

## Decoding The Hindu Article

# 'CBDT aims to lift tax-GDP ratio to 15-20% from the current 12%'

India logs record net direct tax revenue in FY22: Mohapatra

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India's net direct tax collections amounted to ₹14,09,640.83 crore for FY22, which is the highest collection ever, signaling that the Indian economy has bounced back after two years of the pandemic, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman J.B. Mohapatra said here on Tuesday.

"As against ₹14.09 lakh crore this year, our collection in 2020-21 was only ₹9.45 lakh crore. In a single year, we moved upward by nearly ₹4.5 lakh crore, registering a growth of 49%," said Mr. Mohapatra, addressing a press conference.

"The collection... is the



J.B. Mohapatra

best-ever... as far as income tax and corporation tax are concerned."

Gross direct tax collections (before adjusting for refunds) grew 32.8% to ₹16,34,454.95 crore in FY22 compared with ₹12,31,270.52 crore in FY21.

"Increase in net and gross collection numbers is a ma-

JOR indication of the strengthening of the Indian economy. This gives the clearest signal that the Indian economy has bounced back after two pandemic years," Mr. Mohapatra said.

### '60% of overall tax take'

"The direct tax-to-GDP ratio is around 12%," he added, noting that the CBDT was working to raise the ratio to 15-20% in 5-10 years.

"The direct tax collection this year has surpassed the indirect tax collection which was other way round till last year. It is now 52%... our aim is to look at 60% of tax contribution coming from direct taxes in some years," said the CBDT chairman.

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Heralding	(Verb): be a sign that (something) is about to happen.	की घोषणा
Sanguinely	(Adverb): optimistically cheerful and confident.	दृढ़ विश्वास के साथ

### Static News

The Central Board of Direct Taxes is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963. The officials of the Board in their ex-officio capacity also function as a Division of the Ministry dealing with matters relating to levy and collection of direct taxes

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar: Odisha born Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra was approved as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on 01-09-2021. Mohapatra is currently working as a Member of CBDT.

### Grammar

An adverb of manner will explain how an action is carried out. Very often adverbs of manner are adjectives with -ly added to the end, but this is certainly not always the case. In fact, some adverbs of manner will have the same spelling as the adjective form.

They answer the question 'how is the action performed?'

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# Central govt. , Netflix launch partnership with 2-minute films

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The Union government and Netflix kicked off a partnership, with the release of two-minute films on seven women change-makers, titled *Azadi ki Amrit Kahaniyan*, on Tuesday. They announced the production of more such shorts and a serial on the Freedom Struggle to celebrate 75 years of Independence.

At the launch event, Information and Broadcasting Mi-

nister Anurag Thakur said Netflix would produce 25 short films on various topics under the government's *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebration. With Netflix's head of global television Bela Bajaria in attendance, Mr. Thakur asked the streaming service to produce 75 such films.

Protagonists of three of the short films – environmentalist Basanti Devi, Anshu Jamsenpa, the first woman to summit Mount

Everest twice in five days, and India's first woman firefighter Harshini Kanhekar – were present during the event. The stories, narrated by actor Neena Gupta and produced by Netflix, would be shared on social media and broadcast on Doordarshan, Mr. Thakur said.

"This initiative aims to bring out inspiring stories of Indians and these stories shall motivate and empower more people to achieve their goals," he said.

## Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Reconnaissance	(Noun): military observation of a region to locate an enemy or ascertain strategic features.	□□□□□□ □□□-□□□
Infringing	(Verb): act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on.	उल्लंघन करने वाली

## Static News

Anurag Singh Thakur is an Indian politician from the Bharatiya Janata Party and a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh. He is the current Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting in the Second Modi ministry.

Netflix, Inc. is an American subscription streaming service and production company. Launched on August 29, 1997, it offers a film and television series library through distribution deals as well as its own productions, known as Netflix Originals.

Founded: 29 August 1997, Scotts Valley, California

CEO: Ted Sarandos (14 Jul 2020–), Reed Hastings (Sept 1998–)

## Grammar

The positions of adverbs are not a fixed or set thing. As you have seen, adverbs can appear in different position in a sentence. However, there are some rules that help us decide where an adverb should be positioned. The rules will be different depending on whether the adverb is acting to modify an adjective or another adverb, a verb or what type of adverb it is.



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# Proposals for better mobility at metro stations get L-G nod

'Ensure proactive efforts for timely completion of projects'

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

Lieutenant-Governor Anil Bajjal on Tuesday approved various proposals related to improving pedestrian mobility around the metro stations in the Capital.

Mr. Bajjal said 'walkability plans' were approved for the Inderlok metro station area, Old Delhi railway station,

Laxmi Nagar, Nehru Place, Bhikaji Cama Place and between Saket and Malviya Nagar metro stations.

He also reviewed the status of implementation of Multi-Modal Integration (MMI) plans of metro stations. The L-G also advised officials to ensure proactive and coordinated action for timely completion of the pro-

jects, to remove congestion and facilitate citizens' mobility.

MMI plans were also approved for Inderlok, Chandni Chowk and Laxmi Nagar metro stations.

The L-G approved the proposals in the meeting where representatives of several other departments were also present.

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
CULPABILITY	(Noun): responsibility for a fault or wrong; blame.	अभियोज्यता

### Static News

Anil Baijal is a retired Central Government Civil Servant of the Indian Administrative Service cadre and is the 21st Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. He took over office on 31 December 2016 after the sudden resignation of Najeeb Jung.

### Grammar

‘At present’ means ‘at the present time’, ‘presently’ means ‘soon’. These should not be confused.

❌ Incorrect- Nothing more can be done presently. Correct- Nothing more can be done at present.

❌ Incorrect- He will come back at present. Correct- He will come back presently.



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## Decoding The Hindu Article

# Flawless Leclerc scorches Albert Park circuit

Red Bull's Perez is second; Verstappen fails to finish

### AUSTRALIAN GP

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MELBOURNE

A flawless Charles Leclerc led from start to finish to steer his Ferrari to an action-packed win at the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday with World champion Max Verstappen failing to finish.

The World championship leader from Monaco started from pole, held his position at the first turn and never looked back, scorching round the 58-lap Albert Park circuit to take the chequered flag by a massive 20.5 seconds.

#### Hamilton fourth

Red Bull's Sergio Perez was second with George Russell an encouraging third for the struggling Mercedes and his seven-time World champion teammate Lewis Hamilton fourth.

The McLaren's of Lando Norris and Daniel Ricciardo were fifth and sixth.



**On top down under:** Leclerc led from start to finish to steer his Ferrari victory. • REUTERS

Alpine's Esteban Ocon came seventh ahead of Valtteri Bottas in an Alfa Romeo, with Pierre Gasly's Alpha-Tauri and Alex Albon's Williams rounding out the top 10.

But there was disaster for Red Bull's Verstappen, the winner two weeks ago in Saudi Arabia, who pulled over on lap 39 when second, saying on the team radio: "I smell some weird fluid."

He jumped out with smoke coming from the engine, grabbing a fire extinguisher to help marshals put out the flames.

It was his second retirement in three starts this season.

In contrast, Russell was delighted with his podium place after Mercedes' early-season struggles with porpoising – bouncing at high speed.

### THE RESULTS

1. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 1hr 27min 46.548s, 26 pts; 2. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) at 20.524s, 18; 3. George Russell (Mercedes) at 25.593, 15; 4. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 28.543, 12; 5. Lando Norris (McLaren) 53.303, 10; 6. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) 53.737, 8; 7. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 1:01.683, 6; 8. Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 1:08.439, 4; 9. Pierre Gasly (AlphaTauri) 1:16.221, 2; 10. Alexander Albon (Williams) 1:19.382, 1; 11. Zhou Guanyu (Alfa Romeo) 1:21.695; 12. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 1:28.598; 13. Mick Schumacher (Haas) 1 lap; 14. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) 1 lap; 15. Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) 1 lap; 16. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 1 lap; 17. Fernando Alonso (Alpine) 1 lap.

**Fastest lap:** Leclerc (lap 58) 1:20.260s.

**Not classified:** Max Verstappen (Red Bull), Lap 39, mechanical failure; Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin), Lap 24, spin into wall; Carlos Sainz (Ferrari), Lap 2, spin into gravel trap.

**Penalties:** Lance Stroll five-second time penalty, weaving on straight.

## Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Scorching	(Adjective): (of criticism) harsh; severe.	प्रखर

## Static News

Charles Marc Hervé Perceval Leclerc is a Monégasque racing driver, currently racing in Formula One for Scuderia Ferrari. Leclerc won the GP3 Series championship in 2016 and the FIA Formula 2 Championship in 2017

The Australian Grand Prix is an annual motor racing event which is under contract to host Formula One until 2025. It is the second oldest surviving motor racing competition held in Australia, after the Alpine rally of East Gippsland

Red Bull is a brand of energy drinks sold by Austrian company Red Bull GmbH. With 38% market share, it is the most popular energy drink brand as of 2019. Since its launch in 1987, more than 82 billion cans of Red Bull have been sold worldwide, including 7.9 billion in 2020

## Grammar

Optative sentences express a hope, prayer, or wish. Usually, there is an exclamation mark at the end of an optative sentence. For example:

- ☐ May you succeed on the test!
- ☐ May you get well soon!
- ☐ Would that I were rich!



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# India beats Korea to finish third

Captain Vishal Uppal particularly pleased with the morale-boosting victory

## BILLIE JEAN CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Riya Bhatia and Ankita Raina won their singles matches to help India beat Korea 2-1 and finish third in the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis tournament in Antalya, Turkey.

Given her experience on clay courts, especially in Europe, Riya was able to assert herself in the first singles, albeit in a three-setter against Kim Na-ri, winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Ankita ensured India's third victory in the round-robin league, with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Kim Da-bin.

India had beaten Indonesia and New Zealand earlier, and thus finished third in the



**Turkish delight:** Rituja, Sowjanya, Vishal Uppal, Ankita and Riya after a very satisfactory campaign. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

group. The Indians lost only to the two qualifying teams from the zone, Japan, which finished with an all-win record, and China.

Captain Vishal Uppal was particularly pleased with the win over Korea, which put India close to the top two teams.

"We played both the top teams Japan and China on the first two days. After that, securing our place in group-1 was important. Defeating Korea was a big morale-booster. I am happy with the effort of the whole team.

"Unfortunately, Sania Mirza could not join the team

Lot to learn from this event, and we need to start building and preparing for next year

owing to an injury.

"We managed with the available resources and did well. Lot to learn from this event, and we need to start building and preparing for next year," said Vishal.

Indonesia and New Zealand were relegated to group-2 as they finished at the bottom of the six-team pool.

**The results (league):** India bt Korea 2-1 (Riya Bhatia bt Kim Na-ri 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Ankita Raina bt Kim Da-bin 6-2, 6-3; Sowjanya Bavisetti & Riya Bhatia lost to Kim Na-lae & Kim Na-ri 1-6, 3-6).

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Endeavour	(Noun): earnest, prolonged, and industrious effort.	प्रयास
Sheer	(Adjective): nothing other than; unmitigated (used for emphasis). (Adverb): completely; right (Verb): avoid or move away from an unpleasant topic.	निरा

### Static News

Vishal Uppal is a tennis player from India. He participated in the Davis Cup in 2000 and 2002. He actually started playing cricket at school as a young boy, but switched to tennis at the age of 11.

Riya Bhatia is a professional Indian tennis player. Bhatia has career-high WTA rankings of 338 in singles, achieved on 2 March 2020, and 387 in doubles, reached on 17 May 2021. She has won three singles titles and three doubles titles at tournaments of the ITF Circuit.

### Grammar

**USE OF NOUNS AS THE DIRECT OBJECT:** An object is the person or thing that receives the action of the verb. It is the who or what that the subject does something to. Now, there are two types of Objects i.e. 'Direct' and 'Indirect' object. Direct object is the thing being acted upon i.e. the receiver of the action. A direct object answers the question 'what' or 'whom.' Finding the direct object is simple if we identify the subject and verb in a sentence.

Examples:

The engineer built a marvelous house.

(Here, engineer is the subject and built is the verb. Now, the answer to the question 'what did the engineer built?' is house. Therefore house is the direct object.)

