicating that any harm to it can influence the national security and any unpermitted person accessing it may be imprisoned for up to 10 years.

### ONDC Partners With NABARD To Initiate E-Commerce In Agritech

- The Government's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has partnered with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to bring e-commerce to agriculture.

### Aim :

- To establish market linkages for the enabled players with market-ready farmers' producer organizations (FPOs) in the country.
- This is the first initiative to introduce FPOs to technology.

### UPI, Rupay To Soon Be Available In France: NPCI Signs MoU With Lyra Network

- Union Communications and Electronics and Information Technology Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced, that NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) the international arm of NPCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with France-based payments solution provider Lyra Network to accept UPI and Rupay cards in France.
- The deal will allow Indians to pay using UPI and Rupay cards at terminals and machines offered by Lyra Networks, making it easier for Indian students and tourists to make payments.

### RBI spent more to print ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, and ₹200 notes in FY22

- The selling price of banknotes in the denomination of ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, and ₹200 have gone up in FY22 vs the previous financial year.



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- However, for notes in the **denomination of ₹500**, the prices have remained **unchanged**.

### **SEBI forms an advisory committee on 'hybrid' securities Chaired by KV Kamath**

- The Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted an **advisory committee** on 'hybrid' securities to make **recommendations** to promote the development of such instruments including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital.
- The **20-member committee** will be **chaired by K V Kamath, Chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development**.
- Besides, Sebi has reconstituted its research advisory committee, which is responsible for the promotion, development, and maintenance of databases relevant to capital market regulation research.
- The **16-member panel** will be headed by **V Ravi Anshuman, Professor at IIM Bangalore**.

### **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd Collaborates with Policybazaar to launch life insurance savings plan**

- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd** has partnered with **Policybazaar.com** to launch the '**Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan**', a non-linked, non-participating, **individual life insurance savings plan**.
- The offer helps customers meet short-term financial goals with a **minimum policy tenure of 5 years**.
- The plan offers guaranteed **tax-free returns** up to **6.14%** along with **life cover protection** at monthly premiums as low as **₹3000**.

### **Freo tie-up with Equitas small finance bank to launch digital savings account**

- **Free, one of India's leading consumer neo banks**, in partnership with **Equitas Small Finance Bank** launched its digital savings account '**Freo Save**'.
- With this launch, it has become the **first consumer neo-bank** in the country to provide **full-stack neo-banking products**, including smart savings accounts, credit and payments products, cards, and wealth-growth products.

### **RBI extends the date for implementing provisions on cards by 3 months to Oct 1, 2022**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the **deadline to implement three provisions by three months**, as part of **new regulatory guidelines for issuing credit and debit cards** from **July 1, 2022, to October 1, 2022**.
- 1. Regarding card issuers being mandated to seek **one-time password**-based consent from the cardholder for activating a credit card, if not activated by the customer for more than 30 days from the date of issuance
- 2. Card issuers will have to ensure that the credit limit as sanctioned and advised to the cardholder is not breached at any point in time without seeking explicit consent from the cardholder.
- 3. The issuers shall not capitalize on unpaid charges for the compounding of interest.

### **CARD91 enters a strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay to help simplify payment management**

- **CARD91** a global payment infrastructure powering Business Business (B2B) payments announced a strategic partnership with **YES BANK** and **RuPay**, the flagship product of the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- Through this partnership, CARD91 will create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments as well as **maintain a real-time dashboard** to generate insights.
- CARD91 is a **plug-and-play Payment Issuance Infrastructure** designed to help businesses launch co-branded cards and simplify payments.

### **South Indian Bank Launches EXIM Trade Portal - 'SIB TF Online'**

- The **South Indian Bank (SIB)** has launched a **new portal** called '**SIB TF Online**' for its corporate **EXIM (Export-Import) customers**.
- The portal provides customers with a platform for trade-related payments and remittances to foreign entities without visiting the bank's branches.
- Recently, the bank launched an **internet banking facility** specifically to enable retail **savings bank (SB)** and NRE SB customers to initiate foreign remittances without visiting the branch.
- SIB plans to launch SIB TF Online in phases with the initial version allowing for **3 types of import remittances**, namely
  1. Advance Remittance for Imports
  2. Remittance against Import Bill received from overseas Bank for Collection (Bank-to-Bank Foreign Inward Collection Bill) and



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3. Payment against Import documents received by Importer directly from overseas suppliers

### Liberty General Insurance partners with Peerless Financial Products Distribution

- **Liberty General Insurance (LGI)**, one of the fastest-growing General Insurance companies in India recently entered into a **Corporate Agency agreement with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL)**.
- The collaboration will enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products through Peerless' extensive network of **42 branches** across India.
- LGI is a joint venture between **Liberty Citystate holdings PTE Ltd**, **Enam Securities**, and **Diamond Dealtrade**.

### AU Small Finance Bank launches the industry's first customizable Credit Card, AU Bank LIT

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched an **innovative Credit Card** named **AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today)** which allows customers to **choose the features they want in their card** and also decide the period they want those features for.
- The LIT credit card provides a higher degree of engagement to customers, through the **AU0101 app** as they can track their savings/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.
- The card hosts multiple benefits and customers can activate any feature on the go in **real-time for a small convenience fee**.
- The **default validity period** for each feature is **90 days**.

### Karnataka Bank launches Online SB Account opening facility using V-CIP

- **Karnataka Bank** has launched an **Online SB Account opening facility** through a '**Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)**'.
- The facility, enabled on the corporate website of the bank, empowers prospective customers to open an SB account through an online process and complete **KYC (know your customer) verification** through a video call at their place of convenience.

### Centre mandates 3-yr health insurance plan for surrogate mothers

- The **Central government** has made it **mandatory for couples planning to become parents** through **surrogacy** to **buy a health insurance plan for 36 months (three years)** for surrogate mothers.

### Provisions :

- **Limited attempts:** The government has ensured that the number of attempts of any surrogacy procedure on the surrogate mother shall **not be more than three times**.
- **Allowed abortion:** A surrogate mother may be allowed for abortion during the process of surrogacy in case of any complication as advised by the doctors
- **Regulation of private clinics:** Every private surrogacy clinic has to apply for registration with a fee of **₹2 lakh** which is non-refundable.
- However, facilities under government-run institutes are exempt from such fees.
- **Specialist availability:** Surrogacy clinics shall have at least one gynecologist, one anesthetist, one embryologist, and one counselor.
- **Marriage period:** The couple should be married for **more than five years**.

### The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) forms Building Advisory Committee to advise on-premises related matters.



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- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has formed a Building Advisory Committee, which will advise and assist it in all premises-related matters such as planning, acquisition, and furnishing.
- The 7-member committee will be headed by **B K Katyal**, former Chief General Manager at Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the latest update with Sebi showed.

### Exim Bank estimates India's merchandise exports at USD 117.2 bn in Q1FY23

- India's total merchandise export value is expected to reach **USD 117.2 billion in the first quarter of FY23 as per India Export-import (Exim) Bank.**
- The valuation of the total merchandise exports was US\$ 95.5 billion in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

### GoI collaborates with SBI to create an integrated pension portal

- The Centre's **Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, GoI**, will collaborate with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to create an **integrated pension portal to enhance the ease of living of pensioners.**
- The announcement was made at a **two-day Bankers' Awareness Program organized by DoPPW in Udaipur, Rajasthan.**

### LIC introduces 'Dhan Sanchay' savings life insurance plan

- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a **Dhan Sanchay Savings scheme**, which is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that combines life protection and savings.
- The Dhan Sanchay plan is available for a term of a **minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 15 years** depending on the option chosen by the policyholder.
- LIC's Dhan Sanchay Savings Life Insurance plan can be purchased offline through agents or other intermediaries including **Point of Sales Persons-Life Insurance (POSP-LI)**, and **Common Public Service Centres (CPSC-SPV)**.

### ICICI Bank Launches 'Campus Power' Digital Platform For The Student Ecosystem

- Private sector lender **ICICI Bank** has launched a digital platform **Campus Power**

#### Aim :

- To address the **needs** of the **students** aspiring to **pursue higher education** in India and abroad.
- The **first branch** has been set up at **IIT Kanpur** and seven more will be added to the campus of top premier institutes across India.

### IRDAI Extends Use & File Procedure For Life Insurance Products

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has extended the '**use and file**' procedure for most **life insurance products**, thereby allowing insurers to launch new products without prior approval of the regulator.
- For the use and file procedure for products launching into the market, insurance companies will have to adopt a **board-approved product management and pricing policy (BAPMPP)**.

### Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) launches out-of-network cash advance facility

- Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has launched an **out-of-network cash advance facility** to **help customers with monetary support** at any hospital that is not part of EGI's network.
- Under the new "Cash Advance" facility, customers will receive money up to **Rs. 10,000** to take care of admission charges or other expenses during the hospitalization.
- The launch of this service has been based on the insights gained from qualitative research conducted by EGI across **4 cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru & Kolkata**.

### RBI approves SBI's establishment of operations support subsidiary

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has received **in-principle approval** from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for its proposed operations support subsidiary aimed at bringing down the **cost-to-income ratio**.
- SBI's cost-to-income ratio stood at **53.3 percent in FY22**, an improvement of **240 basis points** over FY19 levels.
- In comparison, the cost-to-income ratio of the top 3 private banks is well below SBIs, at **35-40 percent**.

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### Bajaj Finance partners with Worldline India for POS payments

- **Bajaj Finance Limited**, the lending arm of **Bajaj Finserv Limited**, has partnered with **Worldline**, a global firm in payment services, to develop **point-of-sales (POS) payments** acquiring solutions for its merchant network.

### SEBI imposes a Rs 30 lakh fine on RIL and two of its compliance officers

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has imposed a **penalty of ₹30 lakh on Reliance Industries (RIL)** and two of its compliance officers, **Savithri Parekh and K. Sethuraman**, for failing to clarify on news or promptly disclose information about stake purchases in the company's subsidiary **Jio Platforms by FaceBook, Silver Lake and Vista equity partners**.
- The fine need to be paid jointly and severally by them **within 45 days**

### IRDAI Reduces Solvency Margin Requirement For General Insurers doing Crop Business

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** reduced the **solvency margin requirement for general insurers providing crop insurance**, a decision expected to unlock **Rs 1,400 crore of funds** for them to undertake more business.
- The decision is part of a series of reforms it has undertaken to increase insurance penetration in the country.

### RBI grants semi-closed prepaid payment instruments license to Mufin Finance Limited

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **granted Muffin Finance Limited, a subsidiary of Hindon Mercantile Limited** one of the leading Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) principal approval for the issuance of **semi-closed prepaid payment instruments (PPIs)** to customers in India.
- A semi-closed PPI license **allows digital banks, fintech firms**, and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as digital payment solutions for lending.
- Mufin Finance is the **4th NBFC** to receive such a license from the RBI, after leading brands such as **Bajaj Finserv, Manapuram, and Paul Merchants**.

### World Bank approves \$250 mn loans for India's road safety program

- The **World Bank's Board of Executive Directors** has approved the **financing of \$250 million** to support the **India State Support Program for Road Safety, and the Government of India's Program for Strengthening Road Safety**.
- The India State Support Program for Road Safety, financed by the World Bank, will be implemented in the states of **Andhra Pradesh (AP), Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal**.

### Protean and PayNearby tie-up to offer paperless PAN services

- **Protean eGov Technologies Ltd (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd)** and **PayNearby (Nearby Technologies Private Limited)** have announced a partnership to offer **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** related services for **PayNearby's retail partners** through **Aadhaar** and **biometric or SMS-based One Time Password (OTP)** authentication for their customers.

### Banking Frauds Of Over Rs 1,000 Crores Witness Significant Decline In Fraud Cases In FY22

- **Frauds in the banking sector** involving sums of over **Rs 100 crore** have declined significantly, with banks reporting **cases worth Rs 41,000 crore in 2021-22 compared to Rs 1.05 lakh crore in FY21**.
- According to official data, the **number of fraud cases in the public and private sector banks** fell from **265** in **2020-21 to 118** in the financial year **2022**.
- In the case of public sector banks, the **total number of fraud cases** over **₹100 crore** dropped from **167** in **FY21** to **80**, and in the case of private sector banks, it fell from **98** in **FY21** to **38**.

### Govt. constitutes 'FSIB' for Appointments in Financial Institutions

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- The Center has decided to set up the **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** as a single entity for making recommendations for appointments of **Wholotime Directors and Non-Executive Directors in public sector banks (PSBs), public sector insurers (PSIs), and financial institutions (FIs).**
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has asked the **Department of Financial Services** to carry out necessary modifications in the **Nationalized Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme of 1970/1980** with the approval of the Finance Minister Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman.

### SEBI extends the deadline for implementation of the new pledging DDPI system to Sept 1, 2022

- The **Capital Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has extended the **deadline** for the **introduction of the Demat Debit and Pledging Instruction (DDPI) system to September 1, 2022.**
- Earlier the deadline for implementation was **July 1, 2022.**
- With the implementation of the guidelines, the **Power of Attorney (PoA)** would be **replaced with Demat Debit and Pledge Instruction (DDPI) documents.**
- To curb possible misuse of PoA given by clients to stock brokers
- This circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under **Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992** and **Section 19 of the Depositories Act, 1996**, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of and to regulate the securities markets.

### Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) joins hands with Avanse Financial for student travel insurance

- **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** has Partnered with education sector-focussed **NBFC Avanse Financial Services** to provide **travel insurance to Indian students** going abroad for higher education.
- EGI plans to offer complete coverage against medical, stay, and travel inconvenience-related covers, emergencies, and losses. Students will also have the choice to customize their plan with optional covers as per their needs and requirements from universities.

### SBI Card partners with Aditya Birla Finance to launch 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'

- **SBI Cards and Payment Services** has entered into a strategic partnership with **Aditya Birla Finance (ABFL)**, the lending subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital for the launch of '**Aditya Birla SBI Card**'.
- The card has been designed to give customers significant reward points on their spending around telecom, fashion, travel, dining, entertainment, and hotels, among others.
- The card comes in **two variants**
  1. Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT
  2. Aditya Birla SBI card, both available on the Visa platform.

### India reports CAD of 1.2% of GDP in FY22 on widening trade deficit: RBI

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** stated that **India** witnessed a **current account deficit of 1.2 percent of GDP in 2021-22** against a **surplus of 0.9 percent in FY 2020-21** due to a wider trade deficit.
- For the January-March 2022 quarter, the **CAD** narrowed on a sequential basis to **USD 13.4 billion or 1.5 percent of GDP against USD 22.2 billion or 2.6 percent of GDP** in the December 2021 quarter.
- In FY22, the **trade deficit** widened to **USD 189.5 billion**, up from USD 102.2 billion in FY21.

### Adverse global events may lead to \$100-bn portfolio outflows: RBI

- The paper, titled "**Capital Flows at Risk: India's Experience**" was written by **RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, Harendra Behera, and Silu Muduli** and released in the RBI's Bulletin.
- In that paper, there is (only) a **five percent** chance of portfolio outflows from India of the order of **3.2 percent of GDP or \$100.6 billion** in a year, in response to a Covid-type contraction in GDP growth.
- In an extreme risk scenario or a black swan event in which there is a combination of all these shocks, there is a 5 percent chance of outflows under portfolio investments of 7.7 percent of GDP and short-term trade credit retrenchment of **3.9 percent of GDP**.
- The views are personal and do not represent those of the RBI.

### RBI bars non-bank PPIs from loading credit lines

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- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred all non-bank prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers from loading credit lines.
- RBI guidelines permit PPIs to be loaded by either cash or debit to a bank account, credit & debit cards, and other payment instruments in rupees.
- Any non-compliance in this regard may attract penal action under provisions contained in the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

### Muthoot Finance Launches Updated Version Of 'Muthoot Online' Web App

- Muthoot Finance has launched the new upgraded version of '**Muthoot Online**' (<https://online.muthootfinance.com/>) **web application**, offering an extended range of features that promises an Omni channel experience to its customers in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- With this new upgrade, consumers can have a **hassle-free user experience** to avail of these services at the touch of their fingertips from the comfort of their homes.

### Axis Financial institution Partners with EazyDiner to launch a premium eating expertise program

- Axis Financial institution has partnered with **EazyDiner**, a table reservation, food discovery, and restaurant payment platform, and have launched **Dining Delights**, an eating experience program for the bank's customers.
- The program will offer benefits such as the option to choose from over **10,000 premium restaurants** across **India** and **Dubai**, instant confirmation on table reservations, and offers on dining reservations made through the EazyDiner app.
- It is aligned to serve a rising variety of prospects who need alternatives, selection, and comfort.

### SEBI gives UPI payment option to invest in public issues of REITs, InvITs

- Capital market regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** gave an additional option of **UPI (Unified Payments Interface)** to **retail investors** to apply in the public issues of **Real Estate Investment trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment trusts (InvITs)** for application value up to **Rs 5 lakh**.
- The change will apply to public issues of units of REIT and InvITs which open from **August 1, 2022**.
- The capital markets regulator January 2019 laid down the process for payment for applications in the public issue of units of these new investment instruments through the facility of **Applications Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA)**.

### Bajaj Allianz launches 'Global Health Care'

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers in India, has announced the launch of a new **health insurance product 'Global Health Care'**.
- The company collaborates with **Allianz Partners** to provide a seamless claims settlement experience for customers outside of India.

### Star Health, IDFC FIRST Bank announce Bancassurance tie-up

- Star Health and Allied Insurance, one of the leading Health Insurance companies in India, has signed a Corporate Agency agreement with **IDFC FIRST Bank**, for the **distribution of its health insurance solutions**.
- Under the agreement, Star Health will offer its health insurance products to the bank's customers using the latter's digital platform and its distribution network.

### Cashfree Payments partners EasyTransfer to offer international payments services

- Fintech company **Cashfree Payments India Private Limited** has partnered with **EasyTransfer** to offer a **faster, easier, and cheaper platform** for **Indian students** to make **fee payments to universities and educational institutions abroad**.
- The partnership will allow Indian students to make educational payments directly through their existing bank accounts, eliminating the need to set up a new account specifically for making such payments.
- EasyTransfer and Cashfree Payments have streamlined India's **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** declaration process, allowing payments to be completed fully online.
- The EasyTransfer payments platform for Indian students will be launched by early June 2022.

### ICICIdirect launches a learning app to help customers with investment

- **ICICI Securities (I-Sec)** has launched '**ICICIdirect iLearn**', a learning app for customers to easily access content curated around several financial products and stock market topics.

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- To provide investors with well-researched and simplified content curated by experts to help make informed investment decisions.
- To familiarize investors with the knowledge of financial or investment tools by including both, standard and contemporary content, catering to the needs of beginners as well as evolved investors.
- As per data from BSE, the total number of investors as of June 2022 stood at around **109 million**, a **51% increase Year on Year (Y-o-Y)**.

### Airtel Payments Bank partners with Axis Bank to digitize cash collection

- Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, to digitize the **cash collection system in India's tier III cities and semi-urban regions**.
- It would leverage the wide reach of its digital-led neighborhood banking model to support Axis Bank with the digitization of last-mile cash collections.

### World Bank Approves \$1 Billion To Support India's Health Sector

- The **World Bank Board of Executive Directors** approved **two complementary loans of \$500 million** each to support and enhance India's health sector.
- Through this combined financing of **\$1 billion**, the Bank will support India's flagship **Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**, launched in **October 2021** to improve public healthcare infrastructure across India.
- The loans will prioritize **7 states** including **Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh**.

### Max Life launches Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)+ to deliver a superior customer experience

- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd**, has launched a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)+', to customers buying the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan', a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan on the **Max Life website or Policybazaar platform**.

### RBI imposes monetary penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank & 3 Cooperative Banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** and **Rs 1 crore on IndusInd Bank Ltd.** for violating the provisions of its regulations.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has **failed to maintain a margin on advances to stock brokers, and** credit the amount involved in the unauthorized electronic transactions to the customers' accounts.
- IndusInd Bank has **failed to adhere to customer due diligence procedures** in the accounts opened using One Time Password (OTP) based e-KYC.
- Protection – Limiting Liability of Customers in Unauthorized Electronic Banking Transactions', and 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.

### Edelweiss General Insurance launches motor insurance product - SWITCH

- Edelweiss General Insurance has launched SWITCH, a **comprehensive motor insurance product under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (IRDAI) Sandbox initiative**.
- SWITCH is a **completely digital, mobile telematics-based motor policy**.
- The app detects motion and automatically activates insurance when the vehicle is driven, making it convenient and hassle-free for customers.
- Moreover, it rewards policyholders if they are driving well, as it measures both the **quantity and quality of driving** and calculates premiums accordingly.

### RBI's DICGC to pay depositors of two cooperative banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)** will pay the **eligible depositors of Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Sahakari Bank, Ichalkaranji, and Harihareshwar Sahakari Bank, Wai in Aug 2022**.
- Eligible depositors of Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Sahakari Bank will get the payment on **August 10, 2022**, and those of Harihareshwar Sahakari Bank on **August 28, 2022**.
- Depositors of the 2 Maharashtra-based banks will get the amount credited to the alternate bank account specified by them, or on their consent, to their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.

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- DICGC, a **wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI**, provides an insurance cover of up to **Rs 5 lakh** on bank deposits.

### RBI launches next round of survey of manufacturing companies

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has launched the **58th round of the Order Books, Inventories, and Capacity Utilization Survey (OBICUS)** of manufacturing companies for the **April - June 2022 period**, results of which provide valuable inputs for monetary policy formulation.
- Selected manufacturing companies will be approached by the RBI for the survey.
- The RBI has also launched the 2021-22 round of its Survey on **International Trade in Banking Services (ITBS)**.

### HDFC Bank receives no objection letter from RBI for a merger with HDFC

- The country's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** has received the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** approval for the **merger of the Housing Development Finance Corporation with the lender**.
- Also, the merger proposal between the two entities received approval from stock exchanges **BSE** and **NSE**.
- The scheme remains subject to various statutory and regulatory approvals *inter alia* including approvals from the Competition Commission of India, the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)**, other applicable authorities, and the respective shareholders and creditors of the companies involved in the Scheme, as may be required.

### Women's World Banking & Bank of Baroda launches the 'Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' in Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand

- One of India's leading public sector banks, **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has partnered with **Women's World Banking (WWB)** to roll out the **third and broader phase of the 'Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' program** across **25 districts of Uttar Pradesh and all 13 districts of Uttarakhand**.
- To increase access to and improve engagement of low-income women with **formal financial services**.

### PNB signs MoU with Indian Air Force for 'PNB Rakshak Plus Scheme'

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**, the nation's leading Public Sector Bank, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to provide specially designed products to the defense personnel under the bank's flagship scheme of '**PNB Rakshak Plus**'.
- The agreement was exchanged between **Atul Kumar Goel, MD and CEO of PNB, and Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari**, on behalf of the Indian Air Force in a ceremony at the Indian Air Force Auditorium in **Delhi**.

### SBI renews MoU with Indian Air Force for defense salary package

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has **renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Air Force for the Defence Salary Package (DSP) scheme**.
- Under this scheme, it will offer various benefits and features to all **serving and retired Air Force personnel and their families**.
- The lender offers extensive benefits to the Air Force personnel such as complimentary **personal accidental insurance, air accidental insurance, and additional cover** in case of **on-duty death (during the action)**.

### RBI Cancels License Of Shri Anand Co-Operative Bank Due To Lack Of Capital

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the **license of Shri Anand Co-operative Bank, Chinchwad, Pune** as the lender **does not have adequate capital** and cannot pay its present depositors in full.
- The bank **does not have adequate capital and earning prospects**.
- As such, it does not comply with the provisions of **Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.
- The bank has failed to comply with the **requirements of Sections 22(3) (a), 22 (3) (b), 22(3)(c), 22(3) (d), and 22(3)(e) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

### Samunnati Partners with SBI for Financing FPOs

- **India's Open Agri network Samunnati** has entered into a **co-lending partnership** with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to **expand its outreach to Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)**.
- Both entered into a non-financial MOU to develop the FPO Sector, mainstream FPO as an asset class, and increase awareness of this class of farmer-owned institutions in the Banking sector.

### Power Finance Corporation inks loan pact with JBIC for JPY 30 bn

- **State-owned & the leading Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) in the Indian power sector, Power Finance Corporation (PFC)** signed a **loan agreement for Japanese Yen (JPY) 30 billion** with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**.

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- The loan agreement was signed by **R S Dhillon**, CMD, PFC, and Kazushige Gobe, Director General, Social Infrastructure Finance Department, JBIC.
- It was signed in the presence of **Parminder Chopra, Director (Finance)** at PFC, **R R Jha**, Director (Projects) at PFC, and **Toshihiko Kurihara**, Chief Representative, JBIC New Delhi office.

### Max Life launches 'Smart Capital Guarantee Solution'

- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.** has launched **Smart Capital Guarantee Solution**, a life insurance product solution that combines the features of **two of Max's existing products** – 'Max Life Smart Wealth Plan' and 'Max Life Flexi Wealth Advantage Plan'.
- The product will offer wealth creation through market-linked returns along with a guarantee on premiums paid at maturity with additional financial protection.

### Indian Bank signs MoU With Government Of Haryana for Mobile Phone Distribution

- Public sector **Indian Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Haryana** regarding the **distribution of mobile phones** to consumers through an **e-unified payment interface (e-upi) system**.
- The program was **flagged off by Shri. Anoop Dhanak**, Hon'ble Minister of State, Revenue and Disaster Management in the presence of **Shri. Imran Amin Siddiqui**, Executive Director, Indian Bank.

### South Indian Bank Partners with Kerala Forest & Wildlife Department for digital payment collection

- The **South Indian Bank (SIB)** has signed an agreement with Kerala's **Forest and Wildlife Department** to enable digital collection of **payments at eco-tourism centers, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units, and eco-shops across Kerala**.
- Through this partnership, the digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all **124 tourist spots** that fall under the Forest Department.
- The tie-up will commence with the setting up of 124 POS machines under **36 forest department** agencies across Kerala.

### SBI General Insurance launches cyber insurance cover for individuals - Cyber VaultEdge

- **SBI General Insurance** has launched the **Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan**, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that protects **against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks**.
- To secure individuals by **minimizing financial losses** arising due to internet-based risk / cyber risks through a comprehensive and affordable product.
- To address the risks that individuals face **due to cybercrime** and instances of reputation damage, fraudulent transactions with credit cards, and debit cards, theft of personal information, etc.,

### Salesforce plans to offer a \$2 mn grant for education, and workforce development in India

- A **US-based tech major**, **Salesforce** has announced an **investment of USD 2 million (about Rs 15.85 crore)** in direct company donations to over **22 non-profit Organizations (NPO) across India**.
- With a focus on education and workforce development, these grants are expected to impact **40,000 individuals** across India.
- To give children access to quality education, Salesforce will partner with institutions such as **Meghshala Trust, Inquilab Foundation, Learning Curve Foundation**, and others.

### MoD approves 3 private sector banks HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to provide financial services in overseas procurement

- The **Ministry of Defence** approved **three Private Sector Banks (PSBs)**, namely **HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank**, to provide the **Letter of Credit and Direct Bank Transfer business for overseas procurement**.
- In line with further opening of allocation of government business to private sector banks by the department of financial services.
- Till now, **only authorized Public Sector Banks** were utilized to provide these services to MoD.

### HDFC Partners with Salesforce to 'reimagine the customer lifecycle'

- **Salesforce, the global leader in CRM**, announced that **HDFC Ltd.**, one of India's leading mortgage lenders and a well-established financial conglomerate will leverage Salesforce to **reimagine the customer lending lifecycle** and support the company's growth priorities.
- HDFC wanted to build the next generation of integration backbone, to easily connect backend and frontend systems including Salesforce.

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### **Fi Money launches Ally Annexure: a financial inclusion initiative**

- Bengaluru-based neo-bank **Fi Money** has launched **Ally Annexure** an initiative to help LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) customers gain better access to financial services.
- To **educate institutions** about being more accessible to queer customers' financial needs of LGBT customers.
- The initiative was launched in partnership with **Pride Circle**, a diversity and inclusion firm.
- It will be supported by Fi Money's banking partner - **Kochi-based Federal Bank**.

### **Bajaj Allianz launches QR Code-enabled services for customers**

- Leading private sector non-life insurer **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has launched a **QR code-enabled service** to **help customers self-service** their needs offering a faster closure of their requirements.
- The QR code-enabled service is available across all the **509 branches** of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance and is designed to offer seamless service delivery.
- The service is industry-first and offers access to **15 services** on the phone.

### **Govt keeps interest rates on small savings schemes unchanged for Q2FY23**

- The **Central Government** kept interest rates on small savings schemes, such as the **Public Provident Fund (PPF)** and **National Savings Certificate (NSC)**, **unchanged** for the **July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022** quarter of **FY23** amid high inflation and rising interest rate.
- In the second quarter of this fiscal, Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will continue to have an annual interest rate of **7.1 percent** and **6.8 percent**, respectively.

### **Finance Minister Nirmala Ms. Sitharaman chairs the 47th meeting of the GST Council**

- The **47th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council** met under the **Chairmanship of the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in Chandigarh**.
- The GST rate changes will be made effective from **July 18, 2022**.
- The two-day meeting of the GST Council will be attended by the Minister of State for Finance **Pankaj Chaudhary**, Finance Ministers of States and Union Territories, and Senior officers from Union Government and States.

### **Bank Deposit Growth Moderates To 10% On Year In March 2022: RBI**

- As per the latest data released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, the **share of current account and savings account (CASA) deposits** in total deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at **44.8% in March 2022** as compared with **41.7% three years ago**.
- These low-cost deposits accounted for **60.9%** and **55.6%** of incremental deposits during 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively.

### **SBI, KDEM partner to offer collateral-free loans to startups in Karnataka**

- State Bank of India (SBI) and **Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**, which would enable SBI to open **India's first dedicated branch for startups** in **Koramangala, Karnataka**.
- As per the MoU, the **Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)** will be utilized by the SBI to provide collateral-free loans of up to **Rs 2 crore** to startups recognized under KDEM's Elevate program.
- The emphasis is to ELEVATE Winners and to AIF-supported start-ups of Karnataka.

### **RBI clears payment aggregator license for Razorpay, PineLabs & Stripe**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** gave **payment aggregator (PA)** and **payment gateway (PG)** licenses in principle to **Razorpay, Pine Labs, and American payments player Stripe**.
- The companies have become the **first players** to receive such a license.
- Payment aggregators are entities that enable e-commerce sites and merchants to accept various payment instruments from customers for the completion of their payment obligations, without the need for merchants to create a separate payment integration system of their own.

### **AIIB to establish an Interim Operational Hub in Abu Dhabi, UAE**

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- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**, in which **India is the second-largest shareholder after China**, has approved the establishment of an Interim Operational Hub, its **first overseas office in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, pending formal agreement to be finalized.
- The hub will provide AIIB with a robust platform to enable effective supervision of its growing investment portfolio, and strengthen its project monitoring and implementation services across the globe.

### Union Bank of India Launches Metaverse Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox Environment

- **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has announced the launch of **Uni-verse, the bank's Metaverse Virtual Lounge & Open Banking Sandbox environment** at an event held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- With this launch, UBI has become the **first Indian Bank** to open a virtual shop for Publicity.
- This initiative was launched in partnership with **Tech Mahindra**.

### City Union Bank partners with Shriram General Insurance for the distribution of insurance products

- Private sector lender **City Union Bank (CUB)** signed a corporate agency **agreement** with **Shriram General Insurance** to **distribute** the latter's **insurance products** through its network of branches across India.
- Under the agreement, Shriram General Insurance will offer personal insurance products such as **motor, personal accident, home, and travel** along with commercial ones such as **property, marine, and engineering** to the bank's customers.

### Axis bank signs MoU with Indian Air Force to manage salary accounts

- One of India's leading private sector banks, **Axis Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to **manage salary accounts** of the **defense personnel** with best-in-class benefits and features under its '**Power Salute**' initiative.
- The signing ceremony was held at Air Force Headquarters, with the I.A.F, represented by Air **Vice Marshal Ashok Saini**, in the presence of Air Chief Marshal, **V R Chaudhari**, and Axis Bank representatives **Reynold D' Souza**, Executive Vice President, and **Lt Col M.K Sharma**, National Accounts Head.

### Tata MF tie up with CAMSPay to launch the UPI AutoPay facility for SIPs

- **Tata Mutual Fund** has teamed up with **Computer Age Management Services Limited CAMSPay** to introduce **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay** for immediate **Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs)**.
- Using this, investors in mutual funds can use their **virtual payment address (VPA)/UPI** handle to mandate an Autopay facility for their Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions.

### RBI imposes restrictions and withdrawal caps on 4 Co-Operative banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed various **restrictions** on **4 cooperative banks Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi; Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai; Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai; and Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited, Tumkur, Karnataka**.
- The Central bank has put restrictions under the **Banking Regulation Act, of 1949** for six months and it includes a cap on withdrawals for the depositors.

### RBI penalizes Federal Bank and Bank of India for violating the regulation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **imposed a monetary penalty** on **Federal Bank Limited** and **Bank of India & Dhani Loans and Services Ltd.** for violating the provisions of its regulations.
- A monetary penalty of **Rs 5.72 crore** has been imposed on Federal Bank Ltd for non-compliance with the provisions of '**Reserve Bank of India (Financial Services provided by Banks) Directions, 2016**' issued by RBI.

### SBICAP Ventures Ltd. signs MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund

- **SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL)**, a subsidiary of the **State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**, GoI for establishing the **Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund)**.
- The TDC Fund will route India's commitment of approx. **INR 175 Cr to the Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund)**

### IRDAI sets up task forces to suggest steps to resolve issues insurers & reinsurers



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- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has set up two **task forces** to suggest steps to sort out issues between **insurers** and **reinsurers**.
- According to reports, the task forces will file the reports **within three weeks**.
- A **9-member panel** has been constituted to sort out the issues between non-life insurers and reinsurers under the **chairmanship of Bhargav Dasgupta, MD, and CEO of ICICI Lombard General**.

### TATA AIA life insurance & City Union Bank partners to offer life & health insurance

- One of India's leading life insurance companies, **Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd**, announced a strategic alliance with **City Union Bank (CUB)** to offer **life and health insurance solutions** to the **Bank's consumers**.
- The partnership will help City Union Bank consumers (existing and new) to benefit from Tata AIA Life's diverse and innovative products and services spanning **term insurance, savings and investment, retirement, and health**.

### RBI sets up a mechanism to settle international trade payments in rupees

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced a mechanism to settle payments for **invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports/imports in INR for international trade in rupees**.

#### Aim :

- To promote the growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the Indian Rupee.

### RBI Cancels Certificate of Registration of Four NBFCs

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has canceled the **Certificate of Registration (CoR)** of four non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) under the exercise of powers conferred on it under **Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**.

#### List of 4 NBFCs :

1. Kanya Shree Credit Private Limited (formerly known as MCI Leasing Private Limited), Bangalore, Karnataka
2. Williamson Magor & Co. Ltd, Kolkata, West Bengal
3. Galaxy Capital Finance Limited, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
4. SRS Finance Limited, Faridabad, Haryana.

### RBI imposes a Rs 1.7 cr penalty on Ola Financial Services for non-compliance with norms

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.67 crore on **Ola Financial Services** for non-compliance with certain provisions related to pre-paid payments (PPIs) dated 27 August 2021 and the Master Direction Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016 dated February 25, 2016.
- The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in **RBI** under **Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

### RBI allows Trade transactions with Lanka may be settled outside the Asian Clearing Union mechanism

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that **all eligible current account transactions** including trade transactions with **Sri Lanka** may be settled in any permitted currency outside the **Asian Clearing Union (ACU) mechanism** until further notice.
- Under the ACU, member central banks settle payments for **intra-regional transactions on a net basis**.
- This reduces the **use of foreign exchange reserves** and transfer costs.

### RBI Imposes Monetary Penalties On 3 Cooperative Banks Over Non-Compliance

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed monetary penalties on three cooperative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- The banks on which the **RBI** imposed penalties include
  1. Nasik Merchant's Co-operative Bank Ltd in Nashik, Maharashtra - Rs 50 lakh penalty
  2. Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank Ltd in Mumbai, Maharashtra - Rs 37.50 lakh
  3. National Central Cooperative Bank Limited in Bettiah, Bihar - Rs 2 lakh

### RBI: Banks' gross NPAs ratio falls to a six-year low of 5.9% in March 2022

- According to the report by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, Bank's gross non-performing assets (GNPA) of **scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) in India** have hit a six-year low of 5.9 percent in March 2022 to 5.3 percent



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by March 2023 under the baseline scenario driven by higher bank credit growth and a declining trend in the stock of GNPs.

- The net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio fell to 1.7 percent in March 2022.

### AMFI to launch mutual fund distributor recruitment campaign 'Karein Shuru?'

- The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has launched a new mutual fund distributor recruitment campaign "Karein Shuru?" - Can We Start?
- The campaign includes television commercial films to reinforce the need and attractiveness of Mutual Funds Distribution as a career option with long-term earning potential for individuals with entrepreneurial aspirations.
- Wunderman Thompson is the advertising agency, while Mirum has created digital campaigns for AMFI.

### RBI Extends Card Tokenization Deadline By 3 Months Till September 30, 2022

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the timeline on credit card and debit card tokenization, by three months till September 30 from June 30, 2022.
- To date, a total of 19.5 crore tokens have been created.

### Star Health partners with MeitY to reach rural India

- Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd., one of the leading standalone health insurance companies in the country, and Common Services Centers (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), have partnered to provide health insurance to rural India.
- The CSCs will provide a host of special features to rural customers including a large bouquet of e-services through a single-delivery platform, localized help-desk support, and sustainability for village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs) through a maximum commission-sharing model of operation.

### Arohan launches digital lending app, expects to raise loan portfolio by Rs 600cr by FY23

- Non-Banking Financial Companies - Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-MFI) Arohan Financial Services launched a digital lending app for its existing customers having a good repayment track record to provide them an experience equivalent to that of privilege banking.

### Objective :

- To "raise collection efficiency ratio.

### ReNew Becomes First Indian Renewable Energy Company To Refinance Dollar-Denominated Bonds

- Renew Energy Global plc ('ReNew') has successfully refinanced its 2024 maturity dollar-denominated bonds with amortizing project debt from an Indian nonbank financial company.
- ReNew issued bonds worth US\$ 525 million in 2019, which were set to mature in 2024.
- 'ReNew' has become the first Indian renewable energy company to refinance dollar-denominated bonds.

### Agritech startup nurture. farm partners with SBI General Insurance & Future Generali to enhance insurance offerings to farmers

- Agri-tech startup nurture. farm partnered with SBI General Insurance and Future Generali India Insurance Company to expand its insurance solutions for its 1.9 million farmers.

### Aim :

- To offer insurance solutions to nearly 2 million farmers in 2022-23
- Recently, Nurture. The farm received a corporate agency license from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) & the license enables nurture. farm to help farmers access innovative insurance solutions at cost-effective price points.

### HDFC Bank Partners With NIIT to Train and Hire Data Engineers

- National Institute of Information Technology, Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (IFBI), a subsidiary of NIIT Limited, has entered into a strategic partnership with HDFC Bank to build new-age Digital Talent for the banking industry.

### Aim :

- To nurture talent in the new-age tech field of data science and empower them to leverage data meaningfully and deliver useful business insights.



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- The first learning program to be launched is the **HDFC Bank Data Digits-Post Graduate Program in Data Engineering**.

### **Jubilant Pharma arm to raise \$400 million loan from Standard Chartered Bank to repay debt**

- **Jubilant Pharma Holdings Inc (JPHI)** has signed an agreement with **Standard Chartered Bank (SCB)** for a **five-year loan of USD 400 million, about Rs 3,186 crore**.
- While the term loan and bonds aggregate to **\$350 million, about Rs 2,787 crore**, the company is raising another tranche of **\$50 million (about Rs 400 crore)** for capital expenditure.

### **Quantum Mutual Fund launches India's first Nifty 50 ETF Fund of Fund**

- **Quantum Mutual Fund** launches **Quantum Nifty 50 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF Fund)**, an **open-ended Fund of Fund (FoF) scheme** that invests in the units of **Quantum Nifty 50 ETF**.
- Quantum Nifty 50 ETF FOF is **India's first-of-its-kind Nifty 50 ETF Fund of Fund**.
- The new fund offer opens on **July 18, 2022**, and **closes on August 1, 2022**.

### **Aim :**

- To provide capital appreciation by investing in units of Quantum Nifty 50 ETF – Replicating / Tracking Nifty 50 Index.

### **Singapore & Asian Development Bank sign agreement to promote investment in the Asia Pacific**

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **Singapore** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to promote greater investment in the **Asia and Pacific region** and to recognize the importance of private sector finance as well as catalyzing public sector resources for sustainable and inclusive development.
- **Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr. Lawrence Wong** and **ADB President Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa** signed the agreement on the sidelines of the **G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting** in Bali, Indonesia.

### **Yes Bank signs a term sheet With JC Flowers ARC for the sale of stressed loans**

- The Board of directors of **Yes Bank** has signed a **binding term sheet** with **JCF ARC LLC and JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited (JC Flowers ARC)** for a proposed **sale of an identified stressed loan portfolio** of the bank aggregating to up to **Rs 48,000 crore**.
- In the guidelines issued by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, YES bank proposes to run a transparent bidding process on a Swiss Challenge basis for the sale of such portfolios using the JC Flowers ARC's bid as the base bid.

### **Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes the first private bank to integrate with a new income tax portal**

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has completed **technical integration** with the **new e-filing portal** of the **Income Tax department**.
- With this Kotak Mahindra Bank has become the **first private bank** to fully integrate with the new e-filing portal.
- In **October 2021**, Kotak Mahindra Bank became the **first scheduled private sector bank** to **receive approval** as a **collections partner for taxes**, after the announcement to permit all banks to participate in government business.

### **Bank of India & PFRDA launches platform for opening NPS account via mobile phone**

- **Bank of India (BoI) & Pension Fund Regulator & Development Authority (PFRDA)** in association with **K-fintech** launched a digital platform that allows customers to open **National Pension System (NPS) accounts** using **mobile phones**.
- It was inaugurated by **Mr. Supratim Bandhyopadhyay, Chairman of, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**
- K-fintech provides **SaaS (Software as a Service)** based end-to-end transaction management, channel management, and compliance solutions.

### **Karnataka Bank signs MoU with JCB India**

- The **Karnataka Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **JCB India Limited**, a manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment in India.
- The tie-up arrangement is expected to boost the lending avenues under the bank's **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) portfolio**.

### **Go Digit Insurance launches 'pay as-you-drive add-on cover for motor insurance**



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- **Go Digit General Insurance** has launched 'Pay as you Drive' (PAYD) an add-on feature for **motor insurance Own Damage (OD) policies**.
- This makes Digit Insurance one of **India's first insurers** to introduce the add-on for its customers.
- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** granted initial approval.

### **DBS named 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for the second time**

- **DBS** has been recognized as the 'World's Best SME Bank' by the **UK-based financial publication Euromoney** for the **second time** since **2018**.
- It entrenches the bank's position as a global industry leader in partnering with **Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** to grow and expand their businesses across borders and digitally.
- The DBS bank also won **three first-time awards** at Euromoney's Awards for
  1. World's Best 'Financial Innovation of the year' 2022
  2. 'Asia's Best Bank for Wealth Management 2022'
  3. 'Asia's Best Bank for SME award 2022'.

### **Federal Bank associates with the Central Board of Direct Taxes to launch the new online tax payment service**

- The **Federal Bank** partners with the **Central Board of Direct Tax** to launch the **new online tax payment service**.
- With this partnership, Federal Bank became one of the pioneers to be registered under the **Tin 2.0 platform** of the **Income Tax Department**.

### **Govt. declares zero coupons and zero principal instruments as securities**

- The **Central Government** has declared "**zero coupons zero principal instruments**" as **securities** for the **Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956**.

### **About Zero coupons zero principal instruments:**

- Zero coupons zero principal instrument means an instrument issued by a **Not for Profit Organisation (NPO)** that will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognized stock exchange.
- These instruments will be governed by rules made by the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.
- The Social Stock Exchange (SSE) idea was floated by **Finance Minister Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman** in her Budget Speech 2019-20.

### **Morgan Stanley lowers India's FY23 GDP forecast to 7.2%**

- **American brokerage Morgan Stanley** has lowered **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** to **7.2% in the 2022-23 financial year (FY23)**, **40 basis points (bps)** lower than their previous estimates of **7.6%**.
- It has also cut the real GDP forecast for FY 2023-24 (FY24) by **30 bps from 6.7% to 6.4%**.
- However, Morgan expects the policy repo rate to stabilize at **6.5% by April 2023, 160 bps** higher.

### **Government extends levy of GST Compensation Cess till March 2026**

- The **Union Finance Ministry** announced that the **Good and Services Tax (GST) Compensation levy** to states has been extended by **nearly four years from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2026**.
- It recalled the **GST (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022**.
- The cess is levied on notified luxury goods falling in the **28 percent GST slab**.

### **RBI panel proposes a 4-tier regulatory framework for UCBs**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recommended a **four-tier regulatory framework** for **urban cooperative banks (UCBs)** based on the size of deposits and their area of operations.

#### **Aim :**

- To strengthen the financial soundness of the existing urban cooperative banks (UCBs).

#### **About the 4-tier regulatory framework :**

##### **Tier - I**

- All unit UCBs and salary earners' UCBs, irrespective of deposit size, and all other UCBs with deposits of up to **₹100 crores**.

##### **Tier - II**

- Urban cooperative banks with deposits of **more than ₹100 crores** and **up to ₹1,000 crores**.

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### Tier - III

- Urban cooperative banks with deposits of over **₹1,000 crores** and **up to ₹10,000 crore**

### Tier - IV

- UCBs with deposits of over **₹10,000 crores**.

### Standard Chartered Bank & EaseMyTrip launch a co-branded credit card

- Standard Chartered Bank launched a **co-branded credit card EaseMyTrip Standard Chartered Credit Card** with the online travel tech platform **EaseMyTrip**.

### Features of the EaseMyTrip Standard Chartered credit card:

- Flat 20% instant discount on Domestic & International hotel bookings** with EaseMyTrip of up to **INR 5,000** and **INR 10,000** respectively with **no minimum booking amount**
- Flat 10% instant discount on Domestic & International flight bookings** with EaseMyTrip of up to **INR 1000** and **INR 5000** respectively with no minimum booking amount
- Flat INR 125 off on Domestic bus bookings on EaseMyTrip with **INR 500** as the minimum booking amount

### Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance partners with DBS Bank India to offer life insurance solutions

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**, one of India's leading private life insurers, and **DBS Bank India**, the **wholly owned subsidiary of DBS Bank Ltd., Singapore**, have announced a strategic partnership to offer a **wide array of life insurance solutions** to the DBS bank's customers.
- Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance **Mr. Tarun Chugh** and MD and Head, of Consumer Banking Group, DBS Bank India **Mr. Prashant Joshi**, signed the agreement in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### Aim :

- To empower the customers to Live More and Bank Less by investing in life insurance products.

### RBI restricts three cooperative banks from conducting banking activity due to poor liquidity position

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced severe **restrictions** on **three cooperative banks** from conducting banking activity due to poor liquidity positions.

### Names of 3 cooperative banks :

- Nashik Zilla Girna Sahakari Bank Limited, Nashik, Maharashtra
- Raigad Sahakari Bank, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Sri Mallikarjuna Pattana Sahakari Bank, Maski, Karnataka
- These directions will remain in force for **six months** and are subject to review.

### RBI renews its statement of commitment to the FX Global Code

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has signed its **renewed Statement of Commitment (SoC)** to the **Foreign Exchange (FX) Global Code**.
- Currently, the Code is being implemented globally by the **Global FX Committee (GFXC)** in coordination with the **Local FX Committee (LFXC)** in each jurisdiction.
- RBI** is a **member of GFXC**.

### European Investment Bank joins India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

- The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** has joined the **India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** to limit the **destruction** caused by **climate change**.

### World Bank to fund 200 Million USD for Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Reforms

- The **Government of India (GoI)** will provide a **financing facility** worth about **Rs. 1600 Crore (USD 200 million)** through the **World Bank** for the "**Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Development Program**".

### Aim :

- To undertake holistic power sector reforms in a manner to allow for improvements in the renewable energy integration in HP.
- With the State equity, the total program cost will be approximately **Rs. 2000 Crore**.
- The Program duration will be of **five years**, starting from the year **2023 to 2028**.

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**New Development Bank (NDB) grants USD 875 million to water, sanitation, ecotourism, and transport departments in Brazil, China, and India**

- The New Development Bank (NDB) has approved **5 new projects totaling USD 875 million** for water, sanitation, ecotourism, and transport.
- The Investments will support commitments by Brazil, China, and India toward the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

**In Brazil :**

- NDB will channel **USD 300 million** that will contribute to connecting **592 thousand households** to water supply and **727 thousand** to sewage collection networks in the state of **Sao Paulo, Brazil**.

**In India :**

- NDB approved **USD 79 million** for the **Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project**.

**In China :**

- NDB approved **EUR 265 million** for the expansion of the **Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport** and **RMB 805 million** for the expansion of the **Xi'an Xianyang International Airport**.

**IndusInd Bank partners with EazyDiner to launch India's 1st co-branded dining credit card - EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card**

- **Private lender IndusInd Bank** has partnered with **India's leading table reservation, food discovery, and restaurant payment platform EazyDiner** to launch a **co-branded credit card - EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card**.

**Aim :**

- To redefine the dining experience for our customers, who have a penchant for exploring a variety of restaurants.

**IndusInd Bank approves raising Rs 20,000 crore**

- The **Board of Directors of IndusInd Bank** has approved a proposal to raise **Rs 20,000 crore** in debt on a private placement basis to fund its business growth.
- As of **March 31, 2022**, the capital adequacy ratio of the bank stood at **18.42%** with **tier-I capital** being at **16.80%** and tier-II capital at **1.62%** as a percentage of its risk-weighted assets.
- The Indusland Bank Board also approved the re-appointment of **Ms. Akila Krishnakumar** as '**Non-Executive Independent Director**' on the Board of the Bank will be from August 10, 2022, up to August 9, 2026.

**SBI gets Board's Approval, to Raise To Rs 11,000 Crore in Basel III bonds in FY23**

- **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** has received board approval to raise **Rs 11,000 crore** through **Basel III-compliant bonds**.
- Of the total earmarked fund-raise, the approval is for **additional tier-1 (AT-1) capital** up to **Rs 7,000 crore**, subject to the central government's concurrence.
- The remaining **Rs 4,000 crore** will be in the form of tier-2 capital.

**Asian Development Bank cuts India's GDP forecast for FY23 to 7.2%**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in its '**Outlook 2022 Supplement**' has cut **India's GDP growth forecast to 7.2%** for the financial year **2022-23 (FY23)** from **7.5%** projected in April 2022 because of higher-than-expected inflation and monetary tightening.
- It also lowered the **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** growth estimate for 2023-24 to **7.8% from the 8%** estimated earlier.

**Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launches add-on motor insurance cover**

- Private sector **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited** launched its **add-on motor insurance cover** called '**Pay As You Consume' (PAYC)**.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance was the first to launch 'Pay As You Consume' under the **Insurance Regulatory and Developments Authority of India's (IRDAI's) (Sandbox Regulations)**.

**FICCI lowers India's GDP growth forecast to 7% in FY23**



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- The latest economic outlook survey conducted by the industry body **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** has **downgraded India's 2022-23 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to 7% from 7.4%** estimated in its previous survey round in April 2022.

### World Bank approves \$1 billion loan for PM Ayushman Bharat health infrastructure mission

- The **World Bank** has approved a **loan of USD 1 billion** to provide support to **India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**.
- The loan comprises **two complementary loans of USD 500 million** each namely for "**Transforming India's Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP)**" and "**India's Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP)**".

### RBI report - India moves to a leadership position in the large-value digital payment system

- According to the report titled **Benchmarking India's Payment Systems** released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **India** has made significant progress and moved to a leadership position in **large-value digital payment systems**.
- India was categorized as a '**leader' or 'strong**' in respect of **25** (21 in the previous exercise) out of **40 indicators** and categorized as '**weak**' in respect of **8** (12 in the previous exercise) indicators.

### RBI's New guidelines for Non-Bank payment system operators

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued **new guidelines for non-bank payment system operators (PSOs)** under **Section 10 (2) & Section 18** of "**The payment and Settlement Systems Act of 2007**".

### Canara Bank Launches New Mobile Banking App - Canara ai1

- **Canara Bank** has launched its **mobile banking app called Canara ai1**.
- The banking app would be a **one-stop solution** with more than 250 features to cater to the banking needs of its customers.

### Aim :

- To eliminate the need to have multiple mobile apps working in silos for availing different specific services.

### ADB approves \$96 mn loans for a safe drinking water project in Himachal Pradesh

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **USD 96.3 million (Rs 770 crore) loan** to fund safe drinking water and sanitation projects in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The loan has been provided under the **Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project**.

### Nomura cuts 2023 India GDP forecast to 4.7% amid recession fears

- **Nomura** has **lowered the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for India in 2023 to 4.7%** from its **earlier projection of 5.4%** amid recession fears and rising rates of interest.
- Nomura expects headline inflation in India to average **6.9 percent in 2022, and 5.9 percent in 2023**
- **India's retail inflation rate, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)** came in at **7.01 percent** versus **7.04 percent** in May 2022.
- This is the **sixth consecutive month** that the CPI inflation has remained above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) comfort zone of **2-6 percent**.

### City Union Bank Partners with Aditya Birla Health Insurance

- Private sector lender **City Union Bank (CUB)** and standalone health insurer **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL)**, the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd, have announced a bancassurance partnership for the **distribution of health insurance products** of ABHICL through the former's network of branches across India.
- This is the **3rd health insurance Partnership** for CUB as it has entered into such bancassurance pacts with Star Health and Alliance Insurance as also **Care Health (formerly known as Religare Health Insurance Co)**.
- This is the **14th agreement** by Aditya Birla Health Insurance with CUB for the bancassurance partnership.

### JICA extends ODA Loan of JPY 100 billion for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project

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- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a loan agreement with the Government of India (GoI) to provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of 100,000 million Japanese Yen ( INR 6,000 Crore) as **Tranche 3** on the 'Project for the Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR).'
- The loan agreement was signed between **Mr. Rajat Kumar Mishra**, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and **Mr. Watanabe Jun**, Senior Representative, JICA India.

### Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance inks strategic partnership with CUB

- Private life insurer **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has entered into a strategic partnership with **City Union Bank (CUB)** to offer a wide array of life insurance solutions to the lender's customers across their 727 branches.

### HDFC Securities partners with Equitas SFB to offer Demat, trading services

- HDFC Bank subsidiary and stock broking company, **HDFC Securities Ltd**, has partnered with small finance bank **Equitas** to provide Demat accounts and broking and investment services to its customers.

### Indian Bank bags SHG Linkage award from NABARD

- Indian Bank has bagged the best performing bank award in Tamil Nadu for the FY 2021-22 under the Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme category from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- State finance minister **Mr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan** gave away the award, which was received by **Mr. S L Jain**, MD & CEO, and **Mr. V Chandrasekaran**, general manager (Rural Banking) during NABARD's 41st foundation day.

### Note :

- On July 12, 2022, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) celebrated its **41st Foundation Day**.

### City Union Bank partners with Royal Sundaram General Insurance for insurance products

- City Union Bank (CUB) and **Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Limited** have partnered to enable the customers of the CUB to have easy access to comprehensive general insurance products of Royal Sundaram across its branches.

### ECGC Introduces Scheme to Provide Enhanced Export Credit Risk Insurance cover up to 90% for small exporters

- ECGC has introduced a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to the extent of 90% to support small exporters under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS).

### IMF cuts India's economic growth forecast to 7.4% for FY23

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, has lowered its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the current financial year FY23 by 0.8% or 80 basis points to 7.4 percent from 8.2 percent estimated in April 2022.
- Similarly, the IMF has also lowered India's growth forecast for FY24 to 6.1 percent as against 6.9 percent earlier.

### Union Bank of India plans automated solution for resolution of stressed assets

- State-owned **Union Bank of India (UBI)** is developing an **automated solution** for the early resolution of stressed assets, **Union SARAS** (Stressed Asset Recovery Automated Solution).
- It will cover recovery actions under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI)**, **Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT)**, and **Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC)**.

### India Post Payments Bank Partners with TATA AIG

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has Partnered with **Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited (TATA AIG)** for providing **TATA Accidental Guard policy** to IPPB customers.

### Rajasthan signs MoU with Telangana to set up First Women's bank in Rajasthan

- Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) and Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation of Telangana (Stree Nidhi-Telangana) signed an agreement to set up a first-ever all-women-run cooperative bank called "Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi".
- The agreement was signed by **RGAV Mission Director Manju Rajpal** and Stree Nidhi managing director, **G Vidhyasagar Reddy**.

### SEBI issues new guidelines for settlement of running account



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- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has issued **new guidelines** on the settlement of running accounts of clients' funds lying with stock brokers, which will be effective from **October 1, 2022**.
- Under the new guidelines, SEBI decided that the settlement of the running account of funds of the client shall be done by the **trading members** after considering the **End of the day (EOD) obligation of funds** as on the date of settlement across all the Exchanges on the **first Friday** of the Quarter (i.e., Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar) for all the clients.

### RBI's digital payments index increased to 349.30 in March 2022

- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) digital payments index (DPI)** has risen to **349.30 in March 2022**, compared to **304.46 for September 2021**, indicating digital payments are on the rise in the country led by a **unified payments interface (UPI)**.
- The index will be published on a **semi-annual basis** with a **lag of 4 months**.

### SEBI extends the deadline for commencing KYC record validation by KRAs

- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** extended the deadline for commencing the **validation** of all **Know Your Customer (KYC)** records by **KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)** by **three months to November 01, 2022**, from August 01, 2022.
- This is the **second time** the SEBI has extended the deadline.
- Earlier it was extended till **August 01, 2022**, from July 01, 2022.

### Kotak General Insurance launches AI-based vehicle pre-inspection

- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance)** has partnered with **Inspektlabs** to automate vehicle inspections for vehicle insurance renewals with **Artificial Intelligence-based technology**.

### Bandhan Bank opens first currency chest in Patna for Cash Management

- **Bandhan Bank** has opened its **first currency chest** in **Deedargunj in Patna, Bihar**.
- This will help the **private lender manage cash management** for the branches and ATMs in Bihar.
- According to the **2020-2021 Annual report of RBI**, there are **2878 currency chests in India** as of March 2022.

### RBI imposes restrictions on two cooperative banks, caps fund withdrawal amount

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed several restrictions, including on fund withdrawals, on **two Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative banks Lucknow Urban Co-operative Bank and Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Sitapur** because of their deteriorating financial position.
- The restrictions under the **Banking Regulation Act** will remain in force for **six months**.
- As per this, **Customers of Lucknow Urban Co-operative Bank will not be able to withdraw more than Rs 30,000**, and the withdrawal limit in the case of **Urban Co-operative Bank is Rs 50,000 per customer**.

### Aditya Birla Health Insurance & Policybazaar.com launches OPD Add-on Cover with Zero Waiting Period

- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL)**, the health insurance subsidiary of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)**, & non-bank financial company **Policybazaar.com** has launched 'OPD Add-on' for customers to address their health & wellness needs.

### Types of OPD Add-on Cover:

- Option (1) **₹599 per insured (excluding tax)** - Unlimited Physical Outpatient consultations by a general medical practitioner
- Option (2) **₹799 per insured (excluding tax)** - Unlimited Physical & Virtual Outpatient consultations by a general medical practitioner
- Option (3) **₹999 per insured (excluding tax)** - Unlimited Physical & Virtual Outpatient consultations by a general medical practitioner

### RBI extends the license application window for payment aggregators

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed another window for **payment aggregators (PAs)** existing as of **March 2020** to apply to the central bank for a license by **September 30, 2022**, & should have a **minimum net worth of Rs 15 crore as on March 31, 2022**.

### BOB Financial Solutions launches mobile app 'bob card'

- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited** has launched its **credit card servicing mobile application, 'bob card'**.
- To help customers with a one-stop solution to manage their Bank of Baroda credit card services.
- The app has been designed in collaboration with **IBM**.

### HDFC raises \$1.1 billion social loan for financing affordable housing projects in India

- **Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd** has raised **USD 1.1 billion (around Rs 8,700 crore)** from a clutch of investors under the '**Syndicated Social Loan Facility**' at about a **3.3 percent rate for financing housing projects in India**.
- The loan has been priced **90 basis points** over the **Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)**.
- This is the **largest social loan globally**, the **first external commercial borrowing (ECB)** loan out of India, and the largest ECB loan deal from a housing finance company/private NBFC in India.

### Max Life Insurance launches 'Smart Secure Easy Solution'

- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.** has launched **Max Life Smart Secure Easy Solution**, a comprehensive **three-in-one protection solution** offering benefits of **life, critical illness & disability**, and **accidental cover**.
- The solution is a combination of Max Life's Smart Secure Plus Plan.

### Udyam Portal Of MSME Ministry Achieves Landmark 1 Cr Registrations:

- The **Ministry of MSME** celebrated the landmark of **1 crore registrations** on its **Udyam Portal**.
- Following the adoption of the revised definition of **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** on **26th June 2020**, which is based on investment in plant & machinery or equipment; and turnover, the **Udyam Registration Portal was launched on 1st July 2020**.
- The revised definition did away with the distinction between manufacturing and services enterprises.

### RBI temporarily allows merchants & payment aggregators to save customer card credentials

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **temporarily permitted** merchants or their **payment aggregators (PAs)** involved in the settlement of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually to save the **Card-on-File (CoF) data** for a maximum period of "**Transaction Date + 4 days**" or till the settlement date, whichever is earlier.

### RBI imposes restrictions on 3 Urban cooperative banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed several restrictions, including on the withdrawal of funds, on **three Urban cooperative banks (UCBs)** namely
- Jaiprakash Narayan Nagari Sahakari Bank, Basmatnagar, Maharashtra
- The Karmala Urban Co-operative Bank, Solapur, Maharashtra
- Durga Co-operative Urban Bank, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

### Federal Bank becomes the 1st Bank to list Payment Gateway on the new Tax platform

- **Federal Bank** has become **India's first bank** to list its **Payment Gateway platform** on the **TIN 2.0 platform of the Income Tax Department**.
- With this, TIN 2.0 platform taxpayers will get one more payment option and now make their payments with ease, using modes such as **Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS, and Internet Banking**.
- Tax Information Network (TIN) is an initiative by the **Income Tax Department of India (ITD)** for the collection, processing, monitoring, and accounting of direct taxes using information technology.

### Karnataka Bank partners with Yubi for Co-lending with NBFCs

- **Karnataka Bank** has entered into an arrangement with **Yubi** (formerly known as **CredAvenue Pvt Ltd**) for **co-lending via Yubi Co.Lend, India's co-lending platform**.
- To provide credit to the underserved sectors and accelerate financial inclusion in India.



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- This collaboration will allow Karnataka bank to digitally onboard various **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)**, lend significant amounts of money, and onboard a larger customer base as a result of their better consumer outreach.

### **SEBI restructures the market data advisory committee to have 20 members**

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **restructured** its **advisory committee on market data** that **recommends policy measures** for securities market data access and privacy.
- Currently, the market data advisory committee will have **20 members**.
- Earlier, the committee had 21 members.

### **IRDAI eases norms of bank bonds, InvITs/REITs**

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has allowed **insurers to buy more perpetual bonds** issued by banks and allowed them to participate in **high-yield public listings**.
- The aggregate value of the **AT1 (level one additional) bonds** held in a particular bank, at any time, will not exceed 10% of the total outstanding AT1 Bonds of that particular bank.
- AT1 bonds have no fixed maturities and are raised to shore up the capital base.
- These **quasi-equity securities** generate much higher returns than traditional bonds, as the risk is also higher.

### **Karnataka Bank partners with Schwing Stetter India Pvt Ltd for financing construction equipment**

- **Karnataka Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with **SCHWING Stetter India Pvt Ltd** one of India's major construction equipment manufacturers for **financing construction equipment**.
- The collaboration is expected to broaden the bank's **Micro, Small, and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSME) financing prospects**.

### **Insurance Dekho partners with Future Generali to offer pet insurance**

- Insurance start-up **InsuranceDekho** has partnered with **Future Generali India Insurance Company** to offer **dog health covers**.
- The pet insurance policy as of now has a starting premium of about **₹324 annually**.
- It offers comprehensive coverage for over **25 breeds of dogs, aged 6 months to 10 years**.

### **Yubi Partners with U GRO Capital for co-lending and supply chain financing**

- **Yubi** has agreed with **U GRO Capital**, a new generation Lending-as-a-Service (LaaS) business that leverages technology to deliver last-mile credit to **MSMEs** with the financing of **more than INR 2000 crore by March 2023 in India**.

### **IndusInd Bank partners with Rupyy to offer loans for used cars**

- **IndusInd Bank** has announced a **strategic partnership** with **Rupyy**, a new-age digital lending platform offering **100% paperless loan processing for used cars**.
- Rupyy is the fintech arm of the **Jaipur-based Girnarsoft Pvt. Ltd.**, which houses brands including CarDekho, BikeDekho, Zigwheels, and Powerdrift, among others.
- This partnership will enable users of 'Rupyy' to avail themselves of simplified documentation and instant processing of vehicle loans from IndusInd Bank.

### **SEBI Postpones Implementation of MF Holder Nomination Rules to October 1**

- Capital market regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has postponed the **implementation of new rules on the nomination for mutual fund investors till October 1, 2022**.
- The new rules of providing an option for mutual fund investors to submit details of nomination or opt-out of it were to come into force on **August 1, 2022**.

### **SEBI penalizes BSE for its subsidiary buying a stake in Indus Water without prior approval**

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** imposed a **penalty of Rs 3 lakh on BSE Ltd** for indirectly engaging in works that were unrelated to its activities as a stock exchange without the regulator's approval.
- The order came after SEBI examined investments made by BSE Ltd to ascertain whether the firm had engaged in activities that were not related to its activity as a stock exchange without the approval of Sebi as of **March 2021**.

### **Union Bank of India sets up "RACE" goal for 2022**

- The **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has set **"RACE"** as the goal for the year.

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- RACE stands for
- Grow **RAM** (retail, agriculture, and MSME) loans,
- Improve **Asset** quality,
- Increase **CASA** (current account, savings account deposits)
- Increase **Earnings**

### **SEBI lays rules for automated deactivation of trading, and demat accounts in case of inadequate KYC**

- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** released a framework for **automated deactivation of trading and demat accounts of investors** in case of inadequate **Know Your Client (KYC) details**.
- The framework will come into effect on **August 31, 2022**.

### **Union Bank of India launches Union Prerna 2.0 - EmpowerHim**

- **Union Bank of India** launched an **Industry-first, dedicated, men-focused Committee 'EmpowerHim'** as part of its flagship HR initiative '**Prerna**'.
- It was launched by **A Manimekhala, MD, and CEO, of Union Bank of India**.
- To promote the employees' career trajectory and improve diversity in the Bank by picking out and resolving individual as well as common existing challenges.
- This Committee will complement the women-focused; EmpowerHer Committee launched by the Bank earlier in July 2022.

### **Infosys Finacle gets inducted into IFSCA's Regulatory Sandbox framework**

- **Infosys Finacle, part of EdgeVerve Systems**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Infosys has been inducted into **International Financial Services Centres Authority's (IFSCA) Regulatory Sandbox framework** to pilot its blockchain-based trade finance solution.

### **GOI Announces Sale of Four Dated Securities for a Notified Amount of Rs 33,000 crore**

- The **Government of India (GOI)** has announced the **sale (re-issue)** of four dated securities for a **notified amount of ₹33,000 crores**.
- The auctions will be conducted by the **Reserve Bank of India, on August 05, 2022**.

### **PNB Gets RBI Approval to Invest ₹500 cr in PNB Housing Finance Rights Issue**

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** announced that the **Reserve Bank of India** had allowed it to invest **₹500 crores** in the **upcoming ₹2,500 crore rights issue of PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL)**.
- Following the rights issue, the shareholding of Punjab National Bank (PNB) as a promoter of the company would come down from the current level of **32.57% to below 30%**.

### **SVC Bank Partners With SIDBI For Empowering MSMEs**

- **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd. (SVC Bank)**, one of India's leading co-operative banks, and **Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI)**, the country's apex financial institution for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), entered into a partnership through an Agreement.
- The agreement was signed by **Ashish Singhal, MD, SVC Bank, and Sanjeev Gupta, General Manager, SIDBI** in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### **RBI's Financial Inclusion Index for March 2022 rises to 56.4**

- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)** in March 2022 increased to **56.4** indicating that growth has been witnessed across all parameters.
- The FI-index in March 2021 was **53.9**.

### **GST e-invoicing is mandatory for entities with Rs 10 cr turnover from Oct 1, 2022**

- The **goods and services tax (GST) e-invoicing** will be **mandatory** for firms with a turnover of over **Rs 10 crore** from **October 1, 2022** down from the **current threshold of Rs 20 crore** to further plug leakages and ensure better compliance.

### **HDFC receives in-principle approval from SEBI to change in control of HDFC AMC**

- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has granted **in-principle approval** for a change in control of **HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC)**, a subsidiary of HDFC, and the asset management company of **HDFC Mutual Fund**, due to a change in co-sponsor of HDFC Mutual Fund, on account of proposed amalgamation of HDFC with and into HDFC Bank.



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- It has already received **no objection/approval** from stock exchanges and RBI.

### **SEBI constitutes a 15-member FPI Advisory committee to attract foreign investment**

- The market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a **15-member advisory committee, FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investment) Advisory Committee FAC**.
- To ease ways for foreign investors to invest in the Indian markets by reviewing the existing processes and recommending new ones.

### **American Express launches Global Pay, a B2B payments solution**

- American Express, a Small Business Card issuer** in the U.S has launched a cross-border payment solution **Global Pay**, that will let U.S. businesses make secure domestic and international B2B (Business to Business) payments.
- Through this, business customers can send payments funded from their business bank account to their suppliers in **more than 40 countries** across a range of currencies using a simple, mobile-friendly platform.

### **HDFC Bank Raises \$300 Mn in NRE Deposits**

- HDFC Bank** raised **\$300 million** in **Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits**, offering up to **50 basis points** higher than the current rates.
- The Middle East drove the list of new NRI depositors, with the rest of Asia and Europe not far behind.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed banks to accept FCNR (B) and NRE deposits from the Indian diaspora without any interest rate caps.

### **Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited ventures into Fintech services**

- Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited** has agreed with its **first fintech partner, New Street Technologies Private Limited**, for **Micro Lending, Operations Management, and Technology Services under priority sector lending**.
- New Street Technologies Pvt Ltd. will provide technical support to the Bank on Digital onboarding and extend support as the business correspondent in the Microlending space to start the operations in southern states of India and subsequently expand to more states.

### **Indian Bank inks MoU with SRM University in AP to lend up to 50 crores for start-ups**

- Indian Bank** has collaborated with **Hatchlab Research Centre, Technology Business Incubator (TBI)** of **SRM University-Andhra Pradesh** to launch '**IND SpringBoard**', an initiative for financing start-ups and **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.
- The bank will extend loans of up to **Rs 50 crore** to start-ups incubated at SRM Hatchlab for their working capital requirements or purchase of machinery and equipment.

### **Axis Bank Launches One-stop Cash Management Proposition**

- Axis Bank** becomes the **first Indian bank to launch Axis Receivables Suite (ARS)-an innovative Cash Management proposition**.
- It simplifies Receivables reconciliation, accelerates cash flow, enhances the client experience, and reduces the cost of doing business.

### **IDFC FIRST Bank partners LetsVenture to support startups**

- IDFC FIRST Bank** and **India's leading early-stage platform for investors and founders, LetsVenture Technologies Pvt. Ltd** has partnered to **explore synergies** and support the startup ecosystem by offering curated products and solutions to startups, founders and investors.
- An MoU to work on areas of mutual interest was signed between IDFC FIRST Bank LetsVenture Technologies at LetsVenture's flagship event, '**LetsIgnite**', for startups and founders in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

### **RBI prescribed norms for small finance banks to deal in forex**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that **small finance banks** which have completed **two years** of operations and have a **minimum net worth of Rs 500 crore** can deal in foreign exchange.
- To give more flexibility to SFBs to meet their customers' foreign exchange business requirements, it has been decided that all the scheduled SFBs, after completion of at least two years of operations as Authorized Dealer Category-II, will be eligible for Authorized Dealer Category-I license, subject to compliance with prescribed eligibility norms

### **RBI Allows IDBI Bank Bidders to Own More Than 40% Stake**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, has permitted **non-financial institutions and unregulated entities** to **own more than 40 percent stake** in **IDBI Bank**



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- The Union government and **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** look to sell a **51-74 percent stake** in the lender through the strategic divestment process.

### **Paytm partners with Piramal Finance to offer loans**

- **Paytm Payments Bank Limited** has Partnered with **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance** to offer merchant loans to small cities and towns across India.
- With this partnership, merchants will be able to avail of loans of up to **Rs 10 lakh** with a **tenure of 6-24 months**.

### **SBI formalizes policy to finance makers of lab-grown diamonds**

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** is the **first Indian lender** to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of natural diamond stones.
- These diamonds are priced at a **30-40%** decrease from pure (or, earth-mined) diamonds.

### **HDFC Bank inks pact with TReDs platform M1xchange**

- **HDFC Bank** has partnered with the **Trade receivables discounting platform, M1xchange** promoted by **Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd** to make a **debut** in the **Trade receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform**.
- To provide more liquidity to small businesses at competitive interest rates.

### **SIDBI & ONDC ink MoU to accelerate E-Commerce for Small Industries**

- **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, a first-of-its-kind initiative to democratize the country's e-commerce ecosystem has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, for the coordination of capabilities of establishments engaged in related actions.

### **Kotak Mahindra Bank launches lifestyle-focused corporate salary account**

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** launched **Kotak Crème, a lifestyle-focused corporate salary account**, offering an upgraded banking experience to new-age professionals working with eminent corporations.
- Kotak Crème is being launched in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

### **Yes Bank & IBSFINtech tie up to provide enhanced digital services**

- **Yes Bank** and **IBSFINtech, the leading TreasuryTech Solution provider**, have partnered to explore untapped opportunities emerging out of the digitization of corporate finance.
- The partnership will empower the corporate treasury ecosystem with a **robust decision-making tool** and automated workflows backed by seamless bank connectivity.

### **LIC offloads a 2% stake in Mahindra & Mahindra for ₹2,222.49 crore**

- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has sold 2 percent of its shareholding in **automaker Mahindra & Mahindra** for about **Rs 2,222.49 crore**
- The shares were sold through open market transactions during the period from **December 21, 2020, to August 8, 2022**.
- After the sale, the LIC holding in the passenger cars and utility vehicles company decreased from **8.430 percent to 6.421 percent**.
- The average cost of **2,49,73,233 shares sold**, was **Rs 889.95 crore**.

### **RBI Cancels License of Pune's Rupee Co-operative Bank**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has canceled the **license of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd** as the lender **does not have adequate capital and earning prospects** following an order from the **Bombay High Court**.
- The order shall come into effect after **six weeks** from August 11, 2022.
- Consequently, the bank will cease to carry on banking business, with effect from **September 22, 2022**.

### **RBI issues strict norms for digital lending to curb malpractice**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued a **regulatory framework** to make **digital lending safe** for members of the public.
- To curb rising malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem.
- The regulatory framework to support orderly growth of credit delivery through digital lending methods while mitigating regulatory concerns has been firmed up.
- The Reserve Bank's regulatory framework is focused on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's **Regulated Entities (REs)** and the LSPs engaged by them to extend various permissible credit facilitation services.

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### Navi Mutual Fund launches India's first manufacturing index fund

- **Navi Mutual Fund** has introduced the launch of its **sixth fund** for this year, the **Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund**.
- This is India's first open-ended index fund that will seek to replicate the Nifty India Manufacturing Index, which tracks the performance of manufacturers among the **top 300 companies** in India.

### Airtel Africa signs up for a \$125 million credit pact with Citi

- **Airtel Africa** has signed up for a **USD 125 million revolving facility** from **American banking major Citi**.
- The facility involves borrowing both **local currencies** and **US dollars**.
- The facility has a tenor up to **September 2024** and will be used to support Airtel Africa's operations and investments in four of its subsidiaries.

### RBI imposes a monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited, Hyderabad

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore** on **Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited**, based in **Hyderabad**.
- The penalty has been imposed due to non-compliance with certain provisions of the '**Non-Banking Financial Company – Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016**'.

### SBI launches Utsav fixed deposit scheme

- On the occasion of **India's 76th year of Independence**, celebrated as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, introduced a **unique term deposit program** called '**Utsav Deposit**'.
- This fixed deposit scheme has **higher interest rates** and is only available for a **limited time**.
- These rates are effective as of **August 15th, 2022** and the scheme is valid for **75 days**.

### BYD India Signs MOU with HDFC Bank for dealer finance

- **Build Your Dreams (BYD) India Private Limited**, a subsidiary of the Warren Buffett-backed world's leading New Energy Vehicle manufacturer **BYD**, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **HDFC Bank** towards a stock financing solution to its pan India dealer network.
- HDFC Bank has committed to becoming **carbon neutral** by FY 2031-32.
- In **January 2022**, passenger vehicles in India saw **1% EV penetration**.

### Yes Bank partners with SellerApp to facilitate the adoption of ONDC

- **Yes, Bank** has partnered with **SellerApp**, a seller-centric intelligence platform, to **encourage** the seller segment of its client base to adopt **Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC)** and help them expand their **digital commerce footprint**.
- **Aim :**
- To promote **open networks** for the exchange of all kinds of goods and services over digital or electronic networks.

### Karnataka Bank launches new Term Deposit Scheme KBL Amrit Samriddhi

- On the occasion of **75 years of Independence** as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, the **Karnataka Bank** has introduced a **new Term Deposit Scheme, KBL Amrit Samriddhi** under **Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC)** and **Fixed Deposit (FD)** for a tenure of **75 weeks (525 days)**.
- The **interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum**.

### SBI launches its first dedicated branch for start-ups in Bengaluru

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched its **first branch dedicated to start-ups** in **Koramangala, Bengaluru, and Karnataka**.
- **Aim :**
- To provide **end-to-end financial and advisory services** to startups.
- The branch launched by **SBI Chairman Mr. Dinesh Khara**
- After Bengaluru, the next branch will be opening in **Gurgaon, Haryana** and the 3rd one will be in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

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- The **SBI** has also entered into **MOUs** with the **Karnataka government's** initiatives like **Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS)** and **Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)** to support the entire startup ecosystem in Karnataka.

### Axis Bank signs MOU with Food Corporation of India

- Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to provide "Ultima Salary Package", a best-in-class **salary account** with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.
- The signing ceremony was held at **FCI Headquarters, New Delhi** where FCI was represented by **Shri G. N Raju, GM HQ**, and Axis Bank was represented by **Shri Anil Agarwal, President, Financial Institutions Group & Lt Col M.K Sharma, National Accounts Head.**

### RBI opens Bharat Bill Payment System for NRIs to pay bills

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Mr. Shaktikanta Das** announced **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** to facilitate inward gross payments for **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** to pay bills in India.
- At present, BBPS is accessible **only to Indian residents**.
- BBPS is owned and operated by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.

### Mirae Asset Mutual Fund launches 2 new fund offers (NFOs) on Electric & Autonomous Vehicles and AI themes

- Mirae Asset Mutual Fund** has launched 2 new funds - **Mirae Asset Global Electric & Autonomous Vehicles ETFs Fund of Fund (FoF)** and **Mirae Asset Global X Artificial Intelligence and Technology ETF Fund of Fund.**

### Edelweiss MF to launch India's first gold and silver fund

- The asset management company (AMC) **Edelweiss Mutual Fund** is scheduled to launch India's first scheme **Edelweiss Gold and Silver Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) Fund of Fund (FoF)** that offers exposure to **gold** and **silver** via a **single fund on 24 August 2022**.
- The fund managers for the scheme are **Bhavesh Jain** and **Bharat Lahoti**.

### NABARD Signs MoU With J&K Grameen Bank To Finance 700 JLGs In J&K & Ladakh

- The **J&K Regional Office National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on the **promotion and financing of 700 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)** in the **conference hall of NABARD, J&K Regional Office**.
- On behalf of NABARD, General Manager, **Sandeep Sharma**, and J&K Grameen Bank, Chairman, **Sanjay Gupta**, signed the MoU.

### BoB & Ujjivan SFB introduce new deposit products

- Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme' – a special retail fixed deposit product offering interest rates of **5.75% for 444 days** and **6% for 555 days** is open till **December 31, 2022**.
- It is applicable on retail deposits of less than **Rs 2 crore**.

### IOB launches special variant of debit card - IOB Rupay Select Card'

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shri. Partha Pratim Sengupta** has launched a special variant of debit card **IOB Rupay Select Card** that can be used for domestic and international payments.

### ReNew Power raises \$1 billion through ECB for battery-enabled project

- ReNew Power** has raised a \$1-billion project loan through external commercial borrowings (ECB), collaborating with 12 international banks for the finance.
- It is the single largest project funding in Indian renewable energy**
- ReNew has signed a **power purchase agreement (PPA)** with the **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** for this project, which will include wind and solar farms set up across **Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra**.

### RBI cancels license of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** canceled the license of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Vijayapur, Karnataka** due to inadequate capital and no earning prospects.
- The bank has failed to comply with the requirements of Sections 22(3) (a), 22 (3) (b), 22(3)(c), 22(3) (d), and 22(3)(e) read with Section 56 of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

### RBI imposes Rs 5 lakh penalty on fintech firm Obopay Mobile Technology India Private Limited



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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹5,93,000 on Obopay Mobile Technology India Private Limited for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Master Directions on Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) dated August 27, 2021, & the Know Your Customer (KYC).
- The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

### SEBI issued Guidelines for overseas investment by AIFs / VCFs

- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed new guidelines for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) for investing abroad, under which overseas investment firms won't need to have an Indian connection.

### ICG signs MoU with 8 banks including IDFC First

- For the welfare of its troops, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) signed MoUs with 8 banks to get customized banking services for its personnel deployed across India.
- Along with the IDFC First bank, the MoU was signed with 7 other banks including ICICI, Axis, HDFC, Yes Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

### Aegon Life Insurance launches #PlayForOurHeroes campaign

- To celebrate 75 years of India's independence, Aegon Life Insurance Company (ALIC), digital India's life insurance company, has launched '#PlayForOurHeroes'.
- Aegon Life is urging people through this campaign to play and score points With the tagline, 'The more you play, the more we donate.'

### Central Bank of India enters into co-lending partnership with Protium Finance & Incred Fin

- State-owned Central Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank (PSB) has entered into a co-lending partnership with Protium Finance and Incred Financial Services Limited (IFSL) to offer loans to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) borrowers.

### Indians remitted \$6 bn in Q1FY23 under LRS scheme: RBI data

- As per the latest Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, the remittance by Indians under the liberalized remittance scheme (LRS) increased 64.75% in the first quarter(Q1) of FY23 to over \$6.04 billion from \$3.67 billion in Q1FY22.
- The amount remitted in Q1FY23 is even higher than that in Q4FY22, where outward remittance under LRS was to the tune of \$5.8 billion.

### RBI imposes a penalty of ₹32 Lakh on Indian Bank & ₹82 lakh on Jupiter Capital

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 32 Lakh on the Indian Bank, for failing to submit a Flash Report for fraud involving amounts of at least Rs. 5.00 crore to the RBI as required by Section 47A(1)(c) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Also, the RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹82 lakh on Bengaluru-based Jupiter Capital Private Ltd, for breach of norms on submission of credit information.

### SEBI joins RBI's Account Aggregator framework

- The market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has joined the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Account Aggregator framework, which will allow customers to share information about their mutual fund and stock holdings with financial service providers.
- Also, it will give a boost to the Reserve Bank of India-regulated financial-data sharing system.
- Recently, all the 12 public sector banks joined the aggregator ecosystem

### RBI directs loan recovery agents not to intimidate borrowers

- The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) has issued fresh instructions barring recovery agents from resorting to intimidation of borrowers as well as calling them before 8 am and after 7 pm.

### IRDAI set to roll out an upgraded version of IGMS as 'Bima Bharosa'

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is set to roll out an upgraded version of the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS), a revamped grievance redressal mechanism as Bima Bharosa.
- Aim :



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- To make complaint redressal more efficient with the option of customers filing their complaints in **13 regional languages**.

### **HDFC Bank opens first all-women branch in Kerala's Kozhikode**

- Private sector bank major **HDFC** has opened its **first all-women branch on Cherootty Road, Kozhikode, north Kerala region**.
- The branch was inaugurated by city **Corporation Mayor Beena Philip**.
- With this opening, there are a total of **245 bank branches** in Kerala.

### **ADB to provide USD 96.3 mn loan to improve water supply & sanitation services in HP**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a **USD 96.3-million loan agreement** to provide **safe drinking water** and **improve water supply and sanitation services** in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Signatories :**
- **Rajat Kumar Mishra**, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
- **Takeo Konishi**, Country Director for ADB in India.
- The project is aligned with the objectives of the Government of India's **Jal Jeevan Mission** which aims to provide piped water to all rural households by **2024**.

### **Muthoot Finance launches Milligram Gold point program for customers**

- **Muthoot Finance Limited** has launched **Milligram Reward Programme** for its customers wherein transactions with the company will be rewarded with a certain amount of milligram reward points.
- With this, Muthoot Finance Limited has emerged as the **first gold loan Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** to launch a new reward program.

### **RBI becomes a net seller in June 2022 by selling 3.719 billion US dollar**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** emerged as the **net seller of the United States (US) dollar in June 2022** after selling **3.719 billion USD** on a net basis.
- RBI purchased **18.96 billion USD** in the spot market while selling **22.679 billion USD in June 2022**.

### **KreditBee Partners With Cash-Free Payments To Offer 'Online Checkout Finance'**

- **KreditBee**, one of India's leading fintech platforms, has partnered with **Cashfree Payments**, India's leading payments and API banking solutions company, to offer customers an option to convert their online purchases into **Equated Monthly Installment (EMIs)** for its non-credit card holders.

### **Rajasthan accounted for the highest share in the cost of bank-sanctioned projects in FY22: RBI**

- **Rajasthan** accounted for the **highest share** in the **total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22**, retaining the **top place** for **two consecutive years**.
- The share of the top five states Constitutes **more than half 56.4%** ie.
- Rajasthan
- Uttar Pradesh
- Gujarat
- Maharashtra
- Tamil Nadu

### **Universal Sompo Gen Insurance partners with Repco Home Finance to insure home loans**

- Non-life Insurer **Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited** has partnered with **Repco Home Finance Ltd** to offer insurance against home loans.

### **Edelweiss General Insurance partners with Health Ministry for Digital health IDs**

- Edelweiss General Insurance has partnered with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to help create **digital health IDs** Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission for all in India.
- The National Health Authority (NHA), is the apex body responsible for implementing this program under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

### **PNB Launches Pre-Qualified Credit Card Facility & overdraft facility against FD**

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has launched a **new pre-qualified credit card** along with an **overdraft facility of fixed deposit (FD)**.



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- It has also introduced a new facility of overdraft against fixed deposit on PNB One in a few clicks and a **single OTP (one-time password)**.
- PNB will make this service available through the **RuPay** and **VISA** platforms.

### RBI paper on payments poses questions, offers no answers

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released a **discussion paper on payment charges** that has dissatisfied the trade and analysts alike, because it raises several questions however it doesn't provide options or take any stance on them, resulting in continued uncertainty.
- Additionally, The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released the August 2022 issue of its **monthly Bulletin**.
- The Bulletin includes the Monetary Policy Statement, 2022-23, **Resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)**, 2 Speeches, six Articles, and Current Statistics.

### BASIX partners with Mastercard to digitize the rural ecosystem in Maharashtra

- **BASIX Social Enterprise Group** launched **BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM)**, an agritech platform, in partnership with **Mastercard**.
- **Aim :**
- To improve the lives of over **10 lac (one million) farmers**, including the new cohort of **200 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO)** being promoted under the SMART Project in partnership with the **Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission**.

### RBI imposes restrictions on Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank for 6 months

- In the exercise of powers vested in it under sub-section (1) of Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued **directions** to **Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Kerala** for six months.
- The bank will continue its **banking business with restrictions** till its financial position improves.

### Tata Neu & HDFC Bank partner to launch two co-branded credit card variants

- **India's first super app** of the **Tata Group**, **Tata Neu** and **HDFC Bank** partnered to launch **co-branded credit cards** in two variants: **Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card** and **Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card**.
- Each of the two variants of the card will be available on both **RuPay** and **Visa** networks.
- The card will enable customers to earn rewards on all spends, both online and in-store in the form of **NeuCoins** (1 **NeuCoin = INR 1**).

### RBI lifts the business restrictions imposed on American Express Banking Corp

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** lifted business restrictions imposed on **American Express Banking Corp (AEBC)** citing satisfactory compliance demonstrated by the entity to RBI rules.

### SBI Topped in Market Share of Debit cards; HDFC Topped in Credit cards

- According to the data collated by PGA Labs, **State Bank of India (SBI)** remained the top player with a 30% market share of debit cards as of June 2022, despite a 6% decline in year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth
- With an 8% market share, **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** secured 2nd place followed by **Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB)** with 5% each.
- **HDFC Bank** and **Axis Bank** witnessed the highest YoY growth in the debit card segment with 19% and 18%, respectively

### BOB Financial Partners With The Indian Army To Launch A Co-Branded Contactless RuPay Credit Card for Army Personnel

- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL)**, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** and the **Indian Army** has launched a **co-branded RuPay credit card** for the **Indian Army personnel**, in collaboration with **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.

### SIDBI Partners with Tata Power's TPRMG to Support Green Entrepreneurs

- **Tata Power's** wholly owned subsidiary **TP Renewable Microgrid (TPRMG)** has partnered with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** to set up **1,000 green energy enterprises** across **India** under a joint innovative program to **support rural entrepreneurs**.
- **Aim :**
- To **empower rural entrepreneurs** and promote sustainable entrepreneurship fashions throughout India.

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### **SBI to extend Indian Visa Centers for two more years in Bangladesh**

- Bangladesh country head of operations Mr. Amit Kumar represented the State Bank of India (SBI) & the Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Dr. Binoy George represented the High Commission of India signed the agreement to would manage the Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years at the functioning of the IVAC center in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Currently, SBI runs a total of 15 IVACs across Bangladesh.

### **RBI imposes ₹2.33 cr monetary penalty on Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited, Hyderabad**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for non-compliance with the guidelines on pricing loans for non-banking financial companies – microfinance institutions (NBFC-MFIs).

### **HDFC ERGO launches India's first Electric Vehicles Ecosystem – 'All Things EV'**

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited, a leading private sector general insurance company, has launched 'All Things EV,' India's first one-stop-solution portal for Electric Vehicles (EV).

### **RBI imposed monetary penalties on 8 banks cancels licenses of 2 NBFCs**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty on eight banks & non-banking finance companies (NBFC).
- In addition to that, the RBI canceled the licenses of two non-banking finance companies (NBFCs).
- **List of 8 banks :**
  - Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahakari Bank, Raipur
  - The Goa State Co-operative Bank, Panaji
  - Garha Co-operative Bank, Guna (M.P.)
  - The Yavatmal Urban Co-operative Bank, Yavatmal (Maharashtra)
  - Jila Sahakari Kendriya Bank, Chhindwara (M.P.)
  - Warud Urban Co-operative Bank, Warud (Maharashtra)
  - Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, Indapur, Maharashtra
  - The Mehsana Urban Co-operative Bank, Mehsana, Gujarat

### **2 NBFCs :**

- Alarming Finvest Private Limited, Delhi,
- Achal Finance Limited, Karnataka

### **India hands over USD 1 million to BIMSTEC Secretariat's operational budget**

- Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Education Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh ceremonially handed over a cheque of USD 1 million for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretariat's operational budget.
- He also participated in a public interactive session hosted by Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS) titled "Rejuvenating Growth through partnerships-Role of BIMSTEC" which was attended, inter alia, by Ambassadors of Thailand, Bhutan, and Myanmar and senior diplomats of BIMSTEC diplomatic missions in New Delhi.
- BIMSTEC Secretary General Mr. Tenzin Lekphell

### **ICICI Bank Partners With NPCI To Launch RuPay Credit Cards**

- ICICI Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a range of credit cards on the payments network RuPay.
- The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card is available in the Coral variant of the ICICI Bank's Gemstone series, which will be followed by Rubyx and Sapphiro variants.

### **PGIM India Mutual Fund launches Money And Me website, an investor education and awareness initiative**

- PGIM India Mutual Fund has launched a new investor education and awareness website: MoneyAndMe - <https://moneyandme.pgimindiamf.com/>.
- PGIM's customer insights identified 6 separate personas when it comes to dealing with financial challenges and planning.

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- The company also announced the launch of a consumer awareness campaign – 'Aapka HappinessPlanned' to promote the MoneyAndMe Initiative.

### SEBI overhauls preferential allotment rules for REITs, InvITs

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) overhauled the pricing norms for preferential allotment of units by Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).

### NABARD allocates Rs 230 crore for rural infra projects in Mizoram

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved an allocation of **Rs 230 crore** for **rural infrastructure projects** in **Mizoram** under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XXVIII**.
- NABARD started functioning in Mizoram as a **sub-office** in **1989** which was upgraded to a **full-fledged Regional Office** in **1992**.

### SBI net profit drops 7% to Rs 6,068 cr in Q1

- India's biggest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** reported a **7% decline** in standalone net profit at **Rs 6,068 crore** for the first quarter of the current financial year due to a fall in income.
- SBI had reported a net profit of **Rs 6,504 crore** in the April-June quarter of 2021-22.

### Bank of Maharashtra launches new FD scheme - Maha Dhanvarsha

- The **Bank of Maharashtra** has launched a **new fixed deposit scheme** known as the "**Maha Dhanvarsha**"
- As per the Scheme, the **highest interest rate** on this special deposit will be **5.50%** for regular people and 6% for senior citizens.

### Maharashtra govt to take Rs 4000 cr loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts

- The **Maharashtra** government would take a **loan of 4,000 crore rupees** from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for setting up **medical colleges** in **12 districts of Maharashtra**.
- There are 12 districts in the state without a single medical college.
- The 12 districts are **Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Ambernath & Nashik Super Speciality hospital**.

### RBI imposes a penalty on 8 cooperative banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed **monetary penalties** on **eight cooperative banks** for different violations, including non-adherence to exposure norms, income recognition, asset classification, and KYC norms.

### List of 8 Banks :

1. Visakhapatnam Co-operative Bank Ltd, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - ₹55 lakh (**Highest Penalty**)
2. Bharat Heavy Electricals Employees' Co-operative Bank Ltd., Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - ₹10 lakh
3. Darussalam Co-operative Urban Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana - ₹10 lakh
4. Nellore Co-operative Urban Bank Limited, Gandhi Nagar, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - ₹10 lakh
5. Kakinada Co-operative Town Bank Ltd, Kakinada, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh - ₹10 lakh
6. Ottapalam Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd, Ottapalam, Palakkad District, Kerala - ₹5 lakh
7. National Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh - ₹5 lakh
8. Kendrapara Urban Cooperative Bank, Kendrapara, Odisha - ₹1 lakh

### Muthoot FinCorp ties up with IME India for money transfer service to Nepal

- **Muthoot FinCorp Ltd**, the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group (also known as Muthoot Blue), has tied up with **IME India Pvt Ltd** (Erstwhile IME Forex India Private Limited) to expand its money remittance services between **Indo Nepal Corridor**.
- Muthoot FinCorp has been assisting the Nepali community in India in remitting money through their existing partner – **Prabhu Money Transfer Pvt Ltd**.

### SBI Card Launches First-Of-Its-Kind 'CASHBACK SBI Card'

- India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, **SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd (SBI Card)** has launched the '**Cashback SBI Card**', which is the **first-of-its-kind comprehensive cashback credit card in India**.
- Consumers across India, including tier 2 and 3 cities, can easily get **CASHBACK SBI Cards** instantly through the digital application platform '**SBI Card SPRINT**'.
- The card offers a **simple, seamless, and completely digital joining experience**.



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### BoB Financial & Snapdeal Launch Co-Branded JCB RuPay Contactless Credit Card

- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Snapdeal in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and JCB International Co. Ltd (JCB) have launched the Snapdeal BoB JCB RuPay Credit Card.

### SBI trims GDP growth forecast to 6.8% for FY23

- The State Bank of India (SBI) chief economist Mr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh has revised down India's full-year GDP growth forecast to 6.8 for the financial year FY23.
- Earlier, the growth forecast was 7.5%.

### IndusInd Bank Partners With Asian Development Bank To Promote Supply Chain Finance Solutions in India

- IndusInd Bank announced a strategic partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a partial guarantee program with an initial outlay of USD 70 million (Rs 560.0 crore).
- To support and promote Supply Chain Finance (SCF) solutions in India.
- To grow its Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) financing & strengthen its strategies for the MSME sector.
- The bank has initiated a host of strategic efforts including the launch of new product structures for SCF.

### SEBI Restructures Panel On Cyber Security; Expands To 6 Members

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its high-level panel on cyber security that suggests measures to safeguard the capital markets from cyber attacks.
- The committee, which now has six members, will be chaired by Mr. Navin Kumar Singh, Director General at National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Center (NCIIPC).
- Earlier, the committee had only four members.

### RBI launches pilot project to digitize Kisan Credit Card in MP, Tamil Nadu

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the pilot project for end-to-end digitalization of lending via Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).
- To transform the rural credit delivery system.
- It is developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in association with the Rural Bank of India (RBI).

### RBI issues new guidelines on digital lending to protect borrowers

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued official guidelines to all lenders/ Regulated Entities (RE), including banks in a move to protect the borrowers from unscrupulous lending practices.
- These new guidelines will apply only to existing customers taking fresh loans, and to new customers getting onboarded from Sep 2, 2022.
- The registered entities have to comply with the digital lending guidelines by November 30, 2022.

### RBI partially devolves 7-year paper on PDs

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) partially devolved the 7-year Government Security (GS) on primary dealers (PDs) to maintain the normal 5-6 basis points spread between this paper and the 10-year paper.
- At the auction, while the 7.10% GS 2029 partially devolved on the underwriters, the remaining three papers (6.69% GS 2024; 7.26% GS 2032; & 6.95% GS 2061) sailed through, with the government raising the overall notified amount of ₹33,000 crore
- The RBI devolved about 36% of the notified amount of ₹7,000 crores, which the government wanted to raise via the 7-year paper.

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### Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>:

- The deadline to link a permanent account number (PAN) with Aadhaar will end on March 31.

### Govt to sell up to 1.5% stake in ONGC via OFS for Rs 3000 crores:

- The government plans to sell up to a 1.5% equity stake in state-run oil and gas giant ONGC Ltd via an offer for the sale of equity shares over two days beginning on March 29, to raise Rs 3,000 crore.

### IDBI Bank to sell stake in life insurance JV to Ageas:

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- Indian private lender **IDBI Bank** has announced plans to sell its stake in the life insurance joint venture with **Ageas Insurance International and Federal Bank**.
- The deal will see **IDBI Bank** exit **Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI)**, which was formerly called **IDBI Federal Life Insurance (IFLI)**.

### **MG Motor India launches MG e-Pay: Industry's 1st End-to-End Online Auto Finance Platform:**

- MG Motor India has announced the **launch of e-Pay**, a one-stop online car finance platform for an end-to-end digital auto finance process that provides instant loan approvals.
- The automaker has partnered with **ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Prime, and Axis Bank** to offer instant financing options under the facility.

### **Ergos Launches "GrainBank Loyalty Cards for Farmers":**

- The commodity market is a buzz again with **Wheat and Maize harvesting in the field** and sales starting on the **Tech platform 'GrainBank'** (developed by Ergos).

### **HDFC to merge with HDFC Bank to create the third most valuable company in the country:**

- **HDFC Limited** will merge with **HDFC Bank**, creating a banking behemoth.
- The merger is set to make the company the third most valuable in the country.

### **SBI signs MoU with Border Security Force to offer special benefits through CAPSP Scheme:**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Border Security Force to offer special benefits to the serving and retired **BSF personnel and family pensioners** through the **Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme**.

### **India's trade deficit rises 88% to \$192.41 billion in FY22:**

- India's trade deficit rose 87.5 percent to **USD 192.41 billion** in 2021-22 as against **USD 102.63 billion** in the previous year, the government data showed.
- While total exports during the last fiscal year increased to a record high of USD 417.81 billion, imports too soared to USD 610.22 billion, leaving a trade gap of USD 192.41 billion.

### **India's gold imports increased by 33.34% to Rs 46.14 billion in 2021-22:**

- India's gold imports, which have a bearing on the country's current account deficit (CAD), rose by 33.34 percent to **USD 46.14 billion** during the 2021-22 fiscal on account of higher demand.
- Gold imports were worth **USD 34.62 billion** in 2020-21.

### **WTO cuts global trade growth forecast to 3% in 2022:**

- The World Trade Organization has slashed its forecast for global trade growth this **year to 3%** from **4.7%** due to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war and warned against the global economy dividing into rival blocs because of the conflict.
- **By 2023, this merchandise trade volume growth is projected at 3.4%.**

### **India's Retail Inflation Rose to 6.95% in March:**

- India's annual retail inflation shot up to a 17-month **high in March** while factory output contracted sequentially in February, complicating policy choices for the central bank.
- The data released by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** showed that the **retail inflation rate rose to 6.95 percent in March** from a year ago, remaining above the tolerance limit of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the **third straight month**.

### **Sebi rejigs Advisory Panel on Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions:**

- Sebi has reconstituted its **advisory committee**, which provides guidance on enhancing the **regulator's technological capabilities** and on exploring appropriate technological solutions for the early detection of market anomalies.
- The **Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS)** will now be headed by **Sunil Bajpai**, former Principal Advisor (Information Technology) at the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**.

### **Department of Posts starts providing NPS services through online mode:**

- Department of Posts has started providing the **National Pension Scheme, NPS, services** through **online mode**.



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- Any Citizen of India in the **age group of 18 to 70 years** can avail of this online facility by visiting the website [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in) under the menu head "National Pension System - Online Services."

### GST revenue collection hits a record Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April:

- The **Gross Goods and Services Tax, GST revenue collection** touched an all-time high of around **1.68 lakh crore rupees in April 2022**.
- The total GST collection in April was one lakh 67 thousand 540 crore rupees.
- The GST collection in April this year is 25 thousand crore rupees more than the next highest collection of **one lakh 42 thousand 95 crore rupees which was in March 2022**.

### India achieves merchandise export of 38.19 billion dollars in April:

- India achieved a monthly value of merchandise export of 38.19 billion US dollars in April.**
- It shows an increase of around **24 percent** as compared to the export registered in the same period in 2021.

### The second phase of mandatory hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts is to come into force from June 1:

- The second phase of the mandatory hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts** will come into force on the **1st of June this year**.
- The second phase will cover additional three caratages of gold jewelry and artifacts – 20 carats, 23 carats, and 24 carats.

### RIL is 1st Indian company to cross \$100bn revenue:

- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd** has reported a **22.5 percent rise in net profit for the quarter that ended March** on the back of bumper oil refining margins, steady growth in telecom and digital services, and strong momentum in the retail business.

### A revenue Deficit Grant of Rs. 7,183.42 crores was released to 14 States

- The **Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance** has released the **2nd monthly installment of the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of Rs. 7,183.42 crores** to 14 States.
- The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the **Fifteenth Finance Commission**.

### Retail Inflation Surges To 7.79% In April, Highest In 8 Years:

- India's retail inflation surged to 7.79 percent in April**, largely driven by rising fuel and food prices.
- The consumer price-based inflation figure stayed well above **the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) upper tolerance limit for the fourth consecutive month**.

### Investors lose approximately Rs 50,000 crore as a result of the delayed listing of LIC shares:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** shares began trading on stock exchanges at a discount to the **initial public offering price**.
- The insurance behemoth's shares began trading on the **BSE and NSE** for **Rs 872 per share, an 8.11 percent decrease** from the **IPO price of Rs 949 per share**.

### India is presently the largest recipient of international remittances:

- According to the **World Bank**, India will overtake Mexico as **the top remittance-receiving country** in 2021, relegating China to third place.
- In 2021, India received more than **\$89 billion in remittances**, an **increase of 8%** above the \$82.73 billion received in 2020.

### In FY22, India received the highest-ever FDI influx of \$83.57 billion:

- The central government declared that **India received the largest annual FDI inflow of \$83.57 billion during FY22**.
- Inflow totaled \$81.97 billion in 2020-21.
- FDI equity inflows into **manufacturing sectors surged by 76%** in 2021-22 (\$21.34 billion) compared to 2020-21 (\$12.09 billion).

### RBI reduces the net-worth requirement for non-bank BBPOU to Rs 25 crore from Rs 100 crore



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- The **RBI** eased norms for **non-bank entities** to set up **Bharat Bill Payment operating units** by reducing the **net-worth requirement to Rs 25 crore** from **Rs 100 crore** to encourage more players in the segment.
- This circular is issued **under Section 10 (2)** read with **Section 18** of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007** (**Act 51 of 2007**), and shall come into effect immediately.

### IRDAI establish committees through GIC to recommend industry overhaul

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed various committees through the **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of **general, reinsurance, and life insurance** such as regulation, product, and distribution, among others.

### PAN or Aadhaar mandatory for cash deposits or withdrawals of Rs 20 lakh or more

- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes** has made new rules, called the **Income-tax (Fifteenth Amendment) Rules, 2022**, as per this, the government has made quoting of **PAN or Aadhar mandatory for cash withdrawals/deposits amounting to Rs. 20 lakh or more** in a single financial year.
- The fresh guideline will also be applicable for the opening of a **current bank account or cash credit account** by a person with a banking company or a cooperative bank or a post office.

### RBI survey: ₹100 is the most preferred banknote, ₹2,000 the least

- The **Reserve Bank of India's Banknote Survey of Consumers** findings revealed that, among **banknotes**, ₹100 was the **most preferred** while ₹2,000 was the **least preferred** denomination.
- Among **coins**, the denomination of ₹5 was the **most preferred** whereas ₹1 was the **least preferred**.

### The US overtakes China to become India's largest trading partner in fiscal year 22:

- The **United States has surpassed China** to become **India's largest trading partner** in **2021-22**, reflecting the strong economic ties between the two countries.
- According to Commerce Department data, in 2021-22 two-way trade between the United States and India will reach 119.42 billion USD compared to 80.51 billion USD in 2020-21.

### Govt collects Rs 1.41 lakh crore GST in May:

- According to the **Ministry of Finance**, **GST revenue in May** stood at nearly **Rs 1.41 lakh crore**, up **44%** from the same month last year.
- Revenue from **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** lagged April's record collection at **Rs 1.68 lakh crore**.

### Govt ratifies 8.1 pc EPF interest rate for 2021-22:

- The **government has approved an 8.1 percent** rate of interest on **employees' provident fund (EPF)** deposits for 2021-22 - an over four-decade low - for about five crore subscribers of **retirement fund body EPFO**.
- Earlier in March this year, the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** had decided to lower the interest on provident fund deposits for 2021-22 to 8.1 percent from **8.5 percent provided in 2020-21**.

### Rubber Board's electronic trading platform 'mRube' to go live:

- **mRube**, the **e-commerce platform** promoted by **Rubber Board**, will go live on June 8.
- Ahmedabad-based ISourcing Technologies is the technology partner.
- **mRube** follows simple one-time registration.

### MS Dhoni invests in Chennai drone company Garuda Aerospace:

- **Former Indian cricket captain MS Dhoni** has invested an undisclosed amount in **Chennai-based Garuda Aerospace**, India's leading provider of drones (DaaS).
- He will also be the **face and brand ambassador of the company**.

### WhatsApp launched SMBSaathi Utsav to support small businesses:

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- WhatsApp India announced **SMSaathi Utsav** - an initiative that aims to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums such as the WhatsApp Business App to run their business.
- SMSaathi Utsav** has kicked off with a pilot in Jaipur's Johri Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar where over 500 small businesses are being trained on various aspects of running their business online.

### 'Har Time EMI on Time' is a financial education initiative launched by Bajaj Finance:

- Bajaj Finance Limited, the lending arm of Bajaj Finserv Limited**, a global financial services group, has launched **Har Time EMI On Time**, a digital campaign to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of good financial habits for a secure financial future.

### Tencent bought a stake in Flipkart worth Rs 2,060 crore:

- Chinese technology major **Tencent** has bought a stake worth \$264 million (Rs 2,060 crore) in Walmart-owned **Flipkart** from co-founder Binny Bansal, through its European subsidiary.
- Binny Bansal holds around a 1.84% stake in Flipkart after selling part of his **stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV**.

### PMBI and PMBJP have for the first time crossed Rs. 100 Crore sales:

- Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**, the implementing agency of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** has for the first time crossed **100 crore rupees sales in May**.
- The government has set a target to increase the number of **Jan Aushadhi Kendras to 10,000** by **March 2024** with a vision to provide quality medicines at an affordable rate for the common man, especially the poor.

### Retail inflation for May matches estimates at 7.04%:

- According to data released by the **Department of Statistics and Program Implementation**, India's headline retail inflation rate fell to **7.04 percent in May** from an almost eight-year high of **7.79% in 2018**.
- Inflation according to the **consumer price index (CPI) in April** was **7.79%**.
- In May 2021, retail price inflation stood at 6.3%**.

### The trade deficit of India broadens to \$24.29 billion in May 2022:

- Trade data released by the **Ministry of Trade and Industry** showed that **India's trade deficit in May** widened to **\$24.29 billion** from **\$6.53 billion** a year ago.

### WPI inflation spiked to 15.88% in May 2022:

- Wholesale price inflation peaked at 15.88% in May**, the highest since **September 1991**, as pressures on rising food and fuel prices outpaced moderation in the dominant manufactured goods segment position.
- In April, WPI inflation was recorded at 15.08%**.

### Adani Transmission's \$700 million loan gets a 'green loan' tag:

- Adani Transmission Limited's \$700 million turnaround facility has been labeled a "**green loan**" by Sustainalytics.
- This ensures a green lending framework for a revolving facility. Sustainability analysts have independently published **SPOs on the relevance of the revised framework to current market standards** and the extent to which qualifying project items are credible and impactful.

### CASHe has launched an industry-first credit line service on WhatsApp:

- Financial wellness platform, **CASHe** has launched the industry's **first line of credit** that uses **AI-powered chat on WhatsApp** to provide customers with a fast, seamless, and convenient way to access instant lines of credit by simply entering their name.
- CASHe's WhatsApp chat service** is based on the **WhatsApp Business Platform**, an enterprise solution that allows businesses to communicate with new and existing customers on **WhatsApp** easily, securely, and reliably.

### Female labor participation increased to 25.1% in 2020-2021

- According to the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** report for July 2020 to June 2021, the female **labor force participation rate (LFPR)** across India has increased from **2.3% to 25.1% in 2021**, compared with **22.8% last year**.
- In rural areas, the female labor force participation **rate increased by 3% to 27.7%**, while in urban areas, the female labor force participation rate increased **by 0.1% to 18.6 %**.

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### China Becomes the Largest Importer of Indian Broken Rice:

- **China has surpassed India as the largest importer or buyer of broken rice.**
- China has surpassed African countries as the leading importer of broken rice in India.
- In the year 2021-2022, **7.7% of India's exports were imported to China**, totaling **16.34 lakh metric tonnes**, and India's total exports were **212.10 lakh metric tonnes**.

### Beneficiaries of the PFRDA pension scheme increased by 24%

- As of May 31, 2022, the two major pension plans of the **PFRDA** had **5.32 crore subscribers**, an increase of more than **24% year over year**.
- The number of subscribers to the various **NPS plans increased to 531.73 lakh** by the **end of May 2022** from **428.56 lakh in May 2021**, a jump of 24.07 percent year over year, according to the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.

**Bharti Airtel (Airtel), has launched Xstream multiplex, India's first multiplex in the metaverse on the Partynite Metaverse platform**

- **Bharti Airtel** has launched **India's first multiplex** on the **Partynite Metaverse platform**.
- The Airtel Xstream multiplex is an extension of **Airtel's Xstream Premium offering**.
- It is a 20-screen platform with access to content portfolios from leading OTT partners available on the application.

### Tata Projects to construct Noida International Airport at Jewar, UP

- The **Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL)** has selected **Tata Projects Limited** as its engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) for the **Noida International Airport (NIA)** at Jewar, Uttar Pradesh.
- The new airport is expected to be functional by **2024**, as per the developer.
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** signed the concession agreement with YIAPL on **October 7, 2020**, to commence the development of the NIA.

### Tata Power commissions India's largest floating solar power project:

- **In Kayamkulam, Kerala, Tata Power Solar Systems**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has achieved an amazing achievement by putting India's largest floating solar power plant online.
- The backwaters region has a **101.6-Megawatt Peak installed capacity** on a **350-acre water body**.
- The **Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV)** via **Power Purchase Agreement** initiative is the first of its kind.
- This facility has a platform for floating inverters with a **5-Megawatt (MW) capacity**.

### NASSCOM: By 2025, AI can boost GDP by \$500 billion:

- An integrated AI and data usage strategy, according to **NASSCOM**, an Indian non-governmental trade organization and advocacy group, may increase India's **GDP by \$500 billion by 2025**.
- The Nasscom has created an **AI Adoption Index** to measure sectoral progress on AI adoption in the country, with help from **EY, Microsoft, EXL, and Capgemini**.

### Interoperability of card tokens across payment channels introduced by Cashfree:

- Online payment processor **Cashfree Payments** announced that the interoperability would be supported by their **card tokenization solution, Token Vault**.
- The interoperability feature of Token Vault allows companies that use **multiple payment gateways** to process **tokenized card transactions** through any payment gateway and card network of their choosing.
- Businesses may connect with **Token Vault** to securely tokenize cards issued by all major card networks, including **Visa, Mastercard, and RuPay**, when they utilize Cashfree's **Payment Gateway**.

### For June 2022, gross GST revenue was Rs. 1,44,616 crores:

- The gross GST collection in June 2022 surpasses **Rs. 1.40 lakh crore** for the fifth time since the introduction of GST and the **fourth consecutive month since March 2022**, making it the second-highest collection after the collection in April 2022.

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- Following the **GST collection of Rs 1,67,540 crore in April 2022**, the gross GST collection in June 2022 is the second-highest collection.

### CRISIL cuts FY23 GDP growth estimate to 7.3% from 7.8% on high inflation:

- Domestic rating agency Crisil** has lowered its real **GDP growth forecast for India to 7.3 percent in FY23** from **7.8 percent** estimated earlier.
- It attributed the downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing export demand, and high inflation.
- This is in line with the **RBI's estimate of 7.2 real GDP growth for this fiscal year**.
- There is a slew of negatives like high commodity prices, elevated freight prices, drag on exports as global growth projections get lowered, and the largest demand-side driver of private consumption remains weak.

### Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman announces the Business Reform Action 2020:

- Finance Minister Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman** delivered the **Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)-2020** speech in **New Delhi**.
- Seven states** have been selected as the top performers in the report's review of the Business Reforms Action Plan's implementation.
- The states in dispute include **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu**.

### 100% two-wheelers to be energized by FY27:

- Electric two-wheelers** would be integrated into the **Indian market by FY2026-27**, according to **NITI Aayog** and the **Technology Information, Forecasting, and Assessment Council (TIFAC)**.
- The autonomous **TIFAC was formed in 1988** by the Department of Science and Technology to forecast technical advancements, evaluate technological trajectories and foster innovation.

### India's GST collections jump 56% to Rs 1.45 lakh crore in June:

- India's Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collections in June this year surged **56% year-on-year to around 1.45 lakh crore rupees**.
- The GST collections in June last year stood **at 92,800 crore rupees**.
- Economic recovery and anti-evasion activities, especially action against fake billers, have contributed to the enhanced GST collections.
- This is the **fifth time the monthly GST collection has crossed the 1.40 lakh crore rupees mark** since the inception of the GST and the fourth month at a stretch **since March 2022**.
- The **average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter** of the current fiscal has been **1.51 lakh crore rupees** against the average monthly collection of 1.10 lakh crore rupees in the first quarter of the last financial year showing an increase of 37 percent.

### Govt imposes a tax of Rs 6 per liter on exports of petrol & Aviation Turbine Fuel:

- The Union Government** has imposed a tax of six rupees per liter on exports of petrol and Aviation Turbine Fuel and **13 rupees per liter on exports of diesel**.
- In separate notifications issued by the **Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance**, the government has imposed an additional tax of **23 thousand 250 rupees per tonne** on domestically produced crude oil to take away windfall gains accruing to producers from high international oil prices.

### India's marine product exports hit an all-time high in FY 2021-22:

- K N Raghavan**, Chairman, of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), informed **India managed to do an all-time high export** worth US\$ **7.76 billion with a volume of 13,69,264 MT of seafood**.
- India shipped 13,69,264 MT of seafood** worth **Rs 57,586.48 crore** (USD 7.76 billion) during 2021-22, despite heavy odds.

### Google launched Startup School India, which targets 10,000 startups in small cities:

- Google, a tech giant**, established the **Startup School India program**, which intends to assist **10,000 companies in Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns** by compiling pertinent material on startup creation into a structured curriculum.

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- Fireside conversations involving Google leaders and partners from the **whole startup ecosystem** will take place over the **nine-week virtual program**.

### India's retail inflation at 7.01% in June:

- **Consumer pricing index (CPI)**-based retail inflation dropped to **7.01 percent** in **June** of this year **from 7.04 percent** the month before.
- According to the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**, lower prices in the "**Food & Beverages**" category were a major factor in the slight decrease in inflation.
- **Month-wise list of consumer price index:**

2022	CPI
January	6.01%
February	6.04%
March	6.95%
April	7.79%
May	7.04%
June	7.01%

### The Paper Import Monitoring System will be operational on October 1, 2022:

- The **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)** created the **Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)** by modifying the import policy for significant paper goods from "free" to "**free subject to required registration under PIMS.**"
- The new regulation will go into force **on October 1, 2022**, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- A registration fee of **Rs 500 must be paid to PIMS** no earlier than the 75th day and no later than the 5th day before the expected date of arrival of the import consignment for an importer to be assigned an automatic registration number.

### Wholesale inflation falls slightly in June to 15.18 percent:

- According to the all-India **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**, the annual rate of inflation for **June is 15.18%**, a slight decrease from **May when it was 15.88%**.
- The most recent number defied a three-month upward trend while continuing a 15-month streak of double-digit growth.

### Nasscom joins hands with Google for DigiVaani Call Center:

- To assist **women farmers** in growing their businesses, the **Nasscom Foundation and Google** have announced the opening of a contact center in partnership with the **Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP)**, a **non-profit organization**.
- The "**DigiVaani Call Center**" initiative is being launched as a trial and would initially serve over 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs across six states: **Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, and Rajasthan**.

### Ola introduces India's first indigenously made lithium-ion cell:

- The **first locally created lithium-ion cell** has been revealed by **Ola Electric**.
- By 2023, the **Bengaluru-based two-wheeler** manufacturer would start mass producing the **NMC 2170 cell** at its **Gigafactory in Chennai**.

### Trade Deficit widens to a record \$26.1 Billion in June:

- After the **Commerce Ministry** updated both the exports and imports data for the month upward, India's goods trade imbalance **increased to a record \$26.18 billion** in June, above **the government's original estimate of \$25.63 billion**.
- The previous record-setting month for the merchandise trade imbalance was May, at **\$24.3 billion**.



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**Following \$100 million in investment, OneCard becomes India's 104th unicorn:**

- **OneCard**, a mobile-first credit card provider, became **India's 104th unicorn after raising \$100 million** in a Series D round of investment supported by Temasek.
- **OneCard, Open, Oxyzo, and Yubi** are just a few of the more than 20 financial unicorns that India has so far in 2022 generated.
- The most recent round of funding for **OneCard, which is owned by Pune-based FPL Technologies**, also included investments from pre-existing investors such as **QED, Sequoia Capital, and Hummingbird Ventures**.

**Bharti Airtel allotted 1.2% equity shares to Google for USD 1 Billion:**

- **Internet giant Google** has received more than **7.1 crore equity shares** from telecom provider **Bharti Airtel, each worth Rs 734**.
- The allocation is a component of **Google's USD 1 billion** investment pledge to Airtel, which also includes an equity investment in the firm for USD 700 million (about Rs 5,224 crore).

**Center extends State and Central Tax and Levies Rebate Program:**

- In an attempt to boost exports and generate employment for the textile sector, **the government is set to extend the RoSCTL Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)** through **March 31, 2024**, at the same rates stated by the Ministry of Textiles.

**Cognizant bags multi-year contract from National Insurance Company:**

- Nasdaq-listed IT services firm **Cognizant** has been selected as a strategic technology provider by **National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) to accelerate and help manage its digital transformation**.
- The IT services company will also support NICL's technology roadmap by leveraging digital technologies such as **artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, and microservices-based architecture**.

**Tata Power earmarks Rs 75,000-crore Capex for renewables in next 5 years:**

- **Tata Power** has earmarked a **capital expenditure of more than Rs 75,000 crore** over the **next five years**, of which **Rs 10,000 crore** would be invested in this financial year.
- The company is planning to increase its **green energy share to 60%** over the next five years.
- **707 MW** capacity across renewables in FY22, **has a Rs 13,000-crore** order book in its solar engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) business.

**JSW Steel and BCG collaborate to quicken the decarbonization process:**

- **JSW Steel and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG)** have collaborated on a **decarbonization and sustainability plan**.
- BCG will leverage its exclusive **CO2 AI platform** as well as its top-tier digital and analytics capabilities to support **JSW Steel** on its journey to being **a net-zero carbon emitter**.

**Successful testing of India's first 5G private network announced by Bharti Airtel:**

- At the **Bosch Automotive Electronics** facility in Bengaluru, **Bharti Airtel** successfully tested the **country's first 5G private network**.
- The trial takes place in the middle of a dispute between **telecom and IT companies** over the distribution of **airwaves for private networks**, ahead of a 5G spectrum auction.
- The firm stated in a statement that automated processes were driven by **5G technology**, including **mobile broadband and ultra-reliable low-latency communications**, which provided faster scale-up and fewer downtimes.

**WhatsApp launched a user-safety campaign through a music video titled 'Scam Se Bacho':**

- **Messaging app WhatsApp** launched a **user-safety campaign** through a music video titled '**Scam Se Bacho**', in line with its focus on communicating its core safety principles **to payments on WhatsApp** to help keep users safe **while making digital payments**.
- Payments on WhatsApp allow users to send and receive money from their contacts via the **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** as easily as a WhatsApp message.

**The GST revenue for July 2022 will be the second highest ever, at Rs 1.49 lakh crore:**



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- In July, Goods and Services Tax collections increased by 28% to reach the second-highest level ever at Rs 1.49 lakh crore on the back of economic recovery and steps taken to curb tax evasion.
- The GST (Goods and Services Tax) collection for the same month a year earlier was Rs 1,16,393 crore.
- In April 2022, the GST, which was enacted in July 2017, reached a record high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore.

### The fiscal deficit reached 21% during the April-June quarter:

- The Centre's fiscal deficit reached 21% during the April-June quarter of the current fiscal.
- The fiscal deficit stood at 18 percent during the corresponding period of the last fiscal.
- However, The fiscal deficit is not likely to breach the Budget Estimate of 6.4 percent.
- Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said the government would stick to its projected target for Budget FY 2023.

### GST revenue collected in July 2022 is ₹1,48,995 crore:

- The gross GST revenue collected in July 2022 is ₹1,48,995 crore of which CGST is ₹ 25,751 crore.
- The revenues for July 2022 are 28% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year of ₹ 1,16,393 crore.
- For five months in a row now, the monthly GST revenues have been more than ₹ 1.4 lakh core, showing a steady increase every month.

### The government emphasizes a comprehensive approach to increasing exports:

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal emphasized the need for a "Whole of Government" strategy to increase exports.
- Mr. Goyal reviewed the export situation of the nation while interacting with the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and leaders of Industry groups in New Delhi.
- The "Whole of Government" strategy to increase exports would necessitate collaboration between exporters, EPCs, governmental organizations, and Indian representatives overseas.

### Microsoft has become the first big tech company to join Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

- ONDC (OPEN Network of digital commerce), which is developing a first-of-its-kind open network for digital commerce, US tech giant Microsoft has onboarded its platform.
- Microsoft intends to introduce social e-commerce — a group buying experience — in the Indian market.
- Microsoft, among the three largest tech companies, is the first in its league to announce onboarding efforts with ONDC.

### Airtel Africa has signed a \$125 million revolving credit facility with Citi:

- Telecommunications firm, Airtel Africa, has signed a \$125 million revolving credit facility with Citi through its branch offices/subsidiaries in sub-Saharan Africa.
- This is contained in a disclosure signed by Simon O'Hara, Group Company Secretary titled, 'Airtel Africa's First Sustainability-Linked Loan Facility.'

### Retail Inflation Eases To 6.71% In July:

- Retail inflation fell to 6.71 percent in July due to lower food costs, although it remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort limit of 6% for the seventh consecutive month.
- With retail inflation remaining high despite a drop in prices of vegetables and edible oils, among other commodities, in July, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may boost interest rates again in September.

### Hindalco has entered into a commercial arrangement with Greenko Energies to set up a renewable energy project:

- Aditya Birla Group's Hindalco Industries Ltd has entered into a commercial arrangement with Greenko Energies Pvt Ltd to set up a renewable energy project for the supply of 100 MW round-the-clock carbon-free power to its smelter in Odisha.
- The arrangement involves the development of 375-400 MW of solar and wind capacity.

### LIC has risen in standalone net profit to ₹682.89 crores



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- The Life Insurance Corporation of India has registered a whopping **23,127.21%** rise in standalone net profit to **₹682.89 crores** for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, as per the financial results released by the insurer.
- As per the results, LIC's total premium income climbed **20.35%** to **₹98,351.76 crores** in Q1FY23 compared to **₹81,721.41 crores** during Q1 of last year.

### India's economy might reach USD 5 trillion by FY29 if GDP growth is around 9% for five years

- According to former **RBI Governor D Subbarao**, India may reach a **USD five trillion economy by 2028–2029 assuming GDP growth** is sustained at 9% annually for the following five years.
- Speaking on the subject of "**India @75- Marching Towards USD 5 Trillion Economy**" at the **Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry** in honor of "75 Years of Indian Independence."

### India To Start Supplying Petrol With 20% Ethanol from April 2023

- To reduce its reliance on **oil imports** and address environmental concerns, **India** will begin **delivering gasoline containing 20% ethanol** at some gas stations starting in **April 2023**.

### The wholesale Price Index (WPI) declines to 13.93% in July

- The **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**-based inflation rate in **India** reduced to **13.93% in July**, according to data released by the commerce ministry.
- From a record-breaking **16.63 percent in May to 15.18 percent in June**, the WPI inflation rate decreased.

### Centre Approves Limit of ECLGS to 5 Lakh Crore

- The **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** limit was **increased by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore** with the **approval of the Union Cabinet**, with the additional sum being reserved exclusively for businesses in the hospitality and associated industries.

### Shiprocket becomes India's 106th unicorn, raised \$33.5 million

- As the **106th unicorn in India**, **Shiprocket**, a logistics technology platform backed by Zomato, **raised \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore)** in a financing round co-led by **Temasek and Light rock India**.

### India's Oil Demand Will Rise By 7.73% In 2022

- The world's fastest rate of growth in 2022 will be seen in **India**, where demand for **petroleum products like gasoline and diesel** would increase by 7.73 percent.
- **Russia (24 percent), Iraq (21 percent), and Saudi Arabia (15 percent)** were the top three sources of oil import for India.

### Edelweiss to introduce India's first gold and silver fund

- In India, **Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Edelweiss MF)**, an **asset management company (AMC)**, will launch the **first program that offers exposure to both gold and silver through a single fund**.

### Ratan Tata has established Goodfellows, a senior-focused startup

- **Goodfellows is a company** that provides companionship services for senior citizens, and it was established by **Ratan Tata**, a pioneer in the sector.
- The platform received unspecified startup funding from **Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons**.

### Indians Remitted \$6 Billion Q1 Of FY23

- In the **first quarter of FY23**, outgoing transfers made a significant comeback under the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) liberalized remittance scheme (LRS)**, as **Indians increased their expenditure** on gifts, international vacations, and the upkeep of close relatives.
- According to the most recent figures for Q1-FY23 given by the RBI, the remittance by **Indians under the program increased by 64.75 percent**, from **\$3.67 billion in Q1FY22 to over \$6.04 billion**.

### HPCL starts its first cow dung-based compressed biogas project

- The **HPCL Compressed Biogas Project** makes use of the industry's **first waste-to-energy portfolio**, which utilizes **100 tonnes of dung per day** to produce biogas that can be utilized as fuel for vehicles.

### In India, 7.3% of the Population Owned Digital Currency in 2021

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- According to the **UN trade and development organization UNCTAD**, 15 of the top **20 economies** in terms of the percentage of the population that owns cryptocurrencies are from developing nations in 2021.
- Ukraine led the list with 12.7%, followed by Russia with 11.9%, Venezuela with 10.3%, Singapore with 9.4%, Kenya with 8.5%, and the US with 8.5%. (8.3 percent).**

**Despite a rise in GST revenues, state revenue growth is expected to drop to 9%**

- Even though impressive **GST revenues** would aid in the accretion, **states' revenue growth will only reach 7-9% in FY23, according to research.**
- According to a survey by **rating agency Crisil**, which examined data from **17 states representing 90% of the total GSDP**(Gross State Domestic Product) revenue growth had soared to **25% in FY22** thanks to a lower base in the pandemic-affected FY21

**India Has Ample Forex Buffers to Tackle Cyclical Difficulty: S&P**

- According to **S&P Global Ratings**, **India has created protections against cyclical problems** and has enough foreign exchange reserves to resist pressure on credit quality.
- After a 7.3 percent GDP growth** this fiscal, the economic growth is expected to moderate **to 6.5-6.7 percent over the next fiscal year.**

**Maruti Suzuki, a prominent automaker, has been in business in India for 40 years**

- Maruti Suzuki**, India's leading manufacturer, has been **in business for 40 years**.
- The company's factories for **producing electric car batteries in Hansalpur, Gujarat, and for passenger vehicles in Kharkhoda, Haryana**, were both opened on this occasion by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Maruti Suzuki India's chairman is RC Bhargava.**

**Reliance Industries Plans to Invest 3.5 Lakh Crore Rupees**

- At the company's 45th annual general meeting, **Mukesh Ambani**, chairman and managing director of **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**, **disclosed investment plans worth Rs 3.5 lakh crore.**
- Reliance is regarded as one of the **top five PVC manufacturers worldwide.**

**Forex Reserve At 2-Year Low To \$564 billion:**

- The most recent information provided by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** shows that the **nation's foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$6.69 billion to \$564 billion.**
- Since October 2020, the reserves have fallen to their lowest point.

**IndiGo joins the WEF's sustainability initiative "Clear Skies for Tomorrow":**

- Clear Skies for Tomorrow: IndiGo**, the country's largest airline, announced that it has **joined an environmentally friendly initiative run by the World Economic Forum (WEF).**
- The IndiGo airline has signed on as a signatory to the **Clear Skies for Tomorrow, India Coalition effort.**
- The commitment of IndiGo to implementing sustainable measures would assist SAF (**Sustainable Aviation Fuel**) reach a critical mass and becoming cost-effective for widespread use in India.

**Reliance Industries to build the world's largest carbon fiber plant:**

- Mukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries**, revealed plans to build one of the **biggest carbon fiber mills in the world in Hazira, Gujarat.**
- Based on feedstock Acrylonitrile, the plants will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA.
- Ambani Ambani** announced an overall investment of **Rs 75,000 crore over the next five years** in the Oil to Chemical segment (O2C) to increase capabilities in both existing and new value chains.

**In September GST rises 28 pc in August to Rs 1,43,612 crore:**

- GST mop-up rises 28 pc in Aug to Rs 1.43 lakh cr** Collections from **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** rose 28 percent to **Rs 1.43 lakh crore in August**, the Finance Ministry.
- GST collection has remained over the **Rs 1.4-lakh-crore mark for the sixth straight month in August.**
- Better reporting coupled with economic recovery has been having a positive impact on the GST revenues consistently

**India's exports contracted by 1.15 percent to USD 33 billion in August:**



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- India's exports contracted by 1.15 percent to USD 33 billion in August, for the first time in over 20 months, while the trade deficit more than doubled to USD 28.68 billion due to increased crude oil imports.
- According to the preliminary data released by the commerce ministry, imports rose by 37 percent to USD 61.68 billion in August this year.
- The trade deficit in August 2021 stood at USD 11.71 billion.

### NPPA Launched Apps for Enhancing Ease of Business:

- During the celebration of the silver jubilee on August 29, 2022, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) unveiled the **Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app** and **Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0**.
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has always offered high-quality goods.
- During the opening ceremony, the **Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app** and **Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0** were released.

### 28th Edition of Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22 Released:

- The 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt for the years 2021–2022 has been published by the External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) under the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
- At US\$ 620.7 billion as of the end of March 2022, India's external debt increased by 8.2% from US\$ 573.7 billion as of the end of March 2021.
- The second greatest portion of it, estimated at 31.2%, was owed in Indian rupees, while 53.2% of it was in US dollars.

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### Centre approves over Rs 433 crores Legacy Waste Remediation proposal of Maharashtra:

- Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has approved over 433 crore rupees for 28 Urban Local bodies in Maharashtra to effectively manage Solid Waste Management. Garbage Dumpsites have become a massive problem for most urban cities, Maharashtra's Greater Mumbai holds the maximum amount of legacy waste in the state.

### Cabinet approves over Rs 6062 crore, World Bank assisted program on Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance:

- The Union Cabinet has approved 808 million dollars or over Six thousand 62 crore rupees, World Bank assisted program on Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance RAMP.

### Cabinet Committee on Security approves procurement of 15 Light Combat Helicopters Limited Series from HAL for Indian Air Force:

- The Cabinet Committee on Security, CCS has approved the procurement of 15 Light Combat Helicopter Limited Series Production at the cost of three thousand 887 crore rupees.
- The CCS met under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

### Govt approves release of additional installment of 3% of DA to Central Govt employees, DR to pensioner from 1 January 2022:

- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the release of an additional installment of three Percent of dearness allowance, DA to Central Government employees, and dearness relief to pensioners from the first of January 2022.

### Center launches auction of 122 Coal and Lignite mines:

- Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi has launched an auction of 122 Coal and Lignite Mines including 18 New Mines.
- Addressing the fifth tranche of auction launch in New Delhi, Mr. Joshi, that 42 coal mines have already been auctioned successfully.

### Home Ministry's High-Level Committee approves additional Central assistance of over Rs 1,887 crores to 5 States:

- The High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Home Minister Amit Shah has approved additional Central assistance of over one thousand 887 crore rupees to five States under the National Disaster Response Fund.



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**National Dairy Development Board in collaboration with the National Bee Board organized National Conclave on 'Production of Bees Wax':**

- A National Conclave on “Production of Bees Wax” was organized by **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Gujarat** in collaboration with the **National Bee Board (NBB)**, Ministry of Agriculture, and Farmers Welfare on 30th March 2022.

**Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry approve the construction of two lakh 42 thousand houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban):**

- **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** has approved the construction of **two lakh 42 thousand houses** in six states under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**.
- These states are **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal**.

**Doordarshan FreeDish becomes the largest DTH platform with a reach of over 43 million households:**

- **Doordarshan FreeDish** has become the **largest DTH platform** with a reach of more than **43 million households**.
- Information and Broadcasting Ministry, the free DTH service of **Doordarshan** clocked stellar growth of almost 100 percent from **22 Million in 2017 to 43 Million in 2022**.

**Prime Minister Modi has attended a virtual summit of BIMSTEC:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has attended the **5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)** summit.
- PM Modi will attend the summit virtually.

**National Commission for Women launches Anti-Human Trafficking Cell:**

- The **National Commission for Women** launched an **Anti-Human Trafficking Cell**.
- It aims to improve effectiveness in **tackling cases of human trafficking, raising awareness among women and girls, capacity building and training Anti Trafficking Units**, and increasing the responsiveness of law enforcement agencies.

**IFFCO developed nanotechnology-based Nano Urea (Liquid) fertilizer:**

- The Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers **Bhagwanth Khuba** has informed the **Lok Sabha** that **IFFCO** has developed **nanotechnology-based Nano Urea (Liquid) fertilizer**.

**NMPB prepares draft scheme for promotion of Medicinal Plant Cultivation:**

- **National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)** under the Ministry of Ayush has prepared a draft scheme namely **“Pradhan Manti VRIKSH-AYUSH Yojana”** for the promotion of **Medicinal Plant Cultivation, Post-harvest management, and Marketing support** by involving farmers and the **Ayush industry**.

**Government extends foreign trade policy till September 30:**

- The government has further **extended the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) till September 30, 2022**.
- FTP provides guidelines for enhancing exports to push economic growth and create jobs.

**Ministry of Culture launches ‘Temple 360’ website:**

- Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi launched the website ‘Temple 360’ in an event organized by the Ministry of Culture at IGNCA Ampitheatre, **Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi** under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

**The 4th edition of the India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) concludes in Kochi:**

- The **4th India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS)** was held at **Bolgatty Palace in Kochi** in Kerala between 25th March and 27th March 2022.

**India's unemployment rate falls to 7.6% in March from 8.1% in Feb 2022:**

- The **unemployment rate in the country is decreasing** with the economy slowly returning to normal, **according to CMIE data**.
- Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy's monthly time series data revealed that the overall unemployment rate in India was **8.1% in February 2022, which fell to 7.6% in March**.

**RPF arrests tout for illegal ticketing under Operation Upalabdhan:**

- The **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has arrested **1,459 touts** and blocked **366 IRCTC agent IDs and 6,751 personal IDs** as part of a **month-long pan-India drive against illegal ticketing**.

**Flipkart Foundation was launched for the growth of rural areas and women:**

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- **Walmart-backed E-commerce giant Flipkart** announced that it has constituted **Flipkart Foundation**.
- The Foundation will focus on supporting improved market access for under-served communities, entrepreneurship, skill development, community development, livelihood opportunities, and environmental responsibility, **to impact 20 million lives directly and indirectly over the next decade**.

### The environment ministry announces the launch of the 'Prakriti' green initiative:

- The Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav** on **March 5th, 2022** launched the awareness mascot '**Prakriti**' & other green initiatives for effective plastic waste management.
- The mascot '**Prakriti**' has been launched to spread mass awareness about **how the adoption of small changes in our lifestyle can play a big role in environmental sustainability**.

### GST collections hit an all-time high of Rs 1.42 lakh crore:

- Gross collections of **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** rose to **Rs 1.42 lakh crore in March**, for sales in February, according to data released by the **Union Finance Ministry**, a **14.7 percent rise from March 2021** and a **45.6 percent spike from March 2020**.

### Jal Shakti Minister launches Digital Dashboard for District Ganga Committees Performance Monitoring System:

- **Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** has launched the **Digital Dashboard** for **District Ganga Committees Performance Monitoring System**.
- Mr. Shekhawat stated that the Digital Dashboard launched will **help the District Ganga Committees DGCs** in enhancing people-river connections.

### IMF lauds India's PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana program:

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lauded India's food subsidy program which **prevented the increased prevalence of extreme poverty in the country during Covid-19**.
- In a report by the IMF, the expansion of food transfers and subsidies make it an important instrument for poverty alleviation

### Rajnath Singh inaugurates Air Force Commanders' Conference in Delhi:

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the **Air Force Commanders' Conference AFCC** at Air Headquarters in New Delhi.
- The conference was attended by Minister of State for Defence **Ajay Bhatt** and Defence Secretary **Dr. Ajay Kumar** along with senior commanders of the Indian Air Force.

### Stand-Up India Scheme completes 6 years:

- **Stand Up India** scheme was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **5th April 2016**.
- It facilitates loans to **Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe**, and women borrowers for setting up a greenfield enterprise in the manufacturing, services, or trading sector.

### An advisory committee was formed for the semiconductor mission:

- The **ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY)** has formed an advisory committee for the country's semiconductor mission.
- The **17-member committee of experts**, comprises senior government officials, academicians as well as industry and domain experts.

### Ministry of Ayush's Yoga Mahotsav begins at the Red Fort in Delhi:

- The **Ministry of Ayush** is all set to celebrate World Health Day with a grand program, including a demonstration of the **Common Yoga Protocol**, scheduled to be organized in the backdrop of the **Red Fort in New Delhi**

### 'One Health' pilot project launched by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying:

- The **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)**, in collaboration with the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, and the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)** has launched a pilot project in **Uttarakhand** to implement the **One Health Framework** by the **One Health Support Unit**.

### Arya. ag Joins United Nations International Compact Community India:

- **Arya. ag**, India's largest and fastest-growing built-in grain **commerce platform**, has joined the **United Nations International Compact India** thereby voluntarily conforming to common sustainability ideas and taking steps **to assist UN SDGs**.

### AAI launches the 'AVSAR' Scheme to provide a platform to SHGs for the promotion of local artisans and products:



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- Under “AVSAR” (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of The Region), which is an initiative of AAI, an opportunity to help the indigent to mobilize their households into functionally effective self-earned groups for self-reliance and self-dependence, has been provided.

**Ministry of I&B Constitutes Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Promotion Task Force, headed by Secretary, MoI&B:**

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has constituted an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics (AVGC) Promotion Task Force.
- Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced to set up of the force in February during the budget speech, to suggest ways to market and global demand.

**The Ministry of Sports releases USD 72,124 to the UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping:**

- The Government of India's Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has given USD 72,124 to the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport 2022.

**Cabinet approves extension of Atal Innovation Mission till March 2023:**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), till March 2023.
- The AIM shall work on its intended target of creating an innovation culture and entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country.

**PM Mudra Yojana celebrates the completion of 7 years:**

- April 9<sup>th</sup> is the 7th anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, PMMY.
- The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th April 2015, for providing loans up to 10 Lakh rupees to non-corporate, non-farm small, or micro-enterprises.

**The National Commission for Women launched an Anti-Human Trafficking Cell:**

- The National Commission for Women launched an Anti-Human Trafficking Cell to improve effectiveness in tackling cases of human trafficking, raising awareness among women and girls, capacity building and training Anti Trafficking Units, and increasing the responsiveness of law enforcement agencies.

**India's first case of the XE variant of coronavirus disease was reported from Mumbai:**

- India's first case of the XE variant of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) was reported in Mumbai
- Results of the 11th genome sequencing declared by the city civic body Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), found one sample positive for the XE variant and another for the Kappa variant.

**South-Central Railway launches the' One station One Product' initiative at 6 major stations:**

- The South-Central Railway (SCR) has launched the “One station One Product” initiative at 6 major stations in all its six divisions.
- SCR in charge of General Manager, Arun Kumar Jain, has inaugurated stalls under the new initiative at Secunderabad Station.

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh releases third positive indigenization list in New Delhi to develop India as a defense manufacturing hub:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released the third positive indigenization list in New Delhi to develop India as a defense manufacturing hub.
- The third list consists of over one hundred items, including complex equipment and systems which are being developed and likely to translate into firm orders over the next five years.

**Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates scientific convention on ‘Homoeopathy: People’s Choice for Wellness’:**

- Union Minister of AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated a two-day scientific convention on ‘Homoeopathy: People’s Choice for Wellness in New Delhi.

**Union Minister Bhupender Yadav chairs the 20th NTCA meeting:**

- The union minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav chaired the 20th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) which was held in Pakke tiger reserve in Arunachal Pradesh on 9th April 2022.
- First-ever NTCA meeting was conducted outside National Capital held at Arunachal Pradesh.

**President Ramnath Kovind Inaugurates Madhavpur Ghed Fair:**



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- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has inaugurated a **five-day fair at Madhavpur Ghed village in Gujarat's Porbandar district**.
- This fair is held to celebrate the wedding of Lord Krishna and Goddess Rukmani at Madhavpur Ghed, a famous pilgrimage spot.

### PM Modi virtually addressed the 14th Foundation Day of Umiya Mata Temple:

- Prime Minister Modi was virtually addressing the **14th foundation day celebrations of Umiya Mata Temple in Junagadh on Ramnavami**.
- The inauguration of the **temple was also done by Mr. Modi in 2008** when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

### GoI launched the 'Broadcast Seva' platform to increase transparency:

- **The Broadcast Seva Portal** was developed by the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** to improve the convenience of **doing business in the broadcast industry**.
- This will be an online portal option for broadcasters to quickly file and process applications for various types of licenses, permissions, registrations, and other things.

### Union Home Minister Amit Shah to inaugurate 'Amrit Samagam':

- **Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation** has launched the **Amrit Samagam**, a summit of the country's tourism and cultural ministers, **in New Delhi**.
- The Ministry of Culture is hosting a two-day conference, as part of the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

### Number of patent filings rises to 66,440 in FY22: Commerce ministry

- The **number of patent filings increased from 42,763 in 2014-15 to 66,440 in 2021-22** due to steps taken by the government to strengthen the **intellectual property rights (IPR) regime of the country**.

### IISc Conducted Study, that found Microplastics in the Cauvery River:

- **Microplastics in the Cauvery River** have been identified as one of the major reasons for deformities in fish and other impacts on marine life, **according to a study conducted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**

### Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launch 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi':

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the **'SVANidhi se Samriddhi'** program in additional 126 cities across 14 States/ UTs.
- **'SVANidhi se Samriddhi'**, an additional program of **PMSVANidhi** was launched on 4th January 2021 in **125 cities in Phase 1**, covering approximately 35 Lakh Street vendors and their families.

### ICCR has Launched India Alumni Portal for Foreign Students:

- The **Indian Council for Cultural Relations, ICCR** has launched an **India Alumni Portal in New Delhi**.
- It is a platform to connect with foreign students around the world who have studied in India.
- Minister of State for External Affairs **Meenakshi Lekhi** launched the portal in the presence of **ICCR president Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**.

### UNDP Declares Grants of \$2.2 Million in Climate Action for Innovators:

- The **UNDP** and partners of the **Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM)** have announced **\$2.2 million in climate action grants for 22 local innovators** across 19 countries, including India.
- The first round of funding through the **Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)** window will enhance local climate action and accelerate the delivery of targets outlined in the **Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals**.

### PM Modi inaugurates Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya** in New Delhi on April 14.
- The Sangrahalaya, located at the iconic **Teen Murti complex**, was inaugurated as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav a 75-week celebration launched.

### Union Government crosses its asset monetization target for FY22:

- The Centre has completed asset **monetization worth Rs 96,000 crore** during FY22, surpassing the target of **Rs 88,000 crore**.



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- For FY23, it has set itself a goal of **Rs 1.62 trillion** and already has a pipeline of assets worth **Rs 1.6 trillion** under advanced stages of implementation
- The **Ministry of Roads, Transport, and Highways** have **monetized assets worth Rs 23,000 crore**, which included a 390-km stretch through InvIT and three ToT bundles.
- The Ministry of Power monetized assets of **Rs 9,500 crore** with **PowerGrid Corporation, InvIT and NHPC's** securitization of its operational hydel assets.
- The monetization target for the power ministry was set at **Rs 7,700 crore**.

### IIT Guwahati collaborated with NTPC to develop energy-efficient tech to capture CO2:

- The **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** has partnered with **NTPC Limited** to design and develop a highly energy-efficient plant for **CO2 capture from power plants**.
- This technology, which works on flue gas using a newly activated amine solvent (IITGS), consumes **up to 11 percent less energy** compared to commercial activated MDEA solvent and up to **31 percent less energy** compared to benchmark MEA solvent.

### 40th edition of Hunar Haat inaugurated in Mumbai:

- The **40th edition of Hunar Haat** was inaugurated by **Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur** in Mumbai.
- The event is being held at **MMRDA Ground, Bandra-Kurla Complex** in Mumbai, from **April 16 to April 27**.

### SVANidhi se Samriddhi' phase II launched to shield 28 lakh street vendors:

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' program in additional **126 cities across 14 States/ UTs**.
- 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi', an additional program of PMSVANidhi was launched on 4th January 2021 in 125 cities in Phase 1, **covering approximately 35 lakh street vendors and their families**.

### NITI Aayog to launch National Data and Analytics Platform:

- The **NITI Aayog** is **planning to launch a National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP)** in May to provide government data in a user-friendly format, to promote data-driven decision-making and research.
- Conceived in 2020, the platform aims to **standardize data across government sources** and provide flexible analytics that makes it easy for users to analyze information using multiple datasets.
- The portal will **help policymakers, academics, and researchers to easily analyse data without having to process it**.

### India's 1st Internet Radio Radio Aksh For Visually Challenged Launched in Nagpur:

- The country's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in Nagpur, with the **Blind Relief Association Nagpur** and **Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham)**
- This concept was created as a substitute for audiobooks provided by **Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal** to the visually impaired on their digital devices

### Govt extends PMGKP Insurance Scheme for Health Care Workers:

- The **Union Government** has extended the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) Insurance Scheme for Health Care Workers Fighting COVID-19** for a further period of **180 days**.

### Ethosh Digital has opened its first IT Training & Services center in Leh:

- Ladakh Additional Director General of Police SS Khandare has inaugurated the first **IT Training and Services center of Ethosh Digital, in Leh**.
- Ethosh Digital** is a California-based Multinational Company, working in the field of digital communications and AR-VR products.

### e-DAR portal to speed up accident compensation claims:

- The **Ministry of Roads, Transport, and Highways (MoRTH)** have developed the portal named '**e-DAR**' (e-Detailed Accident Report).



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- **Digitalized Detailed Accident Reports (DAR)** will be uploaded to the portal for easy access.
- The web portal will be linked to the **Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD)**.

### World's Highest Tunnel connecting Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh to be constructed by BRO:

- **Border Roads Organisation** will construct the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass at 16,580 feet to connect Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh, informed BRO Director General Lieutenant General **Rajeev Chaudhary**.
- This tunnel, to be completed by 2025, will change the economy of Zanskar Valley.

### PM Modi lays the foundation stone of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar:

- Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the **WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)** in **Jamnagar, Gujarat** in the presence of the Prime Minister of Mauritius **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**, and Dr. Tedros **Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, **World Health Organization (WHO)**.
- GCTM will be the first and only global outpost center for traditional medicine across the world.

### Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre Scheme marked its 4th anniversary:

- **Health and Wellness Centres** which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 14th April 2018 to provide health for all will complete its **4th Anniversary on 14th April 2022**.
- In this regard, the Union Health Ministry will be organizing a week-long celebration under '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**' to create awareness of reading the AB-HWCs, and telemedicine/ teleconsultation.
- The events will commence on **16th April** and will conclude on **22nd April 2022**.

### Supreme Court reconstitutes expert committee for Delhi-Dehradun Corridor project:

- The **Supreme Court** has reconstituted the **expert committee** that would be looking into measures to ensure the construction of **the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor Expressway project**.
- The independent 12-member expert committee was formed by the **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** to be headed by **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand.

### Nation's first portable solar rooftop system unveiled in Gandhinagar:

- The country's first portable solar rooftop system was inaugurated at the **Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- The installation of **10 PV Port systems** in the temple complex has been supported by the German development agency **Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**.

### PM Modi inaugurates development projects worth Rs 22,000 crore in Dahod, Gujarat:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated the various development projects worth **22,000 crore rupees** at a special function organized at **Dahod in Gujarat**.
- This includes the manufacturing project of **9,000 HP Electric Locomotives** at the Railway Production Unit in Dahod.

### India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Assam:

- **Oil India Limited (OIL)** has taken the first significant step toward the **Green Hydrogen Economy in India** by commissioning **India's First 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant**, with an installed capacity of **10 kg per day** at its Jorhat Pump Station in Assam.
- **Shri Sushil Chandra Mishra, Chairman & Managing Director**, inaugurated the plant.
- The plant produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by the existing 500kW Solar plant using a 100 kW **Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) Electrolyser array**.

### Mobile app for 2nd Khelo India University Games launched:

- The second edition of the **Khelo India University Games** to be held in the tech capital of **Bengaluru** will have its **mobile app**.
- This app launched is a **single-point reference for all the information on the University games** to be inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on **24th April**.
- Post-Covid third wave, this will be **India's first largest sporting event** with the participation of over 4500 sportspersons from 189 Universities in 20 disciplines.
- The event will be held till **May 3rd**.

### Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to inaugurate Khelo India University Games in Bengaluru on 24th April:

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- The **Khelo India University Games** set to be inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in Bengaluru on **April 24** will see the participation of Olympians.
- According to the **Sports Authority of India**, Tokyo Olympians Srihari Nataraj representing Swimming, Manu Bhaker in Shooting, and Dutee Chand in Athletics will be competing in the Games.
- During the **second edition of the games**, two new disciplines namely **Yogasana and Mallakhamb** are added for the first time.

**NITI Aayog, UNICEF India sign Statement of Intent on SDGs with focus on children:**

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a **Statement of Intent on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on children**.
- This seeks to formalize a framework of cooperation to launch the first report on the State of India's **Children - Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development**.
- NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman **Dr. Rajiv Kumar**, this new initiative is built on the ethos of **SDG attainments for children and ensuring that no child is left behind**.

**Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates a nationwide meeting on agriculture for the 2022 Kharif campaign:**

- Union Agriculture Minister **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched the National Conference on Agriculture for the **Kharif Campaign 2022-23 at the NASC Complex in New Delhi**.
- According to the **2nd Advance Estimates (2021-22)**, total food grain production in the country will reach 3160 lakh tonnes, a new high.
- The production of pulses and oilseeds will be **269.5 lakh tonnes and 371.5 lakh tonnes**, respectively.

**PM Modi to inaugurate the 7th edition of Raisina Dialogue on April 25:**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **seventh edition of the Raisina Dialogue on the 25th of April**.
- President of the European Union **Ursula von Der Leyen** will be the chief guest at the Dialogue.
- The three-day event is based on the theme - **of Terranova, impassioned, impatient, imperiled**.
- There are six broad thematic pillars of the dialogue including Rethinking Democracy, End of Multilateralism, Water Caucuses, and Achieving Green Transitions.

**Rajnath Singh to inaugurate DefConnect 2.0 to woo investors in Delhi:**

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** to inaugurate **DefConnect 2.0** organized by **Innovations for Defence Excellence, Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) in New Delhi**.
- It will include sessions with stalwarts of the industry, various announcements, and static exhibitions of an array of start-ups supported by iDEX-DIO.
- Till date, **iDEX has launched five rounds of Defence India Start-up Challenges** and three rounds of Open Challenges receiving more than 2,000 applications from individual innovators and start-ups.
- **The index, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018**, essentially provides a unified platform for various stakeholders in the defense and aerospace sectors.

**Government Officials to be trained in National Cyber Exercise:**

- The **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India)** is being organized by the **National Security Council Secretariat** for government officials and critical sector organizations to strengthen the country's cyber posture.
- The NCX India exercise will be **held till 29th April 2022**.
- The **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise** was kicked off by National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval**.

**Surat hosts the Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization conference:**

- The 3-day "Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization" conference had a grand opening in Surat.
- The event is being organized by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, Government of India with **Surat Smart City Corporation Development Ltd.**, under the clarion call of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)**, given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to commemorate the **75th anniversary of Independence**.

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- An awards distribution ceremony was organized, during the inaugural wherein award winners of the **India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020** were felicitated.
- **Surat and Indore** were given the **Best city award**, while **Uttar Pradesh** was awarded the **Best State**.

### NITI Aayog to organize a day-long national workshop on 'Innovative Agriculture' on April 25:

- As part of the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, NITI Aayog is organizing a day-long national workshop on '**Innovative Agriculture**'.
- The workshop is expected to bring together stakeholders working in the field of innovative agriculture and natural-farming practices from India and abroad.
- Natural farming practices are mostly in harmony with the principles of **agroecology** advocated by the **Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO**.

### Govt sets target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to 10,000 by March 2024:

- The Union Government has set a target to **increase** the number of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to 10,000** by **March 2024**.
- The chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry said that the government has invited applications to open Janaushadhi Kendras in **three thousand five hundred 79 Blocks of four hundred six districts of 26 States and Union Territories**.
- It highlighted that under the scheme, seven hundred 39 districts of the country have been covered and **eight thousand six hundred ten stores** have been opened till March.

### India Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Conference 2022 to be held on April 25:

- The **7th edition of the India Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Conference 2022** will be held in **New Delhi**.
- The theme of the three-day conference is - **Vision 2047: Transformative roadmap for the future**.

### Apple announces partnership for protection and conservation of mangroves in Maharashtra:

- **Apple** has announced a new partnership with the **Applied Environmental Research Foundation and Conservation International** to protect the mangrove ecosystem and the livelihoods that depend on it in the **Raigad district of Maharashtra**.
- Apple awarded a grant to the **Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF)** in 2021 to work with the local community to protect a **2,400-hectare mangrove forest in the region**.

### Union Agriculture Ministry to launch 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' campaign:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is organizing the '**Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari**' campaign.
- **The campaign which will continue till 30th April** is being organized under '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' in association with various other Ministries and Departments.

### Indian Railways augment transportation of Coal through Railways by a record 111 million tonnes during the year 2021-22:

- **Indian Railways** has augmented the transportation of coal by a record **111 million tonnes and loaded a record 653 Million Tonnes of coal** in the last financial year with a growth of 20 percent, as compared to 542 million tonnes in 2021.
- **Further from September 2021 to March 2022**, the loading of coal to the power sector was augmented by 32 percent in just 2 quarters.

### Government to raise the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to 10,000 by March 2024:

- **Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** have inaugurated **seven National Highway Projects** worth **5569 crore rupees** in **Aurangabad, Maharashtra**.
- The soil extracted from the ponds developed in **Adgaon-Gandheli, Nakshatrawadi, and Valmi areas**, Teesgaon as well as Sajapur village areas have got the double benefit.

### NITI Aayog released a draft battery swapping policy for 2022:



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- The government **thinks tank** Niti Aayog has released a **draft battery-swapping policy** under which all metropolitan cities with a population above **40 lakh** will be prioritized for the development of a battery-swapping network under the first phase.
- All major cities such as state capitals, UT headquarters, and cities with a population **above 5 lakh** will be covered under the second phase, given the importance of the **two-wheeler and three-wheeler** vehicle segments in growing cities.

### India participated as the Guest of honor at the Paris Book Festival 2022:

- The **Paris Book Festival** was inaugurated on **21st April 2022** & **India Pavilion** at the Paris Book Festival was inaugurated.
- **India's participation as a guest of honor at the Paris Book Festival 2022**
- The India Pavilion which has been designed by the **National Institute of Design (NID)**

### Fasal Bima Pathshala is organized under the Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari campaign:

- **Fasal Bima Pathshala** has been organized across the country under the '**Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari**' campaign.
- Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** chaired the **National level special program** on Fasal Bima Pathshala along with Minister of state Kailash Choudhary.
- The '**Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari**' Campaign is being organized from **25th to 30th April** under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The Campaign aims to make the farmers aware of key scheme aspects of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana like basic scheme provisions, the importance of ensuring the crops, and how to avail of scheme benefits.

### I&B Ministry blocks 16 YouTube news channels for spreading disinformation related to the country's national security:

- The **Information and Broadcasting Ministry** has blocked **16 YouTube news channels** for spreading disinformation related to the **country's national security, foreign relations, and public order**.
- **Ten Indian and six Pakistan-based YouTube channels** have been blocked under **Information Technology Rules, 2021**

### Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR-2022 commences at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi:

- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** in association with **the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)** is organizing Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair **AAHAR 2022** at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

### Union Minister Giriraj Singh launches 'Azadi Se Antyodaya Tak' campaign:

- **Azadi Se Antyodaya Tak** was launched by **Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh** in **New Delhi**.
- **The 90-day campaign** is launched with a mission to saturate **75 Districts across 28 States and UTs** with beneficiary schemes of nine central ministries.
- The goal of the campaign is to take up **17 select schemes with direct assistance to beneficiaries in saturation mode**, reaching out to the person at the bottom of the pyramid in rural areas by each of the participating ministries and departments.

### MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V) Program:

- Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** has launched **Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V) Program**.

### Cabinet approves 540 MW Kwar Hydroelectric projects in J&K's Kishtwar:

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the construction of the **540-Megawatt Kwar Hydro Electric** project located on river **Chenab** in the **Kishtwar district of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The project will be implemented by **Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited** which is a joint venture company between **NHPC and JKSPDC**.



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### India made Guinness Record for the synchronic Waving of More than 78,000 National Flags:

- According to the Ministry of Culture, India entered the Guinness Book of World Records by simultaneously waving 78,220 flags at the 'Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav' program in Bhojpur, Bihar.

### India's first Amrit Sarovar was established in UP:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi referred to a local pond in Shahabad's Patwai area of Rampur in Uttar Pradesh as being transformed into an 'Amrit Sarovar' – the name the PM has given to an initiative that seeks to focus on the need for water conservation, among other things.
- With the efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led government in Uttar Pradesh, India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been completed in Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai.

### India to host accountants World Congress for the first time in 118 years:

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is set to host the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), the Kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence.
- The event will take place in the newly built Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- The theme for 2022 would be "Building Trust Enabling Sustainability".

### PM Modi to inaugurate Semicon India Conference-2022 in Bengaluru:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Semicon India Conference-2022.
- This three-day event will take place in Bengaluru.
- The three-day conference is being organized to take forward the vision of the Prime Minister to make India a leader in electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, manufacturing, and innovation.

### PM Modi has inaugurated Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) in Surat Gujarat:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) in Surat Gujarat via video conferencing.
- Sardardham is organizing GPBS under Mission-2026 to provide an impetus to the socio-economic development of the Patidar community.
- The Summit is organized every two years.
- The main theme of GPBS-2022 is Aatmanirbhar Community to Aatmanirbhar Gujarat and India.

### Samba becomes the first district in India to cover 100% of households under the ABPMJAY- SEHAT scheme:

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Samba district of the Jammu division has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme.
- The Samba district has a total of 62,641 families with 3,04,510 people eligible for ABPM-JAY SEHAT golden cards.
- The ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by Government and the people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh in all government and impaneled private hospitals across India.

### Asia's biggest International Food and Hospitality fair – AAHAR-2022:

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) is organizing Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR-2022 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- The first day of the fair was April 26th, 2022.

### Union Minister Giriraj Singh launches 90-day inter-ministerial campaign Azadi se Antyodaya Tak:

- Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh has launched 'Azadi se Antyodaya Tak,' a 90-day inter-ministerial campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Celebrating the spirit of the year-long Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the identified districts are aligned with the birthplace of one hundred Freedom Fighters, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation during its struggle for independence.

### PM Modi lays the foundation stones for various healthcare, and education projects:



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- **PM Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stones for projects relating to healthcare and education including a Veterinary College in Diphu, Degree College in West Karbi Anglong, and Agricultural College in Kolonga.
- These projects, worth more than ₹500 crores, are expected to bring new opportunities for skilling and employment in the region.

### **Education Minister releases 'Mandate Document' for developing NCF:**

- Union Minister for Education **Dharmendra Pradhan** released the 'Mandate Document: Guidelines for the Development of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF)' at an event held at the **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**.
- The National Education Policy 2020 focuses on the education and skills needed for the youth of 21st-century India.

### **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 launches National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities:**

- **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities' to strengthen the ongoing Jan andolan for 'Garbage Free Cities'.

### **NCTE invites applications for the four years Integrated Teacher Education Programme 2022-23:**

- The **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** has invited online applications for the **four years Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (ITEP)** for the academic session **2023-24**.
- The program is a dual-major holistic bachelor's degree offering B.A. B.Ed., B. Sc. B. Ed. and B.Com. B.Ed.

### **IREDA registers historic annual performance in 2021-22 amidst covid pandemic:**

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has registered historic **annual performance in 2021-22** amid a covid pandemic.
- The **profit has jumped 83 percent** to an all-time high of 634 crore rupees.
- The Board of Directors approved the audited financial results for 2021-22 in a meeting held.

### **Narayan Rane inaugurates "Enterprise India" a month-long initiative to promote entrepreneurship culture in the country:**

- Union Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises **Shri Narayan Rane** has inaugurated the Ministry's Mega Event: "**Enterprise India**" under the celebrations of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- "Enterprise India" is a series of commemorative entrepreneurship development events and activities being organized from 27.04.2022 up to 27.05.2022 to promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of MSME across the country.

### **Cochin Shipyard to build India's first homemade Hydrogen-fuelled electric vessel:**

- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways** will build the first indigenous **hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels** at **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**.
- Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** announced this while unveiling the government's plan for building the vessels in keeping pace with the global maritime green transitions at a workshop on green shipping organized by the Ministry jointly with **CSL and The Energy and Resources Institute**.

### **India to be 'Country of Honour' at Cannes Marche' Du Film:**

- India will be the **Official Country of Honour** at the upcoming **Marche' Du Film**, organized alongside the Cannes Film Festival in France.
- The festival will be organized from the **17th of May**.
- This was announced by **Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur** during a press conference in New Delhi.

### **PM Modi hails ties with Canada at the unveiling of Sardar Patel statue:**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** hailed the unveiling of a statue of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - the first in North America - in Canada** as "a marker for relations between the two countries".
- The **bronze statue** was unveiled at a program at the Sanatan Mandir Cultural Center in the town of **Markham in the Greater Toronto Area** with messages from the Prime Ministers of India and Canada.

### **National Museum of Indian Cinema to host film festival on Satyajit Ray's birth anniversary:**

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- On the **101st birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray**, the **National Museum of Indian Cinema, Mumbai** under the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry will host a **three-day film festival** at various venues across India to screen films made by the legendary filmmaker.

### National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru campus inaugurated by Amit Shah:

- Home Minister, **Amit Shah** inaugurates the **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) campus in Bengaluru**.
- Home Minister Amit Shah**, that the Narendra Modi government has pursued a zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism from day one.

### Food processing minister launches three 'One District One Products' brands:

- Food Processing Industries Minister **Pashupati Kumar Paras** has launched three 'One District, One Product' brands under the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro-Food Processing Enterprises Scheme** in New Delhi.

### Govt prepares new draft National Youth Policy:

- The government has prepared a **new draft National Youth Policy (NYP)**.
- The draft policy envisages a **ten-year vision** for youth development that the country seeks **to achieve by 2030**.

### "Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022" inaugurated by MSME Minister Narayan Rane:

- Union Minister for MSME **Shri Narayan Rane** and Minister of State for MSME **Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma** along with other State Ministers and senior officials inaugurated the 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' being organized under the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- Shri Rane emphasized the development of new products and new applications of coir through product development, product diversification& adoption of new technologies.

### PM Modi to address the inaugural session of "JITO Connect 2022":

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will address the inaugural session of **Jain International Trade Organisation's 'JITO Connect 2022'** on 6th May 2022 through video conferencing.
- Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO)** is a global organization connecting Jains worldwide.

### India's first Regional Rapid Transit System train set to be handed over to NCRTC at Savli in Gujarat:

- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will be receiving India's first semi-high speed train set for **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)** at Alstom's Savli in Gujarat.
- The event will be held in presence of the Secretary of, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs **Manoj Joshi**.

### India embarks on the 'World's Largest Film Restoration Project':

- Minister of Information & Broadcasting **Anurag Thakur** has announced that the **World's largest film restoration project under National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM)** will begin with a **budget of INR 363 crores**, which is awarded by the Ministry.
- National Film Heritage Mission** in addition to restoration also involves the ongoing preservation processes of film condition assessment, preventive conservation, and digitization, **with a total allocated budget of INR 597 crores**, which is one of the world's largest film preservation missions.

### Three-day Utkarsh Mahotsav organized by Central Sanskrit University begins in New Delhi:

- Jagat Prakash Nadda** has inaugurated the **three-day Utkarsh Mahotsav** being organized by **Central Sanskrit University in New Delhi**.
- The government will leave no stone unturned to promote the **Sanskrit language across the country**.

### Tata Power Solar bags Rs 5,500 crores order from SJVN:

- Tata Power Solar Systems** has won **India's largest solar engineering procurement and construction (EPC) order** for a **1 GW project worth Rs 5,500 crore** from state-owned SJVN Ltd.
- EPC order has been designed keeping in mind the innovative use of 'Make in India' cells and modules.

### Adani Wilmar beats HUL to become the largest FMCG company in India:

- Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL)** has trounced **Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL)** from the position of largest FMCG company in India.
- This became public after the announcement of the Q4FY22 results of Adani Wilmar.
- While sharing its Q4FY22 results, **Adani Wilmar reported operating revenue of ₹54,214 crores in FY22** whereas HUL's yearly revenue stands at ₹51,468 crores in FY2021-22.

### Supreme Court gets two new judges, set to regain full strength of 34:



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- The Supreme Court is set to regain its full strength of 34 judges with two fresh appointments to the top court
- The Supreme Court Collegium headed by **CJI N.V. Ramana** recommended the names of Gauhati High Court **Chief Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia** and **Justice Jamshed B. Pardiwala** of the Gujarat High Court for elevation to the apex court, and the Union Law Ministry announced their appointments

### Website to encourage vernacular literature launched by LS Speaker Om Birla:

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the Kalam website, a literary initiative by the **Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)** to support and encourage vernacular literature on May 7.

### Unemployment rate at 8.7% in October-December 2021: NSO survey

- The unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above in urban areas slipped to **8.7 percent in October-December 2021 from 10.3 percent in the year-ago quarter**, showed a periodic labor force survey by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**.
- Joblessness or unemployment rate (UR) is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labor force.

### WEF to focus on emerging technologies to help small, marginal farmers:

- The **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in partnership with the Government's think-tank **Niti Aayog**, is focusing on putting emerging technologies such as **artificial intelligence (AI)**, **Internet of Things (IoT)**, **blockchain**, and **drones**, to better use to ensure they **benefit farmers, particularly small and marginal**.
- **Purushottam Kaushik, Head**, Center for the **Fourth Industrial Revolution (CFIR)**, World Economic Forum (WEF).

### NITI Aayog's AIM has released the AIM-PRIME Playbook to assist academics:

- The **AIM-PRIME Playbook** was launched at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center, **New Delhi**.
- This event marks the culmination of the nationwide **AIM-PRIME program, an initiative of Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog**, that is being implemented by Venture Center, **Pune**, and is supported by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Office of Principal Scientific Advisor**.

### Ministry of Tourism takes part in the Arabian Travel Market, Dubai-2022:

- The Ministry of Tourism under its 'Incredible India' brand line is participating in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM), **Dubai-2022** which is being held from the 9th to the 12th of May.
- It is showcasing India's rich and diversified tourism potential and provides a platform for the tourism stakeholders to showcase the various tourism destinations and products including Niche products.

### Jan Suraksha Scheme Completes 7 Years of Social Security:

- The three **Jan Suraksha schemes of the Indian government, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** has completed **7 years** of providing social security with the commitment of recognizing the necessity to protect human life from unanticipated risks and economic uncertainty.
- PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi **on 9th May 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal**.

### India elected as Chair of Association of Asian Election Authorities for 2022-24:

- India has been unanimously elected as the **new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024**.
- The decision was taken at the Executive Board and General Assembly meeting in Manila, the Philippines on May 7, 2022.

### RailTel launches PM-WANI-based access to its Wi-Fi at 100 railway stations across the country:

- **RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU**, has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme based on access to its Public WiFi services across **100 railway stations** across the country.
- This public-friendly service was virtually launched by RailTel chairman and managing director Puneet Chawla.

### PM Modi addresses 'Utkarsh Samaroh' in Bharuch:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed 'Utkarsh Samaroh' in **Bharuch, Gujarat** via video conferencing.
- The program marks the celebration of **100% saturation of four key schemes** of the state government in the district, which will help provide timely financial assistance to those in need.

### In Delhi, India's first Khadi Centre of Excellence will open:

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- To enable **Khadi Institutions** across the country, the **Ministry of MSME** has established a Centre for Experimentation, Innovation, and Design for the **Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
- The objective of the Center is to design apparel, home items, and fashion accessories for people of all ages.

### India Contributes USD 800,000 To Promote the Hindi Language At UN:

- India has contributed USD 800,000 to the **United Nations** as part of the initiative to enhance public outreach of the organization in **Hindi**.
- Country's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **R Ravindra** handed over a cheque for the UN project launched by India in 2018 to disseminate information about the UN to the Hindi-speaking population across the world.
- India contributed \$800,000 to continue to promote **#Hindi@UN**

### Prime Minister's participation in the Second Global COVID Virtual Summit:

- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** participated in the **Second Global COVID Virtual Summit** at the invitation of the **President of the U.S.A., Joseph R. Biden Jr.**
- The Summit aims to inspire new measures to solve the COVID pandemic's ongoing difficulties and to strengthen the global health security infrastructure.
- Prime Minister had also participated in the **first Global COVID virtual Summit hosted by President Biden on 22 September 2021**.

### COP15 Session on combating desertification: Bhupender Yadav led the Indian delegation:

- The **Indian delegation landed in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire**, for the **UN Convention on Combating Desertification's 15th Conference of Parties**, led by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri **Bhupender Yadav (UNCCD COP15)**.
- The Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification held its **fourteenth session in New Delhi, and India is the organization's current president**.

### Amit Shah inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory at CFSL in Hyderabad:

- The **National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL)** was established on the grounds of the **Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL)** in **Hyderabad** by **Home Minister Amit Shah**.
- The NCFL intends to speed up the resolution of cybercrime cases throughout the country.
- In December 2021, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) authorized the establishment of the **NCFL for tracking purposes in the CFSL, Hyderabad**.

### NITI Aayog has launched a National Data and Analytics Platform:

- NITI Aayog launched the **National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)** for free public usage.
- The platform aims to democratize access to public government data by making data accessible, interoperable, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform.

### At the Incredible India International Cruise Conference, eight Memorandums of Understanding were signed:

- Eight **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** were signed at the **first Incredible India International Cruise Conference** that was jointly organized by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Government of India, and FICCI**.

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Shilanyas ceremony:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid an official visit to **Lumbini, Nepal**, at the request of Nepal's Prime Minister, Shri **Sher Bahadur Deuba**, to coincide with the auspicious event of **Vaishakha Buddha Purnima**.
- This was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's **fifth visit to Nepal and his first to Lumbini**.

### RailTel and WHO launch a mobile container hospital in Visakhapatnam:

- RailTel Corporation of India Ltd stated that they had created and established a "**Health Cloud**" at the **Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone** premises in **Visakhapatnam (AMTZ)**.
- The **Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ)** is the **first integrated medical device** manufacturing cluster in the world.

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- Louise Agersnap, Head of WHO Innovation Hub, WHO Geneva, officially opened the "Health Cloud" at AMTZ.

**Prime Minister unveiled India's first 5G testbed, which is anticipated to cost Rs 220 crore:**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled India's first 5G testbed, allowing startups and industry companies to test and certify their technology in-house rather than relying on foreign facilities.
- The testbed cost roughly Rs 220 crore to build.

**Supreme Court has ordered the release of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination suspect:**

- The Supreme Court applied Article 142 of the Constitution to extend exceptional powers to AG Perarivalan, a convict in the killing of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, to "perform thorough justice in any cause or issue standing before it".
- A bench of justices led by Mr. L.N. Rao and Mr. B.R. Gavai discharged Perarivalan after considering his lengthy detention.

**Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw established the NIELIT Center in Leh, Ladakh:**

- Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Cabinet Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Communications, and Railways has inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centre Leh, Extension Centre Kargil, and IT Enabled Incubation Centre for Handicraft and Handloom Sector.

**West Central Railway has created the Navdoot, a battery-powered dual-mode locomotive:**

- West Central Railway has created the Navdoot, a battery-powered dual-mode locomotive.
- This engine operates in two modes: battery and electricity.
- This e-engine has a top speed of 30 kmph and can pull 18 coaches.
- It currently has 84 batteries and a capacity of 400 tonnes.

**The Prime Minister's Office panel suggests an urban job guarantee scheme:**

- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has proposed that the government adopt a guaranteed employment program for city residents as well as a universal basic income (UBI) scheme to eliminate income gaps.

**Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy:**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi established the Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy and addressed it to the startup community via video conferencing at the Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave in Indore.
- The Prime Minister also unveiled the Madhya Pradesh Startup Portal, which would help and promote the state's startup environment. The event will be attended by Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, as well as key officials and entrepreneurs.

**After the covid-19 pandemic, a new virus known as tomato flu was discovered in southern India:**

- Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, a new infection has been detected in parts of Kerala.
- According to the reports, this dangerous virus has hit almost 80 children in the Kollam city of Kerala to date and it continues to rise.
- It is targeting children below the age of five years.
- Tomato flu or Tomato fever is a deadly virus that has been detected majorly in the southern part of the country.
- Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the main states which have registered many cases from their local government hospitals of this unidentified flu.

**The Cotton Council of India is established by the government:**

- The Union Government has announced the establishment of the Cotton Council of India, which would be led by renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- Textile, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries, as well as Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute, will be represented on the Council.

**The BHARAT TAP project is unveiled during the Plumbex India Exhibition:**



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- Honorable Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, **Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri** launched the **Plumbex India Exhibition ceremony**.
- He also introduced the Bharat Tap initiative, which will produce low-flow fixtures and sanitaryware to assist India in entering a new era of water conservation and sustainable growth.
- **Plumbex India, a three-day event held in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan**, is the country's largest single exposition of plumbing, water, and sanitation goods.

### The Madame Tussauds Museum will open in Noida:

- **Madame Tussauds'** wax museum is returning to India.
- The museum will be housed in a mall in **Noida**.
- The new venue will showcase **50 Indian and worldwide celebrities from sports, entertainment, history, and music**.

### The fourth meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council was presided over by Shri Piyush Goyal:

- The **4th meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC)** was presided over by Shri **Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, and Textiles.

### Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches the 'Padhe Bharat' reading campaign:

- Union Education Minister Shri **Dharmendra Pradhan** has begun the '**Padhe Bharat**' 100-day reading campaign.
- The Padhe Bharat campaign would **target youngsters from Balvatika through Grade 8**.
- The reading campaign will **last 100 days (14 weeks)**, beginning on **January 1, 2022**, and ending on **April 10, 2022**.

### Nirmala Sitharaman chairs over the 7th Annual Meeting of the NDB Board of Governors:

- **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs and India's Governor for the **New Development Bank (NDB)**, presided over the **7th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of NDB** via video conference in **New Delhi**.
- Governors/Alternate Governors from **Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa**, and recently admitted members **Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates** also attended the meeting (UAE).
- The theme for the Annual Meeting was "**NDB: Optimising Development Impact**", which is particularly important and relevant in the current global economic scenario.

### Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan launched the North East Research Conclave 2022:

- The **North East Research Conclave (NERC) 2022** was launched at **IIT Guwahati** by **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development.

### India Celebrates 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy:

- The **Ministry of Culture** honored **Raja Ram Mohan Roy's 250th birth anniversary** with the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- The inaugural ceremony was held at the **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation in Salt Lake, Kolkata**, as well as the Science City Auditorium.
- It was Raja Ram Mohan Roy's **250th birthday and the 50th anniversary** of the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation.

### Indian Railways and IIT Madras Join Forces to Build India's First Hyperloop:

- The **Ministry of Railways** has announced a collaboration with **IIT Madras to create a made-in-India Hyperloop system**.
- Since 2017, India has demonstrated interest in Hyperloop technology, led by then-**Railway Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu**.

### Dr. Jitendra Singh Announces the Launch of the 'BioRRAP' Portal for Biotech Researchers:

- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** introduced the **Single National Portal for Biotech Researchers and Start-ups**, in keeping with the **One Nation, One Portal** ethos.

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- the biography will be used by anyone seeking regulatory approval for biological research and development in the country.

**ONGC is the first Indian exploration and production company to trade domestic gas:**

- The state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is the first gas producer to sell domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange, exchanging unspecified amounts from the KG-DWN-98/2 block off India's coast.
- Anurag Sharma, ONGC Director (Onshore) and In-charge Marketing executed the first online deal on India's first automated national-level Gas Exchange, IGX.

**The Prime Minister-led Inter-State Council has been reconstituted:**

- The Inter-State Council, which works to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country, has been reconstituted with Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi as chairman and chief ministers of all states and six Union ministers as members.

**The composition of the standing committee of the Inter-State Council:**

- Shri Amit Shah (chairman), and the members include Union ministers Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Mr. Virendra Kumar, and Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- The chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh are also members of the standing committee of the Inter-State Council.

**The ABHA smartphone app has been improved by the National Health Authority:**

- The National Health Authority's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has introduced a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account, ABHA smartphone application to handle health records.
- According to the Union Health Ministry, the ABHA app, formerly known as the NDHM Health Records app, is now available for download from the Google Play Store and has already had over four lakh downloads.

**Centre launches Swachh Survekshan 2023:**

- Under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0, the Union Government of India has launched the Eighth Edition of Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023.
- Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, unveiled it at a virtual event in New Delhi.
- The survey would prioritize the three R's: Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse.

**Param Porul supercomputer inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli:**

- A supercomputer named Param Porul was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- The NSM is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

**MeitY hosts Digital India BHASHINI brainstorming session:**

- Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, attended a brainstorming session on Mission Digital India BHASHINI - the National Language Translation Mission, organized by MeitY (NLTM).

**The Central Advisory Board on Archaeology was re-established by the government:**

- The Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA), which was constituted seven years ago to strengthen relations between the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and those involved in archaeological research, has been re-established.

**Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022: PM has inaugurated India's biggest drone festival:**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched India's largest drone festival here, while he visited with Kisan drone pilots and saw open-air drone demos.
- The 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' will be a two-day event on May 27 and 28.



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- More than 1600 delegates, including **government officials, military forces, central armed police forces, Public Sector Units (PSUs), foreign embassies, commercial corporations, and drone startups**, will attend the Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022.

### India to introduce made-in-India TB infection skin test called "c-TB":

- According to Health Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, India will introduce a newly approved "**made in India**" TB infection skin test dubbed "c-TB".
- This year, a new effort called "**Adopt people with TB**" will be launched, which will call on corporates, industries, organizations, political parties, and individuals to come forward and adopt TB-infected people and families, providing nutritional and social support.

### Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 40th PRAGATI Interaction:

- Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India**, has asked infrastructure agencies to coordinate their initiatives with the water bodies being built as part of the **Amrit Sarovar project**.
- Nine agenda items were reviewed during the meeting, including **eight projects and one program**.
- The overall cost of these eight projects across **14 states** is estimated to be roughly 59,900 million rupees.

### 3rd Global Organic Expo 2022 3-day event Begins at IARI, Pusa, New Delhi

- The **3rd Global Organic Expo 2022, 3 days from May 26-28 2022** is poised to **become a major platform** for producers, aggregators, processors, value chain integrators, and organic partners by organizing a world-class conference, with the relevant **theme "Profitability for Humanity"** in New Delhi.

### Import of paper brought under compulsory registration from October 1

- The import policy for key paper products has been **changed from free to free with mandatory registration** under the **Paper Import Monitoring System**.
- The **ministry of commerce and industry** stated that the government's import policy of major paper products has been amended from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under Paper Import Monitoring System'

### Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first 'Lavender Festival' in Bhaderwah:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the country's first "**Lavender Festival**" in Jammu's Bhaderwah, where the cultivation of lavender transformed the economy of the mountainous region.
- Bhaderwah in the **Doda district** is the **birthplace of India's Violet Revolution**.
- The minister described Bhaderwah in the Doda district as the cradle of **India's purple revolution**

### Shri Rajnath Singh approves new Defence Estates Circle for Uttarakhand:

- Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** has endorsed the proposal to establish a **new defense ring dedicated to Uttarakhand**.

### India has become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world: PM Modi

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced that **India has become one of the world's fastest-growing economies**.
- He was addressing an occurrence where he announced the **PM-CARES for Children's Scheme's benefits**.
- Also, a passbook of **PM CARES for Children, and a Health card under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** was handed over to children during the program.

### Ease of living: Common platform called Jan Samarth is to be launched soon

- To make life easier for the average man, the **government plans to develop Jan Samarth**, a unified platform for the implementation of several initiatives run by several ministries and departments.
- Because some of the **Centrally Sponsored Schemes** incorporate many agencies, the services will be gradually expanded based on compatibility.
- Initiatives like the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme** are handled by several ministries.

### Jet Airways Gets DGCA approval To Start Commercial Flights:

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- Jet Airways has been given an air operator's authorization by the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).
- After more than **three years of being grounded**, the airline will be able to resume commercial flight operations.
- The airline received certification after conducting proving flights for the safety regulator between May 15 and May 17.

### India's foremost documentary film festival MIFF 2022 begins:

- The **17th edition** of the **Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation Films (MIFF-2022) kicked off with a colorful **opening ceremony at Mumbai's Nehru Centre in Worli**.

### The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme extended through FY26:

- The **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program** (PMEGP) has been extended for **another five years, until fiscal year FY26**.
- The PMEGP has been approved for continuation during the **15th Finance Commission Cycle** for five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, with a budget of Rs 13,554.42 crore.

### Prime Minister Modi to deliver the 11th installment of PM-KISAN benefits:

- Under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** project, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will give the **11th tranche of financial benefits of Rs 21,000 crore** to over 10 million farmers in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**.

### NCTE launches online portal to Simplify Process of Teacher Education Programme:

- The **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** has launched an online site to help **higher education institutions recognize teacher education programs**.
- The portal, which was created to help speed the process, aims to assist students from the time they are invited to apply for courses until they are issued recognition orders, which include inspection of schools.

### Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announces PM CARES program for children:

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** revealed the benefits of the **PM CARES for Children program for children** orphaned by the Covid19 pandemic.
- Prime Minister Shri Modi pledged **Rs 4,000 per month** for basic needs, financial support for tuition fees, postgraduate scholarships, and free treatment up to Rs 5.
- The Prime Minister has transferred scholarships to students.

### Instagram's new feature to help find missing children:

- **Instagram has launched an "alert" function** to assist in the search for **missing children**.
- **The photo-sharing app has partnered with various organizations** around the world to set up this feature.
- This feature will display details of missing children on a user's Instagram feed if they are in a specific area where the search is being conducted.

### Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur Launches Nationwide Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally:

- Union Minister of Youth and Sports Shri **Anurag Thakur** launched the **"National Cycling Race for Indian Freestyle Cyclists"** on World Cycling Day.
- Mr. Thakur says that by cycling we can achieve the goals of it India Movement, Khelo India Movement, Clean India Movement, and **Healthy India Movement**.
- You can complete The Fit India movement, Khelo India movement, Clean India, and Healthy India movements while cycling.

### President Inaugurates the Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan's 59th Maha Adhiveshan:

- **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, President of India inaugurated the **59th Maha Adhiveshan** of **Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh**.
- Ayurveda means the science of life in Sanskrit.
- The term "**pathy**" is used to describe many types of health systems around the world.

### Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the Scheme "SHRESHTA":

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Dr. Virendra Kumar** launched the **"SHRESHTA"** program for boarding education for high school students in the targeted areas.

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- **The Student Boarding Education** in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) program was built to provide quality education and opportunities even to the poorest.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi to launch national portal for credit-linked government schemes:

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will launch the national portal for credit-linked government schemes- **Jan Samarth Portal** in New Delhi.
- It is a **one-stop digital portal linking Government credit schemes**.
- The portal is also a first-of-its-kind platform that directly connects beneficiaries to lenders.
- The main purpose of the Jan Samarth portal is **to encourage inclusive growth and development of various sectors** by guiding and providing them with the right type of government benefits through simple and easy digital processes.

### Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched the Lifestyle for Environment movement:

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has launched the **Global Initiative Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)** movement and said his vision is to live a lifestyle that is in harmony with our planet and without harming it.

### President Kovind has Inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre in UP:

- **President Shri Ram Nath Kovind** has paid tributes to **Sant Kabir** and inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre and **Swadesh Darshan Yojana** at **Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh**.
- He stated the lifestyle of Kabir is an epitome of human distinctive features and his teachings are nevertheless applicable **even after 650 years**.

### National Food laboratory of FSSAI Inaugurated in Raxaul, Bihar:

- **In Raxaul in Bihar**, the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Mr. **Mansukh Mandaviya**, inaugurated the **FSSAI National Food Laboratory**.
- As part of a bilateral agreement between **Indo-Nepal**, this laboratory was established to reduce the testing time of food samples imported from Nepal to Raxaul.

### Prime Minister Modi Virtually Addressed Rotary International Convention 2022:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is the land of Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi, who set an example of what it means to live for others.
- The Rotaries have been described as a true union of many “**Every Rotary gathering of this scale is like a mini-global assembly**”.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates IN-SPACe in Ahmedabad:

- The Indian National Center for Space Promotion and Authorization (IN-SPACe) was inaugurated in **Ahmedabad by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.
- Shri Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, was also present at the ceremony.
- PM Shri Narendra Modi, India is poised to increase its share in the global space industry from 2%.

### Smt Nirmala Sitharaman established the National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa:

- Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman will dedicate to the nation 'Dharohar', the National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa here as part of the Centre's 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Week' celebrations
- As per a release of the Press Information Bureau, 'Dharohar' is housed in Panaji's famous Blue Building on the banks of the **Mandovi River**.

### Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 15 National Highway projects worth over Rs.13,000 cr in Bihar:

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stones of **15 National Highway projects in Patna and Hajipur in Bihar with a total cost of Rs.13,585 crores**.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 in New Delhi:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi** and address the gathering.
- The **Biotech Startup Expo - 2022** is a two-day event to be held on the 9th and 10th of this month.

### AB PM-JAY Public Dashboard of NHA updated with new features:

- The National Health Authority (NHA) announced the release of its newly revamped public under its flagship scheme of **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** dashboard that provides a granular view of the **PM-JAY scheme implementation data comprehensively**.

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- The dashboard will serve as a single source of truth for public and PM-JAY stakeholders providing a comprehensive view of the scheme's progress.

### PM Modi launches new series of coins with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav design:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched a special series of coins that are also '**visually impaired friendly**'.
- The coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10, and 20 denominations will have the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design.

### Govt hikes insurance premiums under PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana:

- The government has hiked the insurance premium rates for **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)** and **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)**.
- The new rates will be **effective from June 1, 2022**.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi opens world's first nano urea plant:

- PM Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **world's first nano urea liquid plant** by **Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** at Kalol in Gujarat.
- The virtual inauguration took place at a ceremony **held in Gandhinagar** in the presence of Union home minister Shri Amit Shah, Union minister of chemicals and fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, along with chief minister, Bhupendra Patel.

### Cabinet approves Expanding the mandate of Government e-Marketplace:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by **Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi**, has approved the expansion of the **mandate of GeM** to allow procurement by Cooperatives as buyers on GeM.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, inaugurated the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** on **August 9, 2016**, to develop an open and transparent procurement platform for Government buyers.

### NTPC releases 'biodiversity policy 2022'

- Power giant NTPC has come out with its "**biodiversity policy 2022**" for the conservation and restoration of a balanced ecosystem.
- The power major aims to mainstream the concept of **biodiversity across its value chain and adopt a precautionary** approach for sustainable management of biodiversity in all the decision-making processes to ensure the earth's variety of life in and around the business units of NTPC.

### SC bans mining within a 1-km radius of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries:

- The Supreme Court has ordered that mining within the **national parks and wildlife sanctuaries shall not be permitted**.
- Besides this, the top court also directed that each protected forest, that is a national park or wildlife sanctuary, must have an **eco-sensitive zone of a minimum of one kilometer** measured from the demarcated boundary of such protected forest in which the activities proscribed and prescribed in the Guidelines of **February 9, 2011**, shall be strictly adhered to.

### Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the new building of the National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi:

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Shri Amit Shah** have inaugurated the **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in Delhi**.
- It is being established for **10 crore rupees**.

### Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan urges Students to be Nurtured as Future Entrepreneurs:

- Union Education Minister **Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan** stated that the technology of incremental extrude is over and entreated better **instructional establishments to recognition on exponential improvement** to expand future-prepared workers.
- India has confirmed its technical functionality in lots of programs which includes **UPI, Direct Benefit Transfer, and Aadhar**, and that we should construct in this electricity and create a future-prepared team of workers to just accept the modifications on account of **Industrial Revolution 4.0**.

### Presidential Election 2022 to be held on 18 July:

- The **Presidential election 2022 will be held on July 18** and the counting of votes, if required, **will be conducted on July 21**, the Election Commission announced.
- The last date of nomination has been set for June 29, the poll panel said at a press conference held at 3 pm to announce the schedule.



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### Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched a new Logo for ‘Ayurveda Aahar’:

- The “Ayurveda Aahar” Logo become released with the aid of using Health Minister **Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, at the event **World Food Safety Day**.
- The Ayurveda Aahar Logo will permit smooth identification.
- Thus, it'll assist in growing a unique Identity of “Ayurveda Aahar”.

### NHAI set a Guinness World Record for constructing a 75-kilometer motorway in 105 hours:

- State-owned **NHAI** has created a **Guinness World Record** for the longest continuously laid bituminous lane of **75 kilometers in 105 hours and 33 minutes on the national highway between Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra**.
- The total length of the 75 kilometers of single-lane continuous bituminous concrete road is equivalent to 37.5 kilometers of two-lane paved shoulder and the work started on June 3 and was completed on June 7.

### Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan launches Polyversity:

- **IDS launched Bharat Blockchain Network** (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & **Polyversity** (Educational Metaverse) in the presence of **Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister for Education and Skill and Entrepreneurship**, Govt. of India, and AICTE officials at an event organized at **AICTE Auditorium**.

### Government announces hike in MSP for Kharif season:

- The **Union Cabinet** hiked the **minimum support price (MSP)** for paddy by **₹100 per quintal** for the **2022-23 Kharif season**.
- The rates for 14 Kharif crops have been increased, the **hikes ranging from 4% to 8%**.
- This is similar to the MSP hike given in 2021-22, which was in the range of 1% to 7%.

### Railways Minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw launches “Start-Ups for Railways” in New Delhi:

- **Railways Minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw** launched “Start-Ups for Railways” in New Delhi.
- This **Start-Ups policy** aims to leverage innovative technologies developed by **Indian Startups, MSMEs, Innovators, and Entrepreneurs** to improve the operational efficiency and safety of Indian Railways.

### Union Cabinet approves conducting 5G spectrum auction to be held by end of July:

- The **Union Cabinet** has approved a proposal from the **Department of Telecommunications** to conduct a **5G spectrum auction** to be held by the end of July 2022.
- A total of over **72 thousand Mega Hertz of the spectrum** with a validity period of 20 years will be put to auction.

### Cabinet approves development of new Dholera greenfield airport in Gujarat:

- **Union Cabinet** has approved the development of **new Dholera greenfield airport in Gujarat**.
- The Airport is planned for **operationalization from 2025 to 2026**.
- Over one thousand 305 crore rupees will be spent on the first phase and it will be completed **within 48 months**.
- The initial passenger traffic is estimated at **three lakh passengers per annum**.
- The passenger traffic is expected to be up to **23 lakh in 20 years**.

### GoI launched Agnipath military recruitment scheme:

- The **Government of India** has introduced the **Agnipath Recruiting Plan**, a 4-year plan for military defense.
- The program is planned and organized by the **Department of Military Training**.
- ‘Agnipath’ is a short-term service youth recruitment scheme for the armed forces that operate across India.

### India's first centralized AC railway terminal in Bangalore becomes operational:

- The ultra-luxurious **Sir M Visvesvaraya railway station in Bangalore**, the capital of Karnataka, **has opened**.
- The **Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express train** passed through the station to mark the special occasion.

### First Display Manufacturing Plant in India to Be Set Up In Telangana Worth Rs 24,000 Crore:

- **Elest, a subsidiary of gold retailer Rajesh Exports**, will be setting up the country's **first display fab facility in Telangana** with investments worth **Rs 24,000 crore**.



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- The Telangana government signed an MoU with Karnataka-based Elest for the proposed fabrication unit which will manufacture next-generation displays for smartphones, tablet computers, and laptops.

### PM Shri Modi inaugurates Jagatguru Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir in Pune:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jagatguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir in Dehu village near Pune, dedicated to the 17<sup>th</sup>-century prophet.
- Sant Tukaram was a saint and poet of Warkari, known for his devotional poetry Abhang and his devotion to Community worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans.

### Rashtriya Puruskar Portal launched by the government:

- To encourage openness and public cooperation, the Union government has developed the Rashtriya Puruskar portal, which invites nominations for a variety of awards from different ministries, departments, and sectors.
- The portal aims to facilitate the public to nominate individuals and organizations for various awards conferred by the Government of India.

### India's 1st private train service flagged off under 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme':

- Union Railways Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launched 'StartUps for Railways', a major innovation initiative.
- Aiming to provide innovative solutions to problems such as railway faults, shortening the time between trains, and other passenger-related problems.
- Indian Railways launched the operation of the theme-based Bharat Gaurav train in November 2021.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates Jal Bhushan Building and Gallery of Revolutionaries in Mumbai:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Bhushan building at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated an underground museum "Gallery of the Revolutionaries" dedicated to celebrities of the struggle for freedom, at Raj Bhawan.

### Government extends upper age limit for Agnipath recruitment scheme from 21 to 23 years:

- The Central government has extended the upper age limit for the Agnipath recruitment scheme from 21 years to 23 years.
- The age waiver will be given only "one time" for the proposed recruitment cycle for 2022, informed the Defence Ministry.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi launches torch relay for 44th Chess Olympiad:

- At Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad.
- The International Chess Federation, FIDE, has instituted the Chess Olympiad Torch, a component of the Olympic heritage, for the first time this year.

### Education Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates National Yoga Olympiad 2022:

- National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition was inaugurated in New Delhi by Education Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan.
- The Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training are collaborating to host the National Yoga Olympiad.

### New Delhi to host National summit on cyber security and National security:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs will host a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).
- According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Union Minister Shri Amit Shah will serve as the conference's Chief Guest.

### CABINET APPROVALS:

- (a) Cabinet approves MoU between India and UAE on Cooperation in the field of Industries and Advanced Technologies:

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(b) Cabinet approves MoU between NIES, Japan, and ARIES, India for Joint Research on Air Quality and Climate Change:

(c) Cabinet approves MoU signed between SNBNCBS, Kolkata, India, and Leibniz-IFW Dresden e.V, Germany in the Novel Magnetic and Topological Quantum Materials:

(d) Cabinet approves MoU between India and Australia for Technical Cooperation for AIWASI:

(e) Cabinet approves MoU signed between India, US in the health sector:

### DST launches Geospatial Self Certification Portal:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh has released a book and its e-Version on 8 Years of Administrative and Pension reforms (2014-2022).

### Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches NIPUN for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers

- Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, the minister for housing and urban affairs, has introduced in New Delhi the National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman Workers (NIPUN).
- NIPUN is a project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship program, the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM.

### Aim:

- To train over one lakh construction workers through new skill upgrading and job-opportunity-providing programs.

### IISc Centre for Brain Research officially opened by PM Shri Narendra Modi:

- At IISc Bengaluru, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the cornerstone for the Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital as well as the Centre for Brain Research.
- The PM added that projects like the Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital are crucial at a time when every country must prioritize healthcare.

### 'Single-Use Plastic' use to be banned by Union Govt. from 1st July 2022:

- The Union government will ban "Single-Use Plastic" starting on July 1st, 2022.
- Starting on July 1, 2022, all single-use plastics, especially those composed of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene will be prohibited from being produced, imported, stored, distributed, sold, and used.
- The Environment Ministry has also established a national task force to make coordinated efforts in this area.

### Investment of Rs 7,243 billion made through PMMSY's fisheries program; dashboard launched by the government:

- The government has made a project investment of Rs 7,242.90 crore has been made in the last two years under Padhan Mantri Matsya Samapada Yojana (PMMSY) while announcing the launch of a dashboard for this flagship scheme.
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Mr. Parshottam Rupala unveiled the dashboard recently keeping in view the vast scope of PMMSY

### UDAN celebrating its 5th anniversary in the year 2022:

- The Central Government's dream project, Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) is five years old in 2022.
- Over 92 lakh people benefit from the over 415 UDAN routes that connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes.
- The Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) project of the Government of India is a regional airport development program that is a component of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) for improving underserved air routes.

### Culture Minister Mr. G Kishan Reddy launched the "Jyotirgamaya" festival in New Delhi:

- Union Culture Minister Mr. G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated Jyotirgamaya, a festival honoring the talent of unappreciated performers, in New Delhi.
- To showcase the skill of rare musical instruments from all across the country, including street performers and train entertainers, Sangeet Natak Akademi organized this event as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and on the occasion of World Music Day.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate Vanijya Bhawan and the NIRYAT Site:

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- The "National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Commerce" (NIRYAT) portal, which will give information on India's foreign trade, and the new office complex for the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, "Vanijya Bhawan," will both be formally opened by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- NIRYAT was developed as a "one-stop platform" to provide stakeholders access to all the data they need on the nation's foreign trade.

**Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has introduced the "Surya Nutan," a unique indigenous solar cooktop:**

- The "Surya Nutan," a patented indigenous solar cooktop created by the **oil refiner's Faridabad R&D center**, has been revealed by **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**.
- The solar cooktop is fixed, portable, and integrated into the kitchen's indoor solar cooking equipment.

**CABINET APPROVALS:**

(a) Cabinet approves Agreement between GoI and UN on a '**Wayfinding Application**' to be used in the Palais des Nations, UNOG

(b) Union Cabinet approves Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Youth Work among the SCO Member States

(c) Cabinet approves MoA by India for the establishment of **BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre at Colombo, Sri Lanka**:

(d) CCEA approves grant of the moratorium to Cochin Port Authority on repayment of GoI loans for 3 years

**Union Minister unveiled Seismology Observatory in Udhampur:**

- The **Seismology Observatory** in the **Dandayal** neighborhood of the **Udhampur district** was formally inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister for Jammu and Kashmir.
- The **third such Center** was established in **J&K for 20 lakh rupees** by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**.
- The observatory will gather a thorough seismic record for the **districts of Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban**, and many more.

**High carbon emitters to receive incentives to reduce footprint:**

- **India is putting up several policies** to support the construction of **carbon capture facilities** by **high carbon emission industries** including steel, cement, and thermal plants.
- The utilization of viability gap finance, carbon credits, or **production-linked incentive** programs might all be employed as incentives.
- The nation's policy think-tank, **Niti Aayog**, will soon publish a policy prescription for carbon capture and the use of carbon dioxide generated by the industry as part of the goal to attain **Net-Zero by 2070**.

**RPF rescues 150 girls/women during pan India drive "Operation Mahila Suraksha":**

- **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** and frontline railway staff are relentlessly working to ensure the safe & secure travel of women over the Indian railways.
- Dedicated to this objective of women's security a pan India drive "**Operation Mahila Suraksha**" was launched from **3rd to 31st May 2022**.
- RPF also rescued 150 girls/women from becoming victims of human trafficking.

**Centre to set up model schools, to be called 'PM Shri schools':**

- **Union education minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan** announced that the government is in **the process of establishing model schools** that will be called '**PM Shri Schools**'.
- PM Shri Schools will be the laboratory of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**

**'Vivatech 2020' Conference: India recognized as 'country of the year':**

- India has been named the "**nation of the year**" at Europe's largest startup conference, "**Vivatech 2020**."
- Being chosen "**nation of the year**" at Vivatech 2020 is a great honor for India.
- **Mr. Ashwini Vaishnav**, the minister of railways, communications, electronics, and information technology, opened the India pavilion at the **Vivatech 2020 technology expo in Paris, France**.

**Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurates the National Conference on Millets**



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- The National Conference on Millets was launched by **Mr. Prahlad Singh Patel**, Union Minister of State for M/o Food Processing Industries.
- The symposium in New Delhi, organized by the business association **ASSOCHAM** with assistance from M/o Food Processing Industries, has as its topic "The Future Super Food for India."
- The purpose of the conference is to examine ways to ensure food and nutritional security as well as obstacles in the way.

### Government to transfer NDPS from Ministry of Finance to Ministry of Home Affairs:

- The government is reportedly considering moving the administration of the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985**, and the **Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988**, from the **finance ministry** to the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to consolidate all matters relating to narcotics under one department.
- The **Department of Revenue** (DoR) under the finance ministry is now responsible for administering the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act of 1985 and the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1988

### Delhi airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy:

- In a significant step toward realizing the ambitious aim of being a **Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030**, **Delhi Airport**, also known as **Indira Gandhi International Airport**, became the first airport in the nation to function totally on hydro and solar power as of this month.
- A long-term **power purchase agreement (PPA)** was signed with a hydropower-producing company in **Himachal Pradesh** for the supply of hydroelectricity for the airport **until 2036** by **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)**, a consortium led by **GMR Infrastructure Limited** that manages and operates the **Delhi Airport**.

### 7th Anniversary to commemorate the launch of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban celebrated by MoHUA:

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** organized a virtual event to celebrate **7 years of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)**, which was launched by **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** on **25th June 2015**.

### Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chairs the inaugural session of the Seminar on the Production & Use of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia in the Process Industry:

- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** addressed a two-day seminar being organized on the subject '**Production and use of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia in Process Industry**' by the Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Delhi, New Delhi.

### India's 1st Government MLD Desalination Plant for Industrial Use inaugurated in Dahej, Gujarat:

- **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel** has inaugurated **India's first government desalination plant only for industrial use at Dahej in Bharuch** with a capacity of 100 MLD (million liters per day), **set up for Rs 881 crore**.
- The price of **1000 liters of treated water will be Rs 26**.

### GoI Reconstitutes Committee to Examine the Representation of Officials Sacked for Alleged Corruption:

- In New Delhi, Chemical and Petrochemicals Secretary Arti Ahuja will now be part of a committee to examine the representation of officials sacked for alleged inefficiency or corruption in the government service.
- The **three-member panel** has been reconstituted by the ministry.

### Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated nine National Highway Projects in Rajasthan worth over 1,300 crore rupees:

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **nine National Highway Projects in Rajasthan costing 1,357 crore rupees**.
- **11 hundred crore rupees** have been sanctioned for the repair of the **Delhi-Jaipur-Kishangarh highway**.

### Shri Nitin Gadkari approves Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP:

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** has approved the **Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP** (New Car Assessment Program), wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests.

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- **Bharat-NCAP** will serve as a consumer-centric platform allowing customers to opt for safer cars based on their star ratings while promoting healthy competition among OEMs in India to manufacture safer vehicles.

### Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan completes two years:

- **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)** has completed **two years**.
- The government of India launched **GKRA** in 2020 for 125 days with a resource envelope of **50,000 crore rupees** to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A total of **12 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India participated in the Abhiyaan**.

### Prime Minister to participate in 'Udyami Bharat' program in New Delhi:

- Prime Minister Mr. **Narendra Modi** will participate in the '**Udyami Bharat**' program in New Delhi.
- During the event, the Prime Minister will launch the '**Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance**' Scheme, '**Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters**' Scheme, and new features of the '**Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme**', PMEGP.

### Arjun Meghwal presented the holy Kapilavastu relics brought back from Mongolia:

- The **four Holy Relics of the Lord Buddha** were returned to India after a 12-day exposition at the Batsagaan Temple on the grounds of Gandan Monastery, Mongolia, in honor of **Mongolian Buddha Purnima**.

### PM Set to Launch UP Expressway in Coming Week:

- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** is scheduled to officially open the **Bundelkhand Expressway in the first week of July**.
- The administration has predicted that these events would take place on July 6 or 7.
- **The 296.07 km long Bundelkhand Expressway links Delhi** and the National Capital Area with the Bundelkhand region near Agra.
- The Prime Minister's office has indicated July 6-7 as potential dates for the Bundelkhand Expressway inaugural event.

### Projects worth Rs. 1,800 Crore were inaugurated during PM Modi's visit to Varanasi:

- **Shri Narendra Modi**, the prime minister, will head to **Varanasi to visit his Lok Sabha district**.
- There, he will dedicate and lay the cornerstone for several development initiatives totaling more than **\$8,000,000**.
- These programs will concentrate on enhancing infrastructure and simplifying people's lives.
- At LT College in Varanasi, the Prime Minister will open the "**Akshay Patra Mid-Day Meal Kitchen**."
- Up to one lakh, pupils can get midday meals from the college.

### PM Shri Modi inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Gandhinagar:

- **Digital India Week 2022 was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** at the Mahatma Mandir in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- Catalyzing New India's Techade is the focus of this year's Digital India Week, which aims **to convert the country into a knowledge-based society and economy**.
- The three-day orientation session "**India Stack Knowledge Exchange- Showcasing India Stack and India's Digital Products and Services**" for Digital India Week 2022 will begin on July 7.

### The government has launched the Dak Karmayogi e-learning platform:

- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**, the minister of communication, railways, electronics, and IT, and **Shri Devesh Chauhan**, the minister of state for communications, unveiled the **Dak Karmayogi, a department of the posts e-learning platform**.
- The event took place in Stein Auditorium at Indian Habitat Center.

### In 25 cities throughout India, there will be 122 unicorns in the next two to four years:

- **India** is expected to create **122 new unicorns in the next 2-4 years**, per the **Hurun Research Institute's research**, **Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022**.
- These prospective unicorns are presently valued at **49 billion US dollars overall**.



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- A startup is referred to as a unicorn when its valuation reaches **USD 1 billion**.

**Centre grants financial assistance of five lakh rupees to 35 families of journalists under the 'Journalist Welfare Scheme':**

- **The Central Government** has approved a proposal of the **Journalist Welfare Scheme Committee** to provide financial relief to the **families of 35 journalists who have lost their lives**.
- This includes **16 families of journalists who died of Covid-19**.
- The JWS committee meeting was attended by the Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau **Jaideep Bhatnagar**, Joint Secretary in the Information and Broadcasting Ministry along with the journalist representatives of the Committee.
- The families will be provided with the **assistance of up to five lakh rupees**.

**Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme completes two years:**

- **The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises**, PMFME Scheme, under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**, has completed **two years**.
- The PMFME Scheme is currently being implemented in **35 States and Union Territories**, envisioning enhancement of the existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and formalization of the sector.
- This scheme also envisages financial support of 40,000 rupees for working capital and the purchase of small tools for each member of the **Self-Help Group (SHG)** engaged in food processing activities.

**Forum for Nature-Based Solutions: India is launched by NIUA's C-Cube and WRI:**

- **World Resources Institute India (WRI India)**, the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**, and other partners launched **India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS)** during the **11th World Urban Forum in Poland**.
- For addressing climate change-related issues including heat waves, urban floods, pollution of the air and water, and storm surges, ecosystem-based services, and nature-based solutions are swiftly developing into realistic, inexpensive possibilities.

**Utilizing the BiSAG-N app, Steel Ministry interfaces with the GatiShakti portal:**

- To **identify and resolve connectivity gaps in the infrastructure**, the **Ministry of Steel** announced that it has joined the **PM Gati Shakti Portal** and uploaded the geo-coordinates of significant projects.
- Using the **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BiSAG-N)** software, the ministry registered itself on the National Master Plan site.

**Bosch India's "smart" campus is opened by PM in Bengaluru:**

- In a sense, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** officially launched the **new smart campus of Bosch India**, a **leading provider of technology and services in Bengaluru**.
- As both **India and Bosch India celebrate their 75th anniversaries** of independence this year, Modi said in his inaugural speech that this is a momentous year for both nations.

**To create Amrit Vatika, NMCG plants 75 saplings:**

- **The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** erected **Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat** on the **River Yamuna** in New Delhi with the planting of **75 trees as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- The overarching organization for the planting endeavor was the project **Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan**.
- With a financial commitment of **Rs. 20,000 crores**, the **Union Government of India** authorized the **Namami Gange Program**, an integrated conservation program, as a "Flagship Program" in June 2014.

**Indians can now receive up to Rs 10 lakh without telling the authorities according to a Center amendment to the FCRA:**

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- Union Home Ministry has amended the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)** giving certain relaxations such as allowing relatives **to send more money to India** freely.
- The amended rule now allows relatives to **send 10 lakh rupees** without informing the government.
- If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have **three months to inform the government against 30-days earlier**.

### Grand Hackathon: Shri Piyush Goyal launches three-day event:

- A three-day Grand Hackathon that the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** is organizing in collaboration with **NABARD** has essentially begun according to **Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal**.
- The physical element of this event was held at the Bombay Stock Exchange's Fort, Mumbai, site.
- **The Agri Grant Challenge and the Agri Innovation Hackathon** are the two divisions of the Grand Hackathon, and both will spotlight ideas that can aid in the adoption of eCommerce by the agriculture sector.

### Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launches SVANidhi Mahotsav:

- **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, announced the commencement of the "**SVANidhi Mahotsav**" in honor of the **PM SVANidhi scheme's second anniversary**, which will be **observed from July 9 to July 31**.
- The festival, which will take place in **75 places in all 50 states and the Union Territories**, will feature a variety of cultural events as well as digital training exercises and loan melas.
- The Modi administration introduced the **PM SVANidhi initiative in July 2020** to offer loans to street vendors who were suffering from the terrible impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

### 2-Day training on Disaster Management of Museums held at Rashtrapati Bhavan:

- In cooperation with the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**, **Rashtrapati Bhavan** organized a session on "**Disaster Management of Museums and Heritage Buildings**" at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum.
- The President's Secretariat stated that the purpose of this training is to increase the employees at Rashtrapati Bhavan and other stakeholders' understanding of crisis management, with a specific emphasis on historical structures, museums, and cultural treasures.

### Shri Amit Shah virtually unveils 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya:

- The "**Statue of Peace**" of **Swamy Ramanujacharya**, which is housed in a temple in the **Sonwar neighborhood of Srinagar**, was essentially unveiled by **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah**.
- **Saint Ramanujacharya**, commonly known as Ramanuja, was a **south Indian Brahmin born in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu**.
- He is regarded as a brilliant thinker, philosopher, and social reformer.

### PM Shri Modi inaugurates Akshaya Patra's Midday Meal Kitchen in Varanasi:

- After the BJP won the assembly election in **Uttar Pradesh**, Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** made his first visit to his **home district of Varanasi** and inaugurated the **Akshaya Patra** at the noon meal kitchen.
- During his visit, Modi will launch and lay the foundation for development projects **worth Rs. 1,774 crores** that are intended to improve the nation's infrastructure and standard of living.
- **1 lakh students' lunches** may be made in the **LT College kitchen**.

### Mangarh Hillock to be declared a monument of national importance:

- In the year of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, a delegation from the National Monuments Authority led by **Shri Tarun Vijay, Chairman, National Monuments Authority**, submitted a report for the designation of **Rajasthan's Mangarh Hill** as a monument of National Importance.
- This study includes suggestions from the National Monuments Authority as well as pertinent information regarding the Mangarh hilltop.

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### **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam is to be inaugurated in Varanasi by Prime Minister:**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam** at Varanasi.
- The Samagam is being organized by the Education Ministry in association with **University Grants Commission** and **Varanasi Hindu University**.

### **CBSE launches Pariksha Sangam portal to streamline board examination results:**

- To consolidate **board examination results**, sample papers, and other information in a single window, **the CBSE Board has created a website named "Pariksha Sangam."**
- The recently developed Pariksha Sangam portal, according to **cbsedigitaleducation.com**, "would unify numerous examination-related operations to be carried out by the school's regional offices and the Headquarters of the CBSE Board."

### **"Hariyali Mahotsav" to be organized by the Ministry of Environment:**

- A "Hariyali Mahotsav" in the tradition of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" will be held at **Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi** by the **Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Climate Change**.
- To conduct planting drives on occasion, the Mahotsav is being **organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change in partnership with the State Governments, Police Institutions, and Schools of Delhi**.

### **India's first floating LNG terminal likely to operationalize in H2 2022:**

- India's first floating terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at **Jaigarh in Maharashtra** is expected to be **operational in the second half of 2022**.
- Besides, another floating terminal at **Jafrabad in Gujarat** is also likely to begin operations this calendar year.
- **H-Energy Gateway's floating storage** and regasification units (FSRUs) at Jaigarh and the **Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad** are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of regasification capacity

### **Mr. Parshottam Rupala inaugurates India's first-ever Animal Health Summit:**

- Mr. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying urged for **wider usage of Ayurveda to ensure better animal health at the First India Animal Health Summit 2022**.
- The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was **hosted at the NASC Complex in New Delhi**, to understand the importance of animal health to the country's food and nutrition security, rural income and prosperity, and overall economic growth.

### **PM to attend the inaugural Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture:**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will deliver the **first Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture (AJML)** at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi
- He will also address the crowd at various points during the event.
- The opening keynote address of the **first AJML will be delivered by Tharman Shanmugaratnam**, Senior Minister, Government of Singapore, on the theme "**Growth through Inclusivity, Inclusivity through Growth.**"
- Arvind Panagariya and OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann will take part in a panel discussion following the presentation (Professor, Columbia University).

### **National Capital Region Planning Board's geo-portal "Pariman" is now accessible to the public:**

- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman of the NCRPB and Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, introduced the "**PARIMAN**" geo-portal for the NCR during the 40th meeting of the Board on August 31, 2021.
- A web geo-portal has been created by **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** to utilize **remote sensing and GIS technology** effectively.
- It was initially created for use by the participating States of the **National Capital Region (NCR)** and the **National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)** office.

### **Internet exchanges launched in Durgapur and Bardhaman by the National Internet Exchange of India**

- Two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of the **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** were opened in **Durgapur and Bardhaman** by **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India.



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- In the presence of **S. S. Ahluwalia, Member of Parliament for Bardhaman-Durgapur Lok Sabha**, in keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India vision to connect every Indian.
- It is within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) 1000-day plan

### PM Narendra Modi unveils National Emblem on the roof of New Parliament Building:

- The National Emblem has been revealed by **Shri Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and is now visible on the roof of the **New Parliament Building**.
- As part of the new Parliament's construction, he also engaged with Shramjeevis.
- At the very top of the **New Parliament Building's Central Foyer**, it has been cast.
- The **National Emblem is 6.5 meters tall, 9500 kg in weight**, and is manufactured of **bronze**.
- To sustain the Emblem, a steel support system weighing around **6500 kilos** has also been built.

### Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh to launch the IS4OM for Safe & Sustainable Space Environment:

- India has improved its capacity to safeguard its space assets independently with the aid of the **ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operation and Management (IS4OM)**.
- In the presence of **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Mr. S Somanath, Secretary of the Department of Space, and **Mr. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization**, will formally launch the IS4OM.

### President of India attends the Yuva Sammelan hosted by "My Home India":

- **The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind**, attended the **Yuva Sammelan**, which was held in New Delhi and organized by "My Home India."
- The President stressed that young represent a nation's present and future.

### NITI Aayog releases a compendium of various Ayush-based initiatives, and practices adopted by States/UTs:

- NITI Aayog has released a compendium of various **Ayush-based initiatives and practices** adopted by the **States and Union territories** for containing and managing the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The compendium was released by the **Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog Suman Bery** and Minister of State for Ayush **Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai**.
- **NITI Aayog Member (Health) Dr. V. K. Paul** and concerned officials were present during the event.

### India's 1st elevated urban expressway "Dwarka" to be operational by 2023:

- According to **Shri Nitin Gadkari**, the Minister for Road Transport and Highways, the Dwarka Expressway, which is being built as **India's first elevated urban expressway, will open to traffic in 2023**.
- Dwarka Expressway would relieve pressure from commuters from **West Delhi** on the **Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway** (a portion of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral) and arterial highways that encounter heavy traffic congestion.

### India is the 68th nation to sign up for Interpol's database on child sex abuse:

- **India** has signed up for **Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE)** database, which would enable it to use audio-visual evidence to connect victims, abusers, and crime locations.
- According to a statement from Interpol, **India became the 68th nation** to link to the database when the CBI, India's nodal agency for **Interpol affairs**, joined.

### India constructs the longest double-decker bridge in Nagpur, setting a global record:

- The **longest double-decker viaduct** in the world, **measuring 3.14 km**, was built in **Nagpur** by the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Maharashtra Metro**.
- The longest viaduct with a flyover for a roadway and piers supporting a single column for a metro line.

### The first carbon-free airport in the country is being developed at AAI Leh Airport:

- As the **first carbon-neutral airport in India**, the **Airports Authority of India's Leh airport** is now being constructed.
- For heating and cooling needs, the new airport terminal building will use a "**geothermal system**" that works in conjunction with a **solar PV plant**.



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### PM launched Deoghar Airport and various other development projects:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi officially established and laid the groundwork for a variety of building projects in Deoghar worth more than 16,800 crores of rupees.
- The prime minister was pleased with the launch of flights to **Ranchi, Delhi, and Patna**, as well as the excursion from **Deoghar to Kolkata**.
- The **Bokaro-Angul stretch of GAIL's Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra pipeline** would expand the city's gas distribution network across 11 districts in Jharkhand and Odisha.

### Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal officially launches NIFT, Panchkula:

- **Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar**, the chief minister of Haryana, and Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 17th campus of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Panchkula**, describing it as the "**fulcrum of growth of the textile sector in the state.**"
- According to Khattar, this institute would follow NIFT regulations and **reserve 20% of its seats for residents of Haryana**.

### 75th Independence Day: Govt to start nationwide campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga':

- The Central government will shortly begin the national campaign **Har Ghar Tiranga** to persuade people to fly the national flag at their homes in honor of the country's **75th Independence Day**.
- It aims to motivate Indians everywhere to fly the flag.
- The **Har Ghar Tiranga campaign** represents our commitment to nation-building as well as our ties to the **Tricolour in this 75th year of independence**.

### I&B Ministry unveils New Logo of Prasar Bharati on its Silver Jubilee:

- In celebration of its **silver jubilee year**, India's public broadcaster **Prasar Bharati** launched a new logo on July 11, 2022.
- In front of Mayank Kumar Agrawal, CEO of Prasar Bharati, DPS Negi, Member (Finance), Prasar Bharati officers, and others, the new logo was unveiled by **Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B)**.
- The new logo's color, "**Dark Moderate Blue**," represents both the **sky and the sea** and is associated with open spaces, freedom, intuition, imagination, inspiration, and sensitivity.
- Finally, **Prasar Bharati (PB)** was established after a law was passed by the parliament, and this is represented in the logo identity as emerging and evolving from the center.

### Delhi Government tie-up with UNICEF for employment opportunities for students:

- The **Delhi government** has launched a new pilot initiative with the **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)**, which would give students of the **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** access to employment prospects.
- "**Career Awareness Sessions**" for students have been launched by **DSEU and UNICEF**.
- The "**YuWaah Step Up - Bano job ready**" project, a **six-month pilot** being run by **Flywheel Digital Solutions Pvt** with DSEU students and other job seekers in Delhi, is another pillar of the partnership.

### National Rail and Transportation Institute upgraded as Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya:

- The **National Rail and Transportation Institute** has been transformed into **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**, becoming a major university.
- The institution now goes by the name **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**.
- The **Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022**, which amends the **Central Universities Act, 2009** to allow for the establishment of **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)**, was approved by the Union Cabinet.

### Department of Consumer Affairs sets up a committee to develop a comprehensive framework on the Right to Repair:

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- The **Department of Consumer Affairs** has taken a big step toward creating a general **framework** for the **Right to Repair** to highlight the **LiFE (Lifestyle for the Environment)** movement through sustainable consumption.
- The aim of developing a framework on right to repair in **India is to empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade** between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers and emphasize developing sustainable consumption of products and reduction in e-waste.
- The Department in this regard has set up a committee which shall be **chaired by Smt. Nidhi Khare**, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.

### Cabinet approves Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road new rail line to provide connectivity and improve mobility:

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the construction of the **Taranga Hill-Ambaji- Abu Road new rail line** to be constructed by the **Ministry of Railways at an estimated cost of Rs.2798.16 crore**.
- The total length of the **new rail line will be 116 km**.
- The project will be **completed by 2026-27**.

### Executive Committee of NMCG Approves Industrial and Sewerage Pollution Abatement Projects:

- The **43rd meeting of the Executive Committee** of the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** was held under the **chairmanship of Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG**.
- A project titled, '**Afforestation Programmes in States of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal 2022-23**' was approved at an **estimated cost of Rs. 10.30 crores** including plantation, maintenance, capacity building, and training and awareness in the two main stem Ganga basin states.
- The project is aimed at **reducing wastewater discharge** (pollution and chemical load as well) through the adoption of eco-friendly and green technologies.

### AIIMS to host Film Festival to commemorate 12th National Plastic Surgery Day:

- The **Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI)** will celebrate the **12th National Plastic Surgery Day** (July 15) and the **Burn and Plastic Surgery Department of AIIMS, Delhi** will host the **APSI Sushruta Film Festival (ASFF 2022)**.
- The topic of this film festival, according to **Dr. Professor Maneesh Singhal**, Department Head of Burn and Plastic Surgery, is "**Changing Lives through Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.**"

### First E-Waste Eco Park in India to be built in Delhi:

- **Gopal Rai, the environment minister for Delhi**, called a joint review meeting with members of the environment department and the **Delhi Pollution Control Committee to explore the creation of an e-waste eco-park**.
- According to Rai, the first e-waste eco-park in India would be built on about **21 acres in the Delhi neighborhood of Holambi Kalan**.

### UIDAI launched the 'AadhaarFaceRd' mobile app to perform Aadhaar face authentication:

- A new smartphone app named "**AadhaarFaceRd**" from the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** contains a facial authentication function.
- The **UIDAI** has begun employing facial authentication to verify an **Aadhaar holder's identity**.

### Jute Mark India (JMI) Logo Launched by GoI:

- The certification of **authenticity for jute items** made in **India was introduced by the Indian government**.
- The "**Jute Mark India**" logo was launched by the Union Textile Secretary.
- The goal of this project is to maintain and promote Indian jute goods.
- The national government contributed a **total of Rs. 485.58 crores** to this project.
- **Jute's exports in 2020–2021 were Rs. 2740 crore, and** its variety of goods brought in Rs. 1261 crore.
- This accounted for 46% of the entire export value of jute goods.
- The estimated value of Jute Goods exported in 2021–2022 was Rs. 3785.68 crores

### To encourage agricultural trade, Narendra Tomar launched the e-NAM Platform:

- The **Platform of Platforms (POP)** under the **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)** was introduced by **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, at the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

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- More than **Rs 37 crore in equity grants** were given to 1,018 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), which would benefit 3.5 lakh farmers.

### New television series called "Swaraj" is being promoted by Anurag Thakur:

- In New Delhi, the preview for the upcoming television program **Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha** was unveiled by **Anurag Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting**.
- This series will start broadcasting on **Doordarshan on August 14th, 2022**.

### Consumer Affairs Department launches Jagriti, its new mascot:

- The **Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)** developed the **mascot Jagriti** to empower consumers and **increase awareness of their rights**.
- The **National Consumer Helpline toll-free number 1915**, the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act, decisions of the **Central Consumer Protection Authority**
- The **Jagriti mascot and catchphrase "Jago Grahak Jago"** must be used in all of its media efforts.

### 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022 open by MoS Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal:

- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** is being held to commemorate India's **75th anniversary of independence**.
- The **National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi**, staged "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav-22nd **Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022**" from **July 16 to August 14, 2022**, to commemorate this.
- It is commemorated by the **Ministry of Culture**.

### Mr. Anurag Thakur launches revised schemes of Cash Awards, National Welfare, and Pension to sportspersons:

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Mr. Anurag Thakur** launched revised **schemes of Cash Awards, National Welfare and Pension to sportspersons**, Web Portal for Schemes of Department of Sports, and National Sports Development Fund website in **New Delhi**.

### MHA sets up panel for delimitation of municipal wards in Delhi:

- The **Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has set up a **three-member commission** for carrying out a fresh **delimitation exercise of the municipal wards in Delhi**, according to a statement issued by the MCD.
- The panel will have **three members** -- **Vijay Dev**, State Election Commissioner, Delhi, who will be its chairman, **Pankaj Kumar Singh**, Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and **Randhir Sahay**, Additional Commissioner, MCD.

### The unemployment rate in India rises to 7.8% in June; the rural unemployment rate climbs to 8.03%:

- The month of June witnessed a rise in the **unemployment rate in India to 7.8 percent** of the total workforce from **7.12 percent in May**.
- The increase in the unemployment rate was mainly due to a rise in rural unemployment, as per data from the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**.
- The unemployment rate in rural areas **climbed to 8.03 percent from 6.62 percent** in May 2022.

### Delhi govt commemorated Happiness Utsav in honor of the curriculum's 4th anniversary:

- The **Delhi government** commemorated **Happiness Utsav** to commemorate the **fourth anniversary of its Happiness Curriculum for schools**, according to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.
- The **Happiness Utsav**, which will take place over the following **15 days**, **will feature a wide range of activities**, according to the Deputy Chief Minister, and this year, "happiness" will not be limited to Delhi government schools alone.

### Mobile Electric Charging App released by MSME Minister Mr. Narayan Rane:

- Repos Pay**, a platform for **mobile electric charging**, and **Phy-gital**, a platform for fintech, were unveiled by **Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Mr. Narayan Rane** at the Fueling India 2022 event in Mumbai.
- Technology will be used by **Phy-gital**, a Fintech platform, to let customers use credit to fund purchases (**Buy Now Pay Later**).

### PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates 296 km-long Bundelkhand Expressway in UP:

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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway**, which passes through **seven districts of Uttar Pradesh** and has been constructed at a **cost of around Rs 14,850 crore**.
- It extends from **NH-35 at Gonda village near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot** district to near Kudrail village in Etawah district, where it merges with the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.
- The four-lane expressway, which can be later expanded into six lanes, passes through seven districts **Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya, and Etawah**.

### Mr. Sanjay Agarwal to chair the committee Center established to strengthen the MSP system:

- The government set up a committee on the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** eight months after it made a comparable pledge in exchange for the repeal of three unpopular agricultural policies.
- The committee will be led by **former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal**.
- Two representatives from the farmers' cooperative and organization are members of the committee: **IFFCO Chairman Dilip Sanghani and CNRI General Secretary Binod Anand**.

### Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes the first 100% Landlord Major Port of India:

- With all berths being run under the PPP model, **Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first major port in India to be 100% owned by landlords**.
- JNP is one of the top container ports in the nation and is listed as the **26th best port in the world** (as per Lloyds List Top 100 Ports 2021 Report).
- Under the terms of this PPP agreement, the backup area of 54.74 hectares and the two berths with a combined length of 680 meters and a 15-meter draught that make up the **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT)** would also be transferred.

### Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana completes five years:

- **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** has completed **five years**.
- The scheme was **formally launched on this day in 2017**.
- The minimum investment in **this scheme was revised to one lakh 56 thousand 658 rupees for a pension** of twelve thousand per annum and one lakh 62 thousand 162 rupees for getting a minimum pension amount of one thousand rupees per month.
- The scheme which was under implementation till 2020, has further been extended for three years up to **31st March 2023**.

### Center modifies Flag Code of India 2002 to permit tricolor to be displayed constantly:

- If the **national flag is flown in the open** and is raised by a member of the public, it **may now fly through the night**.
- As the federal government launches its **Har Ghar Tiranga campaign**, the Ministry of Home Affairs changed the **Flag Code of India 2002** to allow the flying of the national flag even at night.
- Previously, the flag could only be flown from dawn to sunset.

### Home Minister has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth Rs 210 crores in Gandhinagar:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various people-centric projects worth **Rs 210 crores at Bopal** in his parliamentary constituency **Gandhinagar**.
- Under **Vande Gujarat Vikas Yatra**, Mr. Shah dedicated various developmental projects by **Amdavad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) at Bhopal** which include affordable housing projects for EWS and **water supply Projects** worth over **77 crore Rupees**.

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### International Conference on Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials:

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- As part of the festivities marking the **75th anniversary of Independence**, the **CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST)**, Thiruvananthapuram, will hold the International Conference on **Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022)**.

**Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates Vaccination Centre for Children and Launches Bal Raksha Mobile App at All Institute of Ayurveda:**

- Union Minister of Ayush **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated the **Vaccination Centre for children at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**.
- He also launched the **Bal Raksha mobile app**, which is aimed at creating awareness of pediatric preventive healthcare through Ayurveda intervention amongst parents.

**GoI Designates 5 New Ramsar Sites, taking the total number to 54:**

- In India, **five new wetlands** have been identified as being of **international significance**.
- As a result, there are now **54 Ramsar sites in the nation as compared to 49 previously**.

**The five newly designated wetlands are:**

- Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu
- Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest, Tamil Nadu
- Pichavaram Mangrove, Tamil Nadu
- Pala wetland, Mizoram
- Sakhyam Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

**Ministry of Women and Child Development issues Detailed Guidelines for 'Mission Shakti':**

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development** has issued detailed guidelines for the '**Mission Shakti**' scheme.
- The Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' - an integrated women empowerment program as an umbrella scheme for the **safety, security, and empowerment of women for implementation** during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**KVIC launches Knowledge Portal for Khadi by the Center of Excellence:**

- The **Knowledge Portal for Khadi** is a platform developed by the **Center of Excellence for Khadi** to provide design directions to the Khadi institutions.
- The portal was inaugurated by Ms. Preeta Verma, CEO-KVIC.
- The Center of Excellence for **Khadi has been set up by KVIC, Ministry of MSME at NIFT, to support Khadi Institutions**.

**The Minister launches the "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions":**

- India** was the **first nation in the world** to develop standards for **civil service training institutions at the national level**.
- In announcing the "**National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions**" at the **Capacity Building Commission (CBC)** headquarters in New Delhi **Dr. Jitendra Singh** expressed the hope that India would soon serve as a global model in this area.

**Centre unveils 3 schemes to support MSMEs in the pharmaceutical sector:**

- The government has launched **three schemes to support Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the pharmaceutical sector**.
- The initiatives were launched by the chemicals and fertilizers ministry under the slogan "**Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry**" (SPI).
- SIDBI** will serve as the **project management advisor** for implementing the plan.

**New norms of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008:**

- Tobacco and cigarette packets will soon come with a **new display of health warnings**, according to the **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- As per the recently amended **Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008**, new warnings and **images will be displayed** on tobacco products' packaging from **1 December**.



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### Union Cabinet adopts a \$1.6 billion BSNL revitalization plan:

- The **1.64 Lakh Crores** revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**, according to Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology, **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**, was approved by the Union Cabinet.

### The proposed package includes three components:

- Better services,
- A de-stressed balance sheet,
- Fibre network development.

### PM has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for numerous Sabar Dairy projects worth 1,000 crore rupees in Gujarat:

- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for numerous **Sabar Dairy projects worth 1,000 crore rupees** at Gadhoda Chowki in Sabarkantha, **Gujarat**.
- Mr. Modi laid the foundation stone of the **Sabar Cheese and Whey Drying Plant Project**, with an estimated outlay of **around 600 crore rupees**.
- This is Gujarat's third cheese plant, and it will be operational by 2024.

### Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers has launched the 11th Agriculture Census:

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the **11th Agriculture Census in the country**.
- It will be the **first-time data collection for agricultural computations** will be done on smartphones and tablets.

### PM Narendra Modi launches International Bullion Exchange IIBX in GIFT-City:

- The "India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)" has been established by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)**, which is close to Gandhinagar.
- India's first global bullion exchange is called **IIBX**.
- **Ashok Gautam** will head IIBX as MD and CEO.

### The Lok Sabha has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill:

- The **Lok Sabha has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill** that seeks to prohibit athletes, support personnel, and other people from engaging in doping in sports.
- The bill provides a statutory framework for the functioning of the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** and the **National Dope Testing Laboratory** in sports.
- The Bill also proposes to establish the National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports.

### Shri Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurates "8 years of MyGov" event in New Delhi:

- Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of Electronics and IT kicked off a daylong event to celebrate "8 Years of MyGov" in New Delhi.
- The event also witnessed the presence of dignitaries including **CEO NITI Aayog Shri Parameswaran Iyer**, **G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant**, and Secretary of Capacity Building Commission Shri **Hemang Jani**.

### Centre forms task force to monitor monkeypox virus situation in the nation:

- The **Centre has formed a task force** in the wake of **Monkeypox cases in India** to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the **expansion of diagnostic facilities** and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.
- The decision was taken during a meeting which was attended by the **Cabinet secretary, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, Additional Secretary (PMO)**, and other senior officials.

### Tata Steel to roll out 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains:

- **Tata Group** is planning to spend **Rs 3,000 crore on R&D by FY26** and is set to roll out the 'First in India' seating system for **Vande Bharat Express trains** from September 2022.
- The steel-to-salt conglomerate is also targeting to be among the **top 5 technology firms** in the **steel industry globally by 2030**.
- Tata Steel's Composites division **bagged a Rs 145 crore** bulk order for seating systems of the **Vande Bharat express** that includes the supply of complete seating systems for 22 train sets, with 16 coaches in each train set.

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### Union Minister of Environment launched the Indian Virtual Herbarium portal:

- Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the country's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal.
- The portal (<https://ivh.bsi.gov.in>) has been developed by the **Botanical Survey of India** under the framework of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Digital India'.

### Ministry of Women and Child Development issues Guidelines of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0':

- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has issued **Operational Guidelines** regarding the implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'.
- The scheme has been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the **15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26**.
- **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0** is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme.

### Government hikes sugarcane FRP by Rs 15/quintal for 2022-23 season:

- The Government announced the **Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)** of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October-September).
- The FRP of sugarcane has been fixed at **Rs 305/quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%**.
- The decision of fixing the sugarcane FRP was taken in the meeting of the **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### NSO develops three labor indicators and says 15% of 60+ employed people worked part-time:

- The **National Statistical Office**, the proportion of **employed persons working part-time** in the **46-59 years age group** at all India levels was more than 10% between 2017-20 while in the age group above 60 years, the proportion of employed persons working part-time was more than **15%**.

### PM has launched the ministry of power's flag ship Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched the ministry of power's flag ship **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)**.
- The scheme is aimed at improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of the power distribution companies (discoms).
- The scheme, with an outlay of over Rs 3.03 trillion in five years to FY26, will enable discoms to modernize and strengthen the distribution infrastructure and improve the reliability and quality of supply of power to end consumers.

### Two years of the launch of the National Education Policy 2020:

- To mark the completion of **two years of the launch of National Education Policy 2020**, the **Union Home Minister recently launched a slew of initiatives related to education and skill development**.
- At the event, the home minister stated that the promotion of regional languages is essential to unlocking the full potential of Indian talent.
- A NEP is a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country.

### Over the age of 17 can now apply in advance to be enrolled in the voters' list: ECI

- The **Election Commission of India** recently announced that those **over the age of 17 can now apply in advance to be enrolled in the voters' list**.
- They do not have to wait until they reach the **age of 18 on January 1** of each year.
- With this announcement, ECI has begun the process of incorporating the changes announced by the govt recently regarding electoral reforms.

### PM has addressed the first All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet in New Delhi:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of the **first All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet in New Delhi**.
- The **National Legal Services Authority** organized the first-ever national-level meeting of **District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs)** at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The meeting considered the creation of an integrated process to bring about uniformity and synchronization in DLSA.

### Mr. Sarbanand Sonowal inaugurated the Chahabar Day conference in Mumbai:

- Union Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and Minister of State for Shipping **Shripad Naik** inaugurated the Chahabar Day conference in Mumbai

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- Representatives from **Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan** took part in the conference.
- Chabahar port will be part of the **International North-South Transport Corridor** network connecting India.

### **GOI will release a special commemorative postage stamp in memory of Pingali Venkayya:**

- The **Central government** will release a **special commemorative postage stamp in memory of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of the national flag.**
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will release the **stamp at a program** to be held in **New Delhi** to mark the **birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.**

### **Union Culture Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy organized the Tiranga bike rally:**

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a **Har Ghar Tiranga Bike Rally** by Members of Parliament in **Delhi from the iconic Red Fort.**
- Union Culture Minister **G Kishan Reddy organizes the Tiranga Bike Rally.**
- A bike rally from **Red Fort to Vijay Chowk** was staged in honor of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Har Ghar Tiranga program.

### **Union Minister launches six national highway projects in Madhya Pradesh:**

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** lay the foundation stone for six **National Highway projects** totaling **119 kilometers and costing Rs. 2300 crore** in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh.**
- **The State Government and NHAI** signed a memorandum of understanding during this initiative **to build ropeways** at **14 designated locations in Madhya Pradesh.**

### **Government Withdraws Data Protection Bill,2021:**

- To create a "**comprehensive legal framework**" for policing the online world, the government withdrew the **Personal Data Protection Bill from Parliament.**
- This framework will include separate laws on data privacy, the internet ecosystem as a whole, **cybersecurity, telecom laws, and the use of non-personal data** to foster innovation in the nation.
- The administration intends to submit the new legislation during the winter session of Parliament, according to sources in the IT Ministry.

### **The Ministry of Textiles has approved Pashmina Wool Development Scheme:**

- The **Ministry of Textiles** has approved **Pashmina Wool Development Scheme** under **Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP)** with a budget allocation of **Rs.29.25 Cr.** for implementation during FY from **2021-22 to 2025-26.**
- Provision has been made to provide financial assistance in form of a **Revolving Fund for procurement/marketing** of pashmina wool in **UT of Ladakh and UT of J&K.**

### **India has achieved an important milestone by recognizing more than 75,000 start-ups:**

- **India** has achieved an important **milestone by recognizing more than 75,000 start-ups.**
- The **last 10000 startups** have been recognized in **156 days** while the initial **ten thousand** startups were recognized in **808 days.**
- Recognizing more than 75 thousand start-ups is a milestone in the order of 75 years of independence.

### **India adds 10 new wetlands to the list: Ramsar sites**

- **India now has 64 Ramsar sites** altogether after adding **10 wetlands to the list.**
- The 10 additional sites consist of one (1) site each in **Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha, as well as six (6) locations in Tamil Nadu.**
- The designation of these areas would aid in the management and protection of wetlands and the efficient utilization of their resources.

### **Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 approved by Lok Sabha:**

- The **Lok Sabha** passes the **Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021.**
- Some species are currently protected under the Wild Life (Protection) Act of 1972, but the proposed law would also put **CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**, into effect.

### **PM Chairs 7th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meet:**



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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the seventh NITI Aayog governing council meeting at the Rashtrapati Bhavan's cultural center in New Delhi.
- Crop diversification, urban growth, and the execution of the National Education Policy (NEP) were among the topics discussed by the council.

### Govt has Launched the Mission Vatsalya Scheme:

- Since 2009–10, "Mission Vatsalya," formerly known as the Child Protection Services (CPS) project, has been carried out by the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.
- The goal of Mission Vatsalya is to guarantee a healthy and happy childhood for every child in India, provide opportunities for them to realize their full potential and support their sustained flourishing in all spheres, and foster a sensitive, supportive, and coordinated ecosystem for children's development, assist States/UTs in carrying out the Juvenile Justice Act 2015's mandate and help the world's nations meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Government launches short-term course namely 'Drone Service Technician' in 126 ITIs:

- The Government has started a short-term course namely 'Drone Service Technician' in 126 Industrial Training Institutes.
- It has been started across 19 States for the session 2022-23.
- Six short-term skilling courses have been developed for manufacturing, assembly, repairing, and maintenance of drones as well as to meet the requirement of skilled manpower in the drone sector.

### Govt Ambitious: One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Completes 3 years:

- With Assam being the newest state to join the effort in June 2022, the program has now been implemented nationwide.
- On August 9, 2019, four states hosted the debut of the ONORC, which has now been operational for three years.
- The technology-driven ONORC scheme is being implemented by the Centre for the nationwide portability of ration cards under the NFSR(National Food Security Act,2013).

### The government introduced the Electricity Amendment Bill, 2022, in the Lok-Sabha:

- A Bill to modify the Electricity Act to provide non-discriminatory open access to power suppliers' distribution networks was submitted in Lok Sabha, prompting concerns from the Opposition, who said it sought to take away certain powers from the state governments.
- When introducing the Bill, RK Singh requested Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to submit it to a parliamentary standing committee for further consultations to resolve Opposition concerns.

### New Delhi hosted the ITU's Regional Standardization Forum:

- The International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania was held in New Delhi, and Devusinh Chauhan, the state minister for communications, spoke at the inaugural ceremony.
- The nation's telecommunications network, by Devusinh Chauhan, is the second biggest in the world and provides the best rates.

### 12th edition of Defence Expo to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat:

- The 12th edition of the Defense Expo, India's biggest exhibition on land, naval, and homeland security systems, will take place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, according to the Ministry of Defense.
- The event will take place from October 18 through October 22, 2022.
- This edition's subject is "Path to Pride," which aims to inspire patriotic pride and motivate people to contribute to nation-building by developing a strong domestic defense sector.

### Maharashtra Governor Inaugurates The 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav':

- The 22nd "Bharat Rang Mahotsav" was officially launched at Rabindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- The Union Ministry of Culture and P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi in the city are working together to organize the five-day theatre festival as a homage to our liberation heroes.
- To honor our liberation soldiers, the National School of Drama is putting up "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav, 2022 (Azadi Segment)".

### PM to dedicate a 2G ethanol plant in Panipat to the nation:



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- **In Panipat, Haryana, the second generation (2G) ethanol plant**—built at an estimated **cost of Rs 900 crore**—will be dedicated to the country by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi via video conference**.
- The dedication of the facility is only one of several actions the government has done over the years to increase the nation's production and use of biofuels.

**The Union Cabinet approved a treaty between India and Australia to promote the co-production of films:**

- The **Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved the signing of an **audio-visual co-production treaty between India and Australia** with the view to **promoting the co-production of films**.
- These are umbrella agreements under which private, quasi-government, or governmental agencies enter contracts to produce films together.

**Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah recently e-launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the GeM portal:**

- **Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah** e-launched the **onboarding of cooperatives on the GeM portal**.
- **589 cooperatives** have been shortlisted as eligible for onboarding on **Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal**.

**The Centre has decided to offer the use of Indigenous 5G Test Bed free of cost to the Government recognized start-ups:**

- The **Centre has decided to offer the use of the Indigenous 5G Test Bed free of cost to the Government recognized start-ups and MSMEs for the next six months up to January 2023**.
- The decision has been taken to boost the **5G ecosystem within India** and to achieve the objectives of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India** initiatives.
- The facility is available at a very nominal rate to all other stakeholders.

**“UMEED Market Place” launched by Mr. Manoj Sinha as part of the AVSAR Program:**

- At the **Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir**, Lieutenant Governor Mr. **Manoj Sinha unveiled the UMEED Market Place** as a component of the **Airport Authority of India's AVSAR Scheme**.
- UMEED Market Place, which is now available at both the **Jammu Airport and the Jammu City Center**, will sell commodities from all 20 districts.
- At Srinagar's airport, the Lt. Governor earlier presented a **20x20-foot LED video wall**.

**The Center has shortlisted six merchant bankers:**

- The **Center has shortlisted six merchant bankers** to assist the **government** in offloading its **29.5 percent residual stake in Hindustan Zinc in tranches**.
- The merchant banks, which include **ICICI Securities, SBI Capital Markets, HDFC Bank, IIFL Securities, Axis Capital, and Citigroup Global Markets**, will make presentations before an inter-ministerial group.

**Cabinet has approved the continuation of PMAY-U - Housing for All Mission up to 31st December 2024:**

- Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) - Housing for All Mission up to 31st December 2024**.
- Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided for the completion of already **sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses by March 31, 2022**.
- The scheme is one of the major flagship programs being implemented by the **Central Government to provide all-weather pucca houses** to all eligible beneficiaries in the urban areas of the country through **States, Union Territories, and Central Nodal Agencies**.

**Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVacInd:**

- **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the indigenous vaccine **Lumpi-ProVacInd to protect livestock from Lumpy Skin disease**.
- The vaccine has been developed by the **National Equine Research Center, Hisar (Haryana)** in collaboration with the **Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar (Bareilly)**.

**The government has implemented comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under “SMILE”**

- In the spirit of AzadikaAmritMahotsav, the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**, Government of India, has identified **75 Municipal Corporations** to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under **“SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise”** named as **“SMILE-75 Initiative”**.

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- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has allocated a **total budget of Rs.100 crore** for the SMILE project for the coming years till 2025-26.

**Cabinet has approved the ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU):**

- The **Cabinet has approved** the ratification of amendments to the **Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)** as contained in the **Eleventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution**.
- The amendments to the Constitution of UPU were signed during the **27th Congress of the Universal Postal Union held at Abidjan**.
- This decision of the cabinet will fulfill the obligations mentioned in **Articles 25 and 30 of the UPU Constitution**.

**Meghalaya hosted the 2nd edition of the North East Olympics:**

- **Meghalaya is all set to host** the upcoming **2nd edition of the North East Olympics** from October 30th to November 6th in Shillong.
- A joint meeting of the North East Organising Committee, **Meghalaya Department of Sports and Youth Affairs**, and the **North East Olympic Association** was held to finalize the list of sports disciplines.

**Income taxpayers will not be eligible for the Atal Pension Yojana:**

- **Income taxpayers** will not be eligible for the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, a **universal social security scheme, from 1 October**.
- In case a subscriber of the scheme, who joined on or **after 1 October 2022**, is subsequently found to have been an income-tax payer on or before the date of application, the APY account shall be closed and the accumulated pension wealth to date would be given to the subscriber, as per the order.

**The government has set a target of reducing import dependence on palm oil by 25 to 30%:**

- The **government is aiming at reducing import** dependence on palm oil by 25 to 30% through the **production of 2.8 million tonnes (MT) of oil by 2030** under the **National Edible Oil Mission**.
- Currently, **around 0.35 million hectares (MH)** are under palm plantation.
- Under the mission launched last year, an additional area of 0.65 MH will be brought into **palm plantations by 2025-26**.
- **India imports 56% of its edible oil** requirement annually.

**The Ministry of Social Justice has launched the SMILE-75 initiative**

- The **Government of India's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has identified **75 Municipal Corporations** to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of people engaged in begging under the "SMILE: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" initiative, known as the "SMILE-75 Initiative."
- The **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** has allocated a total budget of **Rs. 100 crore** for the SMILE project for the coming years till 2025-26.

**Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched India's first Saline Water Lantern**

- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has launched **India's first Saline Water Lantern** which uses seawater as the electrolyte between specially **designed electrodes to power the LED lamps**.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled the first-of-its-kind lantern named "**Roshni**" during a visit to **SAGAR ANVESHAKA**, a Coastal Research Vessel, operated and used by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai for coastal research.

**To promote honey export, Government organizes a series of events, in collaboration with the state govt and farmers:**

- To harness the **export potential of honey** in line with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'sweet revolution'** through the promotion of beekeeping and allied activities, the Government has planned to organize a series of events across the country in collaboration with state governments and farmers.
- The event is scheduled to be organized by **APEDA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the export promotion of honey**.

**Department of Expenditure has released an additional Rs.807 Crore as a one-time settlement for the SPMRM:**

- The **Department of Expenditure** has released an **additional ₹807 crore as a one-time settlement** for the **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rural Mission (SPMRM)** to pay for all the works that were **sanctioned before March 31**.

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**Kolkata will host the 23rd edition of the India International Seafood Show:**

- The Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) and the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) will collaborate to host the **23rd India International Seafood Show (IIS)** in Kolkata, the City of Joy.

**The world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Railway Bridge, has been inaugurated:**

- The **world's highest railway bridge**, the **Chenab Railway Bridge**, has been inaugurated at its **golden junction**.
- Compared to the **Eiffel Tower**, the bridge will be **35 meters taller**.
- In addition to the Chenab Bridge, Afcons is constructing 16 other railway bridges for **Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL)** in the treacherous terrain of Jammu and Kashmir.

**11 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition: Ramsar sites**

- **India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites**, bringing the total number of such sites in the nation to 75, spanning an area of **13,26,677 hectares**.
- Four additional Ramsar sites were named in **Tamil Nadu**, three in **Odisha**, two in **Jammu and Kashmir**, and one each in **Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra**.

**The 11 Indian wetlands:**

- ✓ Tampara Lake in Odisha;
- ✓ Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
- ✓ Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
- ✓ Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
- ✓ Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- ✓ Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
- ✓ Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- ✓ Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- ✓ Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
- ✓ Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir;
- ✓ Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir.

**The first Tiranga park has been set up in the Gurugram**

- Under the **Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan**, the **first Tiranga park** has been set up in Gurugram by the district administration.
- This park has been constructed with the support of the M3M Foundation in the **Swatantrata Senani Bhawan located in Civil Lines, Gurugram**.
- The park was inaugurated by the **Union Minister of State, Rao Inderjit Singh**, as the chief guest.

**The first 3D-printed human cornea was developed in India**

- The **first artificial cornea to be 3D printed in India** was successfully implanted in a **rabbit eye** by researchers in **Hyderabad**.
- Researchers from the **L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)**, **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H)**, and the **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)** have developed a human cornea that is **3D printed using corneal tissue from a human donor**.

**Ministry of Corporate Affairs has removed 4.33 lakh companies from the Register of Companies**

- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** has removed **4.33 lakh companies** from the **Register of Companies** in the last five years.
- **49,921 companies were removed** in 2021-22.
- **Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013** provides for the removal of the name of the company from the **Register of Companies** in two conditions given below.
  - I. If the company is **not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two** immediately preceding financial years and

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II. If the company has **not made any application** within the said period for obtaining the status of a Dormant Company under **section 455** of the Act.

### Center Launches Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App

- **Bharti Pravin Pawar, the Union Minister of State for Health**, introduced the **Parenting App and the Paalan 1000 national campaign in Mumbai**.
- To lower the child mortality rate and provide for infants throughout their **first 1000 days after birth**, the Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App were launched.
- The program was virtually launched by the **Union Minister of State for Health**.

### PM has announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the country for the ninth time straight from the Red Fort.
- Prime Minister Modi laid out his "**Panch Pran Targets**" (Five Resolves) to transform India into a developed nation by the time it marks its **100th Independence Day in 25 years**.

### India voluntary trust funds for the defense of human rights more than Rs 3 crore

- The **Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva** has announced that **India has contributed \$400,000 (more than Rs 3 crore) to as many as four Voluntary Trust Funds**.
- India has given **\$400,000 to 4 Voluntary Trust Funds** on Torture, Technical Cooperation, and Implementation of UPR & LDCs/SIDS, demonstrating our dedication to the global promotion & protection of human rights as well as our support for **@UNHumanRights**.

### NTPC Limited has achieved 69454 MW of group installed and commercial capacity

- **NTPC Limited**, India's largest integrated energy company achieved **69454 MW of group installed and commercial capacity** with the commissioning of **56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat**
- **The Company has planned 262 MW floating solar** on over 1300 acres of its reservoir area by installing over 9,50,000 PV modules at its various stations out of which **242 Mega Watt** has been commissioned.
- This includes the country's largest floating solar of **100 MW at Ramagundam** in Telangana, **92 MW at Kayamkulam** in Kerala, and **25 MW each at Simhadri, Andhra Pradesh, and Kawas in Gujarat**.

### The portal NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders has been developed

- The **portal--NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders--has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**.
- First-of-its-kind database of **arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational** for use by **various central and state prosecution agencies** tasked to enforce **anti-drugs laws in the country**.

### The central government has raised the thresholds for prosecutions and arrests under the Customs Act

- The **government has raised** the thresholds for prosecutions and arrests under the **Customs Act to ₹50 lakh from ₹20 lakh** for smuggling and illegal imports of goods in baggage and **₹1 crore to ₹2 crores** for cases involving commercial fraud.

### 'Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organized by NMCG

- The event "**Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**" was organized at **the water sports club in New Delhi** by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was presided over by **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the union minister for Jal Shakti**.

### Shipping Ministry Proposes Amendment To 110-Year-Old Indian Ports Act

- A **draft to amend the Indian Ports Act, of 1908**, has been made public by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways**.
- It aims to implement **significant reforms in the sector** by including minor ports in the national framework, developing a new dispute-resolution procedure, and strengthening the **maritime state development council (MSDC)**.

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### Solar capacity installations in India rose by 59 percent to a record 7.2 gigawatts

- Solar capacity installations in the country rose by 59 percent to a record 7.2 gigawatts (GW) during the first half of 2022, according to Mercom India Research.
- The solar installations in April-June 2022 also increased by 59 percent to over 3.9 GW compared to 2.4 GW installed in the second quarter of 2021.
- In the first half of 2022, Rajasthan and Gujarat were the top states for large-scale solar, accounting for 53 percent and 14 percent of installations, respectively, followed by Maharashtra with 9 percent.

### The 10th National Conference of Women Police will begin in Shimla

- In Himachal Pradesh, the 10th National Conference of Women Police will begin in Shimla.
- The conference is being organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in collaboration with Himachal Police.
- At present, the strength of women in the police force in Himachal is 13 percent and the women quota in the police has been increased to 25 percent.

### Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune.
- Later, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Bisphenol-A pilot plant in CSIR-NCL
- The global market for Bisphenol-A is projected to reach 7.1 Million Tons by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 2% over the analysis period 2020-2027.

### India recorded another milestone –101462 villages declaring themselves as ODF

- Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), the flagship program of the Government of India recorded another milestone – of 101462 villages declaring themselves as ODF (open defecation free) Plus.
- The top five performing states are Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh where a maximum number of villages have been declared as ODF Plus.

### NSDC with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project

- To augment skill training in tribal communities for their inclusive and sustainable growth, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project.
- Grameen Udyami is a unique multi-skilling project, funded by NSDC that aims to train 450 tribal students in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- The project is being implemented in six states Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat.
- NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has supported in setting up of labs and classrooms through Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) in Seva Bharti Kendra Skill Development Center.
- Grameen Udyami Yojana is implemented under Sansadiya Parisankul Yojana.

### The government launched the Aqua Bazaar feature of the Matsya Setu App

- Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy presented the "Aqua Bazaar" online marketplace feature in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app during the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board.
- The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, and the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, utilized funds from the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to develop the MatsyaSetu app.

### 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 to be held at Indore

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- The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will take place in **Indore** in January of next year, according to **Arindam Bagchi**, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held during 21–23 January 2019 in **Varanasi, India**.
- The **Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth**, was the guest of honor.

### Indian Railways longest freight train: Super Vasuki

- The **Super Vasuki**, the Indian Railways' newest train, underwent a test run.
- The **Indian Railways' South East Central Railway (SECR)** zone runs the Super Vasuki.
- **Vasuki and Trishul**, two record-breaking long-distance freight trains, were run by the SECR in 2021.

### India Sets Target to Raise Share of Natural Gas in Energy Mix to 15% by 2030

- The government has announced it has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in the energy mix to 15%, from 6.3% currently, in 2030.

### Mr. Darshana Jardosh inaugurates Silk Mark Expo

- Mr. Darshana Jardosh, the Union Minister of State for Textiles, formally inaugurated the **Silk Mark Expo** in **New Delhi**.
- The Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, and the **Silk Mark Organization of India** together conduct the Silk Mark Expo.

### 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be hosted by Canada

- Amos Masondo, the head of the **National Council of Provinces (NCOP)**, and a distinguished group of MPs will serve as the **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference's (CPC)** leaders.
- From August 22 to 26, 2022, **Halifax, Canada** will host the **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC)**.

### Dr. Jitendra Singh approved an initial loan of Rs 1.15 crore for the StartUp with an alternative solution to Single-Use Plastic

- Union Minister of State (Independent Representative) for Science and Technology **Dr. Jitendra Singh** approved an initial loan of Rs 1.15 crore to M/s TGP Bioplastics for commercialization of 'compostable' plastics and thereby reduce the use of single-use plastics (SUP).

### Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched 'Azadi Quest' online games

- Anurag Thakur, a Union Minister, has unveiled "Azadi Quest," a collection of **online instructional games** themed on India's liberation movement and created in **partnership with Zynga India**.

### PM Modi opened Amrita Hospital, the largest hospital in Asia, in Faridabad

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi formally opened the **2,600-bed Amrita hospital** in **Faridabad**, which is the largest hospital in Asia.

### 23rd Central Zonal Council meeting presided over by Amit Shah in Bhopal

- The **23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting** was presided over by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** in **Bhopal**.
- Both **Pushkar Singh Dhami and Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, the chief ministers of **Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh**, were present during the meeting.

### Transgenders will be covered under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

- The **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** will be expanded to include transgender people, according to the Indian government
- To provide a comprehensive health package for transgender people under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, the **National Health Authority (NHA)**, a division of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**.

### India to have 1.8 lakh Km of Highways & 1.2 lakh Km of Rail Lines by 2025

- According to a survey by **Bank of America Securities India**, the **total length of all national roads in India** is predicted to be **1.8 lakh kilometers**, while the total length of railway lines would be 1.2 lakh kilometers by 2025.

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### 20th Edition of BioAsia 2023 scheduled for February 24-26

- The **Government of Telangana** will host the **20th edition of BioAsia 2023**, the major event of BioAsia 2023 for life sciences and health tech, on February 24-26, 2023.
- Minister for Industries and Commerce **KT Rama Rao** launched the BioAsia 2023 logo and theme, "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the Next Generation of Humanised Healthcare."

### PM Modi Inaugurates Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Mohali

- A **300-bed Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center** have been inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at **Mullanpur, Mohali, Chandigarh**.
- The Centre was constructed for a total of more than 660 crores by the Tata Memorial Centre, an aided institution run by the **Union Department of Atomic Energy**.

### EAC-PM to launch the India@100 roadmap

- The **Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100** will be unveiled in **New Delhi** by the **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**.
- The **EAC-India@100 PM's report** acts as a road map for India's progress toward its centennial year and will guide and inform the nation's route to a better **income status by 2047**.

### Karnataka will soon feature the country's first 3D-printed post office

- The **first 3D-printed post office** in India is **expected to open in Bengaluru, Karnataka**, and it will only **cost around one-fourth as much as a conventional facility**.
- The Post Office building is being built by **Larsen & Toubro**, the only business actively using **3D printing in construction in India**.
- The **Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council** of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and **IIT-Madras** have approved the three-story, new post office's 3D printing.

### Centre Picks 75 Tribal Districts for TB Intervention Projects

- The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and the **Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** have now **decided on 75 tribal districts** where targeted interventions will be run over the next few months **to make them TB-free** after having run an active case-finding campaign to detect instances of TB among tribal populations over the past six months.

### PM Jan Dhan Yojana completes 8 years, Financial Inclusion Program

- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** has been in operation for **eight years** and has met all of its key objectives.
- PM Jan Dhan Yojana is a major **financial inclusion initiative announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 28, 2014**.
- PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a National Mission financial inclusion program that **aims to bring comprehensive financial inclusion to all households in India**.

### The first earthquake memorial in India is dedicated by Shri Narendra Modi

- At Bhuj in Gujarat, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated **Smruti Van, the nation's first earthquake monument**.

### NITI Aayog to establish 500 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K:

- More than 500 **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)** will be set up in **Jammu and Kashmir** by the **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog** to foster an inventive mentality among high school students.
- The Center's **AIM created its flagship program, ATL**, to foster an innovative mentality among high school students throughout India.

### Indian Railway installed 'Meghdoot' machines at Mumbai stations:

- **Meghdoot machines** have been installed by **Indian Railways** in **Dadar, Thane, and other Mumbai Division stations**.
- Innovative technology is used by the special "**Meghdoot**" devices to turn airborne **water vapor into drinkable water**.



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- **Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd.** has been given the contract for installing 17 "MEGHDOOT" Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks throughout the Mumbai Division of Central Railway for a term of 5 years under NINFRIS policy.

### **Union Home Minister has inaugurated a 2-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi**

- **Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi.
- The Conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the country, physically and virtually.
- On the first day of the Conference, deliberations were held on various aspects of national security, including counter-terrorism, radicalization, issues about cryptocurrencies, counter-rogue drone technology, and challenges posed by Maoist outfits.

### **Govt sets target to eliminate Kala-azar by 2023 from country:**

- The Government has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar by next year from the country.
- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare **Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar** said, out of **633 Kala-azar endemic blocks**, **625 blocks** have achieved the elimination target last year.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases Road map has the target set for Kala-azar elimination in 2030.

### **Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022:**

- Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the **5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022** across the nation from **1st September to 30th September**.
- This year, the objective of the Poshan Maah is to trigger Poshan Maah through Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with a key focus on "**Mahila aur Swasthya**" and "**Bacha aur Shiksha**".

### **Coal Ministry has aimed to enhance coal production to 1.23 billion tonnes by 2024-25:**

- The **Coal Ministry** has aimed to enhance coal production to **1.23 billion tonnes by 2024-25** to ensure the energy security of the country.
- To support the vision, **Coal India Limited has adopted an integrated planning approach** by strengthening evacuation infrastructure for one billion tonnes of production and seamless transportation of coal to the end users.

### **Home Minister Amit Shah will unveil the "CAPF as" web portal in Delhi:**

- The **Central Armed Police Forces' web portal** for **CAPF eAwas** was presented by **Home Minister Shri Amit Shah**.
- In remarks given on the occasion, Mr. Shah said that the Central Armed Police Forces had always **served as a strong foundation for the country's internal security**.
- Since Independence Day, more than 35,000 police officers have perished protecting internal security, and because of their sacrifices, people may rest easy at night and feel secure.

### **The unemployment rate surges to an 8.3% yearly high:**

- Data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) show that in August, **India's jobless rate rose to a one-year high of 8.3% while employment decreased by 2 million to 394.6 million**.
- In July, there were 397 million people employed and the unemployment rate was 6.8%.

### **Blue Energy Motors has unveiled India's first LNG-fuelled green truck:**

- **Blue Energy Motors** has unveiled India's first LNG-fuelled green truck by launching a manufacturing plant at **Chakan, Pune**.
- The facility was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.
- Blue Energy Motors' trucks will be **Liquified Natural Gas-fuelled, long-haul, heavy-duty trucks**.

### **PLFS: Unemployment Rate Decreases From 7.6% in April to June this Year**

- According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), the **unemployment rate for urban residents of India** who are 15 years of age or older **decreased from 12.6% in April to June of last year to 7.6% in April to June of this year**.
- The country had **substantial unemployment from April to June 2021**, mostly as a result of the crippling effects of Covid-related regulations.

### **Central govt female staff to get 60-day maternity leave in early child death:**

- **Female employees of the Central Government** would receive **special 60-day maternity leave**.
- If a baby is lost before or during delivery, or if the child dies soon after birth, the leave will be given.



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- **The Department of Personnel and Training** issued a directive about this.
- The choice was made in agreement with the **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions**.

### Nation's first-ever "Night Sky Sanctuary" to be set up in Ladakh:

- According to Union Minister of Science and Technology **Jitendra Singh**, Hanle, Ladakh will soon become **home to India's first-ever "night sky sanctuary."**
- The Indian government is taking an original and groundbreaking approach to this.
- The proposed dark sky reserve would be situated in Hanle, Ladakh, and will promote **Astro-tourism in India**, according to a statement issued by the **Union Ministry of Science and Technology**.

### GoI announces to rename the Rajpath as Kartavya Path:

- **Rajpath and Central Vista lawns** will now be known as **Kartavya Path**, according to the Indian government's **announcement**.
- According to reports, the choice will erase all traces of the **British colony in India**.
- The choice was made during a special meeting that was called to rename the **Rajpath and Central Vista lawns**.
- The name of the street where the Prime Minister's home is located was previously changed from Race Course Road to Lok Kalyan Marg by the Modi administration.

### In comparison to the previous year, preventive detentions increased by more than 23.7% in 2021:

- According to the most recent crime figures issued by the **National Crime Records Bureau**, preventative detentions **increased by over 23.7% in 2021** compared to the previous year, with over 1.1 lakh persons being held in **preventive detention**.
- Nearly half (241) of these 483 detentions made by the **National Security Act** were still being held as of the end of **2021**.

### CCRAS 'SPARK' Program to Support Innovative Research in Ayurveda:

- The **Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences** (CCRAS) offers an innovative approach to aid the **research endeavors of India's up-and-coming bright minds**.
- The **Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK)** has been created by CCRAS for BAMS students studying Ayurveda at accredited Ayurveda colleges.
- The CCRAS has created the **SPARK program to nurture students' developing minds** and to further the tradition of Ayurvedic research that is supported by scientific facts.
- **The SPARK Program will encourage the students' research ideas** and help them build a research mindset.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Nearly half of all pregnancies are unintended – UNFPA report

- According to the annual flagship report titled **State of World Population 2022 Seeing the Unseen: The case for action in the neglected crisis of unintended pregnancy** released by UNFPA, nearly **half of all pregnancies**, totaling **121 million** each year throughout the world, are **unintended**.

### Bangladesh signs deal with Adani group for Indian Economic Zone

- The **Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)** signed an agreement with the Indian company **Adani Ports and SEZ Limited** to set up an **Indian Economic Zone** at the **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN)** in Mirsarai of Chattogram.

### Nepal gets approval to export an additional 325MW of electricity to India

- Nepal has received permission to export an additional 325 MW of electricity to the **energy market in India**, taking the **total electricity export to 364 MW**.

### Ecuador Becomes First Country to Recognise Animal Legal Rights

- Ecuador, in South America, has made history by becoming the **first country to recognize the legal rights of individual wild animals**.

### UNDP & AIM announces \$2.2 million in climate action grants for innovators

- The **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and partners of the **Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM)** have announced **\$2.2 million** in climate action grants for **22 local innovators** across **19 countries**, including **India**.

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### GWEC Report: Global wind energy sector needs four-fold higher growth to meet the 2050 Net Zero goal

- According to the **Global Wind Report for 2022** published by the **Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)** Wind energy installations every year across the world must quadruple from the **94 GW** installed in 2021 within this decade to meet the **global climate targets**.

### India gets elected to 4 UN ECOSOC bodies

- India has been elected to four key bodies of the UN Economic and Social Council**

#### 4 UN ECOSOC bodies :

- Commission for Social Development,
- Committee on NGOs,
- Commission on Science & Technology for Development
- Ambassador Preeti Saran gets re-elected to Committee for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

### Rajnath Singh and Jaishankar arrive in the US to attend India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**, and **S Jaishankar**, External Affairs Minister, arrived in **Washington DC** to attend the **fourth India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue**.
- The two Indian ministers along with American counterparts Defence Secretary **Lloyd Austin** and Secretary of State **Antony Blinken** are set to participate in a virtual meeting from the White House.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will hold a virtual meeting with President of the USA **Joseph R. Biden** on April 11.

### 20th edition of India-France Joint Staff talks held in Paris

- On **April 12-13, 2022**, The **20th edition of the India-France Joint Staff talks** was held in **Paris, France**.
- The meeting was co-chaired by **Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff & Air Vice Marshal B Manikantan** and Head of Bilateral Cooperation South/Staff HQ Brigadier General Eric Peltier.
- The discussions focused on new initiatives under the ambit of the existing bilateral **defense cooperation mechanism** and strengthening ongoing defense engagements.
- This partnership marks a significant step forward in **India-France cooperation for maritime security**.

### India to provide an additional \$500 million to Sri Lanka for fuel

- India will provide an **additional \$500 million in financial assistance** to **Sri Lanka** for it to buy fuel.
- Assistance from the IMF will take about **six months** to come to us and it will come in tranches.
- This will be the **second \$500 million India** has provided in fuel credit to a Sri Lanka government battling the country's worst financial crisis in living memory.
- The first line of credit was used up earlier this month after a shipment of **120,000 tons of diesel and 40,000 tons of petrol**.

### Estonia hosts the world's largest cyber exercise - Locked Shields 2022

- North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) organizes the **Exercise Locked Shields 2022**.
- The Locked Shields 2022 is the **annual largest and most complex international live-fire cyber defense exercise** in the world.
- More than **2,000 participants** from **32 countries** are practicing the protection of national IT systems and critical infrastructure under the pressure of a large-scale cyberattack.

### Russia Withdraws From UN World Tourism Organization Amid Ukraine War

- The **UN World Tourism Organization** announced that **Russia** has decided to **withdraw** from the **United Nations Tourism body**.
- On April 27, 2022, The decision to suspend the country from the world tourism organization must be approved by **two-thirds of its 159 member states** at a two-day general assembly that got underway.

### PM Modi, and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz co-chair the sixth edition of IGC in Berlin; Also hold a bilateral discussion

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz co-chaired the **sixth edition** of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations-**IGC in Berlin**.

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- This was the Prime Minister's first IGC with Chancellor Scholz and also the **first** such Government-to-Government consultations of the new German Government, which assumed office in December last year.

### PM Narendra Modi attends second India-Nordic Summit in Denmark:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the **2nd India-Nordic Summit** along with Prime Ministers of **Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, and Norway**.
- The summit is being hosted by Denmark.

### Bangladesh unveils a new gas field of 20 MMCFD capacity

- Bangladesh has discovered a **new gas field** with the capacity to produce **20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD)** at the **Koilastila Gas field**.
- The announcement was made by the State Minister for power, energy, and mineral resources **Nasrul Hamid**.

### PM Narendra Modi's 3-day visit to Germany, Denmark, and France

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited three European Countries- **Germany, Denmark, and France** from 2nd to 4th May 2022.
- Modi would be visiting these three countries for bilateral as well as multilateral engagements.

### World's Longest Glass Bridge Opens In Vietnam

- The **World's Longest Glass Bridge** named Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge was opened in **Moc Chau District, Son La Province, Vietnam**.
- The opening of the bridge is expected to **boost tourism in Vietnam**.
- In Vietnamese, the Bach Long pedestrian bridge means “white dragon”.

### Czech Republic to replace Russia on U.N. rights council

- The **United Nations General Assembly** elected the **Czech Republic** to the **Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council to replace Russia** whose membership was suspended in April due to its ongoing war in Ukraine.
- The Czech Republic was the only candidate to replace Russia on the **47-member UNHRC** and will complete its term until **December 2023**.
- In the General Assembly's secret ballot voting, **180 of the 193 members cast ballots**.
- The Czech Republic already served **two terms in 2012-2014 and 2019-2021** and was among the council's inaugural members.

### World's Longest Suspension Bridge Opens In Czech Republic - Sky Bridge 721

- The **world's longest suspension footbridge** named **Sky Bridge 721** was opened to the public in **Czech Republic's Dolni Morava village for tourists**.
- The construction took **two years** and cost **200 million Czech crowns (\$8.3 million)**.
- The Sky Bridge 721, is a **721-meter (2,365-foot)-long bridge** and is built at an **altitude of more than 1,100 meters (3,610 feet) above sea level**.

### World's highest weather station installed on Mt. Everest - National Geographic society

- A team of experts from the **National Geographic Society** has installed the “**world's highest weather station**” on **Mt. Everest** at an **altitude of 8,830 meters** to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena.
- The NatGeo team, led by climate scientist **Baker Perry** from the **Appalachian State University** in the US, consisted of acclaimed climbers and scientists.

### Belgium becomes the first country to make quarantine compulsory for monkeypox patients

- Belgium has become the **first country** to make a **21-day quarantine compulsory** for **monkeypox patients** after **4 cases of the disease** were reported.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** reported there were **92 cases in 12 countries**, and a further 28 suspected cases under investigation.

### List of countries monkeypox cases have been confirmed :

- **UK, Portugal, Sweden, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, the US, Canada, and Australia** as reported by **Saudi Gazette**.

### WEF launches alliance to supercharge India's climate action

- The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** has launched the India chapter of the **Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders** to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts.



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- The Alliance will continue efforts to achieve the vision outlined in the white paper released last year, “**Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India**”, on India’s low-carbon transition by 2070.

### Kuwait To Build The World's Largest Petroleum Research Center

- **Kuwait's Ministry of Oil** announced that it plans to start building the **world's largest petroleum research center** by the **end of 2022 in al-Ahmadi, south of Kuwait city**.
- The center will have **28 technological laboratories** and hire more than **600 employees**.
- The **estimated cost** of the project is **\$120 million**.

### Bangladesh top recipient of Covid vaccines under COVAX- UNICEF

- UNICEF has delivered **over 190 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines** to **Bangladesh** through **COVAX in one year**, with Bangladesh being the **top recipient** of doses under COVAX.
- COVAX is a global initiative that is led by the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the World Health Organization with UNICEF**.

### UN Approves changing Turkey's official name to 'Türkiye'

- The **United Nations** has changed the Republic of Turkey's country name organization from “**Turkey**” to “**Türkiye**” **after a request from the country's government**.
- In December 2021, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ordered the use of **Türkiye** to better represent **Turkish culture and values**, including demanding that “**Made in Türkiye**” be used instead of “**Made in Turkey**” on exported products.

### Canada introduces new law to 'freeze' handgun ownership

- **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's** government introduced **new legislation** that would put a **freeze on importing, buying, or selling handguns**.
- Trudeau invoked a string of mass shootings in Canada over the past decades, as well as recent attacks in the United States, as part of his government's impetus to introduce **Bill C-21**.

### NATO Holds Naval Exercise BALTOPS On Baltic Sea With Finland & Sweden

- The **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** launched a **naval exercise BALTOPS 22 on the Baltic Sea**.
- **14 NATO allies** (Türkiye, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the UK, and the US.), **2 NATO partner nations** (Finland and Sweden), over 45 ships, more than 75 aircraft, and approximately 7,000 personnel will participate in the **51st iteration** of the premier maritime-focused exercise from **June 5-17, 2022**.

### New York in US Passes World's First Electronics Right to Repair Law for Digital Electronics

- The **New York State Legislature in the United States** has passed the **world's first 'Right to Repair' law** that will allow **digital electronics manufacturers** to make parts, tools, information, and software available to consumers and independent repair shops.

### UNGA adopts resolution on multilingualism, mentions Hindi for the first time

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has adopted an **India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism** that **mentions the Hindi language for the first time**.
- The UN resolution also mentions **Bangla** and **Urdu** for the **first time**.
- The resolution encourages the United Nations to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as non-official languages, including in the Hindi language.

### India's EXIM Bank extends Sri Lanka's USD 55 million credit line for fertilizer imports

- The **Indian government** has decided to **extend a Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 55 million to Sri Lanka** for the **procurement of Urea fertilizers**.
- A LOC agreement was signed between **GOSL** and the **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM bank)** at Colombo, in the presence of the **Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe**, the **Minister of Agriculture Mahinda Amaraweera**, and the **High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay**.

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### The central African Republic becomes 2nd country to adopt bitcoin as legal tender

- The Central African Republic has become the **2nd country in the world** to adopt **bitcoin** as its **official currency**, after **El Salvador**.
- The **CAR** is the **first country in Africa** to adopt **Bitcoin** as legal tender
- This move places the Central African Republic on the map of the world's boldest and most visionary countries.

### Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland elected non-permanent members of the UN

- Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland were elected **non-permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC)** for a **two-year term**.
- The newly elected members will take up their new responsibilities on **January 1, 2023**, and serve till **December 31, 2024**.

### BIMSTEC celebrates its 25th anniversary in Dhaka, Bangladesh

- The Secretariat of the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** in **Dhaka** celebrated the **25th Anniversary** of the regional organization on **BIMSTEC Day** on **June 06, 2022**.
- The event included the launch of a publication titled "**25 Years of BIMSTEC – Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous and Sustainable Bay of Bengal Region**".

### India-EU First-ever Security and Defence Consultations held in Brussels

- The **first-ever India-European Union (EU) Security and Defence Consultations** took place in **Brussels, Belgium**.
- The consultations were held by the decision taken at the **India-EU Summit** in **July 2020**.
- The consultations were **co-chaired** by the **Ministry of Defence Joint Secretary (IC) Somnath Ghosh** and **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Joint Secretary (Europe West) Sandeep Chakravorty** from the Indian side and **Joanneke Balfoort**, **Director of Security and Defence Policy**, from the EU.

### EU Parliament passes ban the sale of new petrol & diesel cars by 2035

- **Members of the European Parliament** have voted to **ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035**.

### Aim :

- To step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles.

### India and Sweden host Industry Transition Dialogue in Stockholm, Sweden

- **India and Sweden** hosted the **Industry Transition Dialogue in Stockholm**, as a part of their joint initiative i.e. **Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT)**.
- This high level of dialogue has contributed to the **UN Conference 'Stockholm+50': a healthy planet for the prosperity of all –our responsibility, our opportunity**, taking place on **2 & 3rd June 2022** and setting the agenda for **COP27**.

### Japan to participate in NATO summit for the first time:

- **Mr. Fumio Kishida**, Japan's prime minister, will attend the **NATO summit in Madrid** later in June, making him the country's first leader to attend a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.
- **Four months into Russia's war in Ukraine**, the gathering on June 28-30 is considered a turning point for the 30 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

### Russia Becomes India's 2nd Biggest Crude Oil Supplier overtakes Saudi Arabia

- **Russia** has overtaken **Saudi Arabia** to become **India's second-biggest supplier of oil** behind **Iraq** as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine.
- For the first time, Russian-origin crude hit **5 percent of India's total seaborne imports** in April 2022 rising from under 1% throughout 2021 and Q1 2022.
- As per data, **India imported** about **819,000 barrels of Russian oil per day**, which accounts for roughly **16.5%** of its total imports.
- After the **U.S. and China**, **India** is the **world's third-largest consumer of oil**, over **85 percent** of which is imported.

### Nearly 5 million people in India displaced due to climate change, disasters in 2021: UNHCR

- According to the **annual Global Trends Report by the UN Refugee Agency United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**, **nearly 5 million people in India** were **internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021**.



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- The latest global trends report reflects the period of **January 2021 to December 2021**.

### **Delhi's IGI airport best in India and South Asia, 37th among the world's top 50**

- The **Skytrax World Airport Awards** named Delhi's **Indira Gandhi International (IGI)** airport the finest in India and **South Asia** for the **4th consecutive year**.
- The airport raised its overall ranking to **37th from 45th in 2021**, and it is the **only airport from India** to be featured in the world's top 50 airports.
- The **GMR Infra-led airport** has also been declared "**the cleanest airport**" in **India and South Asia**.

### **Mongolia's Khuvgul Lake added to the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves list**

- **Mongolia's Khuvgul Lake National Park** has been added to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO**.
- The decision of adding Khuvgul Lake National Park to the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves was made during the **34th session of the International Coordinating Council of the Man and Biosphere Programme** taking place in **Paris, France**.
- Khuvgul Lake National Park is located in the **Northern Mongolian Province of Khuvgul** near the **Russian border**.
- Khuvgul Lake in Mongolia holds nearly **70 percent of the country's freshwater or 0.4 percent of the world's total**.
- Khuvgul Lake is **1,645 meters above sea level, 136 km long, and 262 meters deep**.

### **Pakistan stays on FATF 'Grey List' subject to on-site verification**

- **Pakistan** will continue to be on the "**Grey List**" of countries under increased monitoring of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, during a **4-day plenary session** of the FATF underway in **Berlin, Germany**.
- The '**Grey List**' implies "**strategic deficiencies**" detected in a jurisdiction's policies to prevent money laundering and terror financing.
- **Only North Korea and Iran** are **black-listed**.
- At the meeting, Malta was removed from the "**Grey List**" and Gibraltar was added to it.

### **Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates 'Mango Festival' in Belgium**

- **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal**, has inaugurated a "**Mango Festival**" in Brussels to **raise awareness among Europeans** and establish a market for Indian mangoes in Europe.
- This is the **first time** being held in Belgium.

### **India & Poland signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters**

- **India and Poland** have signed a **mutual legal assistance treaty on criminal matters (MLAT)** to help both countries in the investigation and prosecution of crimes, related to **terrorism**.

#### **Aim :**

- To enhance the effectiveness of both countries in the investigation and prosecution of crime, through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.
- For India, the special secretary (internal security), **Ministry of Home Affairs, VSK Kaumudi**, signed the cooperation agreement while for Poland, its ambassador to India, **Adam Burakowski**, was the signatory.

### **US announces \$122 million funds for India to address challenges posed by infectious diseases**

- The **Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, United States has announced **funding of USD 122 million (USD 122,475,000)** to the top **3 Indian medical research institutions** ie **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in New Delhi, National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, Maharashtra and National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu** for **five years**.

#### **Purpose :**

- To prevent avoidable epidemics, early detection of disease threats, and rapid and effective response.

### **Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh arrives in Vietnam on a three-day visit to strengthen defense**

- Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** went on a **3-day official visit to Vietnam** at the invitation of **Vietnam's Minister of National Defence General Mr. Phan Van Giang**.

#### **Aim :**

- To consolidate the bilateral defense ties as well as the comprehensive strategic partnership.

### **Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu to visit Gabon, Senegal, and Qatar**

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- Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu visited a three-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal, and Qatar.
- He was on the trip accompanied by a high-level delegation including Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare **Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar** and three Members of Parliament, **Sushil Kumar Modi, Vijay Pal Singh Tomar, and P Ravindhranath**.
- This will be the **first visit from India** at the level of Vice President to all three countries.
- This will also be the **first-ever high-level visit** from **India to Gabon and Senegal**.

### **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar Visits Slovakia and the Czech Republic**

- External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar had an official **visit** to **Slovakia** and the **Czech Republic**.
- Jaishankar's visit to Slovakia was the **first-ever visit** at the level of EAM since its creation in **1993**.
- He will attend the **GLOBSEC 2022 Forum** and speak on the topic 'Taking Friendship to the Next Level: Allies in the Indo-Pacific Region'.

### **12th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland**

- The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference was co-hosted by **Switzerland** and **Kazakhstan** at World Trade Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- This conference was chaired by **Timur Suleimenov**, the First Deputy Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan's President.

### **The European Commission granted candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova**

- The European Commission has made a historic step in recommending that **Ukraine and Moldova** be granted **European Union (EU) candidate status**.
- This recommendation was announced by **European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen**.

### **J&K to host G-20 meetings in 2023**

- The **union territories of Jammu and Kashmir** will host the **2023 meetings of the G20 summit**.
- The J & K government has set up a **5 member high-level committee** for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the Union Territory.

### **Israel signs first Arab free trade agreement with UAE**

- Israel signed a **free trade agreement (FTA)** with the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, its **first such deal** with an **Arab state**.

### **Signatories :**

- Israel's Minister of Economy and Industry **Ms. Orna Barbivay** and the UAE Minister of Economy **Mr. Abdalla Bin Touq Al-Marri** signed the agreement in Dubai.
- With this agreement, the **UAE** was the **first Gulf country** to normalize ties with Israel and only the **third Arab nation** to do so after **Egypt** and **Jordan**.

### **Nearly 5 mn in India were displaced due to Climate Change, Disasters in 2021**

- As per United Nations, **Five million people in India** were internally **displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021**
- Another report by the UN Refugee Agency highlighted that globally **100 million people were forced to flee their homes last year** due to violence, human rights abuses, food insecurity, the climate crisis, etc.

### **China Builds a naval facility in Cambodia**

- China is secretly building a **naval facility** in **Cambodia** that would help extend its **military's currently limited reach in foreign waters**.
- With **more than 350 vessels**, Beijing commands the world's largest naval fleet, by comparison, the **US Navy** has **296 ships and submarines**.
- However, China currently has **only one foreign naval base** in **Djibouti** in East Africa.

### **West African states Gabon & Togo join Commonwealth Group of Nations**

- At the **Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2022**, the **Commonwealth** has admitted **two West African states Gabon and Togo** as its **55th and 56th members** respectively held in **Rwanda's capital of Kigali** with new chairperson **Rwandan President Paul Kagame**.
- The **Central African nation's** process of formally joining the Commonwealth started in **2017**, while **Togo**, located in West Africa, began in **2014**.

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- **Rwanda** became a member of the group in 2009.

### **India to host Special ASEAN- India foreign ministers meeting (SAIFMM) 2022**

- India hosted the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers and Secretary-General for a **Special ASEAN India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) 2022** in **New Delhi** to commemorate the **30th anniversary of the India-ASEAN dialogue relations** and the **10th anniversary** of the country's strategic partnership with ASEAN.
- External Affairs Minister Shri S Jaishankar and Singapore Foreign Minister Shri Vivian Balakrishnan, who is **India's Country Coordinator**, will **co-chair** the meeting.
- The Ministers **reviewed the status of the ASEAN-India Partnership** and set out the path for the coming decade.

### **India Hosts 8th Round Of SCO Meeting In New Delhi**

- India hosted the **8th round of meetings** with the heads of the border services of the competent authorities of the member states of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** in **New Delhi**.
- Including India, the meeting was attended by the other **7 members China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**, and the Executive Committee of the **SCO-RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure)**.
- India is represented by **Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh**.
- The daylong meeting was held under the chairmanship of India, which assumed the chair of SCO-RATS on **October 28, 2021**, for one year.

### **Green Deal: pioneering proposals to restore Europe's nature by 2050 and 50% pesticide use by 2030**

- The **European Commission** adopted **proposals to restore damaged ecosystems**, bring nature back across Europe, from agricultural land and seas to forests and urban environments, and **reduce the use of chemical pesticides by 50% by 2030**.
- To cover at least 20% of the EU's land and sea areas by 2030 with nature restoration measures, and eventually extend these to all ecosystems in need of **restoration by 2050**.
- The Commission is proposing a **Nature Restoration Law, the first-ever legislation at the EU level**.

### **12th meeting of BRICS National Security Advisors to be held virtually**

- The **12th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security** was held **virtually**.
- **Yang Jiechi**, Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, **chaired** the meeting in **Beijing, China**.
- National security advisers and high representatives of the national security of **South Africa, Brazil, Russia, and India** attended the event.

### **RIMPAC 2022 Begins in Hawaii With 21 Partner Nation Ships**

- A total of **21 United States partner nation ships**, including **one submarine**, from **14 countries** are docked at **Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)** for the **Rim of the Pacific 2022 (RIMPAC 2022)** exercise that kicks off in **Hawaii**.
- The **theme** of Rim of the Pacific's (RIMPAC) 2022 is **Capable Adaptive Partners**
- **26 nations, 38 surface ships, 4 submarines, 9 national land forces**, more than **30 unmanned systems**, approximately **170 aircraft**, and more than **25,000 personnel** will take part in RIMPAC 2022 & it will be conducted in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

### **NATO nations sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland**

- The **30 allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** signed off on the **accession protocols** for **Sweden and Finland** at NATO.
- The signing was held in the presence of **Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto** and **Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde**.

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- The signing of the accession protocols marks the start of the **ratification process**.
- The signing comes days after the **trilateral memorandum** between Turkey, Finland, and Sweden.

### Deutsche Bahn become the world's first intermodal partner of the Star Alliance

- **Deutsche Bahn (DB)** will become the **world's first intermodal partner of Star Alliance on August 1, 2022**.
- Deutsche Bahn and **Star Alliance** make a significant contribution to **reducing CO2 emissions** in the transport sector.
- Under the new cooperation, DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their journey comfortably on the environment-friendly train.

### India was elected to the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

- India has been elected as a member of the **Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for a period of 4 years 2022-2026 cycle.
- The announcement was made by **Union Minister for Culture, Tourism & DoNER Shri G.K. Reddy**.
- The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee took place during the **9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention** held at **UNESCO headquarters, in Paris**.

### 8th India-Armenia IGC Meeting at Yerevan; signs MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects in Armenia

- The **8th session of the India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural, and Educational Cooperation (IGC)** was held in **Yerevan, Armenia**.
- The **Indian delegation** was led by **Secretary (West), Shri Sanjay Verma**.
- Foreign Minister **H.E. Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan** led the Armenian delegation.

### India becomes 68th country to join Interpol's child sexual exploitation database

- India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** joined **Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database**.
- With this India become the **68th country** to join Interpol's child sexual exploitation database.
- The ICSE database uses **video & image** comparisons to analyze child sexual abuse material and make connections between victims, abusers, and places.

### Croatia to become the 20th country to adopt the euro as currency from 2023

- Croatia will become the **20th country to adopt the euro as currency** from Jan 01, 2023, **replacing the Croatian kuna**.
- As per the European Central bank, the conversion rate has been set at **7.53450 Croatian kunas per euro**.
- The changes come as the euro's exchange rate very briefly touched \$1 for the first time in **20 years**.
- **Lithuania** was the **19th EU member** to adopt the euro as currency in 2015

### 10th World Peace Forum Organized in Beijing

- The **10th World Peace Forum 2022** is being organized by Tsinghua University, in Beijing.

#### Theme :

- Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness, and Cooperation
- India's Ambassador to China, **Mr. Pradeep Kumar Rawat** attended the panel discussion.
- The forum was **initiated** in **2012** by Tsinghua University and the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs.

### Varanasi Named First Cultural And Tourism Capital Of Shanghai Cooperation Organization for 2022-23

- The holy city of Varanasi, **Uttar Pradesh** showcasing **India's culture and traditions** over the ages will be declared the **first "Cultural and Tourism Capital"** of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** under a new mechanism during India's **SCO Presidency from September 2022 to September 2023**.
- It is under a new rotating initiative by the **eight-member organization** to promote **people-to-people contacts** and tourism among the member states.
- **Kazakhstan** has announced a **visa-free policy** for tourists from India and other countries.

### 52nd DG-level talks between India & Bangladesh border forces give attention to curbing trans-border crimes



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- The border guarding forces of **Bangladesh** and **India** have agreed to focus on **curbing trans-border crimes** and taking all necessary measures to ensure **peace and tranquility** along the border at the **52nd Director General-level coordination conference**, held in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.
- The **Indian delegation** was headed by **Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh**, Director General of BSF, and the Bangladesh delegation was headed by the **DG of BGB Major General Shakil Ahmed**.

### India contributes \$2.5 million to UNRWA for Palestine refugees

- India contributed **USD 2.5 million** to the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)**.
- **Director of the West Asia and North Africa Division of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Sunil Kumar** presented the cheque for **USD 2.5 million** to the **UNRWA Director of Partnerships of the Department of External Relations, Mr. Karim Amer** in a signing ceremony at **UNRWA headquarters in East Jerusalem, Palestine**.

### UK govt launches "Aviation Passenger Charter" to address airport disruption issues

- The **British government** launched an **"Aviation Passenger Charter"** to help passengers know their rights if they are faced with problems at airports.
- It has been developed by the **British government** in partnership with the **aviation sector & travel industry**.

### Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav attends BRICS Labor and Employment Ministers' Meeting 2022

- The **Union Minister for Labor & Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav** attended the **8th BRICS Labor and Employment Ministers' Meeting** held under the **Chinese Presidency in Beijing, China**.
- The Ministers of the member countries viz. **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS)** participated in the meeting.

### PM Modi to participate in first-ever I2U2 Summit

- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** attended the **first-ever I2U2 virtual summit** along with US President **Mr. Joe Biden**, Israeli PM **Mr. Yair Lapid**, and UAE President **Mr. Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.
- The **I2U2** is a **four-nation grouping**, in which 'I' stands for **India** and **Israel**, & "U" for the **US** and the **UAE** & was also referred to as the **'West Asian Quad'** by **Ahmed Albanna, Ambassador of the UAE to India**.

### Zimbabwe launches gold coins as legal tender to battle extreme inflation

- The **Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe** has launched the gold coins called **Mosi-oa-Tunya** to be sold to the public in a bid to tackle chronic hyperinflation.
- **Mosi-oa-Tunya**, which in the local Tonga language refers to Victoria Falls.

### The largest pink diamond in 300 years was discovered in Angola - Lulo Rose

- A rare **pink rough diamond** has been discovered by the **miners** at **Lulo alluvial diamond mine**, in **Angola**, and is claimed to be the **largest pink diamond** discovered in the last **300 years**.
- The diamond has been called '**The Lulo Rose**'.
- This is the **fifth largest diamond** from a total of **27 diamonds** with more than **100 carats** extracted to date in the **Lulo mining project**.
- It is **170 carat** in purity and **weighs 34 grams**.

### Indian & Malaysian bodies ink pact to promote palm oil

- The **Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA)** and the **Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC)** have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to further cooperation between the two organizations to promote the usage of palm oil.
- **Wan Aishah Wan Hamid**, CEO of MPOC, and **Sudhakar Desai**, President of IVPA, signed the MoU in **Kuala Lumpur**.

### India among leaders in annual renewable energy investment: UN report

- According to a United Nations (UN) report, 84 percent of nearly \$1 trillion of global investment in energy transition technologies in 2021 was deployed in **China, India, Japan, the US, and Europe**.

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- The findings were presented in the **third brief** of the **Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG)** on Food, Energy, and Finance, which was released by **UN Secretary-General António Guterres** and **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan**.

### WHO Declares Monkeypox as a Global Public Health Emergency of International Concern

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** Director-General Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus declared the **monkeypox** outbreak a **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**.
- The decision was justified, with cases in more than 70 countries, most of which are non-endemic, many with no clear epidemiological links and milder nonspecific clinical presentation.

### UNGA declares access to a clean and healthy environment a universal human right

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a historic resolution declaring access to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, a universal human right.
- The final vote tally was **161** in favor of the resolution, with **8 countries abstaining** from the vote: **China, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Cambodia, Iran, Syria, Kyrgyzstan, and Ethiopia**.

### Canadian Jeffrey Armstrong received the 'Distinguished Indologist for 2021' award:

- Jeffrey Armstrong**, a Canadian Scholar, has been named the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021**.
- Manish, India's consul-general in Vancouver**, presented him with the honor.
- The prize was given to Armstrong "in honor of his remarkable contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, ideas, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilization, society, and so on."

### Bihar college astronomy lab enters on UNESCO heritage list

- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has added a **106-year-old astronomical observatory** at **Langat Singh College in Bihar's Muzaffarpur** to its list of important endangered heritage observatories of the world.

### Russia signs contract to supply Radio Equipments for 24 airports in India

- The Russian enterprise **Scientific and Production Corporation "Radio technical Systems" (RTS)** of Russia has signed a **large-scale contract** with the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** for the **supply of radio equipment**.
- The Russian company will manufacture **34 sets of instrument landing systems (ILS)-734** for the modernization of 24 airports in India.

### India adopts joint statement on cooperation on global supply chains

- India has adopted the **United States Joint Statement on Cooperation on Global Supply Chains** which was released by the **USA Government & the 17 partner economies** during the **Virtual 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial Forum**.
- The partner economies include Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

### Nepal approves India's hydropower board to study, and develop the West Seti project

- Nepal approved India's hydropower board to study and develop **1,200MW hydropower projects** in western Nepal.
- The projects include the **750MW West Seti Hydropower Project** and **450MW Seti River (SR-6)**, a total of 6 joint storage projects.

### International Solar Alliance floats tender for 1150 MW solar project in Cuba

- The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** in partnership with the government of **Cuba** has floated a tender for setting up an **1150 MW solar project** in **Cuba**.
- State-owned **NTPC** is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project.

### Singapore grants National Monument Status to Padang, where Netaji's famous Call 'Chalo Dilli' was immortalized

- The **Government of Singapore** has declared the **iconic green site Padang**, from where **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** gave the slogan of '**Delhi Chalo**' in July 1943, as its **75th national monument** as the city-state celebrates its **57th National Day**.
- On August 9, 2022, the country of **Singapore** celebrated its **57th National Day**



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### British govt officially declares drought in parts of England

- The **British government** stated that **parts of southern, central, and eastern England** had officially moved into **drought status** after a **prolonged period** of hot and dry weather.
- The affected areas are:
  1. Devon and Cornwall
  2. Solent and South Downs
  3. Kent and south London
  4. Herts and north London
  5. East Anglia
  6. Thames
  7. Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire,
  8. The East Midlands.

### UK becomes the first country to approve COVID-19 booster vaccine targeting Omicron strains

- The **United Kingdom (UK)** has become the **first country** to approve **Moderna's "bivalent" COVID-19 vaccine** that targets both the **original strain of COVID-19** and the **newer Omicron variant**.
- The **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)** had approved the Moderna vaccine

### Scotland becomes the first country in the world to make period products free for all

- **Scotland** has become the **first** in the world to **legally protect the right to access free period products** with a new law, the **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act in November 2020**.
- The bill, which was passed unanimously in 2020, was introduced by Scottish Parliament lawmaker **Monica Lennon**, who had campaigned against "**period poverty**"
- Also **New Zealand** and **Kenya**, distribute period products for free in public schools.

### India Nominates Garba To Be Inscribed On UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List

- The **Government of India (GoI)** has nominated the **dance form Garba** to be inscribed on **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) intangible cultural heritage list**.
- The next meeting of **UNESCO** will be held in **November 2022**.
- A total of **14 elements from India** are inscribed on **UNESCO'S list of Intangible Cultural Heritage and Humanity**.
- Garba is a dance form which has originated in **Gujarat, India**.

### IMD, the Government of Japan, and UNDP launch a project to accelerate climate action in India

- **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**, the **Government of Japan**, and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** announced a **new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 states and Union Territories (UT) across India**.
- The initiative will support **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** to achieve net-zero emissions and ensure climate-resilient development.

### India-Mauritius 3rd Joint Committee Meeting 2022 on SME Cooperation held in Delhi

- The **3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022** between the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**, **GoI**, and **Ministry of Business, Enterprises, and Cooperatives of the Republic of Mauritius** for cooperation in the field of **MSMEs** was held in **New Delhi, Delhi**.
- The **Indian** side was led by **Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**, **GoI**, **Shri Narayan Rane**, and the **Mauritius** side was led by **Union Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives, Republic of Mauritius**, **Shri Soomilduth Bholah**.
- During the Mauritius delegation's visit, **two Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on cooperation have also been signed,
- 1. MoU Signed between **SME Mauritius Ltd.** and **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)-Ahmedabad in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.

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2. MoU Signed between **SME Mauritius Ltd.** and **National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ni-MSME)**, an institute under the Ministry of MSME in New Delhi, Delhi.

### Union Agriculture Minister inaugurated the Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables

- The **Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, laid the foundation stone of the **Indo-Israel Center of Excellence (CoE)** for Vegetables in Chandauli Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing.
- The projects were inaugurated by the **Ambassador of Israel in India, Dr. Ron Malka**, **Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, and **Karnataka Chief Minister Shri B. S. Yediyurappa**.

Three CoE mangoes in Kolar, pomegranates in Bagalkot, and Vegetables in Dharwad were established in Karnataka under the **Indo-Israel Agriculture Project (IIAP)**.

### IndiGo joins WEF's sustainable initiative

- **India's largest carrier IndiGo** has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.
- The airline has become a signatory to the **Clear Skies for Tomorrow (CST), India Coalition campaign**.

### India Contributes Rs 3 Crore To Voluntary Trust Funds For Protection Of UN Human Rights

- **India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN), Geneva, Switzerland** revealed that **India** has contributed \$ 400,000 (over Rs 3 crore) to **4 Voluntary Trust Funds**.
- In **2007**, **India** became the **first country** to deploy an **all-women contingent** for the Formed Police Unit to the UN peacekeeping mission in Liberia.

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### Maharashtra launches scheme to offer personal loans for prisoners

- The **Maharashtra** government launched a **scheme to provide personal loans for prisoners**.
- The **Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank** will give loans under the scheme up to **Rs 50,000** at an **interest rate of 7 percent**.

### Goa CM presents the budget of Rs 24, 467crore for FY 2022-23

- Newly-elected Goa Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant** presented the state Budget of **Rs 24, 467crore** for 2022-23 in the legislative assembly.
- Gross State Domestic Product of Goa for 2022-23 - **Rs 91,416.98 crore**, a growth of 7.07 percent.

### AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy virtually inaugurates 13 new districts

- **On April 04, 2022, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** virtually **inaugurated 13 new districts** and the inauguration took place via video conferencing organized at his office camp in Tadepalli in the Guntur district, AP.
- The new districts, which have been carved out from the existing 13 districts, increased the number of districts in the state to 26.

### APSBB and WWF India to develop a state biodiversity strategy and action plan

- The **Arunachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (APSBB)**, in collaboration with **WWF India**, will be developing the **state biodiversity strategy and action plan (SBSAP)** in **New Delhi** during a meeting presided over by state Environment and Forest Minister Mama Natung.

### UP CM Yogi Adityanath to launch 'School Chalo Abhiyan'

- **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched the '**School Chalo Abhiyan**' in a bid to ensure 100 percent enrolment in primary and upper primary schools in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is aimed at shaping the future of primary education and the holistic development of primary schools.

### Karnataka establishes a cooperative bank for milk producers

- **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** Establishing the '**Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank'** is a **revolutionary initiative**, which will provide greater financial strength for the milk producers.

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**MP govt launches Udyam Kranti Yojana scheme to give loans up to Rs 50L with the subsidized interest rate for self-employment**

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Udyam Kranti Yojana' to facilitate self-employment for the youth, in MP.

**Punjab govt to issue digital sale receipts to farmers**

- Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government decided to provide **digital J-Forms** to the farmers across the state from April 1, 2022.

**Tribal festival Sarhul to be celebrated in Jharkhand**

- The most popular tribal celebration across the **Jharkhand** region, the **Sarhul Festival**, denotes the **beginning of the new year**.
- It is celebrated by the tribal communities of the local Sarna religion, most notably by the **Munda, Ho, and Oraon tribes**.

**Maharashtra & NTPC to set up ultra-mega 2500-MW solar power park**

- Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO) will form an equal joint venture with state-run NTPC Ltd to set up an **ultra mega solar park in Maharashtra** with a **2500 MW generation capacity**.

**Community museum inaugurated in Gya - Sasoma villages of Leh district, Ladak**

- The **Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson** inaugurated the **Community Museum at Sasoma village in Gya** in the direction of **preserving and forwarding its rich cultural heritage to future generations**.
- The Community Museum is a collaboration between **National Museum Institute (NMI), New Delhi, and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, Ladakh**.
- Gya is the **first village** and oldest inhabitation in Upper Ladakh.

**Uttarakhand govt implements Him Prahari scheme**

- The **Uttarakhand** government has implemented the **Him Prahari scheme**, which is meant for **ex-servicemen and youngsters**.
- The scheme was announced by the **BJP Uttarakhand unit** in its **2022 Election Manifesto**.
- The scheme aims **To stop the migration of people** from Uttarakhand.
- An **expenditure** of about **Rs 5 crore 45 lakh** is estimated on this scheme.

**Telangana govt launches Telangana's space-tech framework on the metaverse**

- The Telangana government launched its **SpaceTech Framework**, with a vision to establish the state as a **globally recognized one-stop destination for space technology**.
- To encourage private participation in the space industry in line with the recent reforms by the Union government.
- **Amitabh Kant**, CEO, NITI Aayog, **Somanath S**, Chairman, ISRO, and **Dr. Pawan Goenka**, Chairman, IN-SPACe participated in the event.
- The space industry is expected to grow to **\$558 billion by 2026**.

**Telangana To Get World's Largest Electric 3-Wheeler Factory**

- **Telangana** will get its **three-wheeler factory** soon as **California-based Biliti Electric Inc (Biliti)** intends to set up the world's largest factory in the state with a production capacity of **240,000 electric vehicles** each year.
- There will be two phases in which the facility will be built.
- **Phase I** will be developed over **13.5 acres** with the capability to produce **18,000 vehicles per year** and is expected to be operational in early 2023.
- **Phase 2**, the larger facility spread across **200 acres** will be operational in **2024**.

**Assam celebrates Rongali Bohag Bihu Festival**

- One of the biggest festivals of Assam, **Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu**, falls in the **second week of April** every year, marking the **beginning of the harvest period**.
- In 2022 Bohag Bihu was observed from **April 14 to April 16**.

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- The word Bihu is derived from the Sanskrit word **Bishu**, meaning “to ask blessing and prosperity from the Gods” before the harvest season.

### Tripura govt launches new industrial investment promotion scheme

- The **Tripura** government launched the “**Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Incentive Scheme (TIIPIS), 2022**” for the **next 5 years** with effect from **1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027**.
- Under this scheme, various subsidies would be provided to companies and **Self Help Groups** for setting up industries in Tripura.

### Minorities Rights Day is to be observed annually on Dec 18

- Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare **Gingee K S Masthan** announced every year on **December 18** the **Tamil Nadu** government will observe **Minorities Rights Day** at the state level and about **Rs 2.50 lakh** will be earmarked for the purpose.
- A sum of **Rs 2.75 crore** would be provided as an aid to the students.

### Rajasthan Becomes First State to Install L-Route Server

- **Rajasthan** has become the **first state** in the country to **install an L-Route server** for **uninterrupted internet services**.
- This server, installed at **Bhamashah State Data Center**, has been installed by the government in association with the **Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**.

### Shivamogga Airport To Be Named After Karnataka BS Yediyurappa

- Karnataka Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** announced that the under-construction **Shivamogga airport** will be named **after former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa**.
- The required proposal, to name the airport after Yediyurappa, will be sent to the **civil aviation ministry**.
- The project has been taken up under the **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) program**.
- The construction of the airport, which will have the **second longest runway (3,299 meters)** after Bengaluru airport, began only in 2020.

### Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to get 100% digital buses with the 'Tap In, Tap Out' facility

- Maharashtra State Environment Minister **Aaditya Thackeray**, inaugurated the city's first completely **digital bus** on the Gateway of India to Churchgate route, with a unique '**Tap-in Tap-out**' feature.
- **Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST)** is India's first bus service to go completely digital.
- It provides ease and convenience to travelers as they can tap in using their smart card or via the '**Chalo**' app installed on their smartphones.
- Initially, the '**Tap-in Tap-out**' feature will be available in two buses only, but service providers are likely to deploy this digital bus service on 200 routes in the city soon.

### J&K's Village Palli becomes India's first carbon-neutral panchayat

- The nondescript hamlet of **Palli** in **Jammu and Kashmir**'s border district of **Samba** has become the **country's first 'carbon neutral panchayat'** with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicating to the nation a **500 KV solar plant**, installed in a record time of nearly three weeks.
- Under the central government's 'Gram Urja Swaraj program, all **1,500 solar panels** put up in a **total area of 6,408 square meters** will provide clean electricity to **340 houses** in the model panchayat.
- The project was completed at **Rs 2.75 crore** in a record time.
- The electricity generated will be distributed to the village, having a **daily requirement of 2,000 units**, through the local power grid station.

### India's first radio channel for the visually-impaired 'Radio Aksh' launched in Nagpur

- India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in **Nagpur** with the **Blind Relief Association Nagpur** and **Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham)**.
- This concept was created to **help the visually-impaired gain seamless access to education resources and audiobooks**.
- Unlike FM and AM, Internet Radio has **no geographical limits** & the Content is pre-recorded.

### Jharkhand's Jamtara becomes the country's first district with a library in every village



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- **Jamtara in Jharkhand** has become the **only district** in the country where **all gram panchayats** have **community libraries**.
- This district with a population of about **eight lakh** has a **total of 118-gram panchayats** under **six blocks** and each panchayat has a well-equipped library that is open for students from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

### **Agra becomes 1st city to have vacuum-based sewer systems**

- **Agra** has become the **first city** in the country to have **vacuum-based sewer systems used in public places**.
- Agra Smart City has connected **240 such houses near the Taj Mahal** with vacuum-based sewers where conventional sewer systems can not be used.
- It has been constructed at **Rs 5 crore**.

### **India's 1st Flow Chemistry Technology hub set up in Hyderabad**

- The **Telangana** government together with industry partners set up a 'Flow Chemistry Technology' hub at **Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS)**.
- The hub was formally inaugurated by **Jayesh Ranjan**, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments, Govt of Telangana.

### **India's first tribal health observatory to come up in Odisha**

- The **Government of Odisha** has initiated the process for the establishment of **India's 1st "Tribal Health Observatory"** for ensuring **equity in tribal health in Odisha**.

### **Maharashtra became India's 1st state to develop a Migration Tracking System app**

- The **Maharashtra** government has developed a website-based **migration tracking system (MTS)** application to map the **movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant workers** through individual **unique identity numbers**.

### **India's first gene bank to preserve biodiversity - Maharashtra Gene Bank**

- The **Maharashtra** Cabinet approved the '**Maharashtra Gene Bank**', the **first-of-its-kind project in India**.
- To document native natural resources and conserve them with local communities to ensure biodiversity conservation and the inclusion of traditional knowledge.
- A budget of **₹172.39 crores** for **five years** has been approved.

### **Chhattisgarh govt launches scheme for doorstep delivery of 100 public services - Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojna'**

- The **Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh** launched a titled '**Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojna**' (Mitaan stands for a friend), which will be implemented as a pilot project in **14 civic bodies**, including the state capital **Raipur** and cities like **Durg, Bilaspur, and Rajnandgaon**.

### **Assam signs tripartite agreement with AFD, and ONFI for wildlife protection**

- A Tripartite Park and Biodiversity Partnership MoU between the **Government of Assam, Agence Francaise de Development (AFD), and Office National des Forets International (ONFI)** for exchanging expertise and sharing of knowledge between the partners on various aspects of wildlife protection management was signed.

### **Bihar boasts of India's first greenfield grain-based ethanol plant**

- **Bihar** has the distinction of being the first state in the country **to set up a greenfield grain-based ethanol production plant**.
- Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** inaugurated the state's first ethanol production plant in the **Purnia** district.

### **Telangana govt extends insurance coverage under 'Nethanna Bima' scheme**

- **Telangana** State Government has announced the **extension of insurance coverage to handloom and power loom weavers** under the '**Nethanna Bima**' (Weaver's Insurance) Scheme.
- The State Government has issued orders to extend insurance **coverage of 5 lakh rupees** for weavers under the Insurance Scheme on par with farmers' insurance schemes.

### **JKFDC & NFDC to Organize J&K National Film Festival**

- **Jammu and Kashmir Film Development Council** in collaboration with the **National Film Development Corporation** and the **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**, is organizing the **first-ever National Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir** from **15th to 20th June 2022**.

### **Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri Launches OBPS in Sikkim**

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched the **Online Building Permission System (OBPS)** in **Sikkim**.



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### 'Miyan ka Bada' railway station in Rajasthan was renamed 'Mahesh Nagar halt'

- The name of a railway station in Rajasthan's Barmer district, Miyan ka Bada' railway station name changed to 'Mahesh Nagar halt' was held in the Balotra area of Barmer district.
- The renamed station was finally inaugurated on **April 30, 2022**.

### The government of Maharashtra ties up with IFC to strengthen medical education

- The **Medical Education and Drugs Department (MEDD)** and **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** have joined forces to prioritize healthcare projects with an emphasis on **medical education** under the **public-private partnership (PPP) model** in Maharashtra.

### Manipur CM Biren Singh launches Direct Benefit Transfer for organic farmers

- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched the Direct Benefit Transfer for **18,000 registered farmers** under **Horticulture Department for Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), Phase- III (2020-23)**.
- Direct Benefit Transfer of **11,250 rupees per farmer** for the components of assistance for on-farm input for both the first year and second year and off-farm inputs production for the first year was transferred to the individual registered farmer's account.

### Kerala Govt To Launch App For Diagnosing, Controlling Lifestyle Diseases - Shaili App

- The **Kerala** government is set to launch an **Android app** named the '**Shaili App**'.
- To **diagnose and control lifestyle diseases** among people in the southern State.
- The app has been set up as part of the population-based screening project launched by the **Health Department** under the **Nava Kerala Karma plan**.

### Haryana Govt Launches 'e-Adhigam' Scheme

- The **Haryana** government has launched the **e-Adhigam scheme** under which nearly **three lakh tablets** were distributed to government school students in **grades 10 and 12**.
- These devices come with pre-loaded content along with personalized and adaptive learning software, and **2GB of free data**.

### Maharashtra Govt launches Jivhala Scheme for Prisoners

- The **Maharashtra Department of Prisons** has launched a **loan scheme** called **Jivhala** for **inmates** serving sentences in **jails** across **Maharashtra**, being offered by the **Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank**.
- The pilot was introduced for prisoners at Yerawada Central Jail in Pune, and will gradually be extended to nearly **60 prisons** across Maharashtra.

### Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin announces nutritious breakfast scheme

- To mark the completion of the **DMK government's first anniversary**, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced that **all Government primary school students** from **1st to 5th standards** will be provided **nutritious breakfast** on all working days.

### Rajasthan Becomes First 10 GW Solar State of India

- As per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan became the **first state in India** to surpass **10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations**.
- Rajasthan has a total of **32.5 GW of installed power capacity**, with renewables contributing **55%**, followed by thermal energy at **43%**, and nuclear energy making up for the remaining **2%**.

### Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana

- Under the '**Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana**', a total of **25,000 households** in **East Delhi** will be provided **free sewer connections**.
- To prevent sewage from landing in the Yamuna river.
- These free connections will be provided in **12 colonies** in Karawal Nagar, Mustafabad, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Chandu Nagar, and parts of Khajuri Khas.

### MP govt launches 2nd phase of Ladli Laxmi scheme

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched the **second phase of the Ladli Laxmi scheme (Ladli Laxmi scheme-2.0)**.
- Around **7,500 Ladli Laxmis** will be present in the program.



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- The scheme has been implemented by the government of Madhya Pradesh since **2007** to enhance the **economic and educational status of the girls**.

### **Manipur's Poumai Naga Areas Declared ' Drug-Free Zone'**

- In **Manipur**, the **Poumai tribe** has declared that **Poumai inhabited areas** will be a **Drug-Free Zone** supporting the **State government's War on Drug campaign**.
- This is the **first such case** where the whole community has extended their support to fight against the menace of drugs in the state.

### **Azure Power commissions a 90 MW solar project in Assam**

- India's leading sustainable energy solutions provider and renewable power producer, **Azure Power** has successfully commissioned its **90 MW solar power project in Assam**, the largest in the state.
- The 90 MW of solar capacity is spread across four districts in Assam – **Udalguri, Kamrup, Nagaon, and Cachar**.

### **Prominent crossing in Ayodhya to be named after Lata Mangeshkar**

- In remembrance of **Lata Mangeshkar**, a new crossroad is set to be developed in **Ayodhya** that will be named after the **late legendary singer to honor her memory**.
- The order for this new construction was issued by **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** to the DM during his Ayodhya review meeting.

### **Lokpal to get a permanent office at World Trade Centre in Delhi**

- The **Lokpal of India** is set to move into a permanent office at **World Trade Centre in south Delhi's Nauroji Nagar**.
- According to the **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)**, the administrative Ministry for the Lokpal, the government has bought over **59,000 square feet** of land in World Tower Centre in Nauroji Nagar for **Rs 254.88 crore**.

### **Haryana launches scheme for fodder growers - Chaara-Bijaee Yojana**

- Haryana agriculture and farmers' welfare minister JP Dalal launched **Chaara-Bijaee Yojana** (fodder cultivation scheme) for farmers.

### **Chhattisgarh becomes 1st state to restore old pension scheme**

- Chhattisgarh has become the **first state** in the country to **restore the old pension scheme** to provide assured income to retired employees.
- The Chhattisgarh government has sent a proposal to the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** for the **withdrawal of Rs 17,000 crore** accrued under the **National Pension Scheme** since November 2004.

### **Rajasthan's Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve**

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has announced that The **Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan** was notified as **India's 52nd tiger reserve**
- It is **Rajasthan's fourth tiger reserve after Ranthambore Tiger Reserve (RTR) in Sawai Madhopur, Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) in Alwar, and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) in Kota**.

### **Punjab CM Mann launches 'Lok Milni' for redressal of grievances of people**

- **Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant** has launched a first-of-its-kind public interaction program, '**Lok Milni**', on hearing the grievances of people and issuing directions for their redressal.
- To provide a **single-window platform** to the people for the redressal of their complaints.

### **Delhi Government Announces Delhi Startup Policy for Entrepreneurs**

- The **Delhi Cabinet** has approved the **implementation of the Delhi Startup Policy**.

### **Aim :**

- To create business leaders and entrepreneurs from among the youth and make Delhi the **startup destination of the world**.

### **Kerala to launch India's 1st state-owned OTT platform**

- The **Government of Kerala** will launch a **first-of-its-kind initiative** state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform, named '**CSpace**', on **November 1** (coinciding with **Kerala's formation day** ).
- The Platform offers **film lovers an array of movies, short films, and documentaries** of their choice.

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- The name of the OTT platform is CSpace, revealed by **Minister for Cultural Affairs Shri Saji Cherian**.
- The platform is an initiative of **Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC)** on behalf of the state government, through video conferencing at a function in **Kalabhavan Theater**.

### India's largest lithium-ion battery plant begins production in Gujarat

- **Nexcharge**, a joint venture between India's **Exide Industries Limited** and Swiss-based **Leclanché SA**, has started the **mass production of the nation's largest lithium-ion battery packs** at its factory in **Prantij, Gujarat**.
- The plant, which is spread across **6,10,098 sq ft (total area)** is the largest in India for the production of li-ion battery packs and modules (pouch/ prismatic/ cylindrical).
- The facility has **6 fully automated assembly lines** and testing labs with an installed capacity of **1.5 GWh** and will cater to energy storage systems for India's electric vehicle market and grid-based applications.

### Punjab Cabinet approves Rs 1,500 per acre incentive for farmers

- The **Punjab Cabinet** approved an **incentive of Rs 1,500 per acre for farmers** sowing **paddy** through the **direct seeding of rice (DSR) technique**.
- The incentive scheme was approved by the Cabinet in a meeting headed by chief minister **Shri Bhagwant Mann**.
- A total of **₹450 crores** has been earmarked to provide an incentive to farmers for the promotion of the less water-consuming and cost-effective DSR technique
- Under the DSR technique, paddy seeds are **drilled** into the **field** with the help of a machine that does the **seeding of rice and spray of herbicide** simultaneously.

### J&K Organize First ever Bird Festival to promote sustainable ecotourism

- **Jammu & Kashmir** will soon organize the first-of-its-kind, **Bird Festival to promote sustainable ecotourism** and give impetus to nature-based alternative sources of livelihood for the local people.
- The festival is being planned to be held in **Pahalgam** and **Dachigam** areas.
- This was disclosed in a meeting of officers held here chaired by the **Secretary, of Tourism & Culture, Mr. Sarmad Hafeez**.
- The festival would jointly be organized by the **Tourism Department, Forests, and Wildlife Departments** with the support of **Sanctuary Nature Foundation**, a Mumbai-based organization working for the preservation of birds and other wildlife.

### Delhi Government Inducts 2 Robots In Its Firefighting Fleet

- The **Delhi government** has inducted a unique initiative of using **robots** for **extinguishing fires in Delhi**.
- This comes days after a massive fire ripped through a building in **Mundka**, killing **27 people**.
- For the **first time**, such remote control robots have been brought into the country which is capable of controlling fire remotely.

### TN govt launches Integrated Agriculture Development Project in districts

- Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** remotely launched **Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Project** in the districts of **Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, and Erode**.
- The program will be jointly implemented by the **State Agriculture Department** in close coordination with the **Rural Development Department** in all the 12,525 village panchayats across Tamil Nadu for **five years**.

### Tripura adopts an EV policy, to convert 10% of the state's vehicles to electric

- The new **Tripura Cabinet** headed by **CM Manik Saha** has decided to adopt the **Tripura Electric Vehicle Policy 2022**, to promote electric vehicles, cut down on environmental pollution, and uphold Tripura as an **eco-friendly tourist destination**.

### Aim :

- To convert **10 percent** of Tripura's vehicles i.e. **6,000 vehicles** into Electric Vehicles out of 60,000 registered vehicles in the **next 5 years**.

### India's first Olympic Values Education Programme launched in Odisha

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** launched **India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP)** by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** in Odisha.

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- The OVEP has been developed in partnership with the **Government of Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education** and the **Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT)**.

### UP energy minister Shri AK Sharma launches 'SAMBHAV' portal

- **Uttar Pradesh minister for urban development and energy, Shri A K Sharma** launched **SAMBHAV or Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value portal** - [www.sambhav.up.gov.in](http://www.sambhav.up.gov.in) platform/portal that will monitor public grievances, programs, schemes, projects, and policies of **Urban Development and Energy Departments of Uttar Pradesh** government effectively and transparently.

### Uttarakhand becomes the 1st Indian state to roll out the drone in healthcare

- **Redcliffe Labs, a unit of Redcliffe Lifetech in the U.S.**, has come up with its **first commercial drone flight** in **Uttarakhand** in the **Indian healthcare sector**.
- The commercial drone corridor between **Uttarkashi** and **Dehradun**
- The project was part of the **Redcliffe and Sky Air tie-up** and they have conducted **40 successful trials** in **North India**.

### Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurates & lays foundation stones for various infrastructure projects in Arunachal Pradesh

- Union Home Minister **Shri Amit Shah** has inaugurated & laid the foundation stones of various infrastructure projects worth **Rs.1180 crore** in **Arunachal Pradesh** during a public meeting at **Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Shri Amit Shah termed Arunachal Pradesh a **Jewel in India's Crown**.

### Kolkata becomes 1st metro city to get its biodiversity register

- **Kolkata mayor, Firhad Hakim** announced **Kolkata** has become the **first major metropolitan city in India** to make a detailed biodiversity register.
- On the occasion of **UN International Biodiversity Day (22 May)**, **Kolkata Municipal Corporation** released the **People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)**.
- The document is prepared by the **biodiversity management committee (BMC)** of the civic body under the supervision of the state biodiversity board and with help from NGOs.

### 4th edition of Shirui Lily Festival 2022 begins in Manipur

- The **4th Edition of State-Level Shirui Lily Festival 2022** began at **Shirui Village Ground in Ukhrul district, Manipur** from **May 25 to May 28, 2022**.
- The annual festival is organized by the **Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur**.
- It is the **four-day long festival** inaugurated by the **Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan** and the **Chief Minister N. Biren Singh**.

### Rajasthan becomes 1st state to create health accounts in association with WHO

- **Rajasthan** is the **first state** in the country to **institutionalize health accounts** which will help in estimating the amount spent on the health sector and its impact with the help of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.
- The state began registration for **Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana** under which each family in the state can claim up to **Rs five lakh** a year for medical expenses.

### Delhi Customs launches Project 'NIGAH' at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram

- **Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone, Shri Surjit Bhujabal** inaugurated project '**NIGAH**' at **ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram**.
- Project NIGAH is an initiative to track containers by using **ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module)** which will help in better visibility of the container movement inside the ICD.

### Rajasthan govt approves revised criteria for Indira Gandhi Shehri Rozgar Guarantee Yojana

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** has approved **new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'**.

### About 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana' :

- It is a New Urban Employment Scheme announced by **Ashok Gehlot** in the **2022-23 budget**.

### Aim :

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- To employ in urban areas on the lines of the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**.

### Telangana Launches a Single-Pick Cotton Pilot Project

- The government of **Telangana** has launched a **single-pick cotton pilot project on 50,000 acres**.
- This method will help **increase yields by up to 40%**.

### Nanjarayan Tank to become Tamil Nadu's 17th bird sanctuary

- **Tamil Nadu Minister for Forests K. Ramachandran** announced in the Assembly, that **Nanjarayan Tank in Tiruppur district is the 17th bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu**.
- An initial **amount of ₹ 7.5 crores** has been allocated for the works.
- Also, **Slender loris sanctuaries** will be established in **Dindigul and Karur districts** with **Rs 5 crore**.

### International Day of Yoga to be observed in Karnataka on June 21, 2022

- **Minister Ayush Sarbanand Sonowal** announced that the main event of the **8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2022** will be held at **Mysore in Karnataka on June 21, 2022**.
- The idea of an International Day of Yoga was first proposed by the **Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi**, during his speech at the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), on 27 September 2014**.

### Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai launches health & wellness app AAYU

- **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** launched a **new health and wellness app AAYU** to address and help heal **chronic diseases** and lifestyle disorders through **yoga and meditation**.
- The app has been developed by **Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA)** in partnership with **RESET TECH**, an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform.

### Skill India International Centre is to be established in Varanasi to prepare a skilled workforce for global markets

- A **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** and UAE's **DP World** for the development of **Skill India International Centre at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** in the presence of **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** and **UAE minister Dr. Ahmad Belhoul** in New Delhi.
- It will impart skilling as per international standards, preparing the candidates for global markets.

### Maharashtra re-emerges as top sugar producer in India

- After a five-year gap, **Maharashtra** has overtaken **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** to regain its position as **India's top sugar producer**.
- Maharashtra's output for the **2021-22 crushing year (October-September)** at **138 lakh tonnes (lt)** & is at an all-time high, beating the previous 107.21 in 2018-19.
- The first is the bountiful rainfall Maharashtra has been receiving since the 2019 southwest monsoon season (June-September).

### Punjab govt launches e-stamp facility Instead Of Paper Stamp

- **Punjab Revenue Minister Mr. Bram Shanker Jimpa** launched the **'e-stamp facility to abolish physical stamp papers** to bring more efficiency and check the pilferage of state revenue.
- The stamp paper of any denomination can now be obtained via e-stamp (computerized print-out) from any stamp vendor or banks authorized by the state government.
- Earlier the e-stamping facility applied only to values **above Rs.20,000**.

### Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' launched for pregnant women in Rajasthan

- A **Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal'** has been launched in the Karauli district of **Rajasthan for pregnant women**.
- **More than 13,000 women have benefited from this Abhiyan**.



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### Delhi to rename streets and colonies after Babasaheb Ambedkar

- The Delhi government is set to **replace the word 'Harijan'** with **names of colonies & streets** and name them after **Babasaheb Ambedkar** instead.
- The proposal has come in the wake of the central government's guideline advising against the use of the word "**Harijan**", considered derogatory by scheduled caste communities.

### Andhra Pradesh CM Launches "ACB 14400" App To File Corruption Complaints

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the ACB '14400' app developed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), to register **corruption-related complaints** against officials in the state.
- The application can be downloaded from **Google's Play Store**.

### J&K rolls out accidental insurance cover of Rs 15 lakh for govt employees

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha rolled out the '**Accidental Insurance Scheme**' for employees of the J&K Government.

### Blue Duke Declared as State Butterfly Of Sikkim

- On the occasion of **World Environment Day** on June 05, 2022, Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang has declared **Blue Duke the state butterfly**.
- Of the **720 species** of butterflies found in Sikkim, Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly securing **57% votes** in a recent online poll conducted by the Forest Department & while **Krishna Peacock (Papilio Krishna)** secured **43% votes**.

### Tamil Nadu CM Flags off Luxury Cruise liner Empress From Chennai Port

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Shri MK Stalin flagged off the **luxury cruise liner "Empress"** from Chennai port.
- Tourism Minister Shri M Mathiventhan and Tourism department secretary Shri B Chandra Mohan participated in the inaugural function.

### NABARD Chairman launches My Pad My Right program in Leh

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Chairman Dr. GR Chintala launched the **My Pad My Right program, in Leh**
- The program was launched by Nabard's NabFoundation with machinery and materials for **Seven and a half Lakh rupees**.

### Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot announces Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for sportspersons

- While addressing the inauguration and the player award ceremony at **Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur**, The Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot announced the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** will be introduced for **sportspersons in Rajasthan**.
- He inaugurated Rajasthan High-Performance Sports and Rehabilitation Centre, Renovated Synthetic Hockey Astro Turf and Badminton Indoor Hall, and Olympic and also awarded Para Olympic medalists, Asian Games-2022 and Commonwealth Games-2022 players.

### Arignar Anna Zoological Park Introduces Use of Plastic Bottles in a Unique Way

- The Arignar Anna Zoological Park (Vandalur Zoo), Chennai, Tamil Nadu has introduced a new method to **check the littering of plastic bottles** inside its premises.
- The Park is one such park that is worried about the increasing pollution near the park which is threatening the animals.

### Govt of TN launches Nalaya Thiran skilling program for college students

- Under the **Tamil Nadu Govt's Naan Mudhalvan (I am the first)**, it launched the program called **Nalaya Thiran (Tomorrow's ability)**.
- Under this Programme, the Tamil Nadu government will train **nearly 50,000 college students** with knowledge in computer science, electronics, and IT domains, skilling them in problem-solving using technologies.

### Goa CM launches Beach Vigil App for Beach Management

- The **chief minister of Goa Shri Pramod Sawant** launched a "**Beach Vigil App**".
- To benefit both the travelers as well as those working in the tourism sector, for holistic management of the beaches.

### Maharashtra gets 12 new conservation reserves and 3 wildlife sanctuaries

- The **18th Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife (MSBWL)** chaired by **Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackeray** approved **12 new conservation reserves & 3 wildlife sanctuaries** in Maharashtra.



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- It will have an area of almost **1,000 sq km** (around **692.74 sq km** for conservation reserves and **303 sq km** for wildlife sanctuaries) which is twice the size of Mumbai city's **482 sq km**.

### World's 1st Fishing Cat Survey Pegs Its Population at Chilika Lake At 176:

- A new survey at the **Chilika Lake**, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon in **Odisha**, has provided the **world's first population estimation of the fishing cat**.
- Conducted outside the protected area by the **Chilika Development Authority** in collaboration with **The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP)**, the survey stated that the lake has **176 fishing cats**.

### Sital Sasthi festival is being celebrated in Odisha

- A week-long special sacred **Hindu festival, Sital Sasthi** is being celebrated in **Odisha**.
- The festival highlights the **marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati**.
- According to the Hindu calendar, Sital Sasthi is observed on the **6th day of the Jyestha month** during the Shukla Paksha.

### AP CM Jagan Launches YSR Yantra Seva Scheme & flags of the state-level distribution of tractors

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched **YSR Yantra Seva Scheme** and flagged off the mega distribution of **tractors** and combine harvesters at **Chuttugunta Centre in the Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh**.
- Minister Thaneti Vanita, Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, Ambati Rambabu, and other officials were present at the events.

### Assam celebrates the Baikho festival for good rain and harvest

- People in India's northeastern state of **Assam** celebrated the **Baikho festival** which is called the gateway to northeast India.
- The Baikho festival is celebrated by the **Rabha tribes in India**.

### Kerala CM inaugurates cancer research center in Kochi

- Karkinos Healthcare**, a technology-driven, oncology focussed managed **health care platform**, has launched the '**Advanced Centre for Cancer Diagnostics and Research** in Kochi.
- The center was inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**.

### Karnataka govt launches 'FRUITS' software for farmer schemes

- The **Karnataka** government has launched the **Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System** or **FRUITS software** for farmers.
- The software was developed by **National Informatics Centre, Karnataka unit** while the crop survey application has been developed by **Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation**.

### Delhi government Partners with the UNDP to set up an oxygen generation plant at G B Pant Hospital

- Delhi Government in partnership with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India**, has set up an oxygen generation plant at G. B. Pant Hospital in Delhi to augment the oxygen supply capabilities.
- The oxygen plant utilizes pressure swing adsorption (PSA) technology to produce over one thousand liters of oxygen per minute.
- It will serve approximately 750 hospital beds, including those supported by ventilators and the Intensive Care Unit.

### Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin launches Ennum Ezhuthum scheme

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** launched the **State government's ambitious Ennum Ezhuthum Mission**, to bridge the learning gap that was caused due to the COVID pandemic among **students aged below 8** at an event in **Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school, Tiruvallur**.
- Under the program, the education department will distribute workbooks to **students from Classes 1 to 3** to assess and bridge the learning gap.
- The program is designed to help each child individually and a high-level committee has been formed for the purpose.

### Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launches pilot project for 'Sujal' initiative to conserve water

- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched a **pilot project** the '**Sujal**' initiative for **Panchkula** to **monitor the water supply** and control its flow in the region.
- Under the initiative, a device will be installed in every drinking water meter, tube well, and connection of **Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP)** that will store the water usage data online.

### UP govt to prioritize 'Agniveers' for recruitment in police, related services



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- **Uttar Pradesh chief minister Shri Yogi Adityanath** announced the government will give priority to 'Agniveers'—soldiers recruited in the Army, Navy, and Air Force on short-term contracts under the special 'Agnipath' scheme.
- The Agniveers will get priority in recruitment to **police and related services** in the state.

### **Himachal Pradesh becomes the 1st Indian state to approve a policy for drones**

- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the **first state** in the country to formally acknowledge the public use of drones.
- The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' was approved by chief minister **Shri Jai Ram Thakur**.

#### **Aim :**

- To propagate the use of drone-enabled technology in different sectors such as defense, transport, health, agriculture, and more.

### **MIAL Launches Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV System**

- **Mumbai International Airport, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)** has become **India's first airport** to launch a one-of-its-kind Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill) to explore the **possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport**.
- With this, **Mumbai** will become the **first city in India to establish a one-of-its-kind hybrid power project at its airport**.

### **Assam Govt joins hands with NLC India to Set Up 1 GW Solar Power Plant**

- The state-run thermal energy giant **NLC** will set up a **1 GW solar project** in the **Indian state of Assam** in a joint venture with the state government.
- The PV installation will entail an investment of **INR 5,000 crore**.
- NLC India would hold a **51 percent** stake in the solar joint venture.
- The electricity from the plant would be bought by Assam at a tariff that would give a **12 percent** return on equity.

### **PM Shri Modi inaugurates B R Ambedkar School of Economics campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka**

- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **new campus of Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University** in Bengaluru, **Karnataka**.
- He also unveiled a **statue of the architect of the Indian Constitution** installed on the campus.
- During the event, he also unveiled **150 Technology Hubs** that have been developed by transforming the **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** across Karnataka.

### **UPEIDA signs MoUs with PSBs to boost investment in UP Defense Industrial Corridor**

- **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** has signed MoUs with the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, **Bank of Baroda (BOB)**, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**, and **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** to boost investment in the **UP Defense Industrial Corridor**.
- As per the agreement, the bank will provide financial assistance in the form of ease of doing business to investors in the **UP Defense Industrial Corridor**.

### **World Bank approves project to promote rain-fed farming in Uttarakhand**

- The **World Bank** has approved a project named **Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming** worth **Rs 1,000 crore** to promote rain-fed farming in the hilly regions of **Uttarakhand**.
- The Project will be implemented by the **watershed department**.

#### **Aim :**

- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions for funding by the World Bank.

### **Gujarat becomes 1st state to launch 'Balika Panchayat'**

- **Gujarat** has become the **first state** to launch **Balika Panchayat (girl Panchayat)** in **India**.

#### **Aim :**

- To promote the **social and political development** of the **girls** and ensure their active participation of girls in politics.
- This is a unique initiative of the **Women and Child Development Welfare department** of the **Gujarat Government** under the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' campaign.
- It has been started in **Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar** villages of the **Kutch district**.

### **Gujarat CM launches 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'**

- The **Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel** launched the **17th edition of 'Shala Praveshotsav'**, an annual drive to enroll students in **Class 1** in **Gujarat**.

#### **Aim :**



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- To increase the enrollment of students in primary schools in Gujarat.
- The 3-day enrollment drive begins from **Memadpur primary school** in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district.

### **Karnataka CM Shri Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates India's largest IKEA store**

- **Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Basavaraj Bommai** inaugurated **IKEA's Nagasandra store**, a leading Swedish home furnishing retailer in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The Bengaluru store is **IKEA's 3rd outlet in India** after the ones in **Hyderabad** and **Mumbai**.
- The store is the largest IKEA outlet in the country and is located close to the **Nagasandra station of the Bengaluru Namma metro**.

### **Karnataka govt signs MoUs to help women SHGs, promote organic farming**

- The **Government of Karnataka** signed **2 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** to strengthen the economic activities of **women's self-help groups** and facilitate organic farmers to sell their produce **directly to consumers**.
- The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of the Minister for Livelihood **C N Ashwath Narayan**.
- On behalf of the government, **Sanjeevini – Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS)** and **National Rural Economic Transformation Programme (NRETP)**, exchanged MoUs with the institutions.
- Out of the 2 MoUs, one was with **IIM-B a business school to help women in self-help groups**.
- Another one was signed with **Subhiksha, a vertically integrated multi-state cooperative society** that promotes **organic farming**.

### **Delhi International Airport Limited introduces RFID-enabled baggage tag "BAGG TRAX" at Delhi Airport arrivals**

- **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)** has introduced **Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID)-enabled personalized Baggage Tag "BAGG TRAX"**, a first-of-its-kind facility in the country that will share details in real-time about when and on which belt a passenger's luggage is arriving.

### **26th Sindhu Darshan Yatra begins in Leh, Ladakh**

- The **4-day 26th Sindhu Darshan Yatra** began with festive fervor in **Leh, Ladakh**.
- Taking forward the theme of "**Unity & Integrity**" of the nation and the concept of "**Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat**", this national Sindhu festival was inaugurated by **Union Territory of Leh-Ladakh Lieutenant Governor His Excellency Radha Krishna Mathur**.

### **BLS International inks pact with West Bengal for computerization, e-governance of registration offices**

- **BLS International Services**, a tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, has entered into an agreement with the **West Bengal** government for the computerization and e-governance of registration offices in the **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** model in the Presidency Zone.
- BLS International Services has been selected by the **Directorate of Registration and Stamp Revenue, Govt. of West Bengal**.

### **Syngenta India launches price guarantee insurance scheme for chili farmers**

- **Syngenta India** has entered into an exclusive **agreement** with the **Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC)**.

#### **Aim :**

- To safeguard Chili farmers from **unfavorable price fluctuations** due to unpredictable market conditions.
- This is considered to be the **first initiative** in the market to ensure the crop against the fluctuation of prices.

### **Israel & Government of Haryana Sign Joint Declaration On Water Cooperation**

- Israel and the **Haryana government** signed a **joint declaration on integrated water resources management and capacity building**.
- The joint declaration was signed by **Ambassador Eynat Shlein, Head of MASHAV- Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel**, and the **Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Government of Haryana**.

### **Uttarakhand govt Presents Rs 65,571.49 crore budget**

- The **Uttarakhand Finance Minister Shri Prem Chand Aggrawal** has tabled a **Rs 65,571.49 crore budget for 2022-23 in the state assembly in Dehradun, Uttarakhand**.
- The proposed **Rs 65,571.49 crore budget** includes **Rs 49,013.31 crore of revenue expenditure and Rs 16,558.18 crore of capital expenditure**.



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- The total estimated receipts during the financial year stood at **Rs 63,774.55 crore**.

### Assam Cabinet approves JV company with Railways to boost network

- The Assam Cabinet approved the formation of a joint venture **Assam Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (ARIDCL)** between the **Assam government** and the **railway ministry** to increase the **railway network in Assam**.
- The meeting was chaired by **Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma**.
- The state government will hold a share of **51 percent** and the railway ministry will hold the remaining **49 percent**.

### BSE collaborates with MACCIA to create awareness of SME listing across Maharashtra

- Leading stock exchange **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has collaborated with the **Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (MACCIA)** to promote and create awareness in **Maharashtra** on the benefits of listing on its **Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) platform**.
- Through this partnership, BSE will provide **intellectual and manpower support to enterprises** registered with the MACCIA to get listed on the BSE SME platform.
- Recently, **BSE signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Federal Bank** to promote the listing of **SMEs and startups**.
- To date, **375 companies** have been listed on the BSE SME Platform and have raised a little over **Rs 3,997 crore** from the market.

### Karnataka Govt Launches 'Kashi Yatra' Scheme for Pilgrims

- The **Karnataka** government launched the **Kashi Yatra project** offering **cash assistance of Rs 5,000** to each of the **30,000 pilgrims** willing to take up a pilgrimage to **Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh**.
- For this scheme, the government will be using funds of up to **₹7 crores** from the accounts head of '**Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims**'.

### Punjab FM presents Rs 1,55,860 crore for Budget 2022

- Punjab finance minister **Shri Harpal Singh Cheema** presented the **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)** government's **first budget of a ₹1,55,859.78-crore** which reflects **14.20 percent growth** as compared to 2021-22.
- The state's outstanding debt would rise to **₹305361.44 crores** in the 2022-23 financial year.
- The **revenue deficit** and **fiscal deficit** have been pegged at **1.99%** and **3.78%**, respectively.
- This was for the **first time** that Punjab presented a **paperless budget**.

### Kerala Govt to roll out MEDISEP scheme for State Government employees

- The **Kerala Government** has unveiled the largest-ever health insurance scheme named **Medical Insurance Scheme for State Employees and Pensioners (MEDISEP)** which will be effective from **July 1st, 2022**.

### Telangana govt launches T-hub facility

- Chief Minister of Telangana **Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao** is scheduled to **inaugurate** the new facility of **business incubator T-Hub in Hyderabad**.
- The new T-hub facility in Hyderabad will be a great **boost** to the **Indian startup ecosystem**.

### Maharashtra Cabinet approves renaming Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar, Osmanabad as Dharashiv

- The **Maharashtra cabinet** under the **chairmanship of Shri Uddhav Thackeray** approved a proposal to **rename Aurangabad city as Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad city as Dharashiv**.
- The cabinet also cleared a proposal to name the upcoming **Navi Mumbai International airport** after the **late DB Patil**, the leader of the Project Affected People of Raigad and Thane district.

### Maharashtra signs MoU with AGEL for 11000 MW power generation:

- The **Maharashtra government's Energy department** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL)** to generate **11000 MW of green power** in the **next 5 years**.
- The MoU was signed by **Narayan Karad**, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy, Maharashtra, and **Ajit Barodia**, Senior Vice President, Adani Industries Group.

### Himachal Pradesh CM launches 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme; women to get 50% concession on bus fare

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- The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shri Jai Ram Thakur launched **Naari Ko Naman's scheme** at the Government College Auditorium in Dharamshala in **Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh**.
- To provide **50 percent concession** to the women passengers in fares in **Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses**.
- Earlier the chief minister had announced the **50 percent concession** on bus fares to women on **April 15, 2022, Himachal Day**.

### NTPC commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Telangana

- NTPC Ltd has declared the **Commercial Operations Date (COD)** of the last part capacity of **20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project** in Telangana.
- Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is **India's largest Floating Solar Plant** commissioned by NTPC.
- In **March 2022**, the NTPC made commercially operational an additional **42.5 MW of power generation capacity** at Ramagundam floating solar project in Telangana.

### Tripura Govt introduces 'Earn with Learn' for dropout students under 'Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan'

- The Tripura government has launched a new scheme, "Earn with Learn", as part of the **Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan (Let's go to school)** to bring back those who had **dropped out of schools** following the outbreak of Covid-19.
- Education Minister **Shri Ratan Lal Nath** stated about **8,000 students** between the **age group of 6 and 14** in the state have dropped out of school during Covid-19.
- The **third-year college students** who are interested in voluntarily taking part in the survey may register their names in their respective colleges.

### Rajasthan govt set to introduce India's first right-to-health Bill in 2022

- The **Rajasthan** government will **introduce the Right to Health Bill**, the first of its kind in **India** in the **Rajasthan Assembly**.
- To provide **quality and affordable health care services** by government and private health care providers.
- In **January 2022**, the government prepared a **draft bill** that defines the rights of patients, their attendants, and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing the grievances of the stakeholders.

### UP becomes 1st state to integrate ODOP mart with ONDC platform

- Uttar Pradesh(UP) has become the **first state** in the country to connect the **One District One Product (ODOP) mart** with the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform**.
- To promote open networks for all aspects of the exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks.
- The pilot phase of integration of ODOP Mart on ONDC was inaugurated by the **Additional Chief Secretary, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of Uttar Pradesh Dr. Navneet Sehgal**.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi launches 125th birth anniversary celebration of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju in AP

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will launch the year-long **125th birth anniversary celebration of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju** at **Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Prime Minister will also unveil a **30-feet tall bronze statue** of Alluri Sitarama Raju.
- The occasion was facilitated by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh **Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan**, Chief Minister **Shri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy**, and Union Minister **Shri G. Kishan Reddy**.

### Delhi govt launches Mission Kushal Karmi program to upskill construction workers

- Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Shri Manish Sisodia launched "Mission Kushal Karmi" for upskilling the construction workers in the city in collaboration with **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** and **Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board**.
- To provide on-the-job skill development training to over **2 lakh registered construction workers** in industry demand-driven job roles in the construction sector in a year.
- Under this **15 days special training program**, workers will undergo upskilling which will boost their incomes in the future.

### Karnataka Becomes the first state in India to have an R&D policy

- **Karnataka** is set to be the **first state in India** to have an **exclusive Research & Development policy**.



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- **Karnataka chief minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai, chaired** a meeting with the **Task Force headed by Prof Ashok Shettar**, vice-chancellor of KLE Technological University, and senior officials regarding the formulation of the new policy.
- The CM has instructed the officials to prepare the necessary systems for the effective implementation of the proposed policy.

### 6 Indian States signed a declaration of intent to combat human trafficking

- Women and Child welfare representatives from **6 Indian states Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana** signed an **Inter-State Declaration of Intent to work** in collaboration to combat trafficking in persons.
- The **first-of-its-kind agreement** focuses on joint efforts on intelligence gathering and sharing; legal and witness protection; and rehabilitation and care for survivors.
- The declaration will be called the '**Hyderabad Declaration**'.

### Odisha government presents Rs 2 lakh crore budget for FY23

- Odisha's Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari presented the State Budget with **Rs 2-lakh crore total outlay for FY 2022-2023** in the Assembly with a focus on **strengthening infrastructure, developing education and health sectors, and improving the livelihoods of people**.
- The estimated outlay for the current financial year is the "**highest**" in the history of the state budget and is around **17.6 percent more than the Rs 1.7 lakh crore** allocated for the last fiscal.

### Delhi govt launches chatbot to answer queries on e-vehicles

- The **Government of Delhi** has collaborated with **Whatsapp** to launch a **chatbot service**, which will answer all queries related to **electric vehicles (EVs)**.
- The initiative comes after the Delhi government recently announced its draft policy '**Delhi Motor Vehicle Aggregator Scheme 2022**'.

### Chhattisgarh gets Center's nod for World Bank-funded school project

- The **Chhattisgarh Government** has received an **in-principle nod** from the **Center** to go ahead with a **\$300 million (approximately ₹2,100 crores)** school education project which is **funded by the World Bank**.

### Delhi LG launches New scheme to reward RWAs for property tax compliance - SAH-BHAGITA

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- Union home minister, **Shri Amit Shah** has launched an **e-FIR filing system** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat** which will enable the citizens to file **FIRs online**, without visiting the police stations.
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- The Minister flagged off vehicles of the **Anti-Human Trafficking Unit at Police Bhawan in Gandhinagar**.
- He will inaugurate various developmental works in his **Lok Sabha Constituency-Gandhinagar**.
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- **Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** announced a dedicated **Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27**.

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- To generate **more than 2,00,000 new employment opportunities** during five years.
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- The **Government of Kerala** is set to launch its **online taxi service** called "**Kerala Savari**".
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- The **Tamil Nadu government** formally launched the **first phase** of the '**Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme**' at **1,545 government primary schools** for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in **Classes 1 to 5** during 2022-23.
- The TN government has allocated **Rs 33.56 crore** for this scheme.

### West Bengal to get 7 new districts, total district tally raised to 30

- **Shri Mamata Banerjee**, the **chief minister of West Bengal** decided to **carve out 7 new districts** out of the **existing 23 districts** by redrawing their boundaries for better administration and development.
- The 7 new districts are
  1. Sunderban
  2. Ichhamati
  3. Ranaghat
  4. Bishnupur
  5. Jangipur
  6. Behrampur
  7. Basirhat.

### Assam CM launches digital issuance of caste certificates for students - Mission Bhumiputra

- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched '**Mission Bhumiputra**', a digital way to issue digitized caste certificates to students.
- Also, the CM inaugurated a **Bhumiputra Portal** at a program held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra which is being implemented by the departments of Tribal Affairs (Plain) and Social Justice and Empowerment.

### West Bengal govt inks MoU with Maharashtra to prevent migration & trafficking of women

- The **West Bengal** government has inked a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **Maharashtra** government to **prevent migration and trafficking of women** since a lot of movement of people takes place between the two states.
- On the occasion of **World Day against Trafficking in Persons (July 30, 2022)** **West Bengal Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Minister Dr. Shashi Panja** attended the state-level consultation on '**Uses and Abuses of Technology**' organized by the WB government and the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**.
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- The **World's largest floating Solar Power Plant** will be constructed in **Omkareshwar Dam in the Narmada river in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh**.
- To boost power generation capacity in the MP & address electricity problems in the central region.

### Haryana government launches the Cheerag program for EWS Students

- **Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar** launched the "**Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance, and Grant (Cheerag)**" scheme.
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- To scale back **sugarcane manufacturing prices** while raising productivity and land fertility by way of 5 methods, together with a built-in trench technique for sugarcane sowing, ratoon administration and trash mulching, drip irrigation, and co-cropping.

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- Handlooms Minister Shri KT Rama Rao virtually launched the scheme on National Handloom Day 2022.

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- The Andhra Pradesh cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shri YS Jagan Mohan Reddy approved the renaming of Konaseema as Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema district.
- The Konaseema district was carved out from East Godavari with Amalapuram as its headquarters.
- It was one of the 13 districts created on April 4, taking the total number of districts in the state to 26.

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- The proposed airport will be the first in Arunachal Pradesh with a runway of 2,300 meters, making it ideal for operating Boeing 747s, one of the largest passenger aircraft.
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- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena launched the "One Road-One Week" initiative of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).
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- The next meeting between High-Level delegations of the two states will take place at Guwahati in October 2022 where issues and claims will be deliberated in detail.

### Kerala govt to launch a mobile app to curb GST evasion

- The Kerala government will launch a mobile app named Lucky Bill App to curb Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion.
- The app will be launched by Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan on August 16, 2022.
- The app expects to help in increasing tax collections as people will be encouraged to ask for bills while purchasing goods and availing services.

### Meghalaya to host 2nd North East Olympic Games 2022

- Meghalaya will host the 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games 2022, in Shillong which will be held from October 30 to November 6, 2022.
- The 2022 edition of the Games will be special as Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood.
- The first edition of the North East Olympic Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines.

### Agathiyamalai became 5th elephant reserve in TamilNadu

- On the Occasion of World Elephant Day 2022 (Aug 12), Tamil Nadu Government has notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agathiyamalai in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.
- The Reserve will be spread across 1,197.48 sq. km of land and will cover Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli areas.
- With this India has 31 elephant reserves.

### List of 4 Existing Elephant Reserves in TN :

- Nilgiris-Eastern Ghat - Nilgiris, Erode, Dharmapuri District
- Nilambur Silent Valley Coimbatore Elephant Reserve - in Coimbatore, Nilgiris Dt
- Srivilliputhur Elephant Reserve - Theni, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli Dt
- Anamalai - Parambikulam Elephant Reserve - Coimbatore, Dindigul Dt



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### First Tiranga Park set up in Gurugram

- Under the **Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan**, the first Tiranga Park was set up in **Gurugram, Haryana** by the district administration.
- The park was inaugurated by the **Union Minister of State, Shri Rao Inderjit Singh**, as the chief guest.
- The park has been constructed with the support of the M3M Foundation at the Swatantrata Senani Bhawan located at the **Civil Lines, Gurugram**.

### Asia's largest CBG plant is operational in Punjab's Sangrur

- Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has been commissioned in the **Sangrur district of Punjab**, in a step to generate clear and inexperienced power.
- The plant with a total capacity of **33.23 tons CBG per day** had been commissioned at Bhutta Kalan village in Sangrur in **April 2022**.
- The plant supplies CBG to the **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** outlet.
- Additionally, **Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA)** has allocated **42 additional CBG projects**, totaling **492.58 tonnes per day (TPD)**, based on **paddy straw** and other agricultural waste.

### J&K Govt launches Village Defense Guards Scheme-2022

- The **Ministry of Home Affairs** sanctioned approval for the **creation of the Village Defense Guard Scheme (VDGS) 2022** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The **Village Defense Guards (VDGs)** will be divided into **two categories, V1 & V2**.
- V1 category includes persons who will be heading/leading/coordinating the Village Defense Guards in the "**more vulnerable areas**" and will be paid **Rs 4,500 per month**.
- V2 category carries locals who are members of the Village Defence Group voluntarily and will be paid a uniform rate of **Rs 4,000 per month**.

### Rajasthan Govt approves MoU with SJVN for developing renewable energy projects

- The **Rajasthan** government has approved signing a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN Ltd)** for developing **10,000 MW renewable energy projects**.
- An investment of **Rs 50,000 crore** is estimated for developing these projects in the **next 5 to 7 years**.
- Recently, **Rajasthan** was the **first Indian state** to achieve **10 GW of large-scale, cumulative solar installations**.

### I-Day: Karnataka CM launches new schemes on sanitation, nutrition, farm labor, and soldiers' welfare

- On the **75th anniversary of India's independence**, **Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai** launched new schemes on **sanitation, nutrition, and the well-being of farmers, laborers, and brave soldiers**.
- The "**Raitha Vidy Nidhi**" for farmers' children will be extended to landless agricultural laborers.
- Under the scheme, a scholarship of **Rs 439.95 crore** has been distributed to **10.03 lakh children**.
- Also, a **loan-cum-subsidy scheme** of up to **Rs 50,000** will be launched to support potters, blacksmiths, carpenters, sculptors, Bhajantri, basket weavers, Vishwakarmas, Madars, and other artisans.

### BRO to build first steel slag road on Arunachal Pradesh border

- In a **first of its kind**, the **Border Road Organization (BRO)** is planning to construct a pilot road stretch on the **Arunachal Pradesh border** using **steel slag**.

### Aim :

- To "**convert waste to wealth**" around **one lakh tonnes** of processed steel slag aggregates have been utilized here substituting the natural aggregates.
- **India** is the **world's 2nd largest steel-producing country** after **China** & annually around **195 lakh tonnes** of steel slag is generated and this quantity is slated to increase to **600 lakh tonnes by 2030**.

### MP's Mandla becomes India's 1st fully 'functionally literate' district

- **Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region** has become the **first fully "functionally literate" district** in **India**.
- The declaration was made by the state minister of food and civil supplies **Shri Bisahulal Singh**.



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### India's first electric double-decker bus launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra

- Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highway Shri Nitin Gadkari launched India's first electric double-decker bus named Switch EiV 22 at YB Center in south Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from **September 2022**.
- The new electric double-decker bus Switch EiV 22 will be the **world's first semi-low floor**, an air-conditioned, electric double-decker with a wider door on the rear overhang and a rear staircase.

### Jharkhand Becomes 1st State To Introduce Blockchain Technology for Seed Distribution

- The **Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand** & global blockchain technology company, **SettleMint, India** jointly announced the launch of **seed distribution to farmers** based on **blockchain technology**.

### Aim :

- To **reduce pilferage** & get rid of spurious seeds that the farmers receive under various government schemes including the seed exchange scheme.

### Goa becomes the 1st 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified State & Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu become the 1st 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified UT in India

- Goa and **Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D)** became the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State & first 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified UT in India respectively.

### CPRI signed MoU with the Chhattisgarh govt to establish a regional testing laboratory

- The Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Chhattisgarh** to set up **Central India's largest regional testing laboratory** in the **Raipur district, Chhattisgarh**.
- The MoU was signed between **Chhattisgarh energy department secretary Mr. Ankit Anand** and **Additional Director of CPRI, Mr. BA Sawale**, in the presence of **Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel**.

### L&T Commissions New Green Hydrogen Plant at Hazira in Gujarat

- Engineering major **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** commissioned a **new green hydrogen plant** at **Hazira in Gujarat**.
- The plant was inaugurated by **Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited**.
- The plant will produce **45 kg of green hydrogen daily**
- The green hydrogen plant is designed for an electrolyzer capacity of **800 kW** comprising both **alkaline (380 kW)** and **polymer electrolyte membrane (420 kW)** technologies.
- It will be powered by a **rooftop solar plant of 990kW peak DC capacity** and a **500kWh battery energy storage system (BESS)**.

### Centre to collaborate with Arunachal govt to develop 'district good governance portal'

- The **Central government** has planned to **collaborate** with the **Government of Arunachal Pradesh** to develop a **"district good governance portal"**.

### Aim:

- To monitor the performance of each district of the state every month and help in benchmarking performance.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh announced during the **two-day Regional Conference** on **"Bringing Citizens and Government Closer through Administrative Reforms"** at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Conference organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** comes after the **National Conference on e-Governance** held in Meghalaya in August 2019, when the **"Shillong Declaration"** on e-Governance was adopted.

### Punjab & Haryana agree to name Chandigarh international airport after Bhagat Singh

- **Punjab and Haryana governments** agreed to **name** the **Chandigarh international airport** after freedom fighter **Bhagat Singh**.
- The decision was taken during a meeting between **Punjab Chief Minister Shri Bhagwant Mann** and **Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Shri Dushyant Chautala**.

### Assam CM Launches 'Vidya Rath- School On Wheels' Project For economically weaker kids

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- Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched a project 'Vidya Rath- School on Wheels' at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam.

### Aim :

- To provide underprivileged children to access elementary education for 10 months.
- The stakeholders of Vidya Rath namely the Government of Assam, Assam State Legal Services Authority, Guwahati High Court Legal Services Committee, District Legal Services Authority Kamrup (Metro), Assam State Transport Corporation, Assam Sarba Siksha Mission, GMDA, and the various NGOs

### Sikkim CM launches schemes for women's welfare

- Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang announced schemes for the welfare of women at Bhaichung Stadium in Namchi, Sikkim.
- The program was held outside Paljor Stadium, Gangtok for the first time after Sikkim merged with the Indian Union in 1975.

### About the Schemes :

- Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana (SASY)
- Chief Ministers Vatsalya Yojana
- Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana
- Year-long maternity leave for women employees
- Mobile village clinic program

### UP CM Yogi Adityanath launches 'Radio Jaighosh' to mark Kakori Train Action anniversary

- As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath launched 'Radio Jaighosh' to mark the anniversary of Kakori Train Action.

### Aim :

- To promote folk art, performing art, regional delicacies of Uttar Pradesh, and gallantry award winners.
- UP's Department of Culture is launching the community radio channel.

### GoI grants GI Tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana

- The government has awarded a geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', from Bihar in a bid to help farmers get the maximum price for their premium produce.
- Over 5 lakh farmers of the Mithila region of Bihar will be benefited from this decision.
- This is the 5th product from Bihar which is awarded to GI tag including Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan rice, Nawabs's Magahi Paan, Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi

### Uttar Pradesh govt sets to build India's first education township

- First, the Government of Uttar Pradesh is set to build an education township that will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.
- It will be on high-end education, which will cater to students from not only the country but also African, Latin American, and Central Asian countries.

### Delhi CM Kejriwal launches 'Mission to make India No 1

- Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Shri Arvind Kejriwal launched a "mission to make India No. 1" at the Talkatora stadium, New Delhi, Delhi.

### Chhattisgarh to set up 300 rural industrial parks

- Chhattisgarh Government will set up 300 rural industrial parks in the state to create a source of additional income for rural poor families

### Aim :

- To strengthen the rural economy and make the "gauthan" (cattle shed) a center of livelihood.
- The project will be launched on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2022.
- The first such park in Chhattisgarh came up in Kulgaon, Kanker district, which has been named Gandhi Gram.

### J&K becomes first to establish Atal Tinkering Labs in partnership with NITI Aayog



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- The Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has become the **first amongst States/UTs** to establish an **Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL)** in partnership with the government think tank **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog**.
- NITI Aayog will replicate the J&K model of Atal Tinkering Lab to the rest of India on a **50:50 cost-sharing basis**.

### Tata Steel inks MoU with Punjab govt to set up steel plant in Ludhiana

- **Tata Steel Limited** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Punjab** to establish a **0.75 million tonne per annum (MnTPA)** long products steel mill using a scrap-based **electric arc furnace (EAF)** steel plant in Ludhiana.
- In August 2021, Tata Steel commissioned its **first Steel Recycling Plant of 0.5 MnTPA capacity** at Rohtak in Haryana.

### ISKCON to build the Temple of Vedic Planetarium world's largest religious monument in West Bengal

- The **world's largest religious monument**, the **Temple of Vedic Planetarium** in Mayapur, West Bengal, will join **India's list of iconic buildings**.
- The entire project is **worth \$100 million** and the construction **began** in **2010** & it is expected to be open in **2024**.
- It will replace Cambodia's **400-acre-large Angkor Wat** temple complex.

### Maharashtra to get its first "Divyang Park" in Nagpur

- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)**, **Government of India (GoI)**, established the **first "Divyang Park"** for **Divyangjan** under the **Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme** of MoSJE at **Reshimbagh Ground** in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Also, GoI organized a 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivir' for the distribution of aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan & Senior citizens under ADIP & 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' (RVY Scheme).

### UP govt to develop Kannauj as a perfume tourism destination

- The **Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP)** has decided to develop Kannauj as a perfume tourism destination.

### AP ink MoU with Parley for Oceans to save seas from pollution

- The **Government of Andhra Pradesh** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **United States (US)-based Parley for the Oceans**, to clean the shores of the State and make **Andhra Pradesh** plastic free by **2027**.
- The MoU was signed by **Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA&UD)**, **Audimulapu Suresh**, **MAUD Principal Secretary**, **Y. Sri Lakshmi** and **Founder of "Parley for the Oceans"** **Cyrill Gutsch**.
- Parley for the Oceans will be setting up "**Parley Super Hub**", preferably in Visakhapatnam, where recycling and upcycling of plastic wastes will be done.
- Also, the government has introduced **Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP)** where around **4,097 garbage** collecting vehicles were deployed.

### Karnataka CM extended Vidyanidhi scheme for kids of agricultural laborers

- **Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai**, announced that the **State Cabinet meeting** has decided to extend the **Vidyanidhi scheme** to the **children of agricultural laborers** in **Ranebennur, Haveri, Karnataka**.
- Vidyanidhi scheme is an education loan facility offered by the **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

### NHPC signs pact with Himachal Pradesh for 500 MW Dugar hydro project

- State-owned hydropower giant **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited (NHPC)** has inked a pact with the **Govt of Himachal Pradesh (HP)** for the implementation of **500 Mega Watt (MW) Dugar Hydroelectric Project** in **Chamba, HP**.
- The Project is expected to generate **1,759.85 million units** in a year.

### 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 Begins in Imphal

- The **50th edition of All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022** started at **Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen** in **Imphal, Manipur**.
- Manipur Governor **Shri La Ganesan** and Chief Minister **Shri N. Biren Singh** attended the inaugural function.

### Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami Launches scheme Mukhya Mantri Udiyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana for upcoming players



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- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched a scheme **Mukhya Mantri Udiyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana** during the program was organized at **Police Lines, Dehradun., Uttarakhand**.

### **Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launches India's First Virtual School**

- **Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal** launched **India's first Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS)**.
- The school will be affiliated with the **Delhi Board of School Education** formed in 2021.
- The platform was created by two globally recognized organizations, **Google** and **Schoolnet India**.

### **CM Shri Ashok Gehlot starts Rural Olympic Games in Rajasthan**

- **Rajasthan chief minister Shri Ashok Gehlot** inaugurated a **month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games** in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.
- The village Olympics is anticipated to see the participation of **44,000 villages** throughout Rajasthan, with almost **30 lakh people** across various age groups already registering themselves for the games.

### **Nagaland gets 2nd railway station after over 100 years**

- **Nagaland** got its **second railway station** after a **gap of more than 100 years** with the commissioning of a new facility at **Shokhuvi**.
- Chief Minister **Shri Neiphiu Rio** flagged off the Donyi Polo Express from **Shokhuvi Railway Station**.
- The first railway station was set up at **Dimapur Railway Station** & it was inaugurated in **1903**.

### **Alappuzha became 5th fully digital banking district in Kerala**

- **Alappuzha** has become the **5th fully digital banking district** in **Kerala**.
- The declaration was made by **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Kerala** and **Lakshadweep Regional Director Thomas Mathew**
- The project was initiated by the RBI with the support of the **State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC)** & respective district administrations as part of the **Union government's Digital India project**.

### **Uttarakhand Education Department Launches 'Samarth' E-governance Portal**

- **Uttarakhand's education department** launched an **e-governance portal "Samarth"** which will provide all **administrative and educational updates**, including information on entrance examinations, salary structures, and appointments from **5 state universities and 140 public schools**.

### **Telangana AI Mission's 4 startups to represent India at G20 DIN**

- The **Telangana AI Mission (T-AIM)** has revealed that **4** of its **startups** have been selected by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** to represent India at the **G20 Digital Innovation Network (DIN)**.
- T-AIM is an initiative of the Government of Telangana, supported by the **National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)**.

### **J&K Police launches online mobile application 'JK ECop'**

- The **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police** have launched the **online mobile application "JK Ecop"**, an easy-to-use interface to facilitate common people
- The Mobile App enables the citizens to use a host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of the **First Information Report (FIR)**.

### **WRI India & AEDA launches online geospatial platform in Guwahati, Assam**

- The **World Resources Institute (WRI) India** in collaboration with the **Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA)** launched an online, open-source, and interactive geospatial platform called the **Energy Access Explorer (EAE)** for **Assam**.
- The platform will help visualize the extent of energy access in **Assam's health education and livelihood infrastructure**.

### **Rajasthan govt launches 'Mahila Nidhi' to help women entrepreneurs**

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot** launched '**Mahila Nidhi**', a **loan scheme** for the **social and economic development of women** through **loans**.
- The Scheme was launched on the occasion of **Women's Equality Day** on **Aug 26, 2022**.
- Rajasthan is the **second state** in India after **Telangana**, where **Mahila Nidhi** has been established.

### **Delhi airport launches beta version of DigiYatra app for Android platform**



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- The **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)** has launched a **beta version** of the '**DIGI YATRA**' app for the **Android platform**.
- To provide a paperless and seamless travel experience to the passengers.
- The Delhi Airport is among the first airports to introduce this system in India.
- DIAL had installed the required facility at **Terminal 3 of Delhi Airport** and already conducted its trials.

### **Meghalaya CM launches 'Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme' for the welfare of farmers**

- Meghalaya Chief Minister **Shri Conrad K Sangma** launched the "**Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme**" launched under **National Livestock Mission at Byrnihat in Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya**.
- The scheme was launched in **Samanda block in East Garo Hills district, Meghalaya**.

### **Center Approves UP Family ID Plan - Parivar Kalyan Card**

- The Central Government has granted permission to the **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** government's proposal of releasing **family IDs** to its residents and application for **Aadhaar authentication** for their details through the **ministry of electronics and information technology (MEIT)**.
- With this, the UP government is set to issue a **family identity card (Parivar Kalyan Card)** to map each family in the state and is expected to launch its portal for application within the **next 2 weeks**.

### **Karnataka govt launches Global Startup Challenge 'VentuRISE'**

- The **Karnataka** government launched the **Global Startup Challenge "VentuRISE"** to **recognize, reward, and support growth-stage startups** in manufacturing and sustainability-related sectors.
- VentuRISE is a part of the flagship event Global Investors Meet -"**Invest Karnataka 2022**" from **2nd – 4th November 2022 at Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- **Minister for Large and Medium Industries Shri Murugesh R Nirani** Unveiled the **logo** of VentuRISE.

### **Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Becomes 29th District of Chhattisgarh**

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Shri Bhupesh Baghel** inaugurated **Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki** as the **29th district of Chhattisgarh**.
- He is scheduled to inaugurate **Sarangarh-Bilaigarh** and **Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandhi** as the **30th and 31st districts of Chhattisgarh**.

### **Generation global program launched for students in A.P. and Tamil Nadu**

- United Kingdom (London) based **Tony Blair Institute (TBI) for Global Change** and Canadian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) **Children Believe** have jointly launched a '**Generation Global Programme**' for schools and colleges in **Andhra Pradesh** and **Tamil Nadu**, at the **Zilla Parishad High School at Ragimanupenta in Bangarupalem Mandal, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Tony Blair Institute for Global Change Director **Lucy Hayter**, launched the program.

### **Odisha's nua Khai festival celebrated in western Odisha**

- **Nua Khai** is an annual harvest festival in **Odisha**, celebrated to welcome the **season's new rice**.
- It is the most auspicious and important social festival in Western Odisha and the neighboring areas of **Simdega** in **Jharkhand**.
- The festival was celebrated by **Chauvan Raja Ramai Deo** at **Patanagarh** which is currently known as the **Bolangir district of Odisha**.

### **Bhartaул becomes the first village in UP to Provide RO Water To Every Household**

- Bhartaул, in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly district, has become the **first village in UP** to achieve the distinction of supplying **RO (Reverse Osmosis) water** to every household.
- The village has a population of around **7,000 people** and every house is now provided with clean RO water.
- The ROs have been installed under the **Centre's Adarsh Gram Panchayat initiative**.
- So far, **4 RO plants** have been brought up in the village and plans are underway to set up more in the following days.

### **India's 1st 3D-Printed Post Office To Come Up In Bengaluru, Karnataka**

- India's first 3D-printed Post Office is coming up in **Cambridge Layout** in the **Halasuru area of Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** has given clearance for the construction.
- Its construction will be carried out by the Indian multinational conglomerate, **Larsen and Toubro (L&T)**.
- The project is being carried out in collaboration with **IIT Madras**.

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### Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Shri M.K Stalin Launches Footwear & Leather Goods Policy 2022

- **Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister Shri M K Stalin** launched the **Footwear and Leather Products Policy 2022** at the **Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Sector Conclave 2022**.
- To transform Tamil Nadu into a favored destination for footwear and leather products manufacturing in Asia.
- The Conclave was organized by the TN government investment promotion agency, **Guidance Tamil Nadu**.

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Name of the person	Appointed as	Key points
Anshul Swami	MD-CEO of Shivalik Small Finance Bank	Swami replaces Suveer Kumar Gupta who co-founded the bank
Sangeeta Singh	Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	She was appointed after incumbent JB Mohapatra's retirement
Rajiv Ranjan	ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)	Ranjan will be succeeding Mridul Saggar, who is understood to have retired.
Nand Mulchandani	1 <sup>st</sup> ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).	Mulchandani has more than 25 years of experience in the Silicon Valley
Arvind Krishna	Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York	He has been elected as a Class B director
Tarun Kapoor	Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Mr. Hari Ranjan Rao and Atish Chandra both have been appointed as Additional Secretaries in the Prime Minister's office. Radha Chauhan has been appointed as DoPT secretary & She replaces Pradip Kumar Tripathi
M Narayanan	Chairman of City Union Bank Ltd	Mr. Narayanan succeeds R. Mohan, part-time Chairman of the Bank
Rodrigo Chaves	President of Costa Rica	He will succeed Carlos Alvarado Quesada.
Pushp Kumar Joshi	Chairman and MD of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).	Before this Dr. Joshi was Director-HR of the Corporation
Yoon Suk-yeol	South Korea's new president	Currently, he has served as the 20th President of South Korea.
John Lee Ka-Chiu	Chief Executive of Hong Kong	He will succeed Carrie Lam.
Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Junior	Philippines president	Marcos Jr has won the election with more than 30 million votes.
Indian Actress Deepika Padukone	1 <sup>st</sup> ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand Louis Vuitton	Deepika Padukone became the first Indian actor to feature in the brand's campaign in 2020.
Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh	Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court	He was President of India Ram Nath Kovind
Rajiv Kumar	Chief Election Commissioner	He will take charge of outgoing CEC Sushil Chandra.
Sanjiv Bajaj	President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23	Sanjiv Bajaj replacing TV Narendran, CEO & managing director of Tata Steel
Campbell Wilson	MD & CEO of Air India	Wilson's appointment will be subject to security clearance by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).



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Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe	26 <sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	He was appointed by Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa
Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan	President of UAE	He replaced Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who died at the age of 73.
Manik Saha	The chief minister of Tripura	He is the 11th Chief Minister of Tripura.
Nidhi Chibber	Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	
Vivek Kumar Dewangan	CMD of REC Ltd, formerly known as Rural Electrification Corporation	Vivek Kumar Dewangen is a 1993 batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre.
Rajiv Ranjan and Sitikantha Pattanaik	Executive Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	
Vinay Mohan Kwatra	India's new Foreign Secretary	He succeeded incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
Lt. Gen. B.S. Raju	Vice Chief of the Army Staff	He will succeed incumbent Lt. Gen Manoj Pande.
Sahas Malhotra	CEO of JioSaavn	He replaced former CEO and JioSaavn co-founder Rishi Malhotra.
Venkataramani Sumantran	Chairman of the Board of InterGlobe Aviation	Sumantran succeeds Meleveetil Damodaran, who stepped down from his position on attaining the age of 75 years.
Hassan Sheikh Mohamud	President of Somalia	
S. N. Subrahmanyam	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Larsen & Toubro	S.N. Subramanyam will replace A.M. Naik as the CEO of the company.
Elisabeth Borne	France's new prime minister	Borne will replace Jean Castex.
Air Marshal Sanjeev Kapoor	Director General (Inspection and Safety) [DG(I&S)] of Indian Air Force	
Ravinder Singh Dhillon	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Limited	The development follows the elevation of S K G Rahate to the post of Secretary, Ministry of Power.
Mr. Subhash Sheoratan Mundra	Chairman of BSE Limited	He will replace Justice Vikramajit Sen.
Mr. Sameer Sharma	Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary	His Tenure was extended for another 6 months from May 21, 2022, to November 31, 2022
Mr. Sunil Arora	Chairman of Gram Unnati	
Mr. Gopal Vittal	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti Airtel	This was Airtel's 6th successive quarter in the black after six straight losses earlier.
Mr. B Govindarajan	Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield	Mr. B Govindarajan will also serve as the Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited.
Mr. Naveen Srivastava	India's ambassador to Nepal	Mr. Srivastava succeeded Mr. Vinay Kumar Kwatra
Dr. Kamal Bawa, India-born conservation biologist	Elected to the US National Academy of Sciences.	Dr. Kamal Bawa is president of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE).
Ms. Aruna Singh	CMD of RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel)	Ms. Aruna Singh is a 1985 batch Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE) officer.



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Mr. Pieter Elbers	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo	He will replace Mr. Ronojoy Dutta, 71
Mr. Vivek Kumar	Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi	He will replace Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singla.
Mr Salil Parekh	MD & CEO of Infosys	
Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma	MD & CEO of Paytm	Mr. Deora is the President and Group Chief Financial Officer of Paytm.
Mr. Anthony Albanese	Prime Minister of Australia	Mr. Anthony Albanese's Labor Party defeated the ruling coalition led by Mr. Scott Morrison in the Australian federal elections in 2022.
Jose Ramos-Horta	President of East Timor	His inauguration came on the celebration of Timor Leste's Independence Day, which falls on May 20, 2022 ( marks the 20th anniversary).
Vinai Kumar Saxena	Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi	He will succeed outgoing Anil Baijal
Mr. T N Manoharan	Chairman of IDBI Bank	
Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	WHO Director-General	Re-elected as WHO Director-General for a second five-year term by WHO Member states
Captain Abhilasha Barak	1 <sup>st</sup> woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps	
Shri Rajesh Bhushan	Chairperson of Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA)	Committee A meets to debate technical and health matters.
Mr. Anwar Hussain Shaik	Chair of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade	Mr. Shaik will take this role from Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico.
Mr. Gaurav Sachdeva	CEO of JSW One Platforms	He worked with institutions like Citibank, Bank of America, and Infosys.
Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty	Acting Chairperson of Lokpal	He succeeded Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose.

Robert Abela	Malta's Prime Minister	sworn in for a second term after his ruling Labor Party won the 2022 general election
Vishwas Patel	chairman of Payments Council of India	for the second term in 2022
Jens Stoltenberg	Secretary-General NATO	until September 30, 2023
India's Aprajita Sharma	Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)	He succeeds Shri R. S. Garkhal
Dr. Arunabha Ghosh	High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities'	



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Anthony Heredia	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mahindra Manulife Investment Management Private Limited	
Dr. Ian Fry	expert on climate change and human rights	United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has appointed
Viktor Orban	Hungary PM	For 4 <sup>th</sup> time

Aamir Khan	PharmEasy Brand Ambassador	campaign #GharBaitheBaitheTakeItEasy
Aleksandar Vucic	Serbia President	for 2nd term
Gulzar Ahmed	Pakistan's PM Caretaker	
Murli M Natarajan	Managing director and Chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of DCB Bank	For 2 years
Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla	<b>India's G20 Chief Coordinator</b>	
Manoj Soni	Chairman of UPSC	Replace the previous UPSC chairman Pradip Kumar Joshi.
Shehbaz Sharif	The new prime minister of Pakistan	He will succeed Imran Khan
Dr. Renu Singh	Forest Research Institute (FRI) director	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi appointed

Iqbal Singh Lalpura	Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities	He replaced Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi
Mahesh Verma	Chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare providers (NABH).	
BCCI secretary Jay Shah	Member Board Representative of the ICC Cricket Committee	
Sourav Ganguly	brand ambassador for Eastern Indian markets	

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Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas	Atomic Energy Commission Chairman	For 1 year
Abdrabbuh Hadi	President of Yemen	Resigned
Lt Gen Manoj Pande	India's next Chief of Army Staff	He will succeed General M M Naravane
Jasleen Kohli	new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Digit Insurance	She will take over from Vijay Kumar

Patrick Achi	PM of Cote d'Ivoire	Cote d'Ivoire's Président Alassane Ouattara has reappointed
Binesh Kumar Tyagi	new CMD Shipping Corporation of India	He Succeeded Mr. Harjeet Kaur Joshi,
Mr. Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TMB	He succeeds incumbent MD-CEO K V Rama Moorthy
Justice DY Chandrachud	next executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).	He has replaced Shri Justice U.U. Lalit
Actor Kiccha Sudeep	brand ambassador for its 'Punyakoti Dattu Yojana' (cattle adoption scheme).	The Karnataka government has appointed
Secretary General Lok Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh	Additional charge Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sansad TV.	
Dr. Vasudha Gupta	Director General of the News Services Division, All India Radio.	He Succeeded Mr. N Venudhar Reddy
Mr. Kalyan Chaubey	the new AIFF President	He succeeds Mr. Praful Patel

Ana Brnabic	PM of Serbia	
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Senior IAS officer Mr. Paban Kumar Borthakur	The new chief secretary of Assam.	He replaced Mr. Jishnu Barua
Yamuna Kumar Chaubey	Chairman & MD of NHPC	He succeeded Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava	an additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ONGC	Srivastava succeeds Mr. Alka Mittal
Mr. Laxman Narasimhan	a chief executive officer (CEO) and a member of the Starbucks Board of Directors.	He will replace its long-time head, Mr. Howard Schultz.
Kriti Sanon	brand ambassador for Heads up for Tails	
MV Iyer	additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of State-run GAIL (India) Limited.	
Jasprit Bumrah	, Acefour Accessories appointed as brand ambassador for Uppercase	

Nagesh Singh	next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Thailand.	He will replace the incumbent ambassador Shri Suchitra Durai
Shri Anurag Sharma	International Treasurer of the Parliamentary Association Conference	
Mr. Santosh Iyer	MD & CEO of Mercedes-Benz India	He succeeds Mr. Martin Schwenk
Mr. Venugopal Somani	Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)	Extended for three months
Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty	brand ambassadors of Mastercard in India.	
Mr. Gopal Vittal	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	

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	of Bharti Airtel for 5 years	
India's IT Secretary Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma	High-level UN internet panel	
Mr. Rajkiran Rai G	National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)	For five years

Mr. Mohammad Mustafa	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Chairman.	
Mr. William Ruto	won the presidential election in 2022	Defeated Mr. Raila Odinga
Mr. Bader Abdullah Al-Munaikh	the first ambassador to Iran since 2016	Kuwait Appointed
Shri Piyush Goyal	new National Intelligence Grid or NATGRID Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	
Mr. Vangipurapu Venkata Sai Laxman	interim head coach of India for Asia Cup 2022	
Justice Shri Uday Umesh Lalit	49th Chief Justice of India	
Mr. Gopal Jain and Dr. Sivakumar Gopalan	RBL bank - non-executive directors	
Mr. Deepak Kumar Lalla	new MD & CEO of India's SBICAP Securities	He replaced Mr. Naresh Yadav

CEA Mr. K Subramanian	Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).	He will replace the eminent economist, Mr. Surjit S Bhalla
Mr. Dixit Joshi	chief financial officer of Credit Suisse	Mr. Dixit Joshi will replace Mr. David Mathers
Mr. Mahendra Shah	MD & CEO of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited	Mr. Shah will replace incumbent MD and CEO, Mr. Sunil Kakar
Mr. Samir V Kamat	New DRDO Chairman	He will replace Mr. G Satheesh Reddy
Mr. Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga	interim Prime Minister of Mali	He replaced Mr. Choguel Kokalla Maiga.
Vikram K Doraiswami	next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom (UK).	He will succeed Mr. Gaitri Issar Kumar,
Mr. Meenesh C Shah	executive director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)	For another 6 Months

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Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Paytm MD & CEO re-appointed	
IAS officer Mr. Rajesh Verma	Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu	Mr. Verma will replace the incumbent Mr. Kapil Dev Tripathi
Music maestro Ilaiyaraaja, sports icon P T Usha, acclaimed screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad and philanthropist and spiritual leader Veerendra Heggade	nominated to the Rajya Sabha.	
Union Minister Ms. Smriti Irani	An additional charge of Minority Affairs and Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia of Steel Ministry	
Satish Kashinath Marathe and Swaminathan Gurumurthy Revathy Iyer and Sachin Chaturvedi	reappoints four independent directors on RBI central board	
Mr. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ríos	as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).	United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres has appointed
Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami	brand ambassador of Uttarakhand	
Nitish Kumar	Bihar Chief Minister for 8th time	
Mr. Pramod Kumar	Powergrid Corporation of India Limited as CFO	
Mr. James Marape	Papua New Guinea PM Re-elected	
Ms. Nallathamby Kalaiselvi	CSIR's first woman director general	Ms. Kalaiselvi succeeds Mr. Shekhar Mande
Gustavo Petro	Colombia's first leftist President	He succeeds Mr. Ivan Duque
Mr. Viswanathan Anand	deputy president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).	
Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar	14th Vice-President of India.	
Mr. Inderjit Camotra	Unity Small Finance Bank Limited MD & CEO	
Mr. Ravinder Takkar	Chairman of Vodafone Idea	
Mr. Ranjit Rath	new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil India Limited (OIL).	He replaces Mr. Sushil Chandra Mishra
Mr. Rajiv Gauba	cabinet secretary	For a further period of one year

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Ms. Smriti Handa	BharatPe -Chief Human Resources Officer	
Mr. Nalin Negi	new chief financial officer (CFO).of Bharat Pe	

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Ms. Shweta Singh	director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for three years.	
Vaani Kapoor	the brand ambassador of the Upcoming Noise X-Fit 2 Smartwatch	
Mr. Suresh N Patel	the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India.	
Mr. Satyendra Prakash	Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).	He will succeed Mr. Jaideep Bhatnagar
Seema Bal (SSB) Mr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen	an additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	He has replaced former ITBP DG Mr. Sanjay Arora
Mr. Auguste Tano Kouame	as World Bank Country Director for India	He replaces Mr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad of Bangladesh
Shri Jayanti Prasad	Whole-time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for five years.	
Shri Manoj Kumar	new Chairman Of Khadi And Village Industries Commission (KVIC)	

Mr. Vineet Saran	new ethics officer and ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).	He will be taking over from Justice (Retd) D K Jain
Mr. Ashish Chauhan	new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange	He will succeed Mr. Vikram Limaye
Manipur governor Shri La Ganesan	additional charge as West Bengal governor	
Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe	Interim President of Sri Lanka	

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Mustafizur Rahman	Bangladesh's next High Commissioner to India	He will be replacing Mr. Muhammad Imran
Mr. Sanjai Kumar	The post of Chairman & Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RCIL)	
Madhulika Bhaskar	additional charge as NIACL CMD for three months	She Succeeded Mr. Atul Sahai
Ex-RBI executive Ms. Meena Hemchandra	part-time chairman of Karur Vysya Bank	

Mr Ranil Wickremesinghe	Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	Resigned
Shri Rajendra Prasad	Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited	He replaced Mr. Satish Agnihotri
Shri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy	President of a lifetime of Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress party (YSRC).	
Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay	CMD, Goa Shipyard Limited	
Mr. Alvaro Lario	7th President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	He succeeds Mr. Gilbert Houngbo
Former NITI Aayog CEO Mr. Amitabh Kant	new Sherpa of G-20	India will hold the presidency from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. The G-20 Leaders' Summit will be held in India for the first time in 2023
Mr. R Dinesh	TVS Supply Chain Solutions as President	
Mr. Sanjiv Bajaj	Chairman, and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Limited	
Shri Paritosh Tripathi	State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance MD & CEO	
Mr. Sanjiv Puri	Chairman, and Managing Director, ITC has been elected as the Vice President of CII	

Suranjan Das	President of the Association of Indian Universities	
Lt Gen Mr. Subramanian	the new Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)	Lt General Mr. Subramanian succeeds Lt General Mr. Shailesh Tinaikar of India.

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Mr. V P Nandakumar	Manappuram Finance Limited MD & CEO	
Mr. K.K. Venugopal	re-appointed as Attorney General for 3 months	he was appointed as the 15th Attorney General of India after succeeding Mukul Rohatgi for three years
Eknath Shinde	the chief minister of Maharashtra	Shri Uddhav Thackeray resigned from the post of chief minister
Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL	He will replace Mr. Manoj Jain
Mr. Ujjal Bhuyan	Telangana HC Chief Justice	Governor Mrs. Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office to Justice Bhuyan.
Akash Ambani	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Reliance Jio.	Mukesh Ambani resigns from Reliance Jio
Mr. Ravi Shastri	1 <sup>st</sup> brand ambassador for FanCode	
Shahid Kapoor	brand ambassador of PokerBaazi	To create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India.
Mr. Yair Lapid	14th Prime Minister of Israel	He succeeds Mr. Naftali Bennett
Mr. T Raja Kumar(Indian Origin)	President of the Financial Action Task Force	He succeeded Dr. Marcus Pleyer (Germany).
Mr. Ferdinand Marcos Jr	17 <sup>th</sup> Philippine president	He succeeded the outgoing President Mr. Rodrigo Duterte.
Google commerce executive Mr. Bill Ready.	CEO and President of Pin- interest	Pinterest CEO Mr. Ben Silbermann steps down

Ajay Devgn	Insecticides India Limited (IIL) as Brand Ambassador	
Asit Rath	MD & CEO of Aviva Life Insurance Company India	He succeeded Mr. Amit Malik.
Ms. Ketanji Brown Jackson	1st Black Woman On US Supreme Court	Ms. Jackson succeeded Justice Stephen Breyer
Rahul Narwekar	the youngest Speaker in the country	16th Speaker (since 1960) of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly after defeating Rajan Salvi (Shiv Sena candidate).
Shri Satish Chandra Sharma	Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.	Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena

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		administered the oath to justice Sharma
Mr. Mohammed Jalood	the new President of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) at the 2022 IWF Special & Electoral Congress in Tirana, Albania.	He Succeeds the incumbent interim leader, Michael Irani.
Mr. Nitin Gupta	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).	He will replace Ms. Sangeeta Singh.
Mr. Anil Khanna	President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).	He will replace Mr. Narinder Batra
Samant Kumar Goel	the current chief of the Research and Analysis Wing	extended by one year up to June 30, 2023.

Mr. Tapan Deka	new Chief of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)	He will succeed the incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director Mr. Arvind Kumar.
Mr. Avinash Kulkarni	CEO of the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) for 3 years.	
Mr. Parameswaran Iyer	the new Chief Executive Officer of the National Institution for Transforming India Aayog (NITI Aayog) for 2 years.	He Succeeds Mr. Amitabh Kant
Former Foreign Secretary Mr. Shyam Saran	President of the India International Centre	He succeeds Mr. N N Vohra.
Mr. Venkat Nageswar Chalasani	a member of the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL). The other 2 members of the committee are T T Srinivasaraghavan (former Managing Director, Sundaram Finance Limited) and Farokh N Subedar (former Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary, Tata Sons Limited).	He Succeeds Former MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank, R Subramaniakumar.

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Mr. Ranjit Bajaj	chairman of the advisory panel formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA) to oversee the functioning of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).	
Senior IPS Officer Mr. Dinkar Gupta	Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).	
Australian cricketer Lisa Sthalekar	first woman president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).	
Dr. D J Pandian	the Director-General of its India Regional Office (IRO) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).	
Mr. P Udayakumar	Director (Planning & Marketing) National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) assumes an additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC	
Rashmin M Chhaya	Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court.	
Ruchira Kamboj	Permanent Representative of India to the UN	She will succeed Mr. T S Tirumurti
Two judges of the Bombay High Court Justice Amjad A Sayed Justice SS Shinde	Chief Justice  Himachal Pradesh High Court Rajasthan High Court respectively	
Sowmyanarayanan Sampath an Indian-American	new CEO of Verizon Business.	
Mr. Pramod K Mittal,	President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23.	He will be taking over Mr. Ajai Puri
Mr. P.N. Vasudevan	MD & CEO Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)	

NAME OF THE PERSON	APPOINTED AS	KEY POINTS
Naresh Kumar	Delhi chief secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kumar will replace incumbent Vijay Dev, who will retire</li> </ul>

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		voluntarily on April 20, 2022.
Indian-American Navy Veteran Shanti Sethi	Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser	Kamala Harris is the first-ever person of Indian origin to be elected as the Vice President of the United States
Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar	Director-General of military operations	He will be taking over the office on May 1, 2022
L V Vaidyanathan	CEO for India operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>He will take over from Madhusudan Gopalan.</li></ul>
Babita Singh	New Global Peace Ambassador 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) took place in Shangrila, New Delhi.</li></ul>
Renowned physicist Ajay Sood	Principal Scientific Advisor To GoI	He will succeed renowned biologist Prof K Vijay Raghavan
Govt Appoints C Muhammed Faizi	Haj Committee of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Faizi as a member of the Haj Committee of India for a period of 3 years with effect from April 21, 2022, up to March 31, 2025.</li></ul>
Economist Dr. Suman K Bery	vice chairman of Niti Aayog	He will succeed Dr. Rajiv Kumar and will be relieved from his post on 30th April 2022
India Ashwin Yardi	CEO Of Capgemini	UNICEF YuWaah Board As Co-Chair Replaced Yasumasa Kimura
France's Emmanuel Macron	French President	Macron became the first President in France in 20 years to win the re-election. Defeating Marine Le Pen
BJP's AP Abdullakutty	chairman of the Central Haj Committee	For the first time, two women were elected as its vice-

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		chairpersons– Munnawari Begum and Mafuja Khatun
Robert Golob-3 Time	Slovenia PM	Defeating Janez Janša
Generali Asia appoints Bruce de Broize	MD and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance	He will take over from Miranjit Mukherjee who has been serving as interim CEO since September 2021
Krishnan Ramanujam	Nasscom Appointed as President, of Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services,	Ramanujam succeeds Rekha M. Menon, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director of Accenture in India
Vijay Sampla	chairperson of NCSC	The official order for his appointment was issued by President Ram Nath Kovind
Rajiv Ranjan	RBI- Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) ex-officio member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ranjan will be succeeding Mridul Saggar</li><li>• The 595th meeting of the central board was held through video conferencing under the chairmanship of RBI governor Shaktikanta Das.</li></ul>
Anshul Swami	MD-CEO Shivalik Small Finance Bank	
IRS Officer Sangeeta Singh	CBDT Chairman	She was appointed after incumbent JB Mohapatra retired
Indian-origin Nand Mulchandani	1st-ever chief tech officer of CIA	1 st ever US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
IBM Chairman Arvind Krishna	Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York	He has been elected as a Class B director
Ex-Petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor	advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi	

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M Narayanan	part-time Chairman of CUB	Mr. Narayanan succeeds R. Mohan
Rodrigo Chaves	New President of Costa Rica	He will succeed Carlos Alvarado Quesada
Pushp Kumar Joshi	Chairman and MD of HPCL	
Yoon Suk Yeol	President of South Korea	
John Lee's five-year term (2022-2027) in July 2022	Hong Kong's next chief executive	He will succeed Carrie Lam.
Ferdinand Marcos Jr	Philippines presidential election landslide	
Deepika Padukone	1st Indian house ambassador of Louis Vuitton	
President of India Ram Nath Kovind appointed Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh	Chief Justice of Gauhati HC	
Rajiv Kumar	New Chief Election Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● He will take charge of outgoing CEC Sushil Chandra on May 15.</li> </ul>
1. Bajaj Finserv Chairman and MD Sanjiv Bajaj 2. Pawan Munjal, 3. R Dinesh	1. president of CII 2. CII President-Designate 3. Vice President of CII for 2022-23.	Sanjiv Bajaj replacing TV Narendran
Tata Group appoints Campbell	CEO & MD of Air India	
26th Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe	PM of Sri Lanka	Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned
Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan	President of the UAE	He replaced Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Manik Saha	11th CM of Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb stepped down
Nidhi Chibber	CBSE Chairperson	
Vivek Kumar Dewangen	CMD Of REC Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently, he is an Additional Secretary in</li> </ul>



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		the Ministry of Power.
RBI appoints Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>executive directors effect from May 1, 2022.</li></ul>	
Vinay Kwatra	India's new Foreign Secretary	He succeeded incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla
29 th Lt. Gen. B.S. Raju	Vice Chief of Army Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>He will succeed incumbent Lt. Gen Manoj Pande.</li></ul>
JioSaavn	Sahas Malhotra as CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>He replaced former CEO and JioSaavn co-founder Rishi Malhotra.</li></ul>
IndiGo appoints Venkataramani Sumantran	chairman of the Board	Sumantran succeeds Meleveetil Damodaran
Hassan Sheikh Mohamud	Somalia new president	defeating Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo
S N Subrahmanyam	Larsen & Toubro MD & CEO	S.N. Subramanyam will replace A.M. Naik
Sudarshan Venu	MD Of TVS Motor Company	
2 <sup>nd</sup> woman Elisabeth Borne more than 30 years	France's first female prime minister	Borne will replace Jean Castex
Air Marshal Sanjeev Kapoor	Director General (Inspection and Safety)	
PFC –Power Finance Corporation Chairman Ravinder Singh Dhillon	REC CMD for three months	
BSE appoints former RBI deputy governor S.S. Mundra	Chairman of the board of directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>He will replace Justice Vikramajit Sen.</li></ul>
Sameer Sharma	AP Chief Secretary	another 6 months from May 21, 2022, to

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Gram Unnati Appoints Sunil Arora	Board's New Chairman	
Gopal Vittal	Airtel MD and CEO for 5 years	
B Govindarajan	CEO Of Royal Enfield	
Naveen Srivastava	India's ambassador to Nepal	Mr. Srivastava succeeded Mr. Vinay Kumar Kwatra,
Scientist Dr. Kamal Bawa	U.S. National Academy of Sciences	
		Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal resigns
Aruna Singh	• an additional charge of the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel).	
IndiGo	Mr. Pieter Elbers As CEO	He will replace Mr. Ronojoy Dutta
	Equitas Small Finance Bank MD & CEO	Mr. P N Vasudevan resigns
IFS officer Mr. Vivek Kumar	Private Secretary to PM Shri Narendra Modi	He will replace Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singla
Mr. Salil Parekh	MD & CEO of Infosys	MD & CEO of Infosys effective from July 1, 2022, till March 31, 2027
Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma	MD & CEO of Paytm	effective from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027
Mr. Anthony Albanese	Australia's 31st Prime Minister	



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Jose Ramos-Horta	East Timor's president	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He defeated incumbent Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres, his fellow independence fighter, in the election.</li></ul>
Vinai Kumar Saxena	Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He will succeed outgoing Anil Baijal who resigned from the post last week citing "personal reasons".</li></ul>
Mr. T N Manoharan	part-time Chairman - IDBI	Replaced M R Kumar
Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	WHO Director-General for 2nd term	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus had become the first African to take over as the WHO Chief in 2017.
Captain Abhilasha Barak	Indian Army's 1st woman combat pilot	It was described as a 'Golden Letter Day' for the Indian Army
Shri Rajesh Bhushan	chairperson of the key world health panel	
		Mr. Narinder Batra resigns as president of the Indian Olympic Association
Anwar Hussain Shaik	chair of the WTO committee	Mr. Anwar Hussain Shaik is the first Indian representative to chair the committee after 10 years
Mr. Gaurav Sachdeva	CEO of JSW One Platforms	
President Appoints Justice Pradip Mohanty	acting Chairperson Of Lokpal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He succeeded Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose.</li></ul>
Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain three-year term	IBA's Athletes' Committee Chair	
Vandita Sharma	Karnataka's new Chief Secretary	Ms. Sharma took over from P. Ravi Kumar
Ex-SBI senior executive Mr. Natarajan Sundar	CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL).	



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Mr. Rajesh Gera	DG of the National Informatics Centre	
Mr. Pankaj Sharma	a part-time member of PFRDA	
S L Thaosen	Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal	<p>Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen is the 21st Director General of SSB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG Kumar Rajesh Chandra retired on December 31, 2021.</li> </ul>
Ex-SBI MD Ashwani Bhatia	Whole Time Member at SEBI	
Sachin Tendulkar	UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for the 20th year	
A Manimekhalai	MD of Union Bank	Manimekhalai replaced Rajkiran Rai G
Cricketer Yash Dhull	State Icon	
SAI DG Sandip Pradhan	Sports Authority of India (SAI) Director General	It's the second extension granted to Pradhan
Punjab & Sind Bank MD & CEO		Shri S Krishnan retires
Mr. Javier Olivan	Meta's next COO	He will replace Ms. Sheryl Sandberg
General-Major Bajram Begaj	new Albanian president	
Mr. Satish Pai	new Board Chairman International Aluminium Institute	he succeeded Ben Kahrs
Indian Diplomat Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill	Envoy On Technology	He will be succeeding Maria-Francesca Spatolisano
Alok Kumar Choudhary's two-year term	SBI Managing Director	
Mr. N J Ojha	MGNERGS	MGNREGA workers, consider such complaints, pass awards within 30 days from the date of receipt of the complaint,
Mr. Krishna Srinivasan	director of IMF's Asia-Pacific department	He will succeed Mr. Changyong Rhee

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Doordarshan's DG Mr. Mayank Agrawal	CEO of Prasar Bharti	He succeeded Mr. Shashi Shekhar Vempati
Mr. AR Rahman	ambassador of the India-UK culture platform	
Mr. Subramaniakumar	MD & CEO of RBL Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD &amp; CEO Mr. Vishwahir Ahuja stepped down.</li> </ul>
Ambassador Ms. Rabab Fatima	UNs Under-Secretary-General	She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica
Justice Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil	Karnataka Lokayukta	
Miss Aarti Prabhakar	US President Mr. Joe Biden's new science advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• replace Eric Lander</li> </ul>
Shri Anand Gopal Mahindra, Shri Venu Srinivasan, Shri Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel, and Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia	Government appoints 4 non-official directors to RBI central board	
Mr. Hamza Abdi Barre	Somalia's pm	replaces Mr. Mohamed Hussein Roble
Ms Ranjana Prakash Desai	New PCI Chief	

### AWARDS AND HONOUR

#### Chief of Army staff presents President's colors to Dogra Regiment

- General MM Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff presented the prestigious 'President's Colours' to two battalions of the Dogra Regiment, namely 20 DOGRA and 21 DOGRA during an impressive Colour Presentation Parade held at the Dogra Regimental Centre, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh.

#### Prof Wilfried Brutsaert bags Stockholm Water Prize 2022

- The Stockholm Water Prize 2022 has been awarded by The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) in cooperation with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences to Professor Wilfried Brutsaert for his innovative advertisement evaluating environmental evaporation.

#### HDFC Bank adjudged the best performing bank in SHG linkage by NRLM

- HDFC Bank has been adjudged the Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India at a function organized at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- The award was presented by Giriraj Singh, Minister of Rural Development to K Venkatesh, Head – Of Sustainable Livelihood Initiative, HDFC Bank.

#### 64th Annual Grammy Awards 2022

- The 64th Annual Grammy Awards were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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- It recognized the **best recordings, compositions, and artists** of the eligibility year, running from **September 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021.**

### **Journalist Aarefa Johari Wins Chameli Devi Jain Award**

- Mumbai-based Scroll.** in reporter Aarefa Johari has won the **Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Media person 2021.**
- The award is administered by the **Media Foundation.**

### **Famous poet & litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra was selected for Saraswati Samman 2021**

- Noted poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra** has been selected for the prestigious **Saraswati Samman, 2021.**
- He has been selected for this prestigious literary award for his Hindi poetry collection '**Mein to Yahan Hun**', which was published in **2015.**

### **Picture Of Dresses On Crosses Wins 2022 World Press Photo of the Year**

- A photograph of Kamloops Residential School that has won the **2022 World Press Photo of the Year award** was captured by Canadian photojournalist **Amber Jacken.**
- It is a haunting image of red dresses hung on crosses along a roadside, with a rainbow in the background, commemorating children who died of maltreatment, neglect, and disease at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia in 2021.

### **Veteran Bengali Author Amar Mitra Wins Prestigious 2022 O. Henry Prize for short stories**

- Famous Bengali author Amar Mitra** was awarded the prestigious **2022 O. Henry Prize for short stories.**
- He won for his work titled "**The Old Man of Kusumpur**", originally written in **Bengali** with the title **Gaonburo**, 45 years back in 1977.

### **Vice President Venkaiah Naidu confers Sangeet Natak Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowships and Awards**

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu** conferred the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards** for the year **2018** and the **National Awards of Lalit Kala Akademi** to eminent artists at a special function held in New Delhi.

### **ACI - List of top 10 busiest airports in the world 2021**

- The **Airports Council International (ACI) World** published the list of the **top 10 busiest airports in the world** for the year **2021.**
- Georgia's Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** regains the top position on the list with **75.7 million passengers** as the busiest airport in the world, followed by **Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport** with **62.5 million passengers** and **Denver International Airport** with **58.8 million passengers.**

### **NMDC Wins SKOCH Awards 2022 at 80th SKOCH Summit 2022**

- The **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)**, under the **Ministry of Steel**, was awarded **one gold and one silver award** at the **80th SKOCH Summit and SKOCH Awards** in New Delhi.
- The theme for the SKOCH Summit was '**State of BFSI & PSUs**'.

### **Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar wins the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in 2021**

- At the **23rd edition of the EY Entrepreneur of The Year India awards**, the **Founder and CEO of Nykaa, Falguni Nayar** has been named the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021.**
- Nayar will represent **India** at the **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award** on June 9, 2022, in Monaco.
- Meanwhile, **A M Naik, Group Chairman, Larsen & Toubro**, was felicitated with the **Lifetime Achievement Award.**

### **Mumbai and Hyderabad get 2021 Tree City of the World' by UN-FAO**

- Mumbai** and **Hyderabad** have been jointly recognized as the '**2021 Tree City of the World**' by **The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** and **Arbor Day Foundation.**
- For a **second consecutive year**, **Hyderabad** has been recognized as a 'Tree City of the World'
- National Arbor Day is observed on **April 29, 2022**, & the day was celebrated last Friday in April every year.

### **Vice President presents the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021**

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- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu conferred the **International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021** to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh under the Indian nomination (individual) category and **Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat** under the institutional category in New Delhi.
- The annual award was instituted by **Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation**.

### **PM Modi awarded with inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to be honored with the first **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award**, at the **80th annual Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards** ceremony.
- The award was instituted in memory and **honor of legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar** who passed away at the age of 92 years in Mumbai.
- **April 24, 2022**, marks the **80th death anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar, the father of the Late Lata Mangeshkar**.

### **Prabhat Patnaik selected for Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2022**

- **Renowned Indian economist and political commentator Prabhat Patnaik** has been selected for the **2022 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award**.
- The award is annually given by the **Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust** to an outstanding social scientist selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury.
- The first Malcolm Adiseshiah Award was given in **2001** and so far we have given 21 awards.
- The award was named after educator & Indian development economist **Malcom Sathiyanathan Adiseshiah**.

### **IndusInd Bank Bags Global ‘Celent Model Bank’ Award for Its Enterprise Payments Hub Initiative**

- **IndusInd Bank** has been awarded the **global ‘Celent Model Bank’ award** under the category – ‘Payments System Transformation’ for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH).

### **Civil Aviation Ministry’s “UDAN” scheme was selected for Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Public Administration**

- The **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) flagship Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik)** has been selected for **Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020** under the category “**Innovation (General) – Central**”.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation will receive the award on the 21st of April, i.e. **Civil Service Day**.

### **Indian-American defense expert Vivek Lall to receive Entrepreneur Leadership Award 2022**

- **Indian-American chief executive of General Atomics Global Corporation Vivek Lall** has been selected for the prestigious **Entrepreneur Leadership Awards - Global Leader in Defence & Aviation Sector** by the **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)** for recognition of his contribution to the defense sector.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister **Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia** will be the Chief Guest of the event.

### **Ukrainian President Zelenskyy gets John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022**

- Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** is among **five people** being named as **recipients of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award** for acting to protect democracy.

### **Other 4 people :**

- Republican U.S. Rep. **Liz Cheney** of Wyoming
- Michigan Secretary of State **Jocelyn Benson**
- Arizona House Speaker **Rusty Bowers** and Fulton County, Georgia,
- Elections worker **Wandrea “Shaye” Moss**.
- **Caroline Kennedy and her son, Jack Schlossberg**, will present the awards on **May 22 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston**.

### **Sir David Attenborough was bestowed as a champion of the Lifetime Achievement award 2021**

- The **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** announced that **Sir David Attenborough** is the recipient of the **Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award** for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.
- **2022** marks **fifty years** since the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden, which was one of the first international meetings on the environment.

### **AAP's Raghav Chadha, Ukrainian minister Fedorov in 2022 WEF's Young Global Leaders list**



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- Aam Aadmi Party leader Raghav Chadha, Edelweiss Mutual Fund CEO Radhika Gupta, and Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov were named by the World Economic Forum in its 2022 list of Young Global Leaders.
- The list includes athlete Manasi Joshi, Innov8 Coworking founder Ritesh Malik, BharatPe CEO Suhail Sameer, Sugar Cosmetics CEO Vineeta Singh, and Global Himalayan Expedition CEO Jaideep Bansal.

### NMDC Conferred at PRSI Awards 2022

- The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC), has achieved the Public Relations Awards 2022 conferred by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), winning the first position in four categories.
- Telangana Minister of Prohibition & Excise, Sports & Youth Services, Tourism & Culture, Shri V Srinivas Goud presented the award to NMDC's Shri Praveen Kumar, ED (Personnel), and Shri Ch. Srinivasa Rao, DGM (Corporate Communications) received the awards on behalf of the Navratna PSU. Shri Srinivasa Rao, DGM (Corporate Communications) received the awards on behalf of the Navratna PSU.

### Meghalaya govt's e-Proposal System' wins UN Award

- The Meghalaya government's Planning Department's key initiative the "e-Proposal System", wins the coveted UN Award – World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum Prizes 2022.
- Meghalaya has been selected by the UN as a Champion Project in the category of "The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of Information and Communication Technologies for development," along with projects from Australia, China, Argentina, and Tanzania.
- The "e-Proposal System", part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA), eliminates 75 percent physical work of files in government departments.
- MeghEA is a flagship initiative of the Meghalaya Government, supported by the National e-Gov Division (NeGD), a first of its kind in the country.

### Bidyanondo Founder Kishor Kumar Das Received 223rd Commonwealth Points of Light Award

- Kishor Kumar Das, the founder of the humanitarian organization Bidyanondo, has been awarded the 223rd Commonwealth Point of Light.

### Ardeshir B K Dubash conferred the Order of Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan from the Government of Peru

- The former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, Mr. Ardeshir B.K. Dubash received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru José Gregorio Paz Soldán", the highest distinction conferred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru.
- The award was conferred by the Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo who traveled from Delhi to Mumbai for this special occasion, bringing the decoration issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, H.E. Cesar Landa.

### BRO's Atal Tunnel Won the IBC Best Infrastructure Project award

- On April 28, 2022, The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Engineering Marvel Atal Tunnel built in Rohtang of Himachal Pradesh received Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi.
- The 9.02 km-long Atal Tunnel is the longest highway tunnel globally and connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year.

### Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers Bhagwanth Khuba presents India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022

- During the 7th edition of the International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022, Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers (MoC&F), Shri Bhagwanth Khuba along with the Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals also conferred India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022.

### Indian wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra won Whitley Gold Award in 2022

- Charudutt Mishra, a snow leopard conservationist, was awarded the Whitley Gold Award at the Royal Geographical Society in London.
- Princess Anne presented the award to Mishra.

### NASA climate research scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig Receives 2022 World Food Prize

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- **Cynthia Rosenzweig**, a senior research scientist and head of the Climate Impacts Group at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York City, received the **2022 World Food Prize** from the World Food Prize Foundation.
- On 5 May 2022 President of the World Food Prize Foundation, **Barbara Stinson** announced the 2022 Laureate during a ceremony hosted by the **U.S. Department of State**.

### DFPD gets Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020 for the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme

- The **Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD)** received the prestigious **Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, in 2020** for its scheme '**One Nation One Ration Card**' (ONORC).
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration on the occasion of **15th Civil Services Day** in New Delhi.

### Dr. Bina Modi, Chairperson, Modi Enterprises Receives the Woman Transforming India Award - IACC's 6th Entrepreneur & Leadership Awards 2022

- At the **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce(IACC) 6th Entrepreneur & Leadership Awards 2022**, Dr. Bina Modi, Chairperson of Modi Enterprises was adjudged the '**Woman Transforming India**' Award.
- The Award was presented by the Honourable Union Minister for Civil Aviation, **Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia**.

### Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy to receive British honor for his service during a pandemic

- Chief executive officer of Penlon, a British medical device manufacturing firm, **Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy** is all set to receive the **Member of the Royal Order of British Empire (MBE)** recognition from the **Queen at Buckingham Palace, London, UK**.

### Pulitzer Prize: 2022 Winners List

- The winners of the **Pulitzer Prize 2022** in journalism, books, drama, and music were announced.

### Bengali translation of French novel 'Meursault, contre-enquête' wins Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022

- The Bengali translation of the French novel "Meursault, contre-enquête" (The Meursault Investigation) has won the fifth Romain Rolland Book Prize.
- The award was announced during the French LitFest 2022.

### Indian Architect B.V. Doshi was conferred with Royal Gold Medal 2022

- Well-known **Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi** was conferred the prestigious **Royal Gold Medal 2022**, one of the world's highest honors for architecture, by the **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**, London, United Kingdom.
- He is the **only one from India** to have been awarded both the **Royal Gold Medal and the Pritzker Architecture Prize**.

### Nobel Laureate Dr. Frank Wilczek Receives 2022 Templeton Prize

- Penguin Press author and Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist **Dr. Frank Wilczek** have won the **2022 Templeton Prize**.
- Currently, he is the **Herman Feshbach Professor of Physics** at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, **Founding Director of T. D.**

### Piramal Group chairman Ajay Piramal receives the Order of the British Empire award

- Piramal Group chairman Mr. Ajay Gopi Kishan Piramal has received an honorary commander of the order of the British Empire (CBE) from Her Majesty The Queen.
- Mr. Piramal has received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.

### Cameroonian activist Cécile Ndjebet wins Wangari Maathai Forest Champions' Award 2022

- Cameroon activist and board member of the African Forest Forum, Ms. **Cecil Ndjebet** has won the **2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award**.
- The award was given in recognition of her outstanding contribution to **preserving forests** and improving the lives of people who depend on them.
- The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) launched the first Wangari Maathai Award in **2012** to honor the **memory of Kenyan environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai**,

### KVGB won 6 awards from PFRDA

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- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**, has bagged **6 National Awards** in different Categories" for outstanding achievement under enrolment of **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** from the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.
- **Mr. P Gopi Krishna, Chairman, KVGB** received the Awards from **Mr. Supratim Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, PFRDA** at a Summit held in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India**.
- The Bank has enrolled (Cumulative) **264817 accounts** under APY.
- KVGB is playing a pivotal role in implementing all **three social security schemes (PMJJBY -Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMSBY-Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana & APY-Atal Pension Yojana)**.

### Journalist Wesley Morgan wins the Colby award for his book 'The Hardest Place'

- Author and journalist Mr. **Wesley Morgan** has won the **William E. Colby Award** for his book titled **The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley**.
- Previous winners of the Colby Award include **Dexter Filkins, Karl Marlantes, and Adam Higginbotham**.
- The Colby Award is presented by **Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont**.

### 2022 Billboard Music Awards Winners

- The **Billboard Music Awards 2022** honors the **artists** across genres whose music has received the most fanfare over the past year and was held at the **MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas**.
- It was hosted by **Sean 'Diddy' Combs** and gave out trophies to the musicians who have achieved success via album and song sales and streams, touring, radio play, and social engagement.
- At the 2022 Billboards Music Awards, **BTS** created history by winning **3 out of 6 awards they were nominated for**.
- **Most awards** were won by **Olivia Rodrigo (7) & Most nominations** were won by **The Weeknd (17)**.

### British climber Kenton Cool becomes the first foreigner to scale Everest 16 times

- British mountaineer **Kenton Cool** has scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time becoming the first foreign climber to make the most Mt Everest summits
- Previously, American climber **Dave Hahn** climbed Mt Everest 15 times.

### Subhash Ola wins Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022

- An innovator from **Rajasthan**, Mr. **Shri Subhash Ola** has won the **1st prize** for the **Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022** and his enterprise "**Geniusenergy Critical Innovation Private Limited**" has won the **Start-up of the Year award**.
- He has developed the technology of **saving energy in boilers by recycling steam**.
- Geniusenergy Critical Innovation, a start-up recognized by the Govt. of India, was incubated by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), an autonomous body of the **Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India**.

### Cummins India's Ms. Anjali Pandey bags the CII EXCON Committed Leader Award 2022

- Cummins India's Ms. **Anjali Pandey** has been awarded the prestigious **Committed Leader Award** at **CII EXCON 2022** in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- She was awarded for her **deep-rooted commitment and efforts to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace**.

### India's ASHA honored with WHO's DG's Global Health Leaders Awards

- The WHO Director-General **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** has announced **six awards** to recognize **outstanding contributions to advancing global health, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to regional health issues**.
- The recipients of the prize are decided by **WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

### Ahmed bin Saeed Honors the Winner of the First Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022

- **Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, and Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group** honored the **winner** of the **Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award** at an award ceremony held at **Atlantis The Palm, Dubai**.
- **Anna Qabale Duba** from Marsabit County in Kenya was named the **winner** of the **Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award**, which has **prize money of \$250,000**, for endorsing education and campaigning against outdated cultural practices like **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** in her community.



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### Music Academy Announces Sangita Kalanidhi Awards For 3 Years

- The Music Academy announced the **Sangita Kalanidhi** and other awards for various artists from the years **2020, 2021, and 2022**.
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin** will present the awards while inaugurating the **96th Annual Conference and Concerts** on December 15, 2022.

### CMFRI Director Dr. Gopalakrishnan Receives VASVIK Industrial Research Award for works on fish genetics

- Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), **Dr. A Gopalakrishnan**, has won the prestigious **VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award for the year 2020** in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

### Gautam Adani, Karuna Nundy, Khurram Parvez among Time's 100 Most Influential People 2022

- Business tycoon **Gautam Adani**, Supreme Court lawyer **Karuna Nundy**, and prominent Kashmiri human rights activist **Khurram Parvez** have been named among the **world's 100 most influential people of 2022** by **TIME magazine**.
- The list has been divided into **6 categories – Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders, and Innovators**.

### Union Minister of Power Shri R.K Singh confers NHPC Limited with a first prize of 'Rajbhasha Shield'

- Union Power Minister **RK Singh** has conferred **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC Limited)** with the **first prize** for the year **2020-21** and the **second prize** for the year **2018-19** for excellent implementation of **Rajbhasha**.
- During the meeting, Shri R.K Singh also released the latest issue of '**Rajbhasha Jyoti**', NHPC's official language magazine, and the book '**Bharatiya Sanskriti Mein Prabandhan**' written by **Dr. Rajbir Singh**, Group General Manager (Rajbhasha), NHPC.
- NHPC has also been awarded "**Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar**" **9 times** by the Government of India for its excellent work in the field of implementation of Rajbha

### Mamata Banerjee was awarded Special Bangla Academy Award

- On the occasion of **Rabindranath Tagore's** birth anniversary, the **chief minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee**, received the **first Bangla Academy award** for her "relentless literary pursuit" at the "**Ravi Pranam**" function organized by the **government's information and culture department**.
- The award was introduced by **Sahitya Academy** & it was presented to Banerjee for her book "**Kabita Bitan**", which pays tribute to the best writers of West Bengal.
- On behalf of Mamata Banerjee, the award was received by state **Education Minister Bratya Basu**.

### Rolls-Royce India president Jayaraman Receives the Order of the British Empire (OBE) Award

- **President of India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, Kishore Jayaraman**, has received an **honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)** from **Her Majesty The Queen**.
- He received the award for services to international trade and investment, with a key focus on the **promotion of India-UK trade**.

### Tomb of Sand becomes 1st Hindi novel to win International Booker Prize

- Delhi-based author **Geetanjali Shree** and American translator **Daisy Rockwell** won the **International Booker Prize** for their novel '**Tomb of Sand**'.
- The **50,000-pound (\$63,000)** prize money will be split between Shree and Rockwell

### Nawazuddin Siddiqui Awarded For Excellence In Cinema - French Riviera Film Festival

- Two-time Emmy award-winning American actor and producer **Vincent De Paul** presented an **award for Excellence in Cinema** to the **Bollywood actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui** at the **French Riviera Film Festival in Cannes**.
- Nawazuddin was one of the first confirmed attendees at the Cannes Film Festival.

### Jharkhand To get WHO Award for Controlling Tobacco Consumption

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has selected **Jharkhand** for the **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022** in recognition of its efforts to **reduce tobacco consumption**.

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- **Stata Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department** will receive the award on the occasion of **World No Tobacco Day** in Delhi on May 31, 2022.

**Well-known filmmaker Sanjit Narwekar was conferred with the V Shantaram Lifetime achievement award at MIFF 2022**

- **Noted author and documentary filmmaker Shri Sanjit Narwekar**, was conferred **Dr. V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022).

**Kashmiri RJ Umar Nisar receive a UNICEF award**

- **Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar)**, who hails from south **Kashmir**, has been awarded the '01 Greatest Content material Award' and the **Immunization Champion award** by **UNICEF** at the annual **Radio4Child 2022 Awards** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- The award was offered by multi-Grammy Award-winning music composer, environmentalist, and UNICEF superstar supporter **Ricky Kej**, OIC UNICEF, UP Dr. Zafrin Chowdhury, chief of communications and advocacy and partnerships, UNICEF India; Dr. Sachin Desai, State Immunization Officer, Authorities of Maharashtra; Dr. Sachin Desai, State Immunization Officer, Authorities of Maharashtra.

**West Indies cricketer Darren Sammy Honored with Sitara-e-Pakistan award**

- **West Indies captain Darren Sammy** has been awarded **Pakistan's third-highest civilian award, Sitara-e-Pakistan**, for his "excellent contribution" to the revival of international cricket in Pakistan.

**Young women entrepreneur Mrs. Rashmi Sahoo wins Times Business Award 2022**

- At the 3rd **Times Business Awards**, the Director of **Ruchi Foodline**, Eastern India's leading food brand and Odisha's No.1 spices company, young and dynamic women entrepreneur **Mrs. Rashmi Sahoo** has been awarded the prestigious **Times Business Award 2022**.

**Queen's Birthday Honours list 2022: Salman Rushdie and Quentin Blake made Companions of Honour**

- The author of the Booker Prize-winning novel 'Midnight's Children', **Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie** leads a list of over 40 professionals and community champions of Indian origin to be honored in the **Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2022**.
- In the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours list, Mr. Rushdie is named a **Companion of Honour** & the list was released to mark the **Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of service to the UK**.

**Meghalaya Wins Best Project Award at UN World Summit**

- At the **United Nations World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2022**, an initiative of the **Meghalaya government's primary e-proposal system** (part of the Meghalaya Enterprise Architect) received the prestigious **UN Award** in the category of "the role of governments in the promotion of ICTs for development".

**Dutch Film 'Turn Your Body To The Sun' Bags Golden Conch Award For Best Documentary at Mumbai International Film Festival**

- The **Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun"** has won the prestigious **Golden Conch award** for **Best Documentary Film** at the 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF).
- The Golden Conch award was presented by the **Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari** at the closing ceremony, held at the **Nehru Centre, Mumbai**, in presence of the Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting L Murugan and other dignitaries.

**Indian Railways was awarded by the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) in the category of "Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology"**

- **Indian Railways** have been awarded by the **UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA)** in the category of "Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology" for feeding Solar Energy directly to a 25 KV AC Traction System in Berlin, Germany.

**IIFA Awards 2022: Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon win top acting honors**

- The 22nd edition of the **International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2022** was held in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates hosted by **Salman Khan, Maniesh Paul, and Riteish Deshmukh**.
- **Sidharth Malhotra's Shershaah** won as many as **five categories** & dominated the awards in 2022.

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### 2nd Edition of the DSDP Excellence Awards held in New Delhi:

- The 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in **District Skill Development Planning**, DSDP was organized in **New Delhi**.
- Where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region.
- **Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam, and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three** among all participating districts.

### Mr. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli becomes First Indian to be recognized as a Global SDG Pioneer by UNGC

- Mr. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli has become the **first Indian** to be recognized as the **Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)**.
- The United Nations Global Compact has announced **10 new SDG Pioneers** and business leaders who are doing an exceptional job to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the implementation of the UN Global Compact **10 Principles on human rights, environment, labor, and anti-corruption**.

### WHO awards PGI Chandigarh Centre for tobacco control:

- The **WHO** has given the **Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC)** of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh** the **Regional Director Special Recognition Award** in recognition of its efforts in advancing tobacco control.
- According to **e-RCTC Director Sonu Goel**, the Resource Centre provides information on tobacco control in India, including circulars and directives, policies and legislations, and interdisciplinary publications.

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- The Resource Center for Tobacco Control, a joint drive of the **PGIMER** and the **UNION-SEA**, was set up in 2018 by 25 associations working on tobacco control in India with a means to exhibit tobacco control drives.

### Hamad International Airport named World's Best Airport 2022:

- For the second year in a row, **Qatar's Hamad International Airport** has been crowned the **World's Best Airport**.
- The announcement was made at the **Passenger Terminal EXPO** in Paris, France, at the **Skytrax 2022 World Airport Awards**.

### Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Yoga announced

- On the occasion of **International Yoga Day**, the **AYUSH ministry** announced that two individuals and two organizations will be honored with the '**Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development and Promotion of Yoga**' in 2022.
- **Award winners:**
- Two individuals **Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh, Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil**, and two organizations, "**The Divine Life Society**" from Uttarakhand and the British Wheel of Yoga from the United Kingdom have been chosen for the award.
- They will also receive **₹25 lakh as a cash prize**, a trophy, and a certificate.

### US-Canadian author Ruth Ozeki wins Women's Prize for Fiction:

- **Ruth Ozeki, a US-Canadian author, filmmaker, and Zen Buddhist priest** has been awarded this year's **Women's Prize for Fiction** for her book "**The Book of Form and Emptiness.**"
- The Book of Form and Emptiness, **Ozeki's fourth book**, is the tale of a 13-year-old boy who, following the terrible loss of his father, begins to hear the voices of objects communicating to him.
- She knocked out other nominees **Elif Shafak, Meg Mason, and Louise Erdrich** to receive the £30,000 prize at a ceremony in London.

### Union Aviation Minister awards the first Type Certificate under Drone Rules, 2021 to Gurugram-based IoTechWorld:

- **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, has awarded the **first Type Certificate (TC)** under **Drone Rules, 2021** to **IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd.**



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- The Drone Rules, 2021 were notified on 25 Aug 2021 and the 'Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CSUAS)' for obtaining a Type Certificate (TC) for drones was notified on 26 Jan 2022.

### The renowned UN Public Service Award was given to the Odisha "Mo Bus" Service:

- A prominent United Nations award has been given to Mo Bus, an Odisha-based public transportation company, in recognition of their contributions to the global Covid19 response.
- Awarded for "promoting gender-responsive public services to fulfill the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)" is the public transportation system.

### Award program for Hindi-language authors of books Results for 2020–21:

- An award scheme for writing books originally in Hindi on Economics/Banking/Financial issues was introduced by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a press release inviting applications for the program described in the caption.
- It was decided to honor both Dr. Sagar Sanwariya, an assistant professor at Government Girl's College in Nathdwara, Rajasthan, and Professor Renu Jatana, a former dean of Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur, Rajasthan, for their book **Vittiye Prabhand**.

### Utama won the Transylvania Trophy at the 21st TIFF Edition

- At the Awards Ceremony held in Cluj-Unirii Napoca's Square, the 21st edition of the Transilvania International Film Festival's winners received cheers.
- The filmmaker Alejandro Loayza Grisi's first film, Utama, was selected as this year's main winner and given the **10,000-euro Transylvania Trophy**.
- The Bolivian production also won over the **TIFF audience and received the MasterCard Audience Award**, which is worth 2,000 euros and is chosen by festival attendees.

### Odisha govt bags first prize in National MSME Award 2022:

- Awarded first place in the category "National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for Outstanding Contribution in the Promotion and Development of MSME Sector" is the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department of the Government of Odisha.
- This is due to the numerous developmental activities that have been undertaken to advance MSMEs.
- **Second and third place**, respectively, went to Bihar and Haryana.

### Shanan Dhaka Of Rohtak Secured 1st Rank in the First Women's NDA Batch

- Shannain Dhaka, daughter of Sundana village of Rohtak, has secured the 1st rank in the examination for admission to the country's first woman NDA batch.
- In the NDA merit list, Shanan has got an All India Rank (AIR) overall of 10 while she is AIR 1 among girls.

### Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022:

- Maryna Viazovska, a math professor from Ukraine, was awarded the Fields Medal in 2022, the highest honor in mathematics.
- As a result of Moscow's conflict, the Fields Medal celebration was relocated from Saint Petersburg to Helsinki, where Viazovska and three other mathematicians were awarded the medal.
- Since the prize was established in 1936 for mathematicians under 40, Maryna is just the second woman to earn it.

### Michelle Poonawalla received the Prestigious Shiromani Award:

- For her contributions to the arts, Michelle Poonawalla was given the Shiromani Award at the NRI World Summit 2022 in the UK.
- The Shiromani Award was given to Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Lord Rami Ranger, and Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari in addition to Poonawalla.

### Karnataka's Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India 2022:

- The Femina Miss India 2022 title has been won by Sini Shetty.
- She will now compete in the 71st Miss World pageant as India's representative.

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- At the JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai, Shetty was named **Femina Miss India World 2022 by Manasa Varanasi, Miss India 2020**.
- Rubal Shekhawat of Rajasthan** is the **first runner-up** in Femina Miss India 2022, while **Shinata Chauhan of Uttar Pradesh** is the **second**.

### UK Parliament honors Tanuja Nesari with the Ayurveda Ratna award:

- The UK Parliament** presented **Tanuja Nesari**, Director of the **All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, with the **Ayurveda Ratna Award**.
- She received the award from the **UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg)**, which recognizes her work to promote the spread of Ayurveda both domestically and internationally.
- An **ITSappg** committee led by dignitaries Bob Blackman, MP, UK Parliament and Chair, Virendra Sharma, MP, UK Parliament, and Chair, and Ambassador for Ayurveda and Yoga in Great Britain, Amarjeet S. Bhamra, honored Dr. Nesari for her exceptional service of the highest caliber for the promotion of Ayurveda.

### HCL Technologies bags Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022:

- HCL Technologies** received recognition at the **2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards** for its creativity and use of Microsoft technologies in client solutions.
- HCL Tech won the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award** as well as the Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) (country winner).
- The IT business was also selected as a finalist for the Internet of Things category of the 2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (domain finalist).

### IG Drones receives the Global Airwards Best Drone Organization Award:

- The "Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category" award was presented by **Airwards to the Delhi-based**, market-leading drone enterprise platform business **IG Drones**.
- For its strategy of assisting local communities and providing access to technology to many stakeholders during natural catastrophes and crises, IG Drones has been chosen for the award.

### Ashok Soota was conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021:

- Happiest Minds Technologies' founder and executive chairman, **Ashok Soota, has received the CII Quality Ratna Award 2021**.
- The 2019 CII Quality Ratna Award** was established to honor those who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary leadership, contributions, and dedication to India's quality movement.

### Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award inception announced by Dr. Jitendra Singh:

- According to Science and Technology Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi, the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award** in Public Administration has been established in memory of India's first president.
- The **Indian Institute of Public Administration's (IIPA)** Executive Council was led by Dr. Singh
- The institute has to have a vision for the next 25 years to accomplish the goals that **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has set.

### Polish government honored maharajas for helping refugees during WW II:

- The maharajas of **Jamnagar and Kolhapur**, among others, who provided sanctuary to **Polish refugees** escaping the **Soviet Union's invasion of Poland during World War II**, have received honors from the Polish government.
- In response to the invitation, **the Indian government** dispatched a team to **Poland** that included former royals from Jamnagar and Kolhapur as well as **Yuvraj Sambhaji Raje and Sanyogitaraje Chhatrapati of Kolhapur**.
- Piotr Glinski**, the deputy prime minister of **Poland**, also attended the Warsaw gathering.

### Gita Gopinath becomes the first woman and 2nd Indian to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists':

- India-born Gita Gopinath** became the **first woman and second Indian** to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'.
- The first Indian to achieve the honor was Raghuram Rajan** who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of **IMF between 2003 and 2006**.
- Gopinath was appointed as **IMF Chief Economist in October 2018** and was later promoted as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director in December last year.

### Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs. Universe Divine Crown in South Korea:

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- **Pallavi Singh** from India won the **Mrs. Universe Divine Title** at the competition's **Yeosu City, South Korea, finals**.
- She is an **Indian who is from Kanpur**, and she has represented her nation admirably in this competition, in which 110 nations took part.

### Narayanan Kumar received the “Order of the Rising Sun” award from Japan:

- In honor of Vice Chairman **Narayanan Kumar** of the Sanmar Group's work to improve trade ties between **Japan and India**, the government of Japan has awarded him with the "**Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star**" award.
- Kumar received recognition from **Taga Masayuki**, the Japanese consul general in Chennai.
- The **Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry** is also led by Kumar.
- He was one of the winners of the "**Spring 2022 Imperial Decorations**" and had previously served as the president of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.

### Maharashtra Gov presents Mother Teresa Memorial Award to Dia Mirza & Afroz Shah:

- **Ms. Dia Mirza**, the country's **goodwill ambassador for the UN Environment Program (UNEP)**, and **Mr. Afroz Shah**, an environmental activist, were honored with the renowned **Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021**.
- The Maharashtra Governor, Hon. Bhagat Singh Koshyari presents the prize at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai.

### Japan awards Ex-PM Shinzo Abe country's highest order posthumously:

- **Shinzo Abe** will receive Japan's highest honor, the "**Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum**," posthumously, the Japanese government stated.
- Shinzo Abe will be the fourth former premier to receive the honor under the postwar Constitution.
- **Shigeru Yoshida, Eisaku Sato, and Yasuhiro Nakasone**, like former prime ministers, received the honor before him.

### NAARM received the Sardar Patel Award of ICAR:

- **The Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021** (in the Large Institute Category) has been given to the **National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)** in recognition of its overall accomplishments.
- In New Delhi, Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director of NAARM, accepted the honor from Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- In **Hyderabad, Telangana, India**, there is a national-level Natural Resource Service training facility for the ARS cadre.

### Australia Tennis star Lleyton Hewitt inducted into Hall of Fame:

- **Lleyton Hewitt**, a former world number one and two-time Grand Slam winner, was admitted into **the International Tennis Hall of Fame**.
- Hewitt maintained the top place for 80 weeks, which ranks as the 10th-longest period in history, before **Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, and Novak Djokovic** rose to the top of the sport.

### Narendra Singh Tomar to give Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards:

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, presented **Agriculture Infra Fund awards**.
- The awards felicitate the contribution of various Banks and States and different field functionaries to the **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme**.

### Spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honored with Ladakh's highest civilian award:

- The **highest civilian honor in Ladakh**, the "**dPal rNgam Duston**" award, was given to the head of the **Tibetan spiritual order, the Dalai Lama**.
- This honor is granted in recognition of his enormous contributions to mankind, particularly to the union territory.



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- The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, which celebrated the "dPal rNgam Duston" on the occasion of its **founding day at Sindhu Ghat, presented the sixth prize.**

### Prof Ramadhar Singh becomes 1st Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame:

- **Ramadhar Singh, a professor at Ahmedabad University, is the first Indian social psychologist to be inducted into the American Society for Personality and Social Psychology's (SPSP) US Heritage Wall of Fame.**
- He is presently a professor at Ahmedabad University's Amrut Mody School of Management and Human Sciences gave him the Distinguished Alumni Award in Psychological Sciences (March 25, 2022).

### Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022:

- **Aarya Walvekar, an Indian American** from Virginia, was named **Miss India USA in 2022 in New Jersey.**
- The first runner-up was University of Virginia's second-year premedical student Saumya Sharma, and the second runner-up was Sanjana Chekuri of New Jersey.
- **Dharmatma and Neelam Saran, two Indian-Americans residing in New York, founded it under the name Worldwide Pageants.**

### Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor to receive France's highest civilian award:

- **Shashi Tharoor, a senior Congress politician**, is slated to receive France's highest civilian honor, the **Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.**
- The French government has recognized him for his writings and talks, and the **French Ambassador** here, **Emmanuel Lenain**, has informed Tharoor of the honor.

### Sangeetha Abhayan won the World Women Entrepreneurs' Award:

- Kerala's **Sangeetha Abhayan** won the **World Women Entrepreneurs' Award** instituted by the **Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK)** for her handloom and handicrafts startup's performance in tune with the **United Nation's sustainable development goals (SDGs).**

### Muthoot Finance has won 'the best growth performance award'

- **Muthoot Finance has won the 'best growth performance award'** at Dun & Bradstreet's **22nd edition of 'India's Top 500 Companies' corporate awards.**
- Dun & Bradstreet's top-500 list identifies private and public sector Indian enterprises across **60 sectors based on income, net profit, net worth, and other financial parameters.**
- "ESG: The only way for sustainable and responsible growth" was the theme for this year's event.

### Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022 Announced

- The **13th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022** began on August 12 and will end on August 30.
- **Rithvik Dhanjiani hosted the event**, which witnessed huge victories for Kabir Khan's sports drama 83 and its star **Ranveer Singh**, as well as the Prime Video online series Mumbai Diaries 26 and the film Jalsa.
- The two films with the **most nominations, Jai Bhim and Gangubai Kathiawadi, did not win any awards.**
- **LIST OF WINNERS:**

S.no	Category	Winners
1	<b>Best Film</b>	<b>83</b>
2	<b>Best Director</b>	<b>Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)</b>
3	<b>Best Actor</b>	<b>Ranveer Singh (83)</b>
4	<b>Best Actress</b>	<b>Shefali Shah (Jalsa)</b>
5	<b>Best Series</b>	<b>Mumbai Diaries 26/11</b>
6	<b>Best Actor in a Series</b>	<b>Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)</b>
7	<b>Best Actress in a Series</b>	<b>Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)</b>
8	<b>Best Indie Film</b>	<b>Jaggi</b>



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9	Best Film from the Subcontinent	Joyland
10	Lifetime Achievement Award	Kapil Dev
11	Disruptor in Cinema Award	Vaani Kapoor (Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui)
12	Equality in Cinema Award	Jalsa
13	Leadership in Cinema Award	Abhishek Bachchan

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### 107 gallantry awards for Armed Forces and CAPF soldiers have been announced

- Smt. Droupadi Murmu, President of India, has authorized 107 gallantry medals for the Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces troops for the occasion of India's Independence Day in 2022.
- Three Kirti Chakras, 13 Shaurya Chakras, two bar to Sena Medals (gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (gallantry), one Nao Sena Medal (gallantry), and seven Vayu Sena Medals are among the honors (gallantry).

### UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022

- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar is one of the winners of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022.
- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences will be awarded for its 'Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education Programme'.
- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences is the largest residential institute for Tribals in the world.
- The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize was first given in 1989.
- It is funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

### Shiv Shankar Singh has been honored with the "Best CEO of the Year Award"

- Shiv Shankar Singh, CEO of Gramin Vikas Trust (established by KRIBHCO of GoI) has been honored with the "Best CEO of the Year Award" by the Indian Achiever's Forum.
- Indian Achievers Forum is an apex body that promotes and encourages commendable achievements from all over the country.

### Deepika Misra became the first woman to bag the Vayu Sena medal prestigious award

- Wing Commander Deepika Misra, a pilot of the Indian Air Force, was conferred with the Vayu Sena medal, becoming perhaps the first woman to bag the prestigious award.
- The government also conferred the Vayu Sena medal to Group Captain Rahul Singh and Group Captain Ravi Nanda for their respective roles during India's Operation Devi Shakti, the evacuation mission launched to bring back Indians from Kabul after its takeover by the Taliban.

### Liberty Medal 2022 to be awarded to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will receive the Liberty Medal 2022 this fall.
- For what it called "his valiant defense of liberty in the face of Russian oppression," the National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy would be honored at a ceremony in October 2022.

### Bangladeshi Fahmida Azim won the Pulitzer Prize in 2022

- Bangladeshi-born The US Insider online magazine Fahmida Azim has been chosen to receive the Pulitzer Prize in 2022.
- She is one of the four journalists chosen for their reporting on the Chinese repression of the Uyghurs, together with Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams, and Walt Hickey of the New York-based Insider publication.

### Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022

- Angela Merkel, a former German chancellor, has been given the 2022 Unesco Peace Prize for "her efforts to welcome migrants"
- The German chancellor, Angela Merkel, famously declared to her people, "We can do this," in the summer of 2015 as refugees poured into Europe.

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### Karim Benzema, Alexia Putellas win UEFA best player awards: UEFA Awards

- At a ceremony in **Istanbul, Turkey**, **Karim Benzema**, and **Alexia Putellas** received the **UEFA men's and women's player of the year awards** in recognition of their remarkable seasons.
- The French forward Benzema led **Real Madrid** to win against **Liverpool** in the **Champions League championship game and finished with 15 goals** overall

### 67th Filmfare Awards 2022:

- The **Times Group** held the **67th Filmfare Awards** event, which recognized the year's **top Hindi-language films from India**.
- The 67th Filmfare Awards, presented at **Jio World Centre**, honor movies that were released in 2021.

### Karnataka's Divita Rai crowned this year Miss Diva Universe:

- Divita Rai**, a **23-year-old from Karnataka**, was crowned **Miss Diva Universe 2022**.
- In a magnificent event marking the prestigious pageant's tenth anniversary, she was crowned by the **current Miss Universe 2021, Harnaaz Sandhu**.

### 64th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022 announced:

- In a recent worldwide announcement ceremony, the **Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF)**, popularly considered the "**Nobel Peace Prize of Asia**," named the recipients for this year.
- Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia)**, **Bernadette Madrid (Philippines)**, **Tadashi Hattori (Japan)**, and **Gary Bencheghib (Indonesia)** are the recipients of the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awards.

### Barack Obama won an Emmy Award for the best narrator Emmy:

- Obama won the best narrator Emmy** for his work on the **Netflix documentary series, Our Great National Parks**.
- The former president won an Emmy Award to go with his two Grammys.
- The five-part show, which features national parks from around the globe, is produced by **Barack and Michelle Obama's production company, "Higher Ground."**
- On the show, **Boseman voiced his "Black Panther" character T'Challa** in an alternate universe where he becomes Star-Lord from **Guardians of the Galaxy**.
- It was one of the last projects for Boseman, who died in 2020 of colon cancer at age 43.

### MOUs & AGREEMENTS

#### UAE-based Lulu Group to invest Rs 3,500 cr in Tamil Nadu

- Multinational conglomerate LuLu Group International** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Tamil Nadu** government to invest **Rs 3,500 crore** in **Tamil Nadu** to build **two shopping malls** and set up an **export-oriented food processing unit**.

#### Assam & Meghalaya sign agreement to resolve five-decade-old border dispute in 6 locations:

- The **chief ministers of Assam** and **Meghalaya** **Himanta Biswa Sarma & Conrad Sangma** signed an agreement in the presence of **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** to resolve part of their **five-decade-old inter-state border dispute** in **six of the 12 locations** along the **884.9 km border**.

#### BEL & MoD signs contracts worth Rs. 3,102 Cr for the supply of Advanced Electronic Warfare

- The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)**, Government of India, signed **two contracts** worth a total of **Rs. 3,102 Crores** with the **Bengaluru and Hyderabad Units of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, in **New Delhi**.

#### India & Australia to collaborate in lithium and cobalt identification projects

- India's Khanij Bidesh India (KABIL)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to invest **\$6 million** with **Australia's Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO)** on **lithium and cobalt identification projects** in **Australia** in the **next six months**.

#### Bharat Dynamics signs MoU with Tawazun Economic Council, UAE



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- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and Tawazun Economic Council (TEC), United Arab Emirates, have exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore new business opportunities in various areas of mutual interest in the field of defense.

### Leh to sign tripartite agreement to develop Hanley as Dark Sky Sanctuary

- Leh Administration has set to sign a tripartite agreement to develop Hanley as Dark Sky Sanctuary and Leh Hill Council, WildLife, and Tourism departments will jointly develop the area for Astro Tourism.

### India & Australia sign economic cooperation and trade pact to boost the economy

- The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) was inked by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan in a virtual ceremony

### Assam Cabinet approves MoU with French agency for biodiversity conservation

- The Assam Cabinet approved a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the environment and forest department of the State and Agence Francaise de Development, a French funding agency, to foster bilateral dialogue in the field of environment.

### India-Nepal sign four agreements & launch multiple projects

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba met in New Delhi with the two countries launching multiple initiatives as well as signing four crucial agreements in multiple domains.

### Manipur govt signs MoU with Samsung and Abhitech to set up sports digital Experience Centre

- As a part of Manipur Olympian Park and at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, the Manipur state government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with tech-giant Samsung Data System India and Abhitech IT Solutions for setting up a world-class 'Sports Digital Experience Centre'

### ICAI signs MoU with J&K govt to promote commerce stream of education

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has signed an MoU with the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir (DSEK), for promoting Commerce Education among students of the Union Territory of J&K.

### India to aid the construction of a wastewater treatment plant in Nepal

- The Indian embassy in Kathmandu has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Government of Nepal, and Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality, Soulukhumbu for the construction of the Khumjung Khunde wastewater management project.

### Tata Steel Foundation signs MOU with Jharkhand govt to set up ITI at Chandil

- Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Government of Jharkhand to set up Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Chandil in the Seraikela-Kharsawan district of Jharkhand.

### IFSCA signs MoU with GVFL Limited for Strengthening the FinTech Ecosystem in GIFT IFSC

- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and GVFL Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at IFSCA's office at Gift City for cooperation and collaboration to support and facilitate the FinTech ecosystem in GIFT IFSC.

### OIL signs incubation agreement with Hydrogen Fuel based Start-up for promoting Hydrogen mobility solutions in Northeastern India

- Oil India Limited (OIL) inked an Incubation Agreement with the Start-up firm Ohm Clean Tech Private Limited for Hydrogen Mobility Solutions in northeast India.
- It is supported by the Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-Guwahati)

### UIDAI, MeitY & ISRO sign MoU to develop the Bhuvan-Aadhar portal

- The Unique Identification Authority Of India (UIDAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), New Delhi, and the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO, Hyderabad, for technical collaboration.

### SJVN signs MoU with BHEL, and REMC to develop renewable projects for Indian Railways

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- **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with two other state-owned companies engineering firms **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** and **Railway Energy Management Company (REMC) Limited** for the development of renewable energy projects.

### Odisha signs MoU with BPCL for developing renewable energy plant & green hydrogen plant

- The Odisha Government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to take vital steps toward the **proliferation of green energy** in the state.
- It for five years to collaborate in the fields of the feasibility of setting up **renewable energy plants and green hydrogen plants (both for domestic and export customers)**, **round the clock (RTC) power**.
- **Bhupendra Singh Poonia**, Managing Director Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL), and **Amit Garg**, Executive Director Renewable Energy, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), signed an MoU.

### HAL signs contract with Nigerian Army for Phase II Training on Chetak Helicopter

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a contract with the **Nigerian Army** for imparting **Phase-II flying training on the Chetak Helicopter** for **six officers of Nigerian Army Aviation**.
- The contract was signed by **BK Tripathy**, General Manager, and Commodore **Anthony Victor Kujoh**, Defense Adviser at the High Commission of Nigeria, in India.

### Telangana signs pact with Thailand for trade, investment promotion

- **Telangana's Department of Industries and Commerce and Thailand's Ministry of Commerce** has agreed to collaborate for promoting bilateral trade and investment through greater cooperation in the areas of **SMEs (small and medium enterprises)** and startups.
- Telangana Principal Secretary of Industries & Information Technology **Jayesh Ranjan** & Thailand Ministry of Commerce Permanent Secretary **Boonyarit Kalayanamit** is the signatories of the agreement.

### US-SIA, IESA inks MoU to boost semiconductor co-operation

- The top trade association representing the **US Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)**, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)** to foster collaboration and identify potential opportunities between the two countries in the semiconductor sector.

### IAF signs MOU with IIT Madras to accelerate indigenization efforts for ATMA Nirbhar Bharat

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for **technology development and finding indigenous solutions** for the sustenance of various weapon systems.
- The MoU was signed by Air Commodore **S Bahuja**, Command Engineering Officer (Systems), Headquarters Maintenance Command, IAF, and Professor **H S N Murthy**, Head of Department Aerospace Engineering IIT Madras, at Air Force Station, Tughlakabad, Delhi.

### Six MoUs signed on the second day of the waterways conclave in Assam

- Six **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** and **agreements** were signed at the **Waterways Conclave-2022**, which concluded, in **Dibrugarh** in presence of Union minister of ports, shipping and waterways **Sarbananda Sonowal** and Assam chief minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma**.
- **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** is organizing the Waterways Conclave 2022 on **11th-12th April** in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and **AYUSH**, Government of India will be inaugurating the Conclave.

### NHPC signs MoU with Himachal Pradesh to develop a green hydrogen project

- State-owned **NHPC** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the district administration of **Chamba, Himachal Pradesh** for the development of **green hydrogen technologies to produce hydrogen**.
- Group General Manager of the NHPC **AK Pathak** and **Chamba Deputy Commissioner DC Rana** signed the MoU.



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- This project will be executed by **NHPC Renewable Energy Limited (NREL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **NHPC**.

### India, Maldives ink seven MoUs to implement community development projects

- **India** and **Maldives** signed **7 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)** for projects to be built under the Indian grant assistance scheme for the **High Impact Community Development Project through local bodies (HICDP)**.
- The MoUs were signed by Foreign Minister **Abdulla Shahid** and Indian High Commissioner, **Munu Mahawar**, and the respective implementing agencies.
- The projects launched under the MoUs signed are worth a total grant of **26.8 million Rufiya** (equivalent to approximately **USD 1.7 million**).

### Tripura Govt signs MoU with NIXI-CSC to set up International Data Centre

- The **Tripura** government has inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre** to establish an **international standard Data Centre**.
- The MoU was signed by the Director of the state IT department, **AK Bhattacharjee**, and the CEO of the NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre, **Anil Jain**.
- The joint venture company will invest **Rs 150 crore** for setting up the Data Centre while the state government will provide only space.

### SSDMA and GSI signed MoU for an “Early Warning System” based on Rainfall Threshold

- The **Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA)** and **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for developing a **Regional Level Early Warning System** based on Rainfall Threshold; at the chamber of Secretary-cum-Relief Commissioner of Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department.
- The MoU was signed by the Secretary-cum-Relief Commissioner of Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department – **Sarala Rai** on behalf of SSDMA and the Director General of GSI – **Dr. S. Raju**.
- Objective: To communicate important and timely data on landslides with the department, which might save lives & property in the state.

### IIT Delhi Inks MoU with POSOCO for Research on India’s Power Sector

- IIT **Delhi** inked MoU with **Power System Operation Corporation Limited (Posoco)-NRLDC**.
- The agreement was made to encourage research on **issues relating to India's power sector** and **strengthen collaboration between academia and industry**.
- The MoU was signed on the IIT Delhi campus by **NRLDC (POSOCO) Chief Rajiv Kumar Porwal** and **FITT Chief Operating Officer Col Naveen Gopal (Retd)**.

### NITI Aayog, UNICEF sign pact on SDGs focusing on children

- The government think tank **NITI Aayog** and **UNICEF India** signed a statement of intent (**SoI**) on **sustainable development goals (SDGs) with a focus on children**.
- The SoI seeks to formalize a framework of cooperation to launch the first report on the **‘State of India’s Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development**.
- The SoI has been signed by **Sanyukta Samaddar**, NITI Aayog’s nodal officer, and **Hyun Hee Ban**, UNICEF India chief of social policy, in the presence of Rajiv Kumar, vice chairman, of NITI Aayog.

### OneWeb inks pact with ISRO for satellite launches

- Bharti group-backed **OneWeb** and **New Space India Limited**, the commercial arm of the **Indian Space Research Organisation**, have entered into an agreement that will help ensure OneWeb completes its satellite launch program.
- The launches will add to **low Earth orbit (LEO)** satellite communications firm OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation of **428 satellites ie.66 percent** of the planned total fleet to build a global network that will deliver high-speed, low-latency connectivity
- The **first launch** with New Space India is expected in 2022 from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota, AP**.

### IAF, Indian Navy inks pact with DRDO to acquire CHAFF to shield warships fighter aircraft

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- The **Indian Air Force** and the **Indian Navy** have tied up with the **Defence Research Development Organisation** to get the **CHAFF technology**, which protects the warship from an anti-ship missile during hostilities.
- With this, **India** is the **second country** after the **United States** to develop this ability.
- CHAFF is a **critical defense technology** used to protect fighter aircraft or naval ships from enemy **radar-guided missiles during the war**.

### Indian Navy's NIETT signs MoU with IIM Kozhikode to exchange best practices

- The **Indian Navy's Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology (NIETT)** based at Naval Base Kochi signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K)**.
- The MoU was signed by **Commodore Ben H Berson, Director NIETT**, and **Prof Debasish Chatterjee, Director IIM(K)**.
- The MoU is intended to build collaboration and exchange of best practices in the **field of Instructional Leadership, Educational Psychology, and Management**.

### Kerala & Netherlands sign MoU for Cosmos Malabaricus project

- Kerala and the Netherlands have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for a project named '**Cosmos Malabaricus**'.
- The Project will help illustrate the **history of Kerala** in the **18th century**.
- The Cosmos Malabaricus project is being implemented by the **Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR)** under the **Department of Higher Education, the National Archives of the Netherlands, and the University of Leiden**.
- The MoU has been signed in the presence of **Pinarayi Vijayan**, chief minister, of Kerala, and **Marten van den Berg**, Netherlands Ambassador to India.
- The project will be completed in six years.

### Prasar Bharati signs MoU with Public Broadcaster of Argentina

- **Prasar Bharati** has signed an **MoU** with the **Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio Television Argentina (RTA)** for collaboration in the **field of broadcasting**.

### Signatories :

- The Chief Executive Officer of **Prasar Bharati**, **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, and the president of RTA, **Rosario Lufrano**.

### CSIR inks MoU with iCreate to harness India's tech strength

- **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**, the premier research and development body of the Government of India, and **iCreate (International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology)**, India's largest institution for transforming start-ups based on tech innovation into businesses, have signed an agreement to **harness the country's technological strength**.
- Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** presided over the MoU.

### Civil Aviation Ministry & HP Govt Signed MoU for Development of Nagchala Airport

- The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** and **Govt. of Himachal Pradesh** signed an **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)** for the development of a **Green Field Airport in Nagchala, Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh**.
- The signing ceremony was graced by Minister of Civil Aviation, **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, and **Shri Jai Ram Thakur**
- The new greenfield airport at Nagchala, Mandi is being developed under the **Greenfield Airport Policy of MoCA** and a Joint Venture Company between the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and the Airport Authority of India has been formed.
- The project is estimated to cost around **Rs 900 crore** excluding the cost of land.
- The projected land requirement for the airport is **515 acres approx.**

### NHML & RTDC signs MoU for Development Of Ropeways In Himachal

- The **National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHML)** and the **Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation of Himachal Pradesh (RTDC)** have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** on **seven ropeway projects** in the state under the **Parvatomala Yojna**.
- The ropeway projects of a total length of **57.1 kilometers** will be constructed in the state of Himachal Pradesh at a **total cost of Rs 3,232 crore**.



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### Ta'ziz and India's Reliance sign shareholder agreement for \$2bn Ruwais project

- Reliance Industries has signed a shareholder agreement with Abu Dhabi Chemicals Derivatives Company RSC Ltd (TA'ZIZ) for an investment of **\$2 billion** for the TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC project.
- The oil-to-chemicals conglomerate is a strategic partner with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and holding company, in TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC, the development of a chemical at the TA'ZIZ Industrial Chemicals Zone in Ruwais.

### L&T collaborates with IIT Bombay to develop Green Hydrogen Technology

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, to jointly pursue research and development work in the **green hydrogen value chain**.
- Hydrogen when produced through an **electrolysis** process using renewable energy is known as green hydrogen which has no carbon footprint.

### Google signs MoU with Telangana govt to provide digital training solutions

- Tech giant Google signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Telangana** government to bring benefits of the digital economy to the youth and women entrepreneurs in the state and kicked off the ground-up development of its three million square foot building in Telangana.
- A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed in the presence of IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, Country Head and Vice-President of Google India Sanjay Gupta, Principal Secretary for ITE&C Jayesh Ranjan, and others.

### NTPC Inks MoU with Energy Vault for Gravity-based Energy Storage Technology

- The largest power-generating utility in India, **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **Energy Vault** to formalize a long-term strategic partnership for deploying the NYSE-listed firm's **gravity-based energy storage technology** and software solutions to support the state-run power genco's clean energy transition.

### IFSCA Signs MoU with National Insurance Academy (NIA)

- The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has signed an **MoU** with the **National Insurance Academy** to provide a skilled talent pool in the insurance sector.
- The MoU endeavors to build the **required skilled manpower** for the **International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)**.
- To address the needs of IFSC Insurance entities, IFSCA had already executed an MoU with the **Insurance Institute of India (III)**.

### Flipkart signs MoU with Bengal govt to support artisans, weavers, and handicraft makers:

- Flipkart has signed a **memorandum of understanding** with the **West Bengal** government to train and support **local artisans, weavers, and handicraft makers** to leverage its e-commerce platform to scale up their businesses nationally.
- The agreement was signed with West Bengal's **micro, small, and medium enterprises and textiles department**.

### IIMK-AARDO signs international MoU to promote sustainable agriculture

- The **African Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO)** and the **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K)** have signed an **MoU (Memorandum of understanding)** to encourage and work collaboratively in research, consulting firms, technical and knowledge assistance in promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development practices in the **33 member-AARDO**, which involves 31 nations in the Asian-African region.

### Railways and C-DoT to work together for modernization of Telecommunication in Indian Railways for Public Safety and Security Services

- The **Ministry of Railways** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)** to establish a collaborative working partnership.

### BHEL & GE Power signs MoU for development of Integrated Electric Propulsion System

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and GE Power Conversion signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for the development of **Integrated Electric Propulsion Systems** for the **Indian Navy**.
- The MoU has provided a boost to the indigenous capability in the field of advanced technology for the Integrated Full Electric Propulsion System.



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### India and Germany sign a joint declaration of Intent on the Indo-German Hydrogen Task Force, Forest Landscape Restoration

- India and Germany have signed a joint declaration of Intent on the **Indo-German Hydrogen Task Force**.
- The declaration was signed virtually between Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister **R.K Singh** and German Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Change **Dr. Robert Habeck**.

### India, and Germany sign agreements on Triangular Development Cooperation and Renewable Energy Partnership

- External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** held a meeting with German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development **Svenja Schulze in Berlin**.
- Dr. Jaishankar said they discussed climate action, resilient and reliable supply chains, third-country partnerships, and the economic impact of the Ukraine conflict.

### OPEC fund to finance \$ 14.3 million for Nigeria-Morocco gas Pipeline

- **Moroccan Ministry of Finance** stated that the agreement was signed by the **Moroccan Finance and Economy Minister, Nadia Fettah**, and the General Director of the OPEC Fund, **Abdulhamid Alkhalifa**

### NGSL Signs MoE with LREB to Develop Floating Solar Projects in Kenya

- **NTPC GE Power Services Limited (NGSL)** has inked a **tripartite Memorandum of Engagement (MoE)** with The **Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB)**, Kenya, and **Procorp EnerTech Private Limited (PEPL)** to work towards the development of **Ground Mounted & Floating Solar PV Projects in The Lake Region of Kenya**.

### Ayana Renewable collaborates with Greenstar Hydrogen India to Develop Green Hydrogen Projects in India

- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) Ayana Renewable Power (Ayana)** and **Norway-based Greenstat ASA's subsidiary Greenstar Hydrogen India**, have entered into a joint development agreement for the development of green hydrogen projects powered by **renewable energy in India**.

### Skill Ministry joins hands with ISRO, launches ISRO Technical Training Programme

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** signs an **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)** with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.

### ReNew Power signs 5 PPAs to supply around 1,500 MW of solar energy

- ReNew Power had signed **5 Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)** for supplying around **1,500 MW** of electricity generated from solar plants.
- The company signed **PPAs (Power Purchase Agreements)** with **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**, and **Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL)**, along with multiple long-term agreements with corporate buyers totaling around **2 GW**.

### MHA and SECI sign MoU to realize India's green energy initiative

- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** and **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)** in New Delhi which envisages collaboration between the two parties for jointly undertaking the **installation of Solar Rooftop PV Power Plants**.
- The MoU is a step ahead toward the supply of green power to the country's security forces and reinforces the government's commitment to a sustainable future.

### NHAI Signs 2 MOUs in Lucknow to Enhance Highway Infrastructure

- As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration, the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** holds a **two-day regional conference in Lucknow** with **NHAI officials** and other regional stakeholders from Uttar Pradesh East & West, Uttarakhand, and Bihar.
- NHAI also signed **2 significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** that will contribute to enhancing **National Highway infrastructure** and will contribute to sustaining the environment in Uttar Pradesh and other states.

### Boeing and Air Works collaborate on the Indian Navy's P-8I fleet

- **Air Works, Indian maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO)** company is partnered with the **Boeing Company** in undertaking heavy maintenance checks on **three Indian Navy P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft** simultaneously at Air Works, Hosur to underscore the success of the government's **Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) campaign**.

### Railway Ministry and C-DoT sign MoU to develop local digital solutions



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- The Railways Ministry and the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) have signed an MoU for developing local digital solutions for railways to reduce their dependence on foreign technology.
- Under the agreement, C-DoT is expected to replace over **Rs 2,100 crore** of foreign technology gears being used in Indian Railways.

### Prasar Bharati inks MoU with Madagascar for broadcasting collaboration

- India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Madagascar's official ORTM (Office de la Radio et de la Television) for cooperation and collaboration in broadcasting.
- The MoU was signed by Indian Ambassador Abhay Kumar and Director General of ORTM Jean Yves.

### OMCs Sign Tripartite-Cum-Escrow Agreement for Upcoming Dedicated Ethanol Plants

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have signed a long-term purchase agreement (LTPA) for upcoming dedicated ethanol plants across India.
- 3 banks are involved in this tripartite agreement with OMCs and project proponents i.e. State Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, and Indian Bank.

### Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare signs MoU with UNDP for strategic partnership on Agriculture, Crop Insurance, and Credit

- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), the Government of India, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the UNDP will provide technical support to two government programs: the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** and the **Kisan Credit Card-Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (KCC-MISS)**.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar by CEO-PMFBY Ritesh Chauhan and UNDP Resident Representative Shoko Noda.
- **OMC Power signs MoU with IREDA for Clean Energy Growth Journey**
- **OMC Power** announced a long-term relationship agreement with the **Indian Renewable Energy Dev Agency Ltd (IREDA)** towards building a **Rural renewable energy ecosystem**.
- Currently, OMC Power has **280 renewable energy plants** across **Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**.
- OMC Power plans to expand its footprint to **1000 sites** to drastically **reduce the Carbon footprint** in rural India.
- Under **IREDA's "Access to Energy" scheme**, this partnership will look to achieve long-term sustainability by supplying green and clean energy in rural areas.

### MoRD & Amazon signs MoU for online marketing of SHG products

- The Ministry of Rural Development and Amazon Seller Services Private Limited (Amazon) signed an MoU at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Signatories :
- Sh. Charanjit Singh, Joint Secretary-RL-1, Ministry of Rural Development
- Sh. Sumit Sahay - Director, IN Marketplace Business, Amazon Seller Services Private Limited

### INCOIS signs MoU with Indian Navy

- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy to provide training services and support to the School of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology (SNOM) for the conduct of various courses related to operational oceanography.
- The MoU was signed by Dr. T.Srinivasa Kumar, Director of INCOIS, and Commodore AA Abhyankar, Head of the Indian Navy's Oceanology and Meteorology Directorate.

### The First National Film Festival of J&K, the DIPR, and the NFDC sign a Memorandum of Understanding:

- The National Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir is quickly approaching, and the J&K Department of Information and Public Relations has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Film Development Corporation Limited.
- Attendees:
- CEO of Mission Youth, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary.
- Ms. Tanu Rai, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Film Festivals, was there, as were other top officials.

### Uttarakhand Govt and BPCL inked MoU for renewable energy projects:

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- In the presence of **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami**, an MoU was signed between the **Uttarakhand government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** to promote the **renewable energy industry and other initiatives in the state**.
- The state of Uttarakhand and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to develop new and renewable energy projects in the state

### **Maharashtra signed MoUs with 23 Companies worth Rs 30,000 crores in Davos:**

- During the current **World Economic Forum (WEF)** annual conference in **Davos, Switzerland, the Maharashtra government** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) **worth over 30,000 crores**.
- The state has signed **121 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)** as part of the Magnetic Maharashtra program, with a **total investment of 2.2 lakh crore** and the potential to create over 4,00,000 jobs.

### **India and Jordan have agreed to collaborate in the fertilizers sector:**

- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** led a high-level delegation to **Jordan in a first-of-its-kind mission to secure fertilizers** and raw materials for the short and long term.
- The visit was timed to coincide with the current worldwide fertilizer crisis.
- According to Dr. Mandaviya, the Jordan visit was significant in **ensuring India's supply of phosphoric and potassium fertilizers**.

### **The Gujarat government has signed a soil conservation deal with Isha Outreach:**

- **Gujarat's Climate Change Department** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to participate in the global **"Save Soil" program**.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in **Ahmedabad by Sadhguru**, the Founder and **Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach**, and Gujarat Chief Minister **Shri Bhupendra Patel**.

### **Tata Motors signs potential deal to acquire Ford India plant in Gujarat:**

- **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML)**, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd and **Ford India Private Limited (FIPL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **Government of Gujarat (GoG)** for the potential acquisition of the manufacturing plant of **Sanand's FIPL car**.

### **T.N. signs MoU with IPPB for pensioners' digital life certificate:**

- The **Tamil Nadu government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** for obtaining life certificates from pensioners through the doorstep services of the Postal Department.

### **India inx and luxse signs agreement to strengthen cooperation:**

- **BSE's international arm India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE)** has signed a cooperation agreement through which the **two bourses will enhance the visibility of listed Indian securities** to international investors by facilitating admission of such securities on LuxSE.
- The agreement builds on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two institutions in **November 2020**, which placed a specific focus on advancing green finance in India

### **IAF signs Mou with Chandigarh govt for Indian Airforce heritage center:**

- The UT Administration and the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** signed an MoU on the **Indian Air Force Heritage Centre** coming up at the Government Press building in Sector 18.
- A heritage center to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in its various wars and joint operations will be held in **Chandigarh**.
- The **"IAF Heritage Center"** will be jointly established by the Chandigarh force and government.

### **India & Canada signed MoU on Climate Action for Stronger Cooperation:**

- **India and Canada** signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen bilateral cooperation on **climate change, conservation, and environmental conservation**.
- On the sidelines of the **Stockholm+50 summit**, EU Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** and his Canadian counterpart **Steven Guilbeault** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

### **Stashfin introduced #LiveBoundless, a credit line card for women"**

- A new banking platform **Stashfin** has introduced a credit line card, especially for women named **#LiveBoundless**.
- The **#LiveBoundless card** aims to give women greater financial freedom.
- It also offers cashback rewards, welcome credits, Free ATM Withdrawals, and deals.
- In recent years, credit card usage in India has grown dramatically.

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### Blue Dart signs UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now pledge:

- Logistics services provider Blue Dart has signed the “Climate Neutral Now (CNN)” pledge by the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**.
- The Climate Neutral Now Initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now to achieve a **climate-neutral world by 2050**, as per the Paris Agreement.

### Tamil Nadu government signs MOUs to convert 71 ITIs into tech centers:

- To provide enhanced training to students at government **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)**, the **State Employment and Training Department** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Tata Technologies Ltd, Pune**, in the presence of **Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Mr. MK Stalin** at the Secretariat.

### Pontaq Organises Investors Summit, Signs MoU with Tamil Nadu Government to Encourage Budding Start-Ups:

- Pontaq, an innovation fund that invests in early-stage technology businesses in the **UK, India, US, and Canada**, has signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission**, which is backed by the state government.
- Under the terms of the MoU, the government will help **Pontaq-supported companies expand business operations in the State**.

### LinkedIn tie-up with UN Women to create employment opportunities for women:

- LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, is partnering with the **United Nations Women to invest USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore)** towards **advancing women's economic empowerment**.
- Through job fairs, mentorship sessions, and peer-to-peer networks, the project will **launch a pilot in Maharashtra** to cultivate the digital, soft, and **employability skills of 2,000 women** and present them with a variety of career-building options.

### Zomato tie-up with Jio-bp to accelerate EV adoption:

- Zomato and Jio-bp have agreed to support Zomato's commitment to "The Climate Group's EV100 program, which aims to have a 100 percent electric fleet by 2030."
- Jio-bp, Reliance Industries Ltd's and bp's fuel and mobility joint venture, would provide **Zomato with EV mobility services** as well as access to 'Jio-bp pulse' battery swapping stations for last-mile delivery.
- The partnership is expected to hasten the adoption of electric vehicles in India's fast-increasing delivery and transportation sector.

### DBT and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have renewed MoU to Speed up Innovation for Global Health:

- The **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** and the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** has renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), originally signed in 2012, to support innovative approaches **for developing new preventions, therapies, and interventions needed to solve health (human and animal), food and nutritional inequities**.
- DBT and the Gates Foundation had in 2012 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation **in the field of health and development for five years**, which was further renewed for **5 years till July 17, 2022**.

### NHIDCL and IIT Roorkee sign MoU for sharing knowledge in the field of highway engineering:

- An MoU was signed between **MD, NHIDCL, and Director, IIT, Roorkee** for sharing knowledge on **innovative ideas and technologies in the field of highway engineering**.
- **Purpose :**
- To establish the basis of collaboration between both the parties such that the NHIDCL and IIT, Roorkee can take up various activities of common interest such as sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and technologies in the field of highway engineering and other infrastructure works as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.

### Spices Board to enable market access to farmers through Flipkart:

- Spices Board, a Ministry of Commerce and Industry establishment, under its initiative **Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL)**, has signed a **Terms of Understanding (ToU)** with **e-commerce platform Flipkart** to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroots organizations working in the spices sector.
- The ToU was signed under the **Flipkart Samarth Program**.
- **Aim :**
- To empower MSMEs, artisans, entrepreneurs, and rural seller and **farmer communities selling products** associated with rich cultural heritage through Flipkart's e-commerce platform

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**NCMRWF and Indian Navy signed MoU for “Cooperation on Numerical Model-Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology.”**

- The Indian Navy and the National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), signed MoU for “Cooperation on Numerical Model-Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology.”
- The MoU was signed in a ceremony at NCMRWF in **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**, by **Dr. Ashis K. Mitra, Head of NCMRWF, and Commodore G. Rambabu**, Head of the Indian Navy’s Directorate of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology (DNOM), Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy).

**Bharat Electronics signed an MoU with a Belarusian Company for the supply of an Airborne Defence Suite:**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd. of India and Belarus (a subsidiary of DI Belarus)**.
- The MoU was inked to foster collaboration between the three businesses for the delivery of **the Airborne Defense Suite (ADS)** for the helicopters of the **Indian Air Force**.

**Protean and PayNearby collaborate to offer e-PAN Services:**

- **Protean eGov Technologies Ltd** (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd) and **PayNearby** have forged a partnership **to deliver PAN-related services** for their retail partners **using Aadhaar and biometric or SMS-based OTP authentication** for their clients.
- The collaboration aims to enhance the provision of services to millions of residents.

**IIE, Guwahati signs MoU with IIM, Shillong to boost entrepreneurship ecosystem:**

- **The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati** has signed an MoU with the Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre of the **Indian Institute of Management Shillong in New Delhi** to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the North Eastern Region.
- The objective of this partnership is to encourage entrepreneurship, incubation, and startups in the **North Eastern Region**.
- **Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajesh Aggarwal**, this partnership will help create an atmosphere where startups and entrepreneurs can flourish in the Northeast region.

**Avanse Financial and Edelweiss collaborate to provide student travel insurance:**

- International students who are supported by **Avanse** may now get student travel insurance thanks to a **partnership between the NBFC Avanse Financial Services and Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)**.
- **Student travel insurance from Edelweiss General Insurance** protects against crises and financial losses while covering medical expenses.
- The **Edelweiss General Insurance** plan offers complete coverage against medical, accommodation, and travel inconvenience-related covers, ensuring students enjoy a worry-free time while studying and lodging.

**The Tamil Nadu Government and IGSS Ventures sign an MoU to build a semiconductor park:**

- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tamil Nadu and the Singapore-based M/s. IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd** to construct a **300-acre semiconductor high-tech park** in the State with an investment and grants of **25,60croresre** was signed in the presence of **Chief Minister M.K. Stalin**.
- **Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu**, and other important officials attended the event held at the Secretariat.

**Tata Power and Tamil Nadu ink a pact to establish a solar manufacturing facility:**

- The **Tamil Nadu government and Tata Power** have agreed to spend **Rs. 3000 crores** on the development of a **new solar cell and module manufacturing plant in the Tirunelveli region of the state**.
- The agreement states that both sides would work **to encourage the use of renewable energy sources** and the development of jobs in the state.
- The facility investment must be spread out over a longer time frame—more than 16 months—and it must lead to the development of employment, the majority of which will go to women.

**NTPC signs MoU for 10 GW renewable energy park with Rajasthan govt:**



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- To achieve the target of **60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032**, NTPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the **Government of Rajasthan** for the development of a **10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in Rajasthan**.
- The MOU signing ceremony was held in the presence of **Rajasthan Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati**.
- According to the Ministry of Power, in less than two years since its inception, **NTPC Renewable Energy Limited has won 4 GW renewable energy capacity** by bidding in various tenders which are under different stages of implementation.

### AAI signs agreement with Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for Operation & Management:

- **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed an **Operation & Management agreement** for the operationalization of **five airports owned by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for 30 years**.
- These five airports are **Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur & Shravasti**.
- As per the agreement, AAI will operate and manage the airports and provide all necessary services.
- **Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM)** services will also be provided by AAI, for which State Government will enter into a separate agreement.

### IIT Hyderabad and Greenko inks a pact to establish sustainable sci-tech school:

- **Greenko**, a provider of renewable energy, has teamed with **IIT-Hyderabad** to build a school where students will receive training in sustainable objectives **including energy transition, circular economy, and climate change mitigation, among others**.
- According to a statement from the business, the **Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST)** will open towards the end of this year.
- By June 2023, the first group of applicants will be accepted for the MTech and Ph.D. programs in sustainable science and technology, followed by the BTech program.

### Rashtriya Raksha University, DroneAcharya tie-up to set up Remote Pilot Training Centre:

- A Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a **Remote Pilot Training Center** to teach drone flying abilities has been **inked by DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited and Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar**.
- At the **RRU Campus in Gandhinagar**, the police and security force officers as well as the general public will get this training.
- This project, according to official sources, is in line with the University's purpose to identify, prepare, and sustain the statecraft of the national strategic and security culture among the security, police, and civilian population.

### Russia signs pact for supplying tech for Kudankulam nuclear power plant:

- A unit of **Russian nuclear major Rosatom State Corporation** has signed an agreement to **supply thermocouples for four power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu**.
- **LUCH Scientific Production Association**, which is a part of Science and Innovations, the R&D unit of Rosatom will provide the new sensors designed for thermal control of NPP process equipment, which will replace the old ones in the **internal reactor control systems of units 1 and 2 of KNPP**.

### Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Heavy Industries sign MoU to facilitate training in engineering trades to boost the capital goods sector:

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** and the **Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to **create a collaborative ecosystem** for imparting **skill development training in the capital goods sector**.
- The partnership is aimed at facilitating training in several engineering trades through **Qualification Packs (QPs)** developed by **MHI-related Sector Skill Councils** under the Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the **Capital Goods Sector Phase II**.

### Coffee Board to collaborate with ISRO to develop climate-resistant varieties:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the **Coffee Board and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** on, among other things, the development of **climate-resilient cultivars and the evaluation of coffee's capacity to store carbon**.

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- The government-run **Coffee Board** intends to concentrate on creating new types that **will be resilient to shifting climate trends**.

**NCRTC Signs Agreement with DB India For Operation, Maintenance of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor:**

- The **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** entered into a first-of-its-kind agreement with **DB India** for the comprehensive operation and maintenance of the **82 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor for 12 years**.
- There has been limited participation by the private sector in this sector and till now the scope has generally been **limited to the provision of facility management and ancillary services**.

**Nokia partners with IISc to set up networked robotics Center of Excellence:**

- **The Nokia Center of Excellence** in networked robotics has been established **at IISc Bengaluru** thanks to a collaboration between **Nokia and the Indian Institute of Science**.
- The Center of Excellence (CoE) will support interdisciplinary research in robotics and cutting-edge **5G and AI communication technologies (AI)**.
- Additionally, it will provide application cases for disaster management, agriculture, and industrial automation.

**Department of Telecommunications signs agreement with ITI Limited and BSNL to fund pilot projects under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF):**

- **Department of Telecommunications**, Ministry of Communications has signed an agreement with **Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited** and **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** to fund the **pilot projects of E-band, LTE indigenous technologies including integration of 4G/5G prototypes with C-DoT core**.
- The **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)**, under its program for Induction of new technological developments in the telecom sector in rural and remote areas, is funding **4 pilot projects each of around Rs 10 Crore** enabling the development and hardening of these technologies.

**TN signs MoUs worth ₹1.25 lakh crore; to generate nearly 75,000 jobs:**

- The **Tamil Nadu Government** signed **60 MoUs** to bring in a cumulative investment **worth ₹1.25 lakh crore and offer 74,898 jobs**.
- At the **Tamil Nadu Investors' First Port of Call - Investment Conclave**, 53 facilitation MoUs were signed with an **investment of ₹65,373 crores**, offering employment opportunities to 58,478 people.
- The companies that signed the MOUs include **Amplus, Cubic PV and L&T**.

**NHPC signs MoU for development of “Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies”:**

- **NHPC signed two MoUs** for the development of **“Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies”** in line with the country's resolve to reduce the **carbon footprint in the Power Sector in the Leh and Kargil districts of the Union Territory of Ladakh**.
- The MOUs were signed in the august presence of **Shri R.K. Mathur**, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

**India, Madagascar sign MoU on tele-education:**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Madagascar** government and **Telecommunications Consultants India Limited [TCIL]** for participation in the **e-VBAB (e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati) network project**.
- The Minister of Higher Education of Madagascar Elia Beatrice Assoumacou signed the MoU at the premises of the Ministry of Higher Education in Antananarivo, Madagascar in presence of the **Ambassador of India to Comoros and Madagascar Abhay Kumar**.

**Vedanta collaborates with companies started from IIT Madras:**

- Metal and oil and gas giant **Vedanta** has teamed up with **Detect Technologies**, a start-up founded at **IIT Madras**, and installed **T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System** across all of its business units to execute safety issue detection.
- This relationship supports the **Vedanta Group's** goal of attaining zero damage by implementing **AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces**, which is a top priority in its strategy for digital transformation.

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### **RIL tie-up with Athletics Federation of India to support Indian Athletes:**

- Toto promotes the overall development of athletics in India, **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** and the **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** has formed a long-term relationship.
- The partnership uses the ecosystem of the Reliance Foundation, which includes the **Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital and the Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics** High-Performance Center, to find, develop, and support Indian athletes from all over the nation by giving them access to top-notch facilities, coaching, and support in sports science and medicine.

### **NTPC REL joins hands with GACL to set up India's first commercial-scale green ammonia project:**

- **NTPC** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals NSE 1.57 % Limited (GACL)** to collaborate in setting up **India's first commercial-scale Green Ammonia and Green Methanol projects.**
- The MoU envisages collaborating in the **field of Renewable Energy, Green Methanol & Green Ammonia.**
- It mutually explores the opportunities for the supply of 100 MW RE-RTC (Round The Clock) power and synthesizing **75 TPD Green Methanol and 35 TPD Green Ammonia** for captive use for the production of various chemicals by **GACL at its Vadodara and Dahej complex in Gujarat**

### **REC Partners with CEEW to Improve the Performance of DISCOMS:**

- **Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **REC Limited, a public infrastructure finance company**

### **Aim :**

- To collaborate on activities to improve the operational and financial sustainability of discoms through the holistic deployment of smart meters, strengthening of power distribution networks, and improved quality of service for electricity consumers.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of **Mr. R. Lakshmanan**, Executive Director, RECL, and **Dr. Arunabha Ghosh**, Chief Executive Officer, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

### **Union Health Ministry and Panchayati Raj Ministry Sign MoU to eliminate TB in India:**

- **Union Health Ministry and Panchayati Raj Ministry** have signed an MoU **to eliminate TB in India.**
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser on behalf of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and Dr. P Ashok Babu, Joint Secretary on behalf of the Ministry of Health.
- The MoU will forge **inter-Ministerial collaboration** and strategic partnerships to achieve the Prime Minister's ambitious **target of eliminating TB in India by 2025.**

### **HAL, Safran sign agreement to create JV to build helicopter engines**

- **HAL** signed an agreement with French engine-maker, **Safran Helicopter Engines**, to create a new **joint venture (JV) that will develop helicopter engines** for India's future needs
- This MoU demonstrates once again the commitment of both Safran Helicopter Engines and HAL to the Indian government's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' or achieving self-reliance – particularly in defense technologies

### **India and Egypt signed MoU to build a green hydrogen factory:**

- **India and Egypt** signed MoU to build a **green hydrogen factory worth \$8 billion.**
- An Indian Company has signed MoU with Egypt to build a green hydrogen factory in the **Suez Canal Economic Zone.**

### **RIL, Ola Electric Mobility, and Rajesh Exports have signed the Program Agreement for ACC Battery Storage:**

- **Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL)** New Energy arm, **Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited**, and **Rajesh Exports Limited** are the three companies that have signed the **Program Agreement** under **(PLI) Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage.**
- These companies will receive incentives under **India's ₹18,100 crore program.**

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**NIESBUD and HUL signed an MoU for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth:**

- To inculcate a culture of innovation, imagination, and proactiveness among youngsters, **National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** and **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration.

**Indian Oil signed an MoU with NTCA for transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India:**

- **Indian Oil** signed an MoU with **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** for the transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India.
- This is in continuation with the MoU signed between the Government of India and the Government of the Republic of Namibia on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization, for establishing the cheetah into the historical range in India.

**Arunachal Pradesh signed an MoU with NITI Aayog for school education transformation:**

- **Arunachal Pradesh** government signed a tripartite MoU with **NITI Aayog** for school education transformation.
- The main aim of the MoU is to bring **large-scale transformation** in school education in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The MoU is a three-year partnership for improving the learning outcome of students across more than 3,000 government schools.

**Agreement for Research Collaboration Between NPCI and IIT Kanpur:**

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur**, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that paves the way for the **sharing of innovative ideas and cooperation on the development of domestic digital payment solutions**.
- The partnership will also help to improve cybersecurity protections for the products and services offered by NPCI and its affiliates.
- The MoU would encourage collaboration between NPCI and IIT Kanpur on a range of projects.

**Indian Navy and IISc Bengaluru sign an MOU for collaborative aviation research:**

- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and the **Indian Navy** have signed an MoU to collaborate on **aviation research and development** and to step up the **Indian Navy's self-reliance efforts in line with the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat**.
- According to a statement from the Bengaluru-based college, the signed MoU provides the **Indian Navy with a legal framework for contact with the appropriate IISc faculty** members and will facilitate joint research projects in areas of mutual interest.

**Amazon India and Indian Railways have an agreement that will improve delivery**

- To **improve** its **delivery services** in the nation, **Amazon India** has partnered with **the Railway of India**.
- Amazon India will be able to ship items on more than **110 intercity routes** thanks to this cooperation, guaranteeing one- to two-day delivery for its customers.
- In **2019**, **Amazon and the Indian Railways** started collaborating.

**K-DISC and LinkedIn Sign an Agreement to Promote Employability:**

- The **ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK)** and the **Kerala Development and Innovation Strategy Council (K-DISC)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LinkedIn, the biggest professional network in the world, as part of the **Connect Career to Campus initiative (CCC)**.
- With this cooperation among Kerala's young to find appropriate employment utilizing LinkedIn, the **Kerala government** hopes to improve employability skills.

**Microsoft has partnered with MSDE and CBC to enhance the functional computer literacy of civil servants:**

- Microsoft has partnered with the **Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, and **Capacity Building Commission (CBC)** to enhance the functional **computer literacy** of nearly 2.5 million **civil servants of the Central government**.



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- The project -- **Capacity Building by MSDE in Microsoft Digital Productivity Skills** -- will digitally empower them to provide efficient and effective citizen-centric services to the vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society.

### **NLCIL has signed an MoU with APDCL to develop solar power projects:**

- Public sector power generator **NLC India (NLCIL)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Assam Power Distribution Company (APDCL)** to develop solar power projects.
- The MoU between **Tamil Nadu-based NLCIL and APDCL**, wholly owned by the Assam government, is for setting up a joint venture company with **equity participation of 51% by NLCIL and 49% by APDCL to develop 1,000 MW solar projects in Assam**.

### **NHIDCL and the National Skill Development Corporation have signed an MOU to facilitate collaboration in skill development initiatives:**

- The **National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation and the National Skill Development Corporation** have signed an agreement to **facilitate collaboration in skill development initiatives**.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides a formal basis for interaction between NHIDCL and NSDC and will play a significant role in realizing the aims and objectives of the Prime Minister's skill development program.

### **IIT Kanpur and BHEL signed an MoU to boost opportunities in the Indian Defence and Aerospace sectors:**

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) **to jointly work on the emerging opportunities in the Indian Defence and Aerospace sectors**.
- Both parties agreed in principle to cooperate, pursue research & development, and collaborate in manufacturing and supplying components, sub-assemblies, and systems or equipment in mutually agreed areas of interest to address **opportunities in the Indian Defence and Aerospace sectors**.

### **Flipkart signs MoU with District Administration of Varanasi, Govt of UP under the Samarth program**

- **Flipkart**, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **District Administration of Varanasi, Government of Uttar Pradesh**, to **enable national market access** for artisans, weavers, and people with disabilities.
- The MoU was exchanged at an event in Varanasi in the presence of **Shri. Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India between **Shri Umesh Kumar Singh**, Joint Commissioner, Department of Industries, Varanasi Division and **Shri. Rajneesh Kumar**, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group.

### **Govt of Odisha Signs Pact With National Institute of Ocean Technology For Protecting Coastline**

- The **Odisha government** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **National Institute of Ocean Technology** for the **protection of its coasts**.
- The MoU was signed between Water Resources Department Engineer in **Chief B K Mishra** and **Dr. G A Ramdass**, Director, NIOT, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Odisha govt is taking all possible measures for disaster mitigation and focusing on **zero casualties**.

### **Tripura govt inks MoU with NESAC for 21 projects**

- The **Tripura** government has signed an **MoU** with the **North Eastern Space Application Center (NESAC)**, **Shillong**, for **21 projects** including **disaster management and resource mapping**.
- **NESAC Director, SP Agarwal**, and **Tripura's Science, Technology, and Environment secretary Pradip Kumar Chakravarty** signed the MoU.

### **Punjab Government signs pact for climate action**

- The **Punjab** government has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for becoming a **member** of the global network called **Under2 Coalition to address climate change**.



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- The MoU was signed by **Manish Kumar**, Director, of Environment and Climate Change on behalf of the government, and **Divya Sharma**, India Executive Director, of Climate Group on behalf of Under2 Coalition.

### MoU was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and MeitY for providing technical support

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** for **providing technical support to the Ministry of Ayush for the digitalization of the Ayush Sector** under the Ayush Grid project for 3 years.

### Odisha signed MOU with NIOT Chennai to undertake climate-resilient protection measures

- **National Institute of Ocean Technology, (NIOT) Chennai** will undertake **climate resilient protection measures** to save the life and property of people of **coastal Odisha from natural disasters**.
- An MoU in this regard was signed between **NIOT and the Odisha government**.
- The inhabitants of six coastal districts of the State **Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, and Ganjam** will be benefited from it.

### NBCC Ltd has signed an agreement with the External Affairs Ministry to redevelop a housing complex in central Delhi

- State-owned **NBCC Ltd** has signed an agreement with the **External Affairs Ministry** to redevelop a **housing complex in central Delhi for Rs 175 crore**.
- The tentative cost of the project is Rs 175 crore.
- **NBCC has signed another MoU with Aligarh Smart City Ltd** for providing 'PMC (Project Management and Consultancy) services for the project 'Development & Modernisation of Infrastructure at Naurangilal College, SH: Sports facilities.
- It has also signed MoU with the **National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)** for 'Demolition and construction of NCCE Hostel building at NCUI complex'.

### The government of Odisha signed an agreement with NIOT to protect its coastline

- The **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) in Chennai** and the **government of Odisha** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **safeguard coastal regions** from different **natural disasters** including floods, cyclones, soil erosion, high tide, etc.
- The program will have an impact on seven districts: **Ganjam, Puri, Khordha, Kendrapada, Bhadrak, Baleswar, and Jagatsinghpur**.

### Paytm has partnered with Samsung-authorized stores across India to facilitate smart payments

- Leading digital payments and financial services, **Paytm has partnered with Samsung** authorized **stores across India** to facilitate **smart payments** as well as **Paytm Postpaid (Buy Now, Pay Later)** at their retail outlets through the **deployment of PoS devices**.

### TCS partnership with the five-star bank to offer hyper-personalized customer experience

- **A Financial Institutions, Inc.** subsidiary named "Five Star Bank" and **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** have teamed up to embark on a **digital transformation project**.
- Using the **TCS Client Intelligence & Insights (CI&I)** analytics platform, this alliance allows it to assess loan risk and provide highly customized customer experiences.

### IRCTC & BSF signs MoU to ensure the safety and security of booking data, other facilities

- The **Border Security Force (BSF)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to ensure the **safety and security of booking data** for the troops of India's border guarding force via its air e-ticket service.

### NDDDB signed an MoU with the Union Territory of Ladakh to manage the entire operations of the Ladakh Milk Federation

- **National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB)** signed a tripartite MoU with the **Union Territory of Ladakh and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)** by which it will **manage the entire operations of Ladakh Milk Federation for five years** and implement a structured **dairy development program for the region**.



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- The National Dairy Development Board is a statutory body set up by the Parliament of India Act.
- It is under the ownership of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying of the Government of India.

### NPCI has signed an MoU with PayXpert for acceptance of the payment solutions in the UK

- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has signed an MoU with PayXpert for acceptance of the payment solutions in the UK.
- The collaboration will make the Indian payment solutions available in the UK on all PayXpert's Android point-of-sale (POS) devices for in-store payments.
- The NPCI has also signed similar MoUs for acceptance of UPI in France, the UAE, Singapore, and Nepal.

### IREDA and MAHAPREIT sign an MoU to provide loans for green energy projects

- A memorandum of understanding was signed by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and the Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT), a fully owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by the Government of India and 51% owned by the Government of Maharashtra).

### Godrej Agrovet signed an MOU with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura for Palm Oil

- An MoU was signed between the governments of Assam, Manipur, and Tripura and Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, to expand and promote oil palm cultivation in the region as part of the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm effort.

### Jharkhand Govt Will Sign MoU With British High Commission To Provide Overseas Scholarship

- The government of Jharkhand and The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), British High Commission, New Delhi will enter into a partnership to award the Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship to five meritorious scholars from ST/SC, OBC, and minorities community.
- Under the umbrella of this MoU, a maximum of five scholars shall be selected every academic year for the prestigious Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship.

### Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote the cultural heritage of India

- The Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, starting with the Himalayas, is being promoted and protected by Royal Enfield in collaboration with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).
- The event is designed to be a hands-on and imaginative display of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) activities in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern area.

### Hero Electric Partners with Jio-BP for Charging & Battery swapping

- An Indian manufacturer of electric scooters, Hero Electric, has announced a collaboration with Jio-BP to offer EV charging and battery swapping services in India.
- Jio-BP, a joint venture between British oil major BP and Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries, will launch in 2020.

### AAI and Sweden Sign an MoU for Sustainable Aviation Technology:

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Swedish company LFV Air Navigation Services in New Delhi.
- The agreement between Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a history of developing and implementing the most recent generation of environmentally friendly aviation technology, to investigate smart aviation solutions.

### ONGC inks agreement with ExxonMobil for deepwater exploration in India:

- Indian oil explorer and producer Oil and Natural Gas Corp signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil Corp for deepwater exploration in India's East and West coasts.
- The Heads of Agreement document was signed in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas by Rajesh Kumar Srivastava, Director (Exploration), ONGC, and Monte K Dobson, CEO & Lead Country Manager, ExxonMobil India in the presence of Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

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### **CDRI and GoI signed the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) in New Delhi:**

- In New Delhi, the **Government of India (GoI) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** signed the **Headquarters Agreement (HQA)**, establishing CDRI as an "Independent and International Legal Entity."
- The HQA is signed with CDRI to provide exemptions, immunities, and privileges in line with Section 3 of the **United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947**, which designates CDRI as an "International Organization."

### **CERT-In in collaboration with the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore:**

- **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with the **Cyber Security Agency of Singapore**, successfully designed and conducted the **Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries**
- It was a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group.
- The Group is being led by India under the leadership of the **National Security Council Secretariat**.

### **POSCO signed an MoU with ZeroC to make green hydrogen and to jointly pursue opportunities in renewables:**

- **Global steelmaker POSCO** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **ZeroC**, a subsidiary of renewable energy company Greenko to make **green hydrogen, and to jointly pursue opportunities in renewables, and other derivatives of green hydrogen**.
- That this MoU will contribute toward the mission of making **India a green hydrogen hub**.

### **BEL signed an MoU with Smiths Detection, for offering advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market:**

- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, a public sector undertaking announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Smiths Detection**, a threat detection, and security inspection technologies company, to offer advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market.
- BEL will handle front-end requirements in the market, supporting the localization of projects.
- Smiths Detection will provide its expertise and screening technology for the project.

### **Tata Steel and Punjab govt inked an MoU to establish a steel facility in Ludhiana:**

- **Punjab Government and Tata Steel sign an MoU of 0.75 million tonnes per year (MnTPA)** long products steel factory with an electric arc furnace (EAF) fuelled by scrap will be built by the **Tata Steel Company and the Punjabi government**.
- Tata Steel decided to construct the brand-new facility at Kadiana Khurd in the Hitech Valley of Ludhiana as part of its commitment to **promoting a circular economy and moving to the production of low-carbon steel by recycling steel**.

### **Adobe and AICTE collaborate to promote digital literacy in India:**

- The **All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** and **Adobe** have partnered to strengthen the nation's capacity for digital innovation.
- To give children the core creative and digital literacy skills they need to flourish in today's digital-first world, the agreement's conditions include that **Adobe will educate teachers, offer courses, and integrate digital creativity into the curriculum**.

### **Bharti Airtel has partnered with Odisha to offer bill payment solutions:**

- **Bharti Airtel** has launched a pilot project in partnership with **TP Northern Odisha Distribution** to offer bill payment solutions to more than two million registered customers of the utility.
- The initiative will mobilize the 4,000 banking points of **Airtel Payment Banks (APB)** in north Odisha to facilitate bill payments.
- Customers of the joint venture between **Tata Power and the Odisha government** simply need to visit the store and provide their contact numbers and consumer numbers at the banking point.

### **KCCI signed an MoU with BSMES in Manama, Bahrain:**

- The **Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI)** Srinagar signed an MoU with **Bahrain Small & Medium Enterprises Society (BSMES)** in Manama, Bahrain.
- Focusing on MSME development the pact aims to create and deliver suitable services and programs for the member clients of the Bahrain SME Society and KCCI.

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- Initially, Kashmir can offer medical packages to the citizens of Bahrain as Kashmir has one of the best doctors in the country, suggested the ACS.

**IIT Madras is collaborating with MDA to offer a remediation program for children with dyslexia studying in Tamil medium:**

- The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), IIT Madras**, is collaborating with **Madras Dyslexia Association (MDA)** to offer a **remediation program for children** with dyslexia studying in Tamil medium.
- This program is being offered in online mode, **completely free of charge through NPTEL**.
- Dyslexia, a language-based processing difficulty, manifests itself as a difficulty in processing not just English but other languages as well; hence, MDA has designed and developed '**Tamil Vazhi Payirchi**' to provide support to children studying in Tamil medium primary schools.

### SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

**Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi attended the 7th BRICS Culture Ministers meeting**

- Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs** participated in the **7th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting** via video conference, which was hosted by the **People's Republic of China** and attended by all **BRICS Member Nations**.

**President Ram Nath Kovind to inaugurate the first-ever two-day national conference of woman legislators in Thiruvananthapuram**

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** will kick off **the two-day National Women Legislators' Conference-2022** at the Legislative Assembly complex, which is expected to bring a significant number of **female parliamentarians and legislators from throughout the country**.
- The first-ever such event, organized by the state Assembly, is part of the nationwide celebrations marking **India's 75th anniversary of independence**, known as the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

**Gujarat to host the National Education Ministers' Conference:**

- The National Education Ministers' Conference** will be **held in Gujarat for two days**.
- Union Education Minister **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, as well as other union ministers and state and union territory education ministers, will attend the meeting.
- During this conference, there will most likely be discussions about how to improve the country's educational ecology.

**The revenue of Jan Aushadhi outlets topped Rs 100 crore:**

- For the first time, **Jan Aushadhi outlets exceeded Rs 100 crore** in sales.
- Jan Aushadhi locations stock over 1,600 generic medications, 250 surgical equipment, nutraceuticals, Ayush products, and Suvidha Sanitary pads.
- The **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau (PMBI)** of India implements the **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)**

**Border coordination conference between BSF and BGB begins in Bangladesh:**

- The **India-Bangladesh Border Coordination Conference** was opened in **Sylhet** by Inspector General **BSF Regional Commander BGB**.
- According to an official press release from the **Bangladesh Border Guard (BBG)**, the four-day workshop will **end on June 2**.

**National Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in India to be held:**

- The **Department of Food and Public Distribution** will organize a **National Conference on - Food and Nutrition Security** in India in **New Delhi**.
- The conference is aimed at facilitating cross-learning, disseminating best practices for schemes under Public Distribution System, and strengthening the focus on nutritional security.
- Consumer Affairs Minister **Shri Piyush Goyal** will address the one-day conference.

**Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurates Fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave:**

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- **Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, formally opened the **fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC)** at the Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach **in Mumbai**
- The **Ph.D. Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** organized the fifth GFTC with the theme "**Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism**" in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

### PM Narendra Modi attends first virtual I2U2 summit:

- The inaugural virtual **I2U2 Summit** was attended by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.
- The I2U2 is a four-nation alliance, with "**I**" standing for **India** and **Israel** and "**U**" for the **US** and the **UAE**.
- Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, US President Joe Biden, and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan were there with PM Modi.

### Election Commission will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting:

- **Election Commission** will host a **virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting** in August.
- This Regional Forum meeting will be held on the theme of '**Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible, and Participative**'.
- It is the precursor of the **Global Summit for Democracy**, which will be **hosted by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico**.
- Chief Election Commissioner **Rajiv Kumar** and Election Commissioner **Anup Chandra Pandey** will chair the **Asian Regional Forum meeting**.

### LG Sinha has announced the launch of the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022

- **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** formally launched the **8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022 in New Delhi**.
- The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 provides **SMEs, startups, businesses, industry, and service providers** with a critical platform to find new clients, establish connections with purchasers and vendors, and share knowledge about federal, state, and local programs, among other things.

### Odisha and FICCI sign an MoU for the next "Make in Odisha" summit in 2022:

- The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** is designated as the **national industry partner** for the **Make in Odisha Conclave 2022** under a Memorandum of Understanding between the state-run Industrial Promotion and **Investment Corporation of Odisha and the organization**.
- Principal Secretary for Industries for the state of Odisha, Hemant Sharma, emphasized that "**Make in Odisha**" is the most entrepreneurial event in the state and attracts investors, entrepreneurs, and industrialists alike.

## ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

### SIDBI acquires stake in ONDC to facilitate market access to MSMEs:

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has acquired a **7.84 percent stake** in the **open public digital infrastructure framework entity**, Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), through an **investment of Rs 10 crore**.

### HP acquires Poly to become a full-service hybrid work ecosystem provider:

- HP has completed its **acquisition of Poly for \$1.7 billion** in an **all-cash deal worth \$3.3 billion** when debt is factored in.
- Poly is a manufacturer of office communication devices such as headsets, AV conference room equipment such as desk phones, and software.

### Axis Bank buys Citibank India's consumer businesses for \$1.6 billion:

- **Citibank** has announced that it has reached an agreement with **Axis Bank** for the sale of Citi's consumer businesses in India.
- Axis was selected by Citi following an extensive and competitive auction process.

### IDRCL: Stakes of Canara Bank, SBI, PNB, and Union Bank reduced to 5% each:

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- Four public sector lenders -- **State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, and Union Bank of India** -- their stakes in India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) have **come down to 5 percent each**.

### Elon Musk to acquire Twitter for \$44 Billion in 2022:

- Elon Musk clinched a deal to buy Twitter Inc. for \$44 billion** cash in a transaction that will shift control of the social media platform populated by millions of users and global leaders to **the world's richest person**.

### Airtel acquires 7 percent stake in Cnergee Technologies:

- Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** has acquired around a **7 percent stake** in cloud-based networking solutions provider **Cnergee Technologies** under the **Airtel Startup Accelerator Program**.
- The stake acquisition will enable **Airtel** to sharpen its **NaaS** proposition for **Small and Medium Businesses (SMBs)**, who are looking to accelerate their shift to **cloud-based applications**.

### L&T Infotech and Mindtree announce merger to create India's 5th largest IT services provider:

- L&T Infotech and Mindtree**, the two independently listed IT services companies under Larsen & Toubro Group have **announced a merger that would create India's fifth-largest IT services provider**.
- The combined entity will be known as "**LTIMindtree**".

### Swiggy acquires restaurant tech platform Dineout for \$200 million:

- An online food-delivery app, **Swiggy** has agreed to **buy Times Internet's restaurant** technology and dining out platform **Dineout**.
- Dineout** will continue to operate as an independent app following the acquisition, according to **Swiggy**.
- Founders Ankit Mehrotra, Nikhil Bakshi, Sahil Jain, and Vivek Kapoor** will join **Swiggy** once the acquisition is completed.

### CCI approves acquisitions by Sanoti Properties LLP of shareholding in Magma HDI & by Serum Institute Life Sciences-Biocon Biologics deal

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the **acquisition** of a majority stake in **Magma HDI General Insurance Company Ltd** by **Sanoti Properties LLP** & proposed deal **Covidshield Technologies Pvt Ltd (CTPL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Serum Institute of Life Sciences**, will be merged into **Biocon Biologics Limited**.
- Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**, the acquisition of **55.39 percent** of the **total equity share capital** of **Magma HDI General Insurance Company Limited** by **Sanoti Properties LLP** has been approved.

### PhonePe to acquire Wealthdesk, Open IQ for USD 75 million

- Walmart-backed **PhonePe** will acquire 2 wealth tech platforms **WealthDesk (Wealth Technologies & Services Private Limited)** and **OpenQ (Quantech Capital Investment Advisors Private Limited)** total deal is in the range of **USD 75 million**.
- The valuation of **Wealthdesk** is over **USD 50 million** & **OpenQ** is **USD 25 million**.

### GIC buys a 7.5% stake in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail for Rs 2,195 crore

- Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, **GIC**, is acquiring a **7.5% equity stake** in **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL)** for **Rs 2,195 crore** by way of preferential issue of **equity and warrants**.
- GIC will invest **Rs 770 crore** now towards the subscription of equity and warrants and follow it up by pumping in **Rs 1,425 crore** in one or more tranches within **18 months**.

### Coal India Ltd to divest 25% stake in BCCL

- India's largest coal producer, **Coal India Limited (CIL)**, is planning to divest a **25 percent stake** in its unlisted arm **Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL)** and will go for the subsequent listing of the subsidiary on stock exchanges after obtaining further clearances.
- The approval was given at a board meeting held on **10 March 2022**.
- The idea had only received "**in principle**" permission from the board of director

### UAE-based Emirates Telecom buys a 9.8% stake in Vodafone for \$4.4 bn

- Emirates Telecommunications Group Company PJSC "e&" (Etisalat Group) has acquired approximately **2,766 million shares** in **Vodafone Group Plc** aggregating to **\$4.4 billion**, these shares represent **9.8%** of Vodafone's issued share capital.

### Adani buys 50% stake in drone startup General Aeronautics

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- A wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd., signed an agreement to acquire a **50% stake in Bengaluru-based General Aeronautics Pvt. Ltd.**
- Adani Defence Systems and Technologies shall leverage its military drone and **Artificial Intelligence/ Machine learning (AI/ML)** capabilities and work with General Aeronautics for providing end-to-end solutions for the domestic agricultural sector.

### Adani Group buys Ambuja Cements & ACC for \$10.5 billion

- The **Adani Group** has agreed to buy Swiss building materials maker **Holcim Ltd's India assets Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd** for **\$10.5 billion (₹80,000 crores)** in one of the largest ever acquisitions by an Indian group.
- With this, the Adani Group became the **second-largest cement producer** in the country after the Aditya Birla Group-owned **UltraTech Cement**.
- **Holcim** owns **63.19 percent** of Ambuja Cement and **4.48 percent** of ACC.

### Ruchi Soya Acquires Patanjali's Food Retail Business For Rs 690 Crore

- **Edible oil major Ruchi Soya Industries** acquired **Patanjali Ayurved's food retail business** for **Rs 690 crore** as part of its strategy to focus on non-food, traditional medicine, and wellness businesses.
- The acquired food business comprises **21 major products** namely ghee, honey, spices, juices, atta, etc., the company informed in an exchange filing.

### Abu Dhabi's ADIA invests Rs 2,200 cr in IIFL Home Finance for a 20% stake

- The sovereign wealth fund **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)** has picked up a **20 percent stake in IIFL Home Finance** for **Rs 2,200 crore**.
- The deal completion is subject to regulatory approvals.
- It will be **one of the largest equity investments** in the affordable housing finance segment in India by a financial investor.

### Tencent Acquires stake worth \$264 mn in Flipkart from Binny Bansal

- Tencent, a Chinese technology conglomerate, has bought a stake worth **USD 264 million (approx. Rs2,060 crore)** in **Flipkart**.
- Tencent has bought this stake from Flipkart's co-founder **Binny Bansal** via its European subsidiary.
- Binny Bansal now holds about **1.84 percent** in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV.

### DBS Bank India acquires 9.9% stake in NBFC Svakarma Finance

- **DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL)** has acquired a **9.9% stake in Svakarma Finance**, a non-banking financial company, for delivering financial solutions to micro-enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending.
- Svakarma Finance is a non-deposit-taking non-banking financial Company (NBFC), set up by former bankers to target **Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)** using an industry segment and cluster-focused delivery model leveraging smart technology and data.
- It is currently present across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu.

### CCI approves a 24.98% stake acquisition in IIFL Wealth Management by BC Asia Investments

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the acquisition of up to **24.98 percent** shareholding of **IIFL Wealth Management Limited by BC Asia Investments X Limited**.
- The fair trade regulator has cleared the transaction involving the sale of the global biosimilars portfolio of Viatris Inc (parent entity of Mylan) to **Biocon Biologics Limited** and its subsidiary.
- It also approved the proposed equity infusion in Biocon Biologics by **Biocon and Serum Institute**.

### Infosys to acquire BASE life science for €110 million

- **Infosys Ltd** signed a definitive agreement to acquire **BASE life science**, leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry, for up to **€110 million (about \$111 million)**.
- The acquisition is expected to close during the **second quarter of FY23**.

### LIC reduces its stake by 2% in Sun Pharma to 5.024%



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- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has reduced shareholding in Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries by selling a 2 percent stake in the pharma company for about Rs 3,882 crore.
- LIC's shareholding in Sun Pharma has diluted from **16,85,66,486** to **12,05,24,944** equity shares.

### **Bharti Airtel allows 1.2% equity shares to Google for USD 1 Billion**

- Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** has allotted over **71,176,839** equity shares of the face value of Rs 5 each fully paid up, on a preferential basis to **Google International LLC (Google)** at an issue price of Rs 734 per equity share.
- The allotment is part of Google's commitment to invest **USD 1 billion** with Airtel, which included equity investment in the company worth **USD 700 million**, about **Rs 5,224 crore**.
- Google invested as part of its **USD 10-billion India Digitization Fund**

### **CCI approves Citibank-Axis Bank deal**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of Citibank, N.A.'s (Citi) and Citicorp Finance (India) Limited's (Citicorp) undertakings comprising their consumer banking activities by Axis Bank (Acquirer)** under Section 31(1) of the **Competition Act, 2002**.

### **CCI approves Greenforest New Energies' stake buy in Tata Power Renewable**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the acquisition of an **11.43% stake in Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL)** by **Greenforest New Energies Bidco Limited (Greenforest)**.

### **Tata Steel acquires strategic stake in NINL**

- The **Ministry of Finance** stated that the **strategic disinvestment transaction** for **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL)** has been completed, with the transfer of **93.71 percent shares** of the joint venture partners to **Tata Steel Long products Limited (TSLP)**.
- Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) is a Joint Venture of **4 central public sector enterprises (CPSEs)**, namely **Mineral & Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC)** with a shareholding of **49.78 percent**; **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** with a shareholding of **10.10 percent**; **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** with a shareholding of **0.68 percent**;

### **SBI, HDFC, and ICICI Bank acquire 9.54% stakes each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services**

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)**, **HDFC Bank**, and **ICICI Bank** acquired a **9.54 percent stake** each in **Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited (Perfios AA)**.
- The 3 banks acquired **8,05,520 equity shares** each by paying **Rs 4.03 crore each** for the stakes.
- According to regulatory filings, the lenders bought the shares at **Rs 50** a piece.
- The investments will be subject to the approval of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.

### **CCI approves the acquisition between Google International LLC and Bharti Airtel Limited**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved **Google International LLC's (Acquirer) acquisition of a minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of the equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited (target)**.
- Google International LLC (Acquirer) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google LLC a **Delaware limited liability company** and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc.
- The Acquirer is a holding company and does not own/operate any of Google's products/ services.
- However, Google offers various products and services, including its flagship search service, its Android operating system, and its Play app store.

### **HDFC to fully acquire venture capital arm HVCL by buying shares from SBI**

- The **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)** will acquire its venture capital subsidiary **HDFC venture capital limited (HVCL)** by buying out the **State Bank of India's 19.5 percent stake** in the company.
- HDFC holds **80.50 percent equity share capital of HVCL** and the remaining shares are held by the State Bank of India (SBI).

### **CCI approves the acquisition of 50.1% of the equity share capital of SCIPL by RSBVL**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of 50.1% of the equity share capital of Sanmina-SCI India Private Limited (SCIPL)** by **Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL)**.
- RIL is a subsidiary of **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**.

### **Bank of Baroda to divest up to 12.5% stake in insurance arm IndiaFirst**



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- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** will divest up to a **12.5% stake** in the insurance arm **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company (IFLIC)** through an offer for sale in the **initial public offer (IPO)** of the insurer or any other mode.
- However, BoB's shareholding in the life insurance subsidiary will not fall below **51 percent**.

### CCI approves Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shriram Group Companies

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation** between **Shriram Group Companies** under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**.
- The proposed combination involves a composite scheme of arrangement and amalgamation (Scheme) between Shrikeha Business Consultancy Private Limited (SBCPL), and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Pvt. Ltd (SFVPL), Shriram Capital Limited (SCL), Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited (STFC), Shriram City Union Finance Limited (SCUF), Shriram LI Holdings Pvt Ltd (SLIH), Shriram GI Holdings Pvt. Ltd (SGIH) and Shriram Investment Holdings Ltd (SIHL).

### CCI clears Rs 4,500 crore deal between Bandhan Fin Holdings-led consortium & IDFC

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the proposed **Rs 4,500 crore deal** wherein the **Bandhan Financial Holdings-led consortium** will buy **stakes in IDFC Asset Management and IDFC AMC Trustee**.
- The consortium includes private equity firm Chrys Capital and Singapore's sovereign fund GIC.

### Uber Sells 7.8 % Stake in Zomato For Rs 3,088 Crore

- American ride-hailing giant **Uber** offloaded **61.2 crore shares** of online food delivery aggregator **Zomato Ltd** for **Rs 3,088 crore** through an open market transaction.
- Uber BV sold **61,21,99,100 shares** in Zomato, amounting to a **7.8 percent stake**.
- The shares were disposed of at an average price of **Rs 50.44** apiece, taking the transaction value to **Rs 3,087.93 crore**.

### ADIA to invest Rs 665 cr in Aditya Birla Health Insurance for a 9.99% stake

- **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)** will be **investing Rs 655 crore** for a **9.99% stake** in conglomerate **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL)**.
- The transaction has been approved by the **board of directors of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)**.
- Out of a 9.99% stake, **Aditya Birla Capital** will hold a **45.91% stake** and **Momentum Metropolitan Holdings** will have a **44.10% stake** in **Aditya Birla Health Insurance**.

### Competition Commission of India approves merger of HDFC Bank & HDFC Ltd

- Fair trade regulator **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the **merger proposal of HDFC Bank, India's Largest Private Sector Bank & its parent HDFC Ltd, India's Largest Housing Finance Company**.

### CCI clears acquisition of Holcim's stake in Holderind, ACC Ltd & Ambuja by Endeavour

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of the stake in Holderind Investments Limited, Ambuja Cements Limited, and ACC Limited** by **Endeavour Trade and Investment Limited**.
- Holderind holds **63.11%** of the **equity share capital of Ambuja Cements Limited (Ambuja)** and **4.48%** of the **equity share capital of ACC Limited (ACC)**.
- Further, Ambuja holds **50.05%** of the **paid-up equity share capital of ACC**.

### CCI approves acquisition of majority shareholding in ODPL by Sekhmet; ODPL's acquisition of a shareholding in OPPL & OLSPL

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** of majority shareholding in **Optimus Drugs Private Limited (ODPL)** by **Sekhmet Pharmaventures Private Limited (Sekhmet)** and **ODPL's acquisition of a shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited (OPPL) and Optimus Life Science Private Limited (OLSPL)** under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**.

### CCI approves the acquisition of a stake in IIFL Home indirectly by ADIA Group

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the **acquisition** of a stake in **IIFL Home indirectly by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)**.
- The proposed transaction relates to the acquisition of up to **20 percent stake** in **IIFL Home Finance** by **Platinum Owl C 2018 RSC Ltd**, a trustee acting for **Platinum Jasmine Trust**.

### Promoter BRDN Investment Management sells 5.6% stake in HDFC AMC for Rs 2,300 cr

- Promoter **BRDN Investment Management**, formerly **Standard Life Investments**, divested its **5.58% stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Asset Management Company (AMC)** for a little over **Rs 2,300 crore** through an open market transaction.



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### CCI approves EQT AB's acquisition of Baring Private Equity Asia Group

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved EQT AB's acquisition of Baring Private Equity Asia Group Limited (BPEA) including its subsidiaries (BPEA Group) 100% of the general partner entities (GPs).
- BPEA Group is dual-headquartered in Hong Kong and Singapore and is a pan-Asian private markets firm.

### CCI approves acquisition by Katsura Investments & Varmora Granito Private Limited

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition by Katsura Investments in Varmora Granito Private Limited and certain other entities & Varmora Granito Private Limited in some of its Group Companies and other entities.

### CCI Clears amalgamation of CSSL & JSW Ispat with & into JSW Steel Limited

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the amalgamation of Creixent Special Steels Limited (CSSL) & JSW Ispat Special Products Limited (JSW Ispat) with & into JSW Steel Limited (JSW Steel) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

### CCI approves acquisition of the stake in SVPL by IBEF IV, India SME Investments Fund – I, MOFPL & others

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of the stake in Simpolo Vitrified Private Limited (SVPL/ Target) by India Business Excellence Fund IV (IBEF IV), India SME Investments Fund – I (India SME), Motilal Oswal Finvest Limited (MOFPL), partners of Simpolo Ceramics (SC / Simpolo Ceramics) (collectively, SC Partners) and the shareholders of Nexion International Private Limited (Nexion), viz., Aghara & Sons (Aghara) and Ceramiche Speranza SPA (Ceramiche SPA).

### MCA approves Bharat Gas amalgamation with BPCL

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) approved the amalgamation of Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL), a 100% subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).
- The main business of BGRL is gas sourcing and retailing.

### Norway's Climate Investment Fund enters an agreement to take a 49% stake in a 420 MW solar power plant in Rajasthan

- The Norwegian Climate Investment Fund, managed by Norfund (the Norwegian Government's development finance institution) and Norway's largest pension company, KLP has agreed to take a 49% stake in a 420 MW solar energy project Thar Surya 1 for approximately Rs 2.8 billion in Rajasthan.
- Given India's current energy mix, the project will avoid more than 615,000 tonnes of Co2 emissions per year
- According to a report by BloombergNEF (BNEF), India needs 233 billion USD in investment to meet its goals for the development of wind and solar energy by 2030.

### Adani Group to buy 29.18% stake in NDTV & launch open offer for another 26% stake

- The Adani Group's media arm AMG Media Networks Limited (AMNL) announced that it would indirectly acquire a 29.18% stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV).
- It would also launch a Rs 493-crore open offer for another 26% stake in NDTV at Rs 294 per share.

### Bharti Telecom to buy 3.33% Airtel stake from Singtel for Rs 12,895 cr

- Bharti Airtel promoter, Bharti Telecom Limited (BTL) will buy a 3.33% stake from Singtel (Singapore-based telecommunications company) for 2.25 billion Singapore dollars (around Rs 12,895 crore) in 90 days.

### TVS Motor Acquires 48.27% Stake In Narain Karthikeyan's Startup DriveX For INR 85 Cr

- TVS Motor Company will acquire a 48.27% stake in NKars Mobility Millennial Solutions Pvt Ltd (NMMSPL) for Narain Karthikeyan's pre-owned two-wheeler startup 'DriveX' for a consideration of Rs 85 crore.
- NMMSPL operates under the brand 'DriveX', founded by Formula 1 driver Narain Karthikeyan
- The acquisition is expected to be completed by November 30, 2022.

### HDFC Bank to pick around 10 pc stake in Go Digit-Life Insurance

- India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank Limited entered into an "indicative and non-binding term sheet" to acquire 9.94% stake in Go Digit-Life Insurance for an amount between Rs 49.9 crore to Rs 69.9 crore, in two tranches, by subscribing to equity shares of the Company.

### CCI approves merger of Aditya Marketing & Manufacturing into Umang Commercial

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the merger of Aditya Marketing and Manufacturing Private Limited into Umang Commercial Company Private Limited.



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- **Umang Commercial Company Private Limited (Acquirer)** is a part of Aditya Birla Group, an Indian multinational conglomerate.
- The Acquirer is an investment holding company and holds shareholding in various entities on behalf of Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla.
- The Acquirer is registered with the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** as a **Non-banking Financial Company (NBFC)**

### **CCI approves acquisition of shares in Olam Agri Holdings Pte. Ltd. by SALIC International Investment Company**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the acquisition of 35.43% stake shares in **Olam Agri Holdings Pte. Ltd. (Olam Agri / Target)** by **SALIC International Investment Company (SIIC / Acquirer)**.

### **CCI Approves Acquisition of 7.49% Stake In Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail Limited**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** of approximately **7.49% shareholding** in **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited** on a fully diluted basis by **Caladium Investment Pte. Ltd(GIC Investor)** by way of preferential issues of equity and warrants.
- Caladium Investment Pte. Ltd. (Acquirer/GIC Investor) is wholly owned by Lathe Investment Private Limited, an entity that is in turn wholly owned by **GIC (Ventures) Private Limited (GIC Ventures)**.

### RANKING & INDEX

Index Name	Released by	India position	Top three /key points
Leading Producer of Vegetables			1. Uttar Pradesh 2. West Bengal
Hurun Richest self-made women billionaires in the world 2022	Hurun Research Institute		Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar in top 10 list-\$7.6 billion
Bloomberg Billionaire Index		Gautam Adani-10 th- (\$100 billion)	Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani-11th position with \$99 billion in wealth.
Forbes 2022 rich list			Forbes' 36th annual ranking of the world's richest people list, Elon Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX founder top net worth of \$219 billion. 2. Mukesh Ambani ranks 10th
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022	Global higher education think-tank QS Quacquarelli Symonds.		Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has been awarded as the best university with a score of 96.5
QS World University Rankings 2022:			IIT-Kharagpur is among the top 100 universities in the world.  12th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022, IIT-Kharagpur
NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index Round 1	Chaired by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.		1. Gujarat, 2. Kerala, 3. Punjab
World Bank report		Extreme Poverty in India Decline by 12.3% between 2011-2019	



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Forbes real-time Billionaires list			1. India's Gautam Adani Becomes World's 5th Richest Person-\$123.7 billion 2. legendary investor Warren Buffett-\$121.7 billion
2022 World Press Freedom Index		India - 150th position. From last year's 142nd rank out of 180 countries.	1. Norway
Crypto investors' profit			Chainalysis: Crypto investors' profit grew by 400 percent in 2021 1. United States 2. UK, 3. Germany,
Global Assessment Report	UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)		The world will face around 560 disasters every year by 2030.
Farmers Distress Index	NABARD		To track, identify, and assist the needy and distressed farmers with small and marginal farmers getting a raw deal when it comes to farm loan waivers.
2020 Civil Registration System report			Highest: 1. Union Territory of Ladakh(1104) 2. Arunachal Pradesh (1011) 3. Andaman and Nicobar Islands (984) Lowest: 1. Manipur (880) 2. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (898)
Highest-paid athletes list for 2022	Forbes		1. Lionel Messi(\$130 Million) 2. Lebron James(\$121.2 million) 3. Cristiano Ronaldo(\$115 million)
Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2022	World Economic Forum's new report		Urgent action is required by both private and public sectors to ensure a resilient transition as the world faces the most severe energy crisis since the 1970s.
Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022:	Times Higher Education (THE)	India - 4th	TOP 3: 1. Western Sydney University (Australia) 2. Arizona State University (The US), 3. Western University (Canada) • 64 Indian universities have been featured on THE Impact Rankings



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			2022
Largest vehicle market	Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)	India 4th	<p>Top 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. China</li> <li>2. US</li> <li>3. Japan</li> </ol>
'Global Land Outlook	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)		<p>Pakistan is one of 23 nations that have experienced drought in the past two years (2020-2022).</p> <p>The report was released ahead of the UN Desertification and Drought Day on June 17, 2022.</p>
Global Air Powers Ranking 2022:	World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)	Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed above the People's Liberation Army Air Force, also known as the Chinese Air Force, Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation-based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power.	
The State of Inequality in India	Dr. Bibek Debroy		<p>The report compiles information on inequities across sectors of health, education, household characteristics, and the labor market.</p> <p>The report is Based on the data derived from various rounds of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), National Family and Health Survey (NFHS), Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), etc.</p>
WEF's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021	World Economic Forum (WEF)	India is 54 <sup>th</sup> with a score of 4.2	<p>Top: 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Japan</li> <li>2. Bottom:</li> <li>3. Chad(117<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ol>
Ministry of Education releases National Achievement Survey 2021	The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education		The report assesses the health of the school education system in the country by conducting a comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies in classes III(3), V(5), VIII(8), and X(10) with a cycle period of 3 years.
Global Food Report 2022	International Food Policy		The number of Indians at risk from hunger is expected to be 73.9 million by 2030



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	Research Institute(IFPRI)		
ICMR Report	BMC Cancer Journal.	India's cancer burden to rise to 29.8 million in 2025	The number of Indians suffering from cancer is projected to increase to 29.8 million in 2025 from 26.7 million in 2021.
Fortune 500 list			Elon Musk was the highest-paid CEO in 2021-\$23.5 billion Note: According to the Fortune 500, Elon Musk was the biggest paycheck CEO ever received
7th Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia list 2022	Forbes Magazine		30 notable honorees selected for each of the 10 categories, under the age of 30 who are inspiring change and driving innovation in their respective fields
Global 2000 list	Forbes		Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) – 53 <sup>rd</sup> State Bank of India – 105 <sup>th</sup> HDFC Bank – 153 <sup>rd</sup> ICICI Bank – 204 <sup>th</sup>
Billionaire Index	Bloomberg		Mukesh Ambani Becomes Asia's Richest Man Mukesh Ambani - USD 99.7 billion. Gautam Adani - USD 98.7 billion.
QS World University Rankings 2023		The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has emerged as the highest-ranked Indian institute with a rank of 155	4 IITs In the Top 200
THE Asia University Rankings 2022	Times Higher Education (THE)	India is the third most-represented country, with 71 institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2022 rankings comprise 616 universities from 31 countries and territories across Asia.</li> </ul>
Top global BPM (business process management) providers in 2021.	Everest Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ranking is based on a composite score of revenue (more than US\$ 3 billion for TCS) and revenue growth (14-16% over 2020).</li> </ul>
Environmental Performance Index 2022		India - lowest among 180 countries with a total score of 18.9.	Top 1. Denmark 2. UK 3. Finland
Real-Time Billionaires	Forbes	India's Mukesh Ambani – 6 <sup>th</sup> Gautam Adani – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Top Elon Musk
State Food Safety Index 2021-22	FSSAI		Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya releases the 4th State Food Safety Index 2021-22



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First Agri Land Price Index	IIM Ahmedabad		Presently, ISALPI is based on land listing data from six states: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.
World Investment Report	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	India – 7th	As per the report, FDI inflows into India reduced to USD 45 billion in 2021 from USD 64 billion in 2020.
The National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021, NeSDA 2021.	Union Minister of State, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report covers services across 7 sectors: finance, labor, and employment, education, local governance and utility services, social welfare, environment, and tourism sectors.</li> <li>2. Kerala had the highest overall compliance score among all states and UTs.</li> <li>3. Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh had a compliance of more than 85 percent among the Remaining States category.</li> </ol>
IMD World Competitiveness Index 2022	International Institute for Management Development	India – 37 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Top 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Denmark</li> <li>2. Switzerland</li> <li>3. Singapore</li> </ol>
Transport Research Wing (TRW) Road accidents in India 2020 Report	the Transport Research Wing (TRW) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)		As per data, Total accidents decreased on an average by 18.46 percent, the number of persons killed decreased by 12.84 percent and the number of injuries decreased by 22.84 percent.
Most Valuable Global Brands	Data analytics and brand consulting company Kantar	4 Indian companies: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) - 46 <sup>th</sup> HDFC Bank - 61 <sup>st</sup> Infosys - 64 <sup>th</sup> LIC - 92 <sup>nd</sup> were featured.	
Global Skills Report 2022	Coursera	India – 68 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Top</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Switzerland</li> <li>2. Denmark</li> <li>3. Indonesia</li> </ol>
Global Status Report (GSR 2022)	REN21 (Renewable Energy Policy	India – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	India has added 843 MW to its hydropower capacity by 2021, bringing the total capacity up to 45.3 GW.



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	Network for the 21st Century)		For the first time, it surpassed Germany (59.2 GW) for fourth place in total installations (60.4 GW).
Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022			Year Over Year (YoY), the installations increased 22 percent compared to 422 MW in Q1 2021. According to the report, Karnataka topped in additions by accounting for 30 percent of installations during the quarter.
Gold refining and recycling	World Gold Council	India(75 Tonnes) – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Top 3 in global gold recycling in 2021 : 1. China - Recycled 168 tonnes of gold 2. Italy - 80 3. United States of America (USA)- 78
Financing India's 2030 Renewables Ambition	BloombergNEF	India will need USD 223 billion of investment to meet its goal of wind and solar capacity installations by 2030.	The government has set a target of increasing non-fossil power capacity to 500 GW by 2030. Shantanu Jaiswal, lead author of the report and head of India research at BloombergNEF.
Liveability Index 2022	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	Delhi -140 Mumbai - 141 Chennai - 142 Ahmedabad - 143 Bangalore - 146	Top 1. Vienna
Creating Jobs and Cutting Bills: the economic opportunities of a clean energy transition	We Mean Business Coalition and Cambridge Econometrics		As per the report, a swift shift from fossil fuels to clean energy could lead to the creation of 1.5 crore new jobs in India by 2025 and increase savings on electricity bills
2022 Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)	policy advisory and research firm Startup Genome		Bengaluru's tech ecosystem value is \$105 billion which is higher than that of Singapore at \$89 billion and Tokyo at \$62 billion. To boost Kerala's start-up ecosystem, it has been ranked 1st in Asia in Affordable Talent in Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSR).
Sample registration system (SRS)			Top 5 Performers in state-wise : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Delhi - 74.3 years</li> <li>● Kerala - 75.2 years</li> <li>● J&amp;K - 74.2 years</li> <li>● Himachal Pradesh - 73.1 years</li> <li>● Punjab - 72.8 years</li> </ul>
CRISIL Report	CRISIL		According to the CRISIL Report Data center capacity in India is expected to double to 1,700-1,800 megawatts (MW) by fiscal 2025 from 870 MW in fiscal 2022 powered by the data boom, digital adoption, and local data storage mandate



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Global startup ecosystem index 2022	Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI) by Israel-based StartupBlink		Bengaluru -8 <sup>th</sup> New Delhi ranks 13, Mumbai - 17, Pune - 90, Hyderabad - 97, Chennai - 102, Jaipur - 212 and Ahmedabad - 223
UN-Habitat World Cities Report 2022		India -2	India's urban population is to stand at 675 million in 2035. 1. China -1st
NITI Aayog & World Food Program Launches Report	World Food Program		'Take Home Ration (THR)-Good Practices Across States/Union Territories
Forbes' 8th annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women			Indian-origin engineer Jayshree Ullal top rank \$2.1 billion in 2022, she ranked 15th on the list.
3rd edition States' Startup Ranking 2021	Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal		1. Gujarat, 2. Karnataka 3. Meghalaya
QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)		Mumbai -103 Bengaluru-114, Chennai -125 Delhi - 129,
Knight Frank Report		India -6th	Active Capital Asia Pacific - Raising Capital in Uncertain Times India's Green Bonds issuance increased 523 percent Year on Year (YoY), from \$1.1 billion in 2020 to \$6.8 billion in 2021.
	NITI Aayog		'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy
Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021	Knight Frank	Bengaluru Delhi	Bengaluru - 14, Delhi,-17 Hyderabad, -18 Mumbai-20 Bengaluru was the only Indian city to achieve the 'Gold' standard category
Rurban Mission's delta rating:			With a composite score of 76.19, Jharkhand topped the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission's delta rating for June
NITI Aayog Report:	National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).		A new report titled Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India provides a pathway to accelerate the emergence of a green hydrogen economy, which is critical for India to achieve its net-zero ambitions by 2070.
State Ranking Index for NFSA	Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution,		



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	Textiles and Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal		
Internet in India	Internet and Mobile Association of India		<p>According to a report published by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), 346 million Indians use online transactions.</p> <p>The number of people using online transactions in India is greater than the US population involved in digital transactions, which is around 331 million.</p>
Asia's Richest Woman:	Bloomberg Billionaires Index		<p>The entire wealth of the 72-year-old Savitri Jindal, who is also the richest woman in India, is \$11.3 billion.</p> <p>Indian Women Savitri Jindal replaces China's Yang Huiyan to become Asia's Richest Woman</p>
The combined Index of Eight Core Industries			Eight core sectors' output growth declined to 12.7% in June from 18.1% in May.
Global 500	Fortune		With sales of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million, the largest life insurer in the country was rated 98th on the most recent Fortune 500 list.
Start-Up ecosystem		India – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>As per the latest data, there are currently 105 unicorns, out of which 44 were born in 2021 and 19 in 2022.</p> <p>India has over 5 lakh R&amp;D personnel, a number that has shown a 40-50% increase in the last 8 years.</p>
Nature Index 2022			The University of Hyderabad(UoH) has been ranked first among Indian Universities and 16th among all institutions in the academic sector.
Cloud 100	Forbes		<p>Razorpay - first Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List</p> <p>This places Razorpay amongst world leaders such as Canva, DataBricks, and Airtable, to name a few.</p>
largest domestic airline			Full-service With a 10.4% share of the domestic market last month, Vistara overtook IndiGo, the market leader with 58.8%, as the second-largest airline.
Air Quality and Health in Cities	Health Effects Institute (HEI)		<p>It focuses on two harmful pollutants, fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).</p> <p>Delhi and Kolkata were ranked first and second in the top 10 most polluted cities</p>



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International Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad		India -3 <sup>rd</sup>	India and Singapore were tied for third place in the medal count, just one point behind Iran's official squad (5 golds) and the visiting team (4 golds, 1 silver).
Asia-Pacific in Tech Hubs	Cushman and Wakefield		Bengaluru ranks second place among the top IT centers in the Asia Pacific region, only behind Beijing in China. Three more Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi, and Hyderabad, are included on the list after Beijing and Bengaluru.
Billionaires Index rankings	Bloomberg		Adani, 60, is now just behind corporate moguls Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk in the standings with a combined net worth of USD 137.4 billion.
largest life insurer in the world			India is currently the tenth-largest life insurer in the world, surpassing both China and the UK. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), a state-owned insurance giant and life insurer, has emerged as the third strongest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally, according to a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy organization.
valued Indian Companies			Adani Transmission is now in ninth place, Bajaj Finance is in tenth, and LIC is now in eleventh place. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is on the top of the list of valued Indian Companies with a market capitalization of ₹17.8 lakh crore, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever (HUL), ICICI Bank and State Bank of India (SBI)
Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2021	National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)		1.64 lakh persons died by suicide in 2017, an increase of 7.2% from 1.53 lakh in 2020. More people have died from suicide-related causes since 1967, the first year for which statistics are available.
Asia 100 To Watch 2022	Forbes		The list for 2022 included 11 start-up firms from India, 19 companies from Singapore, 16 from Hong Kong, 15 from South Korea, and 13 from China. Forbes lists 15 nations and territories represented in 11 categories, including



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			biotechnology and healthcare, e-commerce and retail, and finance.
World's Largest Economy	Bloomberg	India – 5 <sup>th</sup>	This year, the Indian economy is expected to rise by more than 7%.
Grievance Redressal Index 2022			Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) -top.

### APPS & SERVICES

#### **Chief Justice of India NV Ramana Launches 'FASTER' - Software for electronic delivery of orders**

- Chief Justice of India NV Ramana launched 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER)', a digital platform to communicate **interim orders, stay orders, bail orders**, etc of the apex court to the concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel.

#### **Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur launches Broadcast Seva Portal:**

- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has launched the **Broadcast Seva Portal** in New Delhi.

#### **TN CM Stalin launches 'Kaaval Uthavi' app**

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the 'Kaaval Uthavi' app containing 60 features that will help seek police assistance during any emergency.

#### **Union Bank Launches UnionNXT Super App & digital transformation project SMBHAV**

- On April 06, 2022, Union Bank of India launched its super-app named **UnionNXT – Do it Yourself** and also unveiled 'Union SAMBHAV – World of Opportunities,' a future digital-ready transformation project.

#### **Uttarakhand CM Launches Anti-Corruption Mobile App**

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched an anti-corruption mobile app, 'Corruption-Free Uttarakhand App-1064'.
- The app was developed by the vigilance department of Uttarakhand.

#### **Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches 2 new portals for the agri sector**

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched **two portals**, one for the **Computerized Registration of pesticides (CROP)** and the other for the **Plant Quarantine Management System (PQMS)**.
- Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DAFW), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, through the **Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS), Faridabad** has been catering to Indian exporters and importers of agriculture commodities and the Indian Pesticide Industry, through its two portals namely, **Computerized Registration of pesticide (CROP)** and **Plant Quarantine Information System (PQIS)**.
- The portal would help in taking forward **digital Agriculture and Ease of doing Business**.

#### **Jammu and Kashmir launches Jan nigrani app**

- The **rural development and panchayat raj department of the Jammu and Kashmir administration** launched a **mobile application Jan nigrani** to help people lodge complaints related to various schemes online
- The app has been developed as an e-governance initiative to provide a **24x7 platform** to the people for the redressal of their grievances.

#### **Haryana launches mobile app to track the movement of sand, mining vehicles**

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched a **Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS)** mobile app that will help in tracking vehicles carrying sand and other mining material.

#### **GatiShakti Sanchar's portal for Centralised Right of Way launched by DoT:**

- The Central government has launched the "GatiShakti Sanchar" platform for **centralized Right of Way (RoW)** permissions to allow universal and equal access to broadband services across India, particularly in rural areas.
- The portal, developed by **MP State Electronics Development Corporation** on behalf of the **Department of Telecommunication (DoT)**, was launched by **Union Minister for Communications, Electronics, and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw** at an event in New Delhi in the presence of various state chief secretaries and IT secretaries along with the top officials of various **telecom service providers (TSPs)**.

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### Govt launches Rashtriya Puruskar Portal for inviting nominations for various awards

- The Union Government has launched the **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal** for inviting nominations **for various awards from the various Ministries, Departments, and agencies** to ensure transparency and public partnership.
- The Portal aims **to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals and organizations for various awards** instituted by the Government of India.

### NCPCR launches “CiSS application” under Baal Swaraj portal to help the rehabilitation of children in street situations:

- The **National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** has launched a “**CiSS application**” under the Baal Swaraj portal to help in the rehabilitation process of **Children in Street Situations. (CiSS)**
- Baal Swaraj is a portal launched by NCPCR for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection.
- The portal has **two functions- COVID care and CiSS**.
- This portal, **developed by NCPCR** is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India to help children in street situations.

### Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launches Policy & Portal of e-auction for Commercial earning, Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) contracts:

- Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launched an **e-auction for Commercial earning, Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) contracts in Rail Bhavan**.
- Also, it would **give opportunities for youth to join the e-auction process**.
- This policy enhances ease of living, promotes transparency, and adds to Digital India initiatives in Railways
- The Auction will be conducted online through the **‘E-Auction Leasing’ module of IREPS: www.ireps.gov.in**

### BESCOM develops ‘EV Mitra’ mobile app:

- The **EV Mitra smartphone app** was created by the **Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCOM** to give details about **EV charging stations in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- The app also includes details on the **charges at each station where electric vehicles may recharge**.
- Users of electric vehicles can reserve a spot in the station in advance using the user-friendly app.
- The **EV Jagruthi Web portal** was previously introduced by **BESCOM as a collaborative project of NITI Ayog and the UK**.
- The website provides information particular to each state about the availability of electric vehicles, incentives, support systems, and state government efforts related to electric mobility.

### Microsoft announces ‘Viva Engage’ app in Teams to help build community:

- Microsoft has announced the launch of **Viva Engage**, a new app in Teams that helps develop community and connection while also **giving tools for creative expression**.

### International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics has developed an app named Gibsonify:

- For the first time, here are a **nutrition app** that targets vulnerable groups, **developed by researchers at ICRISAT, the app Gibsonify**, can help nutrition program planners, health professionals, nutritionists, and local health and nutrition functionaries **to feed data from communities get a diet plan in realtime**.
- A team of researchers from the **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)**, Centre for Global Equality, and the University of Cambridge developed the solution.
- The app can benefit **Anganwadi (childcare centers) and Accredited Social Health Activist (Asha) workers** in conducting nutrition programs for pregnant and lactating women and children dependent on breastfeeding up to the age of two years.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Pixxel launches India’s first private commercial imaging satellite Shakuntala to space by SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket



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- **Pixxel**, a space-technology startup, has successfully launched its first fully-fledged commercial satellite **Shakuntala (Technology Demonstrator-2)** with the **SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket** which was launched from **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, US**.

### Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launches new rare Chemical Reference Materials to strengthen anti-doping Testing

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched six new and rare Reference Materials (RMs), the **highest form of chemical required for anti-doping analysis in all World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited laboratories throughout the world**.

### China's new Long March-6 rocket makes maiden flight

- China's modified version of the **Long March-6 carrier rocket** lifted off from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province** & sent **two satellites** into preset orbits.
- The rocket is developed by the **Shanghai Academy of Space Technology (SAST)**, a subordinate of the state-owned **China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC)**.

### HAL Hands Over Gaganyaan Hardware to ISRO

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** handed over the **first set of Gaganyaan hardware to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during the **inauguration of HAL's PS2/GS2 stage integration facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

### Astronomers discovered a near-identical twin of Jupiter

- A team of scientists has discovered a **near-identical twin of Jupiter circling a star 17,000 light-years away from the Earth** using data obtained in **2016** by NASA's Kepler space telescope.

### Amazon partners with 3 firms to launch its satellite internet constellation

- Amazon has signed **agreements** with three companies – Arianespace, Blue Origin, and United Launch Alliance (ULA), to **deploy** the majority of its **Project Kuiper** satellites.

### China successfully launches the new satellite Gaofen-3 03 for Earth observation

- On April 07, 2022, **China** launched a new **Earth observation satellite Gaofen-3 03** from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China** by a **Long March-4C rocket**.
- The launch marks the **414th** mission for the Long March series carrier rockets.

### IIT Madras launches India's 1st indigenously developed prosthetic knee - Kadam

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** researchers have launched **India's first indigenously developed Polycentric Prosthetic Knee** called '**Kadam**'.
- The product was developed by a team at **TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2)** at IIT-M, in association with the **Society for Biomedical Technology (SBMT)** and **Mobility India**.

### Space-X launches 1st all private mission to ISS

- **SpaceX** has successfully launched the **first all-private crew of space tourists** to the **International Space Station**, as part of **Axiom Space's Ax-1 mission**.
- The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket blasts off from the **Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida**, with the first all-commercial space team, bound for the ISS.

### Pakistan successfully conducts test flight of ballistic missile Shaheen-III

- **Pakistan's Army** conducted a successful flight test of the **surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile Shaheen-III**.

### MeitY launches 3 Indigenous Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Solutions for Indian Traffic Management

- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has launched **3 applications** under the **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)** as part of the **InTranSE- II program** to improve India's traffic scenario. The **3 applications** are :

1. Onboard Driver Assistance and Warning System (ODAWS)
2. Bus Signal Priority System
3. Common SMart iot Connectiv (CoSMiC)



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- The product was developed as a joint initiative by the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)**.

### **Israel Successfully Test fires New Laser Missile Defense System - 'Iron Beam'**

- **Israel** has successfully tested a new laser missile-defense system '**Iron Beam**' which can intercept many kinds of aerial objects starting including missiles, rockets, anti-tank missiles, and even drones.
- Iron Beam is the world's **first energy-based weapons system** which is developed by **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems** is using directed-energy weapon systems and can go a long way in providing aerial defense.

### **Neptune: Ukraine's homemade cruise missile**

- Neptune is a **Ukrainian anti-ship cruise missile** capable of **destroying targets** within a range of **300 km.** & was developed by the **Luch design bureau**.
- Its design is based on the **Soviet Kh-35 anti-ship missile**, with a substantially improved range and electronics.
- The **16-ft long engine-powered missiles** can travel at speeds of up to **560mph (900 km/h)** and heights of between **nine and 30ft** above the surface

### **China successfully launches Zhongxing-6D satellite**

- China sent a new **satellite Zhongxing-6D** into space from the **Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province**.
- The satellite was launched by a **Long March-3B carrier rocket** and entered the planned orbit successfully.
- The satellite was developed by the **China Academy of Space Technology**.
- It, built by the **Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology**, will be used to observe air pollution, greenhouse gases, and other environmental elements.
- The launch marked the **415th mission** for the Long March series carrier rockets.

### **SpaceX launches NROL-85 spy satellite**

- A **Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) Falcon 9 rocket** has successfully launched a surveillance satellite for the **US National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)** from the **Space Launch Complex-4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, US**.
- The payload, designated **NROL-85**, was the agency's **second mission** of the year and the **second orbital launch of 2022 from the Western Range**.
- This was the **114th** booster successfully recovered by SpaceX & it was the **148th launch** of the Falcon 9 and the rocket's **14th** mission of 2022.

### **Russia test fires the world's most powerful nuclear-capable missile**

- Russia successfully test-fired the **Sarmat missile**, a new nuclear-capable **intercontinental ballistic weapon** for the first time from **Plesetsk in northwest Russia**.
- The missile hit targets in the Kamchatka peninsula, nearly **6,000 km (3,700 miles)** away.
- Sarmat has been dubbed **Satan 2** by Western analysts.
- It weighs more than **200 tonnes** and can transport more than ten warheads.
- Sarmat is a **three-stage, liquid-fueled missile** with a range of **18,000 km**.
- The missile is **35.3 meters long** and **3 meters in diameter**.

### **1st Gaganyaan unmanned module to be injected into a 170×408 km orbit**

- Indicating the eventual human spaceflight (Gaganyaan) mission profile, **ISRO** has finalized the **first uncrewed mission or G1** which will see the launch vehicle inject the orbital module into a **170 X 408km**.
- It was launched by a **Human-Rated GSLV-MK-III or the HRLV (Human-Rated Launch Vehicle)** for 2023.

### **Indian Navy Successfully Test Fires Anti-ship Version Of BrahMos Missile**

- The **Indian Navy** and the **Andaman and Nicobar Command** jointly test-fired an **anti-ship version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**
- The **Andaman and Nicobar Command** is the **only tri-services command of the Indian armed forces**.

### **India becomes 1st country in the Asia Pacific region to use LPV Approach equipped with GAGAN**

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- The Airports Authority of India successfully conducted a light trial using an indigenous **satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS)** called **GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation)** at the **Kishangarh airport in Rajasthan**.
- With this India becomes the **first country in the Asia Pacific Region** to achieve this.

### IIT Hyderabad demonstrates extreme massive MIMO technology

- Researchers from IIT Hyderabad (IITH) have demonstrated **extreme massive multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) technology** that is being considered for the **deployment of 5G and next-generation 6G networks**.
- Extreme massive MIMO refers to next-generation technology that uses very large antenna arrays.

### ISRO plans a mission to Venus in December 2024

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Chairperson S Somnath announced it will send a **spacecraft to orbit Venus** to study what lies below the surface of the solar system's hottest planet, and also unravel the mysteries under the **Sulfuric Acid clouds** enveloping it.
- Spacecraft is expecting to launch the mission by **December 2024**.

### Russia launches Secret Military Spacecraft into orbit

- The Russian space agency conducted a **satellite** launch using the brand new **Angara-1.2 light launch vehicle**.
- The launch took place at the **Plesetsk Cosmodrome** in the town of **Mirny in the northwestern Russian region of Arkhangelsk Oblast**.

### Bellatrix Aerospace in Bangalore tests green satellite propulsion

- Bengaluru-based Bellatrix Aerospace has developed an environmentally benign propulsion system for satellites that promises a possible 20 percent increase in fuel efficiency for space satellites.

### ISRO Successfully Tests Human-rated S200 Rocket Booster For 2023 Gaganyaan Mission

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) completed the static test of a **human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200)** for the **Gaganyaan program** at **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**.
- The design and development of the HS200 booster were completed at **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala** & propellant casting was completed at SDSC, Sriharikota.
- The HS200 is the human-rated version of the **S200 rocket booster** of satellite launch vehicle **GSLV Mk III**, popularly known as **LVM3**.
- The HS200 booster loaded with **203 tonnes of solid propellant** was tested for **135 seconds**.
- It is a **20-meter long** and **3.2 m diameter** booster that is the world's second-largest operational booster with solid propellant.

### NAL initiates taxi trials for evaluation of indigenously developed digital anti-skid braking system for SARAS Mk 2

- The National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) initiated **taxi trials** for the evaluation of an indigenously developed digital anti-skid braking system for the civil aircraft, **SARAS Mk2, a 19-seat Light Transport aircraft**.

### NASA warns of a giant 1,600-feet asteroid heading toward earth

- The American space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has stated that a **giant space rock Asteroid 388945 (2008 TZ3) 1,608 feet wide** would make a **close approach to earth**.
- The asteroid would pass us from a distance of about **2.5 million miles away**.
- This is not the first time that Asteroid 388945 will be visiting us, as it passed very close to Earth in **May 2020** at a distance of 1.7 million miles.
- To protect the Earth from potentially hazardous asteroids, US Space Agency NASA recently launched its **Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission**.
- **Aim of DART Mission :**
- To deflect an asteroid heading towards Earth from its path through **kinetic impact**, meaning that the DART craft will collide with the asteroid to move it off course.

### China plans the world's 1st nearby habitable planet search with a space telescope



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- Chinese scientists have proposed a space project named **Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey (CHES)** to survey the sky with the help of a **space-borne telescope**, in the quest for **habitable terrestrial planets** outside the solar system.
- In the universe, this will be the world's first space mission specially designed to search for habitable planets.
- The CHES will observe about **100 Sun-like stars 32 light-years away** on a long-term survey.

### Skyroot Aerospace successfully test fires engine of **Vikram-1** rocket

- Private sector rocket maker **Skyroot Aerospace Private Ltd** successfully tested the **Kalam-100** rocket that will power the **Vikram-1 rocket's third stage/engine**.
- The rocket stage is built with a high-strength carbon fiber structure, solid fuel, **Ethylene-Propylene-Diene terpolymers (EPDM)** thermal protection system, and carbon ablative nozzle.
- The third stage, named Kalam-100 after **former President APJ Abdul Kalam**, was fired for 108 seconds.

### NASA & Boeing successfully launches the **Starliner** spacecraft

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) & Boeing** successfully launched the **Starliner** spacecraft - an uncrewed mission called **Orbital Flight Test 2 (OFT-2)** from **Space Launch Complex-41** at **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, USA**.
- It was carried out by the **United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket** on a mission designed to test the end-to-end capabilities of the crew-capable system as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program.

### 3rd edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral EX Bongosagar begins at Mongla port

- The **3rd edition of the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise Bongosagar 2022** commenced at **Port Mongla, Bangladesh**.
- The **Harbour Phase** of this exercise is scheduled from **May 24-25 2022**, followed by a **Sea Phase** in the **Northern Bay of Bengal** from **May 26-27 2022**.
- **Participants of the exercise :**
- For Representing **Indian Navy, INS Kora**, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and **Sumedha**, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel
- Representing **Bangladesh Navy, BNS Abu Ubaidah**, and **Ali Haider**, both Guided Missile Frigates are participating in the exercise.

### India's upcoming AI-powered wargame center - Project WARDEC

- The **Army Training Command** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)** to develop a '**Wargame Research and Development Centre**'(prototype name '**WARDEC**') in **New Delhi**.
- RRU will collaborate with **Tech Mahindra** to develop the center over the next 3 to 4 months.

### ISRO plans to build twin satellites, **DISHA-L&H**, to study the upper atmosphere

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** plans to build an **identical pair of satellites named DISHA (Disturbed and quiet time Ionosphere-thermosphere System at High Altitudes) L&H** to study the **physics and chemistry of the upper atmosphere** including the distribution of temperature, density, and chemical constituents, and the chemical reactions that occur there.
- The **Satellites** would be launched in **low earth orbit** about **500 kilometers above the earth**.
- ISRO officials revealed this at a **National Meeting on Aeronomy Research**, themed "**Science of Near-Earth Space and its Applications**".

### PARAM ANANTA Supercomputer commissioned at IIT, Gandhinagar

- Indigenously developed **PARAM ANANTA** supercomputer under **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)** has been commissioned at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar, Gujarat** by **Smt. Sunita Verma, Group Coordinator & Scientist 'G', MeitY**.
- **60 percent** of the Param Ananta capacity will be used by IIT Gandhinagar and the rest will be open for use by nearby academic institutes for various research purposes.

### World's Fastest Supercomputer '**Frontier**' overtakes Japan's '**Fugaku**'

- On the **59th TOP500 list** published by an international conference of computer experts, the **United States of America**



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has built a supercomputer titled 'Frontier' as the world's fastest machine with 1.1 exaflops of performance that dethroned Japan's 'Fugaku'.

- **Frontier** was built using **Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture** and equipped with **Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors**.

### India's 1st Liquid Mirror Telescope comes up in Uttarakhand

- The 1st International liquid mirror telescope (ILMT) in the country the **largest in Asia** - was commissioned over **Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand**.
- It will identify transient and variable objects such as **supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids**.

### India's 1st private spacecraft manufacturing facility launched in Bengaluru

- The chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Dr. S Somanath inaugurated the Ananth Technologies Private Limited (ANANTH) Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

### Bengaluru-based Ambee Joins NASA's Pace Mission as an Early Adopter

- Datair Technology Pvt Ltd (Ambee), has joined the National Aeronautics & Space Administration's (NASA's) **PACE elongates to the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, and ocean Ecosystem mission** as an **early adopter**.
- Ambee's air quality datasets are primed to become more accurate with access to NASA's hyperspectral and polarimetric PACE data.

### India successfully tests nuclear-capable Agni-4 missile from Odisha

- India successfully carried out a night launch of the **nuclear-capable Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM), Agni-4 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha**.
- The successful test of Agni-4 reaffirms India's policy of having a '**credible minimum deterrence capability**'.

### U.S., and South Korea fire missiles to sea, matching North Korea's launches

- The United States and South Korean militaries launched **8 ballistic missiles** into the sea in a show of force matching a **North Korean missile display**.
- The allies' live-fire exercise involved **eight Army Tactical Missile System** missiles, **one American and seven South Korean** that were fired into South Korea's eastern waters over **10 minutes**.

### China releases the world's 'most detailed map of the Moon'

- China has released a **new comprehensive geologic map of the moon**, the "**most detailed**" to date, which is expected to make a great contribution to **scientific research, exploration, and landing site selection on the moon**.
- The map was published by **Science Bulletin** on May 30, 2022.

### China successfully launches a crewed mission to build the Tiangong Space Station

- The China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) announced China successfully launched the **Shenzhou 14 crewed mission to the Tiangong space station**, where the 3 astronauts went on a 6-month mission to complete its construction.
- The astronauts **lifted off on the Shenzhou 14 spacecraft propelled by a Long March 2F rocket** from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre located in the Gobi Desert of Inner Mongolia in northwest China.

### NASA launches DAVINCI Mission in 2029

- NASA is set to launch a mission called **Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission (DAVINCI Mission)** to Venus is scheduled for launch in **2029**.
- DAVINCI is set to enter the Venusian atmosphere in **June 2031**.

### India set to launch 1st human space & ocean missions in 2023

- Addressing the **World Ocean Day (June 08)** celebrations in Delhi, **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences India Dr. Jitendra Singh** will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the **first Human Space Mission "Gaganyaan"** as well as the **first manned Human Ocean Mission** in 2023.

### India's First COVID Vaccine For Animals Ancovax Launched

- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched **India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine for animals, Ancovax**
- Anocovax has been developed by the **ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE) in Haryana**.



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- **ICAR Director General Trilochan Mohapatra, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Secretary Atul Chaturvedi, and ICAR Deputy Director General (Animal Science) Bhupendra Nath Tripathi** were also present.

### **Maruti Suzuki installed Asia's largest 20 MWp solar plant at Manesar, Haryana**

- **Maruti Suzuki India** has installed **Asia's Largest 20 MW solar carport type solar power plant** at its facility in **Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana**.
- The project is expected to contribute **28,000 Megawatt Hours (MWh) per annum** to the company's energy requirements.
- The solar carport is designed with the **lowest area per unit of power** generation using the **East-West direction concept**.

### **IIT Madras develops robot to eliminate Manual Scavenging in India**

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras' 'HomoSEP,' a **Robot** developed by the **Institute's Researchers** to eliminate **manual scavenging in India**, is all set for field deployment.
- The HomoSEP Robot can homogenize the hard sludge in septic tanks through a custom-developed **rotary blade mechanism** and pump the tanking slurry using an integrated suction mechanism.

### **India successfully test-fires short-range nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from Odisha**

- India successfully test-fired indigenously developed a nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile during **nighttime** as part of a user **training trial from an integrated test range, Chandipur, Odisha**.
- The Missile was developed by **DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organisation)** under the flagship of the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP)**.

### **China launches 3rd & most advanced & domestically built aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'**

- China launched its **3rd aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'** the country's most advanced as well as the **first "fully domestically-built"** naval vessel, as an aggressive Beijing sought to project its naval power in the strategic **Indo-Pacific region**.
- The 3rd aircraft carrier was built by **China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited** & it was launched at a brief ceremony held at **Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard**.

### **India's hyper-sensitive airports to install Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by 2023**

- The **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)** has issued a circular that **all hyper-sensitive airports** in India will have to **install a perimeter intrusion detection system by December 2023**.
- As per the circular, the Greenfield Airports that are not part of the government's **Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)** will also install the Perimeter Intrusion Detection System.
- The BCAS was initially set up as a Cell in the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** in January 1978 on the recommendation of the **Pande Committee**.

### **Technology Development Board (TDB) set to launch a Rs 1000 crore fund under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model**

- The **statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology, and the Technology Development Board (TDB)** are set to launch a **₹1,000 crore startup fund** under a **public-private partnership (PPP) model**.
- The fund that will be live in a month will be launched in **two phases**.
- In the first phase, a corpus of **₹400 crores** will be set up, of which **₹200** crores will be contributed by a private limited company that has not been named yet.

### **South Korea 'successfully' launches homegrown space rocket Nuri**

- South Korea has successfully launched its **first domestically developed space rocket, the Korea Satellite Launch Vehicle II called Nuri**, lifted off from the **Naro Space Center** at a launch site in **Goheung Jeollanam do Province, South Korea**.
- The three-stage Nuri rocket has been in development for a decade for **2 trillion won (\$1.5bn)**.
- The launch would make South Korea become the **7th country** in the world
- It is a three-stage rocket, more than **47 meters (154 feet) long** and **weighing 200 tons**.
- It is loaded with a **162.5-kilogram (358-pound)** performance-verification satellite, as well as 4 cube satellites for academic research and a 1.3-ton dummy satellite &, and reached its target orbit of 700 kilometers (435 miles) above the Earth.



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### India's communication satellite NSIL' GSAT-24 successfully launched from French Guiana

- The GSAT (Geosynchronous Satellite)-24 satellite, for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), was successfully launched on-board Ariane-V VA257 flight by French company Arianespace from Kourou in French Guiana (South America).
- GSAT-24 is a Ku-band 4-tonne class communications satellite built for NSIL by ISRO.
- The satellite was injected into the desired orbit along with Malaysian communication satellite MEASAT-3D by Ariane-V VA257 flight.
- GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH (Direct to Home) application needs
- GSAT-24 is the 25th Indian satellite to be launched by Arianespace and the 11th of the GSAT series

### Oracle launches OCI dedicated region for the India market

- US-based technology major Oracle's cloud services platform, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) has launched the 'OCI dedicated region' for the Indian market.
- Aim :
- To enable customers to leverage public cloud services on their premises while meeting strict latency, data residency, and data sovereignty requirements.
- The new OCI Dedicated Region requires 60%-75% less data center space and power on average, with a significantly lower entry price of around \$1 million a year for a typical customer.

### China launches new batch of Yaogan-35 Remote Sensing Satellites

- China successfully launched the 2nd batch of the Yaogan-35 series, 3 new remote sensing satellites by a Long March-2D carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province.
- This launch marked the 424th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets.
- The Long March carrier rocket series, was developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

### Ship-borne weapon system VL-SRSAM successfully flight-tested off the Odisha coast

- The indigenously developed shipborne weapon system, Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM), was successfully flight-tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy off the coast of Chandipur in Odisha.
- VL-SRSAM is developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) and Research Centre Imarat (RCI), both from Hyderabad, and Research & Development Establishment (Engineers) based in Pune.

### C-DOT collaborates with Galore Networks to develop 5G RAN Products & solutions

- Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with Galore Networks for the collaborative development of end-to-end 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) products and solutions.

### NASA successfully launches 1st commercial rocket from the Australian spaceport

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully launched a rocket from the Arnhem Space Center on the Dhupuma Plateau, near the township of Nhulunbuy, Australia.
- It is NASA's first launch from a commercial spaceport outside the United States and Australia's first launch in more than 27 years.
- NASA launched rockets from Australia in 1995, from the Royal Australian Air Force Woomera range complex in South Australia.

### IN-SPACe authorizes India's 1st set of Space Startups to Launch Payloads

- Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Center (IN-SPACe) has approved 2 space startups Dhruva Space Private Limited in Hyderabad, Telangana, and Digantara Research & Technologies Private Limited in Bangalore, Karnataka to launch their payloads in space.
- This is the first time that two privately-owned Indian enterprises will be launching payloads in space.
- The payloads would fly onboard the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) of PSLV-C53 scheduled to be launched on June 30.

### Bengaluru's ADTL delivers Gaganyaan Crew module fairing to ISRO



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- The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has acquired the crew module fairing (CMF), a crucial construction that may defend the Gaganyaan module carrying the astronauts throughout the launch, from Alpha Design Technology Limited's (ADTL), Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The CMF was manufactured by Alpha Design Technology Limited's (ADTL) owned subsidiary Alpha Tocol Engineering Services in Peenya, whereas the design and specs got here from Isro.

### ISRO successfully launches the PSLV C-53 rocket carrying 3 Singaporean satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota

- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the rocket PSLV-C53, carrying three Singapore satellites DS-EO, NeuSAR, and SCOOB-1 in intended orbit from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The rocket placed the three customer satellites in the precise orbit of 570 km with a 10-degree inclination.
- This is the 55th mission of PSLV, often described as ISRO's trusted workhorse, and the 15th one using the PSLV-Core Alone variant.
- It also marks the 16th PSLV launch from the second launch pad.

### NASA's CAPSTONE mission launches to the Moon

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) spacecraft, called Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment (CAPSTONE), a lunar orbiter was successfully launched on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 on the Mahia Peninsula of New Zealand.
- The microwave-oven-sized CubeSat was designed and built by Tyvak Nano-Satellite Systems, a Terran Orbital Corporation.

### High-speed Expendable Aerial Target - ABHYAS - successfully flight-tested off the Odisha coast

- India successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast.
- The performance of the aircraft at low altitudes including sustained level and high maneuverability was demonstrated during the test flight.

### Iran launches Zuljanah a solid-fueled rocket into space

- Iran launched a solid-fuelled rocket named "Zuljanah" into space.
- Zuljanah is an Iranian Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV) made by the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (Iran).
- It is the first indigenously designed and indigenously manufactured hybrid fuel satellite launch vehicle.
- It is capable of carrying a payload or satellite of 220 kilograms, an orbit of 500 kilometers above the Earth.

### India's first Autonomous Navigation Facility - TiHAN, launched at IIT Hyderabad

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art "Autonomous Navigation" facility TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) to develop unmanned ground and aerial vehicles in the IIT Hyderabad campus.
- It is funded by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology with a budget of Rs.130 crore.
- Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy (Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Hyderabad), Prof. B.S. Murty (Director, IIT Hyderabad), and senior officers, faculty, and students joined the event.
- Also, IIT Hyderabad has established a new Post-Graduation course of M.Tech in "Smart Mobility", which is the first of its kind in India.

### DGDE develops AI-based software to protect defense land from illegal encroachments

- The Center of Excellence on Satellite & Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI) in collaboration with knowledge partner Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), Visakhapatnam has developed an Artificial



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**Intelligence (AI)-based software** to automatically detect changes on the ground, including unauthorized constructions and encroachments in a time series using Satellite Imagery.

- The CoE-SURVEI was established by **Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE)** at the **National Institute of Defence Estates Management** at Meerut Cantonment in Uttar Pradesh.

### **Piramal Enterprises gets shareholders' nod to demerge pharma business**

- **Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL)** has received shareholders' **approval for the proposed demerger** of its **pharmaceuticals business** and **simplification** of the corporate structure.
- The company received **99 percent of the votes** at the shareholder's meeting.
- The demerger was to transform the multi-sector conglomerate structure of the company into two separate sector-focused financial services and pharmaceuticals listed entities and command leadership positions in those sectors.

### **CERN scientists discover three 'exotic' subatomic particles for the first time**

- For the **First time**, Scientists at the **European nuclear research center CERN** have discovered **three new exotic subatomic particles** with the **collaboration** of the **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** using the **international Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb)**
- These Particles are a new kind of "**pentaquark**" and the first-ever pair of "**tetraquarks**" which includes a new type of tetraquark.

### **IIT Madras develops the AI-based tool "PIVOT" to identify cancer-causing genes**

- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT Madras)** Researchers have developed an **Artificial Intelligence-based tool**, '**PIVOT**', designed to **predict genes** that are responsible for **causing cancer in an individual**.
- The research was led by **Prof. Raghunathan Rengaswamy, Dean (Global Engagement)**, IIT Madras, and Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Madras, Dr. Karthik Raman, and Ms. Malvika Sudhakar, a Research Scholar, IIT Madras.

### **BITS Pilani Hyderabad incubator supports India's first reusable rocket start-up**

- The **Technology Business Incubator (TBI)** at BITS Pilani's Hyderabad campus has incubated **Abyom**, a start-up that is working on **India's first reusable rocket**.
- Abyom, recognized by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, is working on building a liquid propulsion rocket engine and testing system for use on space launch vehicles.
- The technology will be used to create **India's first reusable sounding rocket** which will benefit areas such as meteorology and agri-tech data.

### **Samsung develops the world's fastest graphics DRAM chip**

- **Samsung** has developed a **new graphic dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip** with a **faster speed** and improved power efficiency.
- The **24-gigabit Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)** adopts third-generation, 10-nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30 percent faster than existing products.
- The new DRAM chip can process graphic images at a rate of up to **1.1 terabytes per second**, which Samsung claims is the fastest in the world and equivalent to processing **275 full HD movies in a second**.

### **Agnikul Cosmos inaugurates India's First Facility for 3D Printed Rocket Engines**

- **Indian space-tech start-up Agnikul** opened its **Rocket Factory-1**, **India's first-ever rocket facility** dedicated to **3D printed space engines** at scale.
- **Mr. N Chandrasekaran**, Chairman, Tata Sons, and **Mr. S Somanath**, Chairman, ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space, inaugurated the unit at the Indian Institute of Technology IIT Madras Research Park.
- The IIT Madras Research Park, **India's first university-based research park**, is a non-profit organization sponsored by IIT Madras.
- Agnikul's Rocket Factory-1 houses an **EOS M400-4 metal 3D printer**, as well as a slew of other machines, allowing for the end-to-end production of a rocket engine under one roof.
- The factory is designed to produce **two rocket engines per week**.

### **DCGI approves India's first qHPV vaccine to treat cervical cancer**



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- India's first indigenous Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer gets the Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI) approval for market authorization, launched by the end of 2022.
- The vaccine will be manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII).
- It is for the first time, that there will be an Indian HPV vaccine to treat cervical cancer in women that is both affordable and accessible.
- Cervical cancer in India ranks as the second most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age.

### GODI India India's 1st Company to Receive BIS Certification to Sell Li-ion Cells for Electric Vehicles

- GODI India has become the first Indian company to receive the prestigious Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification for its 21700 cylindrical NMC811 lithium-ion cells with their homegrown technology.
- For the first time in Indian history, NMC811 21700, 3.65V-4.5Ah cylindrical cells were made-in-India & Made-for-India.”

### GE Healthcare launches its first '5G Innovation Lab' in India

- GE Healthcare, a leading global medical technology, diagnostics, and digital solutions innovator, announced the launch of its 5G Innovation Lab in India, the first for GE Healthcare across the globe.
- It is Situated at the John F. Welch Technology Centre (JFWTC) Bengaluru, Karnataka.

### NPCI partners with JBIMS to provide master's degrees in digital payments for employees

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has collaborated with Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) to co-create a Master's in Management Studies (MMS) program in Digital Payments for its employees.
- The degree was launched under NPCI's "learn while you earn" higher education program.

### Aim :

- To integrate aspects of technology, finance, BFSI, and information system and management studies into a single Master's specialization in digital payments

### NASA Releases 78 Kg of Garbage Bag From International Space Station

- For the first time, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) tested a new waste disposal technology by releasing about 78 kg (172 lbs) of garbage from the International Space Station (ISS).
- The first-of-its-kind technology to dispose of waste has been developed by NASA's Johnson Space Center and a private company Nano rocks.
- The bag was jettisoned from the station's commercial Bishop Airlock.

### Union Minister inaugurates IS4OM to safeguard Indian space assets; 60 startups have registered with ISRO

- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Science and Technology Shri Jitendra Singh inaugurated the ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operation (IS4OM) at ISRO Control Centre, in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Around 60 startups have registered with the Indian Space Research Agency (ISRO) since the agency started promoting the country's space sector.

### NASA & SpaceX launches Climate Research Experiments to ISS Aboard Resupply Mission from the US

- A SpaceX Dragon resupply spacecraft carrying more than 5,800 pounds of science experiments, crew supplies, and other cargo is on its way to the International Space Station (ISS) from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Kennedy Space Center in Florida, United States (US).
- The Cargo Dragon spacecraft was launched through the Falcon 9 rocket.
- This is SpaceX's 25th commercial resupply services mission to the ISS for NASA.

### PM Shri Narendra Modi unveils India's first human passenger drone - 'Varuna'

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled India's first passenger drone Varuna during Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' in New Delhi.
- It has been developed by the Indian startup Sagar Defence Engineering along with NTDAC (Naval Technology Development acceleration cell).

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### NASA chooses SpaceX to launch Roman Space Telescope

- American Space Agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) to launch their new Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope mission.
- The mission is targeted to launch in **October 2026**, as specified in the **NASA Launch Services (NLS) II** contract, on a **Falcon Heavy** rocket from **Launch Complex 39A** at the agency's **Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the United States of America**.
- It is named after **Dr. Nancy Roman**, an astronomer renowned for paving the way for large telescopes in NASA.
- Nancy Grace Roman was the **first female executive at NASA**.

### DCGI approves India's 1st indigenously developed mRNA vaccine against Covid

- The apex drug regulator **Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved **India's first indigenously developed mRNA vaccine against COVID-19**.
- The vaccine is manufactured by **Gennova Biopharmaceuticals**, based in **Pune**, and designed for restricted emergency use for those aged 18 years and above.
- Gennova developed the mRNA vaccine with the support of the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Ministry of Science and Technology** and its **PSU, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**.

### China launches the second of three space station modules - Wentian to support science experiments

- The **Chinese space agency** successfully launched the **second of three space station modules**, named **Wentian** needed to complete its **new Tiangong space station**, the latest step in Beijing's ambitious space program.
- The uncrewed craft was propelled by a **Long March 5B** rocket from the **Wenchang launch center on China's tropical island of Hainan**.
- The first and central module called **Tiangong**, which means "heavenly palace", was launched in **April 2021**.
- The third and final module, named **Mengtian**, ("Dreaming of the Heavens") is scheduled to be launched in **October 2022**.

### ISRO starts Human Space Flight Expo at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** organized a **unique three-day Human Space Flight Expo** at **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- The Expo offered how astronauts will travel during India's first-ever manned space flight mission "**Gaganyaan**."

### China launches six satellites with a new solid propellant rocket

- China successfully launched **6 new satellites into space** with its **new solid-propellant rocket, ZK 1A**, from **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in north-western China**.
- The rocket is a major project of the Chinese Academy of Sciences developed under **China's 14th Five-Year Plan** and "another innovative attempt in the field of aerospace science and technology."

### Indus International School in Hyderabad introduces India's 1st teaching robot – Eagle

- **Indus International School in Hyderabad, Telangana** has introduced **India's first Teaching Robot Eagle** to teach students and also assist teachers in teaching.
- **21 Eagle Robots** have been deployed across three of the Indus Schools, **7 each in Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Pune**.

### NASA Launches Two More Small Helicopters to Mars

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** is launching **two more small helicopters to Mars** as part of its effort to **return Martian rocks** and soil samples to Earth.
- Under the plan, NASA's Perseverance rover will transport soil samples to a rocket.
- The rocket will launch the collected material from the red planet in about **10 years**.

### South Korea Launches First Moon Mission Danuri on SpaceX Rocket

- South Korea launched its **first-ever deep-space mission Danuri** took off from **Florida's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station** to observe the moon.



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- The lunar mission has been developed by **Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)** & **NASA**.
- Danuri, which means "**enjoy the moon**", successfully separated from the **Falcon 9 rocket**.
- The **\$180 million KPLO** mission is primarily about demonstrating technologies needed to reach and explore the moon, but Danuri will also do meaningful science work from its orbital perch.

### China launches terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite

- **China** successfully launched a **terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite** and **two other satellites** from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in **Shanxi province, North China**.
- The satellites were launched by a **Long March 4B** carrier rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully.

### HAL signs contract of USD 100 million with Honeywell for HTT-40 engines

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** signed a contract worth over **USD 100 million** with **Honeywell** for the supply and manufacture of **88 TPE331-12B engines/kits** along with the maintenance and support services to power the **indigenous Hindustan Turbo Trainer – 40 (HTT-40)**, which provides initial flying training to Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots.

### World's most sensitive dark matter detector delivers 1st results

- A next-generation dark matter detector, **LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) Detector** given the **first scientific results** from the **Sanford Underground Research Facility** in **South Dakota, United States**.
- The experiment, led by the **Department of Energy's (DOE) Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab)**, involves an international team of 250 scientists and engineers from 35 institutions in the US, UK, Portugal, and South Korea.

### Russia to withdraw from International Space Station project after 2024

- **Russia** will pull out of the **International Space Station after 2024** and focus on building its orbiting space station.
- NASA and other international partners hope to keep the space station running until 2030, after which the ISS would be deorbited and crashed into a remote part of the **Pacific Ocean**.
- The space station is jointly run by the space agencies of **Russia, the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Canada**.

### Intellecap, Transform Rural India Foundation launch carbon finance platform for 1 million smallholder farmers

- **Intellecap** and **Transform Rural India Foundation (TRIF)** has launched a **national carbon finance platform** for **1 million smallholder farmers**.
- It may assist Indian smallholder farmers to leverage local weather/carbon finance for sustainable agroforestry, local weather smart agriculture, and different actions that can lead to carbon sequestration and mitigation.

### Russia launches Iranian satellite into orbit

- **Russia** launched a **Soyuz-2.1b rocket** carrying an **Iranian remote sensing satellite Khayyam**, into orbit from the **Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan**.
- It's named after **Omar Khayyam**, a Persian scientist who lived in the **11th and 12th centuries**.
- Iran has stated that the satellite fitted with a **high-resolution camera** will be used for environmental monitoring and will remain fully under its control.

### Google Launches 'India Ki Udaan' Project To Celebrate 75 Years Of Independence

- Google has launched an **online project** called '**India Ki Udaan**' to mark **75 years of Independence India Ki Udaan – Software** at the **Sunder Nursery** in **Delhi** in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Shri G Kishan Reddy**.

### 106-year-old astronomical observatory in Bihar not on endangered heritage list - UNESCO

- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has announced that the **106-year-old astronomical observatory** at **Langat Singh College** in Bihar's **Muzaffarpur district** has **not been inscribed** on its **list of endangered heritage**.
- The statement has been signed by **Eric Falt, Director, UNESCO Office, New Delhi**.
- This observatory was established in the college in **1916**.

### ISRO successfully tests Gaganyaan Low Altitude Escape Motor



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- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** successfully carried out the **test-firing of the Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM)** of the **Crew Escape System, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**.
- To evaluate the motor ballistic parameters, validate motor subsystem performance and confirm the design margins, and evaluate the thermal performance of nozzle liners; especially to confirm the erosion / ablative characteristics.
- Validation of integrity of all interfaces, evaluation of the **head-end mounted safe arm (HMSA)** based ignition system performance and evaluation of the side thrust due to misalignment and variation in flow were among the other primary reasons.

### China Launches 16 New Satellites Into Orbit

- **China** launched **16 new satellites** into space from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China's Shanxi province**.
- This is the **432nd mission of China's Long March carrier rocket series**.
- These satellites include **Jilin 1 Gaofen 03D09** satellite and **Yunyao 1 04-08** and were launched by a **Long March 6 carrier rocket**.

### ISRO Unveils Virtual Space Park 'SPARK'

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** Chairman **S Somanath** has launched **India's First 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK: The Space Tech Park** as part of the celebrations of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** commemorating **India's 75th year of Independence**
- The beta version of the virtual space museum through the ISRO website, or visit <https://spacepark.isro.gov.in/>.
- The platform provides a virtual tour of SPARK.

### First-Ever 'Made In India' Surgical Robot SSI-Mantra Gets Installed In Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute

- **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCIRC)** have installed the **first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, SSI-Mantra** devised by the **new-age Indian medical technology start-up SS Innovations**.
- The system has been set up at the **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center (RGCI)**, a visionary project of the **Indraprastha Cancer Society and Research Center** aimed at providing the **best oncological care**.

### Ministry of Heavy Industries launches Automated Online Data Transfer to monitor PLI scheme for the auto sector

- The **Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)** **launched automated** online data transfer for capturing critical data related to domestic value addition **in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI)** scheme **for the** auto sector.
- The new system will capture data from the **PLI** applicant's **ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)** system to the **PLI auto portal**.

### IIT Guwahati partners with AICTE to provide solutions to NE India

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** has announced plans to partner with the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** to develop **solutions to problems of accessing water, electricity, and internet** for the **AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in North-East India**.
- The project was started under '**Grant for Augmenting Infrastructure in North Eastern Region**'.
- The steering committee for this project comprises **Prof. Sharad B Gokhale**, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering.

### Principal Scientific Adviser to the GoI unveils Manthan

- The **Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA)** to the **Government of India (GoI)** has **launched a Manthan platform** with the **vision to enable and empower all spheres of science and technology within India**.
- The Platform is Led by the Office of PSA & powered by the **National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSEIT)**.

### Israeli scientists create the world's first synthetic embryo without sperm

- A team of stem cell researchers in **Israel** has developed the **world's first synthetic embryo outside the womb** using stem cells cultured in a petri dish.
- **Prof. Jacob Hanna** of **Weizmann's Molecular Genetics Department**, who headed the research team.

### Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta inaugurates India's 1st Composite Indoor Shooting Range in Visakhapatnam, AP



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- A first-of-its-kind Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated by Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karna on the eastern seaboard, near Bheemili, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- INS Karna is the first in the Navy and perhaps the only military unit in the country to set up and use CISR.

### India's 1st Indigenous Monkeypox RT-PCR Testing Kit Launched

- India has developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease at the Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone (AMTZ)
- The kit was Developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals in a tie-up with Erba Mannheim.
- It was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Center Mr. Ajay Kumar Sood.
- The kit would help in early detection and better management of the infection which the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a public health emergency of international concern.

### Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh approves StartUp loan for manufacturing and commercializing “compostable” plastic; Rs 1.15 cr to TGP Bioplastics

- Union Minister of State Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh approved a StartUp loan of Rs 1.15 crores to M/s TGP Bioplastics for commercializing “compostable” plastic and thus also mitigating the usage of Single Use Plastics (SUP).
- The project has received seed funding under the National Initiative for Developing & Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) Prayas Department of Science & Technology (DST), National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog & United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) for the prototype development.

### India's 1st Observatory To Monitor Space Activity To be set up in Uttarakhand

- India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by a space sector start-up, Digantara.

### BBIL completes trials for India's first intranasal Covid vaccine

- Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) announced that India's first adenoviral intranasal vaccine (BBV154) has proven to be safe, well-tolerated, and immunogenic in subjects in controlled clinical trials for Covid-19.

### AirAsia India becomes the first airline in India to use AI-powered CAE Rise™ Training System

- AirAsia India and Canadian Aviation Electronics (CAE) have announced their collaboration to integrate the CAE Rise™ Training System into the airline's simulator training program.
- AirAsia India is the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven training program using CAE Rise™.

### India's first indigenously-developed vaccine for cervical cancer prevention to be launched

- India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer will be launched in the next few months and will be available in the price range of Rs 200-Rs 400.
- The vaccine for Cervical cancer “CERAVAC”, will be launched by Union Minister of State Science and Technology Shri Jitendra Singh.

### China launches Yaogan-33 02 satellite

- China has launched a new remote sensing satellite Yaogan-33 02 from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Northwest China.
- It was launched aboard a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has successfully entered its planned orbit.
- It will be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimation, and disaster prevention and relief.

### ISRO successfully demonstrates Inflatable Aerodynamic decelerator tech to land payloads on Mars, Venus

- The Indian Space research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted tests of an Inflatable Aerodynamic decelerator (IAD) that will be used for landing payloads on Mars and Venus in the future.
- IAD was test-flown today in a Rohini-sounding rocket from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

### ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

#### New Arunachal monkey named after Sela pass:



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- A new species of old-world monkey recorded from **Arunachal Pradesh** has been named after a **strategic mountain pass at 13,700 ft above sea level**.
- Sela macaque (Macaca selai), the new-to-science primate was identified and analyzed by a team of experts from the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** and the **University of Calcutta**.
- Their study has been published in the latest edition of Molecular

### Huge Stingray breaks the record for the Biggest Freshwater Fish:

- The hunter knew he had never seen a **fish bigger than the gigantic stingray** Moul Thun had captured at the end of his line.
- **The 42-year-old fisherman** from the secluded **island of Kaoh Preah** in the Mekong River in **northern Cambodia** was unaware that the ray would later be named the largest documented freshwater fish in the world.

### India finalized deals for cheetahs from South Africa & Namibia:

- The world's fastest creatures, **cheetahs**, which **went extinct in India**, have been acquired by the **Indian government** through agreements with **South Africa and Namibia**.
- They will be reintroduced into the wild at **Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh, by the end of 2022**.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed initially for **ten years, with an option for an additional five years**.
- There will be **8 cheetahs from Namibia and 12 from South Africa**, with more to come in succeeding years.

### India's newest recorded snail named after the Western Ghats:

- A **carnivorous land snail** discovered in **Maharashtra's western Ghats** has made scientific history.
- It has been named after the original site of the species in the northern portion of the Western Ghats, **which is Sahyadri in Sanskrit**.
- The **Haploptychius sahyadriensis** is endemic to the Vishalgad Conservation Reserve in Maharashtra's Kolhapur district.
- The other two – **H. andamanicus and H. pfeifferi**

### Glischropus meghalayanus: New Species of Bamboo-Dwelling Bat Found in Meghalaya

- Scientists have discovered a **new species of bamboo-dwelling bat** in the **Ri Bhoi** district of **Meghalaya**.
- It is the **first report of a thick-thumbed bat** not only from India but **also from South Asia**.
- The species, found near the forested patch of **Nongkhyllam Wildlife Sanctuary**, has been named **Glischropus meghalayanus**.

### Thiomargarita Magnifica: World's biggest bacterium found in Caribbean mangrove swamp:

- Scientists have discovered the **world's largest bacterium in a Caribbean mangrove swamp** - and it is so big that you can see it with the naked eye.
- The bacterium is named **Thiomargarita Magnifica** or "magnificent sulfur pearl" and can reach a **length of 2 centimeters**.
- It is roughly **50 times larger than all known giant bacteria**.
- **Olivier Gros, a co-author and biologist at the University of the French West Indies, and Guiana found the first example of this bacterium** clinging to sunken mangrove leaves in the archipelago of Guadeloupe in 2009.

### New spider from Thar desert named after Malayali arachnologist:

- A **new species of spider** discovered in the **Thar desert of Rajasthan** has been named after a **Malayalee arachnologist**.
- The new species of jumping spider, **Pseudomogrus sudhii**, has been named after **Sudhikumar A.V.**, Head, Department of Zoology, Christ College, Irinjalakuda, and founder of the **Centre for Animal Taxonomy and Ecology (CATE)** in recognition of his contributions to the field of Indian arachnology.
- The jumping spider was discovered during a joint exploration by **Dmitri Logunov Rishikesh Balkrishna Tripathi** and **Ashish Kumar Jangid** of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

### India TO add 315 taxa and 540 species to its inventory of animal species: ZSI

- The number of animal species in **India's faunal database increased by 540 in 2021**, bringing the **total to 1,03,258**.
- The Indian flora now has 315 more taxa, increasing the total number of floral taxa in the country to 55,048 as of 2021.
- Of the **540 species of fauna, 406 are discoveries**, while 134 are new records for India.
- **Thirteen new genera** were discovered in 2021 as well.
- Among the newly discovered species are **19 species of fish, 35 species of reptiles, and one species of mammal**.

### **Two species of fish were discovered along the Tamil Nadu coast:**

- The **Indian Council for Agricultural Research - National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR)** has identified two **new species of marine fish in Tamil Nadu**.
- One of them, a sardine variety from Pattinapakkam fish landing center in the city, was **named 'Dussumieria modakandai'**.
- The discovery was published in the international journal Fish Biology in December 2021.

### **ZSI Scientists Discover a New Kind of Eel from Petuaghhat Fishing Harbour, West Bengal:**

- Scientists and research scholars of the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** have discovered a **new eel species** based on two specimens collected from **Petuaghhat fishing harbor, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal**.
- The new species has been termed **Bengal conger**, stated Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, ZSI.
- The species belong to the **family Congridae and order Anguilliformes**.
- The recently discovered species has been named **Ariosoma Bengalense** in the name of the collection locality.

### **Sakurajima Volcanic Eruption: Volcano Erupts for three days:**

- A volcanic eruption occurred in **Kyushu, Japan's main southern island**.
- The eruption was followed by a showing of **red-hot rocks and dark fumes** from the **Sakurajima volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture**.

### **ZSI published a new book on more than 1000 bird species:**

- In a field guide that was created by the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**, the organization described around **1,331 distinct bird species** that may be found in India.
- **Director of ZSI Dhriti Banerjee** says the book emphasizes high-quality photographs of birds, in contrast to earlier volumes that primarily employed drawings.

### **ZSI released a report titled 'Threatened animals of Kerala':**

- **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** released a report titled **'Threatened animals of Kerala'**.
- The report **'Threatened animals of Kerala'** has been released as part to promote sustainable management and conservation of various animal species.
- The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has released a book titled **"Fauna of Thattekad Bird Sanctuary"**.

## DEFENCE NEWS

### **20th India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise 'VARUNA -2022 begins in the Arabian Sea**

- The **20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between Indian and French Navies – 'VARUNA'** is being conducted in the **Arabian Sea from March 30 to April 03, 2022**.
- The Bilateral Naval Exercises between the two Navies were initiated in **1993**.

### **IONS Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX 22) ends in Goa and the Arabian Sea**

- The **maiden edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22)** was conducted at **Goa and in the Arabian Sea** from **26 – 30 March 2022**.
- To enhance interoperability in **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** operations among member navies.

### **Indian Navy's 2nd P-81 Air Squadron INAS 316 Commissions at INS Hansa, Goa**



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- Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 316, the Navy's second P-8I aircraft squadron, will be commissioned at the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Hansa Naval air base in Goa in the presence of the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar.

### IAF to celebrate 60 yrs of Chetak helicopter

- On April 02, 2022, Commemorating 60 Glorious years of service by Chetak Helicopter in IAF, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a Conclave hosted by Indian Air Force at Air Force Station, Hakimpet.

### HAL, Israel Aerospace tie up to turn civil aircraft into mid-air refuellers:

- Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to convert civil passenger aircraft to multi-mission tanker transport" (MMTT) aircraft in India.

### 9th Edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise culminated at Bakloh

- The 9th Edition of the India – Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise which commenced on 25 Mar 2022 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP) culminated on 06 April 2022 at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.
- The exercise further strengthened the confidence & interoperability between India and Kyrgyzstan.

### DRDO successfully flight-tests Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology off the Odisha coast

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster at the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

### India successfully test-fires Pinaka missile systems Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System and Pinaka Area Denial Munition Rocket Systems

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army successfully test-fired the Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System (EPRS) and Pinaka Area Denial Munition (ADM) rocket systems.

### Govt reserves 25% of the defense procurement budget for domestic private industry

- To promote private industry, MSMEs, and start-ups in the defense production ecosystem, 25% of the Domestic Capital Procurement/Acquisition Budget, amounting to ₹21,149.47 Cr, will be earmarked for domestic private industry in FY2022-23.

### DRDO & Indian Army Successfully flight-test of anti-tank guided missile 'Helina' in Pokhran

- Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) jointly conducted the successful flight test of the indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' at high-altitude ranges.

### Trishakti Corps conducts Ex Kripan Shakti in WB

- The Trishakti Corps conducted Ex Kripan Shakti, an Integrated Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR) near Siliguri (WB).
- To coordinate and synergize the capabilities of the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces to fight an integrated battle.
- The exercise was reviewed by Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich, AVSM, General Officer Commanding Trishakti Corps.

### Indian Army inducts domestically developed specialist vehicles

- Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General MM Naravane has inducted the first set of domestically developed specialist vehicles into service, at a ceremony organized in the city of Pune.
- The vehicles that were inducted include the Tata Advanced System Limited (TASL) developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium (QRFV), the Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (IPMV), and the Ultra-Long-Range Observation System.
- TASL is the first private sector company to manufacture and provide the armed forces with wheeled armored vehicles that are combat-ready.
- The IPMV was co-developed with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

### IAF Successfully Test-fires BrahMos Missile from Su30-MkI Fighter Jet

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter jet Su30 MKI, on the Eastern seaboard.

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- The test was carried out by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** in close coordination with the **Indian Air Force and the Indian Army**.
- BrahMos Aerospace, an **India-Russian joint venture**, produces supersonic cruise missiles that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or land platforms.

### Defence Secretary inaugurates two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise NATPOLREX-VIII

- Union Defence Secretary **Ajay Kumar** inaugurated the **8th edition of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise NATPOLREX-VIII** being conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** off Mormugao harbor in Goa.
- To validate the procedures and guidelines as contained in the **National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP)** at the national and regional levels under the aegis of the SACEP MoU to which India is a member state.

### 6th Scorpene submarine of Project-75 INS Vagsheer launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra

- **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)** has launched INS 'Vagsheer'- the sixth and the last Scorpene Submarine of Project-75 launched in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Defence Secretary **Ajay Kumar** was the Chief Guest on the occasion.
- These submarines are being constructed at **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)** Mumbai, under collaboration with **M/s Naval Group, France**.
- Project-75 includes the construction of six submarines of Scorpene design which are to be built for the Indian Navy.
- The first Submarine **Vagsheer, ex-Russia**, was commissioned into the **Indian Navy** on **26 December 1974** and was decommissioned on **30 April 1997**.

### The new vessel 'Urja Pravaha' inducted into the Indian Coast Guard

- The **Indian Coast Guard Ship (Auxiliary Barge)** named **Urja Pravaha** has been inducted into the Indian Coast Guard at Gujarat's Bharuch.
- Urja Pravaha arrived in **Kochi** and will be under the **operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala and Mahe)**, in addition to auxiliary barge Urja Shrota, which was based here since **2017**.
- Urja Pravaha is **36.96 meters long** with a **draft of 1.85 meters** & it is designed to **cargo ship fuel, aviation fuel, and freshwater** with a capacity of **50 tons, 10 tons, and 40 tons** respectively.

### Indian Navy successfully test-fires BrahMos missile from INS Delhi

- Indian Navy successfully test-fired a **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from the **guided missile destroyer INS Delhi**.
- The BrahMos firing by INS Delhi from an upgraded modular launcher once again demonstrated the long-range strike capability of BrahMos along with validation of integrated Network Centric Operations from frontline platforms.

### NATO Exercise - Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 began

- **DEFENDER-Europe 22** is a multinational, regular joint, and combined exercise organized by the **United States Armed Forces** to build preparedness and interoperability between **Allies** and partners of the **USA and NATO**.
- The exercises are scheduled to run **May 1-27, 2022** & will be held in nine NATO countries including Poland.

### INS Gharial delivers critical medical aid to Sri Lanka - Mission SAGAR IX

- As part of Mission **SAGAR IX**, INS Gharial arrived at **Colombo** to provide critical medical aid to **Sri Lanka** during the ongoing crisis.
- It delivered over **760 kgs** of **107 types of critical life-saving medicines**.

### INS Vikrant, India's First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier to be handed over to the Indian Navy

- The **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)** will hand over India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (**IAC**) which will be named '**INS Vikrant**' to the **Indian Navy** by **May 2022**.
- It will be commissioned on **Independence Day Aug 15, 2022**.

### ICG commissions 2nd ALH Mk III Squadron in Kochi

- Indian Coast Guard chief **VS Pathania** commissioned its **second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron (CG)**, at the **Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi**.



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- The Squadron, led by **Commandant Kunal Naik** has nine officers and 35 men.

### Indian Navy to Acquire Spy Satellite GISAT-2 to Boost Capability in IOR

- The **Indian Navy** is looking to acquire a dedicated earth imaging satellite named **Geo Imaging Satellite-2 (Gisat-2)** as part of its modernization and network-centric warfare and communications program in the fiscal year.

### MHA launches employment portal for retired CAPF & Assam Rifle personnel

- The **Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has launched a portal named **CAPF Punarvaas'** through the **Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB)** for the benefit of personnel belonging to the **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)** like **CRPF** and **BSF** seeking re-employment after their retirement.

### Boeing inks pact with Air India Engineering Services for maintenance of naval, VIP aircraft

- **Air India Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Air India** entered into an **MoU** with **Boeing** for the **Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO)** of critical equipment on key Boeing defense platforms in India, including the **P-8I** operated by the **Indian Navy** and the **777 VIP aircraft** operated by the **Indian Air Force**.

### IAF successfully test-fires extended-range version of the BrahMos missile from Sukhoi

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has successfully test-fired an extended-range version of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from a **Sukhoi fighter jet** in the **Bay of Bengal**.
- Besides the IAF, the Navy, the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, the **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**, and the **BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)** were involved in the test firing.
- On April 19, 2022, the IAF successfully test-fired a **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from a **Sukhoi fighter jet** on the **eastern seaboard**.

### Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Launches India-made Warships INS Surat & INS Udaygiri

- Defense minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** launched **two made-in-India warships 'Surat'** and '**Udaygiri**' at the **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)** in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- This is the **first time** that the two indigenously built warships have been launched together.
- Surat is the **fourth guided missile destroyer of the P15B class**, while Udaygiri is the **second stealth frigate of P17A class**.

### DRDO & Indian Navy successfully test fires naval anti-ship missile off Odisha coast

- Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the **Indian Navy** successfully conducted a maiden flight test of an indigenously-developed **Naval Anti-Ship Missile** launched from a **Naval Helicopter from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha**.
- It is the **first indigenous air-launched anti-ship missile system** for the Indian Navy.

### NAL's 'HANSA-NG' aircraft completed engine relight

- The new generation two-seater flying trainer aircraft, **HANSA-NG** designed and developed by **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)**, completed an in-flight engine relight test at the **aeronautical test range (ATR)** facility of **Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO)** at **Challakere in Chitradurga district, Karnataka**.
- The aircraft had completed the **sea level trials in Puducherry** from **February 19 to March 5**.

### U.S. Air Force conducts hypersonic weapon test

- The **US Air Force** had conducted a **successful test of a hypersonic weapon**, which flew at **five times the speed of sound**.
- The Air Force stated that a **B-52H Stratofortress bomber** launched an **AGM-183A Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW)** off the coast of Southern California.
- The **419th Flight Test Squadron** and the **Global Power Bomber Combined Test**, both headquartered at **Edwards Air Force Base in California**, conducted the test.
- The **ARRW** was developed by **Lockheed Martin** to destroy flexible, time-sensitive targets in combat situations.

### 4th edition of the India-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Bilateral CORPAT exercise commences in the Northern Bay of Bengal

- On May 22, 2022, The **fourth edition** of the **Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** commenced in the **Northern Bay of Bengal**.

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- Indian Navy's indigenous warships, **INS Kora**, a guided-missile corvette, and **INS Sumedha**, an offshore patrol vessel along with Bangladesh Navy's warships **BNS Ali Haider** and **BNS Abu Ubaidah** are participating in the exercise. The last IN-BN CORPAT was conducted in **October 2020**.

### Indian Navy successfully tests surface-to-air missile system from warship

- The **Indian Navy** successfully tested its ship-based **surface-to-air missile (SAM)** system by taking down a low-flying target.
- The test was carried out from a stealth frigate deployed on the **western seaboard** by the force.
- **About SAM :**
- The surface-to-air missile is also called a **ground-to-air missile (GTAM)** or **surface-to-air guided weapon (SAGW)**.

### Indian Navy's survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak' launched by GRSE

- The **Indian Navy** has launched the **second of four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Nirdeshak (Yard 3026)** at **Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu** to replace the existing **Sandhayak Class survey ship**.
- The ship was built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)** in collaboration with L&T shipbuilding.

### Indian Navy decommissions INS Gomati at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai:

- The **Indian Navy** decommissioned the **Indian Navy Ship (INS) Gomati** from the **naval dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India** after **34 years of service**.
- It was designed by the Indian Navy and built-in an Indian shipyard, and these were initial steps toward an **Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India)**.

### Russia successfully test-fires Zircon hypersonic cruise missile

- The **Russian defense ministry** has successfully **test-fired a hypersonic Zircon cruise missile** over a distance of **about 1,000 km (625 miles)** from the **Admiral Gorshkov frigate** of the **Northern Fleet** in the **Barents Sea of the Arctic Ocean**.
- The hypersonic missile can travel at **9 times** the speed of sound.

### Bharat Dynamics signs deal with Defence Ministry for ASTRA MK-1 BVR missile

- The **Ministry of Defence** has signed a deal worth **₹2,971 crore** with **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** for the supply of **Astra Mk-1 Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air to Air Missile (AAM)** and associated equipment for the **Indian Air Force & Indian Navy**.

### Indian Navy commissions a naval air squadron comprising ALH MK III

- Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325, operating the indigenously built **ALH MK III aircraft**, was commissioned into the Indian Navy by **Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal holder and Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar** at an impressive ceremony held at INS Utkrosh, Port Blair of **Andaman & Nicobar island**.

### India-Bangladesh joint military exercise SAMPRITI-X begins

- A joint military training exercise between **India** and **Bangladesh** Ex **SAMPRITI-X** is being conducted at **Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh** from **05 June to 16 June 2022**.
- To **strengthen and widen the aspects of interoperability and cooperation** between **Indian & Bangladesh armies** & to understand each other's tactical drills and operational techniques.
- The **Indian contingent** is represented by a **battalion of the Dogra regiment**.

### INS Akshay and INS Nishank decommissioned after 32 years

- The **Indian Navy** decommissioned its **two ships, INS Akshay and INS Nishank**, after **32 years of service**.
- The decommissioning event was conducted at **Naval Dockyard, Mumbai** in a traditional ceremony wherein the national flag, the naval ensign, and the decommissioning pennant of the two ships were lowered for the last time at sunset.

### Indian Navy Commissioned Advanced Light Helicopter MK III Squadron INAS 325

- Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325, operating the indigenously built **ALH MK III aircraft**, was commissioned into the **Indian Navy** in an impressive ceremony held at **INS Utkrosh, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC)**.
- The INAS 325 squadron was commissioned into the Navy by **Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, the Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command**.



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### Indian Army Participates In Multinational Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” Commenced in Mongolia

- A Multinational Peacekeeping exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” featuring participation from military contingents from **16 countries** has commenced at the **Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- The Hon’ble President of Mongolia, **Mr. Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**, inaugurated the Exercise.
- The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the **LADAKH SCOUTS**.

### Shri Rajnath approves funding under DRDO’s TDF scheme to Rs 50 crore for MSMEs, startups

- Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** has approved the enhancement of funding under the **Technology Development Fund (TDF)** scheme of the **Ministry of Defence** to **Rs 50 crore per project from Rs 10 crore**.
- The TDF scheme, executed by **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, supports the indigenous development of components, products, systems, and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.

### 38th India-Indonesia CORPAT begins in the Andaman Sea

- The **38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the **Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC)** and the **Indonesian Navy** is being conducted in the **Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca** an **11-day coordinated patrol from June 13 to 24, 2022**.
- The 38th CORPAT is the **first post-pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** between the two countries.

### BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center signs MoU with BRICS NDB

- The **BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)** to facilitate **bilateral cooperation** and promote the common development of BRICS countries.
- The MoU was signed during a conference in **Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province**.
- On behalf of the two sides, **Huang Wenhui**, executive vice chairman of the BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center council, and **Marcos Troyjo**, president of the NDB, signed the MoU.

### HDFC Bank signs MoU with 100X. VC to collaborate on start-up support

- Private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with a leading early-stage venture capital firm, **100X.VC to support start-ups**.
- The Bank will extend its full suite of specialized services and facilities tailored for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all the firms associated with 100X.VC.
- Under the agreement, HDFC Bank and 100X.VC will work together in **mutually beneficial areas**.

### India - Israel adopts vision statement' to enhance defense cooperation

- To commemorate **30 years of diplomatic ties** between the two countries, **India** and **Israel** adopted a "**vision statement**" which will pave the way for **strengthening defense cooperation in the future**.
- Union Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** and his Israeli counterpart **Shri Benny Gantz** held bilateral talks in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The year **2022** marks **30 years of diplomatic relations** between India and Israel.

### Indian Coast Guard inducts New Advanced Light Helicopter Squadron 840 CG

- The **Indian Coast Guard** inducted the **new air squadron known as 840 Squadron** with an **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III aircraft** into the **Coast Guard Region East**.
- The first chopper was received at Coast Guard Air Station, Chennai with a traditional ‘water cannon salute’, in the presence of **Inspector General AP Badola, Commander, Coast Guard Region East**.
- An indigenous aircraft designed and developed by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

### Defence Ministry approves to establish of ‘BRO Cafes’ at 75 border locations across 12 states/UTs

- The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has approved the setting up of wayside amenities under the brand of ‘**BRO Cafes**’ at **75 locations** on different sections of roads with **Border Roads Organisation** across **12 states** and **Union territories**.
- **Aim :**
- To provide basic amenities and comfort to tourists and lead to boosting economic activities in border areas, besides generating employment for the local people.
- The contract will have a **15-year term** that may be later extended for an **additional five years**.

### IAF participates in a tactical leadership program in Egypt



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- Indian Air Force (IAF) would be participating in a month-long tactical leadership program at the Egyptian Air Force Weapon School in Cairo west Airbase.
- Three Su-30MKI fighters, two C-17 transport aircraft, and 57 IAF personnel are participating in the program.

### Zomato to acquire Blinkit for Rs 4,447 crore in an all-stock deal

- The Board of the food delivery company Zomato approved the acquisition of quick commerce start-up Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd (formerly known as Grofers India Pvt Ltd) for Rs 4,447.5 crore (\$570 million) at Rs 13.45 lakh per equity share in an all-stock deal.
- Zomato would acquire up to 33,018 equity shares of Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd.

### Virgin Orbit Rocket Launches 7 US Defense Satellites

- A Virgin Orbit rocket carrying seven U.S. Defense Department satellites was launched from a special Boeing 747 flying off the Southern California coast and streaked toward space.
- The modified jumbo jet took off from Mojave Air and Space Port in the Mojave Desert and released the rocket over the Pacific Ocean, northwest of Los Angeles.
- The launch was procured by the U.S. Space Force for a Defense Department test program & the 7 payloads will conduct various experiments.
- Virgin Orbit named the mission “Straight Up” after the hit on Paula Abdul's debut studio album “Forever Your Girl,” which was released through Virgin Records in 1988.

### Indian Army Organizes Suraksha Manthan-2022

- The Desert Corps of the Indian Army organized the “Suraksha Manthan 2022”, on aspects of Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- The Manthan was jointly presided over by Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, IPS, Director General Border Security Force (BSF), Director General VS Pathania, Indian Coast Guard, and Lieutenant General Rakesh Kapoor, General Officer Commanding Desert Corps, and attended by serving officers of the Army, BSF, and Coast Guard.
- During the discussions, aspects of interoperability, operational cohesion, and logistics were ironed out to enhance overall security along the International Boundary (IB) and coastal sectors.

### DRDO conducts successful maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, a premier research laboratory of DRDO.
- It is a major achievement toward autonomous aircraft and will pave the way for ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat’ in terms of critical military systems.
- It is powered by a small turbofan engine.

### INS Satpura & P8I maritime patrol aircraft arrive at Pearl Harbor In Hawaii To Participate In Rimpac-22

- INS Satpura and one P8I maritime patrol aircraft from the Indian Navy are participating in one of the largest multilateral Naval Exercises, the US Navy-led biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2022.
- INS Satpura is an indigenously designed and built 6000-tonne guided missile stealth frigate equipped to seek and destroy adversaries in air, surface, and underwater.
- It is currently on an extended operational deployment in the 75th year of India's Independence.

### Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launches Centralized Payment System “PADMA”

- Payroll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA), an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was inaugurated by Shri Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence

### Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissions Advanced Light Helicopter MK III squadron at Porbandar

- The Indian Coast Guard(ICG) commissioned the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) squadron MK-III (CG)-835 at Porbandar port in Gujarat.
- Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III squadron was commissioned by DG-ICG Mr. Virendra Singh Pathania & commanded by Commandant Sunil Dutt and manned by 10 officers and 52 men.



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- Till now **13 ALH MK III aircraft** have been inducted into the ICG in a phased manner, and 4 of these are positioned at Porbandar, Gujarat.

### Indigenously developed Laser-Guided ATGM successfully tested by DRDO & Indian Army

- The **Indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** was successfully test-fired from **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun** by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Indian Army** at **KK Ranges** near **Ahmednagar, Maharashtra** with the support of **Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S)**.
- It is developed by **2 Pune-based facilities** of the **DRDO's Armament and Combat Engineering (ACE) Cluster** the **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)** and the **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL)** in association with **Instruments Research and Development Establishment (IRDE)**, **Dehradun, Uttarakhand**.

### Indian Navy commissions the first ALH Squadron INAS 324 in Visakhapatnam

- The **Indian Naval Air Squadron 324, (INAS 324)**, was commissioned into the **Indian Navy** in **Visakhapatnam** to boost its maritime surveillance in the presence of **Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command**.
- It is the **first naval squadron** on the eastern seaboard operating the indigenously designed and built **advanced light helicopter (ALH) Dhruv MK III** helicopters.
- The INAS 324 Squadron is being commanded by Commander **SS Dash**, who is a highly experienced ALH Qualified Flying Instructor and has extensive operational experience.

### Akasa Air gets an air operator certificate from DGCA

- **Billionaire investor Mr. Rakesh Juhunjhunwala**-owned **Akasa** airline received its **air operator certificate (AOC)** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- The airline will start its operations at the **end of July 2022**.
- The airline inducted its **first Boeing 737 Max aircraft** in **June 2022**.

### Indian Navy's All-Women Crew Completes Maritime Surveillance Mission Over Arabian Sea

- Five women officers of the **Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 (INAS 314)** based at **Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar in Gujarat** created history by completing the **first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission** over the **north Arabian Sea** onboard a **Dornier 228** aircraft.
- The aircraft was captained by **Mission Commander Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma**, who had pilots **Lt Shivangi** and **Lt Apurva Gite** & tactical and sensor officers **Lt Pooja Panda** and **Sub Lt Pooja Shekhawat**.

### DRDO successfully test-fires indigenously-developed laser-guided ATGMs

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** & the **Indian Army** have successfully **test-fired laser-guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)** from **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun** at **KK Ranges** with the support of **Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S)** **Ahmednagar in Maharashtra**.

### IAF to phase out the remaining 4 Mig 21 squadrons by 2025

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has set to phase out **four Mig-21 fighter squadrons** by **2025**.
- The IAF also plans to start the phasing out of the **three squadrons of Mig-29 fighter jets** in the **next five years**.
- India is also working on a **USD 5 billion project** to develop a **5th-generation medium-weight deep penetration fighter jet** to significantly bolster its air power capability.

### Point 5140 at Dras named Gun Hill to mark India's victory in the 1999 Kargil War

- To commemorate the victory of the **Indian Armed Forces (IAF)** and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "**Operation Vijay**", **Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil** sector has been christened as **Gun Hill**.
- On behalf of the Regiment of Artillery, a wreath was laid by Lieutenant General **TK Chawla**, Director General of Artillery at Kargil War Memorial, **Dras**, along with veteran gunners who had participated in the operation.

### Tata Advanced Systems delivered indigenously developed combat vehicles to the Indian Army

- **Tata group's Aerospace and Defence Arm, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)** has successfully delivered the indigenously developed **Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (QRFV)** to the **Indian Army** to bolster the operational capabilities of the IAF.
- The combat vehicle will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Army in future conflicts and war-like scenarios.

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### India Set To participate in 17-nation drill “Pitch Black 2022” in Australia

- India will be part of the mega air combat exercise “Pitch Black 2022” among 17 nations, to be held in the **Northern Territory of Australia**.
- The exercise will be held for **three-week-long** and is scheduled to take place from **August 19 to September 6, 2022**.

### Indian & French Navies Conducts Maritime Partnership Exercise In North Atlantic Ocean

- The guided-missile frigate **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash** of the **Indian Navy** & the **French Fleet Tanker French Navy Ship (FNS) Somme** participated in a **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** in the **North Atlantic Ocean**.
- INS Tarkash is on a long-range overseas deployment.
- INS Tarkash carried out various drills with French fleet tanker FS Somme, followed by joint air operations with maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50.

### South Korea, the US & Japan holds a Multilateral Pacific Dragon missile defense exercise

- The **biennial Pacific Dragon ballistic missile defense exercise** between the **military of South Korea, the United States, and Japan** is being held from **August 01 to August 14, 2022**, to detect and track ballistic missiles in the waters off **Hawaii**.
- In addition to the three countries, **Australia** and **Canada** will join the exercise in 2022's edition.

### IAF to Participate in Military Drills ‘Udarashakti’ with Malaysia

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** conduct a **bilateral air exercise** named **‘Udarashakti’**, at the **RMAF base of Kuantan in Malaysia**.
- The four-day exercise will witness the conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces.
- IAF is participating in the air exercise with **Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft** while the RMAF will be flying **Su 30MKI aircraft**.

### Indian Army conducts pan-India drill ‘Skylight’ Exercise to test the operational readiness of the satellite-based system

- The **Indian Army** conducted a **pan-India satellite communication exercise** called **‘Ex Skylight’**.
- To test & evaluate the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems.
- This is expected to be ready for the army by **December 2025**.

### Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 begins in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh

- The **13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercises “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022”** commenced at the **Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**.
- The **Indian Army contingent** is represented by **drawing Special Forces personnel** under the aegis of SFTS, while the **US contingent** is represented by personnel from the **1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special Forces**.

### 12th DefExpo to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from in October 2022

- The **12th edition of India’s prestigious biennial defense exhibition on Land, Naval, and Homeland Security systems, DefExpo 2022** will be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat** between **October 18-22, 2022**.
- The theme of 2022 DefExpo is **‘Path to Pride’**.

### 4th India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’ concludes

- The **4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’** concluded in **Rajasthan** at the **Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges**.
- **Aim :**
- To achieve interoperability and to acquaint each other with operational procedures and combat drills in a **Counter Terrorism environment** under the United Nations mandate
- **Represents :**
- The **Indian Army** will be represented by troops from the **18 Mechanized Infantry Battalion at the AL NAJAH-IV**.
- The **Royal Army of Oman contingent** will be represented by the **Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment**.
- The **3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV** was held in **Muscat** from **12 to 25 March 2019**.

### Indian Army launches Him ‘Drone-a-thon’

- The **Indian Army** has launched the **‘Him Drone-a-thon’** program in association with the **Drone Federation of India (DFI)**, to support indigenous drone ecosystems.



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- The Indian Army's support of the indigenous drone ecosystem is based on the principle that the '**good available indigenously**' is better than the '**best available globally**'
- The **Drone Federation of India (DFI)** and the **Army Design Bureau (ADB)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to accelerate drone technology development and indigenization in the drone ecosystem in India.

### US naval ship Charles Drew arrives in the Indian shipyard for repair

- A US Navy Ship named **USNS Charles Drew** arrived at **Larsen & Toubro Kattupalli Shipyard** at Ennore, near **Chennai**, for undertaking repairs and maintenance.
- This will be the **first time** that a US Navy ship is being repaired in an Indian shipyard.
- This is the **third Indo-Pacific base** being used by the US Navy for maintenance and ship repair & the other two are located at **Diego Garcia** and **Singapore**.

### India & Malaysia concludes four-day bilateral air exercise 'Udarashakti'

- The **four-day air exercise 'Udarashakti'** between the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** concluded in **Malaysia**.
- Both the Air Forces flew **seven aircraft** in formation as part of the ceremony.
- The **Su-30 MKI** and **C-17** aircraft were from the Indian Air Force, while the **Su-30 MKM** aircraft from the Malaysian force took part in the air exercise.

### Indian Air Force contingent participates in Pitch Black 2022 Exercise in Australia

- The **Indian Air Force joined Pitch Black 2022**, a joint military exercise in **Australia**.
- Exercise Pitch Black 2022 started on **August 19** and will continue till **September 8, 2022, in Darwin, Australia**.
- The last edition was conducted in **2018**.
- This is a biennial, multi-national exercise hosted by the **Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)**.
- The IAF contingent, led by **Group Captain YPS Negi**, comprises over 100 air warriors, deployed with **4 Su-30 MKI fighters and 2 C-17 Globemaster -III aircraft**.

### DRDO & Indian Navy successfully flight-test VL-SRSAM off the Odisha coast

- The **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **Indian Navy** successfully flight tested **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)** from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha**.
- The flight test was carried out from an Indian Naval Ship against a **high-speed unmanned aerial target** for demonstration of vertical launch capability.
- The VL-SRSAM system has been indigenously designed and developed by **DRDO**.
- This was the **4th test** for VL-SRSAM (The 1st test was carried out Feb 2021 & 3rd was carried out in June 2022).

### Indian Coast Guard conducts 10th edition of national maritime search and rescue exercise-22 in Chennai

- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** conducted the **10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX -22** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India**.
- The two-day exercise was inaugurated by **Dr. Ajay Kumar, Defence Secretary, Government of India**.

### Indian Army joins elite list set to possess quantum communication technology

- The **Indian Army** is set to possess **advanced quantum communication technology**, thereby joining an elite list of nations with **indigenous quantum technology**.
- It will equip troops with a **high-end secured defense system**.
- With the support of **Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX)**, and **Defence Innovation Organisation**, the QNu Labs which is a Bangalore-based deep tech start-up has innovated advanced secured communication through **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)**.

### Cabinet Committee on Security approves Tejas Mark-2 Project

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the **Tejas Mark-2 project** to boost India's push for **indigenous fighter aircraft**.
- The CCS has sanctioned **6,500 crores** for designing and developing of Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet with prototypes, flight testing, and certification in addition to the existing **2500 crore** sanctioned to **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

### Indian Army contingent participates in Ex Vostok-2022 in Russia



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- The **Indian Army contingent** of the **Gorkha Regiment** troops began the **multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok - 2022** at the **training grounds** of the **Eastern Military District of Russia** which will take place **Sep 01 to 07 2022**.
- Interaction and coordination amongst other participating military contingents and observers.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### **Virat Kohli tops in Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021:**

- **Virat Kohli** has emerged as the **most valued celebrity in India for the fifth year** in a row, **topping the Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021** despite seeing a dip in his brand value to \$185.7 million last year from a high of \$237.7 million in 2020.

#### **Mirabai Chanu bagged 'The BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award 2021:**

- **Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu** has won the **BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year award**.
- Chanu created history last year when she became the **first Indian weightlifter to clinch a silver medal at the Summer Olympics**.

#### **Adidas Unveils Official Al Rihla FIFA World Cup Ball for Qatar 2022:**

- Sportswear giant **Adidas** has unveiled **Al Rihla** – the official match ball for the **2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar**.
- It is the **14th successive ball that Adidas has created for the FIFA World Cup**, designed to support the game at high speed as it travels faster in flight than any other **World Cup ball**.

#### **National weightlifting championships: Ann Mariya M T wins gold medal:**

- **Ann Mariya M.T. from Kerala** won the women's **87-kilogram gold medal** with a national record aggregate of 231 kg on the concluding day of the National weightlifting championships at the **KIIT University campus in Bhubaneswar**.

#### **Meghalaya all set to host 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022:**

- **Meghalaya** is all set to host the **83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022** scheduled to begin from **April 18th till 25th, 2022** at **SAI Indoor Training Centre, NEHU in Shillong**.

#### **Anurag Thakur launches logo, mascot jersey & anthem of Khelo India University Games 2021:**

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** and Governor of **Karnataka, TC Gehlot** launched the **logo, jersey, mascot, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021)** on April 01, 2022, at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.

#### **Australia wins ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022:**

- **Australia defeated England** by 71 runs to win the **ICC Women's World Cup at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand**.
- The batter, who opened the innings after Australia was invited to bat first, scored 170 off 138 deliveries to help her side pile a gigantic 356/5 in 50 overs.

#### **Iga Swiatek wins Miami Open tennis title 2022:**

- **Iga Swiatek of Poland** won the **2022 Miami Open tennis tournament** by defeating **Naomi Osaka of Japan** in the final match, 6-4, 6-0.
- Switek has won **four WTA 1000 titles**, including **six singles titles**.

#### **Centre sanctions Rs 3.65 crores for international exposure trips of Indian Athletics, Yachting teams:**

- The **Centre has sanctioned three crores of 65,00,000 rupees** for international exposure trips of **Indian Athletics and Yachting teams**.
- These exposure tours have been scheduled this month ahead of the **World Athletics Championship, the Commonwealth Games, and the Asian Games-2022**.

#### **2022 Miami Open Tennis Tournament Overview:**

- The **2022 Miami Open** (also known as the **Miami Masters**, and currently branded as the **Miami Open** presented by **Itaú** for sponsorship reasons) **tennis tournament was the 37th edition of the men's and women's event**, held from **March 22 to April 3, 2022**, in **Miami Gardens, Florida**.

#### **75th Santosh Trophy in Malappuram from April 16:**



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- The 75th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy will kick off on April 16 with a match between traditional powerhouses West Bengal and Punjab at the Kottappadi Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala.

**India beat Malaysia to register a third consecutive victory in FIH Women's Junior World Cup in South Africa:**

- In the FIH Women's Junior World Cup, India defeated Malaysia four-nil, to register their third consecutive victory in their pool D campaign at Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- That's the end of the group stage for India, who win three from three and confirm a spot against South Korea in the quarterfinal.

**Riya Jadon wins 11th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship:**

- Thirteen-year-old Riya Jadon won the DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship, following a close fight with older sister Lavanya Jadon.
- Riya, who carded 78, 80, and 74, also won the junior girl's trophy.

**F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022 won by Charles Leclerc:**

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc won the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne, as world champion Max Verstappen was forced to retire his Red Bull after giving a valiant chase.
- It was the third round of the 2022 Formula One World Championship.

**Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Saurav Ghosal win a first-ever gold medal at the World Doubles Squash championships:**

- India won two gold medals at the WSF World Doubles Squash Championships on the back of brilliant performances by Dipika Pallikal Karthik, Saurav Ghosal, and Joshna Chinappa at the Scotstoun Leisure Centre in Glasgow.

**Thailand Open Boxing Tournament 2022: India Bags 10 medals with 3 gold:**

- Tokyo Olympians Amit Panghal and Ashish Kumar settled for silver medals in the men's 52kg and 81kg events, respectively, at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022 in Phuket

**Babar Azam, Rachael Haynes Named ICC Players of The Month For March 2022:**

- Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was voted as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March, while Australian opener Rachael Haynes bagged the honor among women.

**1st Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament held in Jamshedpur:**

- First Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery is to be held in Jamshedpur on April 12 and 13.
- The Sports Authority of India has approved a total amount of Rs 75 Lakh to host the Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament over six phases.

**Ravichandran Ashwin becomes 1st player to get retired out in IPL History:**

- Ravichandran Ashwin became the first cricketer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history to be retired during the match between Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants.
- During the 19th over of the Rajasthan Royals innings, Ashwin walked off the field and it was declared that the all-rounder was 'retired out'.

**Netherlands won FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022:**

- The Netherlands lifted their fourth FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup title after beating Germany 3-1 in the final at Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- The 2023 Women's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup will be the tenth edition and will be held in Santiago, Chile.

**Victoria to host 2026 Commonwealth Games across cities:**

- Victoria will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games with the Australian state's regional centers organizing the majority of events in a break from the traditional single host city model.
- The opening ceremony will take place at the iconic 100,000-capacity Melbourne Cricket Ground, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced.
- The Games in 2026 will be the 23rd edition of the major multi-sport event, which began in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada.

**Orleans Masters 2022: Indian Shuttler Mithun Manjunath Won Silver:**

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- In badminton, Indian shuttler Mithun Manjunath had to settle for a **silver medal** after losing to home favorite Toma Junior Popov in the men's singles final of the Orleans Masters 2022 badminton tournament in **Orleans, France**.
- The women's doubles pair of **Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam** were the only other Indian players to make it to the semi-finals at **the Orleans Masters 2022**.

### India will host Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023:

- India will host the **Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023**.
- Organized by Street Child United and Save the Children India, **the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023** will welcome 22 teams from 16 countries to India next year.

### R Praggnanandhaa wins prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament:

- Young Indian Grandmaster **R Praggnanandhaa** has won the prestigious **Reykjavik Open chess tournament** here with 7.5 points from nine rounds.
- The **16-year-old Praggnanandhaa** defeated compatriot **GM D Gukesh** in the final round to emerge the sole winner.
- The **Netherlands GM Max Warmerdam** took second place with seven points ahead of **Mads Anderson (Denmark)**, who also scored the same number of points.

### Odisha CM unveils logo of 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup:

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has unveiled the **logo of the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup** at the **Kalinga stadium** in the capital Bhubaneswar.
- To be held in the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, the prestigious quadrennial tournament is scheduled from January 13 to 29.

### Tamil Nadu beats Punjab in the National basketball championship final:

- Tamil Nadu men registered a comprehensive 87-69 win over **Punjab** to regain the **71st Senior National Basketball Championship** crown at the **Nehru Indoor Stadium**.
- This was **Tamil Nadu's 10th National title**.

### 2022 NZC Awards: Tim Southee wins Sir Richard Hadlee medal:

- New Zealand pacer **Tim Southee** was awarded the prestigious **Sir Richard Hadlee medal at the 2022 NZC Awards**.
- New Zealand speedster **Trent Boult** and White Ferns skipper **Sophie Devine** won the '**T20 International Player of the Year**' in the recently announced **New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022**.
- This is Southee's first **Player of the Year** award in a career spanning 14 long years.

### Danish Open swimming: Olympian Sajan Prakash wins gold:

- Ace Indian swimmer **Sajan Prakash** won the **gold medal in the men's 200m butterfly event** at the **Danish Open 2022 in Copenhagen**.
- Meanwhile, **In the men's 1500m freestyle event, 16-year-old Vedaant Madhavan**, son of Indian actor R Madhavan, achieved his personal best time of **15.57.86 to clinch the silver medal in the 10-swimmer final**.

### New Zealand pacer Hamish Bennett announces retirement from all forms of cricket:

- New Zealand pacer **Hamish Bennett** has announced that the 2021/22 season will be the last of his **17-year-old career**.
- The **35-year-old** has represented the **New Zealand U-19 side, the senior men's team, and domestic teams Wellington and Canterbury**.

### Haryana wins 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship:

- Haryana has become the winner of the **12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship** in the final, **Haryana defeated Tamil Nadu 3-1** in the shootout after the final ended 1-1 in regulation time.
- The tournament was held in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** from April 6 to 17, 2022.
- **Haryana has won the trophy for the first time since 2011.**

### Gukesh wins La Roda International Open chess title:

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- The country's youngest Grandmaster **D. Gukesh**, 15, improved upon his two runner-up finishes in March with a resounding title triumph in the **48th La Roda International Open chess tournament in Castile-La Mancha, in Spain**.
- Gukesh defeated Israel's Victor Mikhalevski in just 26 moves to finish the final round.

### India's Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat bag bronze medals in Mongolia:

- In Wrestling, Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat bagged a bronze each as Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers concluded their campaign at the **Asian Wrestling Championships 2022** with five medals, in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.
- Harpreet defeated Korea's Sejin Yang 4-2 in the quarter-final before going down to Iran's Rasoul Sadegh Garmsiri in the semis by fall in the **82 kg weight category**.
- In the bronze medal match, Harpreet was declared the winner after **Jafar Khan** from Qatar suffered an injury.

### West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard announces retirement from international cricket:

- West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard has announced his **retirement from international cricket**.
- Pollard, who was the captain of West Indies' limited-overs teams, played a total of 123 ODIs and 101 T20Is.

### Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah among Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year:

- India captain **Rohit Sharma** and pacer **Jasprit Bumrah** have been named among the "**Five Cricketers of the Year**" in the 2022 edition of the **Wisden Almanack**.
- Besides the duo, the list also features New Zealand batter **Devon Conway**, England pacer **Ollie Robinson** and Proteas women star **Dane van Niekerk**.

### Weightlifter Govind Sunil Mahajan wins Gold, Uday Anil Mahajan bags Silver at Khelo India University Games:

- In Khelo India University Games, Weightlifter **Govind Sunil Mahajan** won gold and **Uday Anil Mahajan** won silver to help **Kavyatri Bahinabai Chaudhuri** North Maharashtra University top the medal table at the end of the action in Bengaluru.
- Maharshi Dayanand University's **Komal Kohar** won gold in the women's weightlifting **45kg class**.

### Deepak Punia wins silver medal in Asian Wrestling Championships:

- India's **Deepak Punia** won the **86kg men's freestyle silver medal** while **Viky** clinched bronze in **92kg** on the final day of the **Asian Wrestling Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- This was Deepak's second consecutive silver and fourth continental medal, including two bronze.
- India finished its campaign at this edition of the continental event with a total of **one gold, five silver, and eleven bronze medals**.

### Andrey Rublev defeated Novak Djokovic: Serbia Open title:

- **Andrey Rublev** defeated **Novak Djokovic** 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-0 to win the **Serbia Open** for his **third title of the season**.
- The **second-seeded Russian player** dug deep to stop Djokovic from mounting another comeback as he prevented the top-ranked Serb from claiming his first title of 2022.

### LAUREUS WORLD SPORTS AWARDS 2022:

- **Max Verstappen** now has something in common with the likes of **Lionel Messi, Roger Federer, and Michael Schumacher**: a **Laureus World Sportsman of the Year** award.

### Ann Mariya breaks National Record in clean, Jerk category in 87 kg category weightlifting:

- Ann Mariya from Mangalore University broke the National Record in the clean and Jerk category in the **87 kg class weightlifting championship** during the **Khelo India University Games in Bengaluru**.
- She lifted **129 kg** to break the previous record of **128 kg** held by **Manpreet Kaur**.
- Ann Mariya won the gold medal with a total lift of **230 kgs**.
- The **Jain University of Bengaluru** tops the medal tally with eight Gold, four Silver, and one bronze medal.

### Asian Wrestling Championships 2022: India finished with 17 medals:

- India finished with a total tally of **17 medals, one gold, five silvers, and 11 bronze**, 35th edition of the **Asian Wrestling Championships 2022** in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Tokyo Olympian **Deepak Punia** won the **men's freestyle 86kg silver** while **Viky** bagged a bronze in the **92kg category** at the **Asian Wrestling Championships 2022** in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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### **PV Sindhu won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships:**

- Indian badminton ace **PV Sindhu** settled for the bronze medal after losing to reigning world champion **Akane Yamaguchi of Japan** in the Badminton Asia Championships 2022 women's singles semi-final in Manila, the Philippines
- PV Sindhu, a former world champion, went down to world No. 2 shuttler 21-13, 19-21, 21-16 in one hour and six minutes for her second bronze medal at the continental event.

### **The second edition of the Khelo India University Games to conclude:**

- The second edition of the **Khelo India University Games** will conclude with a glittering closing ceremony to be graced by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** among other dignitaries.
- On the final day of the Games, the Kota University men's team won the Kabaddi Gold and on the Women's side, **Kurukshetra University won the Gold medal.**

### **Harshada Sharad Garud first Indian to win a gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships in Greece:**

- In Weightlifting, **Harshada Sharad Garud** scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a **gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece.**
- She lifted **153-kilogram in the 45-kilogram weight category**, which included 70 kilograms in Snatch and 83 kilograms in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium.

### **4th edition of Meghalaya Games-2022 begins in Shillong:**

- In Meghalaya, the 4th edition of Meghalaya Games-2022 began at various sports facilities in **Shillong**.
- A total of over **2,500 athletes from 19 different disciplines** are participating in the mega sports event held as part of the **50th Statehood Day Celebrations**.
- The games will conclude on the **7th of April**.

### **ITTF World Rankings: Manika Batra climbs 10 places to achieve a career-best ranking of 38 in women's singles:**

- **India paddler Manika Batra** has achieved a career-best ranking of **38 in women's singles** after she climbed **10 places** in the latest **ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings**.
- The Olympian was ranked 48th in women's singles last week.

### **Goa: 12th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2022 to begin:**

- In Hockey, a total of **29 teams** will fight it out to lift the trophy at the **12th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2022 which starts in Goa.**
- **Eight days of pool matches** will be followed by the Quarter-Finals on May 12, the Semi-Finals on May 14, and the Medal matches scheduled for May 15.

### **Stadium to be built in Neeraj Chopra's native village: Haryana**

- **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** has announced that a stadium will be built in **Olympic gold-medallist Neeraj Chopra's native village in Panipat**.
- Announcing the inauguration of a **cooperative sugar mill in Panipat**, the chief minister, **Neeraj Chopra, who belongs to Haryana**, has made the country and the state proud by winning an Olympic gold medal last year.

### **Kerala beat West Bengal to lift their seventh Santosh Trophy title:**

- In Football, Hosts **Kerala beat West Bengal** 5-4 in a penalty shootout at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram to win the **Santosh Trophy National Tournament** for the seventh time.

### **Real Madrid clinch 35th Spanish League title:**

- **Real Madrid** clinched a record-extending **35th Spanish league title** after its reserve squad comfortably **defeated Espanyol 4-0**
- **Rodrygo scored twice and Marco Asensio** and substitute **Karim Benzema** added a goal each to give Madrid its second league title in three seasons, and **third in six years**.

### **World Snooker Championship Title 2022 won by Ronnie O'Sullivan:**



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- **Ronnie O'Sullivan** won a **World Snooker Championship** title with an impressive victory over **Judd Trump (England)** which was held from April 16 to May 2, 2022, at the **Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England**.

### **Khelo India University Games 2021 won by JAIN University:**

- **Hosts Jain University**, powered by swimmer **Siva Sridhar's collection of 7 gold and two silver**, overcame a strong challenge from **Lovely Professional University, Punjab**, to win the overall championship as the curtain came down on the **Khelo India University Games (KIUG)** with a colorful closing ceremony

### **Tokyo Olympian discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur was provisionally suspended:**

- India's **Tokyo Olympics** finalist discus thrower **Kamalpreet Kaur** could miss the **2022 Commonwealth Games, 2022 Asian Games, and 2024 Paris Olympics** after being provisionally suspended for using a banned substance.

### **Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022 has begun in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh:**

- The **12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022** will begin in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- A total of **27 teams** will vie for top honors in the 12-day tournament.
- The participating teams are **divided into eight pools**.

### **24th Deaflympics: India wins two gold and one bronze medal:**

- At the ongoing **24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul in Brazil**; The Indian contingent began their campaign on Day 3 with **two golds and one bronze medal**.
- **Shooter Dhanush Srikanth** struck gold in the Men's 10m air rifle competition while **Shourya Saini** bagged a bronze, finishing behind Korea's Kim Woo Rim in the eight-man final.

### **Asian Games 2022 in China postponed to 2023:**

- The **Asian Games 2022, due to be held in Hangzhou, China** in September, has been **postponed to 2023** due to rising COVID-19 cases in the country, the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced**.
- The Olympic Council of Asia, the governing body for the Asian Games, will later announce the new dates for the **19th edition of the Games**.

### **Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa climbs Mount Everest for the 26th time:**

- A Nepali mountaineer identified as **Kami Rita Sherpa** has created history by scaling **Mount Everest for the 26th time**.
- The man has broken the record that was set last year.
- He scaled Everest along the southeast ridge route.

### **Priyanka Mohite becomes the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 meters:**

- **Priyanka Mohite from Satara in western Maharashtra** has become the **first Indian woman to scale five peaks above 8,000 meters** after she climbed Mount Kanchenjunga.
- Priyanka (30), the recipient of the **Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award 2020**, est completed her expedition to Mount Kanchenjunga (8,586 m), the third-high mountain on the planet.

### **Abhinav Deshwal wins men's 10m air pistol gold at Deaflympics**

- **India won its second gold medal** in shooting at the ongoing **24th Deaflympics in Caxias do Sul, Brazil**, with Abhinav Deshwal claiming the **men's 10m air pistol title**.
- The **15-year-old from Roorkee, Uttarakhand**, was tied with silver-winning Ukrainian Oleksii Lazebnyk at 234.2 points apiece at the end of the 24-shot final, before winning gold in a shoot-off where he shot a 10.3 to his opponent's 9.7.

### **Max Verstappen wins the first-ever Miami Grand:**

- **Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen** won the **first-ever Miami Grand Prix** after sprinting past **Charles Leclerc** who started at the pole position.
- **Leclerc (Ferrari)** finished **second** and **Spanish** teammate **Carlos Sainz (Ferrari)** placed **third** in the **Miami Grand Prix 2022**.

### **Carlos Alcaraz won the men's singles title at the Madrid Open title 2022:**

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- Rising Spanish tennis star **Carlos Alcaraz** clinched the **Madrid Open title**, beating defending champion Alexander Zverev.
- The victory took the 19-year-old's winning streak to 10 matches.
- **Alcaraz beat Rafael Nadal and world No. 1 Novak Djokovic** on his way to the final, the first such instance in a clay-court tournament.

### Indian GM Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament:

- Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** has emerged as champion in the **1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament**.
- It was a hat-trick of titles for him after he had previously won the **La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open**.

### Anurag Thakur has launched the mascot, logo, and jersey of the Khelo India Youth Games:

- Union Sports Minister **Anurag Thakur** launched the mascot 'Dhakad' along with the official **logo and official jersey of the Fourth Khelo India Youth Games at Panchkula** and lauded the effort of **Haryana to host the games**.
- Thakur was accompanied by Haryana Chief Minister ML Khattar, Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and Haryana sports minister Sandeep Singh during the function.

### 12th IBA Women's World Boxing Championships kick-started in Istanbul:

- Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist **Lovlina Borgohain** kickstarted her campaign on an impressive note by notching up a thrilling win at the **12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Istanbul**.
- More than **400 boxers from a record 93 countries** are expected to compete in this year's event, which also happens to be the event's **20th anniversary**.

### India won 14 medals in Archery Asia Cup 2022 Stage 2:

- Indian archers wrapped up a highly successful **Asia Cup 2022 Stage-2 campaign in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq** with a total of **14 medals – eight golds, four silvers, and two bronze**.
- The final day's medal rush began after the Indian trio of **Mrinal Chauhan, Parth Salunkhe, and Juyel Sarkar** outshot Bangladesh 5-1 in the men's recurve team event final to pocket the gold medal.

### ISSF Junior World Cup: Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary won gold in the Mixed Team Pistol event:

- Indian pistol pairs **Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary** won the **mixed team pistol gold** at the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany**.
- India's **Palak and Sarabjot Singh** settled for the silver medal after losing to Esha and Saurabh 16-12 in the gold medal match.
- In all, **India has so far won 10 medals**, including **four gold**.

### Inter Milan Beat Juventus: Italian Cup 2022

- **Inter Milan has crowned the 2022 Italian Cup** champions **after beating Juventus 4-2** in the final.
- **Nicolò Barella** scored the other goal for Inter.
- The Italian Cup final soccer match between Juventus and Inter Milan was **held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, Italy**.
- **About Italian Cup:**
- The **Coppa Italia** is an annual knockout cup competition in **Italian football** organized by the **FIGC championship (Italian Football Federation)** until the 2009–10 season and the Lega Serie A afterward.

### Thomas Cup Title: India beats Indonesia 3-0:

- India won its maiden Thomas Cup title beating 14-time champion **Indonesia 3-0 in the final in Bangkok**.
- World championships **bronze medallist Lakshya Sen** defeated Indonesia's **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** 8-21, 21-17, 21-16 in the first men's singles to give India a 1-0 lead.

### Badminton BWF Uber Cup Final 2022 - South Korea beat China:

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- Korea surprised defending champions **China** to win their second Uber Cup title during an exciting final at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand.

### Italian Open 2022: Overview

- World number one **Novak Djokovic** of Serbia defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the **79th Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia)** in Rome and the **38th ATP Masters 1000** title.
- After defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals, Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to reach 1,000 match wins.
- **Iga Swiatek** won the Italian Open in women's singles after defeating Ons Jabeur

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's doubles	Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia)	John Isner (United States) & Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women's doubles	Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

### The BCCI has banned journalist Boria Majumdar for two years in connection with the Wriddhiman Saha affair:

- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has banned journalist **Boria Majumdar** for two years after an internal investigation found him guilty of attempting to "threaten and intimidate" wicketkeeper **Wriddhiman Saha**.
- The BCCI governing council considered the report of a **three-member committee** and decided to ban Majumdar from playing cricket or interviewing cricketers for two years.

### Nikhat Zareen won gold at the Women's World Boxing Championships:

- **Nikhat Zareen** stunned Thai Olympian Jutamas Jitpong 5-0 to become the **fifth Indian woman to win a World title at the Women's World Championships** in Istanbul.
- Nikhat is thus only the fifth Indian women's boxer to win a gold medal at the World Championships, following **Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC**. Zareen, 25, is a former junior young world champion.

### Max Verstappen of Red Bull wins the Spanish Grand Prix:

- **Max Verstappen** won the Spanish Grand Prix in a Red Bull, taking up the lead from **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc**, who retired with an engine failure while leading at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.

### GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandha, wins the 36th Reykjavik Open 2022:

- **Rameshbabu Praggnanandha** wins the **Reykjavik Open 2022 held in Iceland** at the age of 16.
- On 22nd February 2022, at the age of 16, he became the youngest player ever to defeat the world champion, **Magnus Carlsen**, at the **Airthings Masters Rapid Chess Tournament**.
- On May 20, 2022, he defeated Carlsen once more in the **Chessable Masters Online rapid chess event**.

### Odisha won the 12th Senior Women's National Championship in Hockey India:

- **Odisha's women's team** earned their **first Senior Nationals gold medal**, defeating **Karnataka** 2-0 in the final of the **12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship**.
- Earlier, in the third-fourth place match, **Hockey Jharkhand** defeated **Hockey Haryana** 3-2. **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**, hosted the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship.

### Rhythm Mamania, a 10-year-old girl from Maharashtra, has reached Everest base camp:

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- **Rhythm Mamania**, a 10-year-old champion skater from Worli, has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to reach the **Everest Base Camp (EBC) in Nepal's Himalayan ranges**.
- Rhythm accomplished a unique accomplishment by climbing to the base camp at an altitude of **5,364 meters in 11 days**.

### UEFA Europa Football League title won by Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt:

- German club Eintracht Frankfurt won their **first European championship** in 42 years after defeating Rangers on penalties 5-4 in Seville, Spain.
- **Kevin Trapp, the goalkeeper**, made two saves at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help Frankfurt win on penalties 5-4.

### India wins the Thomas Cup with a 3-0 victory over Indonesia:

- India's men's badminton team wins the **Thomas Cup for the first time**, defeating superpower **Indonesia 3-0 in the final**.
- In the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, India defeated 14-time winners Indonesia 3-0 to win the title.

### Manchester City won the Premier League Football Championship in 2021-22:

- Manchester City has won its fourth Premier League title in 2021-2022.
- Manchester City defeated Aston Villa in the season finale.

### Haryana defeated Punjab in the Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship:

- Haryana's hockey team won the **Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 in Imphal**, defeating Jharkhand's hockey team 2-0 in the final.
- The Uttar Pradesh Hockey team defeated the **Madhya Pradesh** Hockey team 3-0 in Imphal to finish third in the **Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022**.

### BCCI signed up as NFT partner for Women's T20 Challenge:

- The **Indian cricket board**, which is known for being slow to **adopt new protocols**, has now chosen to investigate the use of **non-fungible tokens (NFT)**.
- The Cricket Board has named **FanCraze** as its official partner and accomplice for the **Women's Twenty20 Challenge**.

### Shikhar Dhawan becomes the first player to hit 700 fours in IPL history:

- Shikhar Dhawan of the Punjab Kings has become the first player in Indian Premier League history to score **700 fours (IPL)**.

### SC appoints 3-member Committee to oversee the functioning of AIFF:

- The **Supreme Court** has established a three-member **Committee of Administrators (CoA)** chaired by former Supreme Court judge AR Dave to oversee the business of the **All-India Football Federation (AIFF)** and the approval of its constitution following the National Sports Code and model guidelines.

### India beats Indonesia 16-0 in Asia Cup 2022 hockey tournament:

- In an exciting Pool B match, the **Indian men's team scored six goals in the last quarter to defeat Indonesia 16-0**.
- **India joined Japan, Malaysia, and South Korea in the Asia Cup Super-4 round**.

### IBA Women's World Boxing Championships: Turkey topped medal tally of 2022:

- The **12th edition of the 2022 International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championship (WWBC)** was placed at Istanbul's Başakşehir Youth and Sports Facility.
- For the **first time in four years, India won a total of three medals**, including **one gold and two bronze**.
- **Nikhat Zareen** (Nizamabad, Telangana) of India won gold in the flyweight (52kg) event with 5-0 points over Thailand's **Jitpong Jutamas**.

### ISSF Junior World Cup 2022: India won 33 medals:

- Indian shooters concluded their campaign on **top with a total of 33 medals** at the **ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany**.

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- India's tally of 33 medals - **13 golds, 15 silvers, and five bronzes** - was the most by any country at the 2022 edition.

### Tokyo Bronze Medallist Lovlina Borgohain elected as IBAs Athletes Committee Chair:

- International Boxing Association (IBA)** has announced that **Indian boxer and Tokyo Olympics Bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain** has received the highest number of votes during the election held at the **2022 Women's World Championships** and thus has been **elected as the chair** and a **voting member on the Board of Directors** for the **IBA's Athletes' Committee**.

### Adani Sports line acquires new franchise in UAE T20 Cricket League:

- Adani Sports line**, a part of the **Adani Group**, made a foray into franchise cricket by **acquiring** the rights to own and operate a **franchise in UAE T20 League**.
- Licensed by the Emirates Cricket Board, the UAE T20 League** will be an annual event that will feature six teams competing in a 34-match event.

### IPL 2022 Finals: Gujarat Titans won the title

- Gujarat Titans (GT)** won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 at the **Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad**, defeating the inaugural winners **Rajasthan Royals (RR)**.
- The 15th season** of the professional Twenty20 cricket league founded by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** was the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022. (BCCI).
- IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony: It was a full house at the Narendra Modi Stadium as the attendance marked 1,04,859.

### Women's T20 Challenge: Supernovas Beat Velocity

- Supernovas defeated Velocity by four runs** in the final of the **Women's T20 Challenge 2022**.
- Deandra Dottin, a West Indies T20 specialist**, starred with both bat and ball as Supernovas won their third Women's T20 Challenge title with a four-run victory over Velocity.
- The BCCI organizes the Women's T20 Challenge**, an Indian women's cricket 20-20 tournament.

### India wins first-ever medal at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix:

- India won its first-ever medal** in the **IBSA Judo Grand Prix in Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**.
- Judoka Kapil Parmar** of the **Indian Blind and Para Judo Association** deserves deep gratitude for bringing gold to the country.
- 18 of the 21 competing countries took home medals.

### Red Bull's Sergio Perez won Monaco F1 Grand Prix 2022:

- Driver Sergio Pérez** (Mexican) of the **Red Bull team** won the **Monaco Grand Prix (GP)** Formula One (F1) 2022 with 25 points, held at **Circuit de Monaco, Monaco, Europe**.
- With this win, **Sergio Pérez becomes the first Mexican to win the Monaco Grand Prix**, and the first North American to win it since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981.

### Men's Hockey Asia Cup: India wins bronze with a 1-0 win over Japan

- India beat Japan 1-0** to win the **bronze medal at the 2022 Men's Hockey Asia Cup** in Jakarta, **Indonesia**.
- Japan had seven corners while India had only two**, but India came out on top in the circling penetration index 11-10.
- But she managed to hold her ground and win a **second bronze at the Asian Cup**.

### Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad:

- The **government wants world-class pitches and venues for all sports** for the **Ahmedabad Games** with Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex, and three complexes for other sports.
- Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister for Cooperation and Housing**, laid the groundwork for an **Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat** for Rs 632 crore.

### Indian American Harini Logan Wins 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee:

- Harini Logan** was eliminated from the Scripps National Spelling Bee once and was later reinstated.



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- She missed four words during a tough match against Vikram Raju, including one that would have earned her the title.
- In the first tiebreak, **Harini finally won the championship trophy.**

### French Open Tennis Grand Slam 2022:

- **The 2022 French Open is a Grand Slam tennis tournament** played on outdoor clay courts.
- Taking place at **Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France**, from May 22 to June 5, 2022, and includes singles, doubles, and mixed doubles match.
- Iga Świątek won the women's singles title, winning the **French Open crown for a second time**, while **Rafael Nadal won the men's singles**, winning a record **14th French Open title**.

### Aman Sehrawat strikes gold at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup Wrestling tournament:

- **National champion Aman Sehrawat** clinched a gold medal while **Tokyo 2020 bronze medallist Bajrang Punia** settled for bronze in the 2022 **Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament in Almaty, Kazakhstan**.
- With the two more medals, India concluded the United World Wrestling's ranking series with **11 medals - six golds, one silver, and four bronze**.
- Five of the golds were won by women.

### R Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament:

- **India's Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** won the **Norway Chess Group A open chess** tournament after netting **7.5 points from nine rounds**.
- The rising Indian star finished a point ahead of **Marcel Efroimski and Jung Min Seo**, who tied for second place.
- **The 16-year-old GM**, the top seed, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds.

### India ends their campaign at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup in the second position with 12 medals:

- **In Wrestling, India** ended their campaign at the **Bolat Turlykhanov Cup at Almaty in Kazakhstan** in the **second position with 12 medals**.
- This included a tally of **six golds, one silver, and five bronze medals** in total.
- **Iran topped the medal tally with 14 medals**.

### Virat Kohli Becomes the 1st Indian to Reach 200 million followers on Instagram:

- **Indian cricketer Virat Kohli** has crossed the **200 million followers mark** on the social media site **Instagram**.
- Former India and **Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** captain entered the 200m club.

### Tamil Nadu CM unveils mascot & logo for FIDE Chess Olympiad to be held in Chennai:

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin** unveiled the mascot and the logo named '**Thambi**' for the **44th Chess Olympiad**, in **Chennai**.
- '**Thambi**' in Tamil means **younger brother**.
- The international event will be held at **Mamallapuram** near **Chennai** from **28th July to August 10**.

### Mithali Raj announces retirement from international cricket:

- **Mithali Raj**, captain of **India women's ODI and Test teams**, announced her **retirement from all forms of international cricket**
- Raj is regarded as one of the **top Indian players in the sport**.

### Avani Lekhara wins gold with the world record in Para Shooting World Cup:

- **Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara** won gold at the **Para Shooting World Cup** with a world record score of 250.6 in women's **10m air rifle standing SH1** in **Chateauroux, France**.
- The 20-year-old shooter broke her world record of 249.6 to secure her a spot at the **2024 Paris Paralympics**.

### Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia has announced first-ever National Air Sports Policy 2022:

- Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has announced **first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 in New Delhi**.

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- The objective of this policy is to include **India among the top air sporting nations by 2030**.
- It is also aimed at providing a **safe, affordable and sustainable air sports ecosystem in the country**.

**Indian shooter Avani Lekhara strikes gold at Para Shooting World Cup in France with a record score:**

- **Indian shooter Avani Lekhara** won the **gold medal at the Para Shooting World Cup in France** with a record score.
- The victory assured Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Lekhara of a spot in the **2024 Paris Paralympics**.

**India Beat Poland 6-4 to Clinch Inaugural FIH Hockey 5s Title:**

- **India beat Poland** 6-4 in the final to clinch the inaugural **FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland**.
- India, who had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, **ended their campaign with an unbeaten record**.

**FIH World Ranking: Women's hockey team climbs to 6th position:**

- The **Indian Women's Hockey team** climbed to the **sixth position in the FIH World Hockey Rankings**, achieving their best-ever ranking.
- **With 2029.396 points**, the Indian Women's Hockey Team is now placed in the World Rankings above Spain.

**Para-canoeist Prachi Yadav bags bronze in Paracanoe World Cup in Poland:**

- **Paralympian Prachi Yadav** made history **for India** by becoming the **first canoeist** from the country to **win a World Cup medal when she bagged a bronze** in the VL2 Women's 200m in the **Paracanoe World Cup held in Poznan, Poland**.

**Shreyas G Hosur became 1st Indian Railways officer to complete the grueling 'Ironman' Triathlon:**

- **Shreyas G Hosur** after he created history by becoming the **first officer from the Indian Railways** to complete the '**Ironman Triathlon**' – considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world.
- The event includes a **3.8 km swim, 180 km cycling, and 42.2 km running**.

**Max Verstappen won Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2022:**

- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** won the **Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022** (his fifth victory of the season).
- In the process, Verstappen became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time.
- Red Bull's **Sergio Perez** came second and **Mercedes' George Russell** came to the third spot.

**Angelo Mathews and Tuba Hassan crowned ICC Players:**

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced that **Sri Lankan batting star Angelo Mathews and Pakistan's spin sensation Tuba Hasan** have been selected as the **ICC Men's and Women's Players for May 2022**.

**Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title:**

- **Hosts Haryana** won the **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021** title with **52 gold medals**, of which, 10 came in boxing.
- **Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals**, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals - the highest cumulative haul by any state.
- **Maharashtra, meanwhile, managed 45 gold, 40 silver, and 40 bronze medals to come second with 125 medals**.
- **Karnataka, with 22 gold, 17 silver, and 28 bronze, finished third with 67 medals**.

**Teenager Rahul Srivatshav becomes India's 74th Grandmaster:**

- **Rahul Srivatshav P. of Telangana** has become **India's 74th Grandmaster**, achieving the title **after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier** in live FIDE ratings during the **9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy**.
- The **19-year-old player** reached the 2500 Elo live rating mark after drawing his 8th round game against Grandmaster Levan Pantsulia in the Cattolica event.
- His current Elo rating is 2468.

**IWF Youth World Championships: Saanapathi Gurunaidu wins gold:**



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- At the IWF World Youth Championships in Leon, Mexico, Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu won gold in the men's 55 kg category.
- On the first day of the competition of the IWF, two more Indian weightlifters Vijay Prajapati and Akansha Kishor Vyavhare also won medals, they also won silver.

### Neeraj Chopra Sets New National Record With 89.30 Metre Javelin Throw:

- Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra set a new national record by throwing 89.30 meters at the Paavo Nurmi Olympics in Finland.
- Chopra's previous national record was 88.07m, set by him in Patiala last March.
- He won the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics with a throw of 87.58m on August 7, 2021.

### Indian para-power-lifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar win bronze medals in Asia Oceania Open Championships:

- Indian para-powerlifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar won bronze medals on the opening day of the World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.
- Manpreet Kaur won the bronze medal in the 41 kg category.
- In the men's category, Parmjeet Kumar also won the bronze medal in the 49 kg category.

### ICC retains Nitin Menon in Elite Panel

- Nitin Menon of India has retained his spot on the ICC Elite Panel and will make his first appearance as a neutral umpire later this month in Sri Lanka.
- Menon has received a one-year extension from the International Cricket Council.
- In the 11-member Elite Panel of Umpires, the 38-year-old from Indore remains the only Indian.

### Neeraj Chopra to lead 37-member athletics team for Commonwealth Games 2022:

- The Athletics Federation of India has announced that Neeraj Chopra will lead a 37-member Indian athletics team at Commonwealth Games.

### FIFA announces 2026 World Cup venues across U.S., Canada, and Mexico:

- FIFA has revealed that matches for the 2026 World Cup will be contested in 11 US cities, as well as three host locations in Mexico and two in Canada.
- It will also be the first time that the event will feature 48 teams, up from the 32 that will compete in FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which will take place from November 21 to December 18.

### Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra wins gold at Kuortane Games in Finland:

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won the javelin throw event at the Kuortane Games in Finland, defeating incumbent world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada for his first top podium result of the season.
- Chopra's first throw of 86.69m proved to be the winning distance for the 24-year-old.
- Keshorn Walcott, the 2012 Olympic champion from Trinidad and Tobago, came in second with an 86.64m first-round throw.

### Red Bull driver Max Verstappen wins Canadian Grand Prix 2022

- After holding off pressure from Carlos Sainz of Ferrari in the last laps of the Canadian Grand Prix, Max Verstappen of Red Bull narrowly won his sixth Formula 1 race of the year.
- For the second time this season, Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez was forced to withdraw from the race owing to engine troubles, while Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won his second podium this year in third.

### Sunil Chhetri becomes joint 5th highest goalscorer:

- Sunil Chhetri, the captain of the Indian men's football team, tied Ferenc Puskas of Hungary and Real Madrid for most international goals with his 84th goal against Hong Kong in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers.
- Top 5 International Goal Scorer:



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- Cristiano Ronaldo with 117 goals
- Iran's Ali Daei managed 109 goals.
- Malaysia's Mokhtar Dahari netted 89 goals.
- Lionel Messi with 86 goals.
- Sunil Chhetri and Ferenc Puskás with 84 goals.

### Matteo Berrettini defeats Andy Murray in the championship game to win the Stuttgart Open:

- **Matteo Berrettini defeated Andy Murray in the 2022 Stuttgart Open final.**
- He overcame Murray 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 in a closely fought contest.
- The **26-year-old Berrettini** now holds a **perfect 9-0 record at the ATP 250 event.**

### Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship:

- The **Indian women's wrestling team** won five medals in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**, to win the **Under-17 Asian Championship with a total of eight gold.**
- With a total of 235 points, including **eight gold medals, one silver, and one bronze**, India won the championship.
- With 143 points, **Japan had to settle for second place**, while Mongolia took third place with 138 points.

### Minister of Civil Aviation releases National Air Sports Policy 2022:

- The **National Air Sport Policy 2022** was introduced by **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, Minister of Civil Aviation (NASP 2022).
- **By 2023, India should rank among the top sporting nations**, according to **NASP 2022's objective.**

### India moves up two points in the FIFA rankings to 104:

- The **Indian football team** enjoyed a successful harvest as a result of their strong **Asian Cup qualification campaign**, moving up **two spots to position 104 in the most recent FIFA global rankings.**
- **The Blue Tigers** have ranked just ahead of **New Zealand (103).**
- **India's position among the AFC's members**, however, remained unchanged on the **19th.**

### Rumeli Dhar retires from all forms of international cricket:

- The **38-year-old Indian all-rounder and seam bowler Rumeli Dhar** has declared her **retirement from international cricket.**

### Navjeet Dhillon wins gold medal at Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet:

- Indian women's discus thrower **Navjeet Dhillon** won the **gold medal** at the **Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- **Navjeet Dhillon**, who is looking to seal her place in the Indian team for **Commonwealth Games**, won the women's discus throw with a 56.24m effort.
- Local athlete **Karina Vasilyeva** with 44.61m and **Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina** with 40.48m followed Navjeet Dhillon on the podium.

### Vijay Amritraj was honored with Golden Achievement Award by ITF and the International Tennis Hall of Fame:

- India's **Vijay Amritraj** has been named **the 2021 recipient of the Golden Achievement Award.**
- The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually by the **International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation.**
- The award was presented at a **special celebration hosted in Amritraj's honor in London.**

### Madhya Pradesh beats Mumbai by six wickets: Ranji Trophy 2022

- At the **M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru**, **Madhya Pradesh** defeated tournament giants **Mumbai** by six wickets to **win their first Ranji Trophy championship.**
- The squad, led by **Aditya Shrivastava**, overcame Mumbai, a 41-time winner.
- **Chandrakant Pandit, a former Indian wicket-keeper, and batsman** served as the team's coach.

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### **Cyclist Ronaldo, the first Indian cyclist to win silver at Asian Championship:**

- At the **Asian Track Championship**, **Ronaldo Singh** created cycling history by becoming the **first Indian cyclist to earn a silver medal** in a continental competition in the **senior category** by **finishing second in the sprint race** on the penultimate day of the event in this city.
- He battled skillful Japanese rider, **Kento Yamasaki**, valiantly, but he still came away with silver.

### **Dhanalakshmi becomes 3rd fastest Indian woman in 200m:**

- At the **Qosanov Memorial Athletics**, champion sprinter **Sekar Dhanalakshmi** ran her personal best time to win the **200-meter gold medal**.
- Dhanalakshmi beat her previous personal best of **23.14 seconds set last year** by running a respectable sub-23 second time of 22.89.
- Dhanalakshmi is just the **third Indian woman to run under 23 seconds** after **Hima Das** and **Saraswati Saha**, who holds the record at 22.82 seconds (22.88s).

### **IWF Youth World Championships: Vizianagaram's Sanapathi Gurunaidu becomes India's first to win gold**

- **Sanapathi Gurunaidu** of Chandrampeta village in Nellimarla Mandal of Vizianagaram district has become **India's first weightlifter to win gold at the IWF Youth World Championships held at Leon in Mexico**.
- The **16-year-old claimed the top slot** with a total effort of 230kg (104kg+126kg) in the boy's 55kg event.
- While **Gurunaidu**, the **2020 Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships bronze medallist**, stood on top of the podium, **Saudi Arabia's Ali Majeed** 229kg (105kg+124kg) came in **second** and **Yerassyl Umrov of Kazakhstan** 224kg (100kg+124kg) **third**.

### **Deepak Punia wins bronze in U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022:**

- Tokyo Olympian **Deepak Punia** won a bronze medal after defeating **Maksat Satybaldy** in the **86kg freestyle weight category** at the **U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.

### **World Cup-winning captain, leaves international cricket: Eoin Morgan**

- The **England and Wales Cricket Board** has confirmed that **Eoin Morgan** will immediately retire from **international cricket (ECB)**.
- The **men's white-ball team from England was led by Morgan**.
- During his **13-year international career** with England, the **35-year-old captained** England Men to their first-ever **ICC Men's Cricket World Cup** win at Lord's in 2019.
- Additionally, he represented England at the 2010 **ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup** in the Caribbean.

### **Sydney McLaughlin, an Olympic champion, smashes her own 400-meter hurdles world record:**

- At the **American championships in Eugene, Oregon**, Olympic gold medalist **Sydney McLaughlin** shattered her own **women's 400-meter hurdles world record by taking the title in 51.41 seconds**.
- In front of a cheering audience, the 22-year-old took the lead early and never gave the rest of the field a chance to catch up, securing her place in the global championships.
- With **Shamier Little coming in third in 53.92 seconds**, **Britton Wilson came in 1.67 seconds farther back**.

### **Carlos Sainz won the British Grand Prix Title 2022:**

- At the **British Grand Prix in 2022**, **Carlos Sainz of Ferrari** became the first Spaniard to **win a Formula One race**.
- He finished ahead of **Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes** and **Sergio Perez of Red Bull**.
- In his **150th race**, **Carlos Sainz won his first Formula One race**.

### **Novak Djokovic becomes 1st player to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams:**

- **Novak Djokovic** became the **first player in history to win 80 matches at all four Grand Slams on Centre Court**, defeating **Kwon Soon-woo** 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
- The former world number one tennis player has established history by winning his 80th match at Wimbledon.
- The six-time winner is the only male player in the **Open Era to win 80** or more matches at each of the four grand slams.

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### **Jasprit Bumrah smashes Broad for 29 runs, shattering Lara's world record:**

- **Jasprit Bumrah, the captain of India**, surpassed the famous **Brian Lara's record by one run** when he battered the helpless Stuart Broad for 29 runs to set a new global record for the **most runs scored in a single over in Test cricket**.
- **Lara held the global record for the longest time (18 years)**.
- In a Test match in 2003–04, he scored 28 runs against South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson, including four fours and two sixes from six legal deliveries.

### **Adani Sportsline is the principal sponsor of the Indian Olympic Association:**

- The **Indian Olympic Association and Adani Sportsline**, the Adani Group's sports division, have signed a **long-term major sponsorship agreement (IOA)**.
- The upcoming **Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022**, the **Hangzhou Asian Games in 2022**, and the **Paris Olympic Games in 2024**, it will serve as the Indian team's official partner.
- The group has previously been linked to the Indian team competing in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

### **Neeraj Chopra clinches silver medal at prestigious Diamond League meet:**

- **Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** clinched his **first-ever medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm** as he broke his national record for the second time in a month.
- **Chopra finished 2nd at the Stockholm Diamond League** with a massive throw of 89.94 meters.
- Reigning world champion **Anderson Peters won the event** with a best throw of 90.31 meters.

### **Boxers Alfiya Pathan and Gitika clinch gold medals: Elorda Cup**

- **Alfiya Pathan and Gitika**, the current **Youth World Boxing champions**, took home gold in the **Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**.
- **Silver medals** were won by two more female boxers from **India, Kalaivani Srinivasan, and Jamuna Boro**.
- **Alfiya defeated Lazzat Kungeibayeva**, the 2016 world champion and a strong contender for the championship, with a score of 5-0 in the women's 81-kilogram final.

### **Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022:**

- The **Petronas Malaysia Open 2022** was the official name of the **2022 Malaysia Open**, which took place in the **Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.
- The tournament's total prize money was **US\$675,000**.
- The 2022 Malaysia Open, which was a part of the Malaysia Open competitions that had been going on since 1937, was the **twelfth event on the 2022 BWF World Tour**.

### **36th National Games to be held in Gujarat from Sep 27 to Oct 10:**

- Gujarat's chief minister, **Shri Bhupendra Patel**, announced that the **36th National Games** will be hosted in his state for the **first time from September 27 to October 10**.
- The famous event is being held following a seven-year break; **the previous one was in Kerala in 2015**.
- This is due to a multitude of issues, including the coronavirus epidemic since 2020.

### **Wimbledon 2022: Novak Djokovic wins the seventh title:**

- Serbia **Novak Djokovic** defeated **Nick Kyrgios** in four sets to win his **seventh Wimbledon men's title** and **21st Grand Slam title**.
- Despite Kyrgios' best efforts, he was only able to win one set against the more seasoned opponent in his maiden Major final, allowing **Djokovic to win his 21st Major title**.

### **India's Arjun Babuta wins first gold medal at ISSF World Cup in South Korea:**

- In Shooting, **India's Arjun Babuta** won his first gold medal at the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea**.
- He defeated Tokyo 2020 silver medallist **Lucas Kozeniesky** of the USA 17-9 in the final.
- **Arjun Babuta** had also topped the eight-men ranking round with a score of 261.1 ahead of Lucas Kozeniesky's 260.4.

### **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc wins Austrian Grand Prix 2022:**

- To win the **Austrian Grand Prix 2022**, Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc** defeated world champion **Max Verstappen**.
- **Max Verstappen of Red Bull** had to settle for **second place**, as seven-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes finished** well behind in **third** after starting ninth for the third straight race.



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### Marizanne Kapp and Jonny Bairstow were named ICC Players of the Month for June:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has released the June 2022 ICC Player of the Month honors.
- Jonny Bairstow of England won the Men's Player of the Month award for his strong play, and Marizanne Kapp of South Africa was named the Women's Player of the Month.

### GM D. Gukesh of India wins the Gijon Chess Masters:

- The Gijon Chess Masters was won by D. Gukesh of India with eight points after nine rounds.
- International Master Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain came in third with six points, followed by GM Alexandre Fier of Brazil in second place with 6.5 points.

### In Finland, 94-year-old Bhagwani Devi won a gold medal in the 100-meter sprint:

- At the Tampere, Finland, World Masters Athletics Championships, 94-year-old Indian sprinter Bhagwani Devi Dagar took home the gold medal in the 100-meter sprint.
- With a time of 24.74 seconds, she won the gold and the bronze in the shot-put events.
- The World Masters Athletics Championships are track and field championships held for participants 35 years of age and beyond.

### Indian women's cricket team for upcoming Commonwealth Games announced:

- The BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) has named the Indian women's cricket team for the upcoming Commonwealth Games, which will be held in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8.
- Harmanpreet Kaur will serve as the team's captain.
- Sneh Rana, Harleen Deol, and Taniya Bhatiya served as the team's wicketkeepers

### Birmingham World Games 2022: Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam win bronze in archery:

- At the World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma, the Asian Games gold and bronze medalists in archery, respectively, won bronze.
- In the bronze medal match, the Indian archery team defeated Mexico's Andrea and Miguel Becerra 157-156.
- At the Archery World Cup in Paris, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma won gold.

### Rohit Sharma sets a world record and becomes the first captain to win 13 straight T20I matches:

- India's skipper, Rohit Sharma, made cricket history by becoming the first captain to win 13 straight T20Is.
- Rohit achieved this in Southampton's first Twenty20 encounter in a three-match series against England.
- After taking over as captain from Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma guided the Men in Blue to victory against New Zealand, the West Indies, Sri Lanka, and now England.

### India bagged 22 medals in Asian U-20 Wrestling Championships in Manama, Bahrain:

- As many as 22 medals were eventually won by Indian wrestlers at the U20 Asian Wrestling Championships in Manama, Bahrain.
- The Indian team placed second in both the men's and women's wrestling competitions, and seventh in the men's Greco-Roman competition.

### Mohammed Shami becomes fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets:

- In the opening ODI between India and England at the Kennington Oval, Mohammed Shami became the Indian bowler to reach 150 ODI wickets the quickest.
- Shami is the third-fastest overall with 150 ODI wickets.
- Along with Rashid Khan of Afghanistan, Shami surpassed the milestone of 150 ODI wickets in the third-fastest time ever.

### British Parliament felicitated BCCI President Sourav Ganguly:

- Sourav Ganguly, a former captain of India and the current president of the BCCI, received recognition from the British Parliament.
- Exactly 20 years after leading India to victory in the Natwest final in 2002, the Indian cricket icon was honored on the same day, in the same place.

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- In 2019, he was chosen to lead the BCCI.

### Singapore Open 2022: PV Sindhu wins first Super 500 title

- In the Singapore Open final, PV Sindhu defeated China's Wang Zhi Yi to win the tournament's first Super 500 title.
- At the Singapore Open for badminton in 2022, Anthony Sinisuka Ginting won the men's singles competition.

### Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa wins Paracin Open Chess title in Serbia:

- In Chess, young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia.
- Second-seeded, Praggnanandhaa scored 8 points from nine rounds.
- Top seed, **Alexandr Predke** took the second spot with 7.5 points ahead of Alisher Suleymanov and India's AL Muthaiah, who both scored 7 points.
- Suleymanov grabbed third place based on a better tie-break score.

### Murali Sreeshankar becomes first Indian to enter men's long jump final at World Athletics Championships:

- In the World Athletics Championships, Murali Sreeshankar has become the first Indian to enter the men's long jump final in Oregon, USA.
- Avinash Sable in Men's 3000-meter steeplechase and Murali Sreeshankar in Men's Long Jump qualified for the final in their respective events.

### India top ISSF Shooting World Cup medal tally at Changwon in South Korea:

- In the ISSF Shooting World Cup, India topped the medal tally at Changwon in South Korea.
- India finished the tournament with eight medals including three golds, four silvers, and one bronze, and was way ahead of hosts Korea and Serbia in the medal tally.

### IOA announces 322-member strong squad for Commonwealth Games 2022:

- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced a 322-member strong Indian squad for the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG), beginning 28th of July.
- The contingent includes 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff.
- The CWG games are set to take place from 28 July to 8th August this year in the British city.
- In the 2018 CWG at the Australian city Gold Coast, India finished third behind Australia and England.

### Indian GM Aravindh Chithambaram won the tournament in Spain:

- The 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open was won by Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram in Spain.
- Based on a tie-break score, he defeated Raunak Sadhwani and Robert Hovhannisyan of Armenia.
- In third place, after the Armenian, was Sadhwani. Chithambaram has won national competitions in the past.

### Mairaj Ahmad Khan becomes first Indian shooter to win a gold medal in men's skeet event at ISSF World Cup:

- In Shooting, two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan recorded 37 hits out of a possible 40 in the final to win gold.
- South Korea's Minsu Kim struck 36 for silver while Ben Llewellyn of Great Britain won bronze with 26 hits.

### 2025 World Athletics Championships: Tokyo's Olympic Stadium to host an event

- Tokyo (Japan) will host the 2025 World Athletics Championships, according to the World Athletics Council.
- The 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be hosted in Medulin and Pula in Croatia, while the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.
- The 18th World Athletics Championships will get underway in Oregon, USA, while the 2023 competition will take place in Budapest, Hungary.

### Los Angeles to host 2028 Summer Olympic Games:

- The United States city of Los Angeles will play host to the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.



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- The Los Angeles Olympics' opening ceremony will begin on July 14, 2028, and last until July 30. The Paralympic Games are being held in **Los Angeles** for the first time.
- It should be remembered that **Paris, France** will host the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

### England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces ODI retirement:

- **Ben Stokes**, an all-rounder for **England**, has abruptly announced his retirement from one-day international cricket.

### West Indies Cricketers Lendl Simmons & Denesh Ramdin Announce Retirement:

- **Denesh Ramdin**, a former captain of the West Indies, announced his immediate retirement from international cricket.
- In a T20I in December 2019, he participated in his final game for the West Indies.
- **Lendl Simmons**, a West Indies hitter, also declared his retirement from international cricket in the meanwhile.

### Bangladeshi Cricketer Tamim Iqbal Announces Retirement from T20Is:

- **Tamim Iqbal**, the Bangladesh ODI captain, announced his retirement from **T20Is** immediately after his team's 3-0 victory over the West Indies in the three-match ODI series.
- **Tamim is the only batter from Bangladesh to have recorded a century in T20Is.**

### Indian GM Iniyan finishes second in a chess tournament in France:

- **India's teenage Grandmaster P Iniyan** finished second in the La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022 in La Plagne in **France**.
- The 19-year-old GM scored seven points from nine rounds to tie for the **top spot** with Ukraine GM Vitaly Sivuk.
- The Ukrainian won the first prize based on a better tie-break score.
- **India's Sayantan Das**, with 6.5 points, took **third place**.

### Indian Men's team bags silver medal at ISSF World Cup:

- The **Indian men's 25m rapid-fire pistol** team comprising **Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu, and Sameer** won the **silver medal** on the last day of the **ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022** in South Korea.
- The medal helped India retain the top spot on the medals table with **five gold, six silver, and four bronze**.
- This is the **second time this year that the Indian shooters had topped the ISSF World Cup medals table**.
- India finished with four gold medals at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo.

### Indian students bag three Gold, sixteen Silver, and five Bronze medals in international Olympiads:

- Indian students bagged three Gold, sixteen Silver, and five Bronze medals in various **international Olympiads** in **Mathematics, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry**.
- While the **Mathematics Olympiad** was held in Norway and **Biology Olympiad** in Armenia, the other two, hosted by **Switzerland and China**, were held virtually.

### BCCI announces Asia Cup tournament in T-20 format to be held in UAE from Aug 27:

- **Board of Control for Cricket in India**, BCCI president **Sourav Ganguly** has confirmed that the Asia Cup, which was scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka, would be played in the UAE.
- Earlier, Sri Lanka Cricket informed the **Asian Cricket Council** that the board **will not be in a position to host the upcoming edition of the Asia Cup**.
- Asia Cup is slated to be held from the 27th of August to the 11th of September and will be **played in the T-20 format**.

### Sports Authority starts the "Create for India" campaign to cheer for Team India:

- A **215-member Indian athlete** contingent across 16 disciplines is all set to participate in the **Commonwealth Games beginning on July 28 in Birmingham**.
- Sports Authority of India has started a new initiative to cheer for Team India with the campaign "**Create for India**."

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**Neeraj Chopra, the first Indian to win a Silver medal at World Athletics Championships:**

- Tokyo Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra created history by **winning a Silver medal in the men's javelin throw event at World Athletics Championships.**
- In the prestigious competition held at **Eugene in Oregon, United States**, the champ grabbed the second position with his **best throw of 88.13 meters**.
- **Grenadian** javelin thrower **Anderson Peters won the gold medal** with a throw of **90.54 meters**.
- Neeraj Chopra is the first ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships.
- He is the **second Indian after former long jumper Anju Bobby George**, who won a bronze medal in the long jump in 2003 in Paris.

**First Khelo India Fencing Women's League has begun:**

- The **Talkatora Indoor Stadium in New Delhi** will serve as the host venue for the **first Khelo India Fencing Women's League**, which will get off on July 25, 2022.
- According to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the nation's first-ever women's national fencing tournament will last until the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.
- **Bhavani Devi**, a competitor from the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme and the Tokyo Olympics**, will take part in the league's Senior category Sabre competition.
- **She is representing the State of Tamil Nadu by performing.**

**Max Verstappen wins the title of 2022 French Grand Prix:**

- **Max Verstappen of Red Bull** won the race at Paul Ricard after **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc crashed out** on lap 18 but walked away unhurt.
- **Mercedes' George Russell came in fourth**, followed by **Lewis Hamilton in third**.

**BCCI introduced a new A+ category for umpires:**

- Nitin Menon and 10 other officials have been placed in the **new A+ category for umpires** that the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has created.

**AR Rahman unveils anthem 'Vanakkam Chennai' for 44th International Chess Olympiad:**

- The forthcoming **International Chess Olympiad, 2022**, will have a welcome anthem called "**Vanakkam Chennai**," composed by **Grammy and Oscar-winning musician AR Rahman**.
- The music video, which was **directed by Vignesh Shivan**, stars the **chief minister MK Stalin, the grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand, and the music legend AR Rahman, who wrote and sang the theme song.**

**India will host ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025:**

- According to the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, India will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup in 2025**.
- The four hosts for **ICC women's white-ball competitions from 2024 to 2027** are **India, Bangladesh, England, and Sri Lanka**.
- **The 2024 Women's T20 World Cup will be hosted in Bangladesh**, and the **2026 tournament will be placed in England**.

**Cambodia, Uzbekistan, and Cote D'Ivoire receive membership status: ICC**

- **Three nations have been granted membership status by the International Cricket Council** during the current **ICC Annual Conference in Birmingham**.
- **Cote D'Ivoire from Africa, Cambodia from Asia, and Uzbekistan** from Asia were all granted Associate membership status, bringing the overall number of **ICC members to 108, including 96 Associates**.

**Casper Ruud defeats Matteo Berrettini in the finals: Swiss Open**

- The **2022 Swiss Open Tennis Tournament** was won by **Casper Ruud of Norway in Gstaad, Switzerland**.



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- In the championship match, he outlasted **Matteo Berrettini of Italy** 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2. Ruud won his ninth **ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals)** championship.
- **Ruud won the Buenos Aires Open and Geneva Open** before in 2022, making the Swiss Open his third victory overall.

### Four times world champion Sebastian Vettel announced his retirement:

- **Four times world champion German racer Sebastian Vettel** announced his **retirement from Formula One** at the end of the season.

### American sprinter Allyson Felix joined the International Olympic Committee's athletes' commission:

- **American sprint great Allyson Felix** and a refugee cyclist originally from Afghanistan **joined the International Olympic Committee's athletes' commission**.
- Felix is the most decorated female track and field athlete in Olympic history with **seven gold medals** and joins the commission after winning her 14th career world championship title.

### Reliance Industries and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced a long-term partnership to support Indian athletes:

- **Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries and Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** announced a **long-term partnership** to support **Indian athletes in major multi-sport events**, including the **Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and the Olympics Games**.
- Under this partnership, RIL and IOA will also establish the **first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024**.

### Coca-Cola launched a no-fizz low-sugar lemon drink in India with Neeraj Chopra as the brand ambassador:

- Coca-Cola's lime beverage is all set to **attract health-conscious customers**.
- The latest addition, called **Limca Sportz**, brands itself as a low-sugar variant energy drink with **Neeraj Chopra as the ambassador**.

### England's Leicester Cricket Ground named after Sunil Gavaskar:

- The **Leicester Cricket Ground in England** is **named for the renowned cricketer from India, Sunil Gavaskar**.
- The Leicester Cricket Ground, which **is owned by Bharat Sports and Cricket Club**, has chosen to rename the venue in honor of Gavaskar in recognition of his enormous commitment to raising Indian cricket to a particular level.

### Weightlifter Sanket Sargar wins silver: Commonwealth Games 2022

- **Sanket Sargar of India** made history by being the country's **first athlete to take home a medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2022**.
- He finished second to **Malaysia's Aniq Mohamad**, who **won gold with a total of 249 kg**, in the men's 55 kg event with a total weight of 248 kg.

### Bindyaranvi Devi won India the fourth medal in weightlifting: Commonwealth Games 2022

- **Bindyaranvi Devi won India the fourth medal** at the **Commonwealth Games weightlifting arena in Birmingham**, bagging a **silver medal in the Women's 55 kg weight class**.
- The **23-year-old created a Games record** by lifting **116kg in the clean and jerk** after a personal best of 86kg in the snatch section, **totaling 202 kg**.

### Mirabai Chanu claims India's first gold medal:

- Star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu (49kg) went on a record-smashing spree, claiming four of them in a power-packed performance, to claim **India's first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham**.
- She obliterated the Games record in clean and jerk as well as total lift.

### Weightlifter Gururaja Poojary clinched a bronze medal in the men's 61 kg category:

- Weightlifter **Gururaja Poojary clinched a bronze medal** in the men's **61 kg category** at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.
- Gururaja had won a silver in the 56kg weight class at the 2018 Games on Gold Coast. At Birmingham, he won bronze with a total lift of 269kg.

### "Games Wide Open" as the slogan for both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: IOC

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- With two years to go from the **opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games**, organizers have revealed “Ouvrons Grand Les Jeux”, meaning “Games Wide Open”, as the shared slogan for the Paris **Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- It is an invitation to the world to come and experience new emotions together.

### England beats Germany in Women's Euro 2022:

- England beat Germany** 2-1 after extra time in a packed **Wembley Stadium in London**, bringing home the **trophy of the UEFA women's Euro for the first time**.
- Germany suffered a heavy blow minute ahead of the final as their captain Alex Popp had to pull out after picking up an injury during the warm-up.
- Ella Toone and Chloe Kelly prodded goals for the England team.

### Max Verstappen wins F1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022:

- Formula One champion Max Verstappen** overcame a spin and his worst starting spot of the season to win the **Hungarian Grand Prix**.
- His eighth win** of the season pushed Verstappen's lead to 80 points over Charles Leclerc as F1 heads into its mid-season break.
- Verstappen's eighth win of the season was the 28th of the Dutchman's career.

### India's Points Tally at the Commonwealth Games 2022:

- Commonwealth Games 2022, also known as Birmingham 2022**, began on July 28th and will end on August 8th, 2022 in **Birmingham, England**.
- India is competing in the **Commonwealth Games for the 18th time**.
- The Indian team at the Commonwealth Games 2022 comprises 322 participants. Women's cricket was introduced in the Commonwealth Games this year, giving India a fresh start and a new opportunity to take the lead.

### Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 4th ONGC Para Games in 2022:

- By Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, the **fourth edition of the ONGC Para Games** was officially Launched.
- From August 2-4, 2022, **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)** will host the **4th ONGC Para Games**.

### Commonwealth Games 2022: Indian Team bags gold in Lawn Bowl

- The **women's fours lawn bowling team from India** created history by taking home the **gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games**.
- The team, led by **Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lovely Choubey, Pinki, and Nayanmoni Saikia**, **earned the nation's first lawn bowls medal**, and after **defeating** the 2018 silver medalists **in South Africa**, they went on to win the championship.

### Indian badminton team claimed the silver medal:

- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022's mixed group match**, the **Indian badminton team won the silver medal**.
- The mixed **Indian badminton team lost to Malaysia** 1-3 and had to settle for silver.
- In the women's singles match during the summit match versus Malaysia, **only PV Sindhu was able to secure a victory**.

### India's paddlers win gold in Table Tennis:

- In the **Table Tennis Final** of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, India's paddlers defeated **Singapore 3-1** to reclaim the **men's team championship title**.
- By winning the doubles match, **Harmeet Desai and G. Sathiyan** gave India a strong start.
- To tie Singapore at 1-1, Chew Zhe Yu Clarence triumphed in the subsequent match.
- But by winning their matches, G Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai made sure that India would win the gold.

### West Indies women's cricket Player Deandra Dottin has announced her retirement:

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- **Star all-rounder Deandra Dottin** has announced her retirement from **West Indies women's cricket team**, citing she was no longer able to adhere to the team culture and environment.
- The **31-year-old is the fastest centurion in women's T20 Internationals**.
- Dottin, however, did not indicate whether she would also retire from Barbados, a side she is **representing** at the ongoing **Commonwealth Games here in Birmingham**.

### Tejaswin Shankar wins India's first High Jump Medal:

- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, **Tejaswin Shankar** of India won the nation's **first athletics medal** by taking home a historic **bronze in the men's high jump final**.
- Tejaswin, who was competing for **India for the first time in four years**, landed a 2.22-meter landing to place third.

### Tulika Maan wins silver in women's 78kg judo event:

- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, **Indian judoka Tulika Maan** win a **silver medal** in the **women's 78kg division**.
- As a result of her Ippon loss against **Scotland's Sarah Adlington** in the Women's +78kg final, **Tulika Maan** earns **India's second silver medal in judo and third overall in the sport**.
- Maan earlier did win a **gold medal at the 2019 South Asian Games in Kathmandu**.

### Saurav Ghosal wins India's first-ever singles medal in squash:

- **Saurav Ghosal of India defeated James Willstrop of England** 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 to win the bronze medal in squash men's singles and seal a spot for India in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Additionally, this was India's first-ever medal in squash singles in a competition.
- He had lost to Paul Coll of New Zealand 3-0 (11-9 11-4 11-1) in the men's singles semifinal.

### Murali Sreeshankar wins silver in long jump:

- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Murali Sreeshankar won silver** in the men's long jump to give India its second athletics medal.
- In a tense men's long jump final, Sreeshankar leaped to 8.08m on his sixth try to place second to Laquan Nairn of the Bahamas.
- Nairn also had the highest leap of 8.08 meters, but his second-best jump of 7.98 meters was higher than Sreeshankar's 7.84 meters.
- South African Jovan van Vuuren (8.06m) won bronze.
- Under the rules, **if two jumpers are tied on the same distance, the one who has a better second-best effort will be ranked ahead**.

### Sudhir won the gold medal in men's heavyweight para powerlifting:

- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Sudhir won the gold medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting competition**.
- In his first try, Sudhir, an Asian Para Games bronze medalist, lifted 208 kg; however, in his second attempt, he increased the weight to 212 kg to get 134.5 points and break the Games record. Ikechukwu Micky Yule took home the bronze with 130.9 points, while Christian Obichukwu earned the silver with 133.6.
- The 27-year-old Sudhir, who suffers from a polio-related disability, thereby started India's medal count in the CWG's para sports competition.

### Tania Sachdev Shines in Indian Women's Team: 44th Chess Olympiad

- At the **44th Chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram, Chennai**, **Tania Sachdev** defeated Hungary with a score of 2.5-1.5 to win the match for India.
- She destroyed **Zsoka Gaal** to give the squad a pivotal point and win the match.
- In their separate matches, **Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika, and R Vaishali** all came to a draw.

### Uzbekistan has won the gold medal in the Open section of the 44th Chess Olympiad:

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- The **44th Chess Olympiad** has come to a close, as **Uzbekistan's team Won the gold medal in the Open division.**
- Team Armenia took home the silver medal in the **Open Section**, while India-2 had to settle for bronze.
- Ukraine took home the gold medal in the women's division.
- India-1 earned the bronze medal, and Team Georgia took home the silver.

**Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches:**

- **Former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard** became the **first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches.**
- The hard-hitting batter achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals during the ongoing **The Hundred tournament at Lord's.**

**Priyanka Goswami wins India's 1st medal in the racewalk**

- At the 2022 Commonwealth Games, **Priyanka Goswami won silver in the 10000-meter race walk.**
- **In the race walk and athletics**, at the Commonwealth Games 2022, **she becomes the first Indian woman to take home a gold.**
- Priyanka sets a new Indian National Record for a 10000-meter race walk with a time of 43:38:82.

**Avinash Sable claims silver in Steeplechase:**

- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Avinash Sable wins the silver medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase.**
- In addition, he makes history by being the **first Indian male to medal in the steeplechase at a Commonwealth Games.**

**Wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya bags gold for India**

- In the **Men's Freestyle, 57kg Wrestling event** at the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Ravi Kumar Dahiya won gold** for his nation, making history.
- In the final, Ravi defeated Nigerian Ebikewenimo Welson 10-0 to earn his first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.

**Vinesh Phogat bags gold medal in women's wrestling 53kg:**

- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg division.**
- She triumphed over Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravalage Don.
- Phogat prevailed via fall to win the gold medal contest 4-0.
- She won the second gold medal of the day for India at the CWG in two minutes and 24 seconds.

**Naveen won the gold medal in the men's 74kg freestyle wrestling:**

- At the Coventry Stadium and Arena, **Indian wrestler Naveen Malik won the gold medal in men's 74kg freestyle wrestling** during the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- **Muhammad Sharif Tahir of Pakistan was beaten by Naveen.**
- The Indian utilized his apparent speed advantage against Tahir to his advantage to start the scoring with a two-point takedown.

**Table Tennis player Bhavina Patel won a gold medal in the women's singles:**

- **Bhavina Patel, a well-known Indian para table tennis player, won the women's singles class 3-5 gold medal** at the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

**Amit Panghal wins Gold in men's 48kg-51kg flyweight boxing:**

- **Amit Panghal, an Indian boxer, won the gold medal in the 48-51 kg weight division** at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- In the championship match, he outplayed Kiaran Macdonald of England 5-0.
- After winning Silver in Gold Coast, this is his second CWG medal.

**Boxer Nitu Ghangas wins gold in women's 48 kg category:**

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- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Indian boxer Nitu Ghangas won a gold medal by defeating English boxer Demie-Jade Resztan in the women's 48 kg division final.**
- She defeated her English opponent 5-0 on a points system. Nitu Ghangas of India ensured the country another medal after defeating Priyanka Dhillon of Canada in the semifinal of the Minimum weight (over 45 kg–48 kg) division of the Commonwealth Games 2022 currently taking place in Birmingham.

### Eldhose Paul becomes the first Indian to win gold in the triple jump:

- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Eldhose Paul** of India made history by winning the **men's triple jump event's first-ever gold medal.**
- He jumped the farthest, 17.03 meters, and left everyone in amazement with his incredible leap.
- Aboobacker, a fellow countryman of Paul, took silver with a 17.02-meter leap (with wind aid +1.2) on his sixth attempt.
- Jah-Nhai Perinchief of Bermuda, who jumped 16.92 meters, took third place.

### India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to clinch the trophy: 2022 SAFF U20 Championship

- At **Kalinga Stadium** in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India defeated Bangladesh 5-2 in overtime to win the **2022 SAFF U20 Championship.**
- The SAFF U-20 Championship's fourth edition was held in India.
- The South Asian Football Federation hosts the SAFF U-20 Championship, an international football event for men's under-18 national teams (SAFF).

### India's 75th Grandmaster is chess prodigy V Pranav:

- By winning a competition in Romania, the chess prodigy from Chennai, **V Pranav, became the 75th Grandmaster of India.**
- Pranav, who resides in Chennai, won the **Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania**, earning his **third and final GM norm and becoming a Grandmaster.**

### India finishes fourth overall with 61 medals, including 22 gold: Commonwealth Games 2022

- In the overall medal standings at the **Commonwealth Games 2022, India won 61 medals In Birmingham**
- India placed fourth** overall on the medals tally after their CWG 2022 campaign.
- India took home 22 gold, 16 silver, and 23 bronze** medals from the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	67	57	54	178
2	England	57	66	53	176
3	Canada	26	32	34	92
4	India	22	16	23	61
5	New Zealand	20	12	17	49
6	Scotland	13	11	27	51
7	Nigeria	12	9	14	35
8	Wales	8	6	14	28
9	South Africa	7	9	11	27
10	Malaysia	8	8	8	24

### India won the silver medal after losing to Australia in cricket:

- At the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022, the **Indian women's cricket team made history by winning the nation's first-ever medal in the sport.**



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- After defeating the hosts **England** in a thrilling encounter at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground, the Women in Blue advanced to the gold medal final.
- In the final at Edgbaston field, Australia scored 161/8 while batting first.

### Aussie Swimmer Emma McKeon Has Won More Gold Than 56 Countries:

- Emma McKeon, an Australian swimmer who is 28 years old, broke a kind of record in the 2022 Commonwealth Games** by winning more medals than 56 different countries or territories combined.
- At the Commonwealth Games, she competed in a variety of swimming events and took home six gold, one silver, and one bronze medal.
- Only 16 of the 72 nations and territories that competed in the CWG 2022 received eight or more medals.

### PV Sindhu won the gold medal in women's singles badminton:

- P V Sindhu, a shuttler from India, won the women's singles gold medal** in the Commonwealth Games 2022 final.
- The Canadian Michelle Li was defeated by the double Olympic medallist to take home gold.**
- Michelle Li was defeated by PV Sindhu 21-15, and 21-13.
- This is Sindhu's first gold medal in a singles competition at the Commonwealth Games.

### Chess Olympiad 2026 to be hosted by Uzbekistan:

- Uzbekistan will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad**, according to a tweet from the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)**.
- Their youthful team is now in the lead in the ongoing **Chess Olympiad in Chennai**.
- The Chess Olympiad is a biannual chess tournament in which teams from all around the world participate.

### Tennis legend Serena Williams Announces Her Retirement from Tennis:

- Serena Williams, a tennis icon from the United States**, has declared her retirement.
- Williams emphasized her family in the announcement, mentioning that her daughter, who is almost five years old, wants to be an older sister.
- Alexis Ohanian, the creator of Reddit**, is Williams' husband.

### Prabath Jayasuriya and Emma Lamb bags ICC Player of the Month for July 2022:

- The winners of the **International Cricket Council's (ICC) Player of the Month** honors for July 2022 were named **England batting all-rounder Emma Lamb and Sri Lankan spin wonder Prabath Jayasuriya**.
- Emma Lamb** was voted the ICC Women's Player of the Month for July following her thrilling start to life opening the batting in England's **victorious ODI series victory over South Africa**.

### Nikhat Zareen and Sharath Kamal India's flagbearers at the closing ceremony: Commonwealth Games 2022

- Boxer Nikhat Zareen and table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal** have been named by **the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** as India's flag bearers at the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony in Birmingham in 2022.
- In the boxing light flyweight event under the **50 kg category** at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, **Achanta Sharath Kamal won gold by defeating Liam Pitchford in the finals**, while **Nikhat Zareen also took home gold by defeating Mc Naul in the same match**.

### Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup:

- In the finals, **Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup in Helsinki, Finland**, setting a new record.
- The **UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League** champions compete in the annual football tournament known as the UEFA Super Cup, which is put on by UEFA.

### Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan named men's and women's Footballer of the Year:

- Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan** have been selected for the **All-India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's and Women's Footballers of the Year for 2021-22**, respectively.



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- Manisha earned the **Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year** title last season, while Sunil has won the accolade seven times, most recently in 2018-19.
- Sunil Chhetri earned the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year award for the seventh time, having previously **won it in 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, and 2018-19**.

### 1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 will be held in New Delhi:

- 1st **Khelo India Women's Hockey League** under-16 will be held at the **Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi**.
- According to the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, a total of **16 teams** from across the country are participating.
- A total of 56 matches will be played and over 300 players will compete in **Phase 1 of the league**.

### The First edition of Women's IPL is to be held in March 2023

- The **first edition of the Women Indian Premier League** will begin **in March 2023** and would most likely feature five clubs

### Dwayne Bravo became the first cricketer to achieve the milestone of 600 wickets in T20 cricket

- Dwayne **Bravo** achieved the milestone of **600 wickets in T20 cricket**.
- Bravo achieved the accomplishment of **600 wickets in 545 games**.
- In terms of wickets, **Bravo is followed by Afghanistan spin sensation Rashid Khan (466 wickets)**, West Indies spinner **Sunil Narine** (457 wickets), South African spinner **Imran Tahir** (451 wickets), and Bangladesh all-rounder **Shakib Al Hasan** (418 wickets).

### The All-India Football Federation has been suspended by the FIFA Council

- The **FIFA Council Bureau** unanimously voted to suspend the **All-India Football Federation (AIFF)** with immediate effect owing to **improper interference from third parties**, which constitutes a major violation of the **FIFA Statutes**.

### The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 will take place in Ipoh from November

- The **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022**, which is the premier **men's hockey tournament in Malaysia**, will take place in **Ipoh from November 16–25, 2022**.
- The tournament has invited the top-ranked team in the world, **Australia, as well as Germany, India, New Zealand, and Canada**.
- Australia** has won the Azlan Shah event the **most (10 times)**, followed by **India with 5 victories**.

### Asia's oldest football tournament Durand Cup 2022 begins

- Durand Cup**, Asia's Oldest Football Tournament, **has begun**.
- The Durand Cup will take place in **West Bengal, Assam, and Manipur in 2022**.
- Mr. Rajnath Singh, the Union Defense Minister, and General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff, will go to **Manipur** to see the opening game of the **131st Durand Cup 2022**.

### Ireland's Kevin O'Brien announces retirement from International Cricket

- Kevin O'Brien**, an all-rounder for Ireland, has declared his **retirement from international cricket** after being eliminated from the running for the **T20 World Cup in Australia this year**.
- Throughout a **16-year international career**, O'Brien participated in three Tests, 153 one-day matches, and 110 T20 matches.

### Bengaluru to host FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship

- Bengaluru** will serve as the host city for the **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship** from September 5 to 11, according to **Dr. Narayanan Gowda**, the **Karnataka minister of sports and youth empowerment**.
- The **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship** is set to take place at the **Koramangala and Sree Kanteerava indoor stadiums**.

### Manisha Kalyan becomes 1st Indian to play in the UEFA league

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- When Manisha Kalyan, a young striker for Apollon Ladies FC, made her debut in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus, she became the **first Indian player to compete in the UEFA Women's Champions League**.
- For the national team and **Gokulam Kerala in the Indian Women's League**, Kalyan put on spectacular displays (IWL).

### India's first-ever U-20 world champion in wrestling

- The **first Indian woman to hold this title** is Antim Panghal, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana who won the **Under-20 world championship** by defeating Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva **8-0**.
- In **Sofia, Bulgaria, the U-20 World Wrestling Championship** was held.

### R Praggnanandhaa defeated world chess champion Magnus Carlsen: FTX Crypto Cup

- Magnus Carlsen**, the current world chess champion, was defeated by Indian chess expert **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** in the **FTX Crypto Cup** in Miami.
- The Chinese fighter **Quang Liem Le** ended Praggnanandhaa's winning streak in the fifth round.

### Tamara Walcott lifts 737.5 kg to break powerlifting Guinness World Record

- According to sources in the investigating agency, **Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from **Maryland in the United States**, broke the record for the **heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition** (female) after lifting a combined **total of 737.5 kg** across three compound lifts—the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.

### 17-year-old pilot Mack Rutherford sets the record for a solo flight around the world

- Mack Rutherford**, a 17-year-old pilot, became the youngest person to **fly solo around the world in a tiny plane** after landing in Bulgaria, where his voyage began five months ago.
- Mack Rutherford**, a dual Belgian-British national, landed at an airport west of Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, to complete his mission and set two Guinness World Records.

### Pooja Ojha Won Silver Medal at World Para Canoe Championships

- Pooja Ojha** of **Madhya Pradesh** won silver in the **VL1 women's 200m race** at the **Para Kayaking and Canoeing Sprint World Championships** in **Halifax, Canada**.
- Pooja, who hails from Bhind, took silver in the **VL1 women's 200m event with a time of 1:34:18**.
- Pooja** earned **six gold medals** from **national championships** and is the **first Indian woman para-athlete to qualify for the World Championships**.

### Neeraj Chopra wins Lausanne Diamond League with 89.08m throw

- Neeraj Chopra**, an **Olympic champion** and **javelin thrower** made history by being the first Indian to win a **Lausanne Diamond League** championship.
- Jakub Vadlejch**, who won the **silver medal in the Tokyo Olympics**, came in second with a best throw of 85.88 meters, and Curtis Thompson of the United States came in third with an effort of 83.72 meters.
- Chopra, 24, became the first Indian to qualify for the Diamond League Finals**, which will be held in Zurich.

### FIFA Council removes ban on Indian football

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) ban**, which was put in place as a result of improper third-party involvement, has been lifted by the **FIFA Council Bureau**.

### Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi wins 28th Abu Dhabi Masters

- The **28th Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament** was won by **Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi** with 7.5 points.
- Arjun Erigaisi**, a **grandmaster**, defeated **David Anton Guijarro**, a player from Spain, in the ninth and final round of the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament.
- Arjun Erigaisi, an Indian Grandmaster in chess, became a Grandmaster at the **age of 14, making him the 32nd-youngest Grandmaster** to have ever attained the rank.

### Sports Ministry to host the “Meet the Champion project”

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- The **Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry** will organize the "Meet the Champion initiative" on National Sports Day in 26 schools around the country.
- The **Sports Authority of India** will also commemorate National Sports Day this year under the subject "Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society" as part of the FIT INDIA program.

### Satwiksairaj-Chirag Claims First Medal for India in Badminton World Championship

- At the **World Championships**, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became **the first Indian team to take home a medal in the men's doubles tournament**.
- The **world's seventh-ranked team**, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty **won a gold medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games**.
- It is **India's second medal in the World Championship in any doubles competition**; the country's first medal came in the 2011 women's doubles when Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa won bronze.

### Viktor Axelsen clinched the 2022 BWF World Championships singles title

- **Viktor Axelsen of Denmark** defeated **Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand** to win the **men's singles championship at the BWF World Championships in Tokyo, Japan**, for the second time.
- The **world's top-ranked Axelsen**, who has only lost one singles match all season, was simply too much for emerging sensation **Vitidsarn, 21, who was routed in the opening game**.

### Max Verstappen won the Belgian F1 Grand Prix 2022

- The **Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022** was won by **Max Verstappen of Red Bull**.
- **Carlos Sainz of Ferrari** and **Sergio Perez of Red Bull** finished second and third, respectively.

### James Anderson of England becomes the most successful bowler in international cricket:

- **James Anderson of England** is now the **first fast bowler in the history of international cricket to reach 950 wickets**.
- On Day 3 of the second Test against South Africa, he accomplished this illustrious achievement.
- He surpassed **Glenn McGrath** (949 wickets) **of Australia's previous record**

### Former Leg Spinner Rahul Sharma Announced Retirement:

- **Rahul Sharma, an Indian spinner**, has declared his **retirement from both local and international cricket**.
- The tall leg-spinner first gained attention in 2011 when he played for Pune Warriors in the IPL.
- Under Virender Sehwag's captaincy, **Rahul Sharma made his ODI debut against the West Indies in 2011**.

### New Zealand's Colin de Grandhomme retires from international cricket:

- **Colin de Grandhomme, an all-rounder for New Zealand**, has announced **his retirement from international cricket**.
- After speaking with the nation's cricket body, **the 36-year-old player** made his decision, and as a result, he has been freed from his central contract.

### Amlan Borgohain sets a new record in the 100 meters at the All-India Railway Cups:

- **Amlan Borgohain, who now owns the 200-meter national record**, has also broken the 100-meter mark.
- At the **87th all-India inter-Railway athletics championships in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh**, the 24-year-old Assamese athlete ran the 100 meters in 10.25 seconds (wind speed +1.8, legal), breaking **Amiya Kumar Mallick's previous national record of 10.26 seconds that stood for six years**.
- The 10.34-second time that Borgohain ran before was set in the **National Open in Warangal in 2017**.
- It falls far short of the entrance mark (10.00s) for the Budapest World Championships the following year.

### FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup: VAR technology to make debut in India

- The **Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system** will debut in the next **Under-17 Women's World Cup in India in 2022**, according to the **world football governing body FIFA**.
- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** had been suspended for 11 days until FIFA decided to overturn the ban.
- The illustrious competition will take place from October 11 to October 30 at **Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium), Margao (JLN Stadium), and Navi Mumbai (DY Patil Stadium)**.

### Former captain and wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim announced his retirement:



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- Former captain and wicketkeeper-batsman of Bangladesh Cricket Team **Mushfiqur Rahim** announced his retirement from T20 international cricket.
- The cricketer also informed that he will continue to play in ODI, Test, and league matches.
- His decision came two days after Bangladesh was knocked out of **Asia Cup 2022**.

### **Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament:**

- Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament, with 7.5 points as seven Indians finished in the top 10 with R Praggnanandhaa sharing the second spot with five others.
- The 22-year-olds, Chithambaram and Praggnanandhaa**, settled for a draw in the ninth and final round, which enabled the former to finish with seven points, half a point ahead of the rest of the field.

### **Max Verstappen won the Dutch F1 Grand Prix 2022:**

- The Dutch F1 Grand Prix of 2022 was won by **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull.
- Charles Leclerc** of Ferrari and **George Russell** of Mercedes finished second and third, respectively.
- Verstappen has now prevailed in 10 of the 15 races this year.

### **36th National Games: Mascot and Anthem Launched by Shri Amit Shah**

- The 36th National Games mascot and anthem have been unveiled at Trans Stadia in Ahmedabad by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**.
- The name of the mascot is "Savaj," which is **Gujarati** for "cub."
- The national anthem for the competition is based on the phrase "**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**."
- From September 29 until October 12, 2022, the National Games will be held.

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INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors	Released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh	
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The Struggle for Police Reforms in India: Ruler's Police to People's Police	Prakash Singh	Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd
A Place Called Home	Preeti Shenoy	HarperCollins Publishers India
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Business of Sports- The Winning Formula for Success	Mr. Vinit Karnik	Popular Prakashan
'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic'	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan & Shri Anurag Thakur released a book	
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In the Shadow of a Legend: Dilip Kumar	Faisal Farooqui	
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A new book on more than 1000 bird species	Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	
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### OBITUARIES

Name of the Person	Field
Miguel Van Damme	Belgian footballer
BB Gurung	Former CM of Sikkim
Shiv Kumar Subramaniam	Actor-screenwriter
Manju Singh	Veteran television producer and actor
Prafulla Kar	Popular Odia singer and music director
John Paul	Malayalam Screenwriter and producer
Mwai Kibaki	Former Kenyan President
Binapani Mohanty	Legendary Odia writer
M. Vijayan	DAE Homi Bhabha Professor of structural biologist
Elvera Britto	Former Indian women's hockey team captain
J.D. Rymbai	Meghalaya's former chief minister
Salim Ghose	Veteran stage, television, and film actor
Rajat Kumar Kar	Eminent Odia litterateur
Pandit Shivkumar Sharma	Legendary musician and santoor player
Pandit Sukh Ram	Veteran Congress leader and former Union minister
Yuri Averbakh	The legendary grandmaster
Leonid Kravchuk	Ukraine's first president
Dr. Rama Kant Shukla	Sanskrit and Hindi scholar
Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan	UAE President
Andrew Symonds	Former Australian cricketer
Tony Brooks	British racing driver is known as the "Racing Dentist"
Shivaji Patnaik	Veteran Communist politician
Sidhu Moose Wala	Punjabi singer
Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi	Sanskrit scholar
Bujar Nishani	Albanian President

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KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath)	Bollywood singer
Bhim Singh	National Panther Party Chief Professor
Bhajan Sopori	Santoor Maestro and Padma Shri award winner
Anjalai Ponnusamy	Freedom fighter
Nobuyuki Idei	Sony ex-CEO
Hari Chand	Two-time Asian Games gold medallist in long-distance running
Bhogeshwara	The 70-year-old tusker with the longest tusks among Asian elephant
Gopi Chand Narang	Eminent Urdu scholar, linguist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi
R. Raveendran	Veteran photojournalist
Venkatraman Krishnamurthy	Former Chairman of steel Public Sector Unit (PSU) SAIL and Maruti Udyog Ltd (now Maruti Suzuki)
Chowalloor Krishnankutty	Noted lyricist, author, and journalist
Pallonji Mistry	Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji group
Varinder Singh	Legendary Indian hockey player & and Olympic and world championships medalist
Ambika Rao	Renowned actor and filmmaker
Leonardo Del Vecchio	Billionaire Ray-Ban Owner
Peter Brook	A British theater and cinema director
Tarun Majumdar	Veteran filmmaker
E N Sudhir	Former India goalkeeper
P.P Gopinathan Nair	Freedom fighter
Mohammad Barkindo	A Nigerian politician and secretary-general of the oil producer group Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Narendra Singh	Former Bihar agriculture minister and a veteran socialist leader
Shinzo Abe	Former Japanese Prime Minister
Jose Eduardo dos Santos	Angola's former president
James Edmund Caan	Hollywood actor
Brijendra Kumar (BK) Syngal	Former chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, (VSNL)
Luis Echeverria Alvarez	Former president of Mexico
Dr. Enamul Haque	Eminent archaeologist and historian
Avdhash Kaushal	Noted social worker and Padma Shri awardee
Barry Sinclair	Former New Zealand cricket captain and batter
Monty Norman	British composer & man behind the iconic James Bond theme
Pratap Pothen	Malayalam actor and filmmaker
Bhupinder Singh	Renowned Indian ghazal singer
Achuthan Kudallur	Noted artist
Nirmal Singh Kahlon	Former Punjab Assembly Speaker and senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)
Dr. Ajay Parida	Noted scientist and Director, Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar
Anant Yashwant Khare	Renowned Marathi writer and novelist
David Trimble	Nobel peace prize-winning former first minister of Northern Ireland
Sushovan Bandyopadhyay	Bengal's 'one rupee doctor', (Ek Takar Daktar)
Atulananda Goswami	Veteran Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award

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Balwinder Safri	Popular UK-based Punjabi singer
Bob Rafelson	Co-creator of "The Monkees" and director of the film "Five Easy Pieces"
Nirmala Mishra	Popular Bengali and Odia singer
Fidel Ramos	Former Philippine President
T Mohandas M Pai	Founder of the popular Kannada daily newspaper 'Udayavani'
Johnny Famechon	Former Australian featherweight boxing world champion
Mithilesh Chaturvedi	Veteran actor
P. V. Kamaraj	Former International athlete
David McCullough	Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and renowned historian
Rudi Koertzen	Former South African cricket umpire
K. Maya Thevar	Former Member of Parliament and senior All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) politician
Olivia Newton-John	The British-born Australian singer and actor
Uma Pemmaraju	Indian American Journalist And Emmy Award Winner
Shivamogga Subbanna	Noted Kannada singer
Rakesh Jhunjhunwala	Veteran stock investor and newly-launched Akasa Air founder
Amitabh Choudhary	Former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) acting secretary and former president of the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)
Anshu Jain	Deutsche Bank's former India-born co-Chief Executive Officer
Nicholas Evans	British writer
Narayan	Popular Malayalam novelist and Kendra Sahitya Akademi awardee
Syed Sibte Razi	Senior Indian National Congress leader and former Jharkhand and Assam governor
Samar 'Badru' Banerjee	Former India football team captain
Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala	Veteran film producer
K. Sadananda Shetty	Former Vijaya Bank chairman & founder and serving Chairman of Soham Group of Companies
Abhijit Sen	Renowned economist and former Planning Commission member
Ralph Eggleston	Oscar Award Winning & a longtime Pixar animator
Mikhail Gorbachev	A Russian and Soviet politician who served as the last leader of the Soviet Union
Ram Chandra Manjhi	Legendary artist
Birju Sah	The first Indian boxer to win medals at the Asian and Commonwealth Games