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National Current Affairs

India Celebrating 73rd Republic Day on 26 January 2022

India is celebrated the **73rd Republic Day** on **26 January 2022**. The celebrations this year are special as India was in the 75th year of Independence – being celebrated as '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**'. Republic Day marks the date on which the **Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950**. It replaced the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India.

According to the Ministry of Defence, for the first time, an Indian Air Force (IAF) will show grand flypast by 75 aircraft or helicopters. A drone show by 1,000 indigenously developed drones has been planned for the '**Beating the Retreat**' ceremony, along with projection mapping will be shown for the first time. In another first, 480 dancers will perform during the cultural programme at the parade have been selected through a nationwide Vande Bharatam dance competition.

Republic Day Of India: Importance

- India became independent on **15th of august, 1947**. Even after independence, the country did not have a sound constitution.
- The laws, before the enactment of the constitution, were running on the basis of **Government of India Act 1935**. Having realized the need for a permanent constitution and its own governing body, the government of India appointed a Drafting Committee on **28th of August 1947** to draft it and **Dr, B. R. Ambedkar** as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.
- After almost **3 years**, the **308 members** of the Assembly, after many consultations and a few modifications finally signed a constitution on **24th of January 1950**, which came into effect on **26th of January 1950**.
- And, that day, is being celebrated as Republic Day in India ever since then. This day defines the importance of having a proper constitution that all the citizens must abide by.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 'Statue of Equality'

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall '**Statue of Equality**' in Hyderabad to commemorate the **11th-century Bhakti saint Ramanujacharya**. The statue has been conceptualised by Chinna Jeeyar Swami of Sri Ramanujacharya Ashram. The inauguration of the statue is a part of the 12-day Sri Ramanuja Sahasrabdi Samaroham, the ongoing **1000th birth anniversary** celebrations of the Bhakti saint. A 3D presentation on the life and teachings of the saint will also be showcased during the event.

Structure of the Statue:

- The statue is made of '**panchaloha**', a combination of five metals- gold, silver, copper, brass, and zinc. It is among one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting positions in the world.

- The **216-feet** tall 'Statue of Equality' statue is mounted on a **54-feet** high base building, called '**Bhadra Vedi**'.
- The floors of the building are dedicated to a Vedic digital library and research centre, ancient Indian texts, a theatre, an educational gallery detailing works of Sri Ramanujacharya.

About the Ramanujacharya:

Ramanuja or Ramanujacharya was an Indian philosopher, Hindu theologian, social reformer, and one of the most important exponents of the Sri Vaishnavism tradition within Hinduism. His philosophical foundations for devotionalism were influential to the Bhakti movement. Ramanujacharya promoted the idea of equality in all aspects of life including faith, caste and creed.

India to be Home to Cheetahs after 70 years

Eight African cheetahs came from **Namibia** into their new habitat at **Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh**, September 17, on **PM Narendra Modi's birthday**. They were five female & three male cheetahs into Park's quarantine enclosures

Important Points

- ⇒ The **last cheetah in India died in 1947** in Korea district in present day **Chhattisgarh**, which was earlier part of Madhya Pradesh, & species was **declared extinct from India in 1952**
- ⇒ The '**African Cheetah Introduction Project in India**' was conceived in 2009
- ⇒ The cheetahs will board a customised **Boeing 747-400 aircraft from Namibia's capital Windhoek** & arrive in Gwalior after completing an overnight journey lasting 10 hours & traversing 8,000 kilometres. felines will then be shifted from **Gwalior to Kuno National Park (KNP)** in an Indian Air Force (IAF) Chinook heavy-lift helicopter.
- ⇒ **Dr Laurie Marker**, who has been an advisor to Indian government on cheetah relocation project for over 12 years





15th President of India: Draupadi Murmu

- ⇒ Daughter of a tribal family coming from a very ordinary house in Odisha, **Draupadi Murmu** elected as the **15th President of India**.
- ⇒ Murmu becomes India's first woman tribal president. She also becomes the second woman to hold the post after Pratibha Patil.
- ⇒ **Interesting points about Droupadi Murmu:**
 - The 64-year-old Droupadi Murmu was born in **Odisha's Mayurbhanj** district to a family belonging to the Santhal tribe.
 - Santhals, also spelt as Santals, are the **third largest scheduled tribe community in India** after the Gonds & Bhils. Their population is mostly distributed in **Odisha, Jharkhand & West Bengal**.
 - Murmu is the second person belonging to a scheduled tribe, to be nominated as a candidate for the post of President of India.
 - She served as the ninth Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.
 - As a member of the BJP, she was elected to the state assembly twice – in 2000 & in 2009 – from the **Rairangpur seat**.

India Becomes Power Surplus Nation

The country has become **power surplus**, we have connected whole country into one grid, & strengthened distribution system. These steps have increased **power availability to 22 hours in rural areas & 23.5 hours in urban areas**.

Steps taken by Government:

- ⇒ The manifold benefits of **PM-KUSUM** scheme primarily inform of additional income & cheaper electricity for farmers were emphasized. State governments will benefit through reduced subsidy burden. This will also benefit environment as well inform of clean & green energy generation, he stressed. state-wise status of implementation & issues being faced were deliberated in detail during meeting.
- ⇒ Minister of State for Power Krishan Pal Gurjar appreciated efforts & cooperation by states in achieving 100 per cent electrification under **Saubhagaya** scheme. Reviewing status of **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme**, he said discoms are nodal point for consumers in power value chain & hence their performance is key.
- ⇒ the Centre has recently launched **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme** having total outlay of Rs 3 lakh crore. scheme aims at reducing AT&C (aggregate technical & commercial) losses to 12-15 per cent & eliminating **ACS-ARR (actual cost of supply-average revenue realised) gap** at pan India level by 2024-25

PM Modi to unveil Central Vista

PM Modi to unveil Central Vista: Key Points

- ⇒ The proposal, which is being led by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, aims to transform 86-acre section of Lutyens' Delhi that displays some of India's most recognisable structures, including South & North blocks of Central Secretariat, Parliament House, & Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - ⇒ By 2024, project is expected to be finished.
 - ⇒ The voyage of makeover, however, has been fraught with highs & lows.
 - ⇒ The project has encountered everything, including opposition pushback & halt orders from Supreme Court.
- PM Modi to unveil Central Vista: About Central Vista Project
- ⇒ The central government of India launched a redevelopment project in 2019 to give country's "power corridor" a new name.
 - ⇒ A new parliament, mansions for PM & vice president, & ten buildings that will house all government ministries & divisions are also part of concept.

Timeline of Delhi's Central Vista developments

The Center stated in September 2022, Rajpath & Central Vista lawns will be renamed Kartavya Path. National Stadium in Delhi is reached by travelling from Rashtrapati Bhavan on Raisina Hill through Vijay Chowk & India Gate. decision was made with intention of eradicating last vestiges of British colonial in nation

Blue Beaches: Two more Indian Beaches enter the coveted list

- ⇒ Two more Indian beaches have made it to the list of Blue Beaches. **Minicoy, Thundi Beach & Kadmat Beach, in Lakshadweep** are the proud entrants in the coveted list of Blue Beaches, an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world. Now the tally of total blue flag-endorsed beaches in **India stands at 12**.

What is a Blue Flag Tag?

- ⇒ The Blue Flag tag certification or tag is one of the world's most prominent voluntary eco-labels for beaches, marinas, & sustainable boating tourism operators.

PM Modi announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years

- ⇒ **PM Modi**, in his 88-minute speech on the Independence Day, outlined his "Panch Pran Targets" (Five Resolves) to make India a developed country by the time it celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 25 years.

Note: The PM's vision of "Vishwaguru India" is also one of these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**). On reaching 100 years of independence, **PM Modi** wants to transform India into the "Vishwaguru".





⇒ Panch Pran: India's developed standards

- Cleanliness campaigns, vaccinations, electrical connections, the elimination of open defecation, & the usage of solar energy are all examples of established India standards according to the **Panch Pran**.
- A prime illustration of "liberation from the concept of servitude" is the New National Education Policy.
- Women's rights, gender equality, & India First are national emblems of solidarity & unity.
- India would advance if its citizens carry out obligations like saving power, practising chemical-free agriculture, & making the most of the available irrigation water.

⇒ PM Modi requested every individual to follow Panch Pran. The Panch Pran are as follows:

- Advance with greater conviction & the determination of a developed India
- Get rid of any signs of slavery
- Take pride in India's history.
- the power of unity
- duties of citizens, such as those of the PM & CMs.

Ramsar sites: 11 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition

India has added **11 more wetlands** to the list of **Ramsar sites** to make a total of **75** such sites covering an area of **13,26,677 hectares** in the country. **75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence India**.

⇒ The 11 new sites designated as Ramsar sites included: four sites in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu & Kashmir & one each in Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.

⇒ The 11 Indian wetlands which have been designated as new Ramsar sites:

1. Tampara Lake in Odisha;
2. Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
3. Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
4. Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
5. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
6. Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
9. Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu & Kashmir;
11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu & Kashmir.
12. The 10 new sites include Six (6) sites in **Tamil Nadu & One (1) each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh & Odisha**.
13. **10 wetlands designated as Ramsar sites which were added in the list in July**

S.No	Name of wetland	Area in Ha	State
1	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	72.04	Tamil Nadu
2	Satkosia Gorge	98196.72	Odisha
3	Nanda Lake	42.01	Goa
4	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	52671.88	Tamil Nadu
5	Ranganathittu BS	517.70	Karnataka
6	Vembannur Wetland Complex	19.75	Tamil Nadu
7	Vellode Bird Sanctuary	77.19	Tamil Nadu
8	Sirpur wetland	161	Madhya Pradesh
9	Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary	40.35	Tamil Nadu
10	Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary	43.77	Tamil Nadu

⇒ **Chilika Lake in Orissa & Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan** were recognised as the first Ramsar sites in India

OAG report: Delhi's IGI airport is now world's 10th busiest airport

According to **Official Airline Guide (OAG) report**, the **Indira Gandhi International Airport** in Delhi is the **10th busiest airport** in the world in terms of seat capacity & frequency of domestic & international flights as of October 2022. According to OAG, there were **34,13,855 seats** at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)**.

⇒ The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** having serviced **47,47,367 seats**.

⇒ **Dubai International** is second with **41,27,704 seats**, followed by **Tokyo International Airport** with **38,77,164 seats** & **Dallas Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport** with **37,53,858 seats**

NV Ramana, the Chief Justice, launches a software named FASTER

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana unveiled the '**Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records**' (**FASTER**), a digital platform that allows the supreme court to send interim orders, stay orders, and bail orders to the appropriate authorities via a secure electronic channel. The online introduction of the **FASTER** programme was attended by **CJI Ramana, Justices AM Khanwilkar, DY Chandrachud, and Hemant Gupta**, as well as Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts.





Ministry of Culture launches 'Temple 360' website

The Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched a website '**Temple 360**'. During 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 Environment Minister announces the launch of the 'Prakriti' green initiative

In the presence of **Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav**, the mascotto '**Prakriti**' was launched today to raise public awareness about small changes that can be made to our lifestyle for a better environment. As well as various green initiatives taken by the **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change** and the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)** to ensure effective **Plastic Waste Management (PWM)** in the country.

President Ram Nath Kovind visits in Amsterdam and names a new yellow tulip variety 'Maitri'

President Ram Nath Kovind landed in **Amsterdam** for the final leg of his two-nation journey — his first visit to the **Netherlands** in **34 years** — during which he would hold talks with the **Dutch top leadership** names a new **yellow tulip** variety '**Maitri**'.

Ministry of Sports releases USD 72,124 to UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, Government of India, has contributed an amount of **USD 72,124** towards the **UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport 2022**. This is double the amount of the minimum agreed value. As per the resolution of 7COP held at Paris between 29-31 September 2019, the State Parties had agreed for contributing 1% of the regular budget of their respective nations to UNESCO towards the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport.

AAI launches 'AVSAR' Scheme to provide platform to SHGs

The **Airport Authority of India (AAI)** has launched an initiative "**AVSAR**" to encourage the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities. AVSAR stands for '**Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region**'. 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.

Other National Current Affairs

- ⇒ **India** formally took over the **G-20 presidency** from 1st December 2022. Several events are to take place across the country including the lighting of **100 monuments** with the G-20 logo to mark the occasion.
- ⇒ The **world's leading** full-stack debt support and risk mitigation platform has inaugurated **India's first Innovation Lab (SIL)** dedicated to the debt collection segment of banking industries in **India and the Middle East**.
- ⇒ **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurates the two-day long 65th Foundation Day celebrations of the **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** in New Delhi. During the event, DRI said it took the opportunity of its founding day to **organise Regional Customs Enforcement Meeting (RCEM)** for effectively engaging with partner Customs organisations and International agencies like **World Customs Organisation, INTERPOL** for enforcement-related issues.
- ⇒ **India's total coal production** went up by 11.66 per cent to 75.87 million tonnes in November 2022 from 67.94 million tonnes recorded during the corresponding period of last year.
- ⇒ The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** issued **Telecom Tariff (69th amendment) order 2022** on Tariff for SMS and cell Broadcast alerts disseminated through **Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) platform during disasters/non-disasters**. During both disasters and non-disasters, the **Department of Telecom (DoT)** requested that TRAI provide a tariff for SMS and cell broadcast alerts and messages that TSPs will distribute via the CAP platform.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has flagged off India's **sixth Vande Bharat Express** between **Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)-Nagpur (Maharashtra)** route. This is the second Vande Bharat express in the state after the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat express. He inaugurated the 'Nagpur Metro Phase I', and laid the foundation stone of 'Nagpur Metro phase- II' at Khapri Metro Station.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** participated in a programme commemorating **Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary**, on 13th December, 2022. The programme, being held in Kamban Kalai Sangam, **Puducherry**, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, witnessed the Prime Minister releasing a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo.
- ⇒ **Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud** virtually inaugurated **10 district court digitisation hubs (DCDH)** in **Odisha**, and said that modernisation of judiciary is the need of the hour. The hubs at **Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Sonepur**, will take care of digitisation work of all 30 districts of the state.





- ⇒ **India** plans to commission **20 nuclear power plants** by 2031, adding nearly 15,000 MW in power generating capacity, the government told the Lok Sabha. The first of these 20 nuclear power plants, a 700 MW unit, is expected to be commissioned in 2023 at **Kakrapar in Gujarat**, which already has three atomic power generating units operational.
- ⇒ **India** is the the first country to auction **spectrum for satellite communication**, and it should be designed to attract investments in the sector, **telecom regulator Trai chairman PD Vaghela**. The regulator is yet to come up with a consultation paper on the spectrum auction as per the standard process meant for satellite communication.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and several Union Ministers paid tribute to **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** on his **71st death anniversary on 15th December**.
- ⇒ **India** looks forward to being back in the **UN Security Council**, **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** said, as he declared the country's candidature as **non-permanent member** for the 2028-29 term.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Culture** in collaboration with Prasiddha Foundation inaugurated **Delhi International Arts Festival** at Kartavya Path with the tag-line – '**Where Bharat Meets India**'.
- ⇒ Union Steel Minister, **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has launched India's first Green Steel Brand "**KALYANI FeRESTA**" in New Delhi. This first-of-its-kind steel has been manufactured by a Pune-based Steel company, Kalyani group by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment.
- ⇒ To raise awareness about the **importance of millet**, the **Agriculture Ministry** is hosting a **Millet food festival** in Parliament for the members. As the global agrifood systems face challenges to feed an ever-growing **global population**, **resilient cereals like millet** provide an affordable and nutritious option. The United Nations has passed a resolution declaring the year 2023 as the **International Year of Millets (IYM)**.
- ⇒ Stock brokerage firm **HDFC Securities** has launched **Roots**, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive **investor education and market analysis**. The site offers multiple forms of valuable information, including articles, bite-sized tips, podcasts by experts, video tutorials and explainers, and live social media feed on the Indian financial markets.
- ⇒ Rajya Sabha Chairman **Jagdeep Dhankhar** has nominated legendary former athlete **PT Usha** to the panel of vice-chairperson in the upper house of the Parliament. YSRCP member **Vijai Sai Reddy** has also been nominated along with her. PT Usha was also elected as the president of the Indian Olympic Association recently.
- ⇒ **India votes for UNSC resolution**: A UNSC resolution on the mental health of UN peacekeepers has India's support. According to India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj, as one of the nations that has sent the most troops over the years, India pays the utmost significance on the safety, security, and welfare of UN soldiers.
- ⇒ **HDFC borrows USD 400 million from IFC**: As part of their efforts to promote climate goals, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan to mortgage giant HDFC in the amount of USD 400 million for the financing of green, affordable housing units.
- ⇒ **Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal** launched a host of new initiatives, including the **right to repair portal** and an **NTH mobile app** and opened new premises of **National Consumer Helpline centre** in the national capital. A memorandum of understanding was also signed between the **Consumer Affairs Department and IIT (BHU)**, Varanasi as well launched a capacity building programme of consumer commissions.
- ⇒ Esports received a huge boost from the Indian government. It is incorporated into the nation's mainstream sports disciplines. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, amended the regulations governing eSports in accordance with the authority "conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution" and requested that "e-Sports be included as part of multi-sports events" from the Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and Sports.
- ⇒ An **Indian firm** has bagged a contract for providing consultancy for a capacity building project at **Mongla port**, the second largest seaport in **Bangladesh**, which will boost sub-regional connectivity in South Asia. The contract was signed between **Mongla Port Authority and EGIS India Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd**. The total project cost under **Government of India concessional Line of Credit is USD 530 million** of which PMC contract awarded to EGIS India Consulting Engineers Ltd. is for USD 9.60 million.
- ⇒ **Smt. Droupadi Murmu** has laid the foundation stone of the project '**Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples**' at Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam in Telangana.
- ⇒ **President Murmu** inaugurated the project "**Development of Srisailem Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh**" at Srisailem Temple Complex, **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**. The project has been sanctioned and executed under **PRASHAD scheme** viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive of the **Ministry of Tourism**.
- ⇒ **India** has launched the **official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** as it will host the next SCO summit as a **chairman of organisation in 2023**. The website highlights the events that will be undertaken under the chairmanship of India next year. The theme of the event is "**For a SECURE SCO**".





- ⇒ **Thirty-nine schools** from across the country have been awarded the **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar** for the 2021-22 academic session. **Minister of State for Education Dr Subhash Sarkar** conferred **National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22** in New-Delhi.
- ⇒ **India taken over the chair** of the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)** for 2022-23 at a meeting of the body in **Tokyo**. GPAI was founded in 2020, it has 25 members.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated '**53 Hours Challenge**' for '**75 Creative Minds Tomorrow**'. Winner : Dear Dairy
- ⇒ Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati **Raj Shri Giriraj** inaugurated the "**SARAS AAJEEVIKA MELA, 2022**" at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Shri Singh informed that the Ministry of Rural Development has received over **60,000 applications** from 3 states for start-up ventures in niche products and crafts areas.
- ⇒ **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal** announced India's first **National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS)** a major initiative by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping towards providing greener solutions.
- ⇒ Aiming to **guard customers** from **fake online reviews of products**, the **Union government** on released a comprehensive set of guidelines which would come into effect from **November 25** and **would be voluntary in nature**.
- ⇒ India wins the **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair** for the 2023-25 term. **Shri Vimal Mahendru** will be the IEC Vice President representing India.
- ⇒ The railways is looking at becoming a **major exporter of Vande Bharat trains** by 2025-26 to markets in **Europe, South America and East Asia**, a senior official said, adding that the latest version of the indigenous trains with sleeper coaches will be operational by the first quarter of 2024.
- ⇒ **Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** released the book '**India: The Mother of Democracy**' prepared and published by **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)** in New Delhi
- ⇒ **UP** has added the most number of new companies after **Maharashtra** since the outbreak of Covid-19, beating industrial hubs such as **Delhi, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu**, **data combined by the corporate affairs ministry (MCA)** show
- ⇒ **The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights** which is mandated to spread child rights literacy held a one day Orientation cum Sensitization programme on '**Child Rights: Contemporary Challenges in Telangana**' in **Hyderabad**, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana & Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- ⇒ **India** is going to contribute half a million dollars to the **United Nations' efforts to counter global terrorism** announced at plenary session of the UN Security Council special meeting of the Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) in New Delhi.
- ⇒ **The Supreme Court** reiterated the ban on the "**two-finger test**" in **rape cases**, warning that persons using such tests will be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- ⇒ **India** presented the second tranche of aid of **USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees** in the Near East (UNRWA) for the financial year 2022-2023.
- ⇒ **The Union Cabinet** has given its approval for the naming of the new **Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar**, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".
- ⇒ **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the biggest-ever coal mine auction of 141 mines that are expected to benefit twelve states directly. During the launch, the finance minister said that a fast-growing economy like India needs greater investment in coal production & gasification projects.)
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** declared **Mangarh Dham a National Monument** in the **Banswara District, Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Jal Shakti** is organizing **Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022** in **New Delhi**. The Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 organized by the collaboration of The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, & the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ⇒ **India's first National Repository for Life Science data** was unveiled by Science & Technology Minister Jitendra Singh. The National Repository for Life Science data was generated from publicly-funded research in India. The 'Indian Biological Data Centre' (IBDC) was established at the Regional Biotechnology Center. It has a storage capacity of four petabytes & is also home to the 'Brahm' High-Performance Computing facility.
- ⇒ **The Ministry of Education** announced that this **year India will celebrate 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'** in a grand manner in schools, & higher education institutions on 15 November 2022. The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was a name given on 15 November 2021 by the Union Cabinet of the Government of India to remember the contribution of tribal freedom fighters, as part of the year-long celebration of the 75th anniversary of Indian independence)
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** flagged off the **first Vande Bharat Express Train on the Mysuru-Chennai route at Krantiveera Sangolli Railway station in Bengaluru**. PM Narendra Modi also flagged off the 'Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan' train which is operated by Karnataka's Muzrai Department under the 'Bharat Gaurav' train policy of Railways.





- ⇒ **The Indian Railways said it completed the electrification of 82 per cent of its broad gauge network.** The national transporter said it achieved 1,223 route km of electrification in the 2022-23 financial year till October 2022, as compared to 895 route km (RKMs) during the corresponding period of FY 2021-22.
- ⇒ **The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN & India commemorate 30 years of partnership.**
- ⇒ **The government is set to launch the world's longest luxury river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh next year.**
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi unveiled a 108 feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru.** The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda who is the founder of Bengaluru. The statue was conceptualized & sculpted by Ram V Sutar, who also curated the Statue of Unity. The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made with 98 tonnes of bronze & 120 tonnes of steel.
- ⇒ **The 41st edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) has started at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.** This year the theme of the trade fair is Vocal For Local, Local to Global.
- ⇒ **India emerged as the second-largest producer of crude steel by replacing Japan.** The biggest steel producing country is currently China, which accounted for 57% of world steel production
- ⇒ **5G Launch:** The nation's 5G services were officially inaugurated by PM Modi on October 1st, 2022, ushering in a period of ultra-high-speed mobile internet, according to a statement from the PM's Office.
- ⇒ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has approved 14 projects worth **Rs 1,145 crore.** under the championship of **G Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG.**
- ⇒ **The govt. now intends to establish 100 5G laboratories around the nation, a day after PM Modi announced the start of 5G services in India at the Indian Mobile Congress.**
- ⇒ **India's first Green Technology incubation facility:** At the **National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar,**
- ⇒ **To create cybersecurity awareness among all employees, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) observed the "Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas".**
- ⇒ **Pakistan has confirmed that it will attend the Shanghai cooperation organisation's anti-terror exercises in India.** Pakistan, which is a part of SCO will take part in counter-terror drills in **Haryana's Manesar in October.**
- ⇒ **"Mahakal Lok"** corridor first phase of Mahakaleshwar Temple in the city of Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, is scheduled to open by **PM Modi.**
- ⇒ **a Centre of Entrepreneurship-Kalpataru (COE-Kalpataru) on Industry 4.0 has been set up at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Andhra Pradesh.**
- ⇒ **PM Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of Modi Shaikshanik Sankul,** which is an educational complex for needy students in Ahmedabad.
- ⇒ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan** at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar.
- ⇒ **Nitin Gadkari unveiled the Toyota Corolla Altis Flex-fuel car,** which has been touted as first of its kind pilot project on **Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV)** in India. This project intends to examine whether ethanol-powered flex-fuel vehicles can be viable in Indian conditions.
- ⇒ **The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention** is to be held in Indore, **Madhya Pradesh** in January 2023. **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar** launched the website of the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention
- ⇒ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** has inaugurated a gallery-cum-exhibition depicting the history of prominent Maratha commanders at the sprawling **Jai Vilas Mahal of Scindias,** the erstwhile rulers of Gwalior & inaugurated the **'Gatha Swaraj ki-Maratha Gallery'** depicting the history of the main Maratha
- ⇒ **Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Dr. L Murugan** said that India stands third in the world in terms of fish production. **2nd largest aquaculture nation** in the world after China.
- ⇒ **Union Cabinet approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Rabi Crops** for the Marketing Season 2023-24. **The highest increase has been cleared for lentils with a hike of 500 rupees per quintal. The MSP on wheat has been hiked by 110 rupees & barley by 100 rupees**
- ⇒ **Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri** has inaugurated **Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant** in Lehragaga, in Sangrur, Punjab.
- ⇒ **PM Modi on October 22 launched the Rozgar Mela recruitment drive to hire 10 lakh personnel.**
- ⇒ **India suffered an income loss of 5.4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the highest among the G20 nations in 2021,** according to the new report of **Climate Transparency**
- ⇒ **finance minister, officially opened the third campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) -K campus in Kakinada**
- ⇒ **Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated India's second **Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAVV)** in Puri. **Rastriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya** which is also called the National Model Vedic School. **Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratisthan** is the first such school in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- ⇒ **A dance-drama titled "STREEDESH : Ministry of culture:** The dance drama was based on the lives of 13 legendary women of Jammu & Kashmir





- ⇒ Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) became the **first Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)** to achieve the major milestone of procurement value of Rs 10,000 Crore through the Govt.-e-Marketplace (GeM). SAIL was the largest CPSE procurer on GeM in the previous Financial Year (FY 22) with a value of Rs. 4,614 Crore.
- ⇒ **UNESCO** released a list of 50 exclusive & iconic heritage textile crafts of the India. | Name: "Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile". Author: Ritu Sethi
- ⇒ **IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** said the **government is investing nearly \$30 billion** to ensure last-mile network accessibility for 4G & 5G in every village across the country & build a robust digital infrastructure in the rural areas.
- ⇒ **Operation Megha Chakra**, (CBI) searched 56 locations across 20 States & Union Territories in relation to cases of the internet distribution of child sexual abuse material. Cloud storage was used to perform searches against sellers of Child Sexual Abuse Material on the Internet after obtaining input from Interpol & intelligence gathered during **Operation Carbon** last year. Director General of CBI: **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal**
- ⇒ **Ministry of Home Affairs bans PFI & its associates:** The **Popular Front of India (PFI)** & its affiliates were banned by the Centre for a period of **five years**,
- ⇒ **Hitachi Astemo** installed its India's first ground-mounted solar power plant of **3 megawatts (MW)** at its **Jalgaon manufacturing plant**. The 3 megawatts (MW) solar power plant will be built in an area of **43301 sqm**.
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh cabinet** has gave a green signal for the development of the **Ranipur Tiger Reserve** first tiger reserve in the **Bundelkhand region**. The tiger reserve will span across **52,989.863 hectares** of land including **29,958.863 hectares** of buffer area & **23,031.00 hectares** of the core area which was already notified as Ranipur wildlife sanctuary in the Chitrakoot district of the state.
- ⇒ **First Inter-modal digital TIR (International Road Transports)-** based pilot transport India to Iran through International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) Flagged off from: Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra
- ⇒ **First-ever floating photo exhibition** Organized at: Loktak Lake, Manipur | Organized by: Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting As many as 88 Manipuri language creatives of "Eight years of Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan" & around creatives of 11 unsung Manipuri freedom fighters are being displayed in the exhibition
- ⇒ **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)** announced that all the hyper-sensitive airports in India will have to install a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by the end of 2023.
- ⇒ National Monument Authority (NMA) is to submit a report on comprehensive development of **Mahuli group of temples, known as Dakshin Kashi**, to Ministry of Culture. Mahuli group of temples comprises of five temples belonging to 11th & 12th CE, located near Satara, Maharashtra.
- ⇒ **Jaipur** has achieved an overall sustainability rating of three in the Urban Sustainability Assessment Framework (USAF), on the basis of data collected for 87 of its 131 parameters.
- ⇒ **India's under-5 mortality rate declines by 3 points:** According to Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, India's under-5 mortality rate has dramatically decreased from 35 per 1,000 live births in 2019 to 32 per 1,000 live births in 2020, with largest fall observed in Uttar Pradesh (UP) & Karnataka
- ⇒ **India** is set to host its maiden **MotoGP World Championships race at Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida in 2023**. Championship name : **Grand Prix of Bharat by Dorna Sports**
- ⇒ The appointments of Directors of eight Indian Institutes of Technology have been approved by President Droupadi Murmu (IITs).
- ⇒ The Election Commission of India has released a new digital publication '**BLO e-Patrika**'. To ensure a cascading information model for a **better informed & motivated Booth Level Officer**
- ⇒ **India** is going to have its first Forest University. **Forestry Universities (UoF) Act 2022** was approved by **Telangana Assembly**
- ⇒ **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** is building **National Maritime Heritage Complex** at historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal in Gujarat with a total cost of 3500 crores rupees
- ⇒ **The Union Cabinet** had approved a policy on **long-term leasing of Railways' land** as well as a proposal to **develop 300 Gati Shakti cargo terminals over next five years**.
- ⇒ Indian & Chinese troops have begun disengaging at Patrolling Pillar (15) in **Gogra-Hotspring region** of Eastern Ladakh
- ⇒ Chief Justice of India, inaugurated NALSA's Centre for Citizen Services at Jaisalmer house in New Delhi.
- ⇒ **Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurate third edition of **Lok Manthan program** at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati. event will be facilitated by **CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sharma**.
- ⇒ **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** signed a MoU with **Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy & Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT)**.
- ⇒ Union Minister **Anurag Thakur** launched "**Azadi Quest**", a series of online educational games based on India's freedom struggle, developed in collaboration with **Zynga India**.





- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated 300-bed **Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre** at Mullanpur, Mohali in Chandigarh. built at a cost of over ₹660 crores by **Tata Memorial Centre** which is an aided institute under Union Department of Atomic Energy.
- ⇒ India is set to construct more **railways & motorways in 2025**. length of all national highways in India is anticipated to reach **1.8 lakh kilometres** & railway lines would be **1.2 lakh kilometres** by 2025 according to **report of Bank of America Securities India**.
- ⇒ **Anang Tal Lake** in **South Delhi** has been declared a **monument of national importance** through a gazette notification by **Ministry of Culture**. ascribes this tank to a **Tomar King, Anang Pal II, builder of Lal Kot**.
- ⇒ India's first **3D-printed post office** is slated to come up in **Halasuru, Bengaluru, Karnataka** | constructed by **Larsen & Toubro**, which is only company currently in India utilising 3D printing technology for construction | cost 25 lakh
- ⇒ **17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023** will be held at **Indore** in January next year. It also commemorates return of **Mahatma Gandhi** from South Africa to India on **9th January 1915**.
- ⇒ **Narendra Modi** has dedicated India's **first earthquake memorial**, named **Smruti Van** at **Bhuj** in Gujarat is spread over **470 acres on Bhujio Hill near Bhuj town**
- ⇒ On **National Sports Day**, Youth Affairs & Sports Ministry will host "**Meet Champion project**" in 26 schools across nation.
- ⇒ **India** has for first time referred to what it called "**the militarization of Taiwan Strait**". The Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka released a statement in which India accused China of "militarizing Taiwan Strait." Taiwan Strait is a **180-kilometre wide strait separating island of Taiwan & continental China**. The strait is part of South China Sea & connects to **East China Sea to north**. narrowest part is 130 km wide.
- ⇒ **Indian Railways** have set up '**Meghdoot**' machines at **Dadar, Thane & other stations of Mumbai Division**. unique '**Meghdoot**' machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in air into potable water. The contract for setting up 17 '**MEGHDoot**', has been awarded to **Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd**.
- ⇒ **India** is set to launch its first indigenously developed **Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (qHPV)** against Cervical cancer with help of Serum Institute of India (SII) & Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- ⇒ The vaccine for Cervical cancer "**CERVAVAC**", will be launched by **Union Minister of State Science & Technology Jitendra Singh**. vaccine is likely to cost around 200-400 per dose.
- ⇒ **IILM University** launched first **National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) Complaint Law School** in Country.
- ⇒ **Special 60-day maternity leave**: Central govt female staff to get a special **maternity leave** of 60 days. leave will be granted in event that a baby is lost before or during delivery, or if infant passes away shortly after birth.
- ⇒ The government of India has announced to change name of **Rajpath & Central Vista lawns** into **Kartavya Path**.
- ⇒ The long-haul, heavy-duty trucks from **Blue Energy Motors**, has a contract in place with **FPT Industrial**, global powertrain brand of Italian Iveco Group, to launch first LNG trucks with BS VI-compliant FPT Industrial engines.
- ⇒ **India's first intranasal Covid vaccine** by **Bharat Biotech** received approval from **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** for primary immunization against injection for people above age of 18. It is India's first nasal vaccine for COVID-19. name : **BBV154**. It is an intranasal replication deficient chimpanzee adenovirus SARS-CoV-2 vectored vaccine
- ⇒ **India's healthcare industry** is expected to grow to hit **\$50 billion in size by 2025**, said Union minister Jitendra Singh. Addressing **14th CII Global MedTech Summit**, "Seizing Global Opportunity
- ⇒ **PM Modi to unveil statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**: at renamed **Kartavya Path**,
- ⇒ **India's first RRTS corridor**: Delhi-Meerut RRTS line, would incorporate an automatic fare collection (AFC) system & tickets with QR codes for riders.
- ⇒ **Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City)** in Ahmedabad is home to the **Deutsche Bank AG's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)**, which was opened by **PM Narendra Modi**.
- ⇒ A **Har Ghar Tiranga Bike Rally** by Members of Parliament was launched in Delhi from the famed Red Fort by Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu**.
- ⇒ **Central Government** released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the **146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya**, the designer of India's national flag.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, **Piyush Goyal** : India achieved a landmark milestone, wherein **75000 startups** have been recognized by **Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT)**
- ⇒ **80th anniversary : August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, observed on **8 August 2022**. The slogans "**Quit India**" & "**Do or Die**" became battle cries for the freedom fighters during the Quit India movement
- ⇒ PM attended the 7th NITI Aayog governing council meeting which took place at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan's cultural centre** in the national capital.
- ⇒ Israeli experts are providing the Center's technology as part of the **India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP)**, while **MIDH** is funding the construction of the Center's infrastructure for demonstration purposes. On the basis of Israeli innovations, **Centers of Excellence (CoEs)** are being established in the United States.
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** will dedicate to the nation via video conferencing a **second generation (2G) ethanol plant** built at an estimated cost of **Rs 900 crore** in **Haryana's Panipat**.





- ⇒ The Centre announced that it will set up a **task force** to keep track of **monkeypox** cases in India. **Dr. VK Paul**, Member (Health), Niti Aayog, will serve as the team's leader,
- ⇒ In his last year's Independence Day speech, **PM Narendra Modi** declared **August 14** to be observed as "**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**" to remind the nation of the sufferings & sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947.
- ⇒ **World's highest railway bridge over River Chenab** was inaugurated connecting Srinagar with rest of the world. The bridge will be **35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower**.
- ⇒ **Government of India** notified the appointments of another **11 High Court Judges** in the **Punjab & Haryana High Court**. The appointments include the names **Nidhi Gupta, Sanjay Vashisth, Tribhuvan Dahiya, Namit Kumar, Harkesh Manuja, Aman Chaudhary, Naresh Singh, Harsh Bunker, Jagmohan Bansal, Deepak Manchanda & Alok Jain**.
- ⇒ India has donated \$ 400,000 (more than Rs 3 crore) to as many as four **Voluntary Trust Funds**. The four Trust Funds to which contribution has been made include the **Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation, the Voluntary Fund for financial & technical assistance for the implementation of Universal Periodic Review, & the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund** to support the participation of **Least Developed Countries (LDCs) & Small Island Developing States (SIDs)** in the work of the council.
- ⇒ India's demand for petroleum products like petrol & diesel will **grow by 7.73 per cent in 2022, the fastest pace in the world**.
- ⇒ Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, & the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized the event "**Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**" at the water sports club in New Delhi.
- ⇒ **Grand Hackathon** that the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** is hosting with **NABARD**. The physical portion of this event took place at the Fort, Mumbai location of the Bombay Stock Exchange. **Grand Hackathon** is divided into two categories: the **Agri Grant Challenge & the Agri Innovation Hackathon**
- ⇒ **Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project** : India's largest Floating Solar Plant in **Telangana** commissioned by NTPC with 100 MW capacity. Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Steel** joined **PM Gati Shakti Portal** & uploaded the geo coordinates of important projects in an effort to detect & address connection gaps in the infrastructure.
- ⇒ PM unveiled a **30-feet bronze statue** of **Alluri Sitarama Raju** at **Bhimavaram** in **Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district** on the **125th birth anniversary** & 100 years of '**Rampa Kranti**' will be celebrated throughout the year marking 75 years of Independence.
- ⇒ Union Ministers **Smriti Irani & Jyotiraditya Scindia** have been assigned additional charges of **Minority Affairs & Ministry of Steel** respectively after two Union Ministers **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi & Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, with immediate effect.
- ⇒ **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** nominated four noted personalities from southern states to **Rajya Sabha**: Sports icon **PT Usha**, music maestro **Ilaiyaraaja**, spiritual leader **Veerendra Heggade**, & screenwriter **KV Vijayendra Prasad**
- ⇒ India chosen to participate in the 2022–2026 cycle of the **UNESCO Convention** for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which was adopted in 2003.
- ⇒ **Narendra Modi** launched **Akshaya Patra** midday meal kitchen during his first trip to his **Varanasi** district. **Modi** will inaugurate & lay the cornerstone for development projects worth Rs **1,774 crore**.
- ⇒ **Amit Shah** unveiled the '**Statue of Peace**' of **Swamy Ramanujacharya** in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region. Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, a great thinker, philosopher & social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sripurumbudur.
- ⇒ **Narendra Modi** launched **Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam** on the **National Education Policy** in Varanasi.
- ⇒ **Kharchi festival**, offering prayer to 14 gods & goddess, began with thousands of devotees converging at **Khayerpur** on the eastern outskirts of the **Tripura**.
- ⇒ **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) at Durgapur & Vardhman.
- ⇒ **The Yuva Sammelan**, hosted by "**My Home India**" in New Delhi, was attended by **Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India**. According to the President, there are more adolescents & young people in India than anywhere else in the world. This phenomenon, known as the "**Demographic Dividend**," presents an opportunity for our nation.
- ⇒ With the help of the **ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Space Operation & Management (IS4OM)**, India has increased its ability to protect its space assets on its own.
- ⇒ PM unveiled the **National Emblem** cast on the **roof of the New Parliament Building**. It made of bronze with a total weight of **9500 kilograms & is 6.5 meters in height**. It has been cast at the top of the Central Foyer of the New Parliament Building.
- ⇒ CBI, which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters joined **Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database** which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers, & crime scenes using audio-visual data. making India the 68th country to connect to it, according to a statement from Interpol.





- ⇒ **The Dwarka Expressway**, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will be operational in **2023**. It will reduce pressure on the **Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway** (part of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral)
- ⇒ **PM** inaugurated & set the cornerstone for a number of construction projects totaling more than **16,800 crores** of rupees in **Deoghar**.
- ⇒ The 17th campus of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)** in Panchkula was officially opened
- ⇒ India's public broadcaster **Prasar Bharati** unveiled in its silver jubilee year.
- ⇒ Students of the **Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** will now have access to job opportunities thanks to a new pilot project the Delhi government announced with **UNICEF**
- ⇒ **National Rail & Transportation Institute** upgraded as **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**, the deemed to be university will be upgraded to a central university. The university has been renamed as **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**.
- ⇒ **Government of India** introduced certification of authenticity for **jute products manufactured in India**. The Union Textile Secretary unveiled the logo "**Jute Mark India**". This project is an initiative to **protect & promote Indian jute products**.
- ⇒ The holy city of **Varanasi** showcasing India's culture & traditions over the ages will be declared the first "**Cultural & Tourism Capital**" of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**.
- ⇒ **Jagriti** is a mascot created by the **Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)** with the goal of empowering customers & raising awareness of their rights.
- ⇒ India has crossed the 200-Crore milestone in its cumulative **COVID19** vaccination campaign, which is a historic accomplishment.
- ⇒ According to Deputy CM **Manish Sisodia**, the Delhi government celebrated **Happiness Utsav** to honour the fourth anniversary of its Happiness Curriculum for schools.
- ⇒ At the **Fueling India 2022** event in Mumbai, Union Minister of Micro, Small, & Medium Enterprises (MSME) **Narayan Rane** introduced **Repos Pay**, a platform for Mobile Electric Charging, & **Phy-gital** a platform for fintech.
- ⇒ **Narendra Modi** unveiled '**SPRINT Challenges**', aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy, during the Naval Innovation & Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' in New Delhi. This collaborative project is named **SPRINT {Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), NIIO & Technology Development Acceleration Cell (TDAC)}**.
- ⇒ The **The Zojila Pass Axis Rally team** :Army Motor Bike trip from New Delhi to the **Kargil War Memorial** at Dras in Ladakh was launched off from Pathankot in Punjab to commemorate 23 years of triumph over Pakistan in the **Kargil War** of
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** has unveiled **Varuna**, India's first passenger drone.
- ⇒ In Bhopal, a large statue honouring **Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad** will be erected. The statue site will be created as a source of inspiration for young people, with soil from Azad's hometown of Bhabra being used at its base.
- ⇒ The **Ladakh Festival Kargil 2022** was inaugurated in Ladakh by CEC LAHDC Kargil **Feroz Ahmad Khan** at Khree Sultan Chow Stadium in Bemathang Kargil.
- ⇒ **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island** was transferred from the Andaman & Nicobar Command to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for further development of the island's infrastructure & tourism.
- ⇒ Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, said that the Union Cabinet approved the Rs. 1.64 lakh crore revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.
- ⇒ The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** has approved the construction of the **Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road new rail line: Gujarat & Rajasthan** to be constructed by the Ministry of Railways at an estimated cost of **Rs 2798.16 crore**.
- ⇒ **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** launched an online portal to simplify process of recognition of **teacher education programs in higher education institutions**
- ⇒ **Anurag Thakur** launched a nationwide '**Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally**' on World Bicycle Day.
- ⇒ Central govt. planning international level grounds & venues for all sports for Olympics in Ahmedabad with **Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex**, & three more sports complexes at a cost of Rs 632 crore
- ⇒ **NABARD: "My Pad My Right programme"**, in Leh. programme launched by **Nabard's NabFoundation** with machinery & materials of a cost of Seven & half Lakh rupees.
- ⇒ President **Ram Nath Kovind** paid tributes to **Sant Kabir & inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy & Research Centre & Swadesh Darshan Yojana** at Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.
- ⇒ **At Raxaul in Bihar, inaugurated National Food Laboratory of FSSAI**. Under bilateral agreement between **Indo-Nepal**, this laboratory was **established to reduce time of testing of food samples** imported from Nepal to Raxaul.
- ⇒ **PM Narendra Modi** launched a special series of coins that are also 'visually impaired friendly'. coins of **Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 & 20 denominations** will have **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)** design.
- ⇒ Newly built **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI)** in **New Delhi**. It is being established at a cost of **10 crore rupees**.





- ⇒ **'Ayurveda Aahar' logo** launched on occasion of **World Food Safety Day**. As per FSSAI, design of Ayurveda Aahar logo is such that it contains initial letters of words **Ayurveda & Aahar in English & Devanagari**. In this logo, Hindi letter Aa, & English letter 'A' have merged in a way that they appear to be single form.
- ⇒ Michigan, USA-based IT Services & IT Consulting company **Information Data Systems (IDS): Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)** (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse).
- ⇒ National Museum of Customs & GST **"Dharohar"** in **Goa** as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of Ministry of Finance, being celebrated from **June 6 to 12**. two-storey 'Blue building', which was earlier known as **Alfandega**, during period of Portuguese rule in Goa, standing on banks of **Mandovi River in Panaji** for more than 400 years.
- ⇒ Narendra Modi inaugurated Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu Village near Pune, dedicated to 17th-century seer. Sant Tukaram was a Warkari saint & poet, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry & community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in Dehu.
- ⇒ **Rajesh Exports**, a gold retailer based in **Bangalore**, announced plans to invest \$3 billion to build India's first display manufacturing plant.
- ⇒ First train to be operated between **Coimbatore & Shirdi** by a private operator, under **'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of Indian Railways**, was flagged off.
- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Jal Bhushan Building & underground 'Gallery of Revolutionaries' museum dedicated to luminaries of freedom struggle, at Raj Bhavan. In Mumbai**
- ⇒ Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated **National Yoga Olympiad 2022 & quiz competition in New Delhi**. National Yoga Olympiad organised jointly by **Ministry of Education & NCERT**
- ⇒ **Yoga Mahotsav** organised by Ministry of Culture+ **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** at Purana Qila at New Delhi
- ⇒ PM inaugurated Centre for Brain Research & lay foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital at **IISc Bengaluru**.
- ⇒ Country's first-ever, **'Balika Panchayat'**, started in five villages of **Gujarat's Kutch district**: to promote social & political development of girls & ensure their active participation in politics.
- ⇒ **'Single-Use Plastic' use to be outflow from July 1st, 2022 by Union govt.** Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene & expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, & use
- ⇒ **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** : indigenous solar cook top, **"Surya Nutan"**, developed by oil refiner's Faridabad R&D centre.
- ⇒ **Jyotirgamaya**, a festival celebrating brilliance of underappreciated performers, launched in New Delhi by **Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy**. Sangeet Natak Akademi organised this festival as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav & on occasion of World Music Day**
- ⇒ **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister for Jammu & Kashmir opened Seismology Observatory in Dandayal neighborhood of Udampur district. **Ministry of Earth Sciences** spent 20 lakh rupees to establish third such Center in J&K.
- ⇒ **First Bharat Gaurav tourist train** connecting places associated with **Ramayana Circuit in India & Nepal** was flagged off from **Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi**.
- ⇒ **Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022**, India is predicted to have 122 new unicorns in following 2-4 years. total worth of these potential unicorns is currently 49 billion US dollars. When a startup is valued at **\$1 billion USD**, it is considered to be a **Unicorn**.
- ⇒ New **smart** campus of Bosch India, in **Bengaluru**, inaugurated by PM **Narendra Modi**.
- ⇒ 12-day exhibition at **Batsagaan Temple, Gandan Monastery**, Mongolia, four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha returned to India.
- ⇒ Dimapur Honey Testing Laboratory in Nagaland: inaugurated by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**.
- ⇒ New smart campus of Bosch India in Bengaluru, inaugurated by PM **Narendra Modi**.
- ⇒ **Grand Hackathon** : Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) + NABARD hosted. at Fort, Mumbai location of Bombay Stock Exchange.
- ⇒ NTPC Ltd :100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project in Telangana.
- ⇒ Ministry of Steel joined PM Gati Shakti Portal & uploaded geo coordinates of important projects in an effort to detect & address connection gaps in infrastructure with help of **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)** app.
- ⇒ PM inaugurated **Digital India Week 2022** at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat : **Theme** : 'Catalyzing New India's Techade' to transform nation into a digitally empowered society & knowledge economy.
- ⇒ **Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta**, Director, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL), New Delhi, has been elected as a member of the **International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM)**
- ⇒ The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** unveiled the **National Suicide Prevention Strategy** — the **first-of-its-kind policy** formulated by the **government** to prevent suicides as a **public health priority**. According to the **ministry**, the policy that will set the stage for promotion of mental health and prevention of suicides in the coming decade





- ⇒ India's **Union rural development ministry** has formed a panel to revamp its only **job guarantee scheme** in the hope of **directing more work to the country's poorer regions**, a senior government official said
- ⇒ The **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** and **Arbor Day Foundation** have jointly recognised **Mumbai and Hyderabad** as the '**2021 Tree City of the World**'.
- ⇒ As per the data by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, the number of domestic patent filings at the Indian patent office exceeded that of international filings for the first time in the **last 11 years**.
- ⇒ **Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation**, 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**.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has 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 to mark 75 years of Independence.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has dedicated to the nation, a 200-bed **KK Patel Super Speciality Hospital in Bhuj in the Kutch district of Gujarat**, via video-conferencing.
- ⇒ The Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has unveiled a **108 ft statue of Lord Hanuman ji in Morbi, Gujarat**, at the Ashram of **Bapu Keshvanand ji**, via video conferencing, on the occasion of **Hanuman Jayanti**. This statue is the second among the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the '**Hanumanji Char Dham**' project.
- ⇒ In May, the **NITI Aayog** plans to launch the **National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP)**, which would give government data in a user-friendly manner and encourage **data-driven decision-making and research**.
- ⇒ **BRO Director General Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary** announced that the **Border Roads Organisation** will build the world's highest tunnel at **Shinku La Pass, at 16,580 feet**, to connect **Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh**.
- ⇒ The **first portable solar rooftop system** in India has been inaugurated at **Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The 10 **Photovoltaic PV Port system** has been manufactured by **New Delhi-based Servotech Power Systems Ltd** and designed by the **German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**.
- ⇒ The **Union Health minister Mansukh Mandaviya**, organised a week-long celebration under the "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**", marking the fourth anniversary of **Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)** from **April 16 to April 22**.
- ⇒ The **World Health Organization** launched its **Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** at a site in **Gujarat**, aimed at unlocking its potential by blending ancient practices with modern science. During the event, the **WHO chief Tedros Ghebreyesus** spoke in **Hindi** which surprised all.
- ⇒ India's first **99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant** has been commissioned by the **Oil India Limited (OIL)** at its **Jorhat Pump Station in Assam**. The plant has an installed capacity of **10 kg per day**.
- ⇒ The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, **Jammu and Kashmir**, under the e-governance initiative has launched an app '**Jan Nigrani**', intended to help people lodge their complaints related to various schemes online.
- ⇒ To bolster **India's cyber posture**, the **National Security Council Secretariat** is holding a **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India)** for **government officials** and key sector organisations.
- ⇒ The government-run organisation, **Niti Aayog's Vice Chairperson, Rajiv Kumar** has resigned due to a **government order**. **Suman Bery, an economist**, will take over as the new head of the **planning agency**.
- ⇒ **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**.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicated a **500 KV solar plant** to the nation in the unassuming hamlet of **Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba** making it the country's **first 'carbon neutral panchayat'**.
- ⇒ India's **Statue of Unity** has become the part of '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list. The **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** has included the **Statue of Unity** in its '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list.
- ⇒ **Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways**, announced that the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** would develop and build **India's first indigenous hydrogen-fueled electric vessels** at **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**, kicking off the country's efforts toward **green shipping**.





- ⇒ **Home Minister, Amit Shah** inaugurates the **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)** campus in **Bengaluru**. According to **Home Minister Amit Shah**, the **Narendra Modi government** has had a **zero-tolerance** attitude toward **terrorism** since the beginning.
- ⇒ Union Minister for **Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur** has announced that India will be the official Country of Honour at the upcoming Marche' Du Film, organized alongside the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, in France.
- ⇒ Information and Broadcasting Minister, **Anurag Thakur** said that an amount of **Rs 363 crore** has been allotted for the **world's largest film restoration project** under the **National Film Heritage Mission**.
- ⇒ At **Alstom's Savli project** in Gujarat, the **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** will receive India's first semi-high-speed train set for **Regional Rapid Transit System (RTTS)**. **Manoj Joshi**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will be present at the occasion.
- ⇒ A three-day **Utkarsh Mahotsav** is being organized by **Central Sanskrit University in New Delhi**. The objective behind organising the Utkarsh Mahotsav is to promote the Sanskrit language across the country and beyond.
- ⇒ **The Lokpal of India** will finally move into a swanky office at **World Trade Centre** in south Delhi's Nauroji Nagar, four years after being appointed as the country's first anti-corruption ombudsman to investigate complaints against public functionaries, including the Prime Minister, and almost a decade after the Act was passed by Parliament.
- ⇒ Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker, **Om Birla** has launched the one-of-its-kind literary initiative **Kalam website** of the **Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)** to support and encourage vernacular literature.
- ⇒ The **Ministry of MSME** has created a Centre for Experimentation, Innovation, and Design for the **Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC)** with the goal of empowering Khadi Institutions across the country. The goal of the **Khadi Centre of Excellence (CoEK)** is to make Khadi a worldwide, classic, and value-driven brand.
- ⇒ **India** has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the **Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA)** for 2022-2024 at the meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines. Commission on Elections, Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- ⇒ With the excavation of a 5000-year-old jewellery-making factory, the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**, which has been working in **Rakhi Garhi, Haryana**, for the past 32 years, has produced one of its most significant findings yet.
- ⇒ **RailTel**, a micro Ratna PSU, launched the **Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI)** scheme on Monday, providing access to its Public WiFi services across 100 train stations in 22 states.
- ⇒ President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** conferred **13 Shaurya Chakras** which included six posthumous to the personnel of the Indian Armed forces for their conspicuous courage displayed during operations.
- ⇒ Union Cabinet Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** 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.
- ⇒ **The Union Government** has announced the formation of the **Cotton Council of India** under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man **Suresh Bhai Kotak**.
- ⇒ The Supreme Court used **Article 142** of the Constitution to grant **AG Perarivalan**, a convict in the assassination of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi**, extraordinary powers to "do complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it."
- ⇒ **The Ministry of Railways** has announced that it's going to collaborate with **IIT Madras** for the development of a **made-in-India Hyperloop system**. It has also announced that it'll be setting up a Centre for Excellence for Hyperloop technologies at the aforementioned institution.
- ⇒ **India** joined a dozen other nations to launch the **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**, a US-led trade initiative meant to counter China's aggressive expansion in the region. Among the 13 countries backing the initiative are **Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam**, and the members jointly account for 40% of the global GDP.
- ⇒ The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** has urged infrastructure agencies to map their projects with the water bodies being constructed under the **Amrit Sarovar**. **Mr Modi** stated that this would be a win-win situation because the material needed for the Amrit Sarovars could be used by the agencies for public works.
- ⇒ The Inter-State Council has been formed, with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** as Chairman and Chief Ministers of all States and six Union ministers as members.
- ⇒ Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved the proposal for the creation of a new **Defence Estates Circle exclusively for Uttarakhand**.
- ⇒ The government intends to launch **Jan Samarth**, a unified platform for the delivery of multiple initiatives administered by several ministries and departments, in order to make life easier for the average man. The new portal will initially enrol 15 credit-linked government initiatives, as part of the **Narendra Modi** government's objective of minimum government maximal governance.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced that India has become one of the world's fastest growing economies. He was addressing at an occasion where he announced the **PM-CARES** for Children Scheme's benefits. In the midst of the pandemic's negative mood, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** stated that India relied on its strength.





- ⇒ Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha** and Union minister **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **north India's first Industrial Biotech Park** constructed at **Ghatti near Kathua**.
- ⇒ Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched a 100-day reading campaign '**Padhe Bharat**'. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring the availability of age-appropriate reading books for children in local/mother tongue/regional/tribal language.
- ⇒ The government has approved the issuance of the **19th tranche of electoral bonds**, which will be open for sale from **January 1 to 10, 2022**, ahead of assembly elections in five states **Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Goa**. In the 19th tranche of sale, the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, has been authorised to issue & encash electoral bonds through its 29 specialised branches. There is no limit on the number of bonds an individual or company can purchase. An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days.
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- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone of **Major Dhyani Chand Sports University in Meerut**. The University will be established at Salawa & Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of about **700 Crore rupees**.
- ⇒ Information Technology Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** to attract large investments for setting up semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities in India.
- ⇒ Union Minister of Education, **Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched **National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT 3.0)**, & regional language textbooks prescribed by the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**. NEAT 3.0 aims to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions & courses to students on a single platform. It will be beneficial especially among the economically disadvantaged students.
- ⇒ Union Ayush Minister, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has laid the foundation stone of the **Heartfulness International Yoga Academy in Hyderabad, Telangana**. He also launched 75 crores suryanamaskar initiative as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. The academy tries to reach all levels of society through training programmes & these will be overseen by an international team.
- ⇒ Power & new & renewable energy minister, **Raj Kumar Singh** has dedicated **Automatic Generation Control (AGC)** to the nation. The AGC sends signals to power plants every four seconds to maintain the frequency & thereby reliability of India's power system. It will help in achieving the government's target of 500 GW non-fossil fuel-based generation capacity by 2030.
- ⇒ **Puducherry** has been handpicked by PM **Narendra Modi** to host the **25th National Youth Festival**. The 25th National Youth Festival is going to be held in Puducherry from 12th to 16th January 2022. The festival has been organised as part of the **Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav** marking the 75th year of Independence, said Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports & Information & Broadcasting **Anurag Thakur**.
- ⇒ India's Permanent Representative to the UN, **T S Tirumurti** has been appointed as the Chair of the **UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022**. India has assumed the chairmanship of the United Nations Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNSC-CTC) for one year, beginning from **January 01, 2022**.
- ⇒ PM of India, **Narendra Modi** has declared that starting from the year 2022, **December 26** will be observed as '**Veer Baal Diwas**' every year. The day will be commemorated as a tribute to the courage of the 4 Sahibzades (the four sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji), who attained martyrdom in the 17th century.
- ⇒ Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated **Kalpna Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology (KCCRSST)** at Chandigarh University.
- ⇒ **India Skills 2021 national competition** concluded with more than 200 participants who were felicitated by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. As many as 270 winners of the Competition felicitated with **61 gold, 77 silver, 53 bronze & 79 medallions** of excellence. Odisha finished first out of 26 states & union territories of this year in the 'IndiaSkills 2021' contest with 51 medals. Odisha won 10 gold, 18 silver, 9 bronze, & 14 medallions.
- ⇒ On the occasion of the National Youth Day 2022, PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an '**MSME Technology Centre**', which will function under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), in Puducherry. The technology centre was built at a cost of Rs 122 crore with a focus on the Electronic System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) Sector.
- ⇒ Minister of State for Culture, **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched the '**North East on Wheels Expedition**' in **New Delhi** to promote the **Culture of Northeastern States**. The Bike Expedition is scheduled between **8th to 16th April** this year to mark the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.





- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** has declared to mark **16th January** as '**National Start-up Day**'. The announcement was made by PM Modi on January 15, 2022, via video conferencing during a week-long event "**Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem**" as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The PM interacted with more than 150 startups across different sectors, during the event.
- ⇒ The world's largest national flag, made of **Khadi fabric** was put to display to celebrate the "**Army Day**" on January 15, 2022. It was displayed at **Longewala**, along the **India – Pakistan Border in Jaisalmer**. Longewala was the centre stage of the historic battle of 1971 between India & Pakistan. The Monumental National Flag is 225 feet long & 150 feet wide. It is approximately 1400 kgs in weight.
- ⇒ The government of India has released a **commemorative postal stamp** on the Covid-19 vaccination on Sunday to mark the first anniversary of the country's national immunization programme against the virus. The commemorative stamp design features a healthcare worker inoculating a senior citizen with COVID-19 vaccine, along with an image of '**COVAXIN**' vial.
- ⇒ **Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has virtually organised the 1st-ever '**Startup India Innovation Week**' from **10th -16th of January 2022**. The week commemorate the **75th** year of India's independence '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' & showcase the spread & depth of entrepreneurship across India.
- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated '**Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore**' programme via video conferencing. The national-level program includes seven yearlong initiatives dedicated to the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by the **Brahma Kumaris**
- ⇒ Union Agriculture Ministry has amended the guidelines of **Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)** to provide **40-100 per cent subsidy** until March 2023 in purchasing drones for farm mechanization. After the amendment, a grant for the purchase of drones up to 100 per cent of the cost of agriculture drones or **Rs 10 lakhs**, whichever is less, can be given.
- ⇒ The Union Minister of Home & Cooperation **Amit Shah** has virtually released India's First "**District Good Governance Index**" for 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir. The top 5 districts in the District Good Governance Index" are **(1) Jammu, (2) Doda, (3) Samba, (4) Pulwama & (5) Srinagar**.
- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** has unveiled a hologram statue of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** at **India Gate on Parakram Divas**. The size of the hologram statue is 28 feet in height & 6 feet in width. A grand statue, which will be made of granite, will replace the hologram statue once it is completed.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)** has released a 5-year roadmap & **Vision Document 2.0** for the electronics sector. The Vision Document 2.0 titled "**\$300 bn Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by 2026**" has been prepared by MeitY in association with the **India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA)**.
- ⇒ **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP)** for the year 2022 has been conferred to **29 children**. These winners include **15 Boys & 14 Girls**, belonging to 21 States & UTs. The PMRBP award is given by the Government of India to children with exceptional abilities & outstanding accomplishments in 6 categories. The award carries a cash prize of **Rs.1,00,000/-**.
- ⇒ Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** has launched the official mobile application of the Parliament named '**Digital Sansad App**' to allow citizens to access live proceedings of the House, including the Union Budget 2022 live.
- ⇒ PM **Modi** launched the **Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation** on the occasion of the **92nd birth anniversary** of the Indian classical vocalist.
- ⇒ As per Economic Survey, govt. is setting up the **National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC)** to carry out the monetization of the land & other non-core assets. The initial authorized share capital of NLMC will be **Rs 5000 crores** & subscribed share capital of ₹150 crores.
- ⇒ **United States** was India's top trading partner in the calendar year **2021** with a trade of **\$112.3 billion**. US is followed by China. In 2020, China was India's top trading partner & the US was in the second rank.
- ⇒ **2022 Winter Olympics** kicked off on **February 04, 2022, in Beijing, China** & will continue till **February 20, 2022**. The Opening Ceremony was held at Beijing's National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest. However, **India** had announced the diplomatic level boycott of the **Beijing Winter Olympics opening & closing ceremony**. This means that no Indian officials will attend the opening & closing ceremony. However, the country has sent one of its athletes, **Arif Khan (skier)**, to attend the event.
- ⇒ PM **Modi** inaugurated **50th Anniversary celebrations** of the **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)** in Patancheru, Hyderabad. During the occasion, PM also inaugurated two research facilities of ICRISAT, which were Climate Change Research Facility on Plant Protection & Rapid Generation Advancement Facility.
- ⇒ **India** become the first country in the world to administer a **DNA vaccine against COVID-19**. The **ZyCoV-D** which is the World's first plasmid DNA vaccine produced by Ahmedabad-based vaccine manufacturer **Zydus Cadila** & it was administered for the first time in Patna.





- ⇒ **Indian Railway Protection Force** launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking. As part of **"Operation AAHT"**, special teams will be deployed on all long-distance trains/routes with a focus on rescuing victims, particularly women & children, from the clutches of traffickers.
- ⇒ India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant to come up at the **Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh**. Every day this plant will produce one tonne of hydrogen, from 30 tonnes of biomass feedstock.
- ⇒ **NABARD** launched the **'JIVA programme'** to promote natural farming under its existing watershed & wadi programmes in 11 states.
- ⇒ President **Kovind** inaugurated the **Durbar Hall at Raj Bhavan**, situated at **Malabar Hill, Mumbai**. While retaining the heritage features of the old court hall, the new hall has been given additional features such as a balcony & a sea view gallery.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Railways** approved to set up a state-of-art wrestling academy in Indian Railways, at **Kishanganj, Delhi**. It will be the biggest in India.
- ⇒ Union Power Minister **R K Singh** announced that **India** will achieve **zero-diesel use in agriculture & replace fossil fuel** with renewable energy by **2024**. This initiative is a part of the government's commitment to increase the share of non-fossil fuels by 2030 & become a net-zero emitter by 2070.
- ⇒ Govt. of India banned **54 apps of Chinese** origin citing security concerns. The apps include Sea Ltd.'s marquee game **Free Fire** & other apps related to tech firms like Tencent, Alibaba & NetEase. Under **Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000** provides government power to issue directions for blocking public access of any information through any computer resource.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Education** approved a new scheme named **"New India Literacy Programme"** for the period FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of **Adult Education**. It aims to align Adult Education will all aspects of National Education Policy 2020 & Budget Announcements 2021-22. Govt. replaced the term "Adult Education" as 'Education for All' in the country.
- ⇒ **Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)** released the **FAITH 2035 vision document** containing goals & an execution path for making Indian tourism preferred & loved by the world by the year 2035. It aims to position tourism as a 'Social-Economic Job & Infrastructure creator for India' as well as 'to be a role model for creating Sustainable & Inclusive Ecosystem'.
- ⇒ Minister of State for Culture & Parliamentary Affairs, **Arjun Ram Meghwal** launched **'Pramarsh 2022'**, a mega career counselling workshop, for the students of the **Bikaner District region in Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ The **Government of India, the State Governments of Karnataka & Odisha & the World Bank** signed a \$115 million (INR 869 crore) **Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) Programme**. It will help national & state institutions adopt improved watershed management practices to help increase farmers' resilience to climate change, promote higher productivity & better incomes.
- ⇒ Govt. will be promoting the **'Heal by India'** initiative to improve India's educational institutions in the health sector. It is meant to generate job opportunities abroad for India's trained professionals in the health sector & enhance education to churn out quality human resources in health, thus helping them become eligible to work anywhere in the world.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** inaugurated a 550-tonne capacity **"Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant"** in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**, through video conferencing. This is the biggest Bio-CNG plant in Asia. It has been set up at a cost of **Rs 150 crore**. The gobardhan plant is based on the concept of waste-to-wealth innovation.
- ⇒ Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, **Bharati Pravin Pawar** inaugurated India's first **Biosafety level-3 containment mobile laboratory** in **Nashik, Maharashtra**. The mobile laboratory will help to investigate newly emerging & re-emerging viral infections, by specially trained scientists from ICMR.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** inaugurated the **'Kisan Drone Yatra'**, an initiative by **Garuda Aerospace Pvt Ltd** & flagged off **100 'Kisan Drones'** in various cities & towns across India to spray pesticides in farms across the states of India. The 100 Kisan Drones were set off in 100 villages in 16 states across India which includes **Uttar Pradesh, Punjab & Goa**.
- ⇒ **Giriraj Singh** released the **Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain**. This data includes the GIS data for more than **8 lakh** rural facilities which have been collected & digitised using the GIS platform developed for the PM-**GSY** scheme.
- ⇒ The **Indian Institute of Technology** will establish its first branch outside India in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** as part of the **India-UAE trade deal signed**.
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- ⇒ **Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated **Nikarshan Sadan" – The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam**. This museum displays models of different types of **dredgers, vintage photos & historical milestones** from the Eastern Port City of Vizag.





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- ⇒ Union Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, **Giriraj Singh** launched **Ombudsperson App** for **Mahatma Gandhi NREGA**. Ministry of Rural Development developed the App for smooth reporting & categorization of grievances by Ombudsperson based on complaints he received from various sources.
- ⇒ Union Minister for MSME, **Narayan Rane** announced the establishment of **MSME-Technology Centre** with an outlay of **Rs. 200 Crore**, in **Sindhudurg, Maharashtra**. It will provide the best of technology, incubation as well as advisory support to the industry, especially MSMEs.
- ⇒ **Govt. of India** launched an evacuation mission named **Operation Ganga** to evacuate Indian nationals from **Ukraine** due to the **Russia-Ukraine tension**.
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- ⇒ **MoWCD & NIMHANS** Bengaluru launched '**Stree Manoraksha Project**' on Wednesday with goal of improving women's mental health in India. project would concentrate on increasing ability of **OSC (One-Stop Center)** officials
- ⇒ **Marine fisheries sector** wealth would be showcased by '**Sagar Parikrama**'. India has **8,118-kilometre coastline spanning nine states & four Union Territories**
- ⇒ **H-Jaigarh Energy's Terminal** in Maharashtra has received India's first **floating storage & regasification unit (FSRU)**. **FSRU Höegh Giant** arrived at **Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra** after sailing from **Keppel Shipyard in Singapore**. This will be India's first **FSRU-based LNG** receiving terminal.
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- ⇒ **Ministry of Culture & Ministry of Textiles** program '**Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art & culture**'. First event organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station,
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- ⇒ Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal's House of Representatives & Provincial Assembly,
- ⇒ **President Vladimir Putin** has granted **Russian citizenship** to former U.S. intelligence contractor **Edward Snowden**, nine years after he exposed the scale of secret surveillance operations by the **National Security Agency (NSA)**
- ⇒ **Hitachi Astemo** installed its India's first ground-mounted solar power plant of **3 megawatts (MW)** at its **Jalgaon manufacturing plant**. The 3 megawatts (MW) solar power plant will be built in an area of **43301 sqm**.
- ⇒ Kazakhstan's president, **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** is to restore the former name of the country's capital, **Astana**, from Nursultan.
- ⇒ Putin said Russia has "four new regions", calling the residents of Ukraine's occupied Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson & Zaporizhia regions "our citizens forever".
- ⇒ **China withdraws its IAEA anti AUKUS resolution**: At the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) general session in Vienna, China withdrew a draught resolution criticising the **AUKUS** alliance after determining that it would not be supported by a majority of the attendees. In order to prevent the draught resolution that claimed the AUKUS proposal breached Australia's, the UK's, & the US' obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), India collaborated closely with numerous IAEA member nations.
- ⇒ A majestic new **Hindu Temple** inaugurated in **Jebel Ali Village, Dubai**. generally known as the '**Worship Village**' of UAE.
- ⇒ New law passed by the **European Union parliament**, all new smartphones, tablets & cameras will have a single standard charger from late **2024**
- ⇒ **Former US Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard** – who was the **first Hindu-American to run for the White House in 2020** announced her exit from the Democratic Party ahead of next month's midterm elections.
- ⇒ **53rd Capacity Building Programme** in the Field Administration for the **Civil Servants of Bangladesh** was inaugurated at **National Centre for Good Governance (NCGC)** at Mussoorie.
- ⇒ **Lebanon & Israel have reached a "historic" deal** to end a long-running maritime border dispute in the **gas-rich Mediterranean Sea**, after submitting the **United States-brokered final draft** of the deal to President Michel Aoun
- ⇒ **Two American congressmen have introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives** urging the Biden administration to recognise the **Pakistan Army's atrocities** against ethnic minorities during the **1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh**
- ⇒ **Japanese cabinet ministers on Oct 14 approved the scrapping of a law** that stipulates women pregnant at the time of a divorce must wait 100 days before marrying again. **The law, in place for more than a century**
- ⇒ **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**, annual nuclear exercise code-named "**Steadfast Noon**". taking place over Southern Europe & involves aircraft & personnel from 14 NATO countries.
- ⇒ **8th edition of annual flagship cultural program of Embassy of India, Seoul 'SARANG– The Festival of India in Republic of Korea'** will be held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 14, 2022 in offline mode at various locations across the country after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- ⇒ The **World Bank** has appointed a "**neutral expert**": **Michel Lino & a chairman of the Court of Arbitration Sean Murphy** regarding the Kishenganga & Ratle hydroelectric power plants, in view of disagreements & differences between **India & Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty**.
- ⇒ One Health Joint Plan of Action:by WHO, UNEP, FAO & World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE). The One Health Joint Plan of Action would develop a framework & integrate systems & capability to enable improved collaborative prevention, prediction, detection, & response to health hazards. This will support sustainable development while enhancing the health of people, animals, plants, & the environment.)
- ⇒ **India & France were re-elected as the President & Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)** for a **term of two years** at the virtual meeting of the Third Assembly held on 14 October.
- ⇒ **Pakistan has been removed from the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force(FATF)**. Pakistan was placed in the **grey list in 2018** for failing to keep a check on money laundering & terrorist financing.





- ⇒ **Chinese President Xi Jinping** has created history, becoming the first leader of the ruling Communist Party after party founder **Mao Zedong** third term in power with the prospect of ruling China for life. He is president since 2012
- ⇒ Money laundering & terrorist financing watchdog **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has put **Myanmar** on the "black list"
- ⇒ Anna May Wong set to become first Asian American to feature on US currency: born with the name **Wong Liu-Tsong**.)
- ⇒ **Diwali** will be a holiday for the **New York City** public school starting next year in 2023, Mayor Eric Adams announced.
- ⇒ The **Kremlin(russia)** repeated its claim that **Ukraine** plans to use a radioactive "dirty bomb", warning the **West** it was dangerous to dismiss Moscow's position.
- ⇒ The **United Nation Security Council's (UNSC)** two-day meeting in **India** on counter-terrorism will focus on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism & drones by terrorists. The meetings will be hosted in **Mumbai & Delhi**
- ⇒ The **United States** has launched its much anticipated **National Security Strategy (NSS)**. All U.S. Presidents are mandated by the **Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act** of 1986 to bring out their NSS
- ⇒ **President Vladimir Putin** has granted **Russian citizenship** to former U.S. intelligence contractor **Edward Snowden**, nine years after he exposed the scale of secret surveillance operations by the **National Security Agency (NSA)**.
- ⇒ **Vladimir Putin** has declared the Annexation of 4 Ukrainian regions by Russia namely **Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson & Zaporizhia**.
- ⇒ The rotational presidency of **Shanghai Cooperation Organization** handed over to **India** in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** until September 2023. SCO Launched in Shanghai in June 2001, SCO has eight full members, including its six founding members, **China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan**. **India & Pakistan** joined as full members in 2017. **Iran** has been admitted as a permanent member of SCO at Samarkand summit.
- ⇒ **Varanasi** city has been nominated as **first cultural & tourism capital during 2022-2023** at 22nd meeting of SCO council in Samarkand.
- ⇒ **India** has launched Joint Whitepaper on '**Urban Wastewater Scenario in India**', with Denmark at **World Water Congress & Exhibition 2022** in Copenhagen.
- ⇒ **India & Iran** signed MoU on recognition of Certificates of Competency in Unlimited Voyages. Aim: To help seafarers as per provisions of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification & Watch Keeping for Seafarers (1978), smoothening their movement.
- ⇒ The **world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains** was launched by **Germany**.
- ⇒ External affairs minister **S Jaishankar** unveiled a bust of **Mahatma Gandhi** in Paraguay
- ⇒ **South Korea & United States** began their largest joint military drills renamed '**Ulchi Freedom Shield**'
- ⇒ **South Korea** has once again shattered its own record for **world's lowest fertility rate** to have an average of just **0.81** children over their lifetimes, down from **0.84** a year earlier.
- ⇒ The **United Nations Human Rights Council** passed a deeply flawed resolution on Sri Lanka on **human rights situation in Sri Lanka**, a decade after defeat of **Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)** by government forces.
- ⇒ The **Biden Administration** has approved a whopping **USD 450 million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme** to Pakistan
- ⇒ The first Indian Defence Minister to visit Mongolia, **Rajnath Singh** was gifted a majestic horse "**Tejas**" by **President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**.
- ⇒ **U.S.** new military aid worth more than **\$2 billion** for **Ukraine & other European countries threatened by Russia**.
- ⇒ Modi received a similar gift from leadership of this country.
- ⇒ **Americans remembered 9/11** on 11th Sept with readings of victims' names, volunteer work & other tributes 21 years after deadliest terror attack on US soil. Some Americans are joining in volunteer projects on a day that is federally recognized as both **Patriot Day & a National Day of Service & Remembrance**.
- ⇒ **Zimbabwe** launched **gold coins** to be sold to the public in a bid to tame runaway inflation that has further eroded the country's unstable currency. The coin is called '**Mosi-oa-Tunya**' which refers to **Victoria Falls** in the local Tonga language.
- ⇒ A joint ballistic missile defence exercise: **Pacific Dragon** drill between **South Korea, the US, & Japan** in the waters off **Hawaii** as part of increased security cooperation against **North Korea's** growing military threats, **Australia & Canada** will also take part in the exercise in the edition of 2022
- ⇒ The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a resolution that recognised everyone's **right to a healthy environment**. It was stated that the action is a crucial one in halting the alarming decline of the natural environment. **India** supported the resolution but abstained from one of the resolution's key clauses.
- ⇒ **Padang** (location of Netaji **Subhas Chandra Bose's** infamous Call "Chalo Dilli") will receive the Monument Status of **Subhas Chandra Bose** & the greatest level of protection possible under Singapore's Preservation of Monuments Act (NHB).
- ⇒ **Russian rocket** has successfully launched an **Iranian satellite** named **Khayyam** into orbit by the Soyuz rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan





- ⇒ The Mexican President, **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** proposed peace commission including **Pope Francis, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, & Indian PM Narendra Modi.**
- ⇒ British health authorities stated that the UK has become the first nation to approve a bivalent **Moderna Covid booster vaccination.** Covid booster vaccination targets both the original strain of COVID-19 & the more recent Omicron version.
- ⇒ **Scotland** are now required by law of **Scotland** to offer free sanitary products (**Period Products**) like tampons & pads to anyone who needs them.
- ⇒ **Ranil Wickremesinghe** has resigned as **Sri Lankan PM** to make way for an all-party government to take over & later became 9th president.
- ⇒ **Deutsche Bahn (DB)** will be the **world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance.**
- ⇒ **Twitter** has hired top law firm to charge legal action against **Tesla & SpaceX CEO Elon Musk** on his decision to terminate the **\$44 billion** takeover deal.)
- ⇒ **The British government** has launched an **"Aviation Passenger Charter"** to help passengers know their rights if they are faced with problems at airports after the widespread disruption seen this year.
- ⇒ As temperatures have continued to soar, the **UK Meteorological (Met) Office** issued the first-ever red extreme heat warning for areas of **England**, including **London.**
- ⇒ Senior politician, **Dinesh Gunawardena** has been appointed as the new & **15th PM** of Sri Lanka, by President **Ranil Wickremesinghe.** He succeeds former PM **Ranil Wickremesinghe,**
- ⇒ Mountaineer **Wasifa Nazreen** became the first person from **Bangladesh** to ascend Pakistan's administered K2, the second-highest mountain peak. She scaled the **K2 mountain peak**, which is 8611 metres (28,251 ft) high
- ⇒ President **Vladimir Putin** was informed by the newly appointed head of Moscow's space agency that Russia has made the decision to leave the **International Space Station** after 2024.
- ⇒ Accession protocol between Sweden & Finland for NATO: Its done after trilateral agreement between Sweden, Finland, & Turkey was signed.
- ⇒ **U.S.-led naval exercise: BALTOPS in Baltic Sea started in 1972,** marines from 16 nations, including two aspiring NATO members, Finland & Sweden, began a nearly two-week. Sweden, host of BALTOPS 22 exercise
- ⇒ **United Nations** humanitarian assistance of around **\$48 million** to **Sri Lanka.** New Delhi's financial assistance worth over **\$3 billion** since January to provide essential items, including food, fuel, cooking gas & medicines.
- ⇒ **New York state legislature** is a world first, to pass law for **Digital Electronics: "right to repair", "Fair Repair Act"**
- ⇒ **European Parliament** voted to ban sale of **new petrol & diesel cars by 2035.**
- ⇒ **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland** Elected to Serve as Non-Permanent Members on **United Nations Security Council for 2 years**
- ⇒ Britain's Queen **Elizabeth II** overtook Thailand's King **Bhumibol Adulyadej**, to become world's second-longest reigning monarch after **France's Louis XIV.** Crowned in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II became longest-serving British monarch in September 2015, surpassing her great-great grandmother **Queen Victoria.** She completed 70 years.
- ⇒ **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions **Hindi language for first time.** resolution also mentions **Bangla & Urdu** for first time.
- ⇒ **Russia** overtaken **Saudi Arabia** to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind **Iraq**
- ⇒ **Arati Prabhakar:** head of White House **Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP).** She will succeed **Eric**
- ⇒ **Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** organized an eight-day long **mango festival in Bahrain** to boost export of Mangoes. 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of **West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh & Odisha,** are being displayed at eight different locations of **Bahrain's Al Jazira** group supermarket.
- ⇒ Japanese PM, **Fumio Kishida** will attend this month's **NATO summit in Madrid**, becoming country's first leader to join a top meeting of transatlantic alliance.
- ⇒ **China** launched **Fujian** is China's first domestically designed & built catapult aircraft carrier.
- ⇒ **Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia : World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO.**
- ⇒ **In Sri Lanka,** govt. amended **minimum age limit for women leaving for foreign employment** as domestic aides to **21 years of age.** However, minimum age limit for **Saudi Arab set at 25 years, & 23 years for other countries in Middle East.**
- ⇒ IMF said Ukraine's economy could shrink by up to 35% in 2022 due to effects of war with Russia.
- ⇒ United Kingdom PM, **Boris Johnson** announced his resignation as Conservative Party leader
- ⇒ **Canadian PM Justin Trudeau** unveiled new legislation that would implement "some of harshest gun control measures" in decades,
- ⇒ **COVAX** facility, by Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, Vaccine Alliance+ World Health Organization+UNICEF received approximately 190 million doses of COVID 19 vaccines. **COVAX** is responsible for more than 62 percent of doses delivered to **Bangladesh.**
- ⇒ **Instagram** launched an **'alert' feature to help find missing children.**
- ⇒ **United Nations** changed **Republic of Turkey's** country name at organisation from **"Turkey" to "Türkiye"**
- ⇒ **Commonwealth of Nations:** 56 member nations after admission of **Togo & Gabon.** two historically French-speaking nations admitted to Union.





- ⇒ **Iran** submitted an application to become a member in group of emerging economies known as **BRICS**. **Argentina** had also applied to join group.
- ⇒ **United Kingdom govt.** : to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in UK from September, in celebration of **75th anniversary of India's independence**. Additionally, British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in **science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM)** covering over **12,000 courses across more than 150 UK universities**.
- ⇒ **US, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, & United Kingdom**, launched **Partners in Blue Pacific**
- ⇒ Thailand recently became the first Asian country to legalize the production & trade of marijuana & hemp products to use the plant or parts of it to treat various illnesses.
- ⇒ **China** successfully launched a new **Earth observation satellite Gaofen-3 03** on April 07, 2022, from **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre** on board a **Long March-4C rocket**. The new satellite will become part of its land-sea radar satellite constellation by forming a network with the orbiting Gaofen-3 and Gaofen-3 02 satellites.
- ⇒ **Pakistan's** opposition leader, **Shehbaz Sharif** has been elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of the country through voting in the National Assembly.
- ⇒ **Ecuador**, a South American Country, became the first country in the **world to give legal rights to wild animals**.
- ⇒ **Israel** successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system '**Iron Beam**' which can destroy any airborne object including drones. Iron Beam is the world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming **UAVs, rockets, mortars, long-range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc**
- ⇒ **Tropical Storm Megi** wreaked havoc on the **Philippines**, killing at least 167 people in **landslides and floods**. According to the national disaster organisation, another **110 persons are missing**, and **1.9 million people have been impacted**. Hillside avalanches and overflowing rivers wreaked havoc on the villages surrounding **Baybay city in central Leyte province**.
- ⇒ According to a ministry message, the **flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, Moskva**, was being hauled to port when it sank due to stormy waves. The **510-crew missile cruiser**, which led **Russia's naval attack on Ukraine**, was a symbol of the country's military might.
- ⇒ Indian-American **Navyveteran Shanti Sethi** has been appointed as USA Vice President **Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser**.
- ⇒ **Patrick Achi** has been re-appointed as Prime Minister of **Ivory Coast** by President **Alassane Ouattara**. He was appointed prime minister in March 2021. He was the third prime minister in the West African state (Ivory Coast) in the last three years after Amadou Gon Coulibaly (who died in 2020) and Hamed Bakayoko (who died in 2021).
- ⇒ **India, China, Russia**, and four other countries were added to the **US's annual 'Priority Watch List'** for intellectual property protection and enforcement.
- ⇒ **Emmanuel Macron** hopes to go right back to work on domestic and foreign policy after gaining another five years in the **French presidential palace** — but he will soon face vital parliamentary elections in which he may struggle to maintain his majority. The official results of the presidential election will be released by the **Constitutional Council**, and **Macron** will hold a Cabinet meeting.
- ⇒ The **Sitio Burle Marx site**, a landscape garden in **Brazilian city Rio de Janeiro** has been added to **UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites**.
- ⇒ **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)** exercise, **Defender Europe 2022 (DE22)** and **Swift Response 2022 (SR22)** began on May 01, 2022, aimed at building preparedness and interoperability between Allies and partners of the United States (US) and NATO.
- ⇒ The **State of the World's Forests 2022** explores the significance of three forest pathways for achieving **green recovery and addressing environmental crises such as climate change and biodiversity loss**, against the backdrop of the **Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use** and 140 countries' pledge to **end forest loss by 2030** and **support restoration** and sustainable production and consumption.
- ⇒ With the launch of a **UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025**, the **UN** took a major step towards **catalyzing the large-scale action and support needed for the transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions** against the backdrop of a global energy crisis and **worsening climate emergency**.
- ⇒ **Indonesia** has stopped imports of **agricultural products from India**, citing a failure by **New Delhi** officials to register **laboratories that evaluate food safety and issue certificates of analysis (COA)**, causing worry among cereal exporters.
- ⇒ **Rodrigo Chaves**, **Costa Rica's new president**, was sworn in, promising to tackle corruption and rebuild the country's economy.
- ⇒ **John Lee Ka-Chiu** has been confirmed as **Hong Kong's next chief executive**. He will replace **Carrie Lam**. He will be the first security official to hold the **Chief Executive position of Hong Kong** which witnessed years of political unrest and recent debilitating pandemic controls.
- ⇒ **Yoon Suk-yeol** was sworn in as **South Korean president** in a huge ceremony at Seoul's National Assembly, taking office at a time of high tensions with nuclear-armed **North Korea**.
- ⇒ **The Rock**, the world's largest white diamond, was auctioned for 18.6 million Swiss francs (\$18.8 million), significantly less than the previous record for such a gem. **Christie's** auction house in **Geneva** sold the 228.31-carat stone, which was larger than a golf ball.





- ⇒ **South Korea** became the first Asian country join in **North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**. South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) is joined as a contributing participant in the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.
- ⇒ **Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Junior**, a son of late Philippine dictator **Ferdinand Marcos** claims the victory in the **2022 Presidential Election of the Philippines** with more than 30.8 million votes.
- ⇒ Following Russia's suspension due to allegations of horrendous rights violations by **Russian military** in **Ukraine**, the **United Nations General Assembly** unanimously opted for the **Czech Republic** to replace it on the world organization's primary **human rights council**.
- ⇒ **World's Largest Glass Bottom Bridge** was opened in **Vietnam**. It is called **Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge**, which is **632m (2,073ft)** long and located **150m (492ft)** above a huge jungle. As per the reports, the Asian country has opened a glass-bottomed bridge suspended above a lush jungle. It surpasses a **526m Glass Bottom Bridge in Guangdong, China**.
- ⇒ The Supreme Council of the Union elected **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Ruler of Abu Dhabi, as **President of the UAE**.
- ⇒ The world's largest suspension bridge has opened to travellers in the **Czech Republic**. The bridge, which had been under construction for nearly two years, was officially opened. **Sky Bridge 721** is the name given to it. The promenade promises both beautiful views of the cloud-shrouded **Jesenky** mountains and an exhilarating, but slightly dangerous experience.
- ⇒ Somali legislators have elected former leader **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** as the country's next president, following a long-overdue election in the troubled **Horn of Africa nation**.
- ⇒ **Elisabeth Borne** was appointed **France's new Prime Minister** to become the second woman to hold the post in the country.
- ⇒ The future of **SAARC** seems bleak, with Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Nepal in economic limbo, and Afghanistan under Islamist Taliban control.
- ⇒ **National Geographic Society** has installed the "world's highest weather station" on **Mount Everest** at an altitude of **8,830 metres** to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena.
- ⇒ **Australia's Labor Party** leader, **Anthony Albanese** was sworn in as the country's new prime minister. Albanese claimed the victory in the election, ending his wait for power after nine years and with this Anthony Albanese became the country's **31st Prime Minister**.
- ⇒ Former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, **Jose Ramos-Horta** has been sworn in as president of **East Timor (Timor-Leste)** ahead of celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of independence for Asia's youngest country.
- ⇒ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has permitted trade transactions with **Sri Lanka** to be handled in Indian Rupees (INR), outside the **Asian Clearing Union (ACU)** mechanism, due to the difficulty faced by exporters in obtaining revenues from the island country. The Indian government guaranteed a term loan of \$1 billion granted to **Sri Lanka** by the **State Bank of India** to finance the acquisition of vital commodities and services such as food, medicines, gasoline, and industrial raw material.
- ⇒ The **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** have released the first **Global Report on Assistive Technology (GREAT)**.
- ⇒ **Wang Yi**, State Councilor and Foreign Minister, presided over a virtual meeting of **BRICS** Foreign Affairs/International Relations Ministers in **Beijing**. The conference was attended by **Naledi Pandor**, the South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, **Carlos Alberto Franco França**, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, **Sergey Lavrov**, and **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, the Indian External Affairs Minister.
- ⇒ **Shanghai** has opened two new metro lines, upholding its rank as the city with the **largest Metro network in the world**. **China's Shanghai** opened two new metro lines – Line 14 & Phase One of Line 18.
- ⇒ **France** has assumed the rotating presidency of the **Council of the European Union** with effect from **January 01, 2022**. The motto of France as EU President is "**recovery, strength, belonging.**"
- ⇒ **Russia** successfully test-fired around **10 new Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missiles** from a frigate & other two missiles from a submarine. The Zircon missile would be capable of flying at nine times the speed of sound & have a range of **1,000 kilometres (620 miles)**. The Tsirkon Cruise Missile will join Avangard glide vehicles & the air-launched Kinzhal (Dagger) missiles in Russia's hypersonic arsenal.
- ⇒ The stock market value of **Apple Inc.** hit **\$3 trillion** & became the world's first company to do so. The market cap of Apple hit **\$182.86 per share**, which made it the world's first company to touch the \$3 trillion mark. However shortly after hitting the mark, the share value dipped below it & did not rise again until the market closed. The iPhone maker passed **\$2 trillion** in 2020 & over **\$1 trillion** in 2018.
- ⇒ PM of Sudan, **Abdalla Hamdok** has announced his resignation on January 02, 2022. The decision follows a military coup that caused political deadlock & widespread pro-democracy protests in the country. The 66-year-old Hamdok served as the **15th PM of Sudan** from 2019 to 2022.
- ⇒ **Pakistan** has moved closer to appointing the **first woman judge of the Supreme Court**, after a high-power panel approved the elevation of Lahore High Court judge **Ayesha Malik** to the apex court.





- ⇒ The leaders of Japan & Australia signed a "landmark" defence agreement that allows closer cooperation between their militaries & stands as a rebuke to China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region. Australian PM Scott Morrison & Japanese PM Fumio Kishida met in a virtual summit to sign the Reciprocal Access Agreement, the first such defence pact signed by Japan with any country other than the United States.
- ⇒ The parliament of Kazakhstan has unanimously approved the appointment of Alikhan Smailov as the new PM of the country. His name was nominated by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on January 11, 2022. Prior to this, the 49-year-old Smailov served as the country's finance minister from 2018 to 2020. He became the first deputy PM in the Cabinet in 2019.
- ⇒ Cyprus has detected a new variant dubbed as "Deltacron", that has a similar genetic background to the Delta variant, coupled with 10 mutations from Omicron. The variant has already affected 25 people in Cyprus. According to Dr Leondios Kostrikis, the head of the laboratory of biotechnology & molecular virology at the University of Cyprus, of the 25 samples taken in Cyprus, 11 were hospitalised due to the virus, while 14 were from the general population.
- ⇒ **India** has announced financial assistance of **USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka** to help the island nation in building up its depleted foreign reserves & for food imports. It must be noted that Sri Lanka is currently facing a shortage of almost all essential commodities due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.
- ⇒ **Philippines** has become the first foreign country to place an order for the purchase of the **BrahMos** Shore-Based cruise Missile System for its navy. This agreement will give a big boost to India's defence manufacturing system. The estimated deal cost is worth **\$374.9 million**.
- ⇒ The US Treasury has minted coins featuring poet Maya Angelou – the first black woman ever featured on the US 25-cent coin known as a quarter. Angelou, a poet & activist, was the first black woman to write & perform a poem at a presidential inauguration. In 2010, she was given a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest US civilian award by President Barack Obama.
- ⇒ South Africa has launched its first satellite constellation developed entirely in the continent of Africa. Three locally produced nanosatellites, which made up the country's first Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation, were launched from Cape Canaveral in the United States, as part of American aerospace company SpaceX's Transporter-3 mission.
- ⇒ Israel has completed a successful flight test of the Arrow-3 which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles outside of the earth's atmosphere. The test was performed at a test site in central Israel, & led by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI). It was developed in a joint project between the Defense Ministry's Missile Defense Organization & the American Missile Defense Agency.
- ⇒ Iconic 'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates has been formally opened to traffic for the first time on 16th January 2022. Its design resembles a mathematical sign for infinity (∞). It represents the limitless, infinite goals of Dubai. It consists of six lanes in each direction & a combined 3-metre track for pedestrians & cyclists. It is 300 meters long & 22 meters wide.
- ⇒ **Indonesia** will move its capital to mineral-rich East Kalimantan, an Indonesian province on the island of Borneo. The name of the new capital will be **Nusantara**, which means "**archipelago**" in Javanese. It will be based in the regions of **North Penajam Paser & Kutai Kartanegara**.
- ⇒ The NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member countries will be conducting a 12-day maritime exercise in the Mediterranean Sea from January 24, 2022. The name of the maritime exercise is "Neptune Strike '22". The naval drill will end on February 04, 2022. The main purpose of this exercise will be to demonstrate & test NATO's wide range of maritime capabilities.
- ⇒ **Barbados** PM **Mia Mottley** was sworn in for a second term in office on **20 January** 2022, following a landslide victory by her party in the 2022 election.
- ⇒ **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**, a multilateral development bank has committed **USD 150 million** to invest in the development of data centres that mostly **serve emerging Asia**. This project is being AIIB's 1st data centre project. India is a key founding member of AIIB. AIIB's investment of **USD 100 million** through a parallel fund structure & **USD 50 million** through co-investments mark the final close of KDCF II, a development fund making strategic investments in the fast-growing data center sector with a focus on the Asia Pacific.
- ⇒ The **Russian, Chinese & Iranian navies** undertook naval exercises **CHIRU-2Q22** in the **Gulf of Oman**. The maritime drills conducted in the northern parts of the Indian Ocean aimed at deepening practical cooperation among the navies of the three countries.
- ⇒ The world's largest canal lock has been inaugurated at **Ijmuiden**, a small port city, in the **Port of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**. The sea lock was inaugurated by **Dutch King Willem-Alexander**.
- ⇒ In Honduras, the Freedom & Refoundation Party (Libre) member **Xiomara Castro** sworn in as the **first female President of the country**. She replaced President Juan Orlando Hernández, as 56th President of Honduras.
- ⇒ **North Korea** successfully tested its **Hwasong-12** intermediate-range ballistic missile from the **Jagang Province area**. This was the first nuclear-capable missile testing undertaken by the country since 2017. It has an estimated range of **4,500 km (2,800 miles)**.
- ⇒ PM of Portugal, **Antonio Costa** re-elected after his centre-left Socialist Party secured a landslide victory in the **2022 Portuguese legislative election**.





- ⇒ Dubai firm, **THE JET ZeroEmission** announced the launch of the World's first hydrogen-powered flying boat '**THE JET**' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- ⇒ **China** is celebrating the Spring Festival, it's the most important annual festival as it entered the Lunar new "**Year of the Tiger**". As per the Chinese Zodiac calendar, the Year of the Ox has ended & the Year of the Tiger begun from February 1, 2022, & will end on January 21, 2023.
- ⇒ **United Kingdom** marked the **70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's rule**, the queen looked to the future of the monarchy. She surpassed **Louis XIV of France** as the longest-reigning monarch of a sovereign state.
- ⇒ **Instagram** announced the launch of '**Take a Break**' in all countries, including India, to empower people to make informed decisions about the way they are spending their time. This feature will be promoted in India through a campaign, in partnership with '**We The Young**', called '**Break Zaroori Hai**'.
- ⇒ **India** agreed to provide a grant to **Sri Lanka** to implement a '**Unitary Digital Identity framework**', apparently modelled on the **Aadhaar card**.
- ⇒ In **Burkina Faso**, the military junta appointed lieutenant colonel **Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba** as the interim President of the country following the military coup.
- ⇒ German President, **Frank-Walter Steinmeier** re-elected for a second term of five years by a special parliamentary assembly. This is also the final term for Steinmeier, which he won with **71% of the vote**.
- ⇒ **Israel** becomes the first-ever country to allow **drone flights in civilian airspace**.
- ⇒ Canadian PM, **Justin Trudeau** invoked never-before-used emergency powers to support provinces in ending the blockades & public disorder that have gripped Ottawa for 18 days at the hands of participants in the so-called "**Freedom Convoy**."
- ⇒ **World Health Organization** South-East Asia Region (SEAR) launched a '**Quit Tobacco App**'. It helps people to give up the use of tobacco in all forms, including smokeless & other newer products. It was launched by Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO-SEAR, during WHO's year-long '**Commit to quit**' campaign.
- ⇒ The air forces of **Bangladesh & the United States** to conduct a joint tactical airlift exercise '**Cope South 22**'. It is sponsored by **Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)**. It will be held at Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Kurmitola Cantonment, Dhaka; & Operating Location-Alpha, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
- ⇒ **Nepal** will be the first country to adopt **India's UPI system**, which will play a pivotal role in transforming the digital economy of the neighbouring country, the **NPCI**. NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, has joined hands with Gateway Payments Service (GPS) & Manam Infotech to provide the services. **GPS is the authorized payment system operator in Nepal**.
- ⇒ French president, **Emmanuel Macron** announced that **France** & its **European** partners will start the military withdrawal from **Mali** after more than nine years fighting a jihadist insurgency.
- ⇒ **Israel** successfully tested a new naval air defence system "**C-Dome**," to be used on the **Israeli Navy's Sa'ar 6-class corvettes**. C-Dome is the naval version of the Iron Dome, an all-weather air defence system of Israel to intercept & destroy short-range rockets & missiles, from the Gaza Strip.
- ⇒ Russian President, **Vladimir Putin** recognised the independence of separatist regions in eastern Ukraine – **Donetsk & Luhansk**. Putin's announcement paved the way for Russia to openly send troops & weapons to the long-running conflict pitting Ukrainian forces against Moscow-backed rebels.
- ⇒ **Canada** became the **first country in the world** that has authorized the use of a plant-based **COVID-19 vaccine**. The two-dose vaccine of **Medicago Inc.** (a biopharma company owned by **Mitsubishi Chemical & Philip Morris**), can be given to adults who are aged between **18 to 64**.
- ⇒ **New Development Bank (NDB)** will become the first multilateral agency to open an office in the **Gujarat International Finance Tech City (Gift)**.
- ⇒ Russian invasion to Ukraine, **Russia** destroyed largest plane in world called "**Ukraine's Antonov-225 cargo plane**".
- ⇒ **New Development Bank (NDB)** become first multilateral agency to open office in **Gujarat International Finance Tech City**
- ⇒ **International Olympic Committee** has stripped Russian President **Vladimir Putin** of Olympic Order. International Olympic Committee urged sports federations & organisers to exclude Russian & Belarusian athletes & officials from international events following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- ⇒ **Japan & India** have renewed **Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)** size of which is up to **USD 75 billion**. BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap ir local currencies in exchange for US Dollar.
- ⇒ **China's** second **Long March 8 rocket** launched carrying a domestic record **22 satellites** for a range of commercial Chinese space companies..
- ⇒ **Canada, U.S.A. & its European allies** have come to a conclusion to remove key Russian banks from **Interbank messaging system (IMS)** of **SWIFT**. This is a very big step that will cut off country from much of worldwide financial system.
- ⇒ **Global System for Mobile Communications Association(GSMA)** organised **2022 Mobile World Congress (MWC)**, which took place in **Barcelona, Spain**. focus on 5G & maximizing its potential for benefiting countries & economies





- ⇒ **Study in India (SII) 2022** meeting inaugurated in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. event organised by High Commission of India was inaugurated by Education Minister of Bangladesh **Dr Dipu Moni** & High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh **Vikram Doraiswami**.
- ⇒ **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, retained **Pakistan** in grey list & asked country to work on money laundering investigations & prosecutions. FATF also added **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** to its grey watchlist.
- ⇒ **Russia** has become most sanctioned country in world, due to its invasion on **Ukraine**, according to site **Castellum.AI**.
- ⇒ **Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** successfully launched a military satellite, **Noor-2**, into orbit at an altitude of **500 kilometres (311 miles)** from earth.
- ⇒ **IMF** has approved **\$1.4 billion** in emergency support for **Ukraine** to finance expenditures & shore up balance of payments.
- ⇒ Indian government has issued a **USD 1 billion (LoC)** for **Sri Lanka** to aid in import of food, necessary products, & medication
- ⇒ **President Biden United States—along with G7, European Union, & NATO—will revoke Russia's Most Favored Nation (MFN) trade status.** In US, "most favoured nation" status is also known as **permanent normal trade relations (PNTR)**. Only **North Korea & Cuba** do not enjoy "most favoured nation" status from US.
- ⇒ **Bangladesh** tops list in **South Asia** in terms of women on board of listed companies, says a study conducted by **International Finance Corporation (IFC) & Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE)**
- ⇒ **'Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle'** has been unveiled in **Madagascar** to mark **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- ⇒ **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** has organised massive military drill '**Cold Response 2022**' in **Norway**.
- ⇒ **Russo-Ukrainian War** began in **February 2014**, following **Ukraine's Dignity Revolution**, & was initially focused on international recognition of **Crimea & parts of Donbas as part of Ukraine**.
- ⇒ **Kuwait** reached temperature of **53.2 degrees Celsius** (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit), making it among hottest places on earth
- ⇒ **World Bank (IBRD)** issued **Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB)** to support of South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of **Black Rhino**. It is a five-year **\$150 million Sustainable Development Bond**. It includes a potential performance payment from Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- ⇒ Prime Minister of Malta, **Robert Abela** sworn in for a second term after his ruling **Labour Party won 2022 general election** in a landslide victory. He was administered oath of office by President **George Vella**.

Current Affairs Related to States in India

Andhra Pradesh

- ⇒ **CM: Jagan Mohan Reddy | Capital: Hyderabad | Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan**
- ⇒ In a move to provide safe transport to women and girl students, the police in **Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor** have set up three '**She Auto**' stands, the first of its kind in the state. The three '**She Auto**' stands have been set up in **RTC Bus Stand, Mahila University, and Ruia Hospital in Tirupati**.
- ⇒ **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh**, inaugurated **13 new districts** in the state via video conference on Monday, April 4 in **Tadepalli, Guntur district**. As a result, there will be a total of **26 districts in the state**.
- ⇒ The **World Bank** has extended an **unconditional loan of \$250 million** to the **Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT)** project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the state govt..
- ⇒ **Andhra Pradesh** signed a **MoU with 'Parley for Oceans'**, a U.S.-based company that works for plastic-waste management
- ⇒ **Andhra Pradesh** comes out on top (**Agri Infra Fund**). By placing a strong emphasis on infrastructure development at the farm gate, it has become the best state. At a ceremony in New Delhi, **Narendra Singh Tomar** presented **B. Srinivasa Rao**, CEO of State Rythu Bazaars, with the award for the best state in the nation in terms of utilising Agri Funds in the fiscal year 2021–22.
- ⇒ In order to create a conservation strategy to safeguard the endangered species, the **Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department** has begun the first-ever study of **blackbucks** along a length of islands in the **Godavari** between **Dowleswaram & Yanam**
- ⇒ **Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress (YSRC)** elected **Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, the CM of Andhra Pradesh**, as its "**president for life**."
- ⇒ **Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched '**14400**' app. It is developed by **Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)**. This app is customized for people to register corruption-related complaints against officials in state. A complaint can be filed through a **toll-free number 14400**.
- ⇒ **Andhra Pradesh CM Reddy** launched **YSR Yantra Seva Scheme** & flagged off distribution of tractors & combine harvesters at **Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur, AP**. He also flagged off state-level mega distribution of tractors & combine harvesters under **YSR Yantra Seva Pathakam** in Guntur.
- ⇒ The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology, **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** has launched pre-production run of India's first lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility at **Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**
- ⇒ Social activists have built a temple for **Mahatma Gandhi & freedom fighters' Smrithi Vanam** at the **Municipal Park in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh** to inculcate patriotism among the youth.





Arunachal Pradesh

- ⇒ **CM: Pema Khandu** | Capital : Itanagar | Governor: Brigadier B.D Mishra (retd)
- ⇒ A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries across the district from Tawang to Longding, to attract tourists, fish lovers & the museum will also serve as a training centre for fish farmers.
- ⇒ **The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.**
- ⇒ **'Medicine from the sky'** pilot project drone service launched by the **CM of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu**. 'Medicine from the sky' is also a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, initiated by **PM Modi**. The first successful flight was conducted from Seppa to Chaoyang Tajo in the East Kameng district.
- ⇒ **Border Road Organization (BRO)** will build **Steel Slag Road** in **Arunachal Pradesh** based on the Pilot project. The **Steel Slag Road** is the first of its kind Project which aims to make durable roadways that can withstand heavy rain & adverse climatic conditions.
- ⇒ According to the CMs of both states, **Assam & Arunachal Pradesh** taken a step toward settling their seven-decade-old boundary dispute by signing the **Namsai Declaration**. Following their third round of discussions on the matter, the Arunachal Pradesh CM
- ⇒ **Torgya Festival** of the **Monpa tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh** is celebrated at **Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh**. The main attraction is the **'Sha-na Cham'**, the ritual dance performed by monks.
- ⇒ Northern States **Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh** celebrate their Foundation Day on **February 20, since 1987**.
- ⇒ **The Himalayan Yak** has been approved as a **'food animal'** by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)**. The move is expected to help slow the decline of the high-altitude bovine animal population by incorporating it into the conventional milk and meat industries, according to an official at the National Research Centre (NRC) on Yak in Dirang, West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh



Assam

- ⇒ **CM: Himanta Biswa Sarma** | Capital: Dispur | Governor: Jagdish Mukhi
- ⇒ As the growth in the **tourism sector** is vital for socio-economic development in a state, the **Assam State Cabinet led by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma** approved the proposal for grant of **industrial status** to the tourism sector in the state.
- ⇒ **Trees Beyond Forests initiative:** was introduced by the Assam govt. & the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)**
- ⇒ The **Kati Bihu** is an auspicious festival of Assam which is a **harvest festival**.
- ⇒ The **first institute of Unani medicine in the Northeast region of India** was inaugurated in **Silchar town of Assam**. The Unani medicine institute in Silchar of Assam was inaugurated by **Union Ayush minister Sarbananda Sonowal**
- ⇒ The **Assam government** has decided to use **SAANS**, an air pressure machine developed by a Bangalore-based start-up, in the state-run hospitals across the state.
- ⇒ **'SAANS'** is a portable neonatal **Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) system** For the development of the machine, InnAccel Technologies, incubated at the **Centre for Cellular & Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP)**
- ⇒ Jayanta Baruah gave PM Narendra Modi a copy of Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh in Braille
- ⇒ **Assam** launched **'Vidya Rath -School on Wheels' project**.: aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months
- ⇒ Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, announced that it has signed an MoU with governments of **Assam, Manipur, & Tripura** to advance & promote oil palm growth in area under National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm initiative
- ⇒ **Assam** launched **'Swanirbhar Naari'**, a scheme to empower indigenous weavers in **Assam's Guwahati**. The state govt. will procure handloom items directly from indigenous weavers via a web portal under the scheme. The scheme will help in preserving the heritage of handlooms & textiles in the state
- ⇒ **Assam** become **36th State** to implement **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)** scheme. With this, ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, & Union Territories, making food security portable throughout country
- ⇒ **Baikho festival** is celebrated in state of **Assam**, which is called as gateway to northeast India. It is celebrated by **Rabha tribes of India**.
- ⇒ Devotees were finally permitted to take part in annual **Ambubachi Mela** at Assam's renowned **Kamakhya Temple** after a two-year absence.
- ⇒ Assam CM **Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched **India's first Night Navigation mobile application** for ferry services on the **Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam**.





- ⇒ Assam government has extended **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA)** in state for **six more months**.
- ⇒ The **9th edition** of the **North East Festival** concluded in **Guwahati, Assam**. The main purpose of this festival is to promote & highlight the commercial & tourism potential of the **North East region**

Bihar

- ⇒ **CM: Nitish Kumar** | **Capital : Patna** | **governor: Phagu Chauhan**
- ⇒ A survey by the **Geological Survey of India** has stated that a gold reserve of around **222.88 million tonnes** including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the **Jamui district of Bihar**. The **Nitish Kumar** government in Bihar has now decided to give permission for the exploration of what is being called as India's largest gold reserve.
- ⇒ **Chhath Puja** is an ancient **Hindu festival** dedicated to the **Surya Dev & Shashthi Devi**. Chhath Puja is celebrated after Diwali for four days. It is mainly celebrated in **Bihar, Jharkhand, & eastern Uttar Pradesh** in India & some parts of **Nepal**. Chhath Puja is also known as **Surya Shashthi, Chhath Mahaparv, Chhath Parv, Dala Puja, Pratihara, & Dala Chhath**.
- ⇒ Bihar CM, **Nitish Kumar** has inaugurated India's longest rubber dam '**Gayaji Dam**' on **Falgu River in Gaya**. dam has been built at an estimated cost of **Rs 324 crore**. Experts from IIT (Roorkee) were involved with project
- ⇒ **The Bihar government** is set to introduce a "**no-bag day**" **rule in schools** & a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce burden on students.
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Chhattisgarh

- ⇒ **CM: Bhupesh Baghel** | **Capital : Raipur** | **Governor : Anusuiya Uiker**
- ⇒ Chhattisgarh CM **Bhupesh Baghel** has inaugurated the state's own Olympics.
- ⇒ Chhattisgarh has a campaign on women's safety titled '**Hamar Beti Hamar Maan**' (our daughter, our honour).
- ⇒ Chhattisgarh government will set up 300 rural industrial parks in state. This move aimed to strengthen rural economy & make "**gauthan**" (cattle shed) a centre of livelihood.
- ⇒ **CM of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel** inaugurated **32nd & 33rd districts** of state. **Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur & Sakti** were announced as **32nd & 33rd districts** of Chhattisgarh

- ⇒ To educate the state's women about their constitutional rights & laws, **Chhattisgarh Women Commission** will host the **Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra**. On the occasion of the Hareli Tihaar festival, CM **Bhupesh Baghel** will set off the "**Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath**". Through short films, messages, & booklets, the chariots will visit all of the districts to educate people about the legal protections for women & their constitutional rights

Goa

- ⇒ **CM: Pramod Sawant** | **Capital : Panaji** | **Governor: PS Sreedharan Pillai**
- ⇒ **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** in partnership with **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and the Goa government will organize the **International Lusophone Festival** in Goa from 3-6 December. It will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant at Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Mopa International Airport in Goa**, which has been named after former Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar**. The new airport, which is about 35 km from capital city Panaji, can handle 44 lakh passengers annually. Its capacity can be raised to over 3 crore passengers per year after expansion plans in the future.
- ⇒ '**Goa Liberation Day**' is celebrated on **December 19** to commemorate the **state's liberation** from **Portuguese rule in 1961**. As part of **Operation Vijay**, the Indian armed forces used the armed forces tri-branch with the help of local resistance movements to eradicate European rule from the country.
- ⇒ Goa to host three days Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference from the Asia Pacific region & beyond will discuss & collaborate on the key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry
- ⇒ CM Pramod Sawant has launched logo of Purple Fest at a function held in Manohar Parrikar Memorial Hall of Sanjay Centre for Education, Porvorim.
- ⇒ In order to digitize its operations, **Goa Police** declared that it had inked an agreement (MoU) with **Level-1 blockchain network jire**. S.P. Crime, **Nidhin Valsan**, IPS, & **Pratik Gauri**, the founder & CEO of **jire**, signed the MoU on behalf of the Goa Police. Goa would become the first police state in India to totally abandon paper with the signing of this MoU.
- ⇒ **Goa CM, Pramod Sawant** announced that the state Govt. will implement **100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes** along the lines of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**.
- ⇒ The people of all the villages in **Goa & Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu (D&NH & D&D)** declared their village to be a "**Har Ghar Jal**" through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps & ensuring that "**No One is Left Out.**"





- ⇒ Goa CM **Pramod Sawant** launched a '**Beach Vigil App**', a collaboration between **Information Technology (IT) sector & tourism sector** that aims to benefit tourists & institutions working in beach tourism sector in a holistic management of beaches.
- ⇒ People of **Goa** celebrated **Sao Joao festival**, feast of **St John Baptist** with traditional enthusiasm after a two-year coronavirus-induced gap.
- ⇒ **Pramod Sawant** took oath as **Chief Minister of Goa** for second term. Sawant won 20 seats in 40-member Goa Assembly.

Gujarat

- ⇒ **CM: Bhupendra bhai Patel** | Governor : **Acharaya Devvrat** | Capital : **Gandhinagar**
- ⇒ A polling booth located in a remote forest area of **Gir Somnath district in Gujarat** recorded 100 per cent voting after its lone voter cast his vote in the first phase of the state Assembly elections. The area is part of Una Assembly constituency, which went to polls along with 88 other seats in the state. **The Election Commission (EC)** had set up a polling booth at Banej village located inside Gir forest so that the only voter there can exercise his franchise.
- ⇒ **Bhupendra Patel** took oath as the **Chief Minister of Gujarat** for a **second straight term** in **Gandhinagar**. He was administered oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat by Governor **Acharya Devvrat**.
- ⇒ "**Mission Schools of Excellence**" unveiled by the **PM Modi**: with the dual goals of reforming the curriculum in Gujarat's public schools in **Gandhinagar**
- ⇒ **PM Modi** has declared **Modhera village** in poll-bound **Gujarat** as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village. Modhera, which is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built during the Chalukya, will also be known as a "**solar-powered village**".
- ⇒ **Gujarat** has been declared as a 100 percent '**Har Ghar Jal**' state.
- ⇒ **Gujarati New Year 2022**: Gujarati New Year which is also known as **Bestu Varas** is celebrated a day after **Diwali**. The Gujarati New Year falls on Shukla Paksha Pratipada of the **Kartik month**. The Gujarati New Year is also called **Varsha-Pratipada or Padwa**. The Gujarati New Year is one of the major festivals in **Gujarat**.
- ⇒ **PM Modi inaugurates Rs 29,000-cr projects**: to Gujarat. The first CNG (compressed natural gas) terminal in the world is scheduled to be inaugurated, together with phase 1 of the Ahmedabad Metro & phase 1 of the Diamond Research & Mercantile (DREAM) City in Surat
- ⇒ Gujarat announced **Gujarat's first-ever 'Cinematic Tourism Policy'** in presence of dignitaries including actor **Ajay Devgan**,
- ⇒ Gujarat's **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority)** Headquarters Building will officially break ground thanks to **PM Narendra Modi**. **IFSCA** is the centralised regulatory body in India's international financial services centres for the creation & supervision of financial products, financial services, & financial institutions.

- ⇒ **Gujarat govt.** announced a dedicated '**Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27**' with a view to generating at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years. The Gujarat govt. has also decided to develop a "**semicon city**" which would be a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region.
- ⇒ **Gujarat's Climate Change Department** signed **MoU** to join worldwide 'Save Soil' initiative. **Sadhguru**, Founder & Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach, & **Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendra Patel** signed it.
- ⇒ In Gujarat, launched **17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'**, drive to enroll students in primary schools in state. It begins from **Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district**.
- ⇒ India's first 100 MLD (million litres per day) desalination plant has been inaugurated at Dahej in Bharuch district, Gujarat
- ⇒ **PM Modi** unveiled renovated **Shree Kalika Mata temple** at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district.
- ⇒ Gujarat Chief Minister, **Bhupendra Patel** has been launched "**Student Start-ups & Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0)**" for the next five years. The policy contains provisions for the establishment of active innovation & incubation centres in all universities in the state.
- ⇒ Gujarat CM **Bhupendra Patel** announced a new **IT/ITeS policy** for the next five years. It will provide financial incentives up to **Rs 200 crore** to the entities willing to incur capital expenditures. It will also generate employment of about **1 lakh youths**.
- ⇒ **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary** near **Jamnagar in Gujarat** & **Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Uttar Pradesh** listed as **Wetlands of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention**. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49. It becomes the fourth wetland of Gujarat to get the Ramsar tag.

Haryana

- ⇒ **CM: Manohar Lal Khattar** | Capital : **Chandigarh** | Governor: **Bandaru Dattatreya**
- ⇒ The **Haryana Agriculture Minister J P Dalal** launched the portal of **Mukha Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana** with an initial corpus of Rs 10 crore for the scheme. Under this the farmers will be compensated for the damage caused to their crops due to adverse weather and natural calamities.
- ⇒ The **Haryana State Government** launches the '**e-Adhigam**' scheme under which nearly **3 lakh students** will be receiving **tablet computers** to aid their online education. The state government has planned to provide the gadget to five lakh students. Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched the Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules (Adigham) scheme at Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak, Haryana.





- ⇒ **Haryana Agriculture Minister, Jai Parkash Dalal** launched the '**Chaara – Bijaee Yojana**', a scheme launched to provide financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 per acre (Upto 10 acres)** to farmers cultivating and supplying fodder to **Gaushalas (Cowsheds)**. The rationale behind the scheme is to address the State's fodder shortage and rising stray cattle. The Subsidy will be directly credited to the farmer's account under **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.
- ⇒ **Haryana launched the 'CM Dashboard' portal** that will have **real-time data of all departments & decisions taken on major schemes**
- ⇒ **World's largest jungle safari park** to be developed in **Haryana**. in the Aravalli Mountain Range of Gurugram & Nuh District
- ⇒ **Google Cloud** has announced an empanelment by the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)**, which allows it to apply cloud technology to solve complex problems for govt. organizations.
- ⇒ **Haryana CM Khattar** launched an app-based '**Smart E-Beat**' system for police attendance & real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in **Gurugram**. He also flagged off **119** motorcycle police riders connected with it.
- ⇒ **International Gita Mahotsav** is to be organized in **Haryana** at **Kurukshetra**. **President Draupadi Murmu** will attend this grand festival of Holy Gita.
- ⇒ International Chess Player woman FIDE Masters, **Tanishka Kotia & her sister Riddhika Kotia** appointed as Brand Ambassadors of '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' scheme for the **Gurugram District of Haryana**.
- ⇒ **Haryana government** has **Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme** to provide support to women entrepreneurs, on **International Women's Day**.
- ⇒ **Haryana started 'Sushma Swaraj Award' for women** for significant achievements or contribution in different walks of life in international & national spheres.
- ⇒ **Power minister** inaugurated **Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center (Virtual SGKC) & Innovation Park** at **SGKC's Manesar** headquarters.
- ⇒ **Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala** announced that Gurugram will get **India's 1st heli-hub** with all aviation facilities.
- ⇒ **Aravalli Biodiversity Park** in **Gurugram, Haryana** declared as India's first "**other effective area-based conservation measures**" (**OECM**) site. International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) gives **OECM** tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.

Himachal Pradesh

- ⇒ **CM: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** Capital : **Shimla** Governor: **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh's Kangra Tea** will soon get a **European Commission Geographical Indication Tag (GI Tag)**; this tag helps Kangra tea to get an opportunity to enter the European market. Kangra tea received the Indian GI tag in 2005. Since 1999, the cultivation and development of tea have improved constantly in the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh.

- ⇒ Congress leader **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu** has taken oath as the New Chief Minister of **Himachal Pradesh** at historic ridge ground in Shimla. Deputy Chief Minister **Mukesh Agnihotri** also took oath with him. Governor **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** administered the oath to both.
- ⇒ **106-year-old Shyam Saran Negi**, the first voter of **Independent India**, exercised his right to franchise for the **34th time** for the **Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections** through a postal ballot at his residence in **Kinnaur district**
- ⇒ Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated a **Water Sports Center** in the **Koldam Barmana, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh**
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh** has started a new scheme named '**HIMCAD**', to provide irrigation facilities to farmers.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** inaugurated the fourth **Vande Bharat Express Train** of India. He also launched a slew of development projects in Himachal Pradesh. from **Amb Andaura to New Delhi**.
- ⇒ **HP CM Jai Ram Thakur** launched '**Naari Ko Naman**' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in **Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)** buses to women commuters within the state boundaries. **Seema Thakur**, the first woman bus driver in the state, drove him in a state transport bus to the event venue.
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh** become the **first state in the country** to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with **Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD)** with **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)**.
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh govt.** gave nod to a drone policy as it seeks to enable use of drones & similar technology for different public services in hill state. '**Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022**' was approved by **CM Jai Ram Thakur**. Policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon foundation of **Governance & Reforms Using Drones (GARUD)**.
- ⇒ **Unmesh**, a three-day international literary festival, opened at **Gaiety Theater in Shimla**.
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh** became the first **LPG enables**, also, **smoke-free state**. This milestone was achieved due to the **Ujjwala Scheme & Grahini Suvidha Yojana** by Centre. The Ujjwala scheme was introduced by the government to get rid of the smoke. The Grahini Suvidha Scheme was introduced to assist the women of rural areas.
- ⇒ In Himachal Pradesh, the 9th women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was inaugurated at Ice Skating Rink, **Kaza in Lahaul Spiti district**. For the first time in the state, Ice Hockey competition & development camp is being organized at the national level. Teams from Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Ladakh, ITBP Ladakh, Chandigarh & Delhi are participating in this mega event.
- ⇒ Chief Minister of **Himachal Pradesh**, launched the '**Apna Kangra**' app & hampers handcrafted by self-help groups (SHGs) at **Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh**. The app aims to provide a hassle-free experience for tourists & to boost sales of local handicrafts.





- ⇒ Governments of Himachal Pradesh & Haryana have signed an MoU at Panchkula, for the construction of Adi Badri Dam that would come upon 77 acres in Himachal Pradesh near the Adi Badri area of Yamuna Nagar district of Haryana. The proposed dam aims for the rejuvenation of the Saraswati river with an estimated cost of Rs 215.35 crore.
- ⇒ **Himachal Pradesh** gets the **first biodiversity park** to make its contribution towards the conservation of endangered **Himalayan herbs**. This park is set to come up at **Mandi's Bhulah valley**.

Jharkhand

- ⇒ CM: Hemant Soren | Capital: Ranchi | Governor: Ramesh Bais
- ⇒ **Jharkhand** become third state after **Bihar & Odisha** in eastern India to have **Food Security Atlas for its rural areas**.
- ⇒ **World Health Organization** chosen Jharkhand for **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022**, in recognition of state's efforts to reduce tobacco usage.
- ⇒ **Jharkhand Government** agreed top roposal for granting **77 percent reservation** in state government jobs for SC, ST, Backward Classes, & OBC & further EWS

Karnataka

- ⇒ CM: Basavaraj Somappa Bommai | Capital :Bengaluru| Governor : Thawar Chand Gehlot
- ⇒ The **Basavaraj Bommai government** announced the **Vinaya Samarasya Yojana** as a public awareness campaign against caste prejudice in the state's gramme panchayats. It will be formally launched on April 14, the birth anniversary of **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**.
- ⇒ 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. **Karnataka** is the only state in the country to set up an exclusive bank for milk producers. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the logo of "Nandini Ksheera Samurdhi Sahakar Bank".
- ⇒ The **Karnataka State Government** in association with **NIMHANS** and **Niti Ayog** launched the **Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)** in January. Indian cricketer **Robin Uthappa** has been recently appointed as the brand ambassador for **Karnataka- Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)**. Training of doctors and preparations to start Brain Health Clinics in the three pilot hospitals has also commenced.
- ⇒ Health and Medical Education Minister of Karnataka, **Keshava Reddy Sudhakar** has launched the '**Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully**' (**SAANS**) Campaign. SAANS is a campaign that has been launched to ensure early detection and greater awareness of pneumonia in children under the age of five. As per SRS 2018, Karnataka's under-five mortality is at **28 per 1000 live births**.

- ⇒ **Karnataka** Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** has launched a new health and wellness app **AAYU** to address and help heal chronic diseases and lifestyle disorders through yoga. **Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA)** collaborated to develop the App with **RESET TECH**, an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform that aims to deal with chronic diseases and lifestyle conditions through yoga and meditation
- ⇒ **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** said that a **National Youth festival** is poised to be hosted at **Hubballi-Dharwad** twin cities, which will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The National Youth Festival will be organized on January 12 in connection with the **birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda**.
- ⇒ The annual festival of '**Kadalekai Parishe**', also known as the **groundnut festival**, Kadalekai Parishe is a fair held in the month of Kartik near Basavanagudi in **Bengaluru**. It happens near the **Dodda Ganesha temple** and the Bull Temple at Basavanagudi
- ⇒ **Karnataka cabinet** decided to promulgate an ordinance to raise reservations for **Scheduled Caste (SCs)** by 2 percent & for **Scheduled Tribe (STs)** by 4 percent.
- ⇒ **Jaggi Vasudev (Sadhguru)**, **Isha Foundation** will sign a MoU with **Karnataka** government to enhance soil health, as part of its "Save Soil" campaign.
- ⇒ Karnataka government: worldwide startup competition **VentuRISE Global Startup Challenge**, which aims to aid entrepreneurs in manufacturing & sustainability-related industries. challenge's winners will get a cash prize of USD \$100,000
- ⇒ **Karnataka government** has appointed Kannada actor **Kiccha Sudeep** as brand ambassador for "**Punyakoti Dattu Yojana**" a cattle adoption scheme
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- ⇒ **Karnataka** : '**Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System**' or **FRUITS** software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for schemes. Karnataka's Bhoomi digitized land record system for authenticating ownership.
- ⇒ will be launched **One Health pilot** in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. It is aimed at bringing stakeholders from animal, human & environment health on a common platform to address challenges.
- ⇒ **Karnataka govt.** launched '**Kashi Yatra**' scheme. Kashi Yatra project, which offers a cash assistance of **Rs 5,000 to each of 30,000 pilgrims** willing to conduct a pilgrimage to Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ⇒ The **government of Karnataka** has launched India's first **AVGC Center of Excellence (CoE)** (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, & Comics) in **Mahadevapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka**.





- ⇒ **Karnataka** has launched '**Women@Work**' program to provide five lakh jobs within 2026 to women with necessary employable skills.
- ⇒ India's First Digital Water Bank, '**AQVERIUM**' launched in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** It is formed by **AquaKraft Group Ventures**.
- ⇒ **Survey Settlement & Land Records (SSLR)** unit of **Karnataka's revenue department** is ensuring easy availability of original land records through an app called **Dishaank**.

Kerala

- ⇒ **Cm : Pinarayan Vijayan**[Capital: Thiruvananthapuram] governor : Arif Mohammed Khan
- ⇒ **The Kerala government** will launch a state-owned **over-the-top (OTT) platform** on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice. Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform. Kerala Minister for Cultural Affairs Saji Cheriyan revealed the name of the OTT platform as **CSPACE**.
- ⇒ **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the country's first chartered gateway, and a business jet terminal at the **Cochin International Airport**. With this, Cochin airport has become the fourth airport in the country to operate a **private jet terminal**.
- ⇒ Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency** has achieved a new record recently. It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards. CM Vijayan's constituency **Dharmadam** has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India. Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too.
- ⇒ The 'Spice Coast' in the far north of **Kerala**, better known as **North Malabar**, bask in myriad colours and the pomp and splendour of the cultural extravaganza titled '**Bekal International Beach Festival**'. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the 10-day first international beach festival, that captures the wholeness and the essence of the district's cultural and artistic uniqueness and displays the rich cultural diversity and grandeur of the country, at the majestic Bekal Beach Park.
- ⇒ The Kerala state tourism department has launched a '**Women-Friendly Tourism**' project to ensure safe & hygienic destinations for women.
- ⇒ Kerala becomes the first state in India to launch uniform gold prices based on the bank rate.
- ⇒ **The Pullumpara village panchayat** in the **Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala** achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally **digitally literate panchayat in the country**.)

- ⇒ **Honesty Shops** have been opened in 15 schools in the **Ernakulam district of Kerala**. The Honesty Shops are a part of the **Student Police Cadet (SPC)** project which aims to provide valuable lessons on truth, & integrity for students.
- ⇒ **Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated a project of the Women & Child Development department. This project help to provide milk & eggs to children at all Anganwadis in the state in a bid to improve their nutrition levels. The state Govt. has set aside over **Rs 61.5 crore** to include milk & eggs in the Anganwadi menu this financial year.
- ⇒ **Kerala Govt.** is set to launch a mobile app where people can upload original bills & also stand a chance to win prizes. The **Govt. of Kerala aims to curb GST evasion with this app**. The app is named '**Lucky Bill App**'.
- ⇒ **Kerala** is now the first & only state in the country to have its own internet service, as per CM **Pinarayi Vijayan**. The announcement followed the Department of Telecommunications' granting of an **Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence** to the IT infrastructure project of the **Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd (K-Fon)**, which aims to provide everyone in the state access to the internet.
- ⇒ **Kerala govt.** made the decision to start initiatives to promote full digital literacy in the State.
- ⇒ **Kerala govt.** is all set to come up with an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service by launching its own e-taxi service next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state govt. in the country. The service named '**Kerala Savari**'.
- ⇒ **Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated a cancer diagnostics & research centre. It is slated to be country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services. **Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre** for cancer diagnostics & research.
- ⇒ **Kerala state govt.** issued orders regarding implementation of a medical insurance "**MEDISEP**" scheme for govt. employees & pensioners & deduction of premium from salary of June 2022 & pension of July 2022.
- ⇒ **Aditya : first solar ferry : Kerala**
- ⇒ **Alappuzha** has become fifth fully **digital banking** district in state. A declaration was made by Reserve bank of India
- ⇒ The first case of **monkeypox** was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to **Kerala from UAE** developed symptoms of the disease.
- ⇒ **Kerala Bird Atlas (KBA)**, the first-of-its-kind State-level bird atlas in India, has created solid baseline data about the distribution & abundance of bird species across all major habitats, giving an impetus to futuristic studies.
- ⇒ India's first innovation centre for graphene will be set up in Kerala by the Digital University Kerala (DUK), along with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) in Thrissur, for Rs 86.41 crore. This will be the first graphene Research & Development (R&D) incubation centre in the country. Tata Steel Limited is set to be the industrial partner of the centre.





- ⇒ The **Kerala High Court** is all set to become **India's first paperless court**. Supreme Court judge Justice **DY Chandrachud** inaugurated the smart courtrooms on **1 January 2022**. In the 1st phase six courtrooms, including the Chief Justice's room, will be converted into smart courts. Also, case files will be made available to the lawyers on the computer screen.
- ⇒ In Kerala, the first battery-powered electric boat built for the Kochi Water Metro Project was handed over to the Kochi Metro Rail Limited. The fully air-conditioned boat is among the 23 boats being built by the Cochin Shipyard for the 747-crore rupee Kochi Water Metro project. Kochi Water Metro system will have 78 ferries, linking 38 terminals spread over 76 route kilometres.
- ⇒ **Kerala Government** signed an MoU with the **Social Alpha's Energy Lab – "Clean Energy International Incubation Centre (CEIIC)"** to support innovative & clean energy technology programmes in Kerala.
- ⇒ **Kerala's first Caravan park** is all set to come up in **Vagamon**, a scenic hill station located in the **Idukki district**.
- ⇒ **Kerala** become first state to introduce **carbon-neutral farming methods** in selected locations, for which government has set aside **Rs 6 crore**. State Seed Farm at Aluva to a carbon-neutral farm. In second phase, model carbon-neutral farms will be developed in all **140 Assembly constituencies**.
- ⇒ **Kochi, Kerala** has become India's first city to have a **Water Metro Project** after the launch of its first boat in **December 2021, namely 'Muziris,'** among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**. This launch is a part of the Rs 747-crore project which is operated by **Kochi Water Metro Ltd (KWML)**. The boats will be called Water Metros.

Madhya Pradesh

- ⇒ CM: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**| capital: **Bhopal**| governor: **Mangubhai Chaganbhai Patel**
- ⇒ **Madhya Pradesh government:** According to **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, a huge statue of former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** will be installed and a research centre will be built as part his grand memorial in **Gwalior**. On December 26 at the 'Gwalior Gaurav Diwas' function to mark the late leader's **98th birth anniversary**.
- ⇒ The **Durgavati Tiger Reserve** is a 2,339 square kilometers new tiger reserve that will spread across **Narsinghpur, Damoh, & Sagar districts** by **Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board**.
- ⇒ **Madhya Pradesh's** tribal-dominated **Mandla region** has become first fully **"functionally literate" district in country**.
- ⇒ The **world's largest floating solar power plant** is going to be built at **Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh**. A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Khandwa which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23.

- ⇒ **Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh**, popularly known as the '**Darwaza of Dakhin**', became the first Certified '**Har Ghar Jal**' district in the Country. It certifies that all people in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that '**No One is Left Out**'.
- ⇒ **GoI** approved the renaming of 3 places in Madhya Pradesh, **Hoshangabad Nagar as "Narmadapuram", Shivpuri as "Kundeshwar Dham" & Babai as "Makhan Nagar"**.
- ⇒ In **Madhya Pradesh**, the **Central Jail of Indore** started its own radio channel '**Jail Vaani-FM 18.77**'.
- ⇒ MP Governor, **Mangu Bhai Patel** inaugurated the **48th 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022'** at world-famous tourist destination **Khajuraho** on the occasion of '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**'.
- ⇒ The **first geological park of India** will be built in **Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh**. It will be constructed with an investment of **Rs 35 crores**, over five-acre land.
- ⇒ **Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh** created a **Guinness record** by lighting **11.71 lakh** clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes. diyas were lighted as part of '**Shiv Jyoti Arpanam Mahotsava**' on occasion of **Mahashivratri**. It broke earlier record of lighting created in **Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh** Ujjain is also known as '**Land of Mahakal**'.
- ⇒ first drone school in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**. Other drone schools in **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur & Satna**.

Maharashtra

- ⇒ **CM Eknath Shinde**|capital :**Mumbai**| Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari**
- ⇒ The **Maharashtra government** has introduced a scheme that allows prisoners to obtain personal loans from banks of up to **Rs. 50,000** to help their families improve their living conditions and meet expenses related to their legal matters. It will be a first of its kind initiative in our country.
- ⇒ **Nagpur Metro** has successfully created a Guinness World Record by constructing the **longest double-decker viaduct (metro) is 3,140 meters** and was achieved by the **Wardha Road in Nagpur**. The double-decker viaduct of 3.14 km on Wardha Road has three metro stations – **Chhatrapati Nagar, Jai Prakash Nagar and Ujjwal Nagar**
- ⇒ **Maharashtra** inaugurated the **tap-in tap-out** service on the **Gateway of India to Churchgate** route in an effort to make commuting across **Mumbai** easier. **Aditya Thackeray** stated during the event that **Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST)** is India's first fully digital bus service.
- ⇒ **Maharashtra** became the **first state in India** to develop a website-based **Migration Tracking System (MTS) application** to track the movement of migrant workers through individual unique identity numbers. The MTS project aims to ensure the continuity of **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** for migrant beneficiaries, such as children under the age of 18, lactating mothers, and pregnant women who are registered with Anganwadi centres.





- ⇒ **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** has announced that the state will establish a **separate Divyang department for the welfare of differently-abled persons** with a fund allocation of 1,143 crore rupees.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth **Rs 75,000 crores in Maharashtra**. According to the Prime Minister's Office, PM Modi inaugurated Phase-I of Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra **Samruddhi Mahamarg**, covering a distance of 520 Kms and **connecting Nagpur and Shirdi**.
- ⇒ Maharashtra **assembly** has passed the **Lokayukta Bill 2022**, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman. The bill was passed without discussion as the opposition had staged a walkout over the alleged scam in the Teachers Entrance Test. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis termed the bill a historic legislation. Cabinet Minister Deepak Kesarkar introduced the Bill which has a provision to bring the Chief Minister and the cabinet under the purview of the anti-corruption ombudsman.
- ⇒ India's first **'Migration Monitoring Systems'** was inaugurated by the **Maharashtra Women & Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha** in Mumbai.
- ⇒ The **Maharashtra Government** has decided to **double the pension of freedom fighters from ten thousand to twenty thousand rupees per month**. Accordingly, freedom fighters associated with **India's freedom struggle, Marathwada Mukti Sangram and Goa Liberation Movement** will benefit from this decision.
- ⇒ The **Adani group-AAI-operated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai airport** has switched to green energy sources, fulfilling **95 per cent** of its requirement from hydro & wind, while the rest 5 per cent from solar power
- ⇒ **Eknath Shinde**, a rebel Shiv Sena MLA, will be sworn in as new CM of Maharashtra. Dissident Shiv Sena faction led by **Eknath Shinde & BJP** will form Maharashtra's new government after nearly ten days of intense power struggles. Maha Vikas Aghadi government's authority in state came to an end day after **Uddhav Thackeray** resigned as CM.
- ⇒ **Devendra Fadnavis** takes oath as **deputy CM of Maharashtra**
- ⇒ **Maharashtra**:state's deputy CM, **Devendra Fadnavis**, revealed in a meeting that Maharashtra government intends to create an organisation along lines of Niti Aayog
- ⇒ Union Transport Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** launched **India's first electric double-decker bus at YB Centre** in south Mumbai. The name of the bus is **"Switch EiV 22"**, the double-decker bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from September.
- ⇒ **CM Eknath Shinde** announces that **'Dahi-Handi'** will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra. The state is set to organize a **'Pro- Dahi Handi'** completion.

- ⇒ Mumbai lawyer & first-time legislator, **Rahul Narwekar** elected as the youngest Speaker (16th) of **Maharashtra Legislative Assembly** & also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this Constitutional post.
- ⇒ **Western Railway's (WR)** longest skywalk from the **Khar Road railway station** to the nearby **Bandra Terminus** opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily. The skywalk spans **314 meters long & is 4.4 meters wide**.
- ⇒ **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai** become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind **Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill)** to explore possibility of utilization of wind energy at airport.
- ⇒ **Uddhav Thackeray** resigned as **CM of Maharashtra**. This comes immediately after Supreme Court refused to stay Maharashtra Governor's direction to **Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)** govt. to take a floor test in Assembly.
- ⇒ Mumbai police, on World Environment Day, organized "Cycle Chala City Bacha" campaign
- ⇒ **Sarbananda Sonowal** virtually flagged off the **'Most Awaited' Water Taxi for citizens of Mumbai, Maharashtra**. It will commence from the Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT).
- ⇒ Maharashtra's announced that **"Hope Express"** will be launched in the state to prevent cancer.
- ⇒ **Mumbai, Maharashtra** set framework to **'zero out carbon emissions by 2050'** & became first city in South Asia to set such a target. Mumbai's target is 20 years ahead of India's target to reach net zero emissions by **2070**. Targets also include a 30% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 & 44% reduction by 2040.

Manipur

- ⇒ CM: **N Biren Singh** | capital: **Imphal** | governor: **Shri La. Ganesan**
- ⇒ The **Sangai Festival** of Manipur begins, it is the largest tourism festival in **Manipur**. The festival is named after the **State Animal** which is found only in Manipur have been organized grandly this time after the COVID-19 pandemic hit the festival in the last two years
- ⇒ The **50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022** kicked off at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen at Palace Compound in **Imphal**.
- ⇒ Manipur gets the top position in the Northeast Olympic Games for the second consecutive time with 237 medals, including 85 gold, as the second edition of the regional multi-sport event. Manipur also won 76 silver & 77 bronze while Assam was a close second with 201 medals including 81 gold, 60 silver, & 60 bronzes in the event competed among the eight states of the country's northeast
- ⇒ The Manipur Forest Authority to celebrate the 7th edition of the **Amur Falcon Festival** in Tamenglong district, Imphal. Amur Falcon is the world's longest-flying migratory bird.





- ⇒ The 18th edition of the two days long Kachai Lemon Festival began in Manipur at the Local Ground of Kachai Village in Ukhrul district. The Kachai Lemon Festival is organised annually to promote this unique kind of lemon fruit & to encourage lemon farmers. This year, altogether 260 stalls are put up at the festival showcasing the rich reap of lemon this year. This year the festival is being organised under the theme 'Organic Kachai Lemon for Safe Environment & Rural Transformation'. A training program for lemon farmers will be held tomorrow as part of the festival.
- ⇒ **N Biren Singh** took oath as **Chief Minister of Manipur** for a second time. Ruling BJP party contested all 60 seats in Manipur Assembly & won **32 seats**. Nongthombam (N) Biren Singh started his career as a footballer, later journalism

Meghalaya

- ⇒ CM: **Conrad K Sangma** | capital : **Shillong** | governor: **Satya Pal Malik**
- ⇒ The **Meghalaya cabinet** has approved a policy aimed at addressing the issues of mental health and social care through collaborative engagement with communities. The **Meghalaya Mental Health & Social Care Policy** was approved at the cabinet meeting, chaired by the Chief Minister. In **2014**, the Centre launched the first-ever **National Mental Health Policy** in an attempt to provide universal psychiatry care.
- ⇒ **Jingkieng Jri or Living Root Bridge**, found in over 70 villages in **Meghalaya** has been included in tentative list of **World Heritage Sites of United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**.
- ⇒ The **Meghalaya government** in partnership with startup **TechEagle** has unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and network which is aimed at providing universal access to healthcare for the people in the state.
- ⇒ The **Meghalaya government**, which has adopted a '**Jan Andolan**' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis received an award for best practices in controlling the disease that affects 2.6 million people in India every year. The award for Best Practice in **Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM)** in Tuberculosis control was presented to representatives of the health department at a national workshop, aimed at ending TB infections, in the national capital.
- ⇒ **International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)**, under UNESCO, has recognised the **Mawmluh Cave**, located in the **East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya**, as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites.
- ⇒ The "Citizen Engagement & Communication Programme" launched by Meghalaya
- ⇒ Wangala Festival of Meghalaya is one of the most popular festivals among the Garos of Meghalaya.
- ⇒ Rising Sun Water Fest 2022 culminated with a grand Closing Ceremony at Umiam Lake, Meghalaya. aimed at encouraging the sports-loving youth of North East to take up water sports like Rowing & Sailing.

- ⇒ **Meghalaya** is all set to host the four-day long mega global adventure sports spectacle, '**Megha Kayak Festival, 2022**' starting at **Umtrew River at Umtham Village**.
- ⇒ **Meghalaya CM, Conrad K Sangma** announced that the govt. has earmarked **Rs 300 crore** from the externally aided projects to make investments in early childhood education programmes. An estimated amount of Rs 8.33 crore has been spent on the construction of the **DERT**.
- ⇒ **Meghalaya** launched '**Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme**' to ensure farmers earn a sustainable livelihood through different livestock farming activities.
- ⇒ Meghalaya launched online portal of **Meghalaya Residents Safety & Security Act (MRSSA)**
- ⇒ **Meghalaya** is all set to host the upcoming **2nd edition of the North East Olympics** from 30th October
- ⇒ **Meghalaya govt.** key initiative of e-proposal system, part of **Meghalaya Enterprise Architect** won a coveted **UN Award- World Summit on Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize** at Geneva in Switzerland.
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Mizoram:

- ⇒ CM: **Zoramthanga Capital : Aizwal**
- ⇒ The on-going conflict between Bangladeshi security forces and the Kuki-Chin National Army (KNA) triggered an influx of refugees from the Kuki-Chin community to the Indian state of Mizoram.
- ⇒ On February 20, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram on the occasion of statehood day both the states.

Nagaland

- ⇒ CM: **Neiphiu Rio Capital: Governor: Jagdish Mukhi**
- ⇒ The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, or AFSPA, has been applied to 12 districts in **Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh** for an additional six months, according to the federal govt.
- ⇒ **Nagaland is prepared to host the first bird documentation event – 'Tokhü Emong Bird Count' (TEBC)**. '**Tokhü Emong Bird Count**' is an effort to promote & encourage the conservation of birds in their natural habitat.
- ⇒ **Nagaland Prison Department** goes digital by introducing **mobile attendance application for Prison staff: Prison staff Attendance App**
- ⇒ **Nagaland** got its second railway station after a gap of more than **119 years** with commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi. **Dimapur Railway Station**, was inaugurated in 1903. flagged off Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station

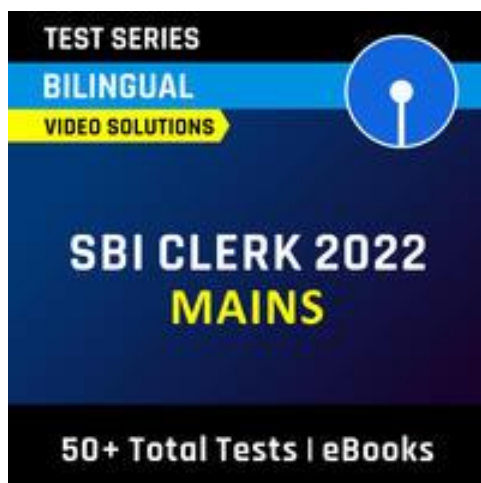




- ⇒ Nagaland is all set to host the **South Asian Athletic Federation** cross country championship & **56th National Cross-Country athletics championships** in Kohima. The official mascot of both the events is a joyous happy running 'Hornbill'. The name is **Akimji** – which exemplifies the ambition of the new generation of **Naga youth**.
- ⇒ Nagaland became **first State Assembly** to implement **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)** programme to become completely paperless.

Odisha

- ⇒ The '**Dhanu Yatra**' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in **Bargarh at the Odisha**. The vibrant Dhanu Yatra is associated with the culture of **Odisha**. The Festival is being held from December 27 to Jan 6, 2023. Several artists from 130 cultural troupes from across the country are scheduled to perform during the festival. Around 3,000 artistes of 130 cultural troupes from across the country is participating in the festival. However, Kansa is the central attraction of the Dhanu Yatra.
- ⇒ **Odisha** launched a common credit portal **SAFAL' (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans)** for the welfare of farmers.
- ⇒ The state government of Odisha is observing 10th November 2022 as 'Millet Day' in the state.
- ⇒ Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023. The CM of Odisha has launched a survey using drones to facilitate a process to provide land deeds to slum-dwellers in five municipal areas across Odisha.
- ⇒ **Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik** has launched '**Football for All**' in the state to take the culture of football to the grassroots. The Programme has been initiated by FIFA in Odisha in partnership with the **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) & Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)**.
- ⇒ The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** granted **Jeypore Airport** the license to carry out commercial flight operations under the regional connectivity scheme.its in odisa.



- ⇒ **Odisha government** distributed **₹869 crore to 41.85 state farmers** under Krushak Assistance for Livelihood & Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme & assured them of additional aid for crop losses due to floods instate.
- ⇒ **Odisha government** has launched a rainwater harvesting scheme named '**Community Harnessing & Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)**'.
- ⇒ **Nuakhai** is an annual harvest festival in Odisha.. Nuakhai is celebrated a day after **Ganesh Chaturthi**. The festival is celebrated with **Nabanna** offering to **Goddess Samaleswari** during a particular time. Nuakhai is made of two words, **Nua** which means new, & **Khai** which means food.
- ⇒ Odisha CM **Naveen Patnaik** released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics', a collection of poems written by **Sanjukta Dash**.
- ⇒ **Odisha Govt. signed an MoU with the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for the protection of coastal areas** from various natural calamities like flood, cyclone, soil erosion & high tide, etc.
- ⇒ **Sital Sasthi** is a sacred Hindu festival is being celebrated in **Odisha**. This week-long special festival highlights marriage of **Lord Shiva & Goddess Parvati**
- ⇒ **Bishweswar Tudu** inaugurated **20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) & 13th Krishi Fair 2022** at Saradhabali in **Puri, Odisha**.
- ⇒ **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** has launched an online service for the verification of identity & submission of life certificates for pensioners of the state government. The chief minister virtually launched the new initiative while attending the orientation programme for newly recruited 153 officers of Odisha Civil Services.
- ⇒ **Odisha's Ganjam** has declared itself a **child marriage free district**, the first in the State. The district administration has been able to stop as many as 450 child marriages & video-record 48,383 marriages in two years — 2020 & 2021.
- ⇒ According to **National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5**, **Odisha** became top state in list of full immunizations in India with 90.5% coverage under **Mission Indradhanush**

Punjab

- ⇒ The Punjab Cabinet has authorised a Rs 1,500 per acre incentive for farmers who grow paddy using the direct seeding of rice technology. A total of Rs 450 crore has been set aside to provide incentives to farmers who promote the **DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice)** technique, which uses less water and is more cost-effective. The incentive scheme was approved by the Cabinet in a meeting headed by chief minister **Bhagwant Mann**.
- ⇒ Chief Minister of Punjab, **Bhagwant Mann** heard the grievances of the people of the state and issued redressal directions in '**Lok Milni**', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme. This interactive programme was launched with the aim of providing a single-window platform to the people of the state for the redressal of the complaints that they have.





- ⇒ The **Punjab Govt.** decided to restore the **old pension scheme** for its employees.
- ⇒ Project 'Vayu Amrit' Initiative of: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) A crop residue management initiative Launched at: Sangrur District, Punjab
- ⇒ **Punjab Sports Department** will host the **Punjab Khed Mela**, which will feature 30 sporting activities in six age divisions for competitors between the ages of 14 & 60. The event's goals are to find talent, create a welcoming **environment for sports**, & raise **public awareness of health**.
- ⇒ **Punjab govt.** decided to abolish **physical stamp papers** in an attempt to bring efficiency & check pilferage of State revenue. Punjab Revenue Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa launched '**e-stamp facility**'.
- ⇒ **The Punjab & Haryana governments** have agreed to name **Chandigarh International Airport** in Mohali after **Shaheed Bhagat Singh**
- ⇒ **Chief Electoral Officer's office of Punjab** unveiled its election mascot, "**Shera**" (Lion). It aims to increase voter awareness, participation & promote ethical voting in the Punjab Assembly polls.
- ⇒ **Bhagwant Mann** sworn in as **18th chief minister of Punjab** at Khatkar Kalan, ancestral village of **Bhagat Singh** in presence of Governor **Banwarilal Purohit**.

Rajasthan

- ⇒ This year, Pushkar Fair is being hosted by Rajasthan . Pushkar Fair is also known as **Pushkar Camel Fair**, Kartik Mela, or Kartik ka Mela. The Pushkar Fair will be held without the popular cattle fair due to the spread of lumpy skin disease in livestock
- ⇒ Central government has awarded **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** to **Mithila Makhana**- Bihar
- ⇒ Rajasthan inaugurated a month-long **Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games** in Jodhpur.
- ⇒ **Rajasthan** launched '**Mahila Nidhi**', a loan scheme for social & economic development of women through loans.
- ⇒ **Rajasthan govt.** is soon likely to introduce in the **Assembly the Right to Health Bill**, "**the first of its kind in India**", which aims to commit to quality & affordable health care services through govt. & private health care providers.
- ⇒ **Jakson Green** to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up **green hydrogen & green ammonia** project in **Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ a 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "**Viswas Swaroopam**" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.
- ⇒ During 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, the National Legal Services Authority Chairman **Uday Umesh Lalit** unveiled the first digital **Lok Adalat** driven by artificial intelligence. Rajasthan **State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA)** digital Lok Adalat was created by **Jupitice Justice Technologies**, the organization's technological partner.

- ⇒ The first all-women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector is coming soon in **Rajasthan** following an MoU, signed with the **Telangana govt.'s Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation**. The new body will promote women's empowerment by supporting their enterprises.
- ⇒ In **Rajasthan**, a Special Health Care Abhiyan '**Anchal**' launched in **Karauli district for pregnant women**. More than 13 thousand women have benefited from this Abhiyan. During campaign, 13,144 pregnant women were tested for their hemoglobin levels, out of which 11,202 were found to be anemic. These women were advised to take right medicine & necessary nutritious diet.
- ⇒ Rajasthan CM **Ashok Gehlot** announced that state govt. is set to introduce **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** to State's sportspersons.
- ⇒ **Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Rajasthan**, which is among the proposed five sites in the country, is expected to be formally notified as tiger reserve (TR) soon before the **Global Tiger Summit**, which is to be held at **Vladivostok, Russia**.
- ⇒ The renowned **Jaisalmer Desert Festival**, also known as **Maru Mahotsav of the Golden City** held at **Pokaran village** in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- ⇒ **Rajasthan**, state government has a '**Camel Protection & Development Policy**' in its budget 2022-23.

Sikkim

- ⇒ Cm : Prem Singh Tamang (PS Golay) | Capital: Gangtok | governor: Ganga Prasad
- ⇒ Sivok Rangpo Rail project, Sikkim This rail project was launched to enhance rail network connectivity in North-Eastern Region.
- ⇒ **Sikkim government** hiked minimum wage for unskilled workers by **67 percent to Rs 500**. daily wage for unskilled laborers was Rs 300 which is now increased to Rs 500
- ⇒ CM **P.S. Golay**, during World Environment Day celebrations, declared **Blue Duke** as **State Butterfly of Sikkim**.
- ⇒ **Losoong (Namsoong)** is annually celebrated across the **Indian State of Sikkim** on the **18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar**, which also marks the beginning of the harvest season. The Namsoong festival begins on the 1st day of the new moon phase Kurneet Lovo, as per the Lepcha lunisolar Calendar known as Dungkit Karchu.
- ⇒ Sikkim, program '**Aama Yojana**, a scheme for **helping non-working mors & 'Bahini Scheme'** benefitting **girl students**
- ⇒ Governor of Sikkim, **Ganga Prasad**, has named a new road **Narendra Modi Marg**. The Governor viewed the road under Kabi Lungchok from Kyongsala, 4th mile. This is an alternative to **Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg**. The stretch, constructed by Border Roads Organisation, has reduced the distance between **Gangtok & Tsomgo lake** by **15 km**.





Tamil Nadu

- ⇒ Chief Minister **M.K.Stalin** capital:**Chennai**|governor: R.N. Ravi
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister, **M K Stalin** has launched the '**Kaaval Uthavi**' app which helps citizens to seek police assistance during any emergency. The app is containing sixty features that are used to send an emergency alert to the police control room. By pressing the emergency red button, the user's live location will be shared with the control room. The user can also identify the nearest police station/patrol vehicle.
- ⇒ **The Tamil Nadu Government**, issued a notification declaring **Arrippatti and Meenakshipuram villages in Madurai district** the first biodiversity heritage site in the State. The site comprising 139.63 hectares in Arrippatti village (Melur block) and 53.8 hectares in Meenakshipuram village (Madurai East taluk) will be known as the Arrippatti Biodiversity Heritage site.
- ⇒ **Geographical Indication tag** has been awarded to **Narasingapettai Nagaswaram** under category of musical instruments of class 15. Narasinghapettai nagaswaram is a classical wind music instrument that is traditionally made in a village near **Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu**.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M K Stalin** has inaugurated an industrial park at **Eraiur in Tamil Nadu's Perambalur district**. He also laid the foundation stone for the **Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park**. The inauguration of the 243.39-acre park of the **State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (Sipcot)** followed an announcement in the 2022-23 budget session that new parks would be set up in Coimbatore, Perambalur, Madurai, Vellore and Tiruvallur districts.
- ⇒ The **Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival** was held at **Thiruparankundram in Madurai, Tamil Nadu** after a gap of two years due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. This is one of the most important festivals in Madurai which many devotees attend.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** is set to become the **first state** to launch its own **Climate Change Mission**. It had launched the **Green Tamil Nadu Mission** last September and the **Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission** this August. A Special Purpose Vehicle—the **Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC)**—will implement the State Climate Action Plan.
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- ⇒ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the statue of **Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar** at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at Varanasi via video conference on 11th December. Stalin also released a souvenir on his centenary. Bharathiyar's 141st birth anniversary celebrates on the behalf of State Government in various places in the State.
- ⇒ **The Tamil Nadu government** has announced that all those who are eligible for benefits (other than minor children) under various government schemes are required to submit proof of possession of an Aadhaar number or undergo **Aadhaar identification**.
- ⇒ **The 'Friends of Library' programme**, under which books would be directly given to those who are unable to access state-run libraries, was introduced by the **Tamil Nadu government**. The project will be helpful to people with disabilities, seniors, kids, and hospital in-patients, among others, who are unable to visit a library. Volunteers will hand over the books to such people from the libraries.
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- ⇒ The Madurai Bench of **Madras High Court** has prohibited devotees from carrying mobile phones inside temples in Tamil Nadu. The Division Bench of Justice R. Mahadevan and J Sathya Narayana Prasad held that the gadgets divert the attention of the devotees from the purpose of visiting the temple. The **Tamil Nadu Temple Entry Authorisation Act 1947**, and the Rules empower the trustees or any authority in charge of the temple to make regulations for the maintenance of order and decorum in the temple.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu govt.** notified the country's first **Kadavur slender loris sanctuary** covering 11,806 hectares in Karur & Dindigul districts of the State,
- ⇒ **The Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)** has launched '**jumbo trails**' at **Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu**, a programme aimed to educate visitors to the tiger reserve about elephants, the flora, and fauna of ATR and the aboriginal tribes who live in the hills
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** has emerged as the only state in India which has achieved the target for **2022 Q1 & Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission**, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections.
- ⇒ The third **World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam** was organized for three days in Vijayawada. in commemoration of the **93rd birth anniversary of world-renowned Kuchipudi dance artist Vempati China Satyam**.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu launched Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled '**Pudhumai Penn**'
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** notified country's first '**Dugong Conservation Reserve**' in Palk Bay covering coastal waters of Thanjavur & Pudukottai districts with an area of 448 square kilometres. Dugongs are the largest herbivorous marine mammals in the world. They are protected under Schedule 1 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972





- ⇒ The proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari & Tirunelveli as the **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve** was approved by the Union Environment Ministry. Tamil Nadu will oversee this **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve**, which is the fifth elephant reserve.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu govt.** issued an order to implement the first phase of the **CM's Breakfast Scheme** at 1,545 govt. primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in **Classes I-V during 2022-23**. The cost would be Rs. 33.56 crores. Breakfast consisting of a meal with sambar & vegetables will be provided to children in all working school.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu signed MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of Postal Department. IPPB would transfer it to doorstep services at a cost of **Rs 70 per digital life certificate**.
- ⇒ **M.K. Stalin**, CM of Tamil Nadu, unveiled logo & mascot for **44th Chess Olympiad**, which will take place in **Mamallapuram** next month. A brown horse named 'Thambi' will be the official mascot of the 44th edition of the competition. Thambi means "hey little brother".
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu: Ennum Ezhuthum scheme** to bridge learning gap that was caused due to **COVID pandemic among students aged below eight**. Scheme aims to ensure foundational literacy & numeracy by 2025.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin** flagged off luxury cruise liner "Empress" from **Chennai port**. eleven-storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to two thousand passengers & about 800 crew members.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu govt.** launched **Naan Mudhalvan (I am first)**. Under this, Tamil Nadu govt. now launched **Nalaya Thiran (Tomorrow's ability)**. In this, **50,000 college students** will train with knowledge in computer science, electronics & IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies. Tamil Nadu govt. created Nalaya Thiran program to help industry get skilled students.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** replaced **Bihar & West Bengal** to become largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans. As per MFIM Micrometer Q4 FY21-22, a quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIM), gross loan portfolio (GLP) of **Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at ₹36,806 crore**.
- ⇒ **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)** PM Modi presented a statue of **Dr B R Ambedkar**, author of Indian Constitution, at inauguration of new campus of **Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University**.
- ⇒ first **ambulance for street animals** has been launched in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu** started by **Blue Cross of India** in collaboration with international animal welfare organization "Four Paw".
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, **M K Stalin** has inaugurated India's largest **floating solar power plant** constructed at a cost of **Rs 150.4 crores** at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu to provide clean energy

- ⇒ **Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd.** is world's first **linear alkylbenzene (LAB)** manufacturing company to be certified by **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**.

Telangana

- ⇒ **Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao** | capital : **hyderabad**
- ⇒ The **Election Commission** informed **TRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao** that it has accepted the name change of his party from **Telangana Rashtra Samithi to Bharat Rashtra Samithi**. In a letter to TRS, the EC cited a letter that the party sent to the poll body on October 5 requesting its name change.
- ⇒ **Telangana** introduced '**Aasara**' pensions as a part of the state's welfare measures & social safety net strategy. for the older section of the state, widows, physically disabled, & beedi workers to avail pension facilities.
- ⇒ The **Telangana govt.** issued an order to increase the reservation for the **Scheduled Tribe** communities from **6 percent to 10 percent**
- ⇒ **The central govt.** has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the **Krishna river connecting Telangana & Andhra Pradesh & passing through the Nallamala forest range**
- ⇒ **Telangana festival Bathukamma**: The state floral festival known as Bathukamma has started in Telangana,
- ⇒ **3CM K Chandrashekhar Rao** decided to name Telangana's new secretariat after **Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar**
- ⇒ **Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA)**, the newest entry in the Digital Public Goods Registry, announced by the Telangana State govt. in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**. The platform, which uses artificial intelligence to power it, aims to improve food security & food systems.
- ⇒ **Telangana, India's 28th state**, was founded on **2nd June 2014**. Telangana celebrates its Formation Day.
- ⇒ **Ratan Tata**, an Industrialist, applauded **Telangana govt.'s** most recent **T-Hub** opening in **Hyderabad**.
- ⇒ **Telangana** stood first in the country in the list of the highest number of **open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages** under the **Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme** till December 31, 2021. As many as 13,737 out of 14,200 villages in the State are on the ODF Plus list, which is 96.74%. This was followed by **Tamil Nadu** with 4,432 villages (35.39%) & **Karnataka** with 1,511 villages (5.59%). **Gujarat** took the 17th position with only 83 villages (0.45%).
- ⇒ **Telangana Govt. & the British Council**, an international organisation for educational opportunities & cultural exchange, signed a 3-year MoU to renew the partnership in **education, English & arts**.
- ⇒ Ministry of Tribal Affairs sanctioned **Rs. 2.26 Crores** for **Medaram Jatara 2022 Festival** in Telangana. It is the second-largest fair in India, after the **Kumbh Mela**. It is conducted in honour of the Goddesses **Sammakka & Saralamma**.





- ⇒ **Telangana** became top-performing state in India with a population over one crore in terms of growth rate of **Per Capita Net State Domestic Product** at Current Prices by **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.

Tripura

- ⇒ **CM: Dr. Manik Saha**
- ⇒ **Tripura Dr. Manik Saha** inaugurated the **first English medium general degree college of the state** in the city having **100 intake capacity**. The first five basic subjects of the arts stream include compulsory **Bengali & English**
- ⇒ India's first Bio-Village setup Daspara, Tripura
- ⇒ **Tripura govt.** launched a new scheme named **'Earn with Learn'** to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19. This scheme is a part of the **'Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan' (Let's go to school)**.
- ⇒ **Kokborok Day**, also known as the **Tripuri Language Day** is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Tripura on **19th January** with an aim to develop the Kokborok Language. The day commemorates the initial recognition of **Kokborok as the official language in 1979**. 19th January 2022 marks the observance of the **44th Kokborok Day**.
- ⇒ **Tripura Government** special scheme **'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa'** for tea workers.

Uttarakhand

- ⇒ **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has launched an anti-corruption mobile app named **1064 Anti-Corruption Mobile App**. This mobile application has been developed by the vigilance department, Uttarakhand. It helps the citizens to lodge corruption-related complaints directly with the authorities.
- ⇒ The **Government of Uttarakhand** is set to implement the **'Him Prahari' Scheme** which is meant for ex-servicemen and youngsters. The Uttarakhand Govt is seeking the cooperation of the Union Government to implement the scheme in areas bordering the Uttarakhand. The scheme will also prioritise settling ex-servicemen in areas bordering the state.
- ⇒ Drones being used commercially to deliver great healthcare to Indians in the most rural locations appears to be a possibility now. In the United States' **Redcliffe Labs**, a division of **Redcliffe Lifetech**, has completed its first commercial drone flight in the healthcare sector. Between **Uttarkashi** and **Dehradun**, the business just launched a commercial drone corridor.
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand government** has announced the formation of a **5-member drafting committee** to implement the much-debated **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state**. The retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Desai**, who currently heads the Delimitation Commission of India is the Head of the committee. Other members of the committee are: Delhi High Court judge **Pramod Kohli**, ex-state chief secretaries **Shatrughan Singh, Manu Gaud and Surekha Dangwal**.

- ⇒ **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman**: NSA Ajit Doval & late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand Government** is planning for **genetic enhancement** of **Badri Cow** through sex-sorted semen and embryo transfer technology with the aim to increase its productivity. The Badri breed derived its name from the **holy shrine of Char Dham at Badrinath**. It is found **only in the hill districts of Uttarakhand** and was earlier known as the **'pahadi' cow**.
- ⇒ **World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy** to be set up at Tehri in Uttarakhand. The Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy R.K.Singh announced the World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy. Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** also inaugurated the National Championship "Tehri Water Sports Cup" at Tehri Lake.
- ⇒ Uttarakhand government announced that this year's Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman would be given to National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval, poet Prasoon Joshi, & three other individuals for their notable achievements.
- ⇒ Every year, the government of Uttarakhand honours individuals with the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman in recognition of their accomplishments in their various disciplines.
- ⇒ Ajit Doval will get the prize, along with former Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, late poet & author Girish Chandra Tiwari, & late journalist Viren Dangwal.
- ⇒ Journalist & poet Viren Dangwal, who passed away, will receive the honour posthumously.
- ⇒ On the occasion of **World Tourism Day**, **Uttarakhand** received the first prize in two categories, for the best adventure tourism destination & all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism.
- ⇒ Uttarakhand inaugurated the **'Lakhpatri Didi'** fair at the survey of India Maidan, Hathbarkala in Dehradun.
- ⇒ The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun
- ⇒ Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year. Also known as Uttarakhand Divas, It is one of the newer states that was created under the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000.
- ⇒ Uttarakhand launched **"Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana"** on occasion of National Sports Day.
- ⇒ The **Uttarakhand education department** launched an e-governance portal **"Samarth"**.
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand Govt.** decided to develop one **Sanskrit-speaking village** in each of the **13 districts in the state**. Citizens of these villages will be trained by experts to use the ancient Indian language as a medium of daily communication, Uttarakhand's Minister for Sanskrit Education.





- ⇒ **Uttarakhand Govt.** appointed wicketkeeper-batter **Rishabh Pant** as the '**State Brand Ambassador**'.
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand** become the first state in the country to initiate the process of implementing the **Centre's New Education Policy**. UK CM Pushkar Singh Dhami initiated this process by inaugurating '**Bal Vatikas**' at Anganwadi Kendra across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system
- ⇒ The **e-FIR service** & the **Uttarakhand police app** introduced by CM **Pushkar Dhami**. The State police's five online services are all integrated into the police app.
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand govt.** announced formation of a **5-member drafting committee** to implement much-debated **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** in state. Retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Desai** is the Head of committee.
- ⇒ In order to advance rain-fed agriculture in steep areas of **Uttarakhand**, **World Bank** approved a project costing Rs. 1,000 crores. Watershed department will carry out **Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project**
- ⇒ **The Uttarakhand high court** has banned all construction activities in the dry area around the **Sukhatal lake**, a rain-fed water body that recharges the **Naini lake**
- ⇒ Uttarakhand CM, **Pushkar Singh Dhami** appointed Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** as the brand ambassador of **Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections**.
- ⇒ **Pushkar Singh Dhami** taken oath as **11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand**. He will take over reins of state for second time in a row. Governor Lieutenant **General Gurmit Singh** administered him oath at Parade Ground in Dehradun.

Uttar Pradesh

- ⇒ CM : **Yogi Adityanath** | Capital: **Lucknow** | Governor : **Anandiben Patel**
- ⇒ **Agra, Uttar Pradesh** has become the first city in the country to have **vacuum-based sewer systems**. These vacuums would be used in public places. Agra Smart City officials told the media that the municipal corporation has linked **240 such houses near the Taj Mahal** with vacuum-based sewers, where conventional sewer systems could not be used.
- ⇒ **UP's Sania Mirza Clears NDA Exam**: Sania Mirza, a **Mirzapur** resident and the daughter of a TV mechanic, successfully passed the National Defense Academy admission examination (NDA). Sania Mirza is from the Jasovar village, which is within the jurisdiction of the Mirzapur Dehat Kotwali Police Station.

- ⇒ Stage is all set in **Uttar Pradesh** to rename two places after the state government got the approval by Union Home Ministry. The Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names, a Municipal Council in Gorakhpur and a village in Deoria, both in eastern UP, following recommendations from the state government. The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the Union Home ministry for changing the name of '**Mundera Bazaar**' municipal council in Gorakhpur district to '**Chauri-Chaura**' and that of '**Telia Afghan**' village in Deoria district to '**Telia Shukla**'.
- ⇒ The **Uttar Pradesh** Deputy Chief Minister **Brijesh Pathak** and Minister of State for Medical Education **Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh** inaugurated the '**E-Sushrut**' **Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** in 22 state medical colleges. The initiative was launched by the state medical education department in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).
- ⇒ **The Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh** was awarded a five-star rating and the tag '**Eat Right Campus**' by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)**. The FSSAI team inspected the kitchen's food quality, storage and hygiene on stringent measures, based on which the Bulandshahr prison was given a five-star rating, the 'Eat Right Campus' tag in addition to the remark of 'Excellent' by the FSSAI. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after **Farrukhabad jail** to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh is set to have its fourth Tiger Reserve & 53rd tiger reserve in India with 529.36 sq km out of which the core area is 230.32 sq km & the buffer area is 299.05 sq km. named **Rani Tiger Reserve**
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre **Yotta Yotta D1** built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore & spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet at the upcoming Data Centre Park in Greater Noida.
- ⇒ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the New Tourism Policy to foster the state's religious potential & also establish the state as the hub of religious & spiritual tourism in the country
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh government announced that Mathura-Vrindavan, one of India's largest pilgrimage centers, aims to become a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by 2041.)
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh chief minister **Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated the **UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon 2022** at the **Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh**. The Hackathon has been organized by the Union Ministry of Education and students from 22 African countries are participating in the Hackathon





- ⇒ The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township instate. On idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.
- ⇒ First village in Uttar Pradesh to have RO water in every household Bhartaul, Bareilly district
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh government** will provide a **Unique Farm ID** to farmers, which will be linked to Aadhar to provide them with all benefits of government schemes.
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh** becomes first state in India to construct 8,642 **Amrit Sarovar (Lakes) in India**. Amrit Sarovar is an ambitious mission initiated by **PM Narendra Modi**, which aims to conserve water for future. **Madhya Pradesh** is in 2nd position, **Jammu & Kashmir** in third, **Rajasthan** in fourth, & **Tamil Nadu** ranked in fifth position. Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, secured first position with in state by constructing 256 Amrit Sarovar.
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh Govt.** announced that CM Yogi Adityanath's '**Panchamrut Yojana**' will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures & the promotion of the co-cropping method.
- ⇒ **UP Govt.** decided to appoint **Deloitte India** as a consultant. The aim of this decision is that it will suggest plans for bringing the state's economy to the **USD 1 trillion mark**.
- ⇒ As part of the celebrations for **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, Uttar Pradesh CM **Yogi Adityanath** debuted "**Radio Jaighosh**" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action
- ⇒ **Bhartaul** has become first village in **Uttar Pradesh** to achieve distinction of supplying **RO water** to every household. Bhartaul is located in Bithiri Chainpur block of Bareilly.
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department** to start country's **first night safari** in capital **Lucknow**, in Kukrail forest area
- ⇒ **Kannuj** will be developed into a **tourist destination** in order to emphasize importance of **perfume industries** in India.
- ⇒ The **Fatehgarh Central jail** in **Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad district** has earned a five-star rating from **Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** for quality of food it serves to inmates.
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh announced the creation of the first three all-female Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) battalions in the state. Three battalions named after women warriors Rani Avantibai Lodhi, Uda Devi & Jhalkari Bai. This is under state's Mission Shakti Programme
- ⇒ The **Centre** has approved the setting up of the **Terai Elephant Reserve (TER)** at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in **Uttar Pradesh**. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the **3rd Elephant Reserve in India** which is spread over **3,049 sq km**.
- ⇒ **Yogi Adityanath**, Chief Minister of **Uttar Pradesh** has renamed the **Jhansi Railway Station**, in Jhansi, UP as "**Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station**" after **Rani Laxmibai**.

- ⇒ **Yogi Adityanath** takes oath as chief minister of **Uttar Pradesh** for his **second term** in office. Governor Anandiben Patel administered oath of office & secrecy to Adityanath at **Lucknow's Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium**. **Keshav Prasad Maurya & Brajesh Pathak** also took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers in new government.

Westbengal

- ⇒ CM Mamata Banerjee | Capital : Kolkatta | New Governor : **Dr CV Ananda Bose**
- ⇒ **Mamata Banerjee**-led **West Bengal Govt.** chosen to create seven new districts in the state in an effort to streamline administrative procedures. With this, there are currently 30 districts in West Bengal as a whole. There used to be 23 districts in **Bengal**, but the number will become 30. **Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, Behrampur**, & one more district would be named in **Basirhat** are among the seven new districts, according to West Bengal CM **Mamata Banerjee**.
- ⇒ **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** in association with the **Seafood Exporters' Association of India (SEAI)** will hold the **23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS)** in Kolkata, the City of Joy from February 15 to 7 next year.
- ⇒ **Kolkata's** futuristic metro to be the first train in India to run under a river covering a distance of 16.34 km east-west corridor from West Bengal.
- ⇒ Following the resignation of **Jagdeep Dhankhar**, who has been selected by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) as its vice presidential candidate, **La. Ganesan** took the oath of office as the new governor of West Bengal.
- ⇒ **West Bengal government** launched an open-air classroom programme **Paray Shikshalaya** (Neighbourhood Schools) for primary & pre-primary students. Under this, primary & pre-primary students of government schools will be taught in open spaces.
- ⇒ **West Bengal** celebrated '**Dol Utsav**' or '**Dol Jatra**' or **Dol Purnima**, & **Basanta Utsav**. festival of colours, marking onset of spring season. festival is dedicated to Lord Krishna & Radha & celebrated on full moon day.





Union Territories of India

Jammu and Kashmir

- ⇒ Governor : Manoj Sinha | Capital: Srinagar
- ⇒ First multiplex movie theatres opened in Kashmir -- Opened by INOX Multiplex in Srinagar. The cinemas in Kashmir are opened after a gap of 33 years
- ⇒ A first-of-its-kind **Tribal Winter Festival** was held in the **Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir**. The festival is organised by the district administration in collaboration with various departments at Ketson, the festival witnessed huge public participation. The festival witnessed music, dance, and cultural events that left the people enthralled.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir** become the **first Union Territory** to integrate with the **National Single Window System (NSWS)** which marks a major leap in **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)** in the UT. NSWS is linked with the **India Industrial Land Bank (IILB)** which hosts 45 industrial parks of J&K that will help Investors to discover available land parcels in J&K.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir** lieutenant governor, **Manoj Sinha** launched a **QR code-based mechanism** for certification & labelling of handmade carpets of the union territory
- ⇒ Government of **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched **quick response (QR) code** for its **GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet**, to preserve authenticity & genuineness of hand-knotted carpets.
- ⇒ **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** inaugurated the **Annual Youth Festival 'Sonzal-2022'** at the **University of Kashmir**. The Lt Governor said that the annual festival is a great opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents and 'Sonzal' provides them a much-needed platform to achieve the dream of '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**'.
- ⇒ **Chenab White Water Rafting Festival** was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan & SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom at the Shibnote area of Prem Nagar. under 'Back to Village Phase-4.
- ⇒ **The Jammu & Kashmir Police** has launched an online Mobile application "**JK Ecop**". App enables common citizens to use a host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of an FIR.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha & Jitendra Singh** inaugurated **north India's first Industrial Biotech Park** constructed at **Ghatti near Kathua**.
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- ⇒ **India's longest escape tunnel**, which is 12.89 km long constructed on the 111 km under-construction **Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir** was completed by the Indian Railways. The longest tunnel is part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project**.

- ⇒ With the onset of **winter solstice**, one of the harshest winter periods of 40 days, called **Chillai Kalan**, has begun in **Kashmir**. Chillai Kalan is a Persian term meaning 'major cold'. The ongoing cold wave is said to reach its peak with **Kashmir's mountains covered** in snow for weeks, and the famous Dal Lake also reaching freezing point.
- ⇒ **Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha** announced three New Schemes- **Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Aspirational Towns, and Aspirational Panchayat for J&K Union Territory**. The projects which have now been approved by the administrative council, have an **outlay of 5013 crore rupees**.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir** administration has declared Jerri settlement in Reasi district as the first '**Milk Village**' of the Union Territory & sanctioned 57 more dairy farms under the **Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS)** for the hamlet.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir Police** has bagged **115 Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG)**, out of a total of 189 awarded this year. They more than doubled their last year's tally of 52 PMGs.
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- ⇒ **Indian Railways** shared new images of the country's first cable-stayed bridge on the **Anji river in Jammu & Kashmir's Reasi district**. It is part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project**, will connect Katra & Reasi areas through rail links. The total length of the bridge is 473.25 metres & it is supported by 96 cables.
- ⇒ Central Government launched the "**Janbhagidari Empowerment**" portal in the Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir**, in line with the government's digital mission.
- ⇒ Government of **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched **quick response (QR) code** for its **GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet**, to preserve authenticity & genuineness of hand-knotted carpets.

Ladakh

- ⇒ Governor : Radha Krishna Mathur
- ⇒ **Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal** launched the '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign from Leh. which is organized by the **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose INA Trust** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Culture**. on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji on 23rd January next year. The '**Main Bhi Subhash**' campaign begins in Mumbai & Kolkata





- ⇒ **Ladakh** celebrated **Losar Festival** to mark the Ladakhi New Year. Losar Festival is celebrated in Ladakh on 24th December 2022. The Losar Festival or the **Ladakhi New year** is a major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated during winter. The **Losar Festival** will continue for nine days from the new year. People will celebrate by offering prayers in the name of God and goddess. They will also dance and sing in honor of **Ibex and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash**.
- ⇒ **The Losar Festival** in **Ladakh** is celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of **Tibetan Buddhism**. It is celebrated by the Buddhist Community in the Ladakh region.
- ⇒ **Spituk Gustor Festival**, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture & traditional heritage celebrated in **Leh & Ladakh Union Territory**. Devotees attended the colourful mask dance locally called "**Chams**".
- ⇒ **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh** launched **Kunsnyoms** scheme for differently-abled persons. Kunsnyoms meant **Equal for All, Fair for All**, aims inclusive & accessible Ladakh. Under this, Leh Hill council is providing assistive devices, technologies to needy people at **90 per cent subsidy**.

Delhi

- ⇒ **Delhi Cabinet** has approved setting up India's first of its kind **electronic-waste eco-park**.
- ⇒ **Delhi government** launched an online '**My EV (My Electric Vehicle)** portal for purchase & registration of electric autos in Delhi. It is accessible to all users on website of transport department of Delhi.
- ⇒ **Delhi Cabinet** has approved setting up India's first of its kind **electronic-waste eco-park**. It has also agreed to devise '**Delhi Film Policy 2022**', as a thrust to promote tourism.
- ⇒ Delhi Lieutenant Governor **Vinai Kumar Saxena** has launched a one-time property tax amnesty scheme "**SAMRIDHI 2022-23**".
- ⇒ The national capital has got its first transgender councillor after **Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP)**, **Bobby Kinnar** has won the civic polls from Sultanpuri-A ward. Bobby Kinnar (38) was given a ticket from Sultanpuri A (ward 43) seat.
- ⇒ **Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena** approved the setting up of four **Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs)** which are responsible for policy formulation & implementation of resettlement & welfare schemes for **ex-servicemen (ESM)** & their widows. The four ZSBs are to cater to the South-west, East, Shahdara, North-west, Central, & **New Delhi** districts
- ⇒ **Delhi govt.** launched the '**Diye Jalao, Patake Nahin**' (light up lamps, not firecrackers) campaign at Central Park in New Delhi. The Delhi govt. on Friday lit 51,000 diyas at Central Park in Connaught Place here to mark the launch
- ⇒ **Delhi Police** has become first **police force in India** to make a **collection of forensic evidence mandatory** in crimes punishable by more than six years
- ⇒ **Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal** has launched a virtual school & students from across country will be eligible for admission .application process for **Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS)**
- ⇒ **Delhi CM, Arvind Kejriwal** has formally unveiled his **Aam Aadmi Party's** national ambition with the launch of the '**Make India No 1**' campaign.
- ⇒ **Delhi** will host its first ever government-backed **shopping festival** from January 28 to February 26 next year, **CM Arvind Kejriwal** announced.
- ⇒ Delhi started **Mission Kushal Karmi** to help construction workers improve their abilities. Delhi government developed this programme with assistance from the **Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** & **Delhi Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board**
- ⇒ **Delhi Airport** or **Indira Gandhi International Airport** become **first airport in country** to run entirely on **hydro & solar power** from this month in a major step toward achieving ambitious goal of becoming a **Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030**.
- ⇒ **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI)**, Delhi recently launched a **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)** enabled personalized baggage tag – **BAGG TRAX**.
- ⇒ **India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station** with a capacity of 100 charging points for 4 wheelers, was opened at **Delhi-Jaipur National Highway in Gurugram** developed by tech-piloting company **Alektrify Private Limited**. Previously, India's largest EV charging station was situated in Navi Mumbai.
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- ⇒ A documentary about Dalit-led, all-woman newspaper **Khabar Lahariya**, "**Writing With Fire**" became first Indian documentary to be nominated at Oscars. '





New Appointments: National

Justice DY Chandrachud named as 50th Chief Justice of India

- ⇒ Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud took oath as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He will have a tenure of two years as CJI and demit office on November 10, 2024.

How Chief justice of India is selected?

- ⇒ The Chief Justice of India is appointed by the President under the **Article 124(2)** of the constitution on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- ⇒ The process starts with the retiring CJI proposes his successor. The suggestion is forwarded by the Union Law Minister to the Prime Minister, who then advises the President.

Major judgements related to Chief Justice appointment process

- ⇒ **Second Judges Case (1993)**: the Supreme Court declared that the CJI should be selected only by the Supreme Court's senior-most judge.
- ⇒ **Third Judges case (1998)**: the Supreme Court declared that the Chief Justice of India's consultation procedure necessitates "consultation with a plurality of judges." As a result a collegium is formed which has present Chief Justice and 3 senior most judge.

Important Facts about Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud

- ⇒ He is the 50th Chief Justice of India
- ⇒ He is the son of **Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud who was the 16th Chief Justice of India**. YV Chandrachud was the longest serving Chief Justice of India.
- ⇒ He was on the bench of the following important cases:
1. Right to privacy is a constitutionally guaranteed right under Justice K. S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) and Anr. vs Union Of India And Ors.
 2. Terming dissent as "the safety valve of democracy"
 3. Sabrimala Case in favour of women.
 4. In Joseph Shine v Union of India he authored a concurring judgment declaring the provision of the Indian Penal Code which concerned the adultery law in India unconstitutional.
- ⇒ He was the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court
- ⇒ He was the Chairman of NALSA before he became the Chief Justice of India.

Who undertakes the oath of the Chief Justice of India?

- ⇒ President

What is the retirement age of Chief Justice of India?

- ⇒ 65 years

What are the qualifications of chief Justice of India?

- ⇒ He/she must be an Indian citizen.
- ⇒ He/she must have served as a judge of a High Court (or High Courts in succession) for at least five years, or he/she must have served as an advocate of a High Court (or High Courts in succession) for at least ten years, or he/she must be a distinguished jurist in the president's judgment.

Who was the previous Chief Justice of India?

- ⇒ U U Lalit

What is the salary of Chief Justice of India?

- ⇒ 2,80,000 under Article 125 of the constitution.

What is the total strength of Supreme Court?

- ⇒ 34

Gol appoints Lt Gen Anil Chauhan as the New Chief of Defence Staff

The government of India has announced the appointment of **Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired)** as the next **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**, who will also function as Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Affairs. The NDA alumnus became the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command in September 2019 and held the charge until his retirement from the service on May 31, 2021. He has held several appointments and has extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast.

The new attorney General of India

Senior advocate **R Venkataramani** has been appointed as the **16th Attorney General of India**. The President has appointed Mr Venkataramani as the new Attorney General for a period of three years from **the 1st of October**. The notification regarding Mr Venkataramani's appointment as the Attorney General was issued today by the Department of Legal Affairs, Union Ministry of Law and Justice. Mr Venkataramani will replace current Attorney General **KK Venugopal** whose term ends on September 30, 2022. Mr Venugopal is currently on his third extension.

1.	Prasanth Kumar , CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd, : president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) .
2.	The Institute of Cost Accountants of India said that Vijender Sharma has been elected as the new president and Rakesh Bhalla as vice-president for 2022-23 . The institute, which is a statutory body set up under an Act of Parliament, comes under the administrative control of Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
3.	Government of India had appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar , Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) of India for a period of three years. He will take up this role as an additional responsibility while continuing as Professor Emeritus at CMI.
4.	Distinguished Scientist of Department of Atomic Energy, K.V. Suresh Kumar has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BharatiyaNabhikiyaVidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) on 2nd December 2022 at Kalpakkam.
5.	K V Shaji :Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)





6.	Meghna Ahlawat :Table Tennis Federation of India. Meghna Ahlawat has been elected its first female President, Kamlesh Mehta : new secretary general of the TTFI and Patel Nagender Reddy has been elected as the Treasurer.
7.	Chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the chair of B20 India
8.	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has appointed Meenesh C Shah as its Managing Director
9.	Legendary athlete Pilavullakandi Thekkeraparambil Usha or PT Usha was elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) . Ajay Patel of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has been elected unopposed as senior vice-president.
10.	Justice Dipankar Dutta has took oath as a judge of the Supreme Court .
11.	Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, Dr PC Rath , :president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-24,
12.	Major General Mohit Seth has took over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo..
13.	New head of AERB : According to an order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dinesh Kumar Shukla to the post of Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) . Shukla is the Former Executive Director of AERB.
14.	Former Supreme Court judge, Hemant Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) . The NDIAC was established for the purpose of creating an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised arbitration.
15.	Indian Foreign Service official of 1997 batch, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan who is presently the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia .
16.	The Air India management has appointed Air India Express CEO Aloke Singh as the chief of Air India's low-cost airline business from January 1, 2023. The Low Cost Carrier (LCC) business will consist of AirAsia India and Air India Express.
17.	Former Union Minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir : Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) .
18.	Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador for its smartwatches. The new partnership will bring together the two domains together which is said to exemplify the brand.
19.	Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board .
20.	Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) .
21.	Santosh Kumar Yadav , the senior bureaucrat, was appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) .
22.	Lieutenant General Arvind Walia has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army . He would be succeeding Lt Gen Harpal Singh who is superannuating on December 31.
23.	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance bank for three years effective from 23rd January 2023.

S.No.	Designation/Post	Who is appointed	Replacing whom
Constitutional & Other Posts			
1.	Commerce secretary.	Sunil Barthwal	
2.	the Election Commissioner	Arun Goel	
3.	Chairman, National Monument Authority (NMA)	Professor Kishor Kumar Basa	He is also the chairman of the Indian National Confederation & Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA).
4.	Chief Justice of India(50th)	Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud	
5.	Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast.	Dr Rajesh Ranjan	
6.	CEO, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)	Vishal Kapoor	
7.	Chairman, MD, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta	
8.	Director, ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute	Dr. G Hemaprabha	First woman director
9.	Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati	Gaurav Dwivedi	





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10.	CEO, KVIC	Vinit Kumar	
11.	AICTE, Chairman	TG Sitharam	
12.	Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	Sujoy Lal Thaosan	
13.	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Director General	Anish Dayal Singh	
14.	Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)	Anil Kumar	
15.	Veteran Karnataka leader Mallikarjun Kharge defeated his rival Shashi Tharoor to become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years		
16.	Deputy Election Commissioner	Ajay Bhadoo	
17.	Director General of the Indian Ordinance Factory	Sanjeev Kishore	M K Grag
18.	Acting Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI)	Sangeeta Verma	Ashok Kumar Gupta
19.	Managing Director of GAIL (India) Limited	Sandeep Kumar Gupta	Manoj Jain
20.	Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	Bharati Das	
21.	ISRO, Principal Scientist , Aditya-L1 mission	Dr. Sankarasubramanian K	
22.	Chairman & Managing Director , India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)	Pradeep Singh Kharola	
23.	Revenue Secretary	Sanjay Malhotra	
24.	New Governor of Meghalaya	Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), the governor of Arunachal Pradesh, assumed the role of governor of Meghalaya.	
25.	Govt. of India appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) & its associates.		
26.	Joint secretary INSPACE	Lochan sehra	
27.	Additional CEO National Health Authority,	Basant Garg	
28.	Quality Council of India (QCI), Chairman	Jaxay Shah	Adil Zainulbhai
29.	Vinayak Godse: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Data Security Council of India (DSCI) : Replacing: Rama Vedashree		
30.	N S Rajan, new chairman of ASCI: Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)		
31.	director general of Employees' State Insurance Corporation	Rajendra Kumar	
32.	director of New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).	Dr M Srinivas	
33.	Hockey India president	Former India captain Dilip Tirkey	
34.	Chairman & Managing Director of RailTel	Sanjai Kumar	
35.	for amending constitution of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) & preparing electoral college of association.	retired judge Justice L. Nageswar Rao	
36.	Chairman of Appellate Tribunal under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).	Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari	
37.	Secretary & Chairman of DRDO	scientist Samir V Kamat	G Satheesh Reddy
38.	scientific adviser to Defence Minister	G Satheesh Reddy	
39.	Director of National Institute of Immunology (NII).	Debasisa Mohanty	
40.	Secretary to President	Rajesh Verma	Kapil Dev Tripathi





S.No.	Designation/Post	Who is appointed	Replacing whom
41.	India's new High Commissioner to United Kingdom	Vikram K. Doraiswami	
42.	executive vice-president & head of Disney + Hotstar.	Sajith Sivanandan	
43.	Chairman & (CMD) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC)	Rajesh Kumar Srivastava	
44.	Chairman & Managing Director of NHPC	Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi	
45.	Whole-time member of Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI).	Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan,	
46.	CEO Sansad TV	Utpal Kumar Singh,	Ravi Kapoor
47.	Chairman & managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI).	Binesh Kumar Tyag	
48.	CMD, Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL),	Mahesh Vishwanathan Iyer	
49.	Vasudha Gupta: director general of news services division of All India Radio		
50.	Nagesh Singh: India's next ambassador to Thailand. He will replace incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai .		
51.	Bharat Lal: Director General, National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG).		
52.	National Human Rights Commission of India chairperson justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra has been elected as a member of Governance Committee of Asia Pacific Forum (APF)		
53.	Sanjay Kumar Rakesh: managing director of CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by central government		
54.	Centre & the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure & Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for the next five years.		
55.	IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, Piyush Goyal appointed by the Central Government as the new CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid) .		
56.	New Member, Union Public Service Commission	Raj Shukla	Note : UPSC Chairperson: Manoj Soni
57.	Deputy election commissioner	Senior bureaucrat R K Gupta	T Sreekanth
58.	BJP announced West Bengal Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar as the NDA's vice-presidential candidate .		
59.	Veteran sports administrator, Narinder Batra resigned as President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) , President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) , as well as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) .		
60.	Chairman, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)	Manoj Kumar	
61.	Additional charge of Lokpal chairperson	Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty	Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose
62.	Director-General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)	Zulfiquar Hasan	
63.	Director-General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).	S L Thaosen	
64.	Director of Intelligence Bureau	Senior IPS officer Tapan Kumar Deka	
65.	Former Drinking & water Sanitation Secretary, Parameswaren Iyer appointed as new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog for 2 years.		
66.	Samant Kumar Goel's contract as secretary of intelligence agency's Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) was extended by another year.		
67.	Chief govt of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Firm (IRARC), Avinash Kulkarni , chosen to head India Debt Decision Firm (IDRCL) .		
68.	Ombudsman, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	N J Ojha	
69.	Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes	IRS officer Nitin Gupta	
70.	Permanent Representative of India to United Nations	Ruchira Kamboj	
71.	MD, National Small Industries Corporation Limited	P Udayakumar	
72.	Director General, National Investigation Agency (NIA).	Dinkar Gupta	
73.	Press Council of India (PCI)	Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai	





	Post	Name of the Person	Additional Information
74.	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board.	Vinay Kumar Tripathi (1983 Batch)	He is presently working as General Manager, Northeastern Railway
75.	24th Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard	V.S. Pathania	succeeding Krishnaswamy Natarajan who retired from service.
76.	Chief economic advisor	Dr V Anantha Nageswaran	
77.	Jammu & Kashmir Bank (MD & CEO)	Baldev Prakash	
78.	CEO, Vistara Airlines	Vinod Kannan	replaced Leslie Thng
79.	1st employee to be hired for TESLA'S Autopilot team.	Ashok Elluswamy	Tesla founder & CEO Elon Musk
80.	Interim CMD of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)	Rajesh Kumar Srivastava	She replaces Alka Mittal.
81.	RBI appointed Deepak Kumar and Ajay Kumar Choudhary as new executive directors (ED) in RBI.		
82.	MD & CEO, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	Ittira Davis	
83.	Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research	Raghuvendra Tanwar	
84.	Director-General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)	G Asok Kumar	succeeded Director-General, Rajiv Ranjan Mishra. Kumar is popularly known as 'the Rain Man of India' for his excellent work in rainwater.
85.	Bank of Baroda Brand ambassador		Cricketer Shafali Verma
86.	Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)		Vijay Paul Sharma
87.	Interim Chairperson of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India		Navrang Saini
88.	Chairman & managing director (CMD) of Air India Ltd.		Campbell Wilson
89.	Managing Director, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL)		Chanchal Kumar
90.	GoodDot brand ambassador		Neeraj Chopra
91.	Chairperson, Prevention of Money Laundering Act Adjudicating Authority		Vinod Anand Jha
92.	Chairman & Managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)		Pushp Kumar Joshi
93.	Chairman & Space Secretary, ISRO		Dr S Somanath

94.	Finance Ministry's Principal Economic Advisor, Sanjeev Sanyal inducted as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the PM (EAC-PM). He is appointed for two years.		
95.	Head, Defence Intelligence Agency	Lieutenant General GAV Reddy	Lt Gen KJS Dhillon
96.	Director of the National Council of Educational Research & Training	Professor Dinesh Prasad Saklani	Hrushikesh Senapaty
97.	Controller General of Accounts	Bharati Das	
98.	Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).	M Jagadesh Kumar	
99.	Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit	first women Vice-Chancellor of JNU
100.	Director, Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL)	Senior scientist GA Srinivasa Murthy	
101.	Director-General, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT)	Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi	
102.	Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.	Vivek Joshi	Debashish Panda
103.	Retired Vice Admiral, G Ashok Kumar appointed as India's first national maritime security coordinator by the government.		
104.	National e-Governance Division chief	Abhishek Singh	
105.	Adviser, Ministry of Defence	Lt. Gen. Vinod G. Khandare (ret'd.)	
106.	Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).	Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court	





CEO'S/Chairman of Companies/Organizations/Banks/ Or Appointments			
107.	Paytm Payments Bank appointed Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) , in addition to his role as Chief Product & Technology Officer. CEO Satish Gupta is retiring.		
108.	Atanu Chakraborty now the Chairman of Yubi (formerly CredAvenue)		
109.	Arun Bansal: CEO Adani Airports		
110.	Amit Choudhary: Chief Operating Officer (COO): Wipro Ltd.		
111.	Ranbheer Singh Dhariwal: CEO: Max Life Pension Fund Management Ltd		
112.	Samsung Electronics Co. officially appointed Lee Jae-yong as its executive chairman, formalizing the all-encompassing leadership role he has long played at South Korea's largest business.		
113.	The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has announced Mr Subhrakant Panda as its President-Elect. He shall succeed Mr Sanjiv Mehta as President		
114.	All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) has announced that it has elected Ramesh Kejriwal as its president & Shashi Singh as the senior vice president.		
115.	BPCL's former chairman Arun Kumar Singh is likely to be the new chairman of India's top oil & gas producer Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC		
116.	Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority has appointed Suraj Bhan as the chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust), responsible for managing funds under the National Pension System (NPS). Bhan has been a Trustee on the Board of NPS Trust since 2018.		
117.	Former Chief Economic Advisor, Arvind Virmani has been appointed as a full time member of NITI Aayog The other existing Members of NITI Aayog are VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand & VK Paul. While Suman Bery is the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Parameswaran is the incumbent CEO of the think tank.		
118.	Navi Technologies Ltd appointed as its brand ambassador	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	
119.	UrbanGabru , brandambassador	Suryakumar Yadav	
120.	Adani Airport Holdings again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive officer .		
121.	New CEO of Bank of India Mutual Funds	Mohit Bhatia	
122.	Brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India	Smriti Mandhana	
123.	Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI),	A Balasubramanian	
124.	Vice-chairperson , Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI),	Radhika Gupta	
125.	Whole time member (WTM) in the SEBI	Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan	
126.	BCCI president	Roger Binny	Sourav Ganguly
127.	BCCI secretary	Jay Shah	
128.	BCCI vice president	. Rajiv Shukla	
129.	IPL chairman	Arun Dhumal	
130.	Bandhan bank	Sourav Ganguly as it's Brand Ambassador	
131.	Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)	Yuvraj Singh as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind	
132.	MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance:	Shri Kishore Kumar Poludasu	
133.	Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Chairman	AK goel	
134.	Election Commission of India (ECI)	Actor Pankaj Tripathi : ' National Icon ' of ECI.	
135.	Rajendra Kumar : director general of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation,		
136.	Fintech platform Stashfin has appointed BFSI (Banking, Financial Services & Insurance) expert & former MD & CEO of SBI Cards, Vijay Jasuja as Non-Executive Independent Director.		
137.	The Hero MotoCrop has appointed actor Ram Charan as the new brand ambassador. Hero GIFT Programme.		
138.	Dr Rajiv Bahl : director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-		
139.	Chairman & Managing Director of RailTel, Sanjai Kumar is in charge.		
140.	Former India captain Dilip Tirkey , : Hockey India president, was elected		





141.	Dr M Srinivas : director of New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)		
142.	Britannia Industries appointed Rajneet Kohli as executive director & chief executive officer effective		
143.	Data Security Council of India (DSCI), a leading industry organisation founded by NASSCOM, promoted senior vice president Vinayak Godse & named him organization's new CEO		
144.	RBI approved appointment of Pralay Mondal as MD & CEO of CSB Bank		
145.	Prasanna Kumar Motupalli is selected as Chairman & Managing Director of NLC India Limited		
146.	Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected Vinod Aggarwal as its new president for 2022-23. Aggarwal, MD & CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles, succeeds Kenichi Ayukawa,		
147.	Max Life Insurance Company Ltd :Rohit Sharma, Cricketer team, & his wife Ritika Sajdeh, as its brand ambassadors.		
148.	Dream Set Go, a sports experiences & travel platform	Sourav Ganguly , first brand ambassador	
149.	"Uppercase"	Busprit Burmah has been signed as Brand Ambassador	
150.	Pintola, Fastmoving consumer goods (FMCG)	Sunil Chhetri as Brand Ambassador.	
151.	managing director, IDFC Ltd board	Mahendra N Shah	Sunil Kakar
152.	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	Bhanu Prakash Srivastava	
153.	MD&CEO, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)	Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam	
154.	Executive Director for India atInternational Monetary Fund (IMF).	Krishnamurthy Subramanian	Surjit S Bhalla
155.	Chairman & Managing Director of "A" Miniratna Category-I Company, MOIL Limited.	Ajit Kumar Saxena	
156.	Burjeel Holdings, a private healthcare services provider inMENA region	Shah Rukh Khan as its new brand ambassador	
157.			
158.	New Chief Financial Officer, BharatPe	Nalin Negi	Suhail Sameer, CEO
159.	MD & CEO, Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank)	Inderjit Camotra	
160.	Senior electrochemical scientist, Nallathamby Kalaiselvi become the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research		ceeds Shekhar Mande
161.	Dabur accepted the resignation of Amit Burman as the Chairman.		
162.	Bajaj Electricals, part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group, has elevated its Executive Director Anuj Poddar to Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO).		
163.	Former team India coach & cricketer, Ravi Shastri has been appointed the new brand ambassador for FanCode, a live content, sports statistics & e-commerce marketplace.		
164.	President, Financial Action Task Force	T. Raja Kumar of Singapore	Marcus Pleyer
165.	PokerBaazi.com, a poker platform, has onboarded actor Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador.		
166.	MD & CEO, Aviva India	Asit Rath	Amit Malik
167.	President Designate, Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) for 2022-2023	R Dinesh, Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions	
168.	Vice-President, CII	Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director of ITC	
169.	President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU)	Suranjan Das	
170.	MD & CEO, SBI General Insurance	Paritosh Tripathi	P.C. Kandpal
171.	Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)	Rajendra Prasad	Satish Agnihotri
172.	Chairman & Managing Director, Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)	Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay	
173.	Chairman & Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India L	Sanjai Kumar	
174.	Managing Director & CEO, Eureka Forbes	Pratik Pota	
175.	RBI authorised Meena Hemchandra's appointment as the Karur Vysya bank's temporary chairperson for three years.		
176.	Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommends Rajkiran Rai G as the managing director for the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure & Development (NaBFID).		





177.	Director (Technical) of REC Limited.	V.K. Singh	
178.	managing director & CEO, National Stock Exchange (NSE)	Ashish Kumar Chauhan	Vikram Limaye
179.	Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ethics officer & ombudsman	Former Supreme Court judge, Vineet Saran	Justice (Retd) D. K. Jain
180.	MD, RattanIndia Power	Brijesh Gupta	
181.	Central Govt. appointed, Jayanti Prasad as a Whole-time Member of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for five years.		
182.	Managing Director of ONGC Videsh	Rajarshi Gupta	
183.	CEO, Vodafone Idea	Akshay Moondra	
184.	CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)	Nakul Jain	Praveen Sharma
185.	Coca-Cola signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion.		
186.	Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), Head	Bhanu Pratap Sharma	
187.	Chairperson, Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)	Pramod K Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm	For 2022-23
188.	Non-official directors on central board of RBI	Industrialists Anand Mahindra, Pankaj R Patel & Venu Srinivasan, & former IIM (Ahmedabad) professor Ravindra H Dholakia	For four years
189.	Whole-time member, Securities & Exchange Board of India	Ashwani Bhatia	
190.	Former bureaucrat Dr D J Pandian: Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB)'s India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)		
191.	Anil Khanna appointed acting President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Delhi High Court ordered that Narinder Dhruv Batra cannot continue as President of IOA & appointed Anil Khanna as acting president.		
192.	Mukesh Ambani's eldest son Akash Ambani will take over as chairman of Jio Infocomm's board, digital division of Reliance industries.		
193.	Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, picked to head India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd. He will replace Manoj Jain.		
194.	Chief Operating Officer, Meta	Javier Olivan	Sheryl Sandberg
195.	MD & CEO, Punjab & Sind Bank Limited	Swarup Kumar Saha	S Krishnan
196.	MD & CEO, National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)	Natarajan Sundar	
197.	Director-General, National Informatics Centre	Rajesh Gera	
198.	MD, Union Bank of India	A Manimekhalai (1st women)	Rajkiran Rai G,
199.	Head, International Aluminium Institute	Satish Pai	
200.	MD, SBI	Alok Kumar Choudhary	Ashwani Bhatia
201.	Prasar Bharati's Chief Executive Officer	Mayank Kumar Agrawal	Shashi Shekhar Vempati
202.	Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj named chairman of advisory committee to assist the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) which is running the day-to-day affairs of AIFF.		
203.	Chairman, BSE	S.S. Mundra	Justice Vikramajit Sen
204.	MD & CEO BSE	Sundararaman Ramamurthy	
205.	MD & CEO of RBL Bank	R Subramaniakumar	
206.	Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as the Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the second time in 2022, previously he was elected as a Chairman of PCI in the year 2018.		
207.	Dr S Raju has taken over as the Director-General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) with effect from April 01, 2022. He succeeds R. S. Garkhal who superannuated on March 31, 2022.		
208.	Vice-Chancellor of Indraprastha University, Mahesh Verma has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).		
209.	Vikas Kumar has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). He succeeds Mangu Singh, whose tenure ended on March 31, 2022.		
210.	PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app," has unveiled its new campaign, which introduces Bollywood superstar		





	Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador. API Holdings Limited is in charge of the PharmEasy brand.
211.	The Government of India has appointed IFS Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new Foreign Secretary of India.
212.	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved an extension in the tenure of Murli M Natarajan as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of DCB Bank for a period of two years.
213.	Currently a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) , Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed the chairman of the country's premier government recruiting agency.
214.	The central government has re-appointed retired Punjab-cadre IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura as the chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities .
215.	The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, approved Vikram Dev Dutt's appointment as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India Asset Holding (AIAHL) , with effect from 27th January 2022 , in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
216.	Lieutenant General Manoj Pande has been appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff . Lt Gen Pande is the incumbent Vice-Chief of the Army.
217.	India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) , the apex body for India's pulses trade and industry, has appointed Bimal Kothari as the new Chairman with immediate effect. Kothari takes over from Jitu Bheda , who was the IPGA chairman since 2018.
218.	Digit Insurance has appointed Jasleen Kohli as the company's new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) with effect from April 20, 2022.
219.	Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations. He would take charge of the new office on May 1st.
220.	According to a home ministry notification released, senior IAS officer Naresh Kumar has been appointed as the chief secretary of Delhi .
221.	Ajay Kumar Sood , a member of the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, has been appointed to the post for a period of three years to succeed renowned biologist K VijayRaghavan .
222.	Tata Sons executive chairman N Chandrasekaran has formally taken charge as chairman of Tata Digital .
223.	The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) announced that Krishnan Ramanujam , President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services, has been appointed as its Chairperson for 2022-23.
224.	BJP leader and former Union minister Vijay Sampla has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time.
225.	Anshul Swami has been named managing director and chief executive officer of Shivalik Small Finance Bank . Swami's nomination has already been accepted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) .
226.	Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as India's new Foreign Secretary . A 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Mr Kwatra succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla who retired from service. Mr Kwatra was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before assuming the charge of the Foreign Secretary.
227.	The Indian Army's Director General of Military Operations, Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from May 1.
228.	JioSaavn has named Sahas Malhotra , a former Amazon Music director and entertainment industry expert , as its new CEO. Previously, Sahas Malhotra worked for Sony Music India and Tips Industries .
229.	Sangeeta Singh , a 1986 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been given additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) , after incumbent JB Mohapatra retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on April 30.
230.	Former petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor has been appointed as an advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi , according to a government order issued.
231.	The Union government of India has notified the appointment of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia , the chief justice of Gauhati High Court, and Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala , a judge of the Gujarat High Court, as judges of the Supreme Court.
232.	Alkesh Kumar Sharma , a senior IAS officer, has been named Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) . He was previously the Cabinet Secretariat's secretary (Coordination). Alkesh Kumar Sharma previously served as Kerala's additional chief secretary for industries from May 2020 to April 2021.
233.	MACN is made up of over 165 member companies that combined represent 50% of global tonnage. Captain Rajesh Unni, Founder and CEO of Synergy Group , one of the world's leading ship managers and one of India's major marine firms, says that while the shipping sector is becoming more open, more can and should be done to combat corruption.
234.	Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the next chief election commissioner . He will assume charge on May 15 after incumbent Sushil Chandra demits office on May 14, a notification issued by the Law Ministry said.
235.	Senior IAS officer, Nidhi Chibber has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education





	(CBSE) in a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre. Chibber, a 1994 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries.
236.	The chief of Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Dr Kamal Bawa has been elected to the US National Academy of Sciences .
237.	Bharti Airtel board has reappointed Gopal Vittal as Managing Director & CEO for a further period of five years ending on January 31, 2028.
238.	IT major Infosys announced that its Board of Directors has reappointed Salil S. Parekh as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) of the Company effective from July 1, 2022, for a period of five years till March 31, 2027, subject to the approval of shareholders.
239.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has got IFS Vivek Kumar as his new Private Secretary (PS). The Cabinet Appointments Committee accepted Vivek Kumar's nomination as PM Modi's press secretary.
240.	President Ram Nath Kovind has given justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson after justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief. Tokyo Bronze Medallist, Lovlina Borgohain was elected as IBA's Athletes' Committee Chair . International Boxing Association (IBA) 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 .

241.	Hindustan Unilever Ltd announced the separation of the position of Chairman of the Board & the CEO & Managing Director of the company. Nitin Paranjpe appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman while Sanjiv Mehta will continue to be the CEO & MD.		
242.	MD & CEO, Industrial Development Bank of India	Rakesh Sharma	For 3 Years.
243.			
244.	MD, IndiGo	Rahul Bhatia	
245.	CEO, Indigo	Ronojoy Dutta	
246.	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)	S. R. Narasimhan, Director (System Operation)	
247.	Chairman, Pfizer India	Pradip Shah	RA Shah
248.	Tata Sons Pvt Ltd, N Chandrasekaran as the Executive Chairman of the company.		
249.			
250.	Director, Institute of Economic Growth	Chetan Ghate	Ajit Mishra
251.	Ravi Mittal appointed as the Chairman of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) . He will serve as the Chairman of IBBI for a term of five years or till he attains 65 years of age, whichever is early.		
252.	Official brand ambassador MediBuddy		Amitabh Bachchan
253.	Brand Ambassador, Bata India Limited		Disha Patani
254.	Brand ambassador, Krishi Network App.		Pankaj Tripathi
255.	Brand ambassador, Khadi & other handicrafts of Bihar		Manoj Tiwari
256.	Brand ambassador, A23, the gaming application		Shah Rukh Khan
257.	Brand ambassador, Adidas.		Manika Batra
258.	Brand Ambassador, Dish TV India		Rishabh Pant
259.	Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).	Scientist & launch vehicle specialist, Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair	
260.	Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC)	Senior bureaucrat S. Kishore	
261.	President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23	Debashis Mitra	
262.	Samiran Gupta to lead Twitter's public policy & philanthropy efforts in India & South Asia .		

263.	Former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Rajnish Kumar joined international strategic advisory board of data & analytics firm Dun & Bradstreet.	
264.	Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), chairman	Former ICICI Banker, Madhabi Puri Buch , replacing Ajay Tyagi
265.	National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru Chairman of UGC.	Professor Bhushan Patwardhan (Position vacant after Prof Jagadish Kumar appointed as chairman of UGC)





266.	Deputy Managing Director (DMD), State Bank of India (SBI)	Nitin Chugh, former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO,
267.	Whole-time member (WTM) of SEBI	Ashwani Bhatia
268.	MD & CEO, Tata Consultancy Services	Rajesh Gopinathan
269.	Asian Cricket Council (ACC) extended tenure of its incumbent President Jay Shah for a period of one year. Jay Shah is Secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) since 2019.	
270.	Managing Director & CEO of CSB Bank. .	Pralay Monda
271.	Director, Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun.	Dr Renu Singh
272.	President, Badminton Association of India (BAI)	Himanta Biswa Sarma (Re-elected)
273.	Chairman, Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC)	IPG Mediabrands India CEO Shashi Sinha (Replaced Punit Goenka)
274.	Chairman & Managing Director, ILFS.	CS Rajan, succeeding Uday Kotak
275.	Chairman , Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI).	Debasish Panda
276.	CEO & MD of Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited.	Prabha Narasimhan
277.	Chairman , National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)	Ajay Bhushan Pandey
278.	Chairman & Managing Director ,Oil India Limited (OIL).	Ranjit Rath (replaced Sushil Chandra Mishra)
279.	Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has a five-year extension for its MD & CEO, Tapan Singhel. .	
280.	CEO, Yash Raj Films (YRF)	Akshaye Widhani
281.	LIC Mutual Fund Managing Director & CEO	TS Ramakrishnan
282.	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways	Sanjiv Kapoor
283.	Bharti AXA Life Insurance ,Brand Ambassador.	VidyaBalan promoting #DoSmartThing

New Appointments: International

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President/PM/Heads of Countries/Organizations		
1.	The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has appointed Indian-origin Sushmita Shukla as its First Vice President , and Chief Operating Officer (COO) , making the insurance industry veteran its highest-ranked official after President and CEO, John C Williams.	
2.	The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committee has named American executive Cindy Hook as its first CEO. After speaking with 50 candidates over a six-month period, the organising committee made the announcement of the appointment.	
3.	Harvard University named Claudine Gay , a dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, as its new president, the first African American to hold the post at the prestigious university. Gay, 52, is just the second woman to be elected to head the school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Gay, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, will take over as the university's 30th president on July 1, 2023.	
4.	Noted lawyer Lalit Bhasin : national president of Indian American Chambers of Commerce (IACC)	
5.	Indian-origin Dr. Vivek Murthy has been nominated by US President Joe Biden to serve as the country's representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation .	
6.	Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.	
7.	Former Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu sealed his return to power	
8.	Brazil's electoral authority said that Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of the leftist Worker's Party defeated incumbent Jair Bolsonaro to become the country's next president	
9.	Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO, Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.	
10.	Airtel CEO Gopal Vittal was elected as deputy chair of the Global System for Mobile communications Association (GSMA).	
11.	Adidas has appointed Bjorn Gulden , the CEO of rival Puma, as its new chief executive, Gulden will replace Kasper Rorsted	
12.	Facebook-parent Meta has appointed Sandhya Devanathan as its new top executive after the departure of former India	





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	head Ajit Mohan. Devanathan will transition to her new role on 1 January 2023. Devanathan currently serves as vice president of gaming for Meta's Asia-Pacific (APAC) division	
13.	Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover chief executive officer Thierry Bollore announced his resignation	
14.	WhatsApp India head Abhijit Bose & Meta India's director of public policy Rajiv Aggarwal have left the company	
15.	New Zealand's Greg Barclay unanimously re-elected as the International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman for another two-year term after his rival, Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) chairman Tavengwa Mukuhani, pulled out of the contest late.. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of ICC's all powerful Finance & Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee at the board meeting.	
16.	Natasia Pirc Musar becomes the first female President of the Slovenia	
17.	Aparajita Sarangi : Lok Sabha member from Bhubaneswar: elected as a member to the executive committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	
18.	Former Infosys president Ravi Kumar S , who resigned from the Bengaluru-based IT company last week, is joining as president of Cognizant Americas Kumar succeeds Dharmendra Kumar Sinha	
19.	Dr Prashant Garg , executive chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute, has been elected as a 'Member' of the prestigious Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI) .	
20.	JP Morgan : new Country Head of India , Kaustubh Kulkarni . Madhav Kalyan the current country head of India will be serving in the Asia Pacific Payments Division	
21.	H. E. Ulf Kristersson: Sweden PM	
22.	President of Burkina Faso: Captain Ibrahim Traore was named president,	
23.	Rishi Sunak to take Oath as PM of UK : Rishi Sunak named as the PM of UK, & the first British PM of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a "deep economic dilemma," the future PM of the UK, Rishi Sunak , has called for cooperation.	
24.	The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician, Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country. Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh.	
25.	United Nations Human Rights Council appointed the first Asian & first Indian as an independent experts on racism & related intolerance. Dr Ashwini K.P.	
26.	Shefali Juneja : India's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) : chairperson of the United Nations' specialized aviation agency's Air Transport Committee (ATC)	
27.	US Charge d'Affaires ad interim in New Delhi :	
28.	Samsung Electronics Co. officially appointed Lee Jae-yong as its executive chairman,	
29.	Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed PM by a royal decree The reshuffle kept another son, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman , as energy minister,	
30.	Bandaru Wilsonbabu new Indian Ambassador to Madagascar:	
31.	Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman PM will take over from PM Mario Draghi ,	
32.	Britannia Industries has appointed Rajneet Kohli as executive director & chief executive officer	
33.	Bill Gates Foundation named Ashish Dhawan to its board of trustees	
34.	Adidas CEO, Kasper Rorsted will step down next year, sports apparel maker.	
35.	American Express Banking Corp India has appointed Sanjay Khanna as its chief executive officer (CEO) & country manager	
36.	Nayara Energy announced Prasad K Panicker as new Chairman of company.	
37.	In Mali, military has appointed Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as interim PM after country's civilian PM Choguel Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital	
38.	The coffee giant Starbucks has appointed its new Indian-origin Chief Executive Officer, Laxman Narasimhan. Starbucks headquartered in Seattle, Washington.	
39.	Kalyan Chaubey , who was a goalkeeper with storied Mohun Bagan & East Bengal football clubs in Kolkata, was elected president of All India Football Federation.	
40.	Santosh Iyer : managing director & chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz	
41.	Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada.	
42.	Peiter Elbers : Indigo's chief executive officer, replacement for outgoing CEO Ronojoy Dutta.	
43.	Anurag Sharma has been elected as International Treasurer of Parliamentary Association Conference (CPA) at 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax, Canada.	
44.	Liz Truss was elected as leader of ruling Conservative Party & country's next UK PM defeated Rishi Sunak, who is of Indian descent.	
45.	Suella Braverman is UK's new Home Secretary:	





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46.	Volker Türk of Austria, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), replaces Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria	
47.	Gustavo Petro sworn in as the first leftist president of Colombia. He succeeds Ivan Duque.	
48.	Following elections in South Pacific Island nation of Papua New Guinea, parliament has reinstated PM James Marape.	
49.	Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios named Head of Mission & Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India & Pakistan (UNMOGIP) by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres	
50.	UN appointed Simon Stiell as the new Executive Secretary of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat based in Bonn, Germany.	
51.	Kenyan Deputy President, William Ruto is now the country's president-elect after he was declared the winner of the last presidential election over five-time contender Raila Odinga.	
52.	UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres named India's Electronics & IT Secretary, Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance. Internet pioneer Vint Cerf & Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Reesa were also appointed to 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.	
53.	India's Lieutenant General, Mohan Subramanian appointed the Force Commander in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). He succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India.	
54.	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) appointed as Spain's Alvaro Lario new President. He will take office on 1 October 2022 & serve a four-year term. He will succeed Gilbert Hounbo.	
55.	Wall Street veteran Marty Chavez is joining the board of Google parent Alphabet Inc., adding significant finance muscle to the technology giant.	
56.	International Hockey Federation (FIH) appointed Egypt's Seif Ahmed as its acting president following Indian administrator Narinder Batra's resignation from the post.	
57.	World Bank appointed Indermit Gill, as its chief economist & senior vice-president for development economics. Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank. Kaushik Basu was the first.	
58.	Leader of Yesh Atid Party, Yair Lapid has been officially became the 14th PM of Israel, after replacing the Naftali Benett.	
59.	Japanese PM Kishida Fumio won election.	
60.	PM of Italy, Mario Draghi has stepped down.	
61.	Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has issued a decree to appoint Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem as a new PM. after former PM Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah submitted his resignation	
62.	Dr Swati Dhingra: First Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee.	
63.	Ramkrishna Mukkavilli: 1st Indian to recognized by United Nations Global Compact as Global SDG Pioneer	
64.	Krishna Srinivasan Appointed as director of Asia & Pacific Department (APD), International Monetary Fund	
65.	Music Maestro, AR Rahman: Ambassador of Season of Culture, which marks 75th anniversary of India's independence. It was officially launched, by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson & Director (India) of British Council Barbara Wickham	
66.	Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill UN Envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation.	
67.	Former Australia cricketer, Lisa Sthalekar: 1st Female President of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)	
68.	Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh appointed as Under Secretary General of United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries & Small Island Developing States. She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as Chef de Cabinet.	
69.	Colombia's presidency won by Gustavo Petro, a former rebel warrior who pledged significant social & economic transformation.	
70.	Sowmyanarayan Sampath, an Indian American, will be new CEO of Verizon Business.	
71.	International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) elected Mohammed Jalood as organization's president.	
72.	Pinterest Inc. announced that Chief Executive Officer Ben Silbermann would step down & give Google Commerce Executive Bill Ready control of social media site.	
73.	Albania's parliament elected a top military official, General Major Bajram Begaj as its new president after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting.	
74.	Radha Iyengar Plumb, an Indian-American, is currently Chief of Staff to Deputy Secretary of Defense. US	





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	President Joe Biden nominated Radha Iyengar Plumb to a top Pentagon position.	
75.	Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud appointed a former chairman of Jubbaland state election commission, Hamza Abdi Barre as PM. He replaced Mohamed Hussein Roble.	
76.	Ferdinand Marcos Jr, son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr, swore as 17th President of Philippines.	
77.	An Indian official has been selected as vice-chairperson of the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management, giving India a leadership position.	
78.	United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres appointed Arunabha Ghosh (India) to a High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities.	
79.	IT major Wipro has announced the appointment of Satya Easwaran as the Country Head for India. He will be in charge of strengthening Wipro's business in India across segments through strategic consulting, transformation and modernisation engagements.	
80.	Procter & Gamble India appointed LV Vaidyanathan, who leads the company's business in Indonesia, as the new chief executive officer.	
81.	Babita Singh, a serial entrepreneur, was named a Global Peace Ambassador for her work in promoting peace through education, sports, art, culture, and diplomacy at the India International Conclave 2022, which was held in collaboration with the Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) in New Delhi.	
82.	YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) in India announced that Ashwin Yardi, CEO of Capgemini in India, has joined the organisation, starting immediately, alongside Yasumasa Kimura, UNICEF Representative, as being the co-chair of the organisation.	
83.	Generali Asia has appointed Bruce de Broize as MD and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance (FGILI). He takes over from Miranjit Mukherjee who served as interim CEO since September 2021.	
84.	Online lending platform, Indifi Technologies has appointed former chairman of SBI, Rajnish Kumar as an advisor. Presently, he sits on the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero MotoCorp and BharatPe.	
85.	Andy Jassy will officially become the CEO of Amazon on July 5th, the company announced at a shareholder meeting. Amazon announced that Jassy, who is the current CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS), would replace Jeff Bezos as CEO of the entire company in February.	
86.	Indian-Origin, Nand Mulchandani has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first line of defence for the United States	
87.	IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Arvind Krishna has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He will fill the vacancy in the office for the remaining portion of a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.	
88.	InterGlobe Aviation announced that Venkataramani Sumantran hasAppointments been named chairperson of the IndiGo board. Sumantran is a corporate leader, technocrat, and academician with a 37-year career spanning the United States, Europe, and Asia.	
89.	Actress Deepika Padukone has become the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand Louis Vuitton. The news was announced by the French brand. The brand unveiled the role of a 36-year-old Bollywood actress during their new handbag campaign. It saw Padukone joining in actors Emma Stone and Zhou Dongyu for promotional shots.	
90.	S.N. Subrahmanyam, the current deputy managing director and president of Larsen and Toubro Ltd (L&T), has been named managing director and chief executive officer, marking the first change of guard at the top of India's largest engineering and construction corporation in 18 years. S.N. Subramanyam will replace A.M. Naik as the CEO of the company.	
91.	Eicher Motors has appointed B Govindarajan as the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield. He will also serve as the Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited.	
92.	An Indian Government Officer, Anwar Hussain Shaik has been made the chair of the World Trade Organisation's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade.	
93.	Indian-origin American diplomat Atul Keshap - President of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) by the US Chambers of Commerce He replaced Nisha Desai Biswal.	
94.	Former RBI Governor, Urjit Patel Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	
95.	French-born economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas Chief economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF). He will succeed Gita Gopinath.	
96.	Roberta Metsola, Malta, President of the European Union's parliament Succeeding David Sassoli	
97.	Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma - Ambassador of Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG), a community-based team of industry leaders supported by global internet body ICANN.	





98.	China's senior diplomat Zhang Ming taken charge as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) . He has taken charge from Vladimir Norov, former Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan.
99.	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) appointed Kuwaiti oil executive Haitham Al Ghaiss as its new secretary-general, as demand for oil continues to improve amid a mild recovery from the coronavirus pandemic
100.	International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission re-elected ice hockey player Emma Terho of Finland as its Chair & table tennis player Seung Min Ryu of the Republic of Korea as its First Vice-Chair.
101.	Takuya Tsumura President & CEO Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL)
102.	Executive Director of the Indian Rubber Board, K.N. Raghavan New Chairman, International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)
103.	Junaid Kamal Ahmad , World Bank's India Director, Vice President of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) . Junaid Ahmad is Country Director for World Bank in India
104.	T Raja Kumar , a Singaporean, president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) replaced Dr Marcus Pleyer of Germany.
105.	Lupin Limited signed Mary Kom as brand ambassador for Shakti campaign aimed at awareness of heart diseases among women.
106.	Gilbert Houngbo from Togo, Director-General of International Labour Organization (ILO) ..
107.	FedEx , Chief Executive Officer - Indian American Raj Subramaniam .
108.	Swiss International Air Lines AG (SWISS or Swiss Air Lines) & its parent company, Lufthansa Group have partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA (Synhelion) to use its solar aviation fuel. Swiss International Airlines will become first airline to use solar aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel) to help power its flights. SWISS will become first customer of solar kerosene in 2023 .
109.	UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres appointed Jayati Ghosh as a member of UN's newly established Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism.
110.	Hisashi Takeuchi (from Japan) appointed as MD & CEO Maruti Suzuki for a period of three years
111.	Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw , (Biocon & Biocon Biologics), elected as a fellow of Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) in Scotland
112.	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) approved an extension of Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg .
113.	Hungarian parliament has elected Katalin Novak , as EU member's first-ever female president
114.	Yoon Suk-yeol - South Korean President . Yoon Suk-yeol will succeed incumbent President Moon Jae-in.
115.	Serdar Berdimuhamedow - President of Turkmenistan . Berdimuhamedow succeeds Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov

Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings

- ⇒ **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** and **Germany's foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock** signed a **comprehensive migration and mobility partnership**, which will facilitate easier access for people to study, research and work in both countries.
- ⇒ A **Memorandum Of Understanding** was signed between **The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. and Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited**, to facilitate services to MSMEs in Walmart **Vridhhi** program.
- ⇒ **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar** and the **Army Training Command (ARTRAC)** of the Indian Army has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for setting up a **centre of excellence** for studies and applied research in **defence and security** at the premier institute.
- ⇒ In a bid to promote **Ayurveda** across continents, the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **University of Medical Sciences, Cuba**, and extended the agreement with **Rosenberg European Academy of Ayurveda (REAA)**, Germany, for five more years to take forward collaborative programmes.
- ⇒ **Airbnb** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Department of Tourism, Government of Goa**, to jointly promote Goa as one of the most sought-after high potential tourism destinations in India and around the world.
- ⇒ The **European Union** has adopted a plan for a global minimum **15% tax on big business**. The landmark deal between nearly **140 countries** aims to stop governments racing to cut taxes in a bid to attract companies. It was praised by **US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen** as "an historic agreement which helps even the playing field".
- ⇒ The next **World Trade Organization** ministerial conference will be held in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates** in February **2024**, the global trade watchdog confirmed in a statement. The UAE and Cameroon were both vying to host the event and came to an informal agreement for Abu Dhabi to host the first one and **Cameroon** to do the next, trade sources said.





- ⇒ **Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)** at the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)** signed agreements with **MSMEs** for incubation of newer technologies into commercial products. The agreements were signed to commemorate the launch of the AIC at the BARC to hasten conversion of products from research labs to the market.
- ⇒ **NTPC** signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Tecnimont Private Limited**, the Indian subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy. NTPC is India's largest power generation company. The objective of the MoU is to jointly **evaluate and explore** the possibility to develop a commercial-scale Green Methanol production facility at the NTPC project in India.
- ⇒ The Centre signed a peace agreement with a **Manipur insurgent group**, which agreed to give up violence and join the peaceful democratic process. The tripartite agreement was signed by the central and Manipur governments and the **Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF)** rebel group which mostly operated in Manipur. The agreement was signed by senior home ministry officials and the government of Manipur and the representatives of ZUF in presence of **Chief Minister N Biren Singh**.
- ⇒ The **Ministry of Power** announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** to implement an **early warning system** for vulnerable hydro projects and power stations in hilly regions. The MoU was signed by Alok Kumar, Secretary at the Ministry of Power, and Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary of the Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman of DRDO.
- ⇒ Nicosia, Cyprus, Foreign Minister of Cyprus Ioannis Kasoulides and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar signed three important agreements. The two ministers had fruitful conversations during Jaishankar's first official visit to Cyprus about bilateral relations, multilateral cooperation, geopolitical and regional problems, the Indo-Pacific issue, the Middle East, Europe, and India's relationship with the European Union.
- ⇒ In conjunction with the Learning Links Foundation, the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) was setting up a two-day face-to-face capacity building program which was held on 28th and 29th of December 2022, for EMRS teachers to implement the Amazon Future Engineer Program (LLF).
- ⇒ Tata Steel and TuTr Hyperloop signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) at IIT Madras to collaborate on the development and wide-scale use of Hyperloop technology. The primary study topics will concentrate on the most important design and material selection problems.
- ⇒ The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the top six **engineering institutes of India** for introducing **Indian standards** as an integral part of the curriculum. This initiative is towards institutionalizing engagement of BIS with eminent institutes to secure active participation of academia.
- ⇒ **Yes Bank** has signed a **Share Purchase Agreement (SPA)** with **JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**, acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at **Rs 11.43 per share** on 28th November 2022. A subsequent acquisition of the additional shareholding of 10 percent is subject to requisite regulatory approvals.
- ⇒ Dharmendra Pradhan signed an MoU with FIFA & the All India Football Federation for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India. FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino, & President, of All India Football Federation, Shri Kalyan Chaubey
- ⇒ Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited has announced a partnership with IDFC First Bank to provide health-insurance solutions to the customers of the bank.
- ⇒ Chqbook & NSDL Payments Bank collaborate: first digital current account of its sort in collaboration with NSDL.
- ⇒ TATA Power & the Indian Army collaborate: to install 16 EV charging stations, in accordance with its "Go Green Initiative." In several areas of Delhi Cantonment, charging stations have been installed
- ⇒ National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIFL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to promote & enhance Japanese investments into India.
- ⇒ The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has signed an MoU with Veddis Foundation to support the setting up of effective governance systems under the DAY-NRLM.
- ⇒ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,281 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India.
- ⇒ India & Finland agree to carry mutual cooperation between the two countries to a new level & enhance partnership in areas such as digital partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies & Digital Education
- ⇒ The Bihar government will sign an MoU with the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) to help artists from the state, handicrafts & several other ethnic arts to get international exposure.
- ⇒ Bharat Electronics signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for jointly developing the Indigenous Communication-based Train Control System (i-CBTC), an important milestone in India's journey towards self-reliance in Rail & Metro operations)
- ⇒ Museum Kolding & the National Museum in New Delhi will open the joint exhibition "Silver treasures from Denmark & India" at the beginning of March 2023.
- ⇒ **Malabar Gold & Diamonds** : first jeweler in India to import 25 kg gold under the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** between India & the UAE.
- ⇒ **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd** announced a strategic partnership with India **Post Payments Bank** to enhance credit access to a larger customer base.





- ⇒ **Google partners with Assam Govt.:** with the **Assam Govt.'s Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED)** to strengthen school digitization efforts with digital tools & solutions to support teaching & learning, as well as to promote the fundamentals of online safety & digital citizenship to schoolchildren through the "Be Internet Awesome" programme
- ⇒ **Project Excel** is being implemented in the Gujarati districts of Jamnagar & Dwaraka Devbhumi by (UNDP) in collaboration with the integrated grain commerce platform **Arya.ag** & Friends of Women's World Banking India (**FWWB** India). It aims to increase the incomes of 10,000 farmer households
- ⇒ **The International Cricket Council (ICC) & UNICEF** have launched a global partnership to empower women & girls & promote inclusion & gender equality through cricket.
- ⇒ **Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL)** signed MoU with **Coal India (CIL) & NLC India** for setting up Coal Gasification based plants.
- ⇒ **Tata Power Trading Company (TPTCL)** agreement with **75F Smart Innovation India** to jointly promote automation & energy efficiency solutions in the commercial building space. This will include industry verticals like IT/ITeS, BFSI hospitality, healthcare, education, govt., & retail.
- ⇒ **Ashok Leyland + National Centre for Combustion Research & Development (NCCRD)** for the development & commercialization of a '**swirl mesh lean direct injection (LDI) system**' for developing hybrid electrical vehicles using turbine technology.
- ⇒ **Haryana Govt & Dubai ink an MoU:** for collaboration in a variety of economic activities for the **Haryana Govt.** Under the terms of the MoU, the Govt. of **Dubai** shall identify a suitable entity to assist with identifying the potential areas of collaboration.
- ⇒ **India & US** announced the launch of a **new energy task force** to support the large-scale integration of renewable energy needed to support the clean energy transition.



- ⇒ The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), **Japan**, & the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to increase academic institutions' technical capabilities & capacities.

- ⇒ **NSIC & Utkarsh Small Finance Bank signs MoU:** intends to assist MSMEs with their lending needs.
- ⇒ **India-New Zealand Navies sign pact:** on the exchange of White Shipping Information Exchange. In order to encourage more openness in the Maritime Domain, the agreement was signed.
- ⇒ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) & Central Financial institution Of Oman** signed a historic MoU to launch the Rupay debit card in Oman
- ⇒ **India** will export Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher missiles, rockets, & ammunition to **Armenia** after the recent clashes between Armenia & **Azerbaijan**.
- ⇒ Ministry of Culture & Art of Living Partnership to empower youth towards better mental health & create a more resilient future
- ⇒ **Royal Society of Chemistry & CSIR collaborate:** 30 CSIR laboratories hosted the RSC's Global Coin experiment, which involved about 2000 students from all over the nation on the CSIR's Jigyasa programme **Royal Society of Chemistry CEO: Helen Pain, Director General of CSIR-cum-Secretary DSIR: Dr. N Kalaiselvi**
- ⇒ **Air India** announced that it has signed a definitive sale & lease back agreement with **Nasdaq-listed Willis Lease Finance Corporation** for 34 CFM56-5B engines installed on its **Airbus A320 family fleet**.
- ⇒ **Hero MotoCorp+ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd** to set up charging infrastructure for electric two-wheelers in country.
- ⇒ **Amity University** Uttar Pradesh **signed an MoU** with **Indian Navy** to form a long-term relationship for **Academic cooperation**.
- ⇒ **India & Egypt** have signed an **MoU to bolster defense cooperation** & decided to enhance joint military exercises, training, co-production, & maintenance of equipment.
- ⇒ **The Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI)** signed MoU with **Samsung India** to empower youth with industry-relevant skills.
- ⇒ **TerraPay**, a Dutch(Netherlands) payments infrastructure company has joined forces with **India's NPCI International Payments (NIPL)** to facilitate cross-border transactions for **Indian consumers & merchants**.
- ⇒ Global escrow banking solution provider, **Castler** has partnered with **Yes Bank** to offer digital escrow services for bank's customers
- ⇒ **IIT-Madras & IBM** cooperated to improve quantum computing research & talent development in India
- ⇒ In association with **Meta, MeitY Startup Hub (MSH)** will introduce a programme to help & accelerate XR technology entrepreneurs in India.
- ⇒ The Anil Agarwal-led-**Vedanta Limited & Foxconn Group** will **invest more than Rs 1.54 lakh crore** to set up an **semiconductor ecosystem** in Gujarat





- ⇒ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** partnered with Indian microblogging platform **Koo** to boost financial inclusion & literacy in country.
- ⇒ **Royal Enfield +UNESCO** to promote & safeguard 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with Himalayas.
- ⇒ **Hero Electric**, with **Jio-BP** to provide **EV charging & battery swapping** solutions in India.
- ⇒ At AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi, **LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden & Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed a MoU. In order to investigate smart aviation solutions,
- ⇒ **Tata Steel & Punjab Govt signs an MoU:** to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap.
- ⇒ **ICICI Bank & NMDFC ink an Agreement:** for creation of mobile applications & financial accounting software.
- ⇒ The All-India Council for Technical Education (**AICTE**) in order to advance digital creativity capabilities throughout nation, has struck a partnership deal with Adobe
- ⇒ **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** (MoU) with **Smiths Detection**, a global leader in threat detection & security inspection technologies, for offering advanced, high-energy scanning systems to Indian market
- ⇒ **Bharti Airtel** has launched a pilot project in partnership with **TP Northern Odisha Distribution** to offer bill payment solutions to more than 2 million customers.
- ⇒ The **National Institute for Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** & **Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE)**, under **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, signed a (MoU) individually with **Indian School of Business (ISB)**, which is a top-ranking global business school.
- ⇒ The BSE & NSE stock exchanges have given **Zee Entertainment** their approval for Zee Entertainment's proposed merger with **Sony Pictures Networks India**.
- ⇒ MoU between the state-run **Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Odisha** & the business organisation **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** designates the latter as a national industry partner for the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022.
- ⇒ **MoU: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) & IIT, Kanpur**, paves the way for the exchange of creative ideas & collaboration on the creation of homegrown digital payment solutions.
- ⇒ In accordance with the objectives of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** & the **Indian Navy** have signed an MoU to cooperate on aviation research & development & to intensify self-reliance efforts for the Indian Navy.
- ⇒ **MoU** for the emergency delivery of petroleum products via Bangladeshi territory to India was signed by the **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** & the Bangladesh Roads & Highways department in **Dhaka**.
- ⇒ In order to accredit & rate **HMIS (Health Management Information System)** & **LMIS (Laboratory Information Management System)** solutions that have been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the National Health Authority (NHA) has onboarded the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** for six months.
- ⇒ **National Institute for Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** & **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** signed MoU for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth & identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration.
- ⇒ **Mixchange (TReDs platform)**, a marketplace for discounting trade receivables, & **HDFC Bank** have partnered to provide small businesses' access to financing at competitive interest rates.
- ⇒ **Paytm + Samsung stores across India to facilitate smart payments** as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through the deployment of point-of-sale devices
- ⇒ **Yes Bank + SellerApp** which is a seller-centric intelligence platform: encourage the seller segment of its client base to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) & also help them to expand their digital commerce footprint.
- ⇒ **Mastercard** announced that Badminton players **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty** will come on board as brand ambassadors of the company in India.
- ⇒ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** + subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. '**Five Star Bank**' on its digital transformation journey.
- ⇒ For the distribution of its health insurance options, **Star Health & IDFC FIRST Bank** inked a corporate agency agreement.
- ⇒ **Bancassurance agreement** reached between the **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank & SBI Life Insurance**.
- ⇒ MoU signed between **Tamil Nadu** & the Singapore-based M/s. **IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd** to build a 300-acre semiconductor high-tech park in the State with an investment & grants of 25,600 crore.
- ⇒ **Avanse Financial Services**, an NBFC with an emphasis on education, & **Edelweiss General Insurance** teamed to offer student travel insurance to international students who are supported by **Avanse**.
- ⇒ **Tata Power** revealed that it has reached a deal with the **Tamil Nadu govt.** to invest Rs. 3000 crores in the construction of a new solar cell & module manufacturing facility in the state's **Tirunelveli** district.
- ⇒ An MoU between the **Coffee Board & ISRO** signed with regard to breeding climate-resilient varieties & assessing the carbon sequestration potential in coffee among others.
- ⇒ In order to implement safety incident detection, **Vedanta** partnered with **Detect Technologies**, a startup established





- at IIT Madras, & deployed **T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System** across all of its business units.
- ⇒ **Reliance Industries Limited & the Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** entered into a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in India. It aims to discover, nurture & develop Indian athletes from across the country & provide them with world-class facilities, coaching & sports science & medicine support.
- ⇒ An agreement was reached between the **Reserve Bank of India & Bank Indonesia** to increase collaboration in payment systems, digital financial innovation, **anti-money laundering, & countering the funding of terrorism (AML-CFT)**.
- ⇒ An MoU was signed between **India & Namibia** which aims to bring back **cheetahs** to the country after nearly seven decades.
- ⇒ **Flipkart** signed an agreement with the **Bihar State Skill Development Mission** to start the **Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA)** projects in the state.
- ⇒ The acquisition of **Citibank, N.A. & Citicorp Finance (India) Limited's** consumer banking operations by Axis Bank has been approved, as per the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.
- ⇒ A joint venture to produce high-speed passenger trains established by **BF Infrastructure Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of **Bharat Forge Ltd.**, & **Talgo India Pvt Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer **Patentes Talgo S.L.**
- ⇒ **Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) & the Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA)** signed MoU to expand their cooperation in promoting the usage of palm oil.
- ⇒ MoU signed by the **Ministry of External Affairs & SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL)**, a **State Bank of India (SBI)** subsidiary, to establish the **Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund)** for collaborative projects with international partners. The **Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund)**, which is planned to be established in collaboration with the **Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)** under the India-UK Global Innovation Partnership, will receive India's commitment of approximately Rs. 175 crore (£17.5 million) through the TDC Fund.
- ⇒ **Israel + United Arab Emirates (UAE)** inked its first free trade agreement
- ⇒ **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd** + geographic information system software & solutions provider **Esri India** MoU to address requirement of users in govt. sector.
- ⇒ **Airtel Payments Bank + Muthoot Finance** to offer gold loans through **Airtel Thanks app**. [no-processing charge on loan. Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75 per cent of pledged gold value as a loan.
- ⇒ **India & Canada MoU:** collaboration on **climate change, environmental preservation, & conservation**. On sidelines of Stockholm+50 summit
- ⇒ **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** inked MoUs with **(SBI), (BOB), (PNB), & (SIDBI)** for UP defence industrial corridor: UPDIC is planned across 6 nodes namely – **Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Agra Aligarh, Chitrakoot.**
- ⇒ **BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR)** Innovation Center & **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)** signed (MoU) to enhance bilateral cooperation & boost BRICS countries' common development.
- ⇒ **LinkedIn+ United Nation's Women** invest **USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore)** pilot project in **Maharashtra** to cultivate digital, soft & employability skills of 2,000 women
- ⇒ UPI & Rupay card services will be available in France: (NPCI) (MoU) with France's Lyra Network : Singapore, UAE, Nepal & Bhutan **already using**
- ⇒ **Zomato & Jio-bp** agreement to support Zomato's commitment towards **"Climate Group's EV100 initiative of 100 per cent EV fleet by 2030"**
- ⇒ Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance+ PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe), to offer motor insurance to PhonePe's 380 million users.
- ⇒ CARDg1 partners with YES BANK & RuPay to help simplify payment management
- ⇒ **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) & National Stock Exchange (NSE)** have approved merger of multiplex chain PVR & Inox Leisure.
- ⇒ **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** with **Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, & Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus)** signed a MoU: to build cooperation amongst three companies for supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for Indian Air Force's helicopters.
- ⇒ In order to provide PAN-related services for PayNearby's retail partners through Aadhaar & biometric or SMS-based OTP authentication for their clients, Protean eGov Technologies Ltd (previously NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd) & PayNearby have formed a cooperation. For millions of citizens, cooperation seeks to improve service delivery.
- ⇒ The state government of **Manipur** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Samsung Data System India Pvt Ltd and Abhitech IT Solutions Pvt Ltd** for setting up a world-class **"Sports Digital Experience Centre"** as a domain of Manipur Olympian Park and Khuman Lampak Sports Complex.
- ⇒ **India and Australia** signed an **Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA)**, hailing it as a **watershed moment** and **one of the biggest economic doors** there is to open in the world. It will provide zero-duty access to **96 per cent of India's exports to Australia**, including shipments from key sectors like engineering goods, gems and jewellery, textiles, apparel, and leather.





- ⇒ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and his Nepalese colleague **Sher Bahadur Deuba** met in **New Delhi**, initiating a number of projects and signing four important agreements across a variety of fields. **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL)** and **Nepal Oil Corporation Ltd.** signed agreements on Nepal becoming the 105th member of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, technical cooperation in railways, petroleum product delivery, and technical experience sharing in the **petroleum sector**.
- ⇒ **Arya.ag**, an integrated grain commerce platform, has joined the **United Nations Global Compact India**, voluntarily adhering to universal sustainability principles and taking actions to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- ⇒ **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**, MeitY has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)**, **ISRO**, **Hyderabad** for technical collaboration.
- ⇒ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL)**, an Indian oil refinery, has teamed with Microsoft to improve its customer experience. It will also integrate cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI) to help the oil and gas business adapt digitally.
- ⇒ **The UNDP and partners of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM)** have announced \$2.2 million in climate action funding for 22 local innovators from 19 countries, including India.
- ⇒ **The Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** have signed a memorandum of understanding for technology development and finding indigenous solutions for the sustenance of various weapon systems.
- ⇒ **The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **National Insurance Academy** with the goal of creating capacity and establishing a qualified talent pool in the insurance sector in **International Financial Services Centres**.
- ⇒ The latest report on the **State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development** will be jointly developed and launched by **NITI Aayog** and **UNICEF India**.
- ⇒ **Power System Operation Corp. Ltd.'s (Posoco) Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre** signed a memorandum of understanding with **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi)** to encourage research on issues relating to **India's power sector** and strengthen interaction between **academia** and **industry**.
- ⇒ **Kerala** and the **Netherlands** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for the '**Cosmos Malabaricus**' project. This study will contribute to a better understanding of **Kerala's history in the 18th century**.
- ⇒ **Netflix India**, in collaboration with the **Information & Broadcasting Ministry**, has released a series of short video series under an initiative called '**Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya**', highlighting the role of women achievers.
- ⇒ **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**. Under the agreement, both the institutions would contribute to the development of the **Green Hydrogen industry in India** while developing technology in this field.
- ⇒ **Google** signed a **MoU** with the **Telangana government** to bring the benefits of the digital economy to the **state's young and women entrepreneurs**, and officially off the construction of its **three million square foot headquarters** in the city from the ground up.
- ⇒ **Qualcomm India Private Limited**, a subsidiary of **Qualcomm Inc.**, proposes to launch and run the **Qualcomm Semiconductor Mentorship Program 2022** for selected semiconductor startups in India, with the goal of providing **mentorship, technical training, and industry outreach**.
- ⇒ The **Ministry of Railways** and the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to form a strong collaborative working partnership for coordination and resource sharing in the provision of **telecommunication facilities** in the delivery and implementation of **C-Telecom DOT's Solutions and services in railways**.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, **R.K Singh** and German Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Change **Dr Robert Habeck** virtually signed a **Joint Declaration of Intent** on an **Indo-German Hydrogen Task Force**.
- ⇒ **Air Works**, an Indian maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) company, is partnering with the **Boeing Company** to conduct heavy maintenance checks on three **Indian Navy P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft** at **Air Works, Hosur**, demonstrating the success of the government's **Atmanirbhar Bharat** (self-reliant India) campaign.
- ⇒ **Prasar Bharati**, India's national broadcaster, has signed an MoU with Madagascar's official **ORTM (Office de la Radio et de la Television)** for broadcasting cooperation and collaboration. The MoU intends to exchange programmes, investigate co-production of programmes, and exchange persons.
- ⇒ A high-level group led by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** visited Jordan in a first-of-its-kind endeavor with the goal of securing fertilizers and raw materials for the short and long term
- ⇒ An MoU was signed between the Uttarakhand government and **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** for the promotion of the renewable energy industry and other projects in the state. The Uttarakhand government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the development of new and renewable energy projects in the state.





- ⇒ United Nations' **World Food Programme (WFP)** in India, has partnered with **The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF)**, a not-for-profit organization, to enhance the effectiveness of the **Pradhan Mantri – Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme** (earlier known as National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools). The partnership aims to enhance food safety & hygiene projects, capacity building of cooks-cum-helpers & nutritional quality of school meals.
- ⇒ The United Nations World Food Programme & the Odisha Government joined hands to improve the food security of small & marginal farmers in India by strengthening their resilience to climate change
- ⇒ **Airtel Payments Bank & Park+** have collaborated to offer **FASTag-based smart parking solutions** to marquee commercial & residential properties across India.
- ⇒ **Bharti Airtel & Google** have announced a long-term partnership agreement, to accelerate the growth of **India's digital ecosystem**. Under the deal, Google will invest USD 1 billion in Airtel. From the total investment, Google will invest USD 700 million to acquire a 1.28 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel Ltd. The remaining USD 300 million will go toward multi-year commercial agreements with Airtel, including devices built together by the two tech giants.
- ⇒ **TerraPay** has signed MoU with **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** to allow Indian customers with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts via TerraPay's secure payments technology
- ⇒ **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode's (IIMK) Business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing & Entrepreneurship (LIVE)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Bank** to financially support early-stage startups. Under the MoU, a startup funding scheme, '**IndSpring Board**' has been launched. Under this scheme loans up to Rs, **50 Crore** will be disbursed to the startups.
- ⇒ **Meta** partnered with **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** to support five lakh women-led small businesses across India. It will undertake under its **#SheMeansBusiness** programme, with FICCI's '**Empowering the Greater 50%**' initiative.
- ⇒ **Gol** joined hands with the **Government of Israel** to create 150 '**Villages of Excellence**' in 12 States of the country, to help farmers to adopt the latest technology in the farm sector. Israel would provide Technical assistance.
- ⇒ **SBI** launched a dedicated centralized processing cell named '**Surya Shakti Cell**' with the objective of strengthening the existing financing arrangement for solar power projects. It has collaborated with **Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd. (a Tata Power Company)** for financing solar power projects.
- ⇒ **Vedanta Ltd** tied up a facility of **Rs 8,000 crores (replacement facility)** with **Union Bank of India** at **7.75%** to take over the majority of the syndicated facility after discussions with lenders.
- ⇒ **SBI** signed a tripartite **MoU** with **Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) & National Culture Fund (NCF)** of the Ministry of Culture, for Development of **Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD)** at L1 Barrack, Red Fort, in Delhi. The main objective is to highlight, promote & celebrate the products that have the Geographical Indication sign to give a boost to Economic Value Addition to GI products from India.
- ⇒ **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company** signed an agreement with **Cars24 Financial Services Private Limited (CARS24 Financial Services)** to provide motor insurance services to used car buyers.
- ⇒ **Life Insurance Corporation** tied up with **Policybazaar** to digitally offer a wide range of Life Insurance & investment products to its customers across India.
- ⇒ **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, & the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** announced a new partnership under the **Sustainable Access to Markets & Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH)** initiative.
- ⇒ **Sonata Software** announced its partnership with **Microsoft** for its launch of '**Microsoft Cloud for Retail**'.
- ⇒ **Amazon India** signed an MoU with **Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS)** to support the growth of women entrepreneurs. Amazon India will launch '**Sanjeevini-KSRLPS**' in its platform & extend benefits of the '**Saheli**' Programme to train & empower thousands of rural women entrepreneurs & also provide online access to a wider market for their products.
- ⇒ **Reliance Jio** tied up with Luxembourg-based satellite & telecom services provider **SES** to provide satellite-based broadband communication services in India.
- ⇒ **Twitter Inc** partnered with **Paytm's payment gateway** to improve the support for its '**Tips**' feature in India.
- ⇒ **TransUnion CIBIL** partnered with **FICCI** to launch a unique nationwide MSME consumer education program to support MSME.
- ⇒ **India & France** inked a roadmap to enhance their bilateral exchanges on the **blue economy & ocean governance**. **Dr S Jaishankar** visited France to attend EU Ministerial Forum for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.
- ⇒ During the '**Huddle Global 2022**', the **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)** entered into a collaboration with technology major **Google** that will enable start-ups in the State to join a wider global network that provides mentorship & training.
- ⇒ **World Economic Forum (WEF) & the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** signed **MoU** to collaborate on a jointly designed '**Sustainable Cities India program**'. It aims to create an enabling environment for cities to generate decarbonization solutions across the energy, transport, & built environment sectors.
- ⇒ **MoU** signed between **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) & Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)** to accomplish green energy targets & Government of India's efforts towards a **carbon-neutral economy**.





- ⇒ 'Building AI Readiness among Young Innovators', by **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, in partnership with Intel India, program aims to build digital readiness among students from classes 6 to 10, enrolled under DST's INSPIRE-Awards **MANAK** scheme.
- ⇒ **Government of India** signed **Host Country Agreement (HCA)** with **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** for establishment of an **Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi**. Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU at New Delhi will serve South Asian countries comprising of **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka & India**.
- ⇒ **Flipkart & Google Cloud** formed a **multi-year strategic agreement** to assist **Flipkart** accelerate its innovation & cloud strategy, which will help it achieve its goal of enrolling **India's next 200 million buyers & lakhs of vendors**.
- ⇒ **IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) & RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **RBI**, inked a **MoU** to collaborate in establishing ecosystem needed to support & expand fintech businesses in India..
- ⇒ ground-breaking ceremony for a new facility of Helicopter Engines MRO Pvt Limited (HE-MRO), a joint venture of HAL & Safran, a French aerospace firm, was held at Sattari in Goa..
- ⇒ Border Roads Organisation (BRO) signs MoU with GRSE for construction of 27 double-lane class 70 modular bridges in border areas.
- ⇒ **NMDC Ltd** signed MoU for drone-based mineral research with **IIT Kharagpur**. **NMDC** is increasingly dependent on technical innovation & digitisation of its exploration & mining database
- ⇒ **IIT Madras** builds a new interdisciplinary water management & policy centre known as '**AquaMAP**' to address **India's water issues**. Centre will build scalable models employing novel technology to provide smart solutions for water concerns.
- ⇒ **IIT Madras with TCS** to offer a web-based, user-friendly programme on "Industrial AI," aimed at upskilling employees & incorporating **AI applications to industrial concerns**.
- ⇒ **IIM Ahmedabad's Centre for Digital Transformation** launched a retail tech consortium, with intentions to partner with a number of retail & technology companies in India. **Consortium**, will strive to improve collaboration among **retail technology** firms in country.
- ⇒ **Ola** signed an agreement to acquire neo bank **Avail Finance** which provides financial services to blue-collared workforce & has over 6 million users.
- ⇒ **Airports Authority of India** agreement with **Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited** for joint, indigenous development of systems for air traffic management & surface movement of aircraft at airports in country which were hitherto being imported.
- ⇒ **WHO & Government of India** signed a **MOU** to create **Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** in **Jamnagar, Gujarat, India**
- ⇒ **Assam & Meghalaya** agreed to resolve its five-decade-long border dispute in six of 12 contested places that have frequently sparked tensions between two states, with **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** hailing decision as a "**historic day for North east.**" **Chief Ministers of Assam & Meghalaya, Himanta Biswa Sarma & Conrad Sangma**, respectively, inked agreement in presence of Shah.

Banking Current Affairs

Global Fintech Fest 2022

It was organized by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Payments Council of India (PCI) & Fintech Convergence Council (FCC). theme: "Creating A Sustainable Financial World – Global, Inclusive, Green."

Objectives:

- ⇒ **government is investing nearly \$30 billion** to ensure last-mile network accessibility for 4G & 5G in every village across country & build a robust digital infrastructure in rural areas
- ⇒ During event, 3 key initiatives were launched – **RuPay Credit Card on UPI, UPI LITE & Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments**.

RuPay Credit Card on UPI

- ⇒ Customers will profit from increased opportunities to use their credit cards, & merchants will gain from rise in consumption by being a member of credit ecosystem & accepting credit cards using resources like **QR codes**.
- ⇒ A **Virtual Payment Address, or UPI ID**, will be connected to RuPay Credit Cards
- ⇒ The first ones to be able to use RuPay Credit Card on UPI using **BHIM App** will be customers of **Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, & Indian Bank**.

UPI LITE

- ⇒ Users will have a practical option with UPI Lite for quick & easy low-value transactions. India currently thrives on low-value UPI payments, with 50% of all UPI transactions taking place below 200 rupees. Users of **BHIM App** will be able to conduct low-value transactions almost entirely offline once UPI Lite is enabled.





- ⇒ The maximum UPI Lite payment transaction amount will be ₹200, & maximum UPI Lite balance that can be stored in an on-device wallet at any given moment will be ₹2000. Eight banks, including **Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, & Union Bank of India** are using functionality.

Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments

- ⇒ India is one of **top 5 largest recipients** of inward remittances, with more than 30 million Indians living overseas. Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments tool would empower & enable **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** to handle utility, water, & telephone-related bill payments on behalf of their families in India.
- ⇒ The first to launch Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments will be **Federal Bank with UAE's Lulu Exchange**.

LIC

Statutory body under LIC act 1956 Chairman: MR Kumara Headquarters: Mumbai

LIC Dhan Varsha' scheme	The 'LIC Dhan Varsha scheme is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan which offers a combination of protection & savings. The savings insurance plan provides financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the life assured during the policy terms.
LIC	increased its shareholding in Voltas by buying an additional 2 per cent stake. The state-owned lifeinsurer increased its shareholding from 2,27,04,306 shares (equivalent to 6.862 per cent) to 2,93,95,224 (8.884 per cent) in Voltas.
New Pension Plus 867	introduced a new plan a non-participating, unit-linked insurance plan that again comes with "guaranteed addition"
Dhan Sanchay	a non-linked, non-participating individual savings life insurance plan that offers both protection & savings. This plan provides financial support to family if life assured dies prematurely during policy's term.
Bima Ratna	a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan. new plan, which is aimed at domestic market, provides both protection & savings.

State Bank of India:

D sib Bank| Headquarters : Mumbai| chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara

Gram Seva Program	across six states of India. it will adopt 30 remote villages across India under the 4th phase. The bank will adopt remote villages across Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, & West Bengal.
Next-Gen Contact Center	SBI Chairman inaugurated: State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara inaugurated their Next-Gen Contact Centre service in order to provide a better & more individualised client experience.
SBI surpassed \$5 trillion for first time after its shares reached a new high of Rs. 564.85 in intraday trade on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) .	
Raised Benchmark Prime Lending Rate (BPLR) by 70 basis points (or 0.7 per cent) to 13.45 per cent . announcement would make loan repayment linked to BPLR costlier.	
State of Bank of India	first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of the natural stones, but are often looked at with suspicion by high-street banks & scoffed at by many traditional diamantaires
agreement with the German development bank KfW	
signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan for funding solar projects.	
SBI	reported 74 per cent year-on-year increase in net profit at ₹13,265 crore for quarter ended September, buoyed by robust loan sales, higher interest income & lower provisions. This marks the highest ever quarterly net profit posted by the bank.
State Bank of India	\$300 million Formosa bonds listed on India INX GIFT IFSC . Formosa Bond, which is a bond issued in Taiwan. SBI was the first issuer whose Green bonds were dually listed in November 2021 on Luxembourg Stock Exchange through an MOU that has been entered into by both Exchanges.
SBI	As per SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara , National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) or bad bank & India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) are ready to commence operations. A total of 38 Non-Performing Asset (NPA) accounts worth Rs 82,845 crore have been identified to be transferred to





	NARCL initially.
SBI	Partners with NSE Academy to launch five online courses that promote financial literacy as a necessary life skill.
State Bank of India	Innovation, Incubation, & Acceleration Centre (IIAC) at Hyderabad, Telangana which will be operational in six to nine months of on-boarding a consultant
sbi	commits to finance 1000 entrepreneurs in Nagaland through a partnership with Business Association.
State Bank of India	State Bank of India plans to raise Rs 10,000 crore worth of infrastructure bonds during the current financial year. SBI confirmed the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Board of State Bank of India to seek approval for raising infrastructure bonds to Rs 10,000 crore through public issues or private placement.
SBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Financial Services Agency (FSA), Japan exchanged letters of cooperation in the field of Central Counter Parties (CCPs) with the objective of improving mutual cooperation.
SBI	SBI announced that its personal banking advances excluding high value home loans have crossed the ₹ 5 lakh-crore mark . The largest lender in the country took a year to book the last ₹ 1 lakh crore of advances , as against over 15 months for the previous ₹ 1 lakh crore and over 30 months for the previous ₹ 1 lakh crore, as per an official statement.
SBI	State Bank of India (SBI) , India's largest commercial bank, has raised USD 500 million through a three-year syndicated loan facility, via its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch.
SBI	has announced the introduction of Real-Time Xpress Credit on its Yono platform , allowing eligible customers to get personal loans of up to Rs 35 lakh .
SBI	has tied up a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Border Security Force (BSF) to provide solutions for financial security to BSF personnel through the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme .
Mou with High Commission of India in Dhaka.	will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
WhatsApp-based banking	will soon provide its customers with banking on whatsapp
Mou with Indian Air force	for Defence Salary Package (DSP) plan extended. All active-duty & former members of Air Force, as well as their families, will be eligible for a number of advantages & features under this programme from nation's largest lender
Utsav Deposit Scheme	This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates & is only available for a limited time. This programme is introduced on the occasion of the nation's 76th year of Independence
SBI Card	CASHBACK SBI Card' first Cashback-focused credit card that enables cardholders to earn 5 per cent cashback on all online spending without any merchant restrictions.
SBI General Insurance	Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks & attacks. Individuals exposed to any form of cyber risks can buy this policy for themselves & their family. Family includes self, spouse, & 2 dependent children (up to 18 years of age)

Indian Bank:

Chairman: Shanti Lal Jain Headquarter: Chennai

Indian Bank	Project WAVE	launched several digital initiatives in a bid to enhance the customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform. Six digital initiatives were launched
Indian Bank , one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs ' MSME Prerana ' in the state of Rajasthan . Indian Bank's unique program, "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for MSME Sector in the country by any bank.		
Indian Bank	KCC Digital Renewal scheme	enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes. initiative is part of bank's digital transformation under project ' WAVE ' – World of Advanced Virtual Experience .





HDFC Bank

Chairman : Atanu Chakraborty|CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan;|HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;|HDFC Bank Founded: August 1994

HDFC	'SmartHub Vyapar Merchant' App	It is a payments & banking solution for small & medium-sized businesses
HDFC Bank	e-BG	first bank in country to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) .
HDFC Bank announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative ' Startup India '. Known as Parivartan SmartUp Grants , the program aims to identify startups working in the social impact space and support them through monetary grants to their incubators.		
HDFC Bank	Vigil Aunty	Vigil Aunty Campaign attempts to motivate citizens all around the nation to adopt secure banking practices. This will go along with the bank's " Mooh Band Rakho " campaign, which implores consumers to keep their banking information private.
HDFC Bank	super app	With Tata Neu announced their collaboration to introduce co-branded credit cards.
HDFC Bank	agreement with 100X.VC ,	inked premier early-stage venture capital firm, to support start-ups. bank will extend its full array of specialised services & facilities targeted for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all enterprises linked with 100X.VC under terms of deal. In addition, bank will issue further credit lines & assess investment potential in these businesses.
HDFC Bank	Bank on Wheel	van in Gujarat. Bank in Wheel van service will take banking services to unbanked villages.Bank in Wheel van will visit remote villages located 10-25 km from nearest branch to further financial inclusion,
HDFC Bank	introduced 30-minute 'Xpress Car Loans' , an end-to-end digital new car loan solution for both existing and non-customers. The bank has integrated its lending application with automobile dealers throughout India. It is the industry's first automotive lending experience, and it is expected to change the way automobile financing is done in India.	
HDFC Bank	"SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app following two initiatives/application to give a digital push to small business loans.	
HDFC Bank	HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, & Axis Bank have each purchased a 7.84 percent stake in ONDC , an open public digital infrastructure framework business.	
HDFC Bank Limited	has been adjudged Best Performing Bank in Self Help Group (SHG) Linkage by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) .	
HDFC Life	Insure India' campaign	To educate Indians about life insurance thereby motivating them to secure their future by offering the dual benefits of protection & long term saving
HDFC Life	Click2Protect	Super term insurance plan, which allows customization based on your protection needs & only charges you for benefits & plan options you select. Click2Protect is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/savings life insurance plan.
HDFC ergo	All things EV	HDFC has launched India's first one-stop solution portal for Electric Vehicles Ecosystem,
UCO Bank & Yes Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have put in place arrangements with two Russian banks as India seeks to step up trade with the sanctioned nation. UCO Bank has partnered with Gazprom Bank, while Yes Bank has also formed an arrangement with Russia's Petersburg Social Commercial Bank (PSCB).	

Bank of Baroda:

Chairman : Hasmukh Adhia| Headquarters : Vadodra| established in 1908| Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Sanjiv Chadha

1.	Khushiyaon Ka Tyohaar'	The 'Khushiyaon Ka Tyohaar' includes a series of offers as an annual festival campaign.
2.	Yoddha	a co-branded RuPay credit card for Indian Army troops by Bank of Baroda-backed BOB Financial Solutions in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
3.	Collaboration with	co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card with NPCI. Advantages: incentives for utility,





	HPCL-	supermarket, & department shop purchases.
Bank of Baroda	State-owned Bank of Baroda on 6 December 2022 has bagged an EAG Laureate award in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia on 10 October 2022.	
BOB	State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) said it plans to sell its majority stake in Nainital Bank . The board of directors of the bank has approved divestment of its majority shareholding in Nainital Bank Limited (NBL) , and authorised issuance of an advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) through a Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) from interested parties (IPs).	
Bank of Baroda	has launched " bob World Gold ", a new feature on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly. It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience.	
Bank of Baroda	To acquire Union Bank of India's 21% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company . It is a joint venture between the Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, & Carmel Point Investments .	
Bank of India	Rs 109 crore investment in National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL) . Bank's stake in NARCL will be nine per cent.	

Axis Bank :

Chairman : Amit Chaudhary Headquarters: Mumbai		
Axis Bank	Open doors	With Square Yards launched ' Open Doors ', a co-branded Home Buyer Ecosystem.
Axis Bank,	Dining Delights	in collaboration with EazyDiner , a top platform for table reservations, cuisine discovery, & restaurant payments. including ability to select from over 10,000 upscale restaurants in India & Dubai
Axis Bank	Evolve'	has launched the seventh edition ' for MSMEs with the theme of ' Indian SMEs: Shifting Gears for Next Level Growth '. ' Digitalisation to Building Indian SMEs ' and ' Export Opportunities for SMEs in the New World Order '
Axis Bank	Axis Bank & Bharti Airtel have entered into a strategic partnership to strengthen growth of digital ecosystem in India	
Axis Bank	has announced that will be acquiring Citibank's India consumer business for an amount of USD 1.6 billion (Rs 12,325 crores) in an all-cash deal. This transaction will be including Citibank India's consumer banking businesses, which include retail banking, credit cards, consumer loans, and wealth management.	
Axis Bank	Fintech player Spice Money has partnered with Axis Bank to facilitate opening of instant, zero balance savings or current accounts for rural citizens through its Adhikari network .	

Punjab National Bank

Punjab National Bank (PNB) Founded: 1894; Punjab National Bank (PNB) Headquarters: New Delhi; Punjab National Bank (PNB) MD & CEO: Atul Kumar Goel; Punjab National Bank (PNB) Tagline: The Name You Can Bank Upon		
Punjab National Bank (PNB)	PNB Rakshak Scheme	MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) under its flagship scheme. The MoU focus on providing a bouquet of benefits along with specially designed products for the IAF personnel, including personal insurance cover.
Punjab National Bank	has implemented the Positive Pay System (PPS) being compulsory for cheque payments worth Rs 10 lakh and above . This is being done as a move to protect its over 180 million customers from any security threats.	
PNB & Patanjali Ayurved Ltd.	Launched co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership with the NPCI . These are available in two variants – PNB RuPay Platinum & PNB RuPay Select .	





Union Bank of India

Union Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
Union Bank of India CEO: A. Manimekhalai (3 Jun 2022–);
Union Bank of India Founded: 11 November 1919, Mumbai/

Union Bank of India	Ethical Hacking Lab	inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad.
Union Bank of India (UBI)	Metaverse Virtual Lounge – Uni-verse, & Open Banking Sandbox environment	in collaboration with Tech Mahindra in an effort to elevate consumers' banking experiences. In the beginning, movies & information on the bank's deposits, loans, government assistance programmes, digital initiatives, etc. will be hosted by Uni-verse.
Union Bank of India (UBI)	RACE	A. Manimekhalai , first female MD & CEO of , wants to surpass other Public Sector Banks & take the third-largest Public Sector Bank position in a time of few years. With " RACE " — grow RAM (retail, agriculture & MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase CASA (current account, savings account deposits) & increase Earnings — as its goal for the year
Union Bank of India (UBI)		has launched its super-app named UnionNXT and digital transformation project SAMBHAV , with an investment outlay of around Rs 1,000 crore for the current financial year 2022-23 (FY23).
Union Bank of India		became the first public sector bank to go live on the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem . The framework facilitates sharing of financial information on a real-time basis between regulated entities. AAs are licensed by the Reserve Bank of India to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).

Canara Bank

Canara Bank Headquarters: Bengaluru;
Canara Bank Founder: Ammembal Subba Rao Pai;
Canara Bank Founded: 1 July 1906

1.	Canara Bank	Canara ai1	its mobile banking app. The banking app would be a one-stop solution with more than 250 features to cater to the banking needs of its customers. The app is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of society in their preferred language.
	Canara Bank		steps into digital banking on its 117th Founder's Day with the issuance of an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Service Limited (NeSL) .

South Indian Bank

Founded: 1928;|South Indian Bank Headquarters: Thrissur;|South Indian Bank CEO: Murali Ramakrishnan

2.	South Indian Bank	'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam'	organized an event & was accoladed with the World Book of Records award for ' staging & swinging 101 Oonjals '.
3.	South Indian Bank	Mou with Kerala's Forest & Wildlife Department	to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops , mobile Vanasree units & eco-shops across State. Forest Department set up Vanasree shops & units with objective of marketing forest products, conserving & managing biodiversity,
4.	South Indian Bank	'SIB TF Online'	a new portal : for its corporate EXIM customers .

ICICI Bank

ICICI Bank Headquarters: Vadodara;
ICICI Bank MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakshi;
ICICI Bank Chairperson: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi;
ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka

ICICI Bank	'Cardless EMI' facility	With Zest Money , to expand its for purchases on retail & e-commerce platforms.
ICICI Bank	ICICI Bank Coral	In order to launch a variety of credit cards ondomestic payments network





	RuPay Credit Card	RuPay, established a partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) .
ICICI Bank	has launched India's first 'open-for-all' comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks. Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app . MSMEs customers of other banks can avail of a host of services by logging in as a 'Guest' in the app. It provides sanctions of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through ' InstaOD Plus '.	
ICICI Bank,	one of India's largest private sector banks, established a partnership with Santander Bank in the United Kingdom, aimed at making banking easier for businesses operating in both countries. The ICICI and Santander UK Plc signed a MoU in Mumbai to build a framework of partnership between the banks to satisfy the financial service needs of corporate clients operating along the India-UK corridor.	

Bank of Baroda

Chairman of the Bank: Hasmukh Adia

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Sanjiv Chadha

The Headquarters of the bank: Vadodara, Gujarat

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Bank of Maharashtra	has celebrated its 128th Foundation Day on April 12, 2022 . On the occasion of foundation day, MD & CEO of PNB, Atul Kumar Goel has launched a cardless cash withdrawal service and a virtual debit card for its customers. Bank also launched various services on its mobile app named PNB One for safe banking transactions.
Bank of Maharashtra	announced that it will sell its entire 4% ownership in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company for almost Rs 4 crore . According to a regulatory statement, the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has entered a share purchase agreement for the sale of the entire equity position of 4% in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (ISARC) .
Bank of Maharashtra	" Project Banksakhi " in Odisha in collaboration with Mahagram & Sunivesh India Finance Services Pvt. Ltd. for Online Bank Account opening.
Central Bank of India	partnered with ID to implement digital Know Your Customer (KYC), video KYC and eKYC for its network across India. The aim of the partnership is to bring seamless onboarding and provide efficient digital facilities to the customers across India.

Current Affairs related to Regulatory authorities

Reserve Bank of India:

Established in 1935 under RBI Act 1934. Headquarters: Mumbai | Governor: Shaktikant Das

RBI Monetary Policy 2022: RBI Repo Rate Hike by 35 bps to 6.25%

RBI Monetary Policy 2022:

The decision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Shaktikanta Das** headed six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been announced. In the consecutive fifth hike this year, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee has raised the repo rate by **35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent** with immediate effect, making loans expensive. The policy rate is now at the highest level since August 2018. The RBI has maintained policy stance at '**withdrawal of accommodation**'.





RBI Repo Rate: Consequently, the various rates are as under

- Policy Repo Rate: **6.25% (Changed)**
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): **6.00% (Changed)**
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **6.50% (Changed)**
- Bank Rate: **6.50% (Changed)**
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%**
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): **4.50%**
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): **18.00%**

Key Points of the Monetary Policy:

- RBI has maintained consumer price index (CPI) inflation forecast for FY23 at **6.7%**. Real FY23 GDP forecast lowered to **6.8% from 7%**.
- Inflation expected to be above **4% in the next 12 months**.
- Standing Deposit Facility rate, Marginal Standing Facility rate also increased by **35 basis points each to 6% and 6.5%**
- India's retail inflation fell to a three-month low of **6.77%** in October, down from 7.41% in September. However, remained above the RBI's tolerance band for the 10th consecutive row.
- Equities open flat with a negative bias as Sensex dips over 55 points, Nifty falls 0.2% ahead of RBI's policy decision.
- Liquidity conditions are set to improve. Weighted average lending rate is up 117 bps in May-October.

The Monetary Policy Committee

Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934 provides for an empowered six-member **monetary policy** committee (MPC) to be constituted by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette. The first such MPC was constituted on September 29, 2016. The present MPC members, as notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette of October 5, 2020, are as under:

1. Governor of the Reserve Bank of India—Chairperson, ex officio;
 2. Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, in charge of Monetary Policy—Member, ex officio;
 3. One officer of the Reserve Bank of India to be nominated by the Central Board—Member, ex officio;
 4. **Prof. Ashima Goyal**, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research —Member;
 5. **Prof. Jayanth R. Varma**, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad—Member; and
 6. **Dr. Shashanka Bhide**, Senior Advisor, National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi—Member.
- (Members referred to at 4 to 6 above, will hold office for a period of four years or until further orders, whichever is earlier)

What is the role of MPC?

- The MPC determines the policy repo rate required to achieve the inflation target.
- The MPC is required to meet at least four times in a year. The quorum for the meeting of the MPC is four members.
- Each member of the MPC has one vote, and in the event of an equality of votes, the Governor has a second or casting vote.
- Each Member of the Monetary Policy Committee writes a statement specifying the reasons for voting in favour of, or against the proposed resolution.

RBI operationalizes Central Bank Digital Currency-Wholesale (e₹-W) Pilot

⇒ RBI become one of the first major central banks in the world to start a pilot project with its own virtual currency when the wholesale digital rupee is used on a trial basis from 1 November. It is initially for settlement of transactions in govt. securities only.

What is the use of e₹-W?

⇒ The use case for this pilot is settlement of **secondary market transactions** in **govt. securities**. Use of e₹-W is expected to make the inter-bank market more efficient.

Which banks are participating in the pilot project?

⇒ Nine banks namely State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank & HSBC

What is digital currency ?

⇒ Reserve Bank broadly defines CBDC as the legal tender issued by a central bank in a digital form. It is akin to sovereign paper currency but takes a different form, exchangeable at par with the existing currency & shall be accepted as a medium of payment, legal tender & a safe store of value.

Under which section RBI manages the currency ?

⇒ Management of currency is one of the core central banking functions of the Reserve Bank for which it derives the necessary





statutory powers from **Section 22 of the RBI Act, 1934.**

How many countries have launched the digital currency?

⇒ Ten countries have already launched their own digital currency, including Nigeria in Africa & Jamaica in the Caribbean. The Bahamas in the West Indies was the first country in the world to roll out a national central bank digital currency, called the Sand Dollar, in October 2020.

Which countries have allowed the use of Bitcoins as legal tender?

⇒ El Salvador

RBI announces results of 1st Global Hackathon "HARBINGER 2021"

⇒ RBI launched its first global hackathon – "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation" with theme 'Smarter Digital Payments'.

Results of Hackathon are as follows:

1. Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode.: winner : Tone Tag (Brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.) (INDIA)
2. Alternate authentication mechanism for digital payments: Winner : napID Cybersec Pvt. Ltd. (INDIA)
3. Context based retail payments to remove physical act of payment: Winner : Tone Tag (Brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.) (INDIA)
4. Social Media Analysis & Monitoring tool for detection of digital payment fraud & disruption: Winner : TrustCheckr (INDIA)

RBI launches DAKSH

RBI launches DAKSH- Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System: The Reserve Bank Governor, Shaktikanta Das, introduced a new 'SupTech' initiative DAKSH – the bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System, which is expected to strengthen supervisory operations. Numerous steps are being taken to increase supervision, some of which include adopting the most recent data and analytical tools and utilizing technology to establish automated and efficient work procedures.

What is DAKSH?

DAKSH is a web-based end-to-end workflow platform via which the RBI will more closely monitor compliance standards with the goal of further enhancing the compliance culture in Supervised Entities (SEs) such as banks and NBFCs.

What DAKSH offers?

The program will offer secure access from anywhere at any time, as well as enable seamless communication, inspection planning and execution, reporting and analysis of cyber incidents, and the provision of numerous MIS reports, among other things.

New debit, credit card rules kick in with Tokenisation

The rules and regulations for online payments for **debit and credit cards** have been changed. The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) card-on-file (CoF) tokenization** norms came into effect on 1st October 2022. RBI's CoF tokenization aims to improve the payment experience of cardholders.

The new rule released by **RBI** says that neither businesses nor payment aggregators can save customer card details on their platforms. The **card details** can only be saved by card networks or issuing banks.

Benefits of Tokenisation

- ⇒ **Tokenisation** has replaced **sensitive card information** including card number, and card expiry with cryptographically-generated random strings.
- ⇒ Once the card is Tokenised, the generated card token can be used for processing payments as a **substitute for card details**.
- ⇒ The Tokenised card eliminates the **risk of loss of sensitive card information**.

Impact of Tokenisation

- ⇒ The impact of **Tokenisation** on customers is minimal.
- ⇒ The customers are only required to enter their **card details** the first time for issuance of a token.
- ⇒ After that, the merchant will trigger the **tokenization process at no cost** or effort to the customer.

RBI announces Payments Vision 2025

A vision document by the Reserve Bank of India with the theme: '**E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime**' (4Es) Vision

Aims to provide every user with **safe, secure, fast, convenient, accessible, and affordable e-payment options**. (6 Attributes)

Objectives

1. to improve the payment systems so that they can provide consumers with convenient, cost-effective payment choices that are available whenever and wherever they choose.





2. To make it possible to geotag digital payment infrastructure and transactions, as well as to review the rules for prepaid payment instruments (PPIs), including closed system PPIs.
3. Regulating all main payment ecosystem intermediaries and linking UPI to credit cards and financial products' credit components.
4. To bring in enhancements to **Cheque Truncation System (CTS)**, including One Nation One Grid clearing and settlement perspective, and creating a payment system for processing online merchant payments using internet and mobile banking.
5. Examining of **BNPL (Book Now Pay Later)** methods
6. **Regulation of BigTechs and FinTechs** in the payments space.

The vision document was prepared after considering the inputs from various stakeholders and guidance from the **Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems**.

The five anchor goalposts of **Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, Institutionalisation, and Internationalisation**.

Various initiatives proposed under the above five goalposts shall have the following ten expected outcomes during the Vision period:

- i. Volume of cheque-based payments to be less than 0.25% of the total retail payments;
- ii. More than 3x increase in number of digital payment transactions;
- iii. UPI to register average annualised growth of **50% and IMPS / NEFT at 20%**;
- iv. Increase of payment transaction turnover vis-à-vis GDP to 8;
- v. Increase in debit card transactions at **PoS by 20%**;
- vi. Debit card usage to surpass credit cards in terms of value;
- vii. Increase in PPI transactions by **150%**;
- viii. Card acceptance infrastructure to increase to **250 lakh**;
- ix. Increase of registered customer base for mobile based transactions by **50% CAGR**;
- and
- x. Reduction in Cash in Circulation (CIC) as a percentage of GDP.

They cover **47 specific initiatives** and **10 expected outcomes**.

The first payment vision document was in **2001**.

Payments Vision 2025 builds on the initiatives of Payments Vision 2019-21.

RBI's Payments Infrastructure Development Fund

The **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** scheme had deployed more than 4.11 lakh **PoS, mobile PoS**, and other physical devices across the country as of April 30, 2022, according to the **RBI**. The scheme also had deployed 1,14,05,116 digital devices, including interoperable QR code-based payments such as **UPI QR** and **Bharat QR**.

KEY POINTS:

- ⇒ The **Reserve Bank's PIDF** programme, which will be operative from January 2021, subsidises the implementation of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (physical and digital modes) in tier 3 to tier 6 cities and the country's northeastern states.
- ⇒ Beneficiaries of the **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme)** in tier-1 and tier-2 centres were also covered as of August 26, 2021.
- ⇒ The **Reserve Bank**, licenced card networks, and card producing banks all contribute to the PIDF, which now has a corpus of Rs 811.4 crore.
- ⇒ PIDF-registered acquiring institutions (banks and non-banks) pledge region-specific deployment targets, report deployment statistics, and claim subsidies for devices that meet the criteria.
- ⇒ The PIDF plan is being amended by increasing the subsidy amount and streamlining the subsidy claim process, according to the **RBI**, in order to boost the deployment of payment acceptance touchpoints.
- ⇒ This will hasten the rollout of payment acceptance touchpoints across the country, with a particular emphasis on rural areas.
- ⇒ All qualifying installations that have been operating since the plan's inception are eligible to file claims under the updated scheme.

Reserve Bank of India implements 4 tiered regulatory norms for UCB

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced a four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of **Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**. Besides, the central bank has come out with norms pertaining to the net worth and capital adequacy of these banks.

The Reserve Bank of India had constituted the Expert Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks, under the Chairmanship of **Shri N. S. Vishwanathan**, former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank to examine the issues in urban cooperative banking sector and to review regulatory/ supervisory approach for strengthening the sector. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, RBI had released the Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) on July 19, 2022. The four-tiered regulatory framework, based on size of deposits of the UCBs, will come into force with immediate effect.

RBI has now categorized Urban Co-Operative Banks in India into four tier depending upon the deposit with the bank:





- Tier 1: UCB are those banks having deposits up to **Rs 100 crore** operating in a single district or having branches in contiguous districts.
- Tier 2: UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.100 crore and up to Rs.1000 crore.**
- Tier 3 – UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.1000 crore and up to Rs.10, 000 crore.**
- Tier 4 – UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.10, 000 crore.**

Minimum Net worth Requirement of the banks

- The minimum net worth (have a minimum capital and reserves) requirement for the Tier 1 UCBs operating in single districts shall be Rs 2 crore.

For other UCB it shall be Rs 5 crore.

Those UCBs which do not meet the requirement, have to achieve the minimum net worth of ₹2 crore or ₹5 crore in a phased manner in five years. The banks will have to achieve the 50% minimum net worth requirement in three years and the remaining 50% in next two years.

What is Urban Cooperative Banks?

Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) are registered as cooperative societies under the provisions of, either the State Cooperative Societies Act of the State concerned under the provisions of the or the **Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002**. There is a duality of control over the UCB. It is regulated by the **Registrar of Cooperatives and also by the RBI**. UCB registered under the State Cooperative Societies Act are regulated and supervised by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) of the State concerned. UCB which are set up under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 are regulated by the **Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS)**.

Regulation of banking function

The Banking Regulation Act 1949 was made applicable on these banks from 1 March 1966. The Reserve Bank regulates and supervises the banking functions of UCBs under the provisions of **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

RBI extended the deadline for banks to utilise lockable cassettes in ATMs by a year

The **Reserve Bank of India** has delayed the deadline for banks to use **lockable cassettes** in their **ATMs** that can be swapped during cash replenishment by a year, **till March 31, 2023**. The decision was made after the **RBI** received representations from various banks and the **Indian Banks' Association** noting difficulty in achieving the deadline, according to a notification released yesterday.

RBI fixed WMA limit for States/UTs at Rs 47,010 crores

The Reserve Bank reduced the **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for states and union territories to **Rs 47,010 crore from Rs 51,560 crore** on Friday, citing an improvement in the economic scenario. **WMAs** are short-term loans provided by the **RBI** to the government to help it deal with any discrepancies between **receipts and payments**.

RBI released Annual Report of Ombudsman Schemes, 2020-21

- ⇒ **RBI** released the **Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes** for 2020-21, which has been prepared for the 9-month period (**July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**) in alignment with the change in the Financial Year of RBI from 'July – June' to 'April – March' with effect from July 1, 2020.
- ⇒ The Annual Report covers the activities under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme, 2006 (BOS), the Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies, 2018 (OSNBFC) and the Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions, 2019 (OSDT).

Key Findings:

- The volume of complaints received under all the 3 Ombudsman Schemes increased by **22.27 percent** on an annualized basis and stood at 3,03,107.
- The complaints received at BOS from July 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021, stood at 2,73,204
- The complaints received at OSNBFCs stood at 26,957 during July 1, 2020-March 31, 2021
- The number of complaints received at the OSDT rose to 2,946 during July 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

Major areas of complaints:

- Under the scheme, major areas of complaints are related to **ATM or debit cards, mobile or electronic banking and credit cards**. This area collectively accounted for **42.74 per cent** of the total complaints. This year, RBI changed the reporting period to **April-March**.

The city with maximum complaints:

- **Chandigarh** received the maximum complaints during the same period.





- Chandigarh is followed by Kanpur and New Delhi.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed HDFC Bank Ltd and Canara Bank Ltd to open a special “vostro account” for trade in Rupees with Russia

RBI cbdc	The deadlock between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) & the European Securities & Market Authority (ESMA) over the inspection of Indian financing clearing houses may be broken by a new-age product – the central bank digital currency (CBDC).
RBI	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has for now declined to entertain Paytm Payments Services’ (PPSL) , a wholly owned subsidiary of Paytm, application for an authorisation to provide payment aggregator services for online merchants. The central bank has advised PPSL to resubmit its application within 120 days after taking certain steps.
RBI penalty	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.25 crore on Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank, Bombay , for non-compliance with RBI directions on ‘Discounting of Bills by UCBs – Restricted Letters of Credit’ and the provisions of the Co-operative Banks Rules, 1985 . This penalty had been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI, the central bank said in a statement.
RBI e ₹-R	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a trial for retail digital rupee (e ₹-R) beginning 1 December, with four banks in as many cities participating in the pilot programme, a month after testing the wholesale central bank digital currency (CBDC) . While it has identified eight banks for gradual participation in the pilot, the first phase will begin with four: State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank .
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put in place a framework to allow overseas subsidiaries and branches of Indian banks and financial institutions to undertake activities not specifically permitted in the Indian domestic market.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enhanced the capabilities of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by introducing a ‘single-block-and-multiple debits’ functionality, which allows a customer to enable a payment mandate against a merchant by blocking funds for specific purposes in his/her bank account which can be debited, whenever needed.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) to enable MMA to make drawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of \$200 million from the RBI. This agreement has been signed under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework .
RBI	In its bid to extensively use advanced analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning to analyse database and improve regulatory supervision over banks and NBFCs , the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is mulling over to hire external experts.
RBI	The 599th meeting of the board was held in Kolkata on December 16. The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das . The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reviewed the current economic situation, and global and domestic challenges including the overall geopolitical developments, finance, and trade.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently said that all leading banks should issue the locker agreement to its holders before January 1, 2023 , as the new locker rules will be implemented from that date. Earlier, the RBI had announced revised guidelines on August 8, 2021, which became effective from January 1, 2022. And now, all the locker owners must display their eligibility for a new locker arrangement and sign a renewal agreement prior to January 1, 2023.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated in its annual report on trend and progress of banking in India that the health of Indian banks continued to improve in 2021–2022 with their balance sheet rising at double digits after a gap of seven years and their asset quality and capital position improving.
RBI	Announced that the government has nominated Vivek Joshi to its director on central board.
RBI	After getting a nod from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), nine special vostro accounts have been opened in order to facilitate foreign trade in the rupee. Sberbank & VTB Bank — the largest & second-largest banks of Russia, respectively — are the first foreign lenders to receive the approval after the RBI announced the guidelines on overseas trade in the rupee in July.
RBI	State bank Of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank, HDFC Bank & Yes Bank are among a shortlist of at least five lenders that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has roped in to work on the retail pilot project of the central bank digital currency (CBDC).
RBI	Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) management has received an RBI-mandated IT auditors report & the central bank’s observation on it, more than six months after it was asked to pause onboarding new customers
RBI	India’s foreign exchange reserves logged their biggest weekly jump since September 2021 & also rose for the





	first time in three weeks for the week ended October 28, helped by gains in both foreign currency assets & gold reserves. The foreign exchange reserves of Asia's third largest economy rose by \$6.56 billion to \$531.08 billion
RBI	revoked certificate of authorisation of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns in the company. The company is in business of issuance & operation of prepaid payment instruments.
RBI	To enhance the effectiveness of its grievance redressal systems , the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has urged Credit Information Companies to designate an internal ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023
RBI	raised the minimum capital requirement for setting up an asset reconstruction company (ARC) to Rs 300 crore from the existing Rs 100 crore with an aim to strengthen the securitisation sector which plays a vital role in the management of distressed financial assets.
RBI	tweaked guidelines for banks on incremental capital & provisioning requirements in relation to unhedged foreign currency exposures , amid the weakness in the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar . The rupee has depreciated about 10 per cent against the US dollar thus far in 2022, & as a result there has been greater scrutiny of firms' unhedged exposure through borrowings in foreign currencies.
Forex Reserves	the third largest economy in Asia's foreign exchange reserves 532.66 billion at the end of sept 2022.
RBI	UCO Bank has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India to open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. UCO Bank which is a Kolkata-based lender is the first bank to receive the regulator's approval
RBI	American Express Banking Corp. praised Reserve Bank of India's decision to ease restrictions confirm so that it may accept new domestic clients.
RBI Data	The Bank credit growth increased from 6% in quarter that ended in June 2021 to 14.2% in quarter that concluded in June 2022. Bank credit has increased by 10.8% in three months that ended in March 2022. last five quarters have seen a consistent 9.5 to 10.2% annual growth in aggregate deposits. The " Quarterly Statistics on Deposits & Credit of SCBs for June 2022" were published by Reserve Bank of India (RBI Report)
RBI, Fraud Registry	To help it keep repeat offenders out of banking system, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is developing a Fraud Registry blacklist.
RBI Financial Inclusion Index	capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country rose to 56.4 in March 2022, showing growth across parameters. RBI now publishes the index annually in July every year. The index stood at 53.9 in March last year.
RBI	has permitted foreign trade invoices & payments to be made in the Indian Rupee. By means of a circular titled International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)
RBI -BBPS	allowed non-resident Indians (NRIs) to make utility, education & other bill payments on behalf of their family members living in India. The payments will be processed through Bharat Bill Payment System's (BBPS) cross-border inward bill payments facility.
RBI Penalty	fined the Indian Bank a total of Rs. 32.00 lakh (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh only) for failing to submit a Flash Report for frauds involving amounts of at least Rs. 5.00 crore (Rupees Five Crore) to the RBI as required by Section 47A(1)(c) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 .
RBI Approval	approved the operations & support subsidiary of State Bank of India (SBI). The subsidiary will likely be staffed by a group of employees who will be hired by the arm on a contract basis & will initially focus on managing branches in rural & semi-urban areas.
RBI Central Board	Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, & Sachin Chaturvedi have all been renominated by the national government to serve as part-time, non-official directors on the RBI's central board. The RBI said on its website that Gurumurthy & Marathe have been renominated for another term of four years, until further instructions for RBI's central board.
RBI Cancels	licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital & earning prospects
RBI Consumer confidence survey	In order to undertake field research for the July 2022 cycle of the consumer confidence & inflation anticipation surveys, Mumbai-based Hansa Research Group is chosen
RBI Guidelines	ordering banks to test their currency sorting equipment every three months . Following the release of the new series of banknotes, the central bank updated the preexisting standards for authentication & sorting .
RBI permission	to begin conducting business as an NBFC to Piramal Enterprises. The licence is required to start an NBFC that does not accept public deposits.
RBI UCB four-tiered regulatory	In order to improve the financial soundness of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) : Made by panel of experts led by former RBI deputy governor N S Vishwanathan : Important factors such net worth, the Capital to





framework	Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) , branch expansion, & exposure limitations, a differentiated regulatory approach was primarily advised.
RBI guidelines	to test currency sorting equipment every three months . Banks will have to prepare a test deck of minimum 2,000 pieces of soiled notes , including mutilated one & fake Indian currency notes, as per revised guidelines.
RBI penalty	Rs 1.05 crore & Rs 1 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank & IndusInd Bank , respectively, for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
RBI guidelines	RBI published a framework for NBFC scale-based regulation . NBFCs have a four-layer regulatory structure based on their size, activity, & perceived riskiness.
RBI UCB	increased existing limits on individual housing loans provided by cooperative bank : tier 1/tier 2 UCBs stood revised from ₹30 lakh/ ₹70 lakh to ₹60 lakh/ ₹140 lakh . As regards rural cooperative banks (RCBs), limits : increased from ₹20 lakh to ₹50 lakh for RCBs with assessed net worth less than ₹100 crore ; & from ₹30 lakh to ₹75 lakh for rest.
RBI-NBFC	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the rules for non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) relating to their large exposures. RBI capped aggregate exposure of NBFCs which are in the upper layer toward one entity at 20% of the capital base . The limit can only be extended by another 5% with the board's approval .
RBI-KCC	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) changed the rules for banks to claim the amount of interest subsidies paid to farmers under the short-term crop credit plan via the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the previous fiscal year.
RBI REPORT	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its latest report said India was one of the worst-hit nations during the Covid-19 pandemic and that it will take up to 13 years for India to fully recover from the scars of the Covid-19 pandemic. India suffered among the biggest pandemic induced losses in the world in terms of output, lives and livelihoods, which may take years to recover. Economic activity has barely recovered to pre-COVID levels even after two years.
RBI	The Board approved the appointment of Executive Director Dr. Rajiv Ranjan to the Monetary Policy Committee as an ex-officio member. Ranjan replaced Mridul Sagggar , who retired on April 30. Ranjan is the MPC's third (ex-officio) internal member .
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased norms for non-bank entities to set up Bharat Bill Payment operating units by reducing the net-worth requirement to Rs 25 crore , with a view to encouraging more players in the segment. At present, a net worth of Rs 100 crore is required to obtain authorisation for a non-bank BBPOU (Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units). The reduction in net-worth requirements follows an announcement regarding the same by the central bank in April.
RBI	All banks have been urged by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to offer consumers the option of Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) at their ATMs. At their ATMs, all banks, ATM networks, and WLAOs may offer the option of ICCW. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been advised to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration with all banks and ATM networks as simple as possible.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established a six-member committee to assess and review customer services in regulated firms with the goal of safeguarding customers' interests. The committee will also examine the adequacy of customer service standards and provide recommendations to improve customer service, according to a statement from the banking regulator. The six-member committee will also assess the effectiveness of customer service regulations and make recommendations for improvements.
RBI	The Reserve Bank of India has sanctioned a surplus transfer to the Central Government of 30,307 crore rupees for the fiscal year 2021-22. The Reserve Bank of India's Central Board of Directors met for the 596th time in Mumbai, under the chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das , to adopt the Reserve Bank's Annual Report and Accounts for the year.
RBI	Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 59 lakh on the Korean bank, KEB Hana Bank for non-compliance with the certain norms related to 'interest rate on deposits. The Korean bank has been penalised for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".





RBI	RBI extended the deadline for periodic KYC updates by 3 months till March 31, 2022 . Extension due to prevalent a new variant of COVID-19 – Omicron uncertainty .
RBI	RBI retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank (bucket 1) & HDFC Bank (bucket 1) as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) . Domestic Systemically Important Banks are those banks which if fail would have a significant impact on the economy .
RBI	RBI approved Fino Payments Bank for commencing international (Cross Border) remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS) . This will enable the customers of Fino Payments Bank to receive money sent from foreign countries.
RBI	RBI issued a framework for facilitating small-value digital payments in offline mode using cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc, to push digital transactions in rural & semi-urban areas. The upper limit of an offline payment transaction was fixed at Rs 200, with a total limit of Rs 2,000 at any point in time. offline payments could be face-to-face only & offered without Additional Factor Authentication (AFA).
RBI	RBI increased the threshold limit for Banks to maintain the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) on deposits & other 'extension of funds' received from non-financial small business customers from Rs 5 crore to Rs 7.5 crore . This is applicable on all Commercial Banks other than Regional Rural Banks, Local Area Banks, & Payments Banks . To better align RBI's guidelines with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) standard & enable banks to manage liquidity risk more effectively.
RBI	RBI set up a separate internal department for fintech (Financial technology) with effect from January 04, 2022, by subsuming the FinTech Division of Department of Payment & Settlement Systems, Central Office (DPSS, CO. Ajay Kumar Choudhary , who was recently promoted as the Executive Director of RBI was appointed as head of the department.
RBI	RBI's Digital Payment Index , which shows the deepening of payments through digital modes in India, rose by 39.64% to 304.06 in September 2021 against 217.74 in the year-ago month. The RBI-DPI Index continues to demonstrate significant growth in adoption & deepening of digital payments across the country. RBI has introduced Digital Payments Index in January 2021 with March 2018 as the base year meaning DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100.
RBI	As per RBI Working Paper , the optimal hedge ratio for the External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) raised by firms in India is estimated at 63 per cent for the periods of high volatility in the foreign exchange (forex/FX) market. An optimal hedge ratio is a ratio that implies the percentage of total asset or liability exposure that an entity ought to hedge against exchange rate fluctuations.
RBI	RBI imposed several restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd, Lucknow , including a cap of Rs 1 lakh on withdrawals .
RBI	RBI cancelled the license of Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd., Nashik, Maharashtra . The major reason is that bank does not have adequate capital & earning prospects. It does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) & Section 22 (3) (d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 .
RBI	RBI to observe February 14-18, 2022 as Financial Literacy week 2022
RBI	RBI introduced the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) for investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in debts in 2019 with an investment limit of Rs 1,50,000 crore. Now, it has increased this investment limit in VRR from Rs. 1,50,000 crore to Rs. 2,50,000 crore .
RBI	RBI extended the deadline for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to comply with new Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) classification norms (the norms are issued by RBI in November 2021) to September 2022 .
RBI	RBI has cancelled license of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra , as it did not have adequate capital & earning prospects. bank is not complying with various sections of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 .
RBI,	RBI has launched two initiatives related to digital payments. One is UPI123pay- which provides a UPI payment facility on feature phones & second is "DigiSaathi" which is a 24x7 Helpline for Digital Payments.
RBI	RBI has launched a booklet named "BE(A)WARE" which features common modus operandi used by fraudsters & precautions to be taken while carrying out various financial transactions
RBI	With aim of expanding export shipments, RBI extended interest equalisation scheme for pre & post-shipment rupee loans for MSME exporters through March 2024. 'Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre & post-shipment Rupee Export Credit ' provides a subsidy to exporters.
RBI	RBI released framework for geo-tagging of payment system touchpoints . framework is part of central bank's focus for deepening digital payments & providing inclusive access to all citizens of country. Geo-tagging of payment system touchpoints will enable proper monitoring of availability of payment acceptance





	infrastructure like Points of Sale (PoS) terminals, Quick Response (QR) codes, etc.
RBI	RBI stopped Paytm Payments Bank from accepting new customers because it broke laws by allowing data to transit to servers in or countries & failing to properly authenticate its consumers. annual inspections by RBI discovered that company's servers were sharing information with China-based organisations that indirectly held an interest in Paytm Payments Bank . Existing users' PPBL savings, fixed deposits with linked banks, & balances in Paytm Wallet, FASTag or Wallet Card, & UPI services are all safe & working, according to company.
RBI	RBI has instructed regulated entities (REs) lending to microfinance sector to ensure that loans are collateral-free & not secured by a lien on borrower's deposit account . Also, repayment obligations are capped, & that there is no prepayment penalty. This is for scheduled commercial banks, small financing banks, NBFC-MFIs, & NBFC-Investment & Credit Companies , includes se clauses .
RBI	RBI cancelled license of People's Co-operative Bank Limited, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh due to lack adequate capital & earning prospects under provisions of Section 11(1) & Section 22 (3) (d) – under Section 56 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 – ' Act to apply to co-operative societies subject to modifications '.
RBI	Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI inaugurated Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) on March 24, 2022 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. RBI has set up RBIH with an initial capital contribution of Rs. 100 crore
Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) has set up an Ink Manufacturing Unit named " Varnika " at Mysuru, Karnataka , with an annual ink manufacturing capacity of 1,500 MT to enhance security of banknotes. BRBNMPL) a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBI. Earlier India use to import ink from Switzerland.	
RBI	Shaktikanta Das has laid foundation stone for establishment of a Learning & Development Centre (LDC) of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) in Mysuru, Karnataka
RBI	RBI chosen Intellect Design Arena Limited, a fintech firm to implement upgraded version of 'Cloud-Native Intellect Quantum Core Banking solution' to power next stage of its digital transformation agenda
RBI	Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan, co-founder & former co-Chairman, Infosys, was earlier appointed as RBIH 1st Chairman by RBI.
RBI	relaxed limitations placed on Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd on onboarding new domestic clients. For non-compliance with RBI standards for data storage in India, Mastercard barred from onboarding new domestic users (debit, credit, or prepaid) onto its card network as of July 22, 2021.
RBI	Removed Central Bank of India from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) after the lender showed improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital & net non-performing assets (NNPAs)
RBI	raised 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) & Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for recurring transactions. It implies, additional authentication will not be need for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction.
SIDBI	To increase the flow of loans to MSMEs, the SVC Co-operative Bank (SVC Bank) & the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have reached an agreement. Ashish Singhal, MD of SVC Bank, & Sanjeev Gupta, GM of SIDBI, inked the deal.

SEBI

Chairman : Madhabi Puri Buch (First Woman President) | Established in 1988 | Headquarters: Mumbai

1	SEBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sebi established regulations that will only apply to participants in stock market ecosystem who join aggregator framework. The account aggregator framework is a non-banking financial institution (NBFC) governed by RBI. Account aggregator framework makes it easier to obtain or gather financial data about a customer from financial information suppliers (FIP).
2	SEBI	The government has designated "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as securities in preparation for the creation of a social stock exchange. A Not for Profit Organization (NPO) that will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange will issue a zero coupon, zero principal instrument.
3	SEBI Approved	Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) receives approval for social stock exchange as a separate segment





IRDAI

Chairman : Debashish Panda | Headquarters: Hyderabad

1	IRDAI	in order to safeguard the interests of policyholders, has asked organisations to provide technologically advanced new solutions for automated death claim settlement, reducing miss-selling, & other components of the insurance ecosystem. : Bima Manthan 2022 , its inaugural hackathon, with the topic "Innovation in Insurance."
2	IRDAI	Irdai & National Health Authority (NHA) will develop a National Health Claims Exchange as a digital platform to settle health claims.
3	IRDAI	In accordance its Sandbox programme, Edelweiss General Insurance has introduced SWITCH , a comprehensive motor insurance product. The motor insurance policy SWITCH is entirely digital & telematics-based.

Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority

Founded: 23 August 2003;

Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority Headquarters: New Delhi;

Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority Chairperson: Supratim Bandyopadhyay

1.	PFRDA	Number of subscribers in various NPS plans climbed to 531.73 lakh by end of May 2022, up from 428.56 lakh in May 2021, a year-on-year rise of 24.07 percent.
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Other Important Banking Related Current Affairs

- ⇒ **IDBI Bank with Vayana Network** as its first fintech partner to provide end-to-end digitization services.
- ⇒ **Paytm brand** has partnered with **Jana Small Finance Bank** to deploy card machines to further drive digitisation among merchants across the country
- ⇒ The launch of a new credit card called "**Play**" by **RBL Bank** & **BookMyShow** will significantly increase the entertainment value for Indian consumers.
- ⇒ **KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme launched:** Karnataka Bank
- ⇒ **HDFC Securities: first-ever Women-Only Digital Centre (DC) in India.**
- ⇒ ICICI Bank has introduced Smart Wire service, a novel approach to make SWIFT-based inward remittances easier & faster for its customers
- ⇒ Dvara Surabhi Loan Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd & Jana Small Finance Bank It is a 'True Cattle loan' to create scalable access to finance for small dairy farmers in Tamil Nadu & Karnataka
- ⇒ **Tata Consultancy Services enhances its 'Quartz solution'.** The aim is to enable RBI & commercial banks to support the entire lifecycle of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issuance, book-keeping & transactions. Quartz solution provides the capability to issue, trade & settle a variety of traditional as well as tokenized assets, & handle payment transactions
- ⇒ **Fintech firm Cygnet received in-principle approval** to operate as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) account aggregator. Approved by: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Account Aggregator is one of the largest open financing data-sharing protocols regulated by the RBI. It allows consumers to instantly share their financial data, securely & digitally with various financial institutions.
- ⇒ **Mastercard**, is set to launch **Carbon Calculator features**, which will offer the consumers an estimated **carbon footprint** for each of their purchases. Mastercard started **Priceless Planet Coalition**, which is a campaign to restore 100 million trees.
- ⇒ Outstanding credit card base dropped to 77.99 million in August from over 80 million in July, mainly on account of the **new norms of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** that warrant the deactivation of cards that are inactive for a year.
- ⇒ Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has launched a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)'+
- ⇒ As part of financial inclusion drive, public sector banks will open about **300 brick-and-mortar branches** in unbanked areas of various states by December 2022. These new branches will cover all remaining unbanked villages with a population of more than 3,000. A Maximum number of 95 branches will be opened in **Rajasthan** followed by 54 in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- ⇒ **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** has roped in Google Cloud to build an online platform for selling insurance. HDFC ERGO plans to completely migrate to cloud by **2024**.
- ⇒ **The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) & International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** signed a **FinTech Co-operation Agreement** to facilitate regulatory collaboration & partnership in FinTech technology.
- ⇒ **Bharatpe** has **appointed BP Kanungo**, former deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), & Kaushik Dutta, current Chairman of Zomato, as Independent Directors of Fintech Firm Bharatpe
- ⇒ Kotak Mahindra Bank **has launched a lifestyle-focused salary account named "Kotak Creme"**.
- ⇒ Karnataka Bank **has introduced a new Term Deposit Scheme**, KBL Amrit Samridhi under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) & Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks





- (525 days). The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum.
- ⇒ **City Union Bank (CUB) + Shriram General Insurance** : agreement in a corporate setup to offer Shriram General Insurance's insurance products through its network of **727 offices** throughout India.
 - ⇒ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** announced the completion of its technical integration with the new income tax e-filing system.
 - ⇒ **Federal Bank & the Central Board of Direct Taxes** have teamed to let taxpayers use the **e-filing portal's e-pay tax function**.
 - ⇒ A **bancassurance agreement - Paschim Banga Gramin Bank & SBI Life Insurance** Bancassurance means **selling insurance product through banks**
 - ⇒ Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) replaced Banks Board Bureau (BBB). Former BBB chairman **Bhanu Pratap Sharma** selected to head FSIB
 - ⇒ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB)** launched '**Platina Fixed Deposit**', offering interest of 15 basis points (bps) higher than the regular term deposit rates provided by Ujjivan SFB.
 - ⇒ **Government of India** sanctioned & notified the Scheme for the amalgamation of the **Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Ltd** with **Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd**. This means that in all the branches of the PMC Bank will function as branches of Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. (Unity SFB is backed by Bharat Pe).
 - ⇒ **EXIM Bank** on behalf of the government of India, extended a line of credit of **\$500 million** to the government of the socialist republic of **Sri Lanka** for financing the purchase of petroleum products.
 - ⇒ **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the first **colour souvenir coin** on '**Panchtantra**' on the occasion of the 17th foundation day of **Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL)**.
 - ⇒ **JPMorgan** become the world's first bank to set up shop in the metaverse. It has opened a lounge in the blockchain-based world **Decentraland**.
 - ⇒ **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)** launched a development programme for public sector bank management with goal of boosting quality of bank boards. nine-month **Directors' Development Programme (DDP)** is made for directors of **Public Sector Banks & financial institutions** with main objective of improving director effectiveness & increasing its impact on boards.
 - ⇒ **Mastercard & Zeta**, a financial tech startup that provides **next-generation credit card processing to banks & fintechs**, established a **5-year worldwide agreement**. To **create credit cards** with issuers all around world using **Zeta's modern, cloud-native, & API-ready credit processing stack**.
 - ⇒ **ToneTag** partnered with **NSDL Payments Bank & NPCI** to launch its "**VoiceSe UPI payments service**" for feature phone users. ToneTag is a sound-based proximity communication & payments service provider based in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
 - ⇒ **Mahila Money, Visa, & Transcorp Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI)** launched **Mahila Money Prepaid Card** to help women entrepreneurs easily collect payments, loans & get incentives for transactions.
 - ⇒ **DBS Bank India** launched **Green Deposit Programme** for companies to support environmentally-friendly projects or avenues.

Economy/Financial Current Affairs

Union Budget 2022-23: Key highlights of Union Budget

Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** is presenting the **Union Budget 2022** for the **4th** time in a row. She will be presenting the financial statements and tax proposals for the fiscal year **2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023)**. A Made in India tablet has replaced the traditional '**Bahi Khata**' as Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman leaves the Finance Ministry's office to go to the Parliament to present the Budget.

⇒ Introduction of the Budget:

- **The total size of the budget 2022-23 is Rs 39.45 Lakh Crore.** This figure also represents Total Receipt and Total expenditure as per the Budgeted Estimates for 2022-23. Total receipts other than borrowings in 2022-23 estimated at Rs. 22.84 lakh crore
- The total expenditure was projected at Rs. 34.83 lakh crore in the Budget Estimates 2021-22, which as per the Revised Estimate is now Rs. 37.70 lakh crore.

Here are the key highlights from the Union Budget 2022-23:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Budget, said that the country is expected to grow at **9.27 per cent**.
- Two parallel tracks for the next **25 years**: public investments in infrastructure and a budget that is inclusive and futuristic.
- **7 focus areas**: PM Gati Shakti, Inclusive Development, Productivity Enhancement, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, Climate Action and Financing of investments.
- This Union Budget seeks to lay the foundation & give a blueprint of the economy over '**Amrit Kal**' of next 25 years – from India at 75 to India at 100.
- **Production Linked Incentive schemes** in **14 sectors** with the potential to create **60 lakh new jobs**, and the additional new production of **Rs 30 lakh crore**.
- Startups will be promoted to facilitate **Drone Shakti** to make drone a service. In select ITIs in all states, courses will be started.
- **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme** to be extended up to **March 2023**, guaranteed cover extended





by another Rs **50,000 crore**. The total cover under the scheme is now **Rs 5 lakh crore**. An additional amount has been earmarked for the hospitality sector.

- Announcement of **Ken Betwa river** linking project worth **Rs 44,605 crore** to be beneficial for capital goods players.
- Govt continuously encouraging digital banking. Taking forward, **75 digital banking units will be set up in 75 districts**.
- PM Modi's development initiatives for the **North East** will be implemented by the **North Eastern Council**. This will enable livelihood activities for the youth and women. This scheme is not a substitute for the existing Centre or state schemes.
- Issuance of **e-passports** will be rolled out in **2022-23** to make it easier for citizens. Ease of business 2.0 will be launched.
- **5G spectrum auctions** to be carried out in **calendar 2022** to enable the launch of services within FY22-23.
- **Animation, visual effects, gaming and comics sector** offers immense potential to employ youth. An **AVGC promotion task force** with all stakeholders will be set up to recommend ways to realise this and build domestic capacity for serving our markets and the global demand.
- **Special Economic Zones Act** will be replaced with new legislation for the development of enterprises and hubs. It will cover the existing industrial enclaves and enhance the competitiveness of exports.
- Effective capital expenditure of the Central government is estimated at **Rs 10.68 lakh crore** in 2022-23, about **4.1% of GDP**.
- To facilitate domestic manufacturing of **280 gigawatts of installed solar capacity by 2030**, an additional allocation of **Rs 19,500 crore** for PLI for manufacturing of high-efficiency modules with priority to fully integrate manufacturing units to solar PV modules will be made.
- **Digital rupee** to be issued using blockchain and other technologies and will be issued by **RBI starting 2022-23**. This will give a big boost to the economy. This will give a big boost to the economy. Introduction of central bank digital currency to boost digital economy, and lays down a solid plan of the government to have a public digital currency.
- For 2022-23, an allocation of **Rs 1 lakh crore** has been made to assist the states in catalysing overall investments in the economy. These **50-year interest-free loans** are over and above normal borrowings allowed to states. It'll be used for PM Gati Shakti-related and other productive capital investments of states.
- Aims to lower the winding up of companies to **6 months from 2 years currently**.
- Tax Proposals:
- Nirmala Sitharaman announced a **new tax rule for taxpayers** where a taxpayer can file an updated return on

payment of taxes within **two years** from the end of the relevant assessment year.

- Both Centre and States govt employees' tax deduction limit to be increased from **10% to 14%** to help the social security benefits of state government employees and bring them at par with the Central govt employees.
- Income from transfer of digital assets (**Cryptocurrency**) to be charged **30% tax, plus 1% tax** on the transaction.
- Existing tax benefits for startups, which were offered redemption of taxes for **3 consecutive years, to be extended by 1 more year**.
- Income from Long Term Capital Gains will be **taxed at 15%**, the Finance Minister said.
- Duty concessions are being given to promote electronics manufacturing, wearables and hearables devices included. Duty concessions to [parts of mobile phones including camera modules etc.
- Customs on polished **diamonds, gemstones** cut to **5%**. Simply sawn diamonds will be exempted. To facilitate the export of jewellery through e-commerce, simplified regulations will be in place by June this year.
- Deduction for employer contribution to NPS increased to **14% from 10%** earlier for State govt employees on par with central govt employees.
- No set off permitted against other income.
- Alternate Minimum Tax for **cooperative societies** to be cut to **15%**. The proposal will reduce the surcharge on cooperative societies to be reduced from **12% to 7%**, for those whose income is between **Rs 1 crore and Rs 10 crore**.
- Unblended fuel to get an additional duty of **2 rupees per litre** from October 2022.
- Finance Minister announced a reduction of surcharge on unlisted shares from **28.5 per cent to 23 per cent**.
- Deficit/Expenditure:
- Proposes fiscal deficit of 4.5% of GDP by 2025/26
- Projects fiscal deficit of 6.4% of GDP in 2022/23
- Revised fiscal deficit for 2021/22 at 6.9% of GDP
- Total expenditure in 2022/23 seen at 39.45 trillion rupees
- States will be allowed 4% fiscal deficit to GDP in FY23
- 50 year interest free loans over and above normal borrowing allocated to states
- Scheme for financial assistance to states for capital investment outlay to be 1 trillion rupees in 2022/23
- Financial inclusion:
- 100% of **1.5 lakh post offices** will come on the core banking system, enabling financial inclusion and access to accounts through net banking, mobile banking, ATMs, and also providing online transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts.
- This will be helpful especially for farmers and senior citizens in rural areas, enabling interoperability, and financial inclusion.
- Fiscal Deficit target set at 6.4% for FY23:





- FY23 total expenditure seen at Rs 39.45 lakh crore.
- Total Receipts other than borrowing seen at Rs 22.84 lakh crore.
- Revised Fiscal Deficit 6.9% of GDP in FY22 as against 6.8% in Budget estimates.
- Fiscal Deficit target set at 6.4% for FY23.



National Telehealth programme:

- Sitharaman announced a **National telehealth programme** in Budget 2022. An open platform for the National Digital Health Ecosystem will be rolled out. It will consist of digital registries of health providers and health facilities, unique health identity and universal access to health facilities. The pandemic has accentuated mental health problems in people of all ages.
- Education sector:
- States will be encouraged to revise syllabi of agricultural universities to meet needs of natural, zero-budget & organic farming, modern-day agriculture. One class, one TV channel' program of **PM eVIDYA** will be expanded from **12 to 200 TV channels**. This will enable all states to provide supplementary education in regional languages for classes **1 to 12**.
- Indian Railways:
- PM Gati Shakti plans one of the four pillars of growth. **25,000 km** of national highways to be built in **2022-23**.
- **400 new-generation Vande Bharat trains** with higher efficiency and better facilities for passengers will be developed in the next three years. Over 2,000 km of the rail network to be brought under the indigenous world-class technology **KAWACH**, for safety and capacity augmentation.

India's farmers

- Procurement of wheat in Rabi season 2021-22 and the estimated procurement of paddy in Kharif season 2021-22 will cover **1,208 lakh metric tonnes** of wheat and paddy from 163 lakh farmers & **Rs 2.37 lakh crores** will be the direct payment of MSP value to their accounts.
- Chemical-free natural farming to be promoted in India

- **Use of drones** to be promoted for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides and nutrients. Fund to be facilitated through **NABARD** to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise which are relevant for the farm produce value chain.

Infrastructure: PM Awas Yojana

- In 2022-23, **80 lakh houses** will be completed for identified beneficiaries of **PM Awas Yojana**; 60,000 houses will be identified as beneficiaries for PM Awas Yojana in rural & urban areas.
- **60,000 crore** allocated for providing access to tap water to 3.8 crore households. In 2022-23, 80 lakh households will be identified for the affordable housing scheme.

Defence:

- **68%** of the capital procurement budget for Defence to be earmarked for domestic industry to promote Aatmanirbharta and reduce dependence on imports.
- This is up from **58%** last fiscal. Defense R&D will be opened up for industry, startups and academia with **25% of the defence R&D budget**.

National Ropeways Development Program:

- National Ropeways Development Program, **Parvatmala** to be taken up on PPP mode.
- Contracts to be awarded in 2022-23 for **8 ropeway projects of 60 Km length**.

Skill Development:

- **Digital Ecosystem for Skilling and Livelihood (DESH-Stack e-portal)** will be launched to empower citizens to skill, reskill or upskill through on-line training.
- Startups will be promoted to facilitate '**Drone Shakti**' and for **Drone-As-A-Service (DrAAS)**.

Budget Allocation to Major Scheme:

Scheme	Budget Allocation (2022-23 BE)
National Health Mission	Rs. 37,800 Crore
Jal Jeevan Mission	Rs. 60,000 Crore
National Education Mission	Rs. 39,553 Crore
Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	Rs. 19,000 Crore
PM Kisan	Rs. 68,000 Crore
Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana	Rs. 6,400 Crore
Pardhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana	Rs. 10,000 Crore
PLI for Large Scale Electronics and IT Hardware	Rs. 528 Crore
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Top 5 Ministry in terms of Budget Allocation for 2022-23

Ministry	Budget
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Ministry of Defence	Rs. 5,25,166.15 Crore
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Rs. 2,17,684.46 Crore
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	Rs. 1,99,107.71 Crore
Ministry of Home Affairs	Rs. 1,85,776.55 Crore
Ministry of Railways	Rs. 1,40,367.13 Crore

Finance Ministry to allow RRBs to raise funds via IPO, Rights Issue

The **Finance Ministry** has issued draft guidelines for **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)** to raise resources from capital market, paving way for raising funds via rights issue, private placement with select investors such as large banks & insurance companies, & **initial public offerings (IPO)**.

- ⇒ Currently, there are **43 RRBs sponsored by 12 Scheduled Commercial Banks** with 21,892 branches across country. As at March 2022, RRBs had deposits & loans & advances (net) aggregating **₹5,62,538 crore & ₹3,42,479 crore**, respectively.
- ⇒ RRBs are jointly owned by Government of India (**GoI**), respective State Governments (**SGs**), & Sponsor Banks (**SBs**), with equity contribution in ratio (**GoI: SG: SB :: 50:15:35**).
- ⇒ IPO means Initial public offering. So for first time when a company allows public to buy its share is called initial public offering. It launched in primary market.
- ⇒ A rights issue or rights offer is a dividend of subscription rights to buy additional securities in a company made to company's existing security holders

BSE Launched Electronic Gold Receipts

BSE, or the Bombay Stock Exchange, launched Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) on its platform on 24 October 2022. It introduced two new products of 995 and 999 purity during the Muhurat trading on Diwali

How The Trading Will Happen:

- ⇒ Trading will be in multiples of 1 gram and deliveries in multiples of 10 gram and 100 gram. The EGR market will remain open from 9:00 am to 9:30 pm. It will have T+1 settlement. EGR allows efficient price discovery and standardization of gold, transparency in gold transactions, promotion of India Good Delivery Standard and settlement guarantee to the Investors.
- ⇒ **India & The Gold:**
- ⇒ India is the second largest consumer of gold globally, with annual gold demand of approximately 800-900 tones, and holds an important position in the global markets. Despite being second only to China, in consumption of gold, India has remained only as a price-taker in the global markets. To address the issue, Government of India have authorized the introduction of a gold exchange where the metal will

be traded in Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) form on Indian exchanges (BSE, NSE etc....

7th edition of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22 is released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Reserve Bank of India has published the handbook of Statistics on Indian States. It is for the year 2021-2022. Handbook of Statistics on Indian State is the 7th edition.

From which year the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States was published?

The Handbook of Statistics on Indian States is being brought out by the Reserve Bank annually since 2016.

What are the features of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States?

This seventh edition updates the existing data series besides expanding the coverage to incorporate two new sections (Health and Environment) and nine new tables,

- (i) State-wise Maternal Mortality Ratio (under Social and Demographic section);
- (ii) State-wise Total Fertility Rate (under Social and Demographic section);
- (iii) State-wise Children Aged 6-59 Months Who are Anaemic (under Health section);
- (iv) State-wise Pregnant Women Aged 15-49 Years Who are Anaemic (under Health section);
- (v) State-wise Cold Storage Capacity (under Agriculture section);
- (vi) State-wise Forest Cover (under Environment section);
- (vii) State-wise Tree Cover (under Environment section);
- (viii) State-wise Total Installed Capacity of Grid Interactive Renewable Power (under Infrastructure section);
- (ix) State-wise Outstanding Guarantees of State Governments (under Fiscal section).

Who has prepared the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States?

Handbook of Statistics on Indian States has been prepared under the supervision and overall guidance of Dr. Deba Prasad Rath, Principal Adviser, Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR)

What are the important points shared in the report?

The macroeconomic outlook is positive in the current fiscal. However, India is still impacted by global headwinds.

Total offices of Scheduled Commercial Banks: 154758

Karnataka has the highest total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power among all states. It had total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (MW).





Daily wagers in Kerala earned way more than their counterparts in more industrialised states like Gujarat and Maharashtra and earned more than double the national average of Rs 373.30.

- ⇒ Amongst all states, Tamil Nadu retains the top spot with the maximum number of factories including micro, small and mid-sized units.
- ⇒ Himachal Pradesh is the worst off among Indian states. The pensions burden, which consumed almost half the state's own tax revenues in 2004-05, has ballooned to eat away more than three-fourths of its own tax revenues (OTR) in 2020-21.
- ⇒ Health specialists such as surgeons, obstetrician and gynaecologists, and physicians are awfully short of requirement of state community health centres (CHC), showed data from the Reserve Bank of India recently. As many as 79.90 per cent of the requirements were unfulfilled at these centres in 2021 compared to 76.09 per cent in 2020. The two years were hit by Covid-19 waves

India's Unemployment Rate Eases to 7.2% in July-September 2022.

Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas declined to 7.2 per cent during July-September 2022 from 9.8 per cent a year ago, the National Statistical Office (NSO) said.

India's urban unemployment rate dropped for the fifth consecutive quarter in the July-September period of 2022-23 (FY23) to 7.2 per cent, according to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The unemployment rate in current weekly status terms for all ages in the September quarter (second quarter or Q2) of FY23 is the lowest unemployment rate recorded in more than four years, from the time the NSO launched India's first computer-based survey in April 2017.

Gender-Wise Distribution:

The unemployment rate among men and women has been estimated at 6.6 and 9.4 per cent, respectively. It has been showing continuous decline since the April-June quarter (first quarter, or Q1) of 2020-21, when it was estimated at 12.6 per cent.

Labour force participation rate in CWS (Current Weekly Status) in urban areas for persons aged 15 years and above increased to 47.9 per cent in the July-September quarter of 2022, from 46.9 per cent in the same period a year ago. It was 47.5 per cent in April-June 2022.

What The Other Reports Are Saying:

The monthly data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), which conducts its own survey, had also shown that except August, India did well on the employment front in Q2, as the jobless rate remained below 7 per cent, although there was a divergence in the rural and urban labour markets.

The CMIE data had shown that the labour markets made a strong rebound in September, with the unemployment rate dropping to 6.4 per cent, from 8.3 per cent in August, which was the highest level in 12 months.

About NSO's Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS):

NSO launched PLFS in April 2017. On the basis of PLFS, a quarterly bulletin is brought out giving estimates of labour force indicators namely unemployment rate, Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), distribution of workers by broad status in employment and industry of work in CWS

Other Important Economics News

- ⇒ **India's milk production** has registered a **monumental growth** in the last eight years as it has increased by **83 Million Tonnes**. In 2013-14, the production was **138 Million Tonnes** which increased to **221 Million Tonnes** in 2021-22.
- ⇒ **Capital markets regulator SEBI** came out with a uniform format for reporting **over-the-counter (OTC) trades** in listed **non-convertible securities**. The development comes after Sebi observed that information on OTC trades in listed non-convertible securities provided to the stock exchanges by the investors **is incomplete and inaccurate**.
- ⇒ **Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections** for the month of **November 2022** stood at **Rs 1,45,867 crore**, according to the data shared by finance ministry. The revenue for the month of November are 11% higher than the GST revenue in the same month last year, which itself was **Rs 1,31,526 crore**. The gross GST revenue collected in November 2022 came in at Rs 1,45,867 crore of which CGST is Rs 25,681 crore, SGST is Rs 32,651 crore, IGST is Rs 77,103 crore (including Rs 38,635 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹10,433 crore (including Rs 817 crore collected on import of goods).
- ⇒ The **National Stock Exchange's** subsidiary **NSE Indices** has said it has launched one more index under the **Nifty Bharat Bond Index series**. The **Bharat Bond Index series** follows a target maturity date structure wherein each index in the series measures the performance of a portfolio of **'AAA' rated bonds** issued by government owned entities maturing in a specific year.
- ⇒ **IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC)**, one of the **top 10 AMCs** in the country, has received regulatory





clearances from regulators for its proposed change in ownership. **Securities market regulator SEBI** granted the necessary no objection for IDFC AMC's acquisition by a consortium comprising **Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited (BFHL)**, GIC (GIC), and ChrysCapital (CC).

- ⇒ **India** will be the **first country in the world** to receive **\$100 billion** from **remittances** during 2022, the **World Bank** has said. Though remittances to the rest of the **South Asian countries** declined by 10%, it rose by 12% in India's case.
- ⇒ **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)**, the renewables arm of Adani Group, has commissioned its third wind-solar hybrid power plant at **Jaisalmer in Rajasthan**. Earlier, in May 2022, AGEL had operationalised India's first hybrid power plant of 390 MW. This was followed by the commissioning, in September 2022, of the **world's largest co-located hybrid power plant of 600 MW**.
- ⇒ **Retail inflation of India** has been eased to **5.88% in November 2022** from 6.77% in October. It is the first time in this Financial Year when the inflation rate came within the tolerance band of RBI i.e. 2 to 6%. Food prices, which account for nearly 40% of the CPI basket, eased to **4.67% in November, compared with 7.01% in October**.
- ⇒ The **wholesale price-based inflation** declined to a 21-month low of 5.85 per cent in November on easing prices of **food, fuel and manufactured items**. After remaining in double digits for 19 months, the **wholesale price index (WPI)** based inflation declined to 8.39 per cent in October. The inflation was 14.87 per cent in November 2021.
- ⇒ The 48th **Goods and Service Tax (GST)** Council meeting at the national capital Delhi on 17 December has concluded **without any decisions** on the highly anticipated **GST Appellate Tribunals, tax rate applicable on gutkha and pan masala**.
- ⇒ **India's overall trade deficit for goods and services** in November this year **has fallen to \$11.11 billion**, lower than year-ago and month-ago levels. Moreover, thanks to a recovery in exports, India's monthly **merchandise trade deficit** came down to a six-month low of \$23.81 billion. **Trade deficit** is the amount by which a country's import costs exceed its export value in a given period.
- ⇒ The **Gross collection of Direct Taxes** has registered a **growth of 25.90 percent** which stood at 13,63,649 crore rupees in the financial year 2022-23. The Gross collection in the corresponding period stood at 10,83,150 crore rupees. According to the **Finance Ministry** data, the **Net Direct tax collection** for FY 2022-23 stood at 11,35,754 crore rupees, registering a **growth of 19.81 percent**.
- ⇒ The **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** received in-principle approval from the capital markets regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** to set up a **Social Stock Exchange (SSE)** as a separate segment.
- ⇒ The **Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR)**, which is a **UK-based economics consultancy**, predicted that **India** will become the **third-largest**

economy by 2037. **14th edition** of the report noted that over the next five years, the **annual rate of GDP growth** is expected to **average 6.4%**. After that, the growth is expected to **average 6.5%** in the subsequent nine years.

- ⇒ **Rupay-based credit card on UPI platform**: By March 2023, State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank want to start issuing RuPay credit cards over the UPI. Currently, the RuPay credit card segment on the UPI platform is live with three public sector banks—Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, and Indian Bank—and one private sector bank—HDFC Bank.
- ⇒ According to an RBI report, public sector banks (PSBs) accounted for the majority of frauds reported in 2018–19, with 55.4% of the cases reported and 90% of the money involved. This is primarily due to an inadequate internal process, lack of personnel, and inadequate systems to address operational risks.
- ⇒ **Karnataka came at the top position** while comparing the **total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power** of all the states of the country. The state had a **total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (mw)**, according to an RBI publication.
- ⇒ **Global intellectual property filings- of patents, trademarks, and designs-reached** record levels in 2021 driven largely by increases from Asian countries of **India, China, and South Korea** according to the **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)**.
- ⇒ The **panel of state finance ministers** is likely to recommend a **uniform GST levy of 28 percent** on online gaming irrespective of whether it is a **game of skill or a game of chance**.
- ⇒ **Private sector lender ICICI Bank** has launched two new products – **loan against deposits (LAD)** and **dollar bonds** – for non-resident Indians at its **GIFT City branch in Gujarat**. The bank is the first to offer these products in GIFT City.
- ⇒ **Country's largest lender, State Bank of India** continues to dominate the **debit cards market** in October 2022, with a 29% share. Compared to last month the share was slightly less, where **SBI led the debit card market by 30 per cent in September**. The momentum of the credit card business has remained strong in 2022, in terms of card issuance and spends, according to **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** data. **HDFC Bank** remains the dominant force with a market share of **22.97%**, followed by **SBI at 19.09%** and **ICICI Bank at 17.92%**.
- ⇒ **Robust domestic economic activity** and an uptick in **oil import bills**, **India's current account deficit** is expected to be 3-3.2 per cent of **gross domestic product (GDP)** for FY23, according to **Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran**
- ⇒ Union Ayush Minister **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** informed that AYUSH has grown by 17 percent in 2014-20 to reach





US dollars 18.1 billion. The Minister was speaking at the inauguration of '**AYUR-UDYAMAH**' at New Delhi, where he also released the RIS report titled '**AYUSH Sector in India: Prospects and Challenges**'.

- ⇒ **Axis Bank**, India's third largest private sector bank, and **Flipkart**, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace have partnered to launch the '**Super Elite Credit Card**'.
- ⇒ With a view to facilitate **cash flow-based lending to MSMEs**, it has been decided to include **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) as a Financial Information Provider (FIP)** under the **Account Aggregator (AA) framework**. Department of Revenue shall be the regulator of GSTN for this specific purpose and Goods and Services Tax (GST) Returns, viz. Form GSTR-1 and Form GSTR-3B, shall be the Financial Information.
- ⇒ **India's Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)**, and the **Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT)**, European Commission signed an '**Intent of Cooperation on High Performance Computing (HPC)**, Weather Extremes & Climate Modeling and Quantum Technologies
- ⇒ **Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)** using Unified Payments Interface BHIM-UPI recorded a new high, transactions rose by 7.7 per cent in October to 730 crore (7.3 Billion). The total value for the month stood at more than ₹12.11 lakh crore. In September, UPI transactions stood at 678 crore with a total value of ₹11.16 lakh crore
- ⇒ To insulate farmers from the sharp increases in the prices, the Centre announced a doubling of fertiliser subsidy to Rs 2.15 trillion from the budgeted level for FY23. The move was necessitated by a sharp spike in global prices of urea, DAP & MoP in the last one year
- ⇒ **Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)** has concluded a Master Risk Participation Agreement for supporting trade transactions with FirstRand Bank (FRB) Limited. The agreement was signed in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the India – Southern Africa Regional Conclave
- ⇒ **Bank of Baroda & Visa** announced the launch of two new premium debit cards for Bank of Baroda customers – bob World Opulence – a super-premium Visa Infinite Debit Card (Metal Edition) & bob World Sapphire – a Visa Signature Debit Card.
- ⇒ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **\$40 million financing** package with GreenCell Express Private Limited (GEPL) to develop 255 electric battery-powered buses (e-buses)
- ⇒ The government body for energy efficiency Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for MSMEs.

- ⇒ India is on track to become the world's third largest economy by 2027, surpassing Japan & Germany, & have the third largest stock market by 2030, thanks to global trends & key investments the country has made in technology & energy, says Morgan Stanley.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman approves the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India. This approval will further strengthen India's commitment towards its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) targets.
- ⇒ Per capita income of population in India has increased in real terms by 33.4 per cent since the enactment of National Food Security Act (NFSA) in 2013, the Centre has told the Supreme Court
- ⇒ India's industrial output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 3.1 per cent in September, supported by a double-digit increase in electricity generation. This is compared with a contraction of 0.8 per cent in the previous month & a growth of 4.4 per cent in September 2021
- ⇒ The second quarter of 2022–23 saw the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) outperform other public sector lenders in terms of percentage loan growth. According to public sector bank issued quarterly data, the lender saw a 28.62 percent increase in gross advances at the end of September 2022, totaling Rs 1,48,216 crore
- ⇒ According to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has been awarded the project to build India's first multimodal logistics park (MMLP) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. A crucial cog in the Centre's logistics overhaul, the MMLP will be spread over 184 acres & cost Rs 1,424 crore.
- ⇒ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) & the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in the field of regulation & supervision of regulated entities in their respective jurisdictions.
- ⇒ Federal Bank partnered with JCB India to expand its loan portfolio & fund potential buyers of heavy construction equipment.
- ⇒ After facing challenges in the **plan to privatise IDBI Bank**, the govt. has asked the **Reserve Bank of India to consider tweaking the promoter criteria** that may bring a wider pool of bidders for public sector banks. **There are currently 12 public sector banks.**
- ⇒ **Netherlands emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China & Bangladesh.** It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22|**Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22, is now India's 8th biggest export market.** Similarly, **Indonesia has moved up seven notches to grab**





the 7th position. |the US & the UAE continue to be the largest & second-largest export destinations, respectively, for India

- ⇒ NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) & European payment services provider **Worldline** established a corporation due to which Indians will soon be able to make payments through **UPI (United Payments Interface)** across Europe. CEO of Worldline: Gilles Grapinet| CEO of NIPL: Ritesh Shukla
- ⇒ World merchandise trade volume growth is likely to slow to 1 per cent in 2023, down from the previous forecast of 3 per cent made in April this year, per fresh estimates released by the WTO.
- ⇒ The highest-located district in India, **Leh** has achieved **100 per cent digitization of banking operations**.
- ⇒ **Asian Development Bank** said, it will devote at least **\$14 billion through 2025** to help ease a worsening **food crisis in Asia-Pacific**.
- ⇒ **A \$1 billion fund** may soon be launched by the government in collaboration with the World Bank, & the **SIDBI**. The fund will be used to provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers. **NITI Aayog will be the facilitating agency**
- ⇒ **Commerce Ministry** announced the **extension of the existing foreign trade policy 2015-20** to September 30, 2022 by six months. The reason behind the development is currency volatility & global uncertainty. The ministry said, **the geo-political situation is not suitable for long-term foreign trade policy**.
- ⇒ **Economic growth in East Asia & the Pacific** will weaken sharply in 2022 due to **China's slowdown**, but the pace of expansion will pick up next year, the World Bank said.
- ⇒ **Cabinet approves 4% increase in DA which totals to 38% if basic pay:** beginning July 1, 2022, benefiting 6.97 million pensioners & 4.18 million central government employees. This was done ahead of the Diwali festival.
- ⇒ The **global economy** rattled by **scorching inflation & geo-political tensions**, forcing more central banks to join **US Federal Reserve in raising interest rates**. Fed rate :3.67%.
- ⇒ **Reasons for weak rupee:** elevated fuel prices will keep **India's current account deficit (CAD)** under pressure, Subsidy expenditure is seen to rise to levels significantly higher than projected. **Higher oil import bill on account of weak rupee** will straddle several sectors, including fertilisers & metals, & also result in lower dividend receipts from state-run fuel retailers whose margins will be hit.
- ⇒ **SBI**, maintained its leadership position in debit card market Bank of Baroda came in second with an 8% market share, followed by Bank of India & **HDFC Bank** in credit card market followed by State Bank Of India (SBI) (18%), ICICI Bank (17%) as of June 2022,
- ⇒ **Aadhaar Ventures India Ltd. (AVIL)** & its directors were fined a total of Rs 25 lakh by capital markets regulator

SEBI for breaking listing requirements & insider trading laws.

- ⇒ India has surpassed Britain to become **world's fifth largest economy**, Bloomberg reported. change in ranking has pushed **United Kingdom to sixth spot** as country continues to grapple under brutal cost-of-living
- ⇒ **The all-India house price index (HPI)** increased by **3.5% year over year**, during first quarter of 2022–2023 according to information made public by RBI.
- ⇒ India is set to become **third largest economy** inworld by 2029. A **State Bank of India report** said India will surpass **Germany in 2027 & most likely Japan by 2029** at current rate of growth.
- ⇒ **The unemployment rate** in India for people aged 15 years & above in urban areas declined to 7.6 per cent during April-June 2022 from 12.6 per cent a year ago,**National Statistical Office**
- ⇒ **The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU)** in Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released **28th edition of Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22**. India's external debt, at **US\$ 620.7 billion** as at end-March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over **US\$ 573.7 billion** as at end-March 2021.
- ⇒ **Amazon India** engaged with **the Railway of India** to boost its delivery services in the country on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer.
- ⇒ **CoinDCX**, an Indian homegrown crypto exchange company, has announced to host '**UNFOLD 2022**' in Bangalore
- ⇒ **Tata Group is preparing to introduce the "First in India" seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains starting in September 2022 & plans to invest Rs 3,000 crore on R&D by FY26.**
- ⇒ India may become a **USD five trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine per cent per annum consistently for the next five years**, former RBI Governor **D Subbarao**
- ⇒ India will start **supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol at select petrol pumps** from April 2023 & the rest to be covered by 2025.It will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence & address environmental issues. **Ezo petrol (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol)**
- ⇒ **Subscribers of National Pension System (NPS) & Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** can now contribute to their accounts through **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, the country's instant real-time payment system.
- ⇒ **The asset management firm (AMC) Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Edelweiss MF)** is slated to introduce India's first programme that provides exposure to gold & silver through a single fund: **Edelweiss Gold & Silver ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)**





- ⇒ India's merchandise trade deficit widened to a record \$26.18 billion in June, wider than the government's earlier estimate of \$25.63 billion. The previous record monthly merchandise trade deficit was \$24.3 billion in May
- ⇒ **IndusInd Bank** authorised a plan to raise Rs 20,000 crore in debt to finance company expansion.
- ⇒ The administration informed **Parliament** that concrete actions taken by the **RBI & government** assisted banks in recovering bad loans of more than Rs 8.6 lakh crore over the course of the previous eight fiscal years.
- ⇒ **Go Digit General Insurance** is the first insurer to offer a 'pay as you drive' (PAYD) add-on feature for motor insurance **own damage (OD) policies**.
- ⇒ According to **Times of India report**, **HDFC Bank** will be among the **world's top 10 most valuable banks** after its merger with the parent, mortgage lender **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)**, also first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club. The combined market cap of **HDFC Bank & HDFC** would be around **USD 160 billion**.
- ⇒ In an effort to broaden its selection of **HDFC MF** index solutions, **HDFC Mutual Fund** has announced the introduction of **HDFC Nifty Next 50 ETF & HDFC NIFTY 100 ETF**.
- ⇒ **Bandhan Bank** opened its first currency chest in **Deedargunj, Patna**.
- ⇒ **India** received the highest annual **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** inflows of almost **\$85 billion in FY 21-22**.
- ⇒ **All 12 Public sector banks (PSBs)**: net profit in **fiscal year 2021-2022: Rs 66,539 crore, up 110 percent from Rs 31,816 crore in previous year**. For first time in years, all 12 state-owned banks made a profit.
- ⇒ **United States** overtook **China** to become **India's top trading partner in 2021-22**, bilateral trade between US & India stood at **US\$ 119.42 billion** as against **US\$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21** & with **China** aggregated at **\$115.42 billion** as compared to **\$86.4 billion in 2020-21**
- ⇒ govt. approved **8.1 per cent** rate of interest on **employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22**, for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**.
- ⇒ **HDFC** with **Accenture** will revamp **HDFC's** customer experience & business processes.
- ⇒ **Digital payment markets in India** are expected to **increase triple from current three trillion dollars to ten trillion dollars in coming four years, which is by 2026**: Report issued by **PhonePe** with **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**, report was titled 'Digital Payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity.
- ⇒ The **Ministry of Finance** has decided to keep the interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes or post office schemes for the **Quarter -1 of FY2022-23 (April-June 2022)**. The interest rates on the various instruments for April-June 2022 range from **4.0 per cent to 7.6 per cent**. It must be noted that the Government notifies the Interest rates for small savings schemes on a quarterly basis. This is the **eighth consecutive quarter** when the interest rates on small savings instruments remained unchanged.
- ⇒ The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** has estimated India's GDP to grow at **7.4 per cent** in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23). The FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey was released on April 03, 2022. The report has stated that rising prices due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict is the biggest challenge to the global economic recovery.
- ⇒ As she launched an **ideathon to promote innovation**, **Sebi Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch** said that India is ideally positioned to harness technology in the **securities market** to give bespoke solutions at a very **low cost** to individuals across the country.
- ⇒ **Exports of agricultural products from India** surpassed the **USD 50 billion** mark for the first time during the **financial year 2021-22 (FY22)**, owing to significant growth in sugar, rice, wheat, and other cereals exports. The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has released provisional figures stating that agricultural exports rose to **USD 50.21 billion in 2021-22, which is 19.92%**.
- ⇒ **India** will provide an additional **\$500 million** in financial aid to help the **Srilanka island** nation buy fuel, and that Bangladesh was willing to postpone \$450 million in swap repayments to help Colombo. This is the second **\$500 million** in gasoline credit that **India** has given to a **Sri Lankan government** grappling with the country's greatest financial crisis in living memory.
- ⇒ **Securities and Exchange Board of India's** advisory council on leveraging regulatory and technological solutions has been reconstituted **advisory committee on leveraging regulatory and technology solutions (ALeRTS)**. **Sunil Bajpai** will now lead the seven-member panel.
- ⇒ **The United States** overtook **China** to become **India's top trading partner in 2021-22**, reflecting strong economic ties between the two countries. According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, bilateral trade between the US and India stood at **US\$ 119.42 billion** as against **US\$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21**. Exports to the US increased to **US\$ 76.11 billion in 2021-22** from **US\$ 51.62 billion in the previous fiscal**, while imports rose to **US\$ 43.31 billion** as compared to around **US\$ 29 billion in 2020-21**.
- ⇒ 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,





including regulation, product, and distribution, among others, in order to overhaul the industry.

- ⇒ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced new guidelines to permit qualified jewellers to import gold through the India **International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd. (IIBX)** or any other exchange. IFSCA and the DGFT, the Government of India, must sanction the other exchanges. All payments by authorised jewellers for gold imports through IIBX must be done using an exchange mechanism recognised by IFSCA in accordance with the IFSC Act and regulations, according to the **RBI**.
- ⇒ SEBI, the market regulator, announced that it had revoked the **Indian Commodity Exchange Limited's (ICEX)** recognition. The bourse's recognition was revoked after Sebi issued an order declaring it non-compliant on many grounds, including net worth and infrastructure criteria. As a result of the withdrawal, **ICEX** has been directed to transfer the funds in its Investor Protection Fund and Investor Services Fund to the Investor Protection and Education Fund of Sebi.
- ⇒ The central government announced that **India** has recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of **\$83.57 billion** during FY22. In 2020-21, the inflow stood at **\$81.97 billion**. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector. FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by **76 per cent in 2021-22 (\$21.34 billion) compared to 2020-21 (\$12.09 billion)**.
- ⇒ According to the **World Bank**, **India** has surpassed **Mexico** as the top remittance receiving country in 2021, pushing **China** to third place. In 2021, India received **remittances** totaling more than \$89 billion, an increase of 8% above the \$82.73 billion received in 2020. Despite the fact that the world was significantly hit by Covid in 2020, remittances were somewhat higher than the \$82.69 billion in the non-Covid year of 2019.
- ⇒ The central government has released **Rs 7,183.42 crore** as a revenue deficit grant to **14 states** including **Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Assam and Kerala**. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released the money. This is the 2nd monthly instalment of **Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD)** grant to states. The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.
- ⇒ **India's payments system** has been bolstered by the fact that it registered the highest number of **real-time transactions** in the world last year, with **48 billion**. **India** surpassed **China**, which had **18 billion real-time transactions**, and was **6.5 times larger than the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany combined**.
- ⇒ The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, India's largest insurer, has launched "**Bima Ratna**" – a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan.

The new plan, which is aimed at the domestic market, provides both protection and savings.

- ⇒ **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the government's **29.5%** stake sale in **Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL)**. The sale of a **29.58%** stake represents more than 124.96 crore shares which would raise around **Rs 38,000 crores** at the current market price.
- ⇒ The **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** has launched the first-of-its-kind online marketplace for Indian exporters and foreign buyers. The marketplace - **Indian Business Portal** - will act as a B2B digital marketplace to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) exporters, artisans and farmers to identify new markets for their products and grow their sales globally.
- ⇒ **HDFC Securities** has launched "**HDFC Money**", a Robo-advisory investment platform that will offer mutual fund schemes and other financial products without the need of a Demat account. Apart from mutual funds, one can also manage other aspects of finances such as accessing, managing, and tracking portfolios, starting goal planning, insurance planning, creating e-Wills and managing or filing taxes.
- ⇒ Under the newly formed company **Adani New Industries Ltd, Total Energies**, the French oil and gas major, is expected to acquire a minority share of 10% or more in **Adani group's hydrogen business (ANIL)**. The agreement is nearing completion, and an announcement is expected in the coming months.
- ⇒ At its facilities in **Prantij, Gujarat**, Nexcharge, a joint venture between India's **Exide Industries Limited** and Switzerland's **Leclanché SA**, has started mass production of lithium-ion battery packs. The plant, which covers six lakh square feet and has a 1.5 GWh installed capacity, comprises six totally automated assembly lines and testing facilities.
- ⇒ **Reliance Industries** become the first Indian company to record annual revenue of more than a whopping **\$100 billion**. The company has recorded a **22.5%** rise in net profit for the quarter ended **March 2022**. Reliance has recorded strong growth in retail, digital services, and the oil & gas business. The company has also reported the highest-ever quarterly **EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation)** of Rs 33,968 crores (28% up) year-on-year.
- ⇒ According to the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, India's flagship digital payments platform, has recorded **5.58 billion(bn)** transactions worth **Rs 9.83 trillion in April 2022**. This is the highest ever number of transactions recorded by UPI. The monthly UPI recorded a **3.33 %** increase in transaction volume from 5.4 billion transactions worth **Rs 9.6 trillion in March 2022**.
- ⇒ Oil giant **Saudi Aramco** has dethroned **Apple Inc.** to become the **world's most valuable company**,





- underscoring the recent surge in oil prices that have boosted the energy giant this year. Aramco traded near its highest level on record, with a market capitalization of about **\$2.43 trillion**, surpassing that of Apple for the first time since 2020. The iPhone maker fell 5.2% to close at \$146.50 per share, giving it a valuation of **\$2.37 trillion**.
- ⇒ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**, a joint venture between **Bharti Enterprises**, one of India's largest business groups, and **AXA**, one of the world's largest insurance companies, announced the launch of its financial literacy campaign, '**InspiHEX**'- enabling an empowered future, a special effort to propagate financial awareness among women as well as allow people to make good investment decisions for a stable future.
 - ⇒ **L&T Infotech and Mindtree**, the two independently listed IT services companies under Larsen & Toubro Group announced a merger that would create **India's fifth-largest** IT services provider. The combined entity will be known as "**LTIMindtree**".
 - ⇒ **Bharti Airtel**, India's second-largest telecom operator, announced that the **Airtel Startup Accelerator Program** has acquired a **7% investment** in cloud-based networking solutions firm **Cnergee Technologies**. **Cnergee**, situated in **Navi Mumbai**, specialises in **cloud-based comprehensive networking solutions** for enterprises of all kinds.
 - ⇒ **Jeff Bezos**, who established Amazon exactly 27 years ago on July 5, 1994, has stepped down as **CEO**, and **Andy Jassy**, a longtime **AWS executive**, has taken over as the company's new **CEO**. **Jassy** is currently identified as **President and CEO of Amazon.com**, as well as a member of the **Board of Directors**, on the **Amazon investor relations website**.
 - ⇒ **Adani Wilmar Limited** became the largest **Fast Moving Consumer Goods Company (FMCG)** in India beating **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)**, after the announcement of its Quarter Four results for the financial year 2022 (Q4FY2022). **AWL** has reported total operating revenue of **Rs 54,214 crore** in the Financial Year 2022 whereas **HUL** reported a revenue of **Rs 51,468 crore** in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22.
 - ⇒ Total assets managed under **NPS & APY**, the two flagship pension schemes of the **Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority** crossed ₹6.99 lakh crore Total AUM under the National Pension System & Atal Pension Yojana was at **Rs 5,78,025 crore as of March 31, 2021**. The deposits in bank accounts opened under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** scheme have crossed **Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark**. The data revealed that over 44.23 crore accounts have been opened under the scheme.
 - ⇒ **World Gold Council (WGC)** report '**Gold Demand Trends 2021**', global gold demand rose **10%** in 2021 to **4,021.3 tonnes**. From **3,658.8 tonnes (2020)**. India's gold consumption surged to **797.3 tonnes in 2021**, on the back of the recovery in consumer sentiments.
 - ⇒ **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** flows to India fell by **26 per cent in 2021**, compared to 2020, as per the **UN Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)** Investment Trends Monitor published. In 2020, FDI to India was recorded at **USD 64 billion**. This was **27 per cent more** compared to **USD 51 billion in FDI in 2019**.
 - ⇒ **India** become the **second country after China** to implement the **T+1 stock settlement mechanism** in a phased manner from 25 February. Before this, the settlement period of stocks in India was T+2 days.
 - ⇒ **Government of India** has done a conversion switch transaction of its securities with **RBI** for an amount of **1,19,701 crores (face value)**. It involved buying back securities that are being matured in **FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 & FY 2024-25** from **RBI**.
 - ⇒ **Central Bank of Thailand**, bought **90 metric tonnes of gold** while **RBI** bought 77.5 metric tonnes taking its total gold reserve to 754.1 tonnes at the end of December 2021.
 - ⇒ As per **Asian Development Bank**, it provided a record **USD 4.6 billion** in sovereign lending to India in 2021. This included **USD 1.8 billion** towards coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic response.
 - ⇒ With a view to provide further relief to consumers & to keep in check any further rise in the prices of domestic edible oils, the Centre reduced the **agri-cess for Crude Palm Oil** from **7.5% to 5%**.
 - ⇒ **Cabinet** approved up to **20% FDI in LIC's IPO-bound Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** via automatic route by amending **lic act 1956**. In Indian insurance companies **74% automatic fdi route**.
 - ⇒ **India** become **second country after China** to implement **T+1 stock settlement mechanism**. Before this, settlement period of stocks in India was T+2, i.e. two days after actual buy/selling of stock.
 - ⇒ **Central Depository Services (India)** having more than six crores (i. e. equivalent to 60 million) active **Demat accounts**.
 - ⇒ (**SEBI**) has raised investment limit for retail investors applying in public debt securities issuance via **universal payments interface (UPI)** mechanism to **Rs 5 lakh** from **Rs 2 lakh**. National Payments Corporation of India **NPCI** decided to increase per transaction limit for UPI-based applications supported by blocked amount **ASBA** initial public offering.
 - ⇒ **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** proposed a **Rs 1.42 lakh crore budget** for union territory of **Jammu & Kashmir** for fiscal year **2022-23**, **Sitharaman** tabled Union Territory's additional demands for fiscal year **2021-22**, totaling **Rs 18,860.32 crore**
 - ⇒ **Bloomberg's data on Market capitalization**, for 1st time India is ranked 5th with an overall market capitalization of **USD 3.21 trillion**. **US** topped with market cap of **USD**





47.32 trillion, followed by **China** (USD 11.52 trillion), **Japan** (USD 6 trillion) & **Hong Kong** (USD 5.55 trillion).

- ⇒ **FinMapp**, granted a licence under **National Pension Scheme** by (PFRDA). It has also obtained a registration certificate as a corporate agent from **Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (Irdai)**.
- ⇒ government has extended deadline for companies to convert debt financing into **equity shares by up to 10 years**, a measure that is likely to provide comfort to emerging enterprises dealing with impact of Covid-19 pandemic. Previously, convertible notes may be converted into equity shares for up to **five years** after initial convertible note was issued.
- ⇒ Ashneer Grover, co-founder & (MD) of BharatPe, resigned as MD & director of board of BharatPe. Ashneer Grover, who owns a 9.5% stake worth Rs 1915 crore in BharatPe, will continue as single largest individual shareholder of company. BharatPe became 19th Indian startup to become a unicorn in 2021.
- ⇒ **Star Health & Allied Insurance Company Limited**, launched "**Star Women Care Insurance Policy**". It is a

woman-centric comprehensive health cover specially designed to protect healthcare needs of women at every stage of lives

- ⇒ **HDFC Mutual Fund** launched a women-led financial empowerment initiative '**LaxmiForLaxmi**' which will connect women investors to a woman financial expert



Business Current Affairs

REC Ltd becomes 12th company to gets 'Maharatna' company status

- ⇒ Power sector-focussed non-banking finance company (NBFC) REC Ltd. has been accorded the status of a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise, thus providing it with greater operational and financial autonomy. The granting of 'Maharatna' status will impart enhanced powers to the company's board while taking financial decisions. REC Ltd. is the 12th company to be given the Maharatna Status.
- ⇒ The board of a 'Maharatna' CPSE can make equity investments to undertake financial joint ventures and wholly-owned subsidiaries and undertake mergers and acquisitions in India and abroad, subject to a ceiling of 15 per cent of the net worth of the CPSE concerned, limited to ₹5,000 crores in one project. The board can also structure and implement schemes relating to personnel and human resource management and training.
- ⇒ REC has played a key role in the success of the flagship schemes of the Government of India such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and SAUBHAGYA and has contributed towards achieving village and household electrification in the country. REC is currently playing the role of nodal agency for Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), for revamping the distribution sector to alleviate the financial & operational issues.

- ⇒ Introduced in 2010, the Maharatna status is given to the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) by the Central Government to make these enterprises global giants. This status is granted to CPSE which recorded more than Rs. 5,000 crores of net profit for three consecutive years, an average annual turnover of Rs.25,000 crore for three years and recording an average net worth of Rs.15,000 crore for three years. It should also have a footing in the international market and be listed on an Indian stock exchange.

About the REC Ltd:

- ⇒ Incorporated in 1969, REC focuses on power sector financing and development across India. It provides financial assistance to state electricity boards, state governments, central/state power utilities, independent power producers, rural electric cooperatives and private sector utilities. REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited, is a public Infrastructure Finance Company in India's power sector. The company is a Public Sector Undertaking and finances and promotes power projects across India. It was earlier known as Rural Electrification Corporation....
- ⇒ Other Mahartna : 1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited 2. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited 3. Coal India Limited 4. GAIL India Limited 5. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited 6. Indian Oil Corporation Limited 7. NTPC Limited 8. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited, 9.

What is Maharatna's Status?





- Power Finance Corporation 10. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited 11. Steel Authority of India Limited
- ⇒ **Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Tata Sons** announced that they have agreed to **merge Air India and Vistara**, with SIA getting a 25.1 per cent stake in the merged entity at an investment of **Rs 2,058.5 crore (\$250 million) in Air India as part of the transaction.**
- ⇒ **News Broadcaster New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)** promoter firm **RRPR Holding** announced that it has transferred shares constituting 99.5 percent of its equity capital to Adani group-owned **Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL)**. The transfer of shares will give **Adani Group** control over a 29.18 percent stake in NDTV. They are also open to offer for another 26 percent stake in the media firm.
- ⇒ **Hindustan Unilever's (HUL)** acquisition of two digital first brands — **OZiva and Wellbeing Nutrition** — is in line with the premiumisation trend with an increasing number of FMCG players foraying in the high growth **wellness and nutrition category**, which has gained prominence amongst consumers in the post-pandemic world.
- ⇒ **IPL surpasses \$10 billion valuation:** The Indian Premier League (IPL), whose total valuation has surpassed \$10 billion, has evolved into a decacorn. A D and P Advisory report made public on Tuesday states that the league is currently worth \$10.9 billion. Notably, it has shown a startling 75% rise since 2020.
- ⇒ Reliance Projects and Property Management Services — a subsidiary of telecom major **Reliance Jio** — has deposited **Rs 3,720 crore** in an SBI escrow account to acquire mobile tower and fibre assets of **Reliance Infratel**. Reliance Infratel has fibre assets of about 178,000 route kilometres and 43,540 mobile towers across the country. The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** gave an approval to Jio for the acquisition of Reliance Infratel (RITL).
- ⇒ **Goldsikka** with technology support from **Hyderabad-based startup, Opencube Technologies** has launched its first **Gold ATM** at Begumpet and described it India's first Gold ATM and world's first Real Time Gold ATM. This ATM can dispense gold coins in different denominations ranging from 0.5 gm to 100 grams.
- ⇒ Indian Billionaire **Gautam Adani** is to control 64.71% of **New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)** as the founders have decided to sell most of the shares. The founders of **NDTV**, Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika Roy have decided to transfer most of the shares in the company giving Gautam Adani his conglomerate control of about 65% of NDTV. The decision comes after four months after Gautam Adani announced his takeover of the news channel.
- ⇒ With the intent of deepening credit flow to **small businesses** and also helping lenders avoid loan losses on such bets, **credit information company** TransUnion Cibil launched a ranking system for MSME borrowers. The '**FIT Rank**' launched by TransUnion Cibil in association with Online PSB Loans, will rate the over 6 crore **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** by drawing inputs from their current accounts, income tax returns and also **Goods and Service Tax (GST) returns** to arrive at a score between 1-10 to rate a borrower after taking consent to draw the relevant data.
- ⇒ **Reliance Jio** announced it has launched **True 5G services in Andhra Pradesh**. The 5G services were launched in **Tirumala, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur districts**. Apart from their existing investment of Rs 26,000 crore, additionally **Jio has invested over Rs 6,500 crore** for deploying 5G network in Andhra Pradesh. By December 2023, Jio True 5G services will be made available in every town, taluka, mandalam and village of Andhra Pradesh.
- ⇒ **Worldline ePayments India (WEIPL)**, a leader in **digital payments**, has received in-principle authorisation from the **Reserve Bank Of India (RBI)** to act as a **payment aggregator (PA)**. The authorisation by the RBI was under the provisions of the Guidelines on Regulation of Payment dated March 17, 2020.
- ⇒ **Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL)**, a subsidiary of **Reliance Industries Ltd** signed definitive agreements to acquire 100 percent equity stake in **Metro Cash and Carry India Pvt Ltd**, which operates under the '**Metro India**' brand, for a cash consideration of **Rs 2,850 crore**.
- ⇒ To enhance the insurance force in India, the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** will soon introduce "**Bima Vahaks**" in each gram panchayat. **Each Gram Panchayat** will have a 'Bima Vahak' who would be tasked to sell and service simple parametric bundled insurance products, **Bima Vistar**, covering health, property, life and personal accident.
- ⇒ **Tata Consumer** is set to acquire **India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri**, for an estimated **Rs 6,000-7,000 crore**. Chairman **Ramesh Chauhan** is aiming to disinvest Bisleri International to Tata Consumer Products three decades after selling soft drink brands **Thums Up, Gold Spot and Limca to Coca-Cola**
- ⇒ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** has bagged the national award from Pension Fund regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**. So far, the bank has enrolled 3,34,687 (cumulative) accounts under APY. During 2022-23, the bank enrolled 69,132 accounts against the target of 50,320.
- ⇒ **Airtel Payments Bank** introduces a new option, Face authentication-based electronic **KYC**. Previously a user had to link his **Aadhaar card** to his account before completing OTP verification or biometric fingerprint authentication. However, now you need to verify your face to register an account. Recently, a mobile application for authentication was created by the **Unique Identification**





- Authority of India (UIDAI).** Now, business correspondents will only need a smartphone or a document to open an account.
- ⇒ **Payments software company Flywire** has teamed up with **India's Largest private sector giant HDFC Bank** to help students in India **pay education fees** at institutions around the world.
 - ⇒ India's largest wind turbine by Adani New Industries Ltd. in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity & has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet.
 - ⇒ Elon Musk announced that the Twitter Blue Tick service will come with a monthly cost of USD 8 which is about Rs 660. Twitter Blue Tick service includes the coveted verified badge.
 - ⇒ Adani New Industries Ltd. has constructed a wind turbine in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity & has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet
 - ⇒ Tesla Inc.'s former India policy chief is joining homegrown electric scooter startup Ather Energy Pvt, one of the best-funded fledgling firms in a sector attracting record investment. Manuj Khurana who quit his post as Tesla's local head of policy & business development in June, will start next week at the firm based in the southern technology hub of Bangalore.
 - ⇒ Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) has taken up a project to build Mongolia's first Greenfield oil refinery on the outskirts of the capital city, Ulaanbaatar.
 - ⇒ Reliance Industries is set to acquire German retailer Metro AG's Cash & Carry business in India in a deal estimated at around ₹500.
 - ⇒ Reliance Jio to extend its Jio True 5G services to Bengaluru & Hyderabad. Reliance has already successfully Beta-launched Jio True-5G in major cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Varanasi, & Nathdwara.
 - ⇒ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the launch of the BHIM App open-source license model to regulate entities participating in the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ecosystem. The source code of the BHIM App will help those who do not have a UPI app of their own, to empower them to launch their own UPI App.
 - ⇒ IT company Wipro has reached an agreement with employee representatives on setting up a European Works Council, the company said. The creation of Wipro's EWC is the first to be established by an Indian headquartered company.
 - ⇒ India has become LinkedIn's fastest-growing market as more companies & advertisers come online, with sales in the country rising at a 50% year-on-year clip. LinkedIn is a "The Microsoft" owned business networking service company.
 - ⇒ Reliance Industries has appointed K V Kamath as the Independent Director of the company for a period of five years.
 - ⇒ **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL: first time in the history of corporate India** that a company has used metaverse to engage with its stakeholders.
 - ⇒ **Shippocket is the first inter-city logistics provider to plug into the ONDC network**, enabling sellers from all segments to ship products to cities & towns across India|ONDC is a private non-profit Section 8 company **established by the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT)** of the Govt. of India to develop open e-commerce. In dec 2021
 - ⇒ **Dabur India** to acquire 51 percent stake in **Badshah Masala** in a Rs 587.52 crore deal
 - ⇒ **Sony & Zee media groups** voluntarily agreed to sell their three Hindi Channels- **Big Magic, Zee Action, & Zee Classic** to address possible anti-competition concerns arising out of their proposed mega-merger deal
 - ⇒ **Elon Musk Fires Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal:** Elon Musk finally completed his \$44 billion acquisition of **Twitter Inc.**,
 - ⇒ **Coca-Cola** announced that its **lemon & lime-flavored soft drink 'Sprite'** has become a **billion-dollar brand** in the Indian market|Coca-Cola announced that its Indian soft drink brand Thumps up has become a billion-dollar brand in 2021. India is the fifth largest market for Coca-Cola globally.
 - ⇒ **India CCI fines Google Rs.1337 crore:** for engaging in anti-competitive behaviour with regard to Android mobile devices.|google CEO : Sundar Pichai
 - ⇒ **Make My Trip, Goibibo (MMT-Go), & OYO** were fined Rs 392 crore by the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. for "unfair business practices". **Make My Trip & Goibibo** will pay a fine of Rs 223.48 crore while OYO will pay Rs 168.88 crore.
 - ⇒ **PhonePe**, launch of its first green data centre in India, leveraging technologies & solutions from Dell Technologies & NTT.
 - ⇒ CASHe, partnered with the Indian Railways Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), to provide a "travel now pay later" (TNPL) payment option on its travel app.
 - ⇒ **1st SemiconIndia Future Design roadshow launched:** in Gujarat.
 - ⇒ **JSW Steel** has joined the **United Nations Global Impact (UNGC)** initiative. The UNGC encourages companies to conduct business responsibly by aligning their operations & strategies with the UN's 10 principles.
 - ⇒ The **govt. will extend a one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to three state-owned fuel retailers** : . **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).** to cover for the losses they incurred on selling domestic





- cooking gas LPG below cost in the last two years, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said
- ⇒ Mahendra Singh Dhoni launched the made-in-India camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features manufactured by Garuda Aerospace.
 - ⇒ **Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI)** announced that after Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International successfully acquired the **25%** of Rs 580 crore investment in the life insurance joint venture (JV) from **IDBI Bank**, it has become the first life insurance firm in India with a 74% stake held by a foreign partner. Ageas' ownership of the JV increased from its prior 49% to 74% after purchasing the extra 25% stake
 - ⇒ Airbnb co-founder **Joseph Gebbia** added to the **Tesla board**: Tesla Inc.
 - ⇒ Amazon India has launched '**AmazeWIT Circles**', to reiterate its commitment to upskilling & providing meaningful **career opportunities to women** in the technology space.
 - ⇒ **Airtel Payments Bank** has started rolling out **1.5 lakh micro ATMs** in a phased manner across tier 2 cities & semi-urban regions to facilitate cash withdrawal for its customers.
 - ⇒ **Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI)** acquired **25%** investment in life insurance joint venture (JV) from **IDBI Bank**, it has become first life insurance firm in India with a 74% stake held by a foreign partner. For a total cash consideration of Rs 580 crore, Ageas has bought extra 25% ownership of IDBI Bank in Ageas Federal Life Insurance.
 - ⇒ The Indian market has surpassed Spain to emerge as third largest market for iconic Spanish porcelain brand Lladro after Japan & US as a comeback in gross sales in 2022.
 - ⇒ Adobe acquired design software company **Figma** for roughly \$20 billion in cash & equity. Adobe's stock fell 17%, marking worst decline since 2010. Dylan Field, co-founder & CEO of **Figma**, will remain in that position. David Wadhwani, president of **Adobe**
 - ⇒ SEBI given Sachin Bansal's fintech business Navi Technologies go-ahead for an **Initial Public Offering (IPO)**, which will help Flipkart co-founder in his efforts to build a financial services conglomerate.
 - ⇒ PhonePe tokenized 14 million credit & debit cards on its network in accordance with RBI guidelines for data security.
 - ⇒ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) & Indian Army collaborated for implementing a CSR project to coach & mentor less privileged girl students in Kargil.
 - ⇒ Air India, a Tata group-owned airline, unveiled a comprehensive **Vihaan.AI** to establish itself as a world-class global airline of Indian origin. Vihaan.AI focuses on growing both its network & fleet.
 - ⇒ Google for \$5.4 billion acquired Cybersecurity company **Mandiant** has been fully acquired according to Thomas Kurian, CEO of Google Cloud.
 - ⇒ **Federal Bank** ranked **63rd** on **Best Workplaces in Asia 2022** & becomes only bank in India to be listed by **Great Place to Work**, global authority on workplace culture
 - ⇒ **Nykaa** recently acquired digital lifestyle guide Little Black Book (LBB)
 - ⇒ Reliance Brands Limited (RBL) inked a deal with luxury brand Balenciaga, to bring brand to Indian market.
 - ⇒ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** inked a **MoU** to establish its first international marketing & sales office in Kuala Lumpur for **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)** Tejas in Malaysia.
 - ⇒ **HPCL Compressed Biogas Project**: uses 100 tonnes of dung per day to make **biogas**, which may be used as vehicle fuel.
 - ⇒ **Gautam Adani** acquiring a controlling stake of **55.18%** in **New Delhi Television (NDTV)**.
 - ⇒ **SIDBI & TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd (TPRMG)**, a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Power, have teamed up to launch green energy businesses programme.
 - ⇒ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** 100% subsidiary, **Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL)**, has merged with parent company.
 - ⇒ Leading vehicle manufacturer, **Maruti Suzuki** has completed **40 years in India**. On occasion, PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated company's electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant at **Hansalpur in Gujarat & passenger vehicle plant at Kharkhoda, Haryana**
 - ⇒ **Clear Skies for Tomorrow: IndiGo**, largest airline innation, announced that it has joined a sustainable effort led by World Economic Forum (WEF).
 - ⇒ **Reliance Industries** chairman **Mukesh Ambani** has announced to build of India's first & one of world's largest **Carbon Fibre plants** at Hazira, Gujarat.
 - ⇒ **Life Insurance Company (LIC)** is out of **top 10 companies by market capitalization** as it has been replaced by Bajaj Finance & Adani Transmission. LIC has dropped to 11th position in list, **Bajaj Finance at 10th, & Adani Transmission at 9th position**.
 - ⇒ Adani Transmission entered top 10 list with a market value of ₹4.43 lakh crore on BSE, which is higher than Bajaj Finance's total mcap of ₹4.42 lakh crore & LIC's ₹4.26 lakh crore.
 - ⇒ **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is on **top of 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 & State Bank of India (SBI).





- ⇒ The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved acquisition of 100 percent equity of **Indiaideas.com** (Billdesk) by PayU Payments. for **USD 4.7 billion**.
- ⇒ Asia's richest man **Gautam Adani**, a ports-to-power conglomerate will build **three Giga factories** for manufacturing solar modules, wind turbines, & hydrogen electrolyzers as part of a **USD 70 billion investment** in clean energy by **2030**.
- ⇒ **Agribazaar** is a private sector electronic Agri mandi, launched '**Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card**'.
- ⇒ **Passenger vehicle wholesales in India** witnessed a **21 per cent annual growth in August**, riding on **improved supplies of semiconductors & festive demand**, according to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.
- ⇒ **Lord's Mark Insurance** receives insurance licence:
- ⇒ **Shiprocket**, a logistics technology platform supported by **Zomato**, raised \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore) in a fundraising round co-led by Temasek & Lightrock India, **Shiprocket** becoming the 106th unicorn in India.
- ⇒ Ratan Tata, unveiled **Goodfellows**, a firm that offers senior folks companionship services. **Goodfellows** completed a successful beta test over the past six months, & the service is now available in Mumbai. Pune, Chennai, & Bangalore are the next target cities
- ⇒ **Google** launched the **Startup School India** initiative, which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 & Tier 3 cities.
- ⇒ **Mastercard** is all set to replace **Paytm** as the title sponsor for all international & domestic cricket matches organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**.
- ⇒ **Nasscom Foundation & Google** + not-for-profit body **Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP)** to help women farmers scale up their business: "**DigiVaani Call Center**" project, initially around 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs shall be covered across six states, **Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana & Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ **Infosys** bought **BASE Life Science**, a company based in **Denmark**, for around 110 million euros (roughly Rs. 875 crore). The acquisition will expand Infosys' knowledge in the life sciences industry & expand its presence in Europe
- ⇒ **Ola Electric** : country's first indigenously developed **lithium-ion cell**. The Bengaluru-based two-wheeler maker will begin the mass production of the **cell- NMC 2170**, from its **Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023**.
- ⇒ **Wipro Ltd.**, headquarters in Bengaluru, announced the signing of a new, five-year contract for digital transformation with **Nokia** of Finland.
- ⇒ **Bharti Airtel** allotted over **7.1 crore equity shares** to **Google** for **Rs 734 a piece**. 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 now holds a 1.2% stake in India's 2 telecom service providers. Other company is Reliance Jio
- ⇒ **OneCard**, a mobile-first credit card company, raised \$100 million in a series D round of funding backed by Temasek, making it the 104th unicorn in India. India has created more than 20 financial unicorns so far in 2022, including **OneCard, Open, Oxyzo, & Yubi** (formerly CredAvenue).
- ⇒ The nation's first 5G private network was successfully tested by **Bharti Airtel** at **Bosch Automotive Electronics' plant** in Bengaluru.
- ⇒ **Boston Consulting Group (BCG) & JSW Steel** : decarbonization & sustainability strategy. In order to help **JSW Steel** on its path to being a net-zero carbon emitter.
- ⇒ Meta CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** : launching a new "**payments in chat**" feature on **Instagram**. With this new feature, users can purchase products from small businesses & track orders via direct messages on Instagram.
- ⇒ **RBI**, as perceived by the Union Government & **Life Insurance Companies (LIC)**, has reportedly accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions & unregulated entities to own more than 40 percent stake in **IDBI Bank** & to sell between 51 & 74 percent of the lender through a strategic divestment process.
- ⇒ **Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCO**: **EV Mitra mobile app**: Information about EV charging stations in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ⇒ **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML)**, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd, & **Ford India Private Limited (FIPL)** : MOU with Govt. of Gujarat (GoG) for potential acquisition of **FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility**.
- ⇒ **Tata Projects** will build national capital region's new airport at **Jewar, Noida International Airport**.
- ⇒ **Stashfin** is a neo banking platform which introduces **#LiveBoundless** – a credit line card especially for women.
- ⇒ **Crypto Rupee Index** launched by **CoinSwitch (CRE8)**. It is India's first benchmark index for measuring performance of Indian Rupee-based crypto sector. **CRE8** monitors performance of eight crypto assets
- ⇒ **Enhanced Access & Service Excellence-EASE** program from 2018-22 catalysing improvements in a variety of areas in Public Sector Banks. **EASENext** program's EASE 5.0 : comprise 2 major initiatives: EASE 5.0 (common PSB reforms agenda) & Bank specific strategic 3-year roadmap (based on individual bank's business priorities).
- ⇒ **Bajaj Finance Limited** : **Har Time EMI On Time**, a digital campaign to raise awareness about importance & advantages of good financial habits for a secure financial future.





- ⇒ **Suryoday Small Finance Bank+ Mobisafar** to provide banking services across India through all of **Mobisafar's franchises & Business Correspondent network**.
- ⇒ **Whatsapp: SMBSaathi Utsav initiative** which aims to support small businesses by helping them to adopt digital mediums like **Whatsapp Business App**. Utsav started initiative with a pilot in **Jaipur's Johri Bazaar & Bapu Bazaar** where over 500 small businesses are being trained.
- ⇒ **Fino Payments Bank Limited + Go Digit General Insurance Limited**, to provide small & medium business owners with shop insurance coverage.
- ⇒ **OmniCard** became **1st RBI licensed PPI (prepaid payment instrument)** to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across country.
- ⇒ **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** received capital markets regulator **Securities & Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)** to launch & raise funds through an **initial public offering (IPO)**.
- ⇒ **Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India)** announced **USD 250 million** in lending support for high-growth, technology-led start-ups in India, which world's third-largest start-up ecosystem
- ⇒ **US Federal Reserve** increased its main interest rate by three-quarters of a percent & signalled that more large rate increases are on way, boosting likelihood of another **recession**.
- ⇒ Electric two-wheeler manufacturer **Ather Energy + State Bank of India** to provide customers with vehicle financing.
- ⇒ Chinese technology conglomerate **Tencent** bought stake worth **USD 264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore)** in Flipkart from its co-founder **Binny Bansal** through its European subsidiary. Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart
- ⇒ **XPay.Life**: India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework, launched its **UPI** services aimed at rural India.
- ⇒ **CASHe** launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on **WhatsApp**
- ⇒ **Adani Transmission Limited's, \$700 million** revolving facility tagged as a '**green loan**' by **Sustainalytics**. This assures green loan framework for revolving facility.
- ⇒ **47th** by **FMNirmala Sitharaman**. Key recommendation:
- ⇒ Cheques, lose or in book form: 18 percent gst, Refund of accumulated input tax credit (ITC) shall not be allowed on edible oils & coal. From January 1, 2023, online sellers with an annual turnover of Rs 40 lakh or Rs 20 lakh-- in case of small & select states-- will be exempt from mandatory registration under GST. move is expected to benefit 120,000 small traders. Currently, small offline sellers are exempted from compulsory registration
- ⇒ **Canara HSBC OBC Life** renamed itself as **Canara HSBC Life** following its third partner **Punjab National Bank's (PNB's)** decision to exit. Currently, **Canara Bank** holds **51% in insurance arm, HSBC holds 26% & PNB 23%**.
- ⇒ **Equitas Small Finance Bank** : kids' savings account called **ENJOI**
- ⇒ **Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)** declared IT resources of **ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank & UPI** managing entity **NPCI** as 'critical information infrastructure', implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security & any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.
- ⇒ **Freo** launched its digital savings account '**Freo Save**' in partnership with **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.
- ⇒ **Karnataka Bank** launched online savings bank (SB) account opening facility through '**Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)**'.
- ⇒ In order to improve quality of life for seniors, **State Bank of India (SBI) & Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)** of Centre will work together to develop an integrated pension platform. SBI field employees were given sessions on pension policy reforms & digitization relating disbursement of pensions to central govt. pensioners at a **two-day banker's awareness event in Udaipur, Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ **DBS Bank India Ltd.** announced that it purchased a 9.9% share in **Svakarma Finance**, a non-deposit taking, non-banking finance company
- ⇒ Fitch Ratings upgraded nine Indian institutions, including **SBI, ICICI Bank, & Axis Bank**, from negative to stable. **Bank of Baroda (BOB), Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Ltd, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), & Union Bank of India** are among other institutions to get a upgrade. Fitch Ratings upgraded 9 India-based banks' Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) to Stable from Negative, while upholding their IDRs.
- ⇒ Funds parked by **Indian individuals & firms in Swiss banks**, including through India-based branches & other financial institutions, jumped to a 14-year-high of 3.83 billion Swiss francs (over Rs 30,500 crore) in 2021, from 2.55 billion Swiss francs (Rs 20,700 crore) at end of 2020
- ⇒ From FY19 through FY22, **Enhanced Access & Service Excellence-EASE** evolved over four year editions, catalysing improvements in a variety of areas in Public Sector Banks. **EASENext** program's EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' was designed for Public Sector Banks & was introduced by Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** through video conference in New Delhi
- ⇒ **Google Pay** has launched '**Tap to Pay for UPI**', new functionality to bring the seamless convenience of Tap to Pay to **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**. The initiative has been launched in collaboration with **Pine Labs**.
- ⇒ **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** has launched its **VAULT** program. It is India's first industry-based digital





customer engagement and rewards program. This program is an experiment to test a new idea under the Regulatory Sandbox of IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India).

- ⇒ Homegrown e-commerce giant, **The Flipkart Group** has constituted and launched the **Flipkart Foundation**, a new platform with a focus on development in rural areas and providing equitable access to growth opportunities for women and other disadvantaged communities. The Flipkart Foundation aims to positively influence 20 million lives directly and indirectly in the coming decade across a wide array of areas by utilising Flipkart's learnings over the years.
- ⇒ **Jio-bp** and **TVS Motor Company** announced that they had agreed to explore the establishment of a comprehensive public **EV charging infrastructure** in India for electric **two-wheelers** and **three-wheelers**, building on Jio-developing bp's network in this field. Customers of **TVS electric vehicles** are likely to gain access to **Jio-extensive bp's charging network**, which is also open to other vehicles, as part of this proposed agreement.
- ⇒ IT major **Infosys** and leading industrial tech company **Rolls-Royce** opened their joint "**aerospace engineering and digital innovation centre**" in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. This centre has been established to provide high-end R&D services integrated with advanced digital capabilities to Rolls-Royce's engineering and group business services from India.
- ⇒ **Paytm** has become an official digital payments partner for the prime ministers' museum. It is offering its payment gateway, **EDC (Electronic Data Capture) machines** and QR code payment options to make way for superfast, convenient and secure transactions. The museum, which is a tribute to former Prime Ministers of India, will be opened to the public on April 21, 2022. PM Modi also purchased the first ticket of the museum before its inauguration.
- ⇒ The **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has launched an initiative called **Fincluvation**, as a part of the occasion of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to celebrate the **75th anniversary of Indian Independence**. Fincluvation is a joint initiative to collaborate with the **Fintech Startup** community to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion. Fincluvation will be a permanent platform of IPPB to co-create inclusive financial solutions with participating start-ups.
- ⇒ **Elon Musk**, the **world's richest man**, agreed to acquire **Twitter for \$44 billion**, ending a drama that included **hostile takeover** threats before handing him personal control of one of the **world's most powerful social media networks**.
- ⇒ **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**. This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE, to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI. NIPL and NEOPAY, the payment subsidiary of Mashreq bank, partnered last year to create the acceptance infrastructure in the UAE.

- ⇒ **Reliance Industries Limited** has become the first Indian company to hit the **Rs 19 lakh crore** market valuation mark in intra-day trade. The market heavyweight stock jumped 1.85 per cent to its record high of Rs 2,827.10 during the day on the BSE. It finally settled flat at Rs 2,777.90, up 0.08 per cent.
- ⇒ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd to power SBI Card's digital transformation. TCS had helped the SBI cards to transform its core cards sourcing platform and digitized a significant portion of the process. TCS has been providing services to SBI Card for over a decade since **2008**, and the new deal represents an extension of that relationship.
- ⇒ **Pencilton**, a teen-focused fintech startup, has launched PencilKey, a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) compliant RuPay contactless keychain, in partnership with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and **Transcorp**. Users can activate and manage their PencilKey through the Pencilton app which is also used to load money, check spends, block/unblock the account, set limits, etc.
- ⇒ **The World Bank** has approved a **USD 47 million projects** to support the Government of **India's Mission Karmayogi**, a national program to build civil service capacity. There are nearly 18 million civil servants employed across India, with approximately two-thirds at the state government and local authority levels.
- ⇒ The **Tata Group** has been attempting to improve **Air India's performance** since its takeover in **January 2022**. That includes its on-time performance. **The Tata's most recent job** is to consolidate their **aviation operations**. The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has already been notified of **Air India's intention to merge with AirAsia India**.
- ⇒ **Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (Irdai)** has stated that **LIC, GIC Re & New India** continue to be identified as **Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)** for 2021-22
- ⇒ **NTPC Ltd.** is set to acquire a 5 per cent equity stake in **Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL)**. Government is planning to expand the share of the spot power market in the total electricity supply in India to **25 per cent** by 2023-





24. At present, the size of short-term power trading is about **5 per cent**.
- ⇒ **Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited** has announced the launch of **India's First Auto sector ETF – Nippon India Nifty Auto ETF**.
 - ⇒ Alphabet Inc.-owned, **Google** has acquired Israeli cybersecurity startup **Siemplify**, in a deal worth **\$500 million**.
 - ⇒ Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Retail** has invested **\$200 million** or around **Rs 1,488 crore** in Bengaluru-based quick commerce player **Dunzo** for a **25.8% stake** on a fully diluted basis. The move will help Reliance get a foothold in the country's growing quick delivery market. Dunzo raised a total of \$240 million in this latest round led by the Reliance Industries Ltd arm.
 - ⇒ **Central Government of India** is set to become the largest shareholder in **Vodafone Idea**. The company's board approved the conversion of **Rs 16,000 crores** in interest into equity. India's third-largest network **Vi or Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)** has approved the interest on the spectrum & **Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)** dues into government equity.
 - ⇒ **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)** became the largest & fastest-growing **UPI beneficiary bank in India**. It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over **926 million UPI transactions** in a single month.
 - ⇒ Union Cabinet approved infusion of **1500 crore** rupees in **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited**. It will help generate **10,200 jobs** a year & reduce carbon emissions equivalent to approximately **7.49 million tonnes** per year. IREDA is a **Non-Banking Financial Institution** engaged in promoting, developing, & extending financial assistance for setting up projects relating to new & renewable sources of energy.
 - ⇒ **Microsoft Corp.** is set to acquire game making company, **Activision Blizzard Inc.**, in an all-cash transaction for **\$68.7 billion. (\$95.00 per share)**
 - ⇒ **Tata Group** has chosen **State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda & HDFC Bank** as preferred bankers for **Air India**. Recently Tata Group has taken over Air India from the government. Air India is the largest international carrier out of India with an **18.6%** market share. Tata Sons have availed of a **Rs 10,000-crore loan** from SBI & a **Rs 5,000-crore loan** from BoB. The loan from HDFC Bank is not known yet. The loans are unrated, unsecured, & pegged at **4.25% [interest rate]** annually.
 - ⇒ The **government of India** officially handed over India's flag carrier, **Air India** to the **Tata Group** almost 69 years after acquiring the conglomerate. The total value of the deal is **Rs 18,000 crore (US\$2.4 billion)**. The strategic disinvestment transaction of Air India includes the transfer of a 100% stake of Gol in Air India to Tata Sons, along with management control.
 - ⇒ **Pencilton** launched **PencilCard** in partnership with **Transcorp**, a debit card that is compliant with **National Common Mobility Card standards**. It has been launched in partnership with **Transcorp**. The National Common Mobility Card was developed by India's Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in early 2019. It allows the user to pay for travel, toll duties, retail shopping & withdraw money.
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 - ⇒ **NPCI & the UPI ecosystem** (comprising of leading banks & fintechs) announced the UPI Safety & Awareness initiative, to create awareness amongst consumers. Under this, NPCI & the UPI ecosystem will observe **February 1-7** as '**UPI Safety & Awareness Week**' & the whole of February as '**UPI Safety & Awareness Month**'.
 - ⇒ **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.** marked its foray into the non-fuel retailing sector by inaugurating its Retail Store under the brand name **HaPpyShop**, to make available the products of daily need to its customers at their convenience.
 - ⇒ **Sony Group Corp.** is purchasing **Bungie Inc.**, the U.S. video game developer behind the popular Destiny & Halo franchises, for **\$3.6 billion** to bolster its stable of game-making studios.
 - ⇒ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** partnered with Airtel Payments Bank to offer cyber insurance to customers of the bank.
 - ⇒ **Razorpay** expanded into South-East Asia with the acquisition of a majority stake in a Malaysian fintech firm Curlec, valuing the company between \$19-20 million. The Kuala Lumpur-based, Curlec builds solutions for recurring payments for businesses.
 - ⇒ **Central Bureau of Investigation** booked **ABG Shipyard** for an alleged **Rs 22,842-crore financial fraud**.
 - ⇒ **Paisabazaar.com** partnered with **RBL Bank Limited** to offer '**Paisha on Demand**' (PoD), a credit card that will be exclusively available on the Paisabazaar platform.
 - ⇒ **SIDBI** launched '**Waste to Wealth Creation**' programme for women in the Sundarbans in **West Bengal**. In this, the women will make ornaments & showpieces from the fish scales. SIDBI will extend benefits to 50 women indirectly generating revenues from alternate livelihoods.
 - ⇒ **SEBI** board has decided to make provision for separation of the roles of **chairperson & MD/CEO** as '**voluntary**' against '**mandatory**' earlier.
 - ⇒ **Jio Platforms** picked up a **25% stake** in US-based deep-tech startup company **TWO Platforms** for **\$15 million**. Two Platforms is an artificial reality company that focuses on building interactive & immersive AI experiences.





- ⇒ **MeitY Startup Hub & Google** have a cohort of 100 early to mid-stage Indian startups as a part of **Appscale Academy** programme.
- ⇒ **Adani Green Energy Ltd** subsidiary **Adani Renewable Energy Holding Fifteen Limited** has obtained (LOA) to build a **150-megawatt solar power plant**. For a period of 25 years, fixed rate for this project capacity is **\$2.34/kWh**.
- ⇒ **Tata Motors** launched showroom on wheels named '**Anubhav**,' to target rural customers by increasing reach in rural areas & providing with a doorstep car buying experience.
- ⇒ **Hero MotoCorp** has unveiled a new brand "**Vida**", (**Vida means life**) for its emerging mobility solutions & upcoming electric vehicles and also a \$100 million Global Sustainability Fund that will help company to nurture more than 10,000 entrepreneurs on ESG solutions.
- ⇒ **Paytm**, partnership with **Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to provide consumers with digital ticketing services via **Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM)** installed at railway stations across country through **QR codes**
- ⇒ **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** opened **Jio World Centre**, India's largest & most prestigious multi-faceted destination at **Mumbai's Bandra Kurla complex**
- ⇒ **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** established **L&T-SuFin e-commerce platform**, first complete e-commerce platform for industrial products & services sold to or businesses.
- ⇒ **IIFL Securities Limited (Formerly India Infoline Limited)** launched '**OneUp**', India's first primary markets investment platform. Investment can be made in initial public offerings (IPOs), non-convertible debentures (NCDs) & sovereign gold bonds (SGBs) etc.
- ⇒ **Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)**, a subsidiary of **Coal India**, has become country's largest coal producer. produced **157 million tonnes** of coal.
- ⇒ **Razorpay**, a **fintech unicorn**, purchased of **IZealant Technologies**, a renowned Fintech business that provides banks with payments technology solutions.
- ⇒ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, a 'Maharatna', with **UltraCash Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** to provide **BharatGas** customers with a **voice-based digital payment option** for booking LPG cylinders. Customers who do not have access to a smartphone or internet can use this feature to book cylinders & pay via '**UPI 123PAY**' system.
- ⇒ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** designed "**UPI Lite – On-Device wallet**" ("**UPI Lite**") functionality for UPI users for small value transactions. About 75% of total volume of retail transactions (including cash) in India are below Rs 100 transaction value. 50% of total UPI transactions are having a transaction value of up to Rs 200/-. To easily process such small value transactions, NPCI has launched this facility of "UPI Lite".
- ⇒ **PhonePe**, a **digital payments & financial services company**, has acquired **GigIndia**, a network for independent micro-entrepreneurs based in Pune.
- ⇒ Multiplex companies **INOX Leisure Ltd & PVR Ltd** have merger of its two companies. Inox will have a **16.66% stake** in new firm & PVR will have a **10.62% stake**. company will be known as **PVR Inox Limited**. **Ajay Bijli** will be Managing Director of PVR Inox Limited, **Sanjeev Kumar** - executive director & **Pavan Kumar Jain** - non-executive chairman of consolidated board.
- ⇒ **SIDBI**, MoU with Government of **Meghalaya's Meghalaya Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Ltd. [MiDFC]** to develop state's MSME ecosystem.
- ⇒ **Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd** has debut of **Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan** via **PhonePe** app, a non-linked non-participating individual pure risk premium life insurance plan aimed at digitally savvy customers.
- ⇒ **SBI Cards & Payment Services** with **Paytm** for card tokenization to protect the data of the cardholders. Tokenization refers to masking the original card number by replacing it with a set of unique characters, termed as token, which secures the customer's card details when a transaction is under process.
- ⇒ **SBI General Insurance Company Ltd.** launched a campaign titled '**#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao**' to increase awareness around the need to buy health insurance to save tax.
- ⇒ **YES Asset Management** renamed as **WhiteOak Capital Asset Management** & therefore the name of **YES Mutual Fund** changed to **WhiteOak Capital Mutual Fund**. **White Oak Capital** group provides investment management & advisory services for equity assets of over Rs 42,000 crore.

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- ⇒ In a first, **four US Army officers** part of the **11th Airborne Division** were promoted high up on **Nanda Devi**, India's second-highest Himalayan peak, during the 18th edition of India-US joint military exercise '**Yudh Abhyas**' in Uttarakhand. **Capt. Cerruti, Lt. Russell, Lt. Brown and Lt. Hack** became the first four US Army Officers to be promoted in the Himalayas during **Yudh Abhyas** Exercise.
- ⇒ **Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps** carried out **Exercise Sudarshan Prahar** in the deserts of **Rajasthan**. The exercise focussed on the synergised application of combat power through the integration of force multipliers & practising new battle techniques in an integrated all arms environment showcasing high level of professionalism and offensive spirit.





- ⇒ **The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior**, a bilateral exercise between the **Singapore & Indian Army**, which had commenced on 13 November 2022 concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra). Exercise Agni Warrior, involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery arm of both armies.
- ⇒ To mark the **51st anniversary of India's victory** in the **Longewala battle** during the 1971 war, **Parakram Diwas** celebrated at Jaisalmer Military Station and Longewala War Memorial in Rajasthan on **December 5**.
- ⇒ **The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam**, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between **Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs** commenced in Goa. The present edition which will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based at San Diego, US and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu together aims at exchange of ideas and experiences on various aspects of maritime special operations.
- ⇒ The **Bangladesh Navy** is hosting the **first-ever International Fleet Review** at Inani of Cox's Bazar between December 6 and 9. Naval commanders, ships from some **30 countries** including the **United States, China, India** and the neighbouring Myanmar would participate in the international gathering. Indian Navy ships **Kochi, Kavaratti and Sumedha** will participate in this.
- ⇒ The 39th edition of **India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022. Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Karmuk**, an indigenously built Missile **Corvette** participated in the pre-deployment briefing at **Belawan, Indonesia**.
- ⇒ **Indian Army's Airawat Division** conducted **Ex Sanchaar Bodh** in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab. The exercise validated tactical communication capabilities. The formation reaffirmed its determination to win at any cost under adverse conditions.
- ⇒ The 6th Edition of **Indo – Kazakhstan** joint training exercise **"KAZIND-22"** is conducted at **Umroi (Meghalaya)** from 15 to 28 December 2022. The scope of this exercise involves a Command Post Exercise (CPX) at the Battalion level and Company level Field Training Exercise (FTX) on sub-conventional operations.
- ⇒ The 16th Edition of **Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XVI"** between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 – 29 December 2022. Exercise "SURYA KIRAN" is conducted annually between India and Nepal with the aim to enhance interoperability in **jungle warfare & counter terrorism** operations in mountainous terrain and HADR under UN mandate.
- ⇒ **Veer Guardian 23: Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, **"Veer Guardian 23"**, from January 16 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan. The IAF is fielding four Su-30MKI fighters from No.
- ⇒ **Indian Air Force** successfully tested the extended range version of the **BrahMos Air Launched Missile** against the Ship Target in the Bay of Bengal from the SU-30 MKI fighter jet. The test was carried out on 29th December 2022 and according to the Defence Ministry, the **Supersonic cruise missile** successfully achieved all its mission objectives.
- ⇒ **The Indian Army** inaugurated its first **3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration)** for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantt. The dwelling unit has been constructed by the **Military Engineering Services (MES)** in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd incorporating the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology.
- ⇒ The bilateral training exercise **"AUSTRA HIND 22"** between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at **Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan**.
- ⇒ **India – Malaysia** joint military Exercise **"Harimau Shakti - 2022"** commenced at Pulau, Kluang, Malaysia
- ⇒ **South Western Command of the Indian Army** conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, **"SHATRUNASH"** at MFFR in Thar desert of Rajasthan.
- ⇒ The **13th edition** of bilateral exercise between the **Indian and the Royal Oman navies, Naseem Al Bahr-2022**, commenced off the coast of Oman. The exercise is being conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase. The Indian Navy's guided missile frigate Trikan
- ⇒ **Air Fest 2022** showcased maneuvers of **planes & helicopters** in the arsenal of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** in an annual event organized at **Head Quarters Maintenance Command, Vayusena Nagar** in Nagpur. The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. (
- ⇒ **The Special Forces of India and Indonesia** commenced the joint military exercise **Garuda Shakti**. The exercise is currently underway in **Indonesia at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang**.
- ⇒ **Indian Air Force** is conducting the Annual Joint **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022'** at Air Force Station Agra
- ⇒ first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak Helicopter, & MARCOS
- ⇒ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** launched **75 new projects including the virtual launch of two helipads**, one in Hanle & one in Thakung in Eastern Ladakh. These helipads are aimed to enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force in the region. Several other key infra projects were also unveiled which include bridges, roads, & helipads projects in Jammu & Kashmir border areas





- ⇒ **India's Ministry of Defence is the world's biggest employer with 2.92 million people**, which includes combined active service personnel, reservists & civilian staff, according to a report in 'Statista'.
- ⇒ **Operation Vigilant Storm**: The U.S. Air Force & several of its allies in the Asia-Pacific area will improve combat readiness & interoperability through Operation Vigilant Storm, a four-day training exercise involving hundreds of aircraft.
- ⇒ **Army Commanders' Conference** begins in New Delhi to brainstorm on current & emerging security & administrative aspects & chart the future course for the Indian Army
- ⇒ India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise begins in Yokosuka of Japan. In the Malabar Naval Exercise, Australia, Japan & the USA are also participating.
- ⇒ Indian Army organizes fair/mela in continuation of Diamond jubilee celebrations of Battle of Walong in Arunachal Pradesh. It is part of the Diamond jubilee celebrations of the Battle of Walong to commemorate the bravery & sacrifice of the Indian Army while defending the Indian territory against the Chinese aggression of 1962
- ⇒ The Indian Navy conducted a structured exercise to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. The exercise was named 'Prasthan' by the Indian Navy.
- ⇒ The third edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' will be conducted from 15 to 16 November 2022. This National Level Coastal Defence Exercise was conceptualized in 2018 to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security since '26/11'.
- ⇒ Indian Army is celebrating the 242nd Corps of Engineers Day on 18th November.
- ⇒ For the first time in the history of the Indian Army, 6 women officers will attend the prestigious Defence Services Staff College (DSSC). Out of 15 women officers who appeared for this year's examination for DSSC, six cracked the competition.
- ⇒ INS Trikand has participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Operation "Sea Sword 2" in the Northwest Arabian Sea. The operation was held to prevent narcotics trade & stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities. Earlier, the 26th edition of the multinational maritime exercise "MALABAR 22" culminated in Japan
- ⇒ Army Chief General Manoj Pande received a Guard of Honour at the Les Invalides in Paris
- ⇒ Indian Army registered for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of the new design & camouflage pattern uniform to establish the ownership. The Controller General of Patents, Designs, & Trademark, Kolkata completed the registration process.
- ⇒ **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** has launched a multi-phase '**Operation Garuda**'. will help to disrupt, degrade, & dismantle networks with international linkages through the rapid exchange of **criminal intelligence on drug trafficking**.
- ⇒ **Indian Army** celebrated the **73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army** on 9th October 2022. to commemorate its raising by the **first Governor General Shri C Rajagopalachari** on this day in 1949.
- ⇒ On the occasion of the **90th anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF)**, the Centre has approved the creation of a weapon system branch for **IAF officers**.
- ⇒ The **National Security Guard (NSG)** is hosting the Multinational **Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE)** under the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)** at NSG Manesar Garrison. SCO RATS Executive Committee: based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- ⇒ **INS Tarkash** reached Port Greqhrea which is also known as **Port Elizabeth in South Africa** to participate in the seventh edition of **IBSAMAR**, a joint multinational maritime exercise among **Indian, Brazilian, & South African Navies**.
- ⇒ '**Prasthan**' an Offshore Security Exercise was conducted by the **Eastern Naval Command** in the **Offshore Development Area (ODA)** off Kakinada.'
- ⇒ **Indian Army** signed MoU with 11 banks for providing banking facilities to **Agniveers** on enrolment.
- ⇒ **India registered defence exports worth Rs 8,000 crore in six months of the current financial year & aims to achieve the annual export target of Rs 35,000 crore by 2025,**
- ⇒ **PowerEx-2022**: 193 invited Power Sector Utilities to participate in the Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX" that was successfully designed & carried out by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (**CERT-IN**) & Power-CSIRTs.
- ⇒ **Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala** to conduct the **Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022** at Marakkar Watermanship Training Centre in Kerala.
- ⇒ The **Indian & US militaries** carried out a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise in **Vishakhapatnam** named **The Tiger Triumph exercise**
- ⇒ **Garuda VII air exercise**: At Air Force Station Jodhpur, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** & the **French Air & Space Force (FASF)**
- ⇒ **29th Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)**. The two phases of **SIMBEX-2022** are the Harbour Phase at **Visakhapatnam** & the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal.





- ⇒ first edition of the **India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise** commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
- ⇒ **Abhyas drill**: Coast Guards of India & United States participated Of coast of Chennai
- ⇒ **Indian Army's Kharga Corps & Indian Air Force** have conducted a joint exercise '**Gagan Strike**' in Punjab
- ⇒ **13th edition** of **India-US** joint special forces exercise **Vajra Prahar 2022** concluded at **Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh**.
- ⇒ **The sixth edition** of **Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22)**, hosted by Indian Navy, began in **Bay of Bengal**.
- ⇒ **National Defense MSME Conclave & Exhibition**: two-day National Defense MSME Conclave & Exhibition begins in Kota, Rajasthan.
- ⇒ **Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pandey** has inaugurated **Kargil International Marathon** in Ladakh
- ⇒ The 10th National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise **SAREX-22** was carried out by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Chennai.
- ⇒ The new Naval emblem was also revealed by PM. Comprises of two main constituents - the National Flag in the upper left canton, & a Navy Blue - Gold octagon at the centre of the fly side (away from the staff). The Octagon is encompassing the golden National Emblem (Lion Capital of Ashoka – underscribed with 'Satyamev Jayate' in blue Devnagri script) . The motto of the Indian Navy 'Sam No Varunah' is also inscribed
- ⇒ North Korea has approved a law that gives it authority to launch a nuclear attack in advance.

Equipments:

- ⇒ **Early Intervention Center "Prayas"** at Delhi, built with goal of easing suffering & fostering confidence in parents while dealing with children who have special needs.
- ⇒ The military camp at Kibithu Garrison, which is very close to **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** in Arunachal Pradesh, renamed as '**Gen Bipin Rawat military garrison**' in honour of country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). As a young Colonel, Rawat commanded his **Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles** at Kibithu from 1999-2000
- ⇒ **Border Security Force (BSF)** first female camel riding squad will be deployed along India-Pakistan border in **Rajasthan & Gujarat**.
- ⇒ **ENC Yachting Championship** was conducted by INWTC, INS Circas under aegis of HQENC at Vishakhapatnam.
- ⇒ **NCC & UNEP sign an agreement**: Rajnath Singh, defence minister, saw signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between National Cadet Corps (NCC) & United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ⇒ **Defense Ministry signs an MoU with BoB & HDFC** as part of **SPARSH-System for Pension Administration program**
- ⇒ **3rd Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022"**: conducted at **Chandimandir, Haryana**: Theme:

"**Employment & deployment of an Engineer Company & a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations**".

- ⇒ **Indian Armed Forces: "Operation Vijay"**, Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil sector has been christened as **Gun Hill**.
- ⇒ **4th India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV'** in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- ⇒ 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**.
- ⇒ **Indian Navy** guided-missile frigate **INS Tarkash**, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** with French naval ships in the **North Atlantic Ocean**
- ⇒ Indian Air Force (IAF) + Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF): bilateral exercise '**Udarashakti**'
- ⇒ People's Liberation Army of **China** will take part in the **Vostok-2022** strategic command & staff exercise in **Russia**, which also includes the armies of **India**, Belarus, Tajikistan, & Mongolia, according to the country's defence ministry
- ⇒ **Indian Army** has conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise named '**Ex Skylight**', main objective was to test the operational readiness & robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems, in the event of an attack by an adversary.
- ⇒ **12th edition of the Defence Expo**, India's flagship exhibition on **Land, Naval & Homeland Security systems**, will be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**: theme: '**Path to Pride**'
- ⇒ **India-US Joint Special Forces** exercise 13th "**Ex Vajra Prahar 2022**", at **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**.
- ⇒ A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defense Force & Indian Navy in the Andaman Sea. INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel & JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer,
- ⇒ Indian Navy's stealth frigate Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash, visited Djibouti as part of long-range overseas deployment followed by Maritime Partnership Exercise with Sudan Navy ships Almazz (PC 411) & Nimer (PC 413) in the Red Sea.
- ⇒ 3rd edition of Ex VINBAX 2022 military exercise : Indian Army & Vietnam People's Army | • To be held at: Chandimandir, Panchkula (Haryana)
- ⇒ 4th edition of AL NAJAH military exercise (AL NAJAH-IV) : Indian Army & Royal Army of Oman | To be held at: Rajasthan
- ⇒ Indian Air Force announced that three Su-30 MKI planes & two C-17 transport aircraft are taking part in a **month-long tactical leadership programme in Egypt**.





- ⇒ **India-Bangladesh:** Military training exercise: **Ex SAMPRITI-X:** at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh
- ⇒ **Indian Army** contingent from **LADAKH SCOUTS** at multinational exercise **"Ex Khaan Quest 2022"** with 16 other countries in **Mongolia**.
- ⇒ **38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between **Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) & Indonesian Navy** in **Andaman Sea & Straits of Malacca**.
- ⇒ The **20th** edition of the **Bilateral Naval Exercise** between the **Indian Navy and French Navy** named **'VARUNA'** is being conducted in the **Arabian Sea** from **March 30 to April 03, 2022**.
- ⇒ The **Indian Air Force** organised a conclave at **Air Force Station, Hakimpet** on **02 April 2022**, to commemorate **60 years of glorious service by Chetak Helicopter in IAF**.
- ⇒ Vice Chief Lieutenant General, **Manoj Pande** is all set to become **Chief of the Army Staff** as the incumbent Army Chief General **M.M. Naravane**, who is being seen as the frontrunner for the Chief of Defence Staff's post, is due to retire by the end of this month. Being senior-most in the office after General Naravane, Lt Gen Pande will take over the reign.
- ⇒ The **9th Edition** of the **India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise** was held in **March-April, 2022** at **Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP)**.
- ⇒ The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested **"Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet" (SFDR)** booster on **April 08, 2022**, at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha**.
- ⇒ The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** and **Indian Army** successfully flight-tested a new version of the **Pinaka rocket system** at the **Pokhran firing ranges**.
- ⇒ A team of scientists from the **Defence 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.
- ⇒ Two **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopters Mark-III** were inducted into the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**. The choppers will be based out of **Kochi's Coast Guard Aviation Squadron**. These choppers were the ninth and tenth in a series of **16 ALH**.
- ⇒ Union Home and Cooperative Minister, **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the **Seema Darshan Project at Nadabet** on the **Indo-Pak border in Banaskantha District of Gujarat**
- ⇒ **Israel** successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system **'Iron Beam'** which can destroy any airborne object including drones. **Iron Beam** is the world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming **UAVs, rockets, mortars, long-range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc.**
- ⇒ Exercise **KRIPAN SHAKTI**, an Integrated Fire Power exercise was recently conducted by **The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps** at the **Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR), near Siliguri, West Bengal**. The exercise was led by Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar and General Officer Commanding Trishakti Corps.
- ⇒ A national seminar on Logistics Management **'LOGISEM VAYU – 2022'** was held on **28 April 2022** at **Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi**. The Chief of the Air Staff **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** inaugurated the seminar and delivered the keynote address.
- ⇒ The **Indian Navy** launched the sixth and last submarine, **Yard 11880**, of the French Scorpene-class under **Project 75**, at the **Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai**. The submarine has been named **'Vagsheer'**.
- ⇒ The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** kicked off the **8th edition** of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise, **'NATPOLREX-VIII'**, on **April 19, 2022**, off **Mormugao harbour, Goa**. The marine spill preparedness exercise was inaugurated by Defence Secretary **Dr Ajay Kumar**.
- ⇒ **INS Gomati** was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard under the command of **Captain Sudip Malik**. **INS Gomati** derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on **16 April 1988** by then Defence Minister, **KC Pant**, at **Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay**. The third ship of the **Godavari class guided-missile frigates**, **INS Gomati** was also the oldest warrior of the western fleet when decommissioned.
- ⇒ **Nirdeshak**, the second of the **four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) projects** being built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** in collaboration with **L&T shipbuilding** for the **Indian Navy** was launched, at **Kattupalli, Chennai**. The ship has taken its name from erstwhile **Nirdeshak** which was also an **Indian Naval Survey ship** and was decommissioned after **32 years of glorious service in December 2014**.
- ⇒ Haryana's Captain **Abhilasha Barak** has become the first woman officer to join the **Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator** after successfully completing her training. She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in **Nashik**. She has been assigned to the second flight of the **2072 Army Aviation Squadron**. She was commissioned into the **Indian Army** from the **Officers Training Academy, Chennai** in **2018**.





- ⇒ The third edition of **Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise 'Bongosagar'** commenced at **Port Mongla, Bangladesh on 24 May 2022**. The Harbour Phase of the exercise begins from 24-25 May which will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 26-27 May.
- ⇒ The **Indian Air Force (IAF) ranks third on World Air Power Index** in terms of Fighting strength of different air force services of different countries. In 2022, the **world directory of modern military Aircraft (WDMMA)** published the Global Air Power Rankings. In this report, the Indian Air Force is placed in third place, above the Chinese Air force, or People's Libertarian Army Air Force (PLAAF), the French Air and Space Power, and the Israeli Aviation Based Armed Forces.
- ⇒ The **Army Training Command** and Gandhinagar-based **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)** inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a **Wargame Research and Development Centre** in New Delhi. The project, dubbed '**WARDEC**' as a prototype, will be India's first simulation-based training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to create virtual reality wargames.
- ⇒ **Red Shield Division** of the **Indian Army** under the aegis of Spear Corps entered into a tripartite agreement with the **State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF)** and the **National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO)** to establish 'Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness' in Manipur's Bishnupur district. The project '**Manipur Super 50**' is expected to be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.
- ⇒ The second sea trials of **India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant** began, ahead of her anticipated induction into the **Indian Navy** in August next year. In August, the **40,000-tonne aircraft carrier**, India's largest and **most sophisticated warship**, successfully conducted a **five-day maiden sea cruise**.
- ⇒ Air Marshal **Sanjeev Kapoor** has assumed the appointment of **Director General (Inspection and Safety) of Indian Air Force** at Air HQ New Delhi. The Air Marshal is a graduate of the National Defence Academy and was commissioned in the Flying branch of IAF in December 1985 as a Transport Pilot.
- ⇒ The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** was founded on **7th May 1960** as a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam (everything is achievable through hard work) as its motto. On **7 May 2022** BRO celebrated its **62nd Raising Day** (foundation day).
- ⇒ The Indian Navy plans to purchase a specialised earth imaging satellite **Geo Imaging Satellite-2 (GISAT-2)**, this fiscal year as part of its modernisation and network-centric combat and communications programme
- ⇒ At the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi, the Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, **845 Squadron**. The new Air Squadron was commissioned by Coast Guard Director **General V S Pathania** and is equipped with Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters produced in-house.
- ⇒ **India** has invited a total of 46 friendly foreign countries to participate in the multinational naval **exercise Milan** in **Visakhapatnam**, scheduled from February 25, 2022. The theme of this 11th edition of exercise Milan is **camaraderie, cohesion & collaboration**. This exercise was initiated in 1995 & held biennially & conducted with friendly navies.
- ⇒ **India** & its partners in the **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad** along with **Canada & South Korea** are participating in the multinational exercise **Sea Dragon 2022** at **Guam in the Western Pacific**. The six nations that are participating in the exercise are the **United States, Australia, Canada, India, Japan & South Korea**.
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- ⇒ **Indian Navy & Russian Navy** undertook **PASSEX exercises** at the port of **Cochin**, in the **Arabian Sea**. The Indian Navy's indigenously designed & built guided-missile destroyer, **INS Kochi**, took part in the exercise. Russian Federation Navy was represented by **RFS Admiral Tributs**.
- ⇒ The Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh** has set up an online **Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal** to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen (ESM) & their dependents. on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day.
- ⇒ A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the **Indian Navy & Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF)** in the **Bay of Bengal** in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19. The Indian side was represented by **Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik & INS Kadmat** while JMSDF Ships **Uraga & Hirado** participated from the Japanese side. Strengthening bilateral relations, promoting defence cooperation, enhancing mutual understanding & interoperability, & sharing best practices between IN & JMSDF.
- ⇒ **Russia** delivered all the contracted **70,000 AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles** to the Indian Armed Forces. The total cost of the contract is around **Rs 5,124 crore**. The contract included procuring 70,000 rifles off the shelf.
- ⇒ **Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy** conducted a joint maritime exercise **Paschim Lehar (XPL-2022)** off the West Coast which concluded.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Defence** launched **Services e-Health Assistance & Teleconsultation (SeHAT)** medical teleconsultation service for all entitled armed forces personnel & their families in May 2021. To add further to





- this initiative, the Home Delivery or Self Pickup of Medicines to patients seeking consultation on SeHAT started from **February 01, 2022**.
- ⇒ 44-member contingents of the **Indian Air Force** reached the **Changi International Airport in Singapore** to participate in the '**Singapore Air Show-2022**'.
 - ⇒ Indian army conducted first-of-its-kind **Hackathon** named "**Sainya Ranakshetram**". It was conducted in the **Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE)** under the overall guidance of the Shimla-based **Army Training Command (ARTRAC)**.
 - ⇒ Govt. approved the continuation of the **Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme)** for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Total Central financial outlay for five years is **Rs. 26,275 crores**. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
 - ⇒ Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched '**Smart Card Arms License**' & '**Shastra App**' of the **Delhi Police**, on the occasion of the **75th anniversary of Delhi Police** to provide techno-friendly digital services to the citizens of the national capital. According to Delhi Police, the smart card, with inherent security features, is easy to carry & handle. The card will be printed in-house after verification of data of the arms license holders.
 - ⇒ **Indian Air Force & Royal Air Force of Oman** organised a bilateral air exercise named **Eastern Bridge-VI** at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Eastern Bridge-VI is the sixth edition of the exercise.
 - ⇒ **Indian Navy** received the **12th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I** from the US-based aerospace company Boeing.
 - ⇒ The latest edition of Indian Navy's multilateral exercise **MILAN 2022** held in the '**City of Destiny**', **Visakhapatnam**.
 - ⇒ Chief of Army Staff presented **Presidential Colours** to four parachute battalions at **Parachute Regiment Training Centre in Bengaluru**. The four battalions are the **11 Para (Special Forces), 21 Para (Special Forces), 23 Para, & 29 Para battalions**.
 - ⇒ 3rd Edition of the joint military exercise "**EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022**" between **India & Japan** conducted at **Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka**.
 - ⇒ **IAF** decided not to send its aircraft in the multilateral air exercise '**Cobra Warrior-22**' in the **United Kingdom**, due to the deepening crisis in Ukraine, arising out of the Russian military attack in that country.
 - ⇒ **Indian Air Force (IAF)** conduct Exercise **Vayu Shakti** at **Pokharan range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**
 - ⇒ 19th India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting was conducted in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. discussion was co-chaired by Air Marshal BR Krishna, & Lieutenant General Stephen D Sklenka, Deputy Commander, US Indo-Pacific Command, represented US side.
 - ⇒ **9th India – Sri Lanka** Bilateral Maritime Exercise named **SLINEX** held at **Visakhapatnam**.
 - ⇒ **Air Marshal B Chandra Sekhar** has been named Commandant of **Indian Air Force Academy**.
 - ⇒ **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** has **83rd Raising Day** on **19 March 2022** organised at Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu. This was for first time that CRPF celebrated its Raising Day outside national capital.
 - ⇒ **9th Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022'** between **Indian Army & Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF)** was held at **Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles**. Indian Army represented by 2/3 GORKHA RIFLES group
 - ⇒ **3rd edition EX-DUSTLIK** between **Indian army & Uzbekistan army** begins at **Yangiariq, Uzbekistan** last edition of DUSTLIK was conducted in **Ranikhet (Uttarakhand)**
 - ⇒ **Malaysia** will host armed forces from 4 nations namely, **Australia, New Zealand, Singapore & United Kingdom** in annual **Bersama Shield 2022 training exercise**. exercise, referred to as BS22, is conducted within framework of **Five Power Defense Arrangements (FPDA)** – a series of bilateral & multilateral defence agreements established in 1971. Bersama means toger in Malay.
 - ⇒ Indian Army's "**Agnibaaz Division**" organized a joint exercise "**Suraksha Kavach 2**" with **Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune**. exercise aimed to counter any terrorist actions in Pune. exercise involved participation of **Counter-Terrorism Task Force (CTTF)** of Indian Army, Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra Police along with Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), Dog Squads, & Bomb Disposal Teams of both agencies.
 - ⇒ **Western Naval Command** of Indian Navy organised an offshore security exercise, '**Prasthan**' in **Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Mumbai**. This exercise is conducted after every six months, to ensure offshore security. Apart from Naval forces, exercise saw participation from Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Trust, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust, Customs, state fisheries department, Mercantile Marine Department & Marine Police.
 - ⇒ **Ram Nath Kovind** has presented **President's Colour** to **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Valsura** at **Jamnagar in Gujarat**.
 - ⇒ **United States military & military of Philippines** kicked off military drill **Balikatan 2022**.
 - ⇒ **Indian Air Force** with **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.** New initiative '**Fleet Card-Fuel on Move**' has been rolled out to facilitate refuelling of convoys belonging to Indian Air Force.
 - ⇒ **1st Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022** held in **Goa & in Arabian Sea**.







Defence equipment's

⇒ The has unveiled its latest high-tech strategic bomber – the B-21 Raider	United States	is capable of carrying a nuclear payload and can be flown without a crew on board. The next-generation stealth bomber was rolled out at arm's manufacturer Northrop Grumman's facility in California. The US Air Force plans to buy at least 100 of the B-21 aircraft, which comes with a \$700m price tag per plane.
⇒ Nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni V,		India has successfully conducted night trials, capable of striking targets at ranges more than 5,000 kilometers with very high degree of accuracy. The missile test firing was conducted from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. This was the latest test in the Agni missile series.
⇒ All 36 Rafale aircraft		were delivered to India by France, with the last one touching down. After taking off from France, the aircraft received a brief mid-flight refuelling from a UAE Air Force tanker aircraft, according to the Indian Air Force. India and France struck an intergovernmental agreement wherein Paris committed to pay India 60,000 crore rupees for 36 Rafale fighter jets in 2016.
⇒ the 'Pralay' ballistic missile	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	The Indian armed forces are now set to procure that can hit the target from 150 to 500 km. had successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay', from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha in December 2021.
⇒ Indian Navy's sailboat INSV Tarini		has set sail for an expedition to Cape Town, South Africa for participating in the 50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023.
⇒ Scorpène submarine, Vagir of Project – 75 Kalvari Class submarines	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai.	has been delivered to the Indian Navy
⇒ 'Arnala'	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE),	The Indian Navy launched first of the eight indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC), at the shipbuilding facility of L&T in Chennai's Kattupall.
⇒ kisan drones	Drone manufacturer Garuda Aerospace	has received the Type Certification and RPTO (Remote Pilot Training Organisation) approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation for the indigenously designed.
Light Combat Helicopters: Prachand	Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)	At a ceremony conducted at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan
Technology Development & Acceleration Cell	the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organization (NIIO) under the Indian Navy & Drone Federation of India (DFI)	come together to collaborate towards promoting indigenous development, manufacturing, & testing of drones, counter-drone, & associated technologies for the Indian Navy.





Mission DefSpace	was inaugurated at DefExpo2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat by the PM Modi. The project's goal is to create cutting-edge defence forces in the space industry. 75 space industry challenges have been highlighted for private companies to work on under Mission DefSpace.	
Agni Prime missile	successfully tested: Range : 2000km	
Indian Air Force (IAF)'s new airbase at Deesa	in Banaskantha district of Gujarat PM said the Deesa air base, mere 130 kilometers from the Indo-Pak border,)	
Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' (MBKS) website	'for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF) during a function at the National War Memorial Complex in New Delhi.	
A transport aircraft manufacturing project for the Indian Air Force (IAF)	Airbus Defence, TATA Consortium of Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) & Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	Total Project Cost: Rs 21,935 crore.
HTT-40 indigenous trainer aircraft	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited	12th DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat Total to be launched: 70 Estimated Cost: Rs 6,800 cror
Avalanche Monitoring Radar	Indian Army & the Defence Geoinformatics & Research Establishment (DGRE)	jointly installed the first of its kind in India, in north Sikkim. Besides being used for the detection of avalanches, this radar can also be employed to detect landslides.
HAL Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited	inaugurated in Bengaluru by Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR)		at INS Karna.CISR is a self-contained, 25 m, six-lane, live firing range for all primary & secondary weapons in Navy
Patrol vessel Samarth	Goa Shipyard Limited	Commissioned at new ship for Indian Coast Guard in Kochi The 105-meter-long ICGS Samarth can travel at a top speed of 23 knots (approx 43 Kmph).
Taragiri'	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders	the third stealth frigate of Indian Navy's Project 17A, was launched in Mumbai
Diving Support Vessels (DSVs), Nistar & Nipun	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.,	Two indigenously designed & built were launched by Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam.
satellite-based Internet service on Siachen Glacier,	Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL)	BBNL helps in providing internet services to soldiers
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	(DRDO) & Indian Navy	successfully flight-test ed indigenously designed & developed from Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off coast of Odisha.
F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet	Boeing USA	US aviation major Boeing has made a strong pitch for Indian Navy to choose it as India plans to buy 26 carrier-based fighters for Vikrant. This deal will be done through a Government-to-Government deal to meet needs of Indian Navy,
Rafale-M jets.	Dassault Aviation	US firm competing with French aircraft
IAF's Project Cheetah	Israeli Heron drones	The Project Cheetah aims to improve Indian Air Force's fleet of Israeli-made Heron unmanned aerial vehicles with stronger communication capabilities & long-range missiles that can hit enemy sites





MiG-21 squadron 'Sword Arms'	Indian Air Force	is set to retire. MiG-21 squadron 'Sword Arms' was a part of when Abhinandan Varthaman had downed an F-16 combat aircraft of Pakistan a day after Balakot strike in February 2019. 'Sword Arms' is one of its four remaining squadrons of ageing MiG-21 fighter jets
Pinaka	Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO)	extended range rocket trials were carried out in firing ranges of Pokhran, Rajasthan.
made-in-India 30mm ammunition.		used in AK-630 guns, which is fitted on warships
Taurus Sainik Aramgrah	Indian Army & Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)	was inaugurated by Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri, AVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C, Western Command at Delhi Cantt.
'Zorawar'		Indian light tank, for deployment in mountains. To tackle Chinese troops
INS Vikrant	Cochin Shipyard	India's first homegrown aircraft carrier, to Indian Navy at Cochin Shipyard commissioned nation's largest warship, weighing 45,000 tonnes The warship's construction cost Rs 20,000 crore.
Tu-160 bomber	Russia	India intends to purchase , Tupolev Tu-160 bomber can reach a peak speed of 2220 kmph.
Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system	Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO)	the Indian Army completed six flight tests of system from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, on Odisha Coast, as part of evaluation trials QRSAM aims to provide a protective shield to moving armored columns of Army from aerial attacks.
F16 Fighter planes	USA	Deal with Pakistan which upsets Delhi.
MiG-21 fighter jets	Russian	The Indian Air Force will retire one of its four remaining squadrons, by 2022
Him Drone-a-thon programme	Indian Army with the Drone Federation of India	self-reliance in defence manufacturing
Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura		reached the San Diego Harbour North American Continent on 13th August to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India
Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS)	Developed by drdo for Indian Army	The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle
Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft	HAL manufacturer	gifted to Sri Lanka which will enable the island nation to tackle multiple challenges like human & drug trafficking, smuggling & other organised forms of crime in its coastal waters more effectively
Tu-160 bomber	Russia	India intends to purchase Tu-160 bomber from Russia: . America objected: Tupolev Tu-160 bomber can reach a peak speed of 2220 kmph. The maximum weight that this aircraft can carry while flying is 110,000 kg. It has a 56-meter wingspan
Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish its first international marketing & sales office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator	DRDO	successfully carried out the Maiden flight of from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka. The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode. The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation & a smooth touchdown





Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle	Tata Advanced Systems	The contract to provide QRFV-Med vehicles to the Indian Army was successfully completed. These armoured vehicles will increase the nation's protector's ability to fight in all weather & terrain situations & will offer protection while moving.
An indigenous loitering munition – ALS 50	Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)	Range: 1,000km Load Carrying Capacity: 23kg Tested at: Pokhran, Rajasthan
aircraft carrier Vikrant,	created by Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design & was delivered to the Navy by the Cochin Shipyard ..	It bears the name of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant , India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger & more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes
two MH-60 R multipurpose helicopters	American Navy	At Cochin International Airport, delivered to the Indian Navy. All 24 MH 60R helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025, with the third helicopter due to arrive in August of this year. Under its Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programme, the US Department of State has authorised the sale of 24 MH-60R multi-mission helicopters to India
first mountain warfare training facility in northeast India, 2nd overall	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) , which is tasked with securing the Line of Actual Control with China, has established its & its second overall. The facility was built nearly 50 years after the founding of the	first institution of its kind, the Mountaineering & Skiing Institute (M&SI) , which opened in Auli , near Joshimath , in 1973–74.
INS Sindhudhvaj	Navy	has decommissioned after 35 years of glorious service to the nation . The submarine crest depicts a grey colour nurse shark & the name means flag bearer at sea.
fourth P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly River in Kolkata.	Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited	The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons
Artificial Intelligence in Defence symposium	Department of Defense Production, Ministry of Defense,	first-ever & exhibition in New Delhi. The event will include a demonstration of the most innovative AI-enabled products that have been created by services, research organisations, industry, start-ups, & entrepreneurs
Suraksha Manthan 2022	Desert Corps of the Indian Army	on aspects of Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur (Rajasthan) . During the course of the discussions, aspects of interoperability, operational cohesion & logistics were ironed out in order to enhance overall security along the International Boundary (IB) & coastal sectors.
Artificial Intelligence-based Change Detection Software	Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE)	detect unauthorised constructions & encroachments on defence land using Satellite Imagery, demonstrating once again how technology benefited country's defense-related issues
Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 (INAS 324)		was commissioned into Indian Navy at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam
Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator	DRDO	Maiden Flight from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	DRDO +NAVY	Test flight Off coast of Chandipur, a ship borne weapon system mostly at the range of 40km to 50km & at an altitude of around 15km.
Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)	Indian Coast Guard	
Abhyas high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT)	DRDO	created as a target for testing of missile systems





INS Gomati	Naval Dockyard	was decommissioned
Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR)	Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)	for supply of indigenously developed air to air missiles & associated equipment for Indian Air Force (IAF) & Navy at a cost of Rs 2,971 Crore.
IAF Heritage Centre'	Indian Air Force	At Chandigarh
Agni-4 ballistic missile	DRDO	missile range of around 4,000 kilometre
Prithvi-II , Short-Range Ballistic Missile	DRDO	indigenously developed, surface-to-surface missile. It is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. Its range is 350 km & can carry one-ton payload
Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)		an automated Pay & Allowances module for Indian Coast Guard
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	DRDO	Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) & Indian Navy successfully conducted flight tests

⇒ Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization & Evaluation (SPACE) facility	⇒ Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO)	⇒ launched the Hull Module of the SPACE facility at Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) Kochi. It is a state-of-the-art testing & evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian navy onboard various platforms which include ships, submarines, & helicopters.
⇒ Veerangana Sewa Kendra" (VSK)	⇒ Indian Army	⇒ launched a single window facility for the welfare & grievances redressal of army wives. The "Veerangana Sewa Kendra" project was inaugurated by the President Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) at the premises of the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) premises located at Delhi Cantt.
⇒ country's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel	⇒ Cochin Shipyard	⇒ signed an MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build it for Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Another MoU was signed by the Shipyard for the construction of six electric catamaran vessels for Uttar Pradesh & two more such vessels for Guwahati.
⇒ Ikshak	⇒ GRSE/L&T for the Indian Navy	⇒ ' third of the four Survey Vessels (Large SVL) Project, launched on 26th November 2022 at Kattupalli, Chennai .
⇒ INS Mormugao	⇒ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited	⇒ is the second ship of Project 15B stealth destroyers

⇒ BrahMos supersonic cruise missile	Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)	⇒ successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant for the Indian Navy from INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.
⇒ Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM),	Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)	successfully flight tested the in its final "deliverable configuration". MPATGM will be manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited at its facility in Bhanoor, Telangana .
single-shot anti-armour weapon AT4	⇒ Swedish defence company ' Saab ' had been selected by the Indian Armed Force through a competitive programme for the supply of. AT4 will be used by the Indian Army & the Indian Air Force.	
⇒ Vagir	⇒ Indian Navy's brand-new submarine, the fifth of the six French-designed Scorpene-class submarines named "", sailed out on its first sea sortie & will now undergo rigorous trials before it is delivered to the Navy later this year . It is done by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in collaboration with the Naval Group of France.	





⇒ BrahMos supersonic anti-ship cruise missiles	India & Philippines signed a 375 million dollar deal for the sale of to the Philippines Navy. Defence Secretary of Philippines Delfin Lorenzana & Indian Envoy to Philippines Shambhu Kumaran signed the contract in Manila.	
⇒ ICGS 'Saksham'	India's Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the 5th & final vessel of the 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project ahead of contractual schedule.	
⇒ Rafale fighter aircraft	landed in India from France , with Indian specific enhancements. With this, the total Rafale fleet with Indian Air Force (IAF) has reached 35 .	
⇒ India developed Flying Trainer, ' HANSA-NG ',	⇒ completed sea-level trials at Puducherry covering a distance of 140 nautical miles in 1.5 hours at a cruising speed of 155 km/hr .	
⇒ MV Ram Prasad Bismil longest vessel ever	⇒ from Ganga to Brahmaputra . 90 meters long & 26 meters wide flotilla, loaded with a draft of 2.1 meters, achieved feat on March 15, 2022, when it successfully completed pilot run of heavy cargo movement from Syama Prasad to sail Mookerjee Port in Haldia, to Pandu port in Guwahati .	
⇒ Dr Ajay Kumar commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Saksham	⇒ fifth in series of 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) class, at Goa. first four of five ICGS commissioned are ICGS Sachet (1st); ICGS Sujeet (2nd); ICGS Sarthak (3rd); & ICGS Sajag (4th)	
⇒ Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) ⇒	DRDO	has conducted two successful flight tests of Indian Army version of against high-speed aerial targets at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off coast of Odisha , developed jointly by DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel .

Other Defence Current Affairs

- ⇒ The Statue of "**Veer Durgadas Rathore**" unveiled on his **385th** birth anniversary in **Rajasthan's Jodhpur**.
- ⇒ **Border Security Force (BSF)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to ensure the safety & security of booking data under its air e-ticket service for the troops of India's border guarding force.
- ⇒ Father & daughter pair Flying Officer **Ananya Sharma** & Air Commodore **Sanjay Sharma**, an experienced fighter pilot in the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation of **Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT)**.
- ⇒ **Rashtriya Raksha University** at Gandhinagar signed a MoU with **DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited** for setting up a **Remote Pilot Training Centre** for imparting drone flying skills.
- ⇒ The **Defence ministry** gave three private sector banks permission to offer financial support to it for the purchase of military equipment abroad. These banks include **ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, & HDFC Bank Ltd**.

- ⇒ Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** announced that the **Ministry of Defence** has set a target of Rs 1.75 lakh crores in defence production by 2025, which includes Rs 35,000 crores in exports.
- ⇒ The Indian delegation, led by DG, **BSF Pankaj Singh**, arrived in Dhaka : **52nd BGB-BSF** Director General level Border conference in **Bangladesh**. BSF guards Indo pak & Indo Bangladesh borders.
- ⇒ **The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, observed its **84th** Raising Day on **27 July 2022**.
- ⇒ **iDEX** inked its 100th contract with **Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd** in New Delhi. The initiative **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence)**, described as the **Ministry of Defence's (MoD)** centrepiece for technical innovation, was introduced in April 2018. The purpose of **iDEX** was to support start-ups by giving them a venue for co-creation & co-development in the fields of defence & aerospace technologies





- ⇒ Egypt & an Indian company **ReNew Power Private Limited (RENE.BO)** signed a **MoU** to construct a green hydrogen factory in the **Suez Canal Economic Zone**, will invest \$8 billion to construct a facility that will create 20,000 tonnes of green hydrogen annually.
- ⇒ **Rashtriya Raksha University** at **Gandhinagar** signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited** for setting up a Remote Pilot Training Centre for imparting drone flying skills.
- ⇒ **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC approved. equipment & platforms are worth Rs 76,390 crores from domestic industries.**
- ⇒ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** authorized an increase in financing for MSMEs & startups under Ministry of Defence's Technology Development Fund (TDF) plan, will

- now have a maximum project value of **Rs 50 crore, up from Rs 10 crore** previously.
- ⇒ In Indian Coast Guard, a new air squadron known as **840 Squadron** was established in Chennai, with an **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III aircraft** as its first aircraft.
- ⇒ **Shanan Dhaka**, daughter of Sundana village of Rohtak, secured first rank in examination for admission to **country's first women's NDA batch**
- ⇒ **Border Roads Organization** will build 75 outlets along various route segments in 12 states & union territories under name **"BRO Cafes,"** as permitted by **Ministry of Defense.**
- ⇒ In **New Delhi**, there was **fourth Synergy Conference** between Indian Army & Defense Accounts Department (DAD).

Awards & Recognition

Earthshot Prize 2022

Earthshot prize 2022:

India's Greenhouse-in-a-box was among the five winners announced by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, in Boston, United States. It is a sustainable solution for small-scale farmers developed by an **Indian startup, Kheyti**, in Telangana which has won one million pounds (\$1.2 million). Co-founder and CEO of Kheyti, Kaushik Kappagantulu, said that he had launched the solution for at least 100 million local smallholder farmers who are most impacted by climate change. The aim of greenhouse-in-a-box is to reduce costs and increase yields which in turn would help protect the livelihoods of these farmers.

About the Earthshot prize:

Founded by Prince William this was the second edition of the Earthshot prize which has also been dubbed the 'Eco Oscars' and witnessed the presence of several celebrities who walked the green carpet. Kheyti won the prize in the Protect and Restore Nature category which saw hundreds of entries from across the world.

All 15 finalists will receive support from the Earthshot Prize Global Alliance which is a network of NGOs and private sector businesses around the world which will assist in scaling these solutions. The other five winners are from Kenya, the United Kingdom, Australia and Oman.

Here are the 2022 Earthshot Prize winners:

- Mukuru Clean Stoves tackles clean air in Kenya
- Kheyti is protecting and restoring nature in India
- The Queensland Indigenous Women Rangers Network is helping revive Australia's oceans
- Notpla's circular solution to waste in the U.K.
- The 44.01 Project in Oman is turning CO₂ into rock

United Nations: "Diwali Stamp-Power of One" awarded to four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker

Diwali Stamp-Power of One Awards:

Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker have been honoured with this year's annual '**Diwali - Power of One**' award here for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world. The award, which is also known as the '**Oscars of Diplomacy**', is presented to former top diplomats of the United Nations or a member state for their effort to help form a more perfect, peaceful and secure world for all."

The 2022 award ceremony was co-organised by **Diwali Foundation USA and the Delegation of the European Union** to the United Nations, and the Permanent Missions of Chile, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Morocco, Oman and Sri Lanka to the United Nations. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the awards were suspended in 2020 and 2021.

Notably: Previous honourees of the award include former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women **Lakshmi Puri**, former UK Ambassador to the UN **Matthew Rycroft**, Ukraine's former UN envoy **Yuriy Sergeyev** and Vietnam's former Permanent Representative to the UN **Nguyen Phuong Ngai**.



**Award Winner 2022:**

- Former Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN **Kaha Imnadze,**
- Former Permanent Representative of Grenada to the UN **Keisha McGuire,**
- Former Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the UN **Georgi Velikov Panayotov,**
- Former Permanent Representative of Benin to the UN **Jean-Claude do Rego,**
- Former Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee of the US House of Representatives **Eliot Lance Engel.**

About the Diwali Stamp-Power of One Awards:

The UN General Assembly recognised the significance of Diwali in its resolution in 2014. Thereafter, Diwali Foundation USA Inc. Was established in 2017 to promote a peaceful and consensus-based process to achieve societal 'Good', as befits the high hopes and ideals of humanity enshrined in the United Nations Charter. The Foundation established the "Diwali Stamp – The Power of One" Award to celebrate and highlight the important work done in a peaceful manner, especially at the United Nations.

Time Magazine's 2022 Person of the Year: Volodymyr Zelensky and "Spirit of Ukraine"

Time magazine named President **Volodymyr Zelensky** as well as **"the spirit of Ukraine"** as its 2022 person of the year, for the resistance the country has shown in the face of Russia's invasion. Zelensky shares the 2022 title with "the spirit of Ukraine," which Felsenthal said was embodied by the "countless individuals inside and outside the country" who fought behind the scenes, including everyday people such as chefs and surgeons.

The Time magazine editor **Edward Felsenthal** wrote that "spirit of Ukraine" referred to Ukrainians around the world, including many who "fought behind the scenes" against the Russian invasion. The magazine said Mr Zelensky had inspired Ukrainians and was recognised internationally for his courage in resisting the Russian invasion.

Other categories winners:

- **Time Heroes of the Year:** Women in Iran were named the **Time Heroes of the Year.** Iranian women who are protesting for over three months against the custodial death of 22-year-old **Mahsa Amini.** She was arrested for not wearing hijab publicly and she died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police. Her death has triggered a mass protest from the Iranian women against public wearing of Hijab and the morality police.
- **Time's Entertainer of the year:** The South Korean K-pop band **Blackpink** were recognised as.
- **Athlete of the Year:** American baseball player **Aaron Judge.**
- **Icon of the Year:** Malaysian actress **Michelle Yeoh .**

Named the Indian who featured time person of the Year:

- **Mahatma Gandhi** is the only Indian to be named TIME Person of the Year, having been given the honour in 1930. The magazine described him as 'Saint Gandhi' and later named him as one of the 25 Political Icons of all time.
- The tradition of naming Time person of the year started in 1927. Initially it was named the Time Man of the Year. Other past winners have included the former dictator of Germany, **Adolf Hitler in 1938,** and **Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was 2007's Person of the Year.**
- Time first presented its Person of the Year award in 1927. Last year's honoree was Tesla and **SpaceX chief Elon Musk,** who has since made major headlines with his high-profile purchase of Twitter.

Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022 announced

Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022:

The **Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation** has on 8 December 2022 announced the winners of the **Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022.** The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories. Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to a foreigner.

Jamnalal Bajaj Award: Categories

- Constructive Works
- Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development
- Development and Welfare of Women and Children
- International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India

Jamnalal Bajaj 2022 winners**For Constructive Works**

- **Nilesh Desai** of Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works. He is the founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan which works for the upliftment of the Bhil Community.

Award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development:

- **Mansukhbhai Prajapati** of Gujarat was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development. He was selected for his innovation and entrepreneurship in bringing traditional pottery making into the mainstream. His company Mitticool produces clay products and clay pots .He has helped the rural artisans making clay pottery to find new markets and business.

Award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children:

- **Sophia Saik** of Odisha was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children. She is a social service activist who works for women empowerment and gender rights. She is a prominent activist for women beedi workers in Odisha.





International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India:

- Dr Ogirat Younan and Dr Walid Slyabi of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.
- They are the founders of the Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights. They are the pioneers of non-violence in Lebanon and Arab world and spreading the Gandhian ideas in the region.

About the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation:

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation established in 1977, instituted four Awards, to globally propagate the ideals of Jamnalal Bajaj. The annual awards are the Foundation's gratifying felicitation to those women and men involved at the grassroots level, who are committed to inclusive development, working in line with Mahatma Gandhi's constructive work program and who have

taken a vow to selflessly serve the people, their community and nation, at large. Jamnalal Bajaj Awards are categorized into three National and one International Award. Each award carries a Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10, 00,000.**

Sahitya akademi awards 2022 announced

The Sahitya Akademi Award: The award has been given by the central government for the best literature of every year. Accordingly, the central government has announced the Sahitya Akademi Award for literature on **December 22**. Writer **M. Rajendran** from Tamil Nadu has received this award for his novel '**Kala Pani**'. The awardee will be presented with a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a copper Shield. This 'Kala Pani' novel is a historical novel based on the war of Kalayarkovil or Kalayarkool.

The following have won the Award in the below mentioned category:

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2022:

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Bhool Satya (Short Stories)	Manoj Kumar Goswami
Bodo	Sansrini Modira (Poetry)	Rashmi Choudhury
Dogri	Chhe Roopak (Drama)	Veena Gupta
English	All The Lives We Never Lived (Novel)	Anuradha Roy
Gujarati	Gher Jatan (Autobiographical Essays)	Gulam Mohammad Shaikh
Hindi	Tumadi Ke Shabd (Poetry)	Badri Narayan
Kannada	Bahutvada Bhaarata mattu Bouddha Taatvikate (Collection of Articles)	Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy
Kashmiri	Zael Dab (Literary Criticism)	Farooq Fayaz
Konkani	Amrutvel (Novel)	Maya Anil Kharangate
Maithili	Pen-Drive Me Prithvi (Poetry)	Ajit Azad
Malayalam	Ashaante Seethayanam (Literary Criticism)	M. Thomas Mathew
Manipuri	Leironnung (Poetry)	Koijam Shantibala
Marathi	Ujavya Sondechya Bahulya (Novel)	Praveen Dashrath Bandekar
Nepali	Saino (Drama)	K.B. Nepali
Odia	Dayanadi (Poetry)	Gayatribala Panda
Punjabi	Main Aynghosh Nahi (Short Stories)	Sukhjot
Rajasthani	Alekhun Amba (Play)	Kamal Ranga
Sanskrit	Deepmanikyam (Poetry)	Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani'
Santali	Sabarnaka Balire Sanan' Panjay (Poetry)	Kajli Soren (Jagannath Soren)
Sindhi	Sindhi Sahit Jo Mukhtasar Itihas (Literary History)	Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani
Tamil	Kaala Paani (Novel)	M. Rajendran
Telugu	Manodharmaparagam (Novel)	Madhuranthakam Narendra
Urdu	Khwab Saraab (Novel)	Anis Ashfaq

Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22

Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize: The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize has been jointly won by **Sudeep Sen** for his genre and formbender Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021) and

Shobhana Kumar for her haibun collection A Sky Full of Bucket Lists (Red River, 2021). The winners, awarded \$10,000 and a Rabindranath Tagore statuette, were picked from a shortlist of 11 at India International Centre, with the Tagore Prize for social achievement going to Sanjoy K Roy, producer of the Jaipur Literature Festival.





Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize Shortlist for 2021-22:

1. A Play for the End of the World: **Jai Chakrabarti** (Knopf, 2021)
2. Manual for a Decent Life: **Kavita A. Jindal** (Linen Press, 2020)
3. Two and a Half Rivers: **Anirudh Kala** (Niyogi, 2021)
4. A Sky Full of Bucket Lists: **Shobhana Kumar** (Red River, 2021)
5. Osmosis: **Debarshi Mitra** (Hawakal Publishers, 2020)
6. The Elegant Nobody: **Jagari Mukherjee** (Hawakal Publishers, 2020)
7. My City is a Murder of Crows: **Nikita Parik** (Hawakal Publishers, 2022)
8. I Want a Poem and Other Poem: **Jerry Pinto** (Speaking Tiger Books, 2021)
9. The Earthspinner: **Anuradha Roy** (Mountain Leopard Press, 2021)
10. Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation: **Sudeep Sen** (Pippa Rann Books&Media, 2021)
11. Love Without a Story: **Arundhati Subramaniam** (Bloodaxe Books, 2021)

BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award

Beth Mead has been awarded the **BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022** as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at **Euro 2022**. Beth Mead defeated Germany in the finals at **Wembley** to win England's first major **women's football** trophy. The 27-year-old competed against Ben Stokes and Ronnie O'Sullivan for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 award.

Beth Mead Awarded BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award- Key Points

- ⇒ Beth Mead defeated eight-time champion **Germany** with her six goals and five assists at the Wembley finals.
- ⇒ England secured their first major trophy for the first time since **1966**.
- ⇒ They also won the **team of the year** and coach of the year for **Sarina Wiegman**.
- ⇒ England's Cricketer **Ben Stokes** was second with winter Olympics curling champion **Eve Muirhead** Third.

- ⇒ Seven-time snooker world champion **Ronnie O'Sullivan**, gymnast **Jessica Gadirova**, who won the floor title and 1,500 m athletics World Champion **Jake Wightman** were also shortlisted for the award.
- ⇒ Beth Mead won the player of the tournament and won the **Golden boot** with six goals and five assists.
- ⇒ She has been also named Arsenal's player of the season.
- ⇒ Her international goal tally for the **2021-22 season** was 20 in 19 matches, beating the record of 13 scored by Jimmy Greaves in 1960-61.

PETA India's 2022: Sonakshi Sinha named as 'Person of the Year' title

PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title:

Bollywood actress, **Sonakshi Sinha** has been awarded **PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year** title. Sonakshi's actions helped save the lives of many animals killed for fashion, but her strong advocacy for dog and cat rights earned her the title. She is actively involved in animal welfare activities and regularly voices out the need for stronger animal protection laws. The international animal rights non-profit group endorsed the title and celebrated the actions of the "Dabang" actress for saving animal lives in India.

Last year, **Alia Bhatt** was awarded the same title. Previously PETA India Person of the Year winners include former Supreme Court Justice **KS Panicker Radhakrishnan**, cricketer **Virat Kohli**, comedian **Kapil Sharma**; and actors **John Abraham**, **Anushka Sharma**, **Sunny Leone**, **R Madhavan**, **Jacqueline Fernandez**, **Hema Malini**, and **Sonam Kapoor Ahuja**, among others.

Grammy Awards 2022

The **64th annual Grammy Awards** are being held for the first time at the **MGM Grand Garden Arena** with Trevor Noah as host. The 64th GRAMMY Awards recognizes recordings (including musical artists, compositions and albums) released between September 01, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Jon Batiste received the most nominations with eleven and Batiste also received the most awards with five.

List of winners of the 64th annual Grammy Awards:

S.No	Category	Winners
1.	Album Of The Year	'We Are' by Jon Batiste
2.	Record Of The Year	'Leave the door open' by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak
3.	Best New Artist	Olivia Rodrigo
4.	Best Rap Album	"Call Me If You Get Lost," Tyler, the Creator
5.	Best R&B Album Winner	"Heaux Tales," Jazmine Sullivan.
6.	Best Rap Song	"Jail," Kanye West featuring Jay-Z
7.	Best Country Album	"Starting Over," Chris Stapleton
8.	Song Of The Year	"Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic (Brandon Anderson, Christopher Brody Brown, Dernst Emile II and Bruno Mars)
9.	Best Rock Album	"Medicine at Midnight," Foo Fighters





S.No	Category	Winners
10.	Best Rock Song	"Waiting On a War," Foo Fighters
11.	Best Dance/Electronic Album	"Subconsciously," Black Coffee
12.	Producer of the Year, non-classical:	Jack Antonoff
13.	Best Music Video	"Freedom," Jon Batiste
14.	Best Country Song	"Cold," Chris Stapleton
15.	Best Folk Album	"They're Calling Me Home," Rhiannon Giddens with Francesco Turrisi
16.	Best Comedy Album	"Sincerely Louis CK," Louis C.K.
17.	Best rap performance:	"Family Ties," Baby Keem featuring Kendrick Lamar
18.	Best rock performance:	"Making a Fire," Foo Fighters
19.	Best music film:	"Summer of Soul"
20.	Best musical theater album:	"The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical"
21.	Best global music:	"Mohabbat," Arooj Aftab
22.	Best global music album:	"Mother Nature," Angélique Kidjo
23.	Best historical album: "Joni Mitchell Archives, Vol. 1:	The Early Years (1963-1967)
24.	Best Pop Duo / Group Performance:	Doja Cat and SZA for "Kiss Me More"
25.	Best American roots performance:	"Cry," Jon Batiste

Cannes Film Festival 2022

The 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival came to a glittering close with the nine-member jury giving out the big awards at the prestigious festival. The awards were selected by a nine-member jury headed by French actor Vincent Lindon and presented in a closing ceremony inside Cannes' Grand Lumière Theater. The jury included an Indian face in actor Deepika Padukone.

FULL LIST OF WINNERS AT 2022 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

- **Palme d'Or:** Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund
- **Grand Prix:** Stars at Noon, directed by Claire Denis and Close directed by Lukas Dhont

- **Jury Prize:** Eo, directed by Jerzy Skolimowski and Le Otto Montagne, directed by Charlotte Vandermeersch and Felix van Groenigen
- **Best Director:** Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave
- **Best Actor:** Song Kang-ho for Broker
- **Best Actress:** Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider
- **Best Screenplay:** Tarik Saleh (Boy from Heaven)
- **Camera d'Or:** Gina Gammell and Riley Keough for War Pony
- **Jury Special Award:** Tori and Lokita
- **L'Oeil d'Or:** All That Breathes
- **Jury Special Award (documentary):** Mariupolis 2

Gandhi Peace Prize

Gandhi peace prize was named after Mahatma Gandhi and it is awarded annually by the government of India. The international Gandhi peace prize was launched in 1995 on the 125th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi as a tribute.

Gandhi Peace Prize Winners

Year	Awardees of Gandhi Peace Prize
1995	Dr. Julius K. Nyerere, former President of Tanzania
1996	Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder and President of Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, Sri Lanka
1997	Dr. Gerhard Fischer of Germany
1998	Ramakrishna Mission (India)
1999	Baba Amte (Murlidhar Devidas Amte) (India)
2000	Dr. Nelson Mandela and Grameen Bank of Bangladesh (Jointly)
2001	Dr. John Hume, Ireland
2002	Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan
2003	Mr. Vaclav Havel, former President of Czechoslovakia
2004	Coretta Scott King
2005	Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa
2006-2012	*Award withheld
2013	Chandi Prasad Bhatt
2014	ISRO





Year	Awardees of Gandhi Peace Prize
2015	Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari
2016	Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International [Jointly]
2017	EkalAbhiyan Trust
2018	Shri Yohei Sasakawa
2019	Qaboos bin Said Al Said
2020	Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Pulitzer Prize 2021

Pulitzer Prize 2021

The **105th** class of **Pulitzer Prize 2021 winners** in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced. The **Pulitzer Prize** is an award for achievements in **newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition** in the United States.

Here is the complete list of 2021 Pulitzer Prize winners:

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
JOURNALISM		
1.	Public service	The New York Times
2.	Criticism	Wesley Morris of The New York Times
3.	Editorial writing	Robert Greene of the Los Angeles Times
4.	International Reporting	Megha Rajagopalan, Alison Killing and Christo Buschek of BuzzFeed News
5.	Breaking News Reporting	Staff of the Star Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.
6.	Investigative Reporting	Matt Rocheleau, Vernal Coleman, Laura Crimaldi, Evan Allen and Brendan McCarthy of The Boston Globe
7.	Explanatory Reporting	Andrew Chung, Lawrence Hurley, Andrea Januta, Jaimi Dowdell and Jackie Botts of Reuters
8.	Local Reporting	Kathleen McGrory and Neil Bedi of the Tampa Bay Times
9.	National Reporting	Staffs of The Marshall Project; AL.com, Birmingham; IndyStar, Indianapolis; and the Invisible Institute, Chicago
10.	Feature Writing	Mitchell S. Jackson, freelance contributor, Runner's World
11.	Commentary	Michael Paul Williams of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch
12.	Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press
13.	Feature Photography	Emilio Morenatti of Associated Press
14.	Audio Reporting	Lisa Hagen, Chris Haxel, Graham Smith and Robert Little of National Public Radio
BOOKS, DRAMA, AND MUSIC		
15.	Fiction	The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich
16.	Drama	The Hot Wing King, by Katori Hall
17.	History	Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America, by Marcia Chatelain (Liveright/Norton)
18.	Biography or autobiography	The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne and Tamara Payne
19.	Poetry	Postcolonial Love Poem by Natalie Diaz
20.	General nonfiction	Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy by David Zucchino
21.	Music	Stride, by Tania León (Peermusic Classical)
22.	Special Citation	Darnella Frazier, The teenager who recorded the killing of George Floyd

Nobel prize 2022: Check the list of all winners

Nobel Prize Winners 2022: The Nobel Prizes are five separate prizes according to Alfred Nobel's will of 1895, which are awarded to "those who, during the preceding year, have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind." **Nobel Prizes are awarded in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Economic Sciences & Peace.**





Nobel Prize Winners List 2022

Category	Winners Name	Awarded For
Economic Sciences	Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond & Philip Dybvig	for research on Banks & Financial crises
Peace	Ales Bialitski, organization Memorial & organization Center for Civil Liberties	They have for many years promoted the right to criticize power & protect the fundamental rights of citizens. They have made an outstanding effort to document war crimes, human rights abuses & the abuse of power.
Literature	Annie Ernaux	"for the courage & clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements & collective restraints of personal memory".
Physiology & Medicine	Professor Svante Pääbo	Swedish Geneticist, discovered the genetic identity of two of humankind's earliest ancestors, opening a new window on human evolution in the process.
Physics	Alain Aspect, John Clauser & Anton Zeilinger	They conducted experiments in quantum mechanics that laid the groundwork for rapidly-developing new applications in computing & cryptography.
Chemistry	Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal & Barry Sharpless	They are praised for the development of click chemistry & bio-orthogonal chemistry.

36th National Games 2022 Concludes: Check the winners list

- ⇒ **36th National Games** hosted by **Gujarat** for the first time. It held across six cities, **Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot & Bhavnagar**, in Gujarat.
- ⇒ The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that **Goa** will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year.

36th National Games: Key points

- ⇒ **Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy** to the hybrid contingent of **Services** for the fourth time in succession.
- ⇒ **Maharashtra** bagged the Indian Olympic Association's **Best State trophy** for finishing second in the medals tally with the most medals amongst States & UTs.
- ⇒ Honourable Gujarat CM **Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel** presented the Best Male Athlete to **Sajan Prakash** (5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
- ⇒ Karnataka's **Hashika Ramchandra**, barely 14 years old, appropriated the Best Female Athlete crown with 6 gold & 1 bronze.
- ⇒ Gujarat's 10-year-old **Shauryajit Khaire** (Mallakhamb), becoming its youngest medal winner.

National Games 2022 medals table: Top 5

Rank	State/Union Territory/Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Services	61	35	32	128
2	Maharashtra	39	38	63	140
3	Haryana	38	38	40	116
4	Karnataka	27	23	38	88
5	Tamil Nadu	25	22	27	74

Telangana's Hyderabad honoured with AIPH 'World Green City award 2022'

- ⇒ **The city of Hyderabad, Telangana** honoured as the Grand winner of the **AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers) World Green City Awards 2022**, the most prestigious award of the Inaugural AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition), for its initiative titled "Green Garland to the State of Telangana".
- ⇒ Hyderabad also won the award under the 'Living Green for Economic Recovery & Inclusive Growth' category.
- ⇒ AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition) are the world's first Green City awards.

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka won Britain's Booker Prize 2022

- ⇒ Sri Lankan author, **Shehan Karunatilaka** has won **Britain's Booker Prize 2022 for fiction** for his work "**The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida**", about a journalist murdered amid the country's sectarian strife. The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, & the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques". Karunatilaka's second novel, **The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida** comes more than a decade after his debut, **Chinaman**, which was published in 2011.

Alexia Putellas, Karim Benzema win 2022 Ballon d'Or awards

- ⇒ Real Madrid's **Karim Benzema**, a professional French footballer, has won the **Men's Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball Award) 2022** & becomes the 5th Frenchman to win the prize. Barcelona's **Alexia Putellas**, a Spanish professional footballer, has won the **Women's Ballon d'Or award or Ballon d'Or Féminin Award** for the 2nd time.





- ⇒ The most number of Ballon d'Or was received by Lionel Messi. He tops the list with 7 awards followed by Cristiano Ronaldo with 5 awards.

The Ballon d'Or: Awards & Winners:

Award	Winner
Ballon d'Or (Men)	Real Madrid's Karim Benzema
Ballon d'Or (Women)	Alexia Putellas (Barcelona)
Kopa Award	Gavi (Barcelona)
Gerd Muller Award	Robert Lewandowski (Barcelona)
Yashin Trophy	Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)
Club of the Year Award	Manchester City
Socrates Award	Sadio Mane (Liverpool)

National MSME Award 2022

- ⇒ Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department, Government of Odisha awarded first prize in category **"National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in promotion & Development of MSME Sector"** by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for development of MSMEs. **Bihar & Haryana** were second & third respectively.
- ⇒ **Sumeet Mohanty M/s Saferisk Insurance Brokers Private Limited**, Bhubaneswar awarded first prize in category **"Award for Service Entrepreneurship – Service Small Enterprise (Overall)"**.

PM's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga announced

- ⇒ On occasion of International Yoga Day, **AYUSH** ministry announced to give **'PM's Award for Outstanding Contribution towards Development & Promotion of Yoga' for 2022** to two individuals & two organisations in recognition of their contributions in space.
- ⇒ Two individuals **Bhikkhu Sanghasena** from Ladakh, **Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues** from Brazil & two organisations, **"Divine Life Society"** from Uttarakhand & **British Wheel of Yoga** from United Kingdom have chosen for award. They will also receive ₹25 lakh as cash prize, a trophy & a certificate.

Goalkeeper Global Goals Awards

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation honoured 4 changemakers, with 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards as a part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign. award recognises their efforts to advance progress towards **United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** in their communities & around world. Gates Foundation's sixth annual Goalkeepers Report, **"The Future of Progress,"** was released. It was co-authored by foundation co-chairs **Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates**.

Winners of 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards:

Name of the Award	Presented by	Awardee	Country
2022 Global Goalkeeper Award	Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates	Ursula von der Leyen	Germany
2022 Campaign Award	Malala Yousafzai	Vanessa Nakate	Uganda
2022 Changemaker Award	Angelina Jolie	Zahra Joya	Afghanistan
2022 Progress Award	Lilly Singh	Dr. Radhika Batra	India

Emmy Awards

The **74th Primetime Emmy Awards** were held, to mark some remarkable American television performances until mid-2022. Overall, there are 40-plus categories, where writers, actors, directors & editors were awarded for their remarkable work from **June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022**. 74th annual Emmy Awards hosted by **Kenan Thompson** at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

74th Emmy Awards 2022: List of winners

Category	Winner
Outstanding lead actress in a comedy series	Jean Smart- Hacks
Outstanding lead actor in a comedy series	Jason Sudeikis- Ted Lasso
Outstanding comedy series	Ted Lasso
Outstanding lead actor in a drama series	Lee Jung-jae- Squid Game
Outstanding drama series	Succession
Guest actress in a drama series	Lee You-mi- Squid Game
Television movie	Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers
Outstanding directing for a drama series	Squid Game- Hwang Dong-hyuk

Cannes Film Festival 2022

- ⇒ **75th edition of Cannes Film Festival** held. Awards were selected by a nine-member jury headed by French actor **Vincent Lindon**. Jury included an Indian face in actor **Deepika Padukone**.

WINNERS AT 2022 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

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- **Best Actor:** Song Kang-ho for Broker
- **Best Actress:** Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider





68th National Film Awards 2022 Announced

- ⇒ Best Feature Film: **Soorai Pottru**
- ⇒ Best Director: **Sachidanandan KR, Ayyappanum Koshiyum**
- ⇒ Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: **Tanhaji**
- ⇒ Best Actor: **Suriya for Soorai Pottru & Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji**
- ⇒ Best Actress: **Aparna Balamurali, Soorai Pottru**
- ⇒ Best film on Social Issues: **'Justice Delayed but Delivered & Three Sisters**
- ⇒ **Madhya Pradesh** (Rajat Kamal & Certificate) wins the Most Film Friendly State award while **Uttarakhand (Certificate) & Uttar Pradesh (Certificate)** get Special Mention.
- ⇒ **'The Longest Kiss'** by Kishwar Desai wins **Best Book** on Cinema for the year while Malayalam book **'MT Anunahvangalude Pusthakam'** & Odia book **'Kali Paine Kalira Cinema'** win special mention.

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022 announced

- ⇒ The **13th** edition of the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022** held.
- ⇒ **List of winners from the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 awards:**

S.no	Category	Winners
1	Best Film	83
2	Best Director	Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) & Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
3	Best Actor	Ranveer Singh (83)
4	Best Actress	Shefali Shah (Jalsa)
5	Best Series	Mumbai Diaries 26/11
6	Best Actor in a Series	Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)
7	Best Actress in a Series	Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)
8	Best Indie Film	Jaggi
10	Lifetime Achievement Award	Kapil Dev

IIFA awards 2022: Announced Check complete list of winners

- ⇒ **International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA)** held in **Abu Dhabi**.
- ⇒ **Sidharth Malhotra's Shershaah** dominated awards this year, with film winning in as many as five categories. **Sardar Udham, Mimi & Ludo** won in two categories each.
- ⇒ **List of winners of IIFA 2022:**
 - **Best Actor (Male):** Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
 - **Best Actor (Female):** Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
 - **Best Director:** Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)
 - **Best Film:** Shershaah

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

- ⇒ **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022** held in **Mumbai**.
- ⇒ This year Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 celebrated opulence of Indian Cinema & also commemorated **75 years of Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- ⇒ **List of winners of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022:**
 - Film of Year Award: **Pushpa: Rise**
 - Best Film Award: **Shershaah**
 - Best Actor Award: **Ranveer Singh for film 83**
 - Best Actress Award: **Kriti Sanon for film Mimi**
 - Outstanding Contribution to Films: **Asha Parekh**
 - Critics Best Actor Award: **Sidharth Malhotra**
 - Critics Best Actress Award: **Kiara Advani**
 - Best Actor in Web Series Award: **Manoj Bajpayee for Family Man 2**
 - Best Actress in Web Series Award: **Raveena Tandon for Aranyak**
 - Best Web Series Award: **Candy**

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022

- ⇒ Former German chancellor **Angela Merkel** has been awarded **Unesco Peace Prize 2022** for **"her efforts to welcome refugees"**. In summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country's borders & famously declared to Germans **"Wir schaffen das"**, **"We can do this."**
- ⇒ She eventually pulled back on her pro-immigration stance as support eroded among public & within her own conservative party. All members of jury were touched by her courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from **Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan & Eritrea**.

About Unesco Peace Prize:

- ⇒ The honour, which is officially called **Felix Houphouet-Boigny-Unesco Peace Prize**, is named after former president of Ivory Coast. It has been awarded each year since **1989** to individuals, organisations or institutions that have made a special effort to promote, research or secure peace. It is awarded annually. prize includes a cheque of **USD 150,000**, a gold medal & a peace diploma. If there are multiple recipients, cheque is shared equally.

67th Filmfare Awards 2022

The **67th Filmfare Awards ceremony**, presented by **Times Group**, honoured best Indian Hindi-language films of 2021. Held at **Jio World Centre**, 67th Filmfare Awards honour films released in 2021. At a press conference helmed by editor of Filmfare magazine, Jitesh Pillai revealed **Wolf777news** as title sponsor. Bollywood actors **Ranveer Singh & Arjun Kapoor** were announced as co-hosts.





Check complete list of Bollywood celebrities, who won big at 67th Filmfare Awards 2022:

Popular awards

- ⇒ Best Film: **Shershaah (Dharma Productions)**
- ⇒ Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)
- ⇒ Best Actor: **Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev**
- ⇒ Best Actress: **Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore**
- ⇒ Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- ⇒ Best Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)

Debut Awards

- ⇒ Best Male Debut: Ehan Bhat – 99 Songs as Jay
- ⇒ Best Female Debut: Sharvari Wagh – Bunty Aur Babli 2 as Sonia Rawat / Jasmine "Jazz"
- ⇒ Best Debut Director: Seema Pahwa – Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi

Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022

- ⇒ Ukrainian maths professor, **Maryna Viazovska**, won the top mathematics prize, **the Fields Medal 2022**.
- ⇒ Viazovska & three other mathematicians received the Fields Medal, dubbed the Nobel prize in maths.
- ⇒ **Maryna** is only the second woman to receive the award, which is awarded to mathematicians under 40, since it was created in 1936.
- ⇒ **The four awardees of the prestigious prize include:**
 - France's Hugo Duminil-Copin (36 years)- Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques
 - US-based June Huh (39 years) – Princeton University
 - Britain's James Maynard (35 years) – University of Oxford
 - Ukraine's Maryna Viazovska (37 years) – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

What is Fields Medal?

Fields medal is the highest honor for a mathematician. The medal is awarded every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Mathematicians.

K Sivan, among 67 to receive Rajyotsava awards by Karnataka awards

- ⇒ Former ISRO Chairman K Sivan, actors Dattanna, Avinash & Sihi Kahi Chandru are among 67 personalities who will be awarded Rajyotsava Award this year, by the Karnataka government.

Rajyotsava Prashasti or Rajyotsava Awards, the second highest civilian honor of the Karnataka state of India are conferred annually by the Karnataka Government on the occasion of the establishment of the state on 1 November celebrated as the Kannada Rajyotsava

President Droupadi Murmu presents National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021

- ⇒ President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards (NFNA) for the year 2021 to the Nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ⇒ The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses & nursing professionals to the society

India's Purnima Devi Barman is one of UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' for 2022

- ⇒ India's **Purnima Devi Barman**, an Assam-based wildlife biologist, is one of the five **'Champions of the Earth'** for this year, the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** announced. The annual awards are the highest environmental honour that the UNEP confers on individuals and organisations whose actions have a "transformative impact" on the environment. She has been honoured in the Entrepreneurial Vision category.
- ⇒ The other honourees include **Arcenciel (Lebanon); Constantino (Tino) Aucca Chutas (Peru); Sir Partha Dasgupta of the United Kingdom and Cecile Bibiane Ndjebet (Cameroon).**
- ⇒ **About the Purnima Devi Barman:**
 - Barman has been working with local communities – women, specifically – in Assam for more than a decade now to conserve the greater adjutant stork, an endangered wetland bird whose numbers have been declining due to habitat destruction and cutting down of nesting trees. The entire team is "extremely honoured" to win the award.
 - Barman won the award this year in the 'Entrepreneurial Vision' category, for her trail-blazing work in protecting the greater adjutant stork, called 'hargila' in Assamese. Hargilas are five-foot-tall birds that dwell in wetlands in some parts of southeast Asia including India and Cambodia.
 - There are only 1,200-odd hargilas remaining in the world, as per a 2016 IUCN Red List update which lists the bird as 'Endangered'. In India, hargilas are found in Assam and Bihar. Assam is home to the largest population – around 1,000 individuals – of these birds, according to Barman.

About the Champions of the Earth award:

- ⇒ UNEP said that since its inception in 2005, the annual Champions of the Earth award has been awarded to trailblazers at the forefront of efforts to protect our natural world. It is the UN's highest environmental honour. To date, the award has recognised 111 laureates: 26 world leaders, 69 individuals and 16 organisations. This year a record 2,200 nominations from around the world were received.





Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2021 Announced by GoI

- ⇒ The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, Government of India announced the National Adventure Award called "**Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award**" (TNNA) for the year 2021. The award is given in four categories which are **Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure, and Life Time Achievement**.
- ⇒ **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2021 Announced by GoI- Key Points**
 - The **National Selection Committee** was constituted under the chairpersonship of the Secretary (Youth Affairs).
 - The awardees will receive their awards from the **President of India** along with other Sports Awardees at the **Rashtrapati Bhawan** on 30th November 2022.
 - **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards** are given annually to praise the achievement of persons in the fields of adventure.
 - The award encourages people to develop the **spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork, and quick reflexes**.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award Winners

Sl. No.	Name	Category
1.	Ms. Naina Dhakad	Land Adventure
2.	Shri Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali	Water Adventure
3.	Group Captain Kunwar Bhawani Singh Samyal	Lifetime Achievement

94th Oscars Awards 2022 : full list of winners

- ⇒ **94th Academy Awards** returned to **Dolby theatre in Hollywood** as top films were honoured by **Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences**. show was hosted by **Regina Hall, Amy Schumer & Wanda Sykes**.
- ⇒ Netflix's **Power of Dog** leads race with **12 nominations**.
- ⇒ Indian documentary **Writing With Fire** is also nominated for Best Documentary (Feature).
- ⇒ **List of winners**
 - Best Actor in a Leading Role: **Will Smith**, "King Richard"
 - Best Actress in a Leading Role: **Jessica Chastain** (Eyes of Tammy Faye)
 - Best Picture: **CODA**
 - Best International Feature Film: **Drive My Car**
 - Documentary Short Subject: **Queen of Basketball**
 - Best Directing: **Jane Campion** (Power of Dog)
 - Best Visual Effects: **Dune**
 - Best Original Song: "No Time To Die" from "No Time to Die," music & lyric by **Billie Eilish & Finneas O'Connell**

75th BAFTA Award 2022

- ⇒ **75th edition of British Academy Film Awards**, also known as **BAFTA Award** held at **Royal Albert Hall in London**. ceremony was hosted by actress & comedian **Rebel Wilson**.
- ⇒ film that received maximum nominations was **Dune**, with 11 nominations. film that received maximum number of awards was **Dune** as well with 5 awards.

List of Winners.

Category	Winners
Best Film	Power of Dog
Best Director	Jane Campion, Power of Dog
Best Actress in Leading Role	Joanna Scanlan, After Love
Best Actor in Leading Role	Will Smith, King Richard
Outstanding British Film	Belfast
Original Score	Dune, Hans Zimmer

Ministry of Home Affairs Padma Awards 2022 announced

- ⇒ Union ministry of home affairs announced the **Padma awards** on the eve of the country's **73rd Republic Day**. The Awards given in three categories: **Padma Vibhushan** (for exceptional and distinguished service), **Padma Bhushan** (distinguished service of higher-order) and **Padma Shri** (distinguished service).

Padma Vibhushan(4)

S. No	Name	Field	State / Country
1	Ms. Prabha Atre	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri Radheyshyam Khemka (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	U.P.
3	General Bipin Rawat (Posthumous)	Civil Service	Uttarakhand
4	Shri Kalyan Singh (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Uttar Pradesh





Padma Bhushan (17)

S. No	Name	Field	State / Country
1	Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad	Public Affairs	Jammu and Kashmir
2	Shri Victor Banerjee	Art	West Bengal
3	Ms. Gurmeet Bawa (Posthumous)	Art	Punjab
4	Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
5	Shri Natarajan Chandrasekaran	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
6	Shri Krishna Ella and Smt. Suchitra Ella* (Duo)	Trade and Industry	Telangana
7	Ms. Madhur Jaffery	Others-Culinary	USA
8	Shri Devendra Jhajharia	Sports	Rajasthan
9	Shri Rashid Khan	Art	Uttar Pradesh
10	Shri Rajiv Mehrishi	Civil Service	Rajasthan
11	Shri Satya Narayana Nadella	Trade and Industry	USA
12	Shri Sundararajan Pichai	Trade and Industry	USA
13	Shri Cyrus Poonawalla	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
14	Shri Sanjaya Rajaram (Posthumous)	Sci and Engg	Mexico
15	Ms. Pratibha Ray	Literature and Education	Odisha
16	Swami Sachidanand	Literature and Education	Gujarat
17	Shri Vashishth Tripathi	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh

Padma Shri (107)

Golden Globe Awards 2022 announced

- ⇒ **Golden Globe Awards 2022** ceremony held to recognise excellence in film, both American and international, and American television.
- ⇒ This was the **79th** edition of the annual event, which honoured the best in American television, as well as film in 2021.
- ⇒ Two of the films namely **The Power of the Dog** and the **West Side Story**, won the most number of awards with 3 each.

List of winners in the Motion Picture category:

Category	Winners
Best Film (Drama)	The Power of the Dog
Best Film (Musical or Comedy)	West Side Story
Best Actor (Drama)	Will Smith for King Richard as Richard Williams
Best Actress (Drama)	Nicole Kidman for Being the Ricardos as Lucille Ball
Best Actor (Musical or Comedy)	Andrew Garfield for tick, tick... BOOM! as Jonathan Larson
Best Actress (Musical or Comedy)	Rachel Zegler for West Side Story as Maria Vasquez
Best Director	Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog
Best Screenplay	Kenneth Branagh for Belfast
Best Original Score	Hans Zimmer for Dune
Best Original Song	"No Time to Die" (Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell) – No Time to Die

'Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization' won 'International Craft Award 2021'

- ⇒ **Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization (KACV)** from **Kovalam, Kerala** awarded the **'International Craft Award for 2021'** for the best craft village in the world by the **World Crafts Council International**.
- ⇒ It is the only award India received in the non-individual category.
- ⇒ The KACV was established by the Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (UL CCS) for the State Tourism Department of Kerala. In 2021, the **Village of the Year** award was won by **'Kraf Komuniti Ku'** in **Malaysia**.

Other Awardee's:

Category of the award	Winners
Craft Icon of the Year	Chandramali Liyangane of the National Crafts Council, Sri Lanka.
Sustainable Development & Social Inclusion in the Handicrafts Sector	Malaysian Prison Department
Craft Persons of the Year	Shahrbanoo Arabian (Iran) and Dalavayi Kullayappa (India)
Craft Designers of the Year	Zohra Said (Morocco) and Ismario Ismael (Mexico)
Next Generation Craft Designers of the year	Qiling Zhang (China) and Mubin Khatri (India)
The Master Artisans	Amita Sachdeva (India) and Mubarik Khatri (India)





National Startup Awards 2021 announced

- ⇒ **National Startup Awards 2021** is the **second** edition of the award ceremony, conceived by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**.
- ⇒ A total of **46** Startups have been recognized as winners of the **National Startup Awards 2021** along with **1** incubator and **1** accelerator, by the Government of India.

Some winners in the list:

- ⇒ State-wise, **Karnataka** bagged the highest number of awards, which included **14** out of **46** national startup awards.
- ⇒ In **fintech** category's financial inclusion sub-sector, Bengaluru-based **Naffa Innovations Private Limited (ToneTag)** was declared the winner.
- ⇒ In **fintech** category's insurance sub-sector, **Umbo Idtech Private Limited** won the award.
- ⇒ In **Robotics** sub-sector, **Sagar Defence** was declared the winner.
- ⇒ In the **women-led start-up** category, Jaipur-headquartered **Frontier Markets** was honoured.

The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 announced

- ⇒ **The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021** ceremony held virtually in **Zurich, Switzerland** to crown outstanding players for excellent achievement in football.
- ⇒ Spain midfielder **Alexia Putellas** and Poland/Bayern Munich striker **Robert Lewandowski** awarded the Best FIFA Players in women's and men's football respectively.
- ⇒ **Lewandowski** won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award for the second straight year.

List of Winners:

Category	Winner
Best FIFA Men's Player	Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich, Poland)
Best FIFA Women's Player	Alexia Putellas (Barcelona, Spain)
Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper	Édouard Mendy (Chelsea, Senegal)
Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper	Christiane Endler (Paris Saint-Germain and Lyon, Chile)
Best FIFA Men's Coach	Thomas Tuchel (Chelsea, Germany)
Best FIFA Women's Coach	Emma Hayes (Chelsea, England)
FIFA Special Award for an Outstanding Career Achievement	Christine Sinclair (Female) & Cristiano Ronaldo (Male)

International Cricket Council announced ICC Awards 2021

- ⇒ **ICC** announced the winners of the **17th** edition of **ICC Awards for the year 2021**.

List of all the Winners are listed below:

Category	Winners
Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year	Smriti Mandhana (India)
Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year	Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan)
ICC Umpire of the Year	Marais Erasmus
ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year	Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)
ICC Women's T20 Cricketer of the Year	Tammy Beaumont (England)
ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year	Janneman Malan (South Africa)
ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year	Fatima Sana (Pakistan)
ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year	Zeeshan Maqsood (Oman)
ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year	Andrea-Mae Zepeda (Austria)
ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year	Babar Azam (Pakistan)
ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year	Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year	Joe Root (England)

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

- ⇒ **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022** held in **Mumbai**. It commemorated the **75** years of **Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- ⇒ **List of the important winners:**
 - Film of the Year Award: **Pushpa: The Rise**
 - Best Film Award: **Shershaah**
 - Best Actor Award: **Ranveer Singh** for film **83**
 - Best Actress Award: **Kriti Sanon** for film **Mimi**
 - Outstanding Contribution to Films: **Asha Parekh**
 - Critics Best Actor Award: **Sidharth Malhotra**
 - Critics Best Actress Award: **Kiara Advani**
 - Critics Best Film Award: **Sardar Udham Singh**
 - Best Director Award: **Ken Ghosh** for film **State of Siege: Temple Attack**
 - Best Actor in Web Series Award: **Manoj Bajpayee** for **The Family Man 2**
 - Best Actress in Web Series Award: **Raveena Tandon** for **Aranyak**
 - Best Web Series Award: **Candy**

Miss World 2021: Poland's Karolina Bielawska crowned

- ⇒ **Karolina Bielawska** from **Poland** won title of **Miss World 2021**. She was crowned by 2019 Miss World **Toni-Ann Singh** of **Jamaica**.
- ⇒ Indian-American **Shree Saini** from **United States** bagged first runner-up title, followed by **Olivia Yace** from **Cote d'Ivoire**.
- ⇒ 70th edition of **Miss World** international beauty pageant was held in **San Juan, Puerto Rico**.





Other Important Awards

S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
1.	South Korea's Mina Sue Choi was crowned Miss Earth 2022 Miss Fire 2022 is Andrea Aguilera of Columbia, Miss Water 2022 is Nadeen Ayoub of Palestine, and Miss Air 2022 is Sheridan Mortlock of Australia. During the pre-pageant activities, Choi bagged a few medals too. She won resort wear, long gown, beach wear, and swimsuit competition.	
2.	Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022 .	
3.	Canara Bank won the ' Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022 ' for India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London . Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer LV Prabhakar received the award from the organisers.	
4.	Cardiologist and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research C.N. Manjunath , writer Krishnappa G. and social activist and businessman S. Shadakshari have been selected for the Nadoja Award given by Kannada University in Hampi.	
5.	Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) , Maharashtra-based organisation has been awarded the Local Adaptation Champions Awards , organised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) at the ongoing COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt .	
6.	US President Joe Biden has recognised Indian-American and a longtime Houstonian, Krishna Vavilala , with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award , the nation's highest honour for his contributions to his community and the country at large.	
7.	Jammu and Kashmir has been awarded 1st prize in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation and 2nd prize in the category for Teleconsultation conducted during the celebration of Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 .	
8.	SpiceJet has been awarded the ' Safety Performer of the Year ' award by GMR Delhi Airport Awards for being the top performer among the self-handling airlines and as it has been able to reduce ground safety violations significantly.	
9.	SS Rajamouli -directed period movie ' RRR ' has been nominated in two categories at the Golden Globe Awards to be held in January 2023. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) has nominated ' RRR ' in the Best Picture: Non-English language and Best Original Song Naatu Naatu .	
10.	Mrs World 2022 : Sargam Koushal created history as she finally won the Mrs World 2022 title after 21 years while competing for India in the pageant.	
11.	National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) won the coveted IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai. The largest producer of the iron ore in the country was felicitated at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence.	
12.	Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative " DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data ". The award was announced under the 'Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development' category.	
13.	The Gujarati-language Chhello Show (The Last Show) , which is India's official entry for the 2023 Academy Awards or Oscars awards in the International Feature film category, has been shortlisted for next year's Academy Awards. Meanwhile, the track Naatu Naatu from SS Rajamouli's RRR has been shortlisted in the Best Original Song Category .	
14.	Rohini Nayyar prize : Sethrichem Sangtam , who helped triple the incomes of 1,200 marginalised farmers in Eastern Nagaland, was awarded the first Rohini Nayyar prize for outstanding contribution to rural development. The prize awarded to an individual 40 years or under in age, was presented by the Niti Ayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery .	
15.	The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022 .	
16.	NHPC Limited has been awarded as the winner of the ' Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector ' at PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022 .	
17.	Professor Thalappil Pradeep , Indian Scientist, India Institute of Technology, Madras received VinFuture special Prize on 20th December 2022 in Hanoi..	
18.	Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura (The Golden Wings of Watercocks) of Bangladesh and Upon Entry of Spain won the Best Film Award at the 28th Kolkata International Film Festival . Upon Entry is a film from Spain which is a story about the unexpected interrogation of a couple from Barcelona that has to go through after landing in New York with pre-approved immigration visas.	
19.	Ekalabya Puraskar : Indian cyclist Swasti Singh has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022 . The award is instituted by IMFA's charitable wing, IMPACT . Swasti received a cash award of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar function held in Bhubaneswar . She has bagged two gold and as many silver medals at the national level.	





S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
20.	KR Gouri Amma national award: Noted Cuban social worker and human rights advocate, Aleida Guevara has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award instituted by the K.R. Gouri Amma Foundation.	
21.	The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards , also known as "the Oscars of Education," gave significant recognition to the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) .	
22.	Prabhu Chandra Mishra has been awarded Atal Samman Award for his excellence in field of science & research.	
23.	International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) , the US-based international organisation has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign 'Nijaat' of Chhattisgarh police for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' award in the institutional category.	
24.	A journalist from Mumbai, Aarefa Johari was awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021 . It was announced by the Media Foundation.	
25.	Noted poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra will be awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021 , for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun', the KK Birla Foundation announced. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee, whose current head is Dr Subhash C Kashyap .	
26.	Indian-American singer Falguni Shah won a Grammy Award for A Colorful World in the Best Children's Album category .	
27.	A photograph by Canadian photographer Amber Bracken titled "Kamloops Residential School" has won the 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award .	
28.	Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards for the year 2018 to 43 eminent artists (4 Fellows and 40 awardees). Naidu also presented Fellowships and National Awards of Lalit Kala Akademi for the year 2021 to 23 people	
29.	Veteran Bengali author Amar Mitra was awarded this year's O.Henry prize for a short story he wrote 45 years back. He bagged the award for his short story titled 'Gaonburo'- a Bengali short fiction, which was translated into English (The Old Man Of Kusumpur) earlier.	
30.	Assam Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma presented the country's highest literary award, the 56th Jnanpith for the year 2021 to one of the most celebrated poets of Assam, Nilamani Phookan .	
31.	Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.	
32.	The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) engineering marvel, Atal Tunnel , built-in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi.	
33.	The former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, Ardeshir B.K. Dubash has received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan " by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo has conferred the award to him.	
34.	The founder of the educational charity 'Bidyando' Kishore Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the United Kingdom's Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds.	
35.	The important effort of Meghalaya's Planning Department , the e-Proposal System , which is part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) , has been awarded the prestigious UN Award – World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes 2022 .	
36.	Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary All That Breathes , India's only entry at Cannes Film Festival 2022 , has won the 2022 L'Oeil d'Or , the festival's top prize for documentaries.	
37.	A Gopalakrishnan , Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award for the year 2020 in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.	
38.	Kishore Jayaraman , President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce , has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty The Queen, British Deputy High Commission.	
39.	Renowned vocalist and guru, Neyveli R Santanagopalan , eminent mridangam artiste and guru, 'Tiruvurur' Bhakthavathsalam , and Lalgudi violin duo, G J R Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi were named for the prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi awards of the Music Academy for 2020, 2021, and 2022.	
40.	India's one million all-women Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers , were honoured with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General's Global Health Leaders Award 2022 for their "crucial role" in providing direct access to healthcare facilities in rural areas and their indefatigable efforts to rein in the coronavirus pandemic in the country.	





41.	Anjali Pandey , Engines and Components Business Unit Leader at Cummins India has been awarded the Committed Leader Award at CII EXCON 2022 in Bengaluru for her efforts to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace.
42.	Chairman of the Piramal Group, Ajay Piramal has received an honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty The Queen. He received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum .

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43.	Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage & compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of desperate people at the height of the Syria crisis.	
44.	The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu , presented the Silver Trumpet & Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard (PBG) at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan	
45.	Noted American historian Prof. Barbara Metcalf was awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on the 205 th birth anniversary of its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan .	
46.	Writer Dr Madhav Hada : 32nd Bihari Puraskar for book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri', the KK Birla Foundation announced.	
47.	SS Rajamouli's RRR:biggie won the ' Best International Film ' honour at the Saturn Awards 2022	
48.	Legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray's feature " Pather Panchali " has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) . 1) Meghe Dhaka Tara (Bengali) 2) Bhuvan Shome (Hindi) 3) Elipathayam (Malayalam) 4) Ghatashraddha (Kannada) 5) Garm Hava (Hindi) 6) Charulata (Bengali) 7) Ankur (Hindi) 8) Pyaasa (Hindi) 9) Sholay (Hindi)	
49.	National Industrial Security Academy (NISA) , at Hakimpet, Hyderabad " Best Police Training Institution for Training of Gazetted Officers for the year 2020-21	
50.	National Intellectual Property Award: Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) for 2021 & 2022. by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry's Ministry of Commerce & Industry	
51.	The European Parliament has awarded the people of Ukraine its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to honour their fight against Russia's invasion	
52.	Karnataka Bank has bagged the National Digital Transformation Awards , "by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	
53.	In the PMAY-2021 awards, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position followed by Madhya Pradesh & Tamil Nadu at second & third place, respectively. Madhya Pradesh got three special category awards followed by Jammu & Kashmir, which was adjudged the 'Best Performing UT' alongside Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	
54.	YSR lifetime achievement awards recipient: The State Formation Day, November 1, will mark the presentation of the YSR Lifetime Achievement & YSR Achievement-2022 Awards , according to the State govt.. Reporters in Guntur were informed on Friday that the High Power Steering Committee's suggested awards had been authorised by the CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy . (Click here to read the article)	
55.	SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022 will be awarded to Yunqing Tang Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The award includes a cash prize of \$10,000 & it is presented annually to individuals aged 32 & below, who made an outstanding contribution to the field of mathematics	
56.	Prakash Padukone awarded Sports Journalists' Federation of India medal (SJFI medal) for 2019.	
57.	PR Sreejesh & Savita Punia have been voted FIH Men's & Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row. The International Hockey Federation announced that young Indian forward Mumtaz Khan , & France's Timothée Clément have been named the FIH Rising Stars of the Year 2021-22 in the women's & men's categories respectively .	
58.	Vivek Lall , an Indian-origin General Atomic Global Corporation Chief Executive : Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with the citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'.	
59.	Roxy Mathew Koll , a scientist at the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), received the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal .	
60.	Satya Nadella:Padam Bhusan : He is CEO of Microsoft	
61.	2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed the " Oscars of Science ," announced. 2023 Breakthrough Prize laureates , recognized for their game-changing discoveries in Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences & Mathematics, along with early-career scientists who have made significant contributions to their fields. Daniel A. Spielman has been honoured with the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science & mathematics.	
62.	Veteran actress Asha Parekh : 2020 Dadasaheb Phalke award , making her the 52nd awardee of the honour .	





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63.	Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) :Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by the Airport Council International (ACI). for its implementation of the 'Mission Safeguarding' programme,	
64.	Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary, Suella Braverman :first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award	
65.	A women's rights activist from India, Srishti Bakshi won the Changemaker award at the UN SDG (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards held at a ceremony in Bonn, Germany.	
66.	Ayushmann Utkrishta Award 2022 has been given to Uttar Pradesh for adding several healthcare facilities to the health facility register.	
67.	Kumar Sanu & Shailendra Singh & music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years. Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind, & Kumar Sanu with the award for the years 2019, 2020 & 2021 respectively	
68.	Coveted Green Channel Certification -- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd., (GRSE) Awarded by: Ministry of Defence Awarded for supply of Portable Steel Bridges (Bailey Type) of various spans & configurations to Indian Army	
69.	Karim Benzema & Alexia Putellas :winning UEFA men's & women's player ofyear prizes at a ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey.	
70.	SKOCH award in the women & child development category.	West Bengal government's Lakshmir Bhandar scheme
71.	Gandhi Mandela Award 2022	14th Dalai Lama
72.	Kerala government's prestigious 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram'	Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan)
73.	fifth JCB Prize for Literature	Khalid Jawed's "The Paradise of Food"
74.	Sumitra Charat Ram Award' for Lifetime Achievement	Kathak exponent Dr. Uma Sharma
75.	UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize	Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong
76.	Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award	Danish Manzoor Bhat
77.	French government's highest honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award.	Aruna Sairam
78.	Karnataka Ratna award :	the late actor Puneeth Rajkumar
79.	63 police officers from Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Telangana, & Jammu & Kashmir have been awarded the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal' for the year 2022. The award was given by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for four special operations conducted by them in areas of terrorism, border actions, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling, & rescue operations.	
80.	Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War'.	US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously
81.	Member of the erstwhile royal family, Yaduveer Krishnaraja Chamaraja (YKC) Wadiyar has been selected for the International Kannada Rathna award.	
82.	National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, one of the organisation to be awarded with "India Agribusiness Awards 2022" for the best Agribusiness Award under Fisheries Sector. While Haryana has received the 'India Agribusiness Awards 2022' in the best state category for their contribution in the areas of agriculture	
83.	The Food Safety & Standard Association of India (FSSAI) awarded Bhopal Railway Station a 4-star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing "high-quality, nutritious food to passengers".	
84.	The Gandhi Peace Foundation has announced the award of its prestigious Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022 to The Wire's senior editor Arfa Khanum Sherwani	
85.	Prominent Indian physician & scientist, Dr. Subhash Babu has received the prestigious Bailey K. Ashford Medal for 2022 & the Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (FASTMH) award 2022.	
86.	Noted writers Madhu Kankariya & Dr Madhav Hada were awarded the 31st & 32nd Bihari Puraskar, respectively	
87.	India-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science..	
88.	Spanish filmmaker Carlos Saura, who received the Golden Bear for Best Director at the Berlin International Film Festival for Deprisa Deprisa, along with two Silver Bears for La caza & Peppermint Frappe, a BAFTA for Carmen & three awards at Cannes, among several others, will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award & an eight-film retrospective at IFFI.	
89.	NTPC's QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the "GOLD" award in the 47th International Convention on Quality Control Circle (ICQCC-2022). The convention is being held from 15th-18th November in Jakarta. The theme for ICQCC-2022 was "Built Back Better through Quality Efforts". NTPC QC Team presented on "Frequent Choking of Collecting tanks of AHP-IV".	





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90.	India became the only country to receive the Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022 in the 'country category' at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Thailand	
91.	National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) bagged the Champion of Champions Award, sweeping the 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave 2022, organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) in Kolkata.	
92.	Google announces Shlok Mukherjee as the winner of the 2022 Doodle for Google competition. for his inspiring Doodle titled 'India on the Centre State'.	
93.	The Kerala Tourism has bagged the prestigious Responsible Tourism Global award at the World Travel Mart held in London. for the STREET project implemented by the Responsible Tourism Mission under the Kerala Government	
94.	The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) , felicitated Rajendra Singh Pawar , Chairman & Founder, NIIT with ' Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 ' at the 8th FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards ceremony	
95.	Museum maker AP. Shreethar was honored with Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award 2022 in Delhi.	
96.	Divita Rai from Karnataka won title of Miss Diva Universe. Pragnya Ayyagari of Telangana was declared Miss Diva Supranational 2022.	
97.	Alia Bhatt has been awarded Best Actor at prestigious Priyadarshni Academy Smita Patil Memorial Award	
98.	Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF), ("Nobel Peace Prize of Asia,") 2022 wineers are: Sothea Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) & Gary Benchehib (Indonesia) Former Kerala minister KK Shailaja declined award	
99.	The Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti launched 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' contest. third edition	
100.	Pallathuruthy Boat Club, Mahadevikadu Kattil Thekkethil Chundan won Nehru Trophy boat race for snake boats atPunnamada Lake in Alappuzha.	
101.	Telugu writer & actor, Tanikella Bharani : Sahitya Puraskar of Loknayak Foundation (18th Loknayak Foundation Award)	
102.	The Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs & Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022. These awards are an initiative of National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and United Nations (UN) in India	
103.	Gujarati film "Chhello Show", a coming-of-age drama about a young boy's love affair with cinema in a village in Saurashtra, is India's official entry for 95th Academy Awards or Oscar awards, Film Federation of India (FFI) announced. 95th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place on March 12, 2023 in Los Angeles	
104.	Veteran actress Asha Parekh declared recipient of 2020 Dadasaheb Phalke award, making her 52nd awardee of honour.	
105.	Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has presented INSPIRE Awards to 60 startups along with financial support to 53,021 students, Ministry of Science & Technology. annual INSPIRE Awards MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration & Knowledge) competition attracted an unprecedented 6.53 lakh ideas & innovations from all states & UTs of country in 2020-21.	
106.	President presented National Service Scheme NSS Awards for 2020-21 academic year, according to a release from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. 42 prizes in total were given out. recipients of honours were two institutions, ten NSS units, their programme officers, & thirty NSS volunteers.	
107.	31st Vyas Samman	Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat for his play Mahabali .
108.	'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by Ministry of Home Affairs	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata
109.	Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary: Suella Braverman : winner of first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of Year award at a ceremony in London.	
110.	The former President of United States Barack Obama won Emmy Award for his narration in Netflix documentary "Our Great National Parks".	
111.	Swati Piramal , Vice Chairperson, Piramal Group conferred Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of Legion of Honour) , highest French civilian award,	
112.	The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) : Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by Airport Council International (ACI) . award is for its implementation of ' Mission Safeguarding ' programme, which ensured seamless traffic & reinforced passenger satisfaction in aftermath of pandemic.	
113.	The Liberty Medal 2022 : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy .	
114.	The 2023 winners of Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed " Oscars of Science ," : \$15 million. : for their game-changing discoveries in Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences & Mathematics, Daniel A. Spielman : 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science & mathematics.	
115.	Indian author & poet Meena Kandasamy : Hermann Kesten Prize by PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt .	





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116.	India won United Nations (UN) award for its ' India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) ', a large-scale hypertension intervention under National Health Mission (NHM) that saw 3.4 million hypertensive people identified & put on treatment at various government health facilities.	
117.	Former German chancellor Angela Merkel : Unesco Peace Prize 2022 for "her efforts to welcome refugees". honour, which is officially called Felix Houphouet-Boigny-Unesco Peace Prize , is named after former president of Ivory Coast. prize includes a cheque of USD 150,000 ,	
118.	Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for Insider online magazine of US has been selected for Pulitzer Prize 2022 .	
119.	Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande conferred title of Honorary General of Nepali Army	
120.	Former India Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military) (MSM(M))	
121.	President has honoured 45 selected teachers from across country with National Awards at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi . India is celebrating its 50th National Teachers' Day. Outstanding Principal Shri Sidharth Yonzon, Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Gangyap, Sikkim	
122.	CM M.K. Stalin received the renowned "President's Colours" for the Tamil Nadu Police from VP Naidu . To commemorate the achievement, Mr. Stalin declared that each police officer in the service would get a medal.	
123.	Narendra Singh Tomar gave out Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards in New Delhi. As a specific Central Government programme, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was introduced two years ago as part of the expansive Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package .	
124.	Canadian scholar, Jeffrey Armstrong awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021. He has been conferred "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation, society, etc".	
125.	Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. This award is given for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.	
126.	Indian American from Virginia, Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA in 2022 in New Jersey.	
127.	Karnataka CM, Basavaraj Bommai announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar , who died last year, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously. He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour.	
128.	Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States. He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University.	
129.	Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor , set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur . French government is honouring him for his writings & speeches.	
130.	President Droupadi Murmu approved 107 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces & Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022. The awards include three Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakras, two bar to Sena Medals (gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (gallantry), one Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) & seven Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry).	
131.	London home of Dadabhai Naoroji will get a ' Blue Plaque ', an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived & worked in London. Naoroji was the first Asian who was elected as a Member of Parliament in Britain .	
132.	Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) awarded 1,082 police personnel from CAPFs & state forces with various categories of service medals, including for gallant action on the eve of Independence Day. The decorations include 347 police medals for gallantry (PMG), 87 President's police medals for distinguished service & 648 police medals for meritorious service.	
133.	As the first recipient from the global south & the first South Asian, renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher, & educator Marina Tabassum received the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award .	
134.	HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare & Life Sciences (global winner) & the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner).	
135.	Tanuja Nesari , Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament . (For her contribution to promoting the growth of Ayurveda in India & abroad.	
136.	Sini Shetty won the title of Femina Miss India 2022 . She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant.	
137.	In honour of India's first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in Public Administration has been established, as per Science & Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi.	
138.	India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman & second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) . The first Indian to achieve the honour was Raghuram Rajan .	
139.	Polish govt. honoured the maharajas of Jamnagar & Kolhapur & others who sheltered Polish refugees fleeing the Soviet Union invasion of Poland during World War II.	





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140.	India's Pallavi Singh won Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea . She hails from Kanpur, India.	
141.	The govt. of Japan conferred the ' Order of the Rising Sun, Gold & Silver Star ' award on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman Narayanan Kumar in recognition of his contribution toward strengthening economic relations between Japan & India.	
142.	United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) National Goodwill Ambassador Ms Dia Mirza , & Environmental Activist Mr Afroz Shah were felicitated with the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021.	
143.	Japanese govt. announced its decision to honour former PM Shinzo Abe with the country's highest decoration " the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum " posthumously. (Click here to read the article)	
144.	Two-time Grand Slam champion & former world number one, Lleyton Hewitt inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame .	
145.	National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance.	
146.	Development Bank of Singapore Limited (DBS Bank) recognized as the ' World's Best SME Bank ' by Euromoney for the second time (the first time in 2018).	
147.	Malayalam filmmaker, KP Kumaran honoured with Kerala's highest film award, the JC Daniel Award . Kumaran won the award for his contribution to the Malayalam film industry.	
148.	Kamal Haasan , a prominent figure in the Tamil cinema industry given the prestigious Golden Visa by the United Arab Emirates .	
149.	US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) recognised former Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane for his contribution to fostering ties between India & the US. The public service award has also been given to former US Defense Secretary General Jim Mattis in addition to Naravane.	
150.	Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, Kaushik Rajashekara won the prestigious Global Energy Prize . He was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification & energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions.	
151.	Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF) taken a major stride in its efforts to promote soulful Indian music among the masses. The Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind ' Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award ' for Excellence in Music.	
152.	British PM, Boris Johnson has presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award , drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis.	
153.	Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary All That Breathes , India's only entry at Cannes Film Festival 2022 , won 2022 L'Oeil d'Or , festival's top prize for documentaries.	
154.	17th Mumbai International Film Festival of India confers Dr V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award on noted author & documentary filmmaker Shri Sanjit Narwekar .	
155.	Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar) from South Kashmir, awarded ' 01 Best Content Award ' & Immunization Champion award by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)	
156.	Former West Indies captain, Daren Sammy Sitara-i-Pakistan Award for Services to Pakistan.	
157.	Director of Ruchi Foodline, Food brand & Odisha's No.1 spices company, Rashmi Sahoo Times Business Award 2022 .	
158.	Harini Logan , a 14-year-old Indian-American eighth-grader from Texas win the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee, beating Vikram Raju.	
159.	Dutch documentary film " Turn Your Body to Sun ": Golden Conch award for Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022 .	
160.	Indian Railways: UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) in category of " Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology " for feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System.	
161.	Industrialist & philanthropist, Ratan Tata presented with Honorary Doctor of Literature by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan Mumbai.	
162.	World Health Organisation awarded Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with Regional Director Special Recognition Award .	
163.	Qatar's Hamad International Airport named World's Best Airport for second year running. Best Airport in India & South-Asia (and the cleanest): Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) , Delhi rank 37	
164.	UNESCO recognized use of information & communication technology (ICT) , under a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA by department of school education, Ministry of Education.	
165.	US-Canadian author, film-maker & Zen Buddhist priest, Ruth Ozeki won Women's Prize for Fiction this year for her novel ' Book of Form & Emptiness '. Prize Amount- 30,000 pounds sterling (USD 36,000)	
166.	Mo Bus , Odisha-based public transport service honored with a prestigious United Nations award , for their role & efforts in helping world recover better from Covid19. Public transport service recognised for its role in " promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) ".	





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167.	Former Karnataka CM S M Krishna , Infosys founder & IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy , & former badminton player Prakash Padukone selected for ' Kempegowda International Award '.	
168.	Indian tennis great, Vijay Amritraj named 2021 recipient of Golden Achievement Award by International Tennis Hall of Fame & International Tennis Federation .	
169.	An Award scheme for writing books originally in Hindi on Economics/Banking/Financial issues was introduced by Reserve Bank of India. Decision was made to jointly reward Professor Renu Jatana , a former dean of Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur, Rajasthan , & Dr. Sagar Sanwariya , an assistant professor at Govt. Girl's College in Nathdwara, Rajasthan , under this programme for their book Vittiye Prabhand .	
170.	Winner of longest-running Indian beauty pageant outside of India, Miss India Worldwide 2022 announced. British biomedical student Khushi Patel won it.	
171.	Winners of 21st edition of Transilvania International Film Festival organised in Unirii Square in Cluj-Napoca. Utama , debut film of director Alejandro Loayza Grisi , was chosen as this year's big winner.	
172.	Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company IG Drones felicitated with " Best Drone Organization – Start-up Category " by Airwards .	
173.	Ashok Soota , founder & Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies , conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021 .	

174.	Former West Indies Captain Clive Lloyd received Knighthood from Prince William , the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle, for his services towards the game of cricket. England's world cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan was awarded with CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Prince William for his services towards the game of cricket.			
175.	Pfizer Inc.'s Chairman & Chief Executive, Albert Bourla - Genesis Prize 2022 . for his efforts in leading the development of a COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine). The award comes with a cash prize of \$1 million.			
176.	Former Japan PM Shinzo Abe was conferred with the Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau .			
177.	Prajakta Koli (youtuber – mostly sane) has become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion. for her contribution towards mental health, women's rights & girl child education through various global social campaigns.			
178.	Olympian gold medal Neeraj Chopra honoured with Param Vishisht Seva Medal . He is the first track & field athlete to win a gold medal for India at the Olympics. Neeraj is a Subedar in the Indian Army.(previous question related to length of the pole)			
179.	Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi conferred the Assam Baibhav award to the former chairman of Tata Sons, rattan tata . The Assam government conferred 'Asom Baibhav' to Ratan Tata for his contribution to setting up cancer treatment facilities in the state.			
180.	Indian Banks' Association announced the IBA's 17th Annual Banking Technology Awards 2021 .			
181.	12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022.	Harshaali Malhotra	2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan	She received the award for her commendable performance in the movie & contribution in the field of Indian Cinema
182.	International Folk Art Festival in Dubai	Sumit bhale	Lavni artist	From Maharashtra
183.	International Association of Working Women Award	Sushmita sen	TV series for her show ' Aarya 2 '.	Former miss universe
184.	Best film award in the Asian Film Competition section at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival .	P S Vinodraj directed film Koozhangal(pebbles)		
185.	Guinness World Record in Numerology	JC Chaudhry	first world record of 2022 by educating about ancient science to around 6000 participants.	





186.	Best national costume award at Mrs World 2022 pageant	Navdeep kaur	The "avant garde" outfit was inspired by Kundalini Chakra , which "symbolises the movement of energy in chakras of the body from the base to the spine up through the crown".	Navdeep hails from a small town near Odisha's Steel City, Rourkela.
187.	TX2 award	Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve	its tiger numbers doubled to 80 since 2010.	Bardia National Park in Nepal has won this year's TX2 award for doubling the population of wild tigers
188.	SKOCH Award	Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)	For combating Crime & Violence against Children.	
189.	World Bank Group & Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards.	NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt Ltd, & InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd		DBT-BIRAC supported start-ups,
190.	UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021	South Indian Bank (SIB)	for Best Automation under 'Crisis for Business Continuity'	

191.	Microsoft founder & philanthropist, Bill Gates conferred with Hilal-e-Pakistan , the second-highest civilian honour in the country, for his efforts to help eradicate polio in Pakistan.			
192.	Telugu short film 'Street Student' by Akula Sandeep depicting the story of a street urchin with a strong message on right to education bagged the first prize in a competition organised by the National Human Rights Commission .			
193.	New Zealand cricketer, Daryl Mitchell named the winner of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021 .			
194.	Tokyo Olympics gold medallist, Neeraj Chopra nominated for the prestigious 2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award .			
195.	Nitin Gadkari will be facilitated for the first time with the 18th late Madhavrao Limaye award in the category of Karyakram Khaasdar (Efficient Member of Parliament) for the year 2020-21.			
196.	Sandeep Bakhshi named the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21 . He is the managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank.			
197.	RailTel bagged the ICAI award for excellence in financial reporting for the year 2020-21 in Public Sector Entities Category.			
198.	Maharatna company Coal India Limited awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award at the "Energy Meet & Excellence Award" function organized by Industry Chamber "ASSOCHAM" in Kolkata.			

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199.	Boltzmann Medal for Statistical Physics	Deepak Dhar , shares medal with John J Hoefield (Princeton University).
200.	International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award	Rizwana Hasan , Bangladeshi environmental lawyer
201.	Pritzker architecture prize 2022	Francis Kéré (first black architect)
202.	Abel Prize for year	Dennis Parnell Sullivan .
203.	Padma Bhushan award	Devendra Jhajharia -first para-athlete
204.	Governor of year award at Central Banking Awards	Mario Marcel , Central Bank of Chile,
205.	Stockholm Water Prize Laureate	Professor Emeritus Wilfried Brutsaert, usa
206.	Deepika Padukone one of awardees of TIME100 Impact Awards 2022 for her work in mental health struggles & raising awareness, through her LiveLoveLaugh Foundation .	
207.	National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) awarded 'Special Jury Award' at 7th India Industry Water Conclave & 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards .	
208.	National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd Country's largest Iron Ore producer, a CPSE under Ministry of Steel received 1st prize in Ispat Rajbhasha Award & Ispat Rajbhasha Prerna Award	
209.	Jammu & Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) with "National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21" in recognition of its best performance in Self-Help Group Bank Linkage . .	





210.	Axis Bank awarded IFR Asia's Asian Bank of Year, for its breadth of coverage & depth of expertise in Asian investment banking space. also won 'Best DCM House in India' Award
211.	Morgan Stanley honoured Bank of year award at IFR Asia Award 2021 & JSW Group has been awarded with Issuer of year award.
212.	Professor Narayan Pradhan- 31st GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution in field of material sciences.
213.	Suresh Raina has been awarded prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at Maldives Sports Awards 2022.
214.	Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) of NITI Aayog organised 5th edition of Women Transforming India Awards.
215.	Weightlifter, Mirabai Chanu- BBC Indian Sportswoman of Year award, BBC Emerging Player award to Shafali Verma cricketer
216.	Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) won 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022. Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two 'Best Airport' under General Category & 'Aviation Innovation' Award Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) won 'Aviation Sustainability & Environment' award

Summits | Events | Festivals (National/International)

PM Modi Addressed 90th Interpol General Assembly in Pragati Maidan

- ⇒ 90th General assembly of INTERPOL was organized in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. PM addressed it.
- ⇒ **What is INTERPOL?** The full form is the International Criminal Police Organization. It is an inter-govt. al organization. It have 195 member countries, & it help police in all of them to work together to make the world a safer place.
- ⇒ It was founded on September 7, 1923, at the close of the five-day 1923 Congress session in Vienna as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC).

Other Points

- ⇒ **Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi** of UAE to succeed Kim Jong Yang as President of Interpol in 2022.
- ⇒ Secretary general of INTERPOL: **Jurgen Stock** of Germany
- ⇒ Headquarter of INTERPOL: **Lyon, France**

53rd edition International Film Festival of India concludes

The **53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** came to an end at a ceremony held at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium near **Panaji** on 28 November 2022. The **53rd edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** has concluded with Spanish film **'I Have Electric Dreams'** directed by Valentina Maurel winning the prestigious 'Golden Peacock' for the best film of the festival. The closing ceremony of IFFI was held at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee indoor stadium in Taleigao, Goa.

Awardees in 53rd IFFI:

- Spanish film **'I Have Electric Dreams'** directed by Valentina Maurel winning the prestigious **'Golden Peacock'** for the best film of the festival.
- **Vahid Mobasseri**, lead actor of 'No End', was honoured with **Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)**
- **Daniela Marin Navarro**, lead Actor of Best Film 'I Have Electric Dreams' is honoured with **Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)**.

- Iranian writer and director **Nader Saeivar** gets **Silver Peacock for Best Director** for No End,
- Filipino filmmaker **Lav Diaz** bagged **Special Jury Award** for 'When the Waves are Gone'.
- Award for Best Debut Feature Film of a Director has been snatched by **Asimina Proedrou** for Behind The Haystack and **Praveen Kandregula** has received Special Mention for 'Cinema Bandi'.
- Celebrated Spanish film Director **Carlos Saura** was honoured with the prestigious **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award**.
- Actor Producer **Chiranjeevi Konidela** was conferred with the **IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022**.

53rd IFFI: Key points

- The nine-day festival featured 280 films from 79 countries opened with the Austrian film 'Alma and Oskar', directed by Dieter Berner, while Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi's 'Perfect Number' was the closing film. France was the **'Spotlight' country this year**.
- As many as 25 feature films and 19 non-feature films from India were showcased in the **'Indian Panorama'** section, while 183 films will be a part of the international section.
- The **opening film** of the festival was Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film **Alma and Oskar** and the closing film was the Polish film **'Perfect Number'**, directed by Krzysztof Zanussi.

International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

The first International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in the cities of Bombay (now Mumbai), Delhi, Calcutta (now Kolkata), Madras (now Chennai) from 24 January to 1 February 1952. The Delhi leg was inaugurated by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. It was later held in different cities of the country. Since **2004, starting from the 35th edition, Goa** has become the permanent venue of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). It is held in the month of November - December every year.





S.No.	Name of Summit/Events	Venue
Summits Held Nationally		
1.	14th World Spice Congress : in the CIDCO Exhibition & Convention Centre in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, from February 16 to 18, 2023. Spices Board India in conjunction. Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability- Productivity- Innovation- Collaboration- Excellence & Safety) has been selected as the subject for the current World Spice Congress (WSC).	
2.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 75th Amrut Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan via video-conferencing. Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan was established at Rajkot in 1948 by seer Shri Dharmajivandasji Swami	
3.	The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been announced as the Secretariat for Science 20 (S20) , the G20 summit's science working group.	
4.	As part of India's G20 presidency , the Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the "Stay Safe Online" campaign and the "G20 Digital Innovation Alliance" (G20-DIA) . MeitY, the Nodal Ministry for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), has represented India in numerous working groups and Ministerial sessions during previous presidencies	
5.	Global Youth Climate Summit Ejaj Ahmad, the founder & chief executive officer of Global Youth Leadership Center,	in Khulna, Bangladesh by Global Youth Leadership Center
6.	World Blockchain Summit	Virtual event : organizer : Tel Crypto
7.	Shanghai Coordinators Organization national coordinator meeting	Delhi
8.	9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) & Arogya Expo , in Panaji, Goa Theme: 'Ayurveda For One Health' by World Ayurveda Foundation (WAF)	
9.	4th Heli-India Summit 2022 Theme of 'Helicopters for Last Mile Connectivity' at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar	
10.	2nd United Nations World Geospatial International Congress: theme of this year's conference — 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind': Hyderabad, Telangana	
11.	Agni Tattva campaign: under LiFE – Lifestyle for the Environment is now being carried out by Power Foundation of India in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA).	
12.	5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance: New Delhi	
13.	Ministry of MSME hosted the National SC-ST Hub Conclave in Ahmedabad.	
14.	UNESCO-MONDIACULT 2022 World Conference held at Mexico City	
15.	13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 :theme: "Education to Employability – Making It Happen." in New Delhi.	
16.	5th edition Windergy India 2023: Chennai organized by Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) & PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd	
17.	12th World Hindi Conference: Fiji	
18.	"Akash for Life : at Dehradun	
19.	3rd Global Artificial Intelligence Summit & Awards:New Delhi : Organized by: All India Council For Robotics & Automation (AICRA)	
20.	World Spice Congress 14th edition: CIDCO Exhibition & Convention Centre in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	
21.	Global News Forum 2022 New Delhi : Organiser: Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) :Theme: "Truth & trust at times of crisis"	
22.	6 th India Mobile Congress (IMC) New Delhi Theme: "New digital Universe	
23.	3 rd World AntiDoping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium- 2022 New Delhi Organized by: National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) & National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)	
24.	Conclave - "Manak Mahotsav" Mumbai, Maharashtra Organized by: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Theme: Standards for Sustainable Development Goals - A Shared Vision for a Better World	
25.	Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in Lucknow..	
26.	Dairy cooperative conclave of the eastern & northeastern zones in Sikkim organised by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI) .	Sikkim
27.	Arogya Manthan 2022 To commemorate four years since the launch of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) & one year since the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).	
28.	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated & addressed the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 on the theme of "Education to Employability – Making It Happen." in New Delhi.	
29.	Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav . The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar, is MoHUA's knowledge partner for the initiative.	





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30.	National Workshop on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals in Panchayats Village with Self-Sufficient Infrastructure	
31.	Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched a 15-day blood donation drive on occasion of PM Narendra Modi's birthday. will continue till 1st October 2022 which is National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. One unit donated translates to 350ml of Blood.	
32.	Conference on "Indian Minerals & Metals Industry - Transition Towards 2030 & Vision 2047 Organized by: NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation) Ltd., Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Mines & FICCI	
33.	Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurates dairy cooperative conclave of eastern & northeastern zones in Sikkim on October 7, organised by National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).	
34.	4th Cyber Crime Investigation & Intelligence Summit-2022 is being organised by Madhya Pradesh Police	
35.	PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Centre-State Science Conclave', in Ahmedabad India has risen to 46th rank in Global Innovation Index.	
36.	Union Minister for DoNER, Tourism & Culture, G. Kishan Reddy has launched two-day virtual conference 'SymphoNE'	
37.	3 rd Edition of Roads & Highways Summit Organized by: FICCI India has second highest road network in world & it is expected to expand road network to two lakh kilometres by end of 2024.	
38.	Gati Shakti: Transforming India's Infrastructure marching towards USD 5 Trillion Economy Conference Organized by: PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI)	
39.	Conference on "Significance of Technology in Empowering Tribal Community of India" Organized by: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	
40.	Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by government to determine quality of natural & pure silk produced by weavers.	
41.	65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) will be led by Amos Masondo, chair of National Council of Provinces (NCOP): held in Halifax, Canada	
42.	23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting: Union Home Minister Amit Shah led 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting in Bhopal.	
43.	20th edition of BioAsia 2023 will be hosted by Government of Telangana in Hyderabad : BioAsia 2023's logo & theme, "Advancing for ONE: Shaping next generation of humanised healthcare	
44.	The Ministry of Education hosted Smart India Hackathon-2022. two Smart India Hackathon 2022 editions are Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Hardware & Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Software.	
45.	The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022 was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in New Delhi.	
46.	Nitin Gadkari inaugurate 'Manthan' in Bengaluru. theme of Mathan is 'IDEAS TO ACTION: Towards a smart, sustainable, road infra, mobility, & logistics ecosystem.'	
47.	Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually addressed Leeds-2022 conference organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi. T	
48.	The 7th Edition of BSX 2022, is organized in association with ISRO, IN-SPACE, & NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) in Bengaluru theme of conference is 'Nurturing the NewSpace in India	
49.	Shri Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate 'Manthan' in Bengaluru theme of Manthan is 'IDEAS TO ACTION: Towards a smart, sustainable, road infra, mobility, & logistics ecosystem.'	
50.	Amit Shah spent all day in Chandigarh where he inaugurated a symposium on drug trafficking & national security. Along with Shah, other speakers at the national conference included Banwarilal Purohit, the CMs of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, the lieutenant governor of Jammu & Kashmir, & the Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment.	
51.	In October, India will host diplomats from the UN Security Council's 15 member countries for a special counterterrorism meeting.	
52.	31 July designated Chabahar Day in Mumbai by the Ministry of Port, Shipping, & Waterways (MoPSW) to commemorate the Chabahar – Link to International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – Connecting Central Asian Markets.	
53.	International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12.	
54.	fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC): the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) organised the fifth GFTC with the subject "Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism.	Mumbai
55.	Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam	Varanasi
56.	First India Animal Health Summit 2022,	Delhi
57.	6th National Conclave on Mines & Mineral	Delhi





58.	"Hariyali Mahotsav: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
59.	Maha Adhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan	Ujjain
60.	National Education Ministers' Conference	Gujarat
61.	In New York, 10th Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference of India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) was conducted.	
62.	Jitendra Singh will lead Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation to USA to participate in Global Clean Energy Action Forum: Pennsylvania USA	
63.	PM Narendra Modi inaugurated International Dairy Federation's World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 at India Expo Center & Mart in Greater Noida	
64.	The second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign & Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in Tokyo	
65.	Quad group meeting will be hosted by India in New Delhi with Japan, U.S, & Australia	
66.	fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS) took place in Bangalore. Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) & Centre for Study of Science, Technology, & Policy (CSTEP), have organized summit.	
67.	First Homeopathy International Health summit: hosted by Dubai aimed to teach & promote a homeopathic system of medicine, medications, & practices	
68.	Border Coordination Conference between India & Bangladesh was opened at Sylhet by Inspector General BSF-Regional Commander BGB. BSF: Border Security Force guards Indo Bangladesh & Indo Pakistan border.	
69.	Permanent Indus Commission conference: held yearly under Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) 1960, began with India & Pakistan.	
70.	PM Narendra Modi launched 'Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) Movement'. Launch initiated 'LiFE Global Call for Papers' inviting ideas & suggestions from academics idea of LiFE was introduced by PM during 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP26) in Glasgow 2021	
71.	Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 (IDS-2022) – Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070- Delhi	
72.	National Conference on Cyber Safety & National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav): Ministry of Home Affairs: Delhi	
73.	Jammu & Kashmir will host 2023 meetings of G20, an influential group of world's major economies	
74.	National Conference on Millets: Theme: 'Future Super Food for India' in New Delhi, organised by industry body ASSOCHAM.	
75.	PM Narendra Modi: summit of five-nation grouping sponsored by China that consequences of Covid epidemic on global economy	
76.	1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival (AISF) was inaugurated by Dr. Srivari Chandrashekhar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology in Bogor, Indonesia. PM Narendra Modi has addressed the inaugural function of Invest Karnataka, the Global Investors Meet via video conferencing. In Bengaluru Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar chaired the first National Natural Farming Mission committee meeting at Krishi Bhawan.	
77.	15th iteration of Kerala's Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference The meet is focus on the theme, 'Azadi @ 75 — Sustainable Aatmanirbhar Urban Mobility'.	Kochi
78.	42nd International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) in	Dehradun
79.	PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit	Varanasi
80.	Guyana President, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention. It will be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.	
81.	PM Narendra Modi gifted the local artifacts made in Himachal Pradesh to the world leaders at the upcoming G20 Summit. The G20 Summit will take place in Indonesia's capital city, Bali. themed "Recover Together, Recover Stronger" The G20 Presidency of Indonesia is hosting the official launch of the Pandemic Fund	
82.	Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) & Kerala Chapter hosts the 18th Edition of the International Telemedicine Conference at Amrita Hospital, Kochi. The inaugural ceremony was felicitated by Mr. S. Somnath, Chairman of ISRO	
83.	Calling for integration of mangroves conservation with the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD+) programmes for carbon sequestering, India joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC).	





84.	PM Narendra Modi has unveiled India's logo, theme & website for its presidency of the G20, which reflects the country's message & overarching priorities to the world. The G20 logo, created with the four colours of India's national flag, comprises of earth sitting atop a lotus. The seven petals in the logo signify the seven seas & the coming together of seven continents at G20 India 2023. The earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life & from this, it derives the theme of G20 India 2023 – "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future"
85.	Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will attend the ASEAN – India commemorative summit & the 17th East Asia Summit (EAS). The ASEAN – India commemorative summit is being held in Cambodia
86.	World Travel Market, WTM 2022: One of the biggest international travel expos, the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022, will have India as a participant today in London. The Future of Travel Starts Now is the exhibition's theme for this year
87.	India & Sweden hosted the LeadIT Summit, on the sidelines of COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt. The Leadership for Industry Transition- LeadIT initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector.
88.	National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), under the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), jointly launched "In Our LiFEtime" campaign
89.	Global Shield Fund coordinated by G7's president Germany & the V20 group of climate-vulnerable countries, it aims to rapidly provide pre-arranged insurance & disaster protection funding after events such as floods, droughts & hurricanes hit
90.	Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company is set to host the first edition of the Global Media Congress, in partnership with Emirates News Agency
91.	Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh inaugurated the GeoSmart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad
92.	PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate the silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 22) virtually.

93.	PM Modi addressed 30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day programme on January 31, 2022, via video conference. Theme of the programme was 'She The Change Maker'.	
94.	NITI Aayog, in collaboration with PhonePe, AWS & EY, organized virtual summit, 'Fintech Open'. It was inaugurated by Union Minister for Railways, Communications, & Electronics & IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw.	
95.	Union Ministry of Culture organized a first-of-its-kind Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India'. Inaugurated by Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy. It organised in partnership with Bloomberg.	
96.	Union Minister of Power, R K Singh launched Powerthon-2022, a hackathon competition to find technology-driven solutions to solve the complex problems in power distribution & to ensure quality & reliable power supply.	
97.	4th India-Australia Energy Dialogue co-chaired by Union Minister for Power & New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh & Australian Energy & Emissions Reduction Minister Angus Taylor. Energy Transition was a major area of discussion in the dialogue.	
98.	India to hold the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 & the G20 Summit will be held in India in 2023 (18th edition). For its preparation, govt. approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat & its reporting structures. It will be guided by an Apex Committee headed by PM & it will have following members: Finance Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman, Home Minister: Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister: S. Jaishankar, & G20 Sherpa: Piyush Goyal	
99.	Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is organising a "Darkathon-2022" to find solutions to counter drug trafficking through the darknet.	
100.	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of Ministry of Culture, Government of India organized international conference 'Devayatanam – An odyssey of Indian temple architecture at Hampi, Karnataka. It aims to deliberate upon the philosophical, religious, social, economic, technical, scientific, art & architectural aspects of the temple.	
101.	24th National Conference on e-Governance.	Hyderabad, Telangana. Theme is 'India's Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World'
102.	First India-Central Asia Summit	It was attended by the Presidents of these five Central Asian countries. These are the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan), Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan & Republic of Uzbekistan
103.	World Economic Forum's (WEF's) Davos Agenda Summit 2022,	Venue : davos Theme: The State of the World.
104.	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), with Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt hosted 28th edition of DST – CII Technology Summit . Singapore is Partner Country for this year's Technology Summit.	
105.	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Chemicals & Fertilizers has inaugurated seminar on "Industry Connect 2022": Industry & Academia Synergy. .	
106.	IIT Madras & National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, jointly conducted OCEANS 2022 Conference & Exposition,	





107.	India Global Forum's (IGF) annual summit in Bengaluru, Karnataka
108.	3rd edition of National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) has been organised jointly by Lok Sabha Secretariat & Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi
109.	Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) & FICCI are jointly organizing 'WINGS INDIA 2022' at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. theme : India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry.
110.	Gulf Countries' Investment Summit at SKICC, Srinagar ,aimed at providing a platform for foreign business delegates to explore a host of investment opportunities in UT of Jammu & Kashmir.
111.	73rd Annual National Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (ANCIPS) theme 'Bridging minds ... Connecting generations'

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Summits Held Internationally		
112.	Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Innovation Awards was held at New Delhi. Co-Hosts: Govt. of India & Internet Governance Forum, United Nations. Theme: Digital Health for All	
113.	Sustainable Mountain Development Summit-XI at Leh, Ladakh. Organized by: Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) Theme: 'Harnessing tourism for sustainable mountain development'.	
114.	World Muslim League celebrated Gandhi Jayanti for the First time: at Saudi Arabia : Headquarters at mecca	
115.	Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Bucharest, Romania Theme: "Building Better Digital Future"	
116.	Indian delegation headed by the Minister of State for Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal represented at UNESCO-MONDIACULT 2022 World Conference held at Mexico City.	
117.	The G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) will be held in Bali, Indonesia, & it will be attended by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar	
118.	PM Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where "I" stands for India & Israel, & "U" for the US & the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid & UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan)	
119.	The former CEO of Niti Aayog, Amitabh Kant, will take on the role of G-20 Sherpa. Piyush Goyal, a Union Minister, would be replaced by Kant	
120.	BIMSTEC Expert Group on Cyber Security Cooperation is being organised in New Delhi by the National Security Council Secretariat of the Indian Government	
121.	The 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue began in Berlin, Germany. The two-day informal ministerial meet is being chaired by Germany & Egypt, hosts of this year's annual climate meet (COP-27	
122.	The CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram host an International Conference on Chemistry & Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022) as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav	
123.	Dr. Jitendra Singh attended Lisbon UN Ocean Conference, 2022, Portugal. On topic of Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science & Innovation for implementation of Goal 14: Stock taking, Partnerships & Solutions	
124.	G7 Summit: Germany: India was invited: conclusion to concentrate on China's growing threats, despite fact that three-day meeting's most pressing issue was Russia's conflict in Ukraine	
125.	12th World Trade Organization's (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC12) opened at WTO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.	
126.	First-ever India-European Union (EU) Security & Defence Consultations held in Brussels, Belgium.	
127.	Secretariat of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka celebrated 25th Anniversary. BIMSTEC: Signing of Bangkok Declaration on June 6 in 1996.	
128.	Europe's biggest startup conference, "Vivatech 2020" recognized India as "country of year."	
129.	8th Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians started in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt to address climate change. two-day conference is being jointly organized by House of Representatives & Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).	
130.	PM Modi addressed the high-level segment of the One Ocean Summit.	
131.	PM Modi delivered the inaugural address at The Energy & Resources Institute's (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit. Theme is Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable & Equitable Future.	
132.	German government held virtual meeting of G7 agriculture ministers to explore implications of conflict between Russia & Ukraine on global food security	
133.	Election Management Bodies (EMBs) from approximately 32 countries & four international organisations, Election Commission of India (ECI) convened virtual International Election Visitors Programme (IEVP) 2022	





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134.	36th International Geological Congress (IGC) with topic Geosciences: Basic Science for a Sustainable Future. IGC is a collaboration between Ministries of Mines & Earth Sciences, Indian National Science Academy, & Science Academies of Bangladesh, Nepal, & Sri Lanka.	
135.	Narendra Modi participated in 5th BIMSTEC Summit through virtual mode. Summit chaired by Sri year 2022 marks 25th year of BIMSTEC. theme - "Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People".	

- ⇒ The **4th** edition of the **India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS)** was held at **Bolgatty Palace** in **Kochi** in **Kerala**.
- ⇒ The Union Minister of AYUSH, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has inaugurated a two-day scientific convention on the theme '**Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness**' in New Delhi.
- ⇒ The **20th NTCA** in **Arunachal Pradesh** is chaired by **Bhupender Yadav**. The 20th Meeting of the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** was held in **Pakke tiger reserve** in **Arunachal Pradesh** and was led by Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav**.
- ⇒ Secretary of State **Antony J. Blinken** and Secretary of Defense **Lloyd J. Austin III** welcomed Ministers of Defense **Rajnath Singh** and External Affairs **Dr S. Jaishankar** to Washington, D.C. for the **fourth US-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue**.
- ⇒ In the **80th SKOCH Summit and SKOCH Awards**, held recently in New Delhi, India's largest iron ore producer, **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)**, under the Ministry of Steel, received one gold and one silver medal. The SKOCH Summit's subject was '**State of BFSI & PSUs**.'
- ⇒ The 20th edition of the **India-France Joint Staff** talks focused on new initiatives within the framework of the existing **bilateral defence cooperation mechanism**, as well as improving current defence engagements. The two-day talks took place in a nice, warm, and courteous setting in **Paris**.
- ⇒ The three-day "**Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization**" conference kicked off today in **Surat**. Under the clarion call of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)**.
- ⇒ **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will open the **Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022** at **Mahatma Mandir** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- ⇒ **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and AYUSH, said that the **1st Incredible India International Cruise Conference-2022** will be hosted in **Mumbai**.
- ⇒ According to the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** president, **Debashis Mitra**, India 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 **Tallinn, Estonia NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**, abbreviated as **CCDCOE**, is organising the **Locked Shields 2022**, the largest and most complex annual international live-fire cyber defence exercise in the world.
- ⇒ **PM is attending the second-in-person Quad leader summit in Tokyo on 24th May 2022**. He stated that Quad has gained significant popularity in the world in a short period. At the summit, he spoke about the contribution of India, to the development of the Indo-Pacific region.
- ⇒ The **Permanent Indus Commission conference**, which is held yearly under the **Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)** 1960, began with **India** and **Pakistan**. The Indus discussions have survived the tie-freeze since both countries regard it as a requirement of the **IWT**.
- ⇒ The **Border Coordination Conference** between **India and Bangladesh** was opened at Sylhet by Inspector General BSF-Regional Commander BGB. According to a Border Guards Bangladesh official press release, the four-day seminar will end on June 2. (BGB).
- ⇒ **3rd Global Organic Expo 2022** is poised to be a major platform for **Organic Producers**, **Aggregators**, **Processors**, **Value Chain Integrators**, and the **Industry Partners** by offering **Global level conference**, with an apt theme "**Profitability for Humanity**".
- ⇒ At the Legislative Assembly complex, President **Ram Nath Kovind** will kick off the two-day **National Women Legislators' Conference-2022**, which is expected to draw a large number of female parliamentarians and legislators from throughout the country.
- ⇒ **Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi**, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, attended 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.
- ⇒ **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, presided over the **National Startup Advisory Council's (NSAC) 4th** meeting in New Delhi.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** called for a reform of the UN health authority and a review of its vaccine approval processes a week after the government challenged the WHO's numbers for mortality during the Covid outbreak.
- ⇒ The Indian team, led by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Shri Bhupender Yadav**, arrived in **Abidjan, Cote D Ivoire**, for the **UN Convention on Combating Desertification's 15th Conference of Parties (UNCCD COP15)**.





⇒ The 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' was inaugurated at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, by Union Minister for MSME Shri Narayan Rane and Minister of State for MSME Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, as well as several State Ministers and top officials. The coir sector employs more than 7 lakh people in rural parts of coconut-growing states. Even more intriguing, 80 percent of these artists are women, although output has so far been limited to the country's southern coconut-producing States/UTs.

⇒ The Semicon India Conference-2022 will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bengaluru will host this three-day conference. According to a Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) statement, the three-day conference is being held to advance Prime Minister Narendra Modi's objective of making India a leader in electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, production, and innovation.

List/Indexes (Ranks & Reports)

India's 100 Richest 2022: Gautam Adani tops Forbes rich list

India's 100 Richest 2022:

⇒ The world economy may be slowing but India's richest have grown even richer this year. The **Forbes 2022 list of India's 100 richest** is finally here, according to which, the combined wealth of India's 100 richest grew by \$25 billion to touch a colossal \$800 billion. The top 10 richest Indians are worth a cumulative \$385 billion. **Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani** has bagged the top spot on the list with a net worth of \$150 billion. According to Forbes, the gain was largely due to a record-breaking feat by infrastructure tycoon, which changed the pecking order at the top for the first time since 2008.

Top 10 names in the list:

RANK	NAME	NET WORTH (in Rupees)
1	Gautam Adani	Rs 1,211,460.11 crore
2	Mukesh Ambani	Rs 710,723.26 crore
3	Radhakishan Damani	Rs 222,908.66 crore
4	Cyrus Poonawalla	Rs 173,642.62 crore
5	Shiv Nadar	Rs 172,834.97 crore
6	Savitri Jindal	Rs 132,452.97 crore
7	Dilip Shanghvi	Rs 125,184.21 crore
8	Hinduja Brothers	Rs 122,761.29 crore
9	Kumar Birla	Rs 121,146.01 crore
10	Bajaj Family	Rs 117,915.45 crore

New Faces on India's 100 richest list:

⇒ **Falguni Nayar:** With a net worth of \$4.8 billion, as per the Forbes data, Nayar is on the 44th spot in the list.

⇒ **Rekha Jhunjhunwala:** The wife of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who is fondly remembered as India's very own Warren Buffet. At the 30th spot, Rekha Jhunjhunwala, 59, has replaced her husband on the list. She has a net worth of \$5.9 billion.

⇒ **Nehal Vakil:** The representative of the third generation of the Vakil family that is running Asian Paints, which was founded in 1942. The family's total worth is \$5.52 billion.

⇒ **Venu Srinivasan:** The founder of the TVS group, one of the largest two-wheeler manufacturers in the world, is also a new entrant on the list this year. He is also the recipient of Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in the country.

⇒ **Ravi Modi:** The owner of Vedant Fashions, named after his only son. The manufacturer of Indian ethnic wear — known for the Manyawar brand — went public in 2022. His total worth is about \$3.6 billion.

⇒ **Nirmal Minda:** The Chairman and MD of UNO Minda (formerly Minda Industries), has the net worth of \$2600 crore.

⇒ **Rafique Malik:** Having listed Metro Brands last December, Rafique Malik figures on No. 89 with \$2.22 billion. The privately held company is known for its brands such as Mochi, Metro and Walkway.

BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List: 4 Indian women's in the list

BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List:

⇒ The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has published the list of **100 most influential women in the world** and has included women from several areas such as **politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature**. The BBC's 100 most influential women's list also includes four Indians: **Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, and social worker Sneha Jawale**.

⇒ The annual list celebrates the achievements of women internationally, from grassroots volunteers to global leaders, and is used by BBC to focus on women's experiences around the world through a dedicated series of interviews, documentaries and features. For the first time this year, the BBC asked some of the previous '100 Women' to nominate women they feel deserve a place on the 2022 list.

Some of the notable names included in the BBC 100 most influential women's lists:

⇒ European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen**,

⇒ Barbados Prime Minister **Mia Mottle**,

⇒ Ukraine's First Lady **Olena Zelenska**,

⇒ Music star **Billie Eilish**,

⇒ Actress and disability activist **Selma Blair**,





- ⇒ Iranian climber **Elnaz Rekab** who recently made waves in Iran for competing in South Korea without wearing a headscarf.
- ⇒ From sport, Iranian climber **Elnaz Rekab** who recently made waves in her home country for competing in South Korea without wearing a headscarf.
- ⇒ Tunisian tennis star **Ons Jabeur** who became the first Arab or African woman to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open era.

About the BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List:

- ⇒ The BBC most influential women's list is celebrating its 10th season, as well as the 90th anniversary of the BBC World Service and the centenary of the BBC. The theme for 100 Women' in 2022 is progress and the related set of programmes for the season will take the opportunity to look back at what's changed over the past decade, as well as highlighting the inspiring women who have made a difference.

Hurun Global 500 rankings: India ranked 5th in the list of valuable companies

2022 Hurun Global 500 list

- ⇒ **India**, with 20 of the most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the **fifth position** among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms. Last year, it ranked ninth with eight companies. The US continued to top the charts, according to the **2022 Hurun Global 500 list**. The list, released by the **Hurun Research Institute**, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world. Companies were ranked according to their market capitalisation (for listed companies) and valuations for non-listed companies.

Key points in the ranking:

- ⇒ Of the 20 Indian companies featuring on the list this year, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in **Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata**.
- ⇒ With a \$202-billion valuation, **Reliance Industries (RIL)** topped the charts of Indian companies, while it ranked 34th in the world. It was followed by **Tata Consultancy Services (\$139 billion)** and **HDFC Bank (\$97 billion)**.
- ⇒ The list also saw the entry of four companies — Adani Transmission, Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises and Adani Total Gas — led by billionaire Gautam Adani, with a total valuation of \$173 billion.
- ⇒ The other new entrants in the list from India include **ITC (\$52 billion)**, **Avenue Supermarts (\$33 billion)**, **Axis Bank (\$33 billion)**, **Bajaj Finserv (\$32 billion)** and **Larson & Toubro (\$32 billion)**.
- ⇒ Interestingly, 50 per cent or 250 companies in the Hurun Global 500 companies have presence in India.

Tops global charts:

- ⇒ Globally, **Apple** retained the title of the most valuable company in the world with a market cap of \$2.4 trillion and **Microsoft** came second (\$1.8 trillion), while Alphabet, the parent company of **Google**, **displaced Amazon** to take the third place.
- ⇒ **China** came in second with 35 companies, followed by **Japan (28) and the UK (21)**. India and Canada moved up to the fifth place with 20 companies each, adding eight and three companies, respectively, overtaking **France and Germany**.

UP become India's top vegetable producer

Uttar Pradesh has become the **top producer of vegetables**, getting back its first position by demoting **West Bengal** to the second position, with a difference of a million tonnes in production in 2021–22 Crop Year (CY) (July–June), after two years since 2020.

Top fruit producer:

- **Andhra Pradesh** remains the **top fruit producer**. India's horticulture output is likely to drop marginally by 0.4% to 333.25 mt in 2021–22 from the previous year (2020–21) as production of vegetables, spices, and plantation crops is set to decline.
- In 2021–22, Andhra Pradesh is expected to produce 18.01 million tonnes of fruit, up from 17.7 million tonnes in 2020–21. Maharashtra is anticipated to produce 12.3 million tonnes of fruit, up from 11.74 million tonnes in 2020–21.

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022

QS Quacquarelli Symonds released the **12th** edition of the **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022**, the subject-wise rankings of institutes across the world are compilations of multiple lists. The QS World University Rankings by Subject are compiled annually to help prospective students identify the leading universities in a particular subject.

The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 cover a total of 51 disciplines, grouped into five broad subject areas.

1. Arts & Humanities
2. Engineering and Technology
3. Life Sciences & Medicine
4. Natural Sciences
5. Social Sciences & Management

Top institutes under each category:

Category	Top Institute(Rank 1)
Arts and Humanities	University of Oxford(UK)
Engineering and Technology	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
Life Sciences & Medicine	Harvard University (USA)
Natural Sciences	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)(USA)
Social Sciences & Management	Harvard University(USA)





Top 3 QS World University Rankings 2022:

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT),
2. The University of Oxford,
3. Stanford University & the University of Cambridge.

NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index: Gujarat tops

NITI Aayog has launched the **State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I**. The State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I ranks the states' performance on 6 parameters, namely, (1) DISCOM's Performance (2) Access, Affordability and Reliability of Energy (3) Clean Energy Initiatives (4) Energy Efficiency (5) Environmental Sustainability; and (6) New Initiatives.

Top Three States among Larger States Category

- Gujarat
- Kerala
- Punjab

Top Three States among Smaller States Category

- Goa
- Tripura
- Manipur

Top Three UTs

- Chandigarh
- Delhi
- Daman & Diu/Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Fortune 500 list

Elon Musk, the multi-billionaire **CEO of Tesla and SpaceX** highest-paid executive in the world. Musk has topped the Fortune's new list of the most highly compensated CEOs on the Fortune 500.

List of top 10 most highly compensated CEOs:

1. Elon Musk, Tesla: USD 23.5 Billion
2. Tim Cook, Apple: USD 770.5 Million
3. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA: USD 561 Million
4. Reed Hastings, Netflix: USD 453.5 Million
5. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals: USD 452.9 Million
6. Marc Benioff, Salesforce: USD 439.4 Million
7. Satya Nadella, Microsoft: USD 309.4 Million
8. Robert A. Kotick, Activision Blizzard: USD 296.7 Million
9. Hock E. Tan, Broadcom: USD 288 Million
10. Safra A. Catz, Oracle: USD 239.5 Million

WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021

The **World Economic Forum's (WEF)** ranked **India 54th position** (down from 46th in 2019) with a score of 4.1 in its **Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021**, but still, India remains the top performer in South Asia. **Japan** has topped (1) the global chart and the bottom position (117) is occupied by the country **Chad**.

The five Sub indexes:

- Enabling Environment
- Travel and Tourism Policy and Enabling Conditions

- Infrastructure
- Travel and Tourism Demand Drivers
- Travel and Tourism Sustainability

Countries in the Global Ranking:

Rank	Country	Score
1	Japan	5.2
2	United States of America (USA)	5.2
3	Spain	5.2
4	France	5.1
5	Germany	5.1
54	India	4.1

Global Hunger Index 2022

⇒ **India ranks 107 out of 121 countries** on the **Global Hunger Index** in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan. India's score of **29.1 places** it in the 'serious' category.

INDIA'S Progress since 2000

- ⇒ India's GHI score has decreased from a 2000 GHI score of 38.8 points, considered alarming, to a 2022 GHI score of 29.1, considered serious.
- ⇒ India's proportion of undernourished in the population is considered to be at a medium level, & its under-five child mortality rate is considered low.
- ⇒ While child stunting has seen a significant decrease from 54.2 per cent in 1998–1999 to 35.5 per cent in 2019–2021 it is still considered very high.
- ⇒ At 19.3 per cent—according to the latest data—India has the highest child-wasting rate of all countries covered in the GHI. This rate is higher than it was in 1998–1999, when it was 17.1 per cent.

Top countries in Global Hunger Index 2022:

Rank in 2022	Country	Score
1-17	Belarus	<5
1-17	Bosnia & Herzegovina	<5
1-17	Chile	<5
1-17	China	<5
1-17	Croatia	<5
1-17	Estonia	<5
1-17	Hungary	<5
1-17	Kuwait	<5
1-17	Latvia	<5
1-17	Lithuania	<5

About the Global Hunger Index (GHI):

- ⇒ The Global Hunger Index is a peer-reviewed annual report, jointly published by **Concern Worldwide & Welthungerhilfe**, designed to comprehensively measure & track hunger at the global, regional, & country levels.
- ⇒ GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators – undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting, & child mortality.





Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops among Indian Universities

⇒ **Times Higher Education Rankings 2023** has been announced. This year, the **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore** has secured the top place among Indian universities. Five Indian universities made it into the world's top 500 varsities. IISc has been placed under the 251-300 bracket. The complete list of the top 10 Indian Universities is enlisted below.

⇒ **Check the top 10 Indian universities:**

Bracket	Name of the Institute
251-300	IISc
351-400	JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research
351-400	Shoolini University of Biotechnology & Management Sciences
401-500	Alagappa University
401-500	Mahatma Gandhi University
501-600	IIT Ropar
501-600	International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad
501-600	Jamia Millia Islamia
501-600	Saveetha Institute of Medical & Technical Sciences
601-800	Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: Globally

⇒ Globally, the **University of Oxford** continued to retain the top spot for the seventh consecutive year, while the University of Cambridge jumped to joint third from joint fifth last year. The US is the most-represented country overall with 177 institutions in the overall ranking list.

Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row

⇒ HCL Technologies' Chairperson, **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row as per the third edition of '**Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List**'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at **Rs 84,330 crore**.

⇒ **List of the top 10 richest women in India:**

Rank	Name	Company	Wealth/Net worth (INR)
1	Roshni Nadar Malhotra	HCL	84, 330 crore (wealth)
2	Falguni Nayar	Nykaa	57,520 crore (wealth)
3	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw	Biocon	29,030 crore (wealth)
4	Nilima Motaparti	Divi's Laboratories	28,180 crore (wealth)
5	Radha Vembu	Zoho	26, 260 crore (wealth)

HCL's Shiv Nadar named country's most generous philanthropist

⇒ HCL founder **Shiv Nadar** topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022** revealed. Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day, according to the report.

Fortune Global 500 list: LIC breaks into Fortune 500 list

⇒ **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** broken into the **latest Fortune Global 500 list**. The nation's biggest life insurer with revenue of **USD 97.26 billion** & a profit of **USD 553.8 million**, was ranked 98th.

⇒ **Indian Companies ranking in the list:**

- ⇒ Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list.
- ⇒ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) rose 28 places to 142nd rank while Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) climbed 16 places to 190.
- ⇒ State Bank of India (SBI) climbed 17 places to rank 236th & Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd 19 places to 295.

⇒ **Global companies:**

- ⇒ The list, topped by US retailer **Walmart**, has nine Indian companies — five of them state-owned, & four from the private sector.
- ⇒ Walmart landed at No. 1 for the ninth straight year, trailed by **Amazon**, which reached its highest ranking ever. **Chinese energy giants State Grid, China National Petroleum, & Sinopec** rounded out the top five.

Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers

- ⇒ **Gujarat & Karnataka** emerged the "best performers" in the third edition of **States' Start-up ranking, 2021**, while **Meghalaya** bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states. In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was the best performer.
- ⇒ The rankings are based on the initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting entrepreneurs. These initiatives include the Startup India initiative, multiple funding & incubation support, & the government announcing January 16 as Startup Day.
- ⇒ Top performers among the larger states include **Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha & Telangana**.
- ⇒ Among smaller states & UTs, **Jammu & Kashmir** was adjudged the top performer.





WEF's Gender Gap Report 2022

- ⇒ India ranks **135** among a total of **146** countries in the **Global Gender Gap Index 2022** of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.
- ⇒ It is the worst performer in the world in the "health & survival" sub-index where it is ranked 146.
- ⇒ The Global Gender Gap Report 2022 is the **16th** edition of the annual publication by WEF.

4 key dimensions

- ⇒ The Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — **economic participation & opportunity, educational attainment, health & survival, & political empowerment**.

Key points of the reports:

- ⇒ Iceland has retained its position as the world's most gender-equal country, among 146 nations on the index.
- ⇒ Finland, Norway, New Zealand & Sweden are the top five countries on the list respectively.
- ⇒ Afghanistan is the worst-performing country in the report.
- ⇒ India ranks last, **146** in health & survival, **143** in economic participation & opportunity, **107** in educational attainment & **48th** in political empowerment.

TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022

- ⇒ Two locations from India named among "**50 extraordinary destinations to explore**" this year by TIME Magazine.
- ⇒ The southern state of **Kerala & Ahmedabad**, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world's greatest places of 2022.
- ⇒ Ahmedabad for state-of-the-art learning opportunities, Kerala for Tourism
- ⇒ The list also includes **Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul & Kigali, Rwanda.**

NIRF Rankings 2022: Check the list of all Top Colleges, Universities

- ⇒ The **7th** edition of the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** rankings was released by Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras is the overall best institution for higher education in India, followed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore, the latest edition of the Education Ministry's NIRF rankings show.
- ⇒ **NIRF India Ranks 2022: Overall Category**
 1. Indian Institute of Technology Madras
 2. Indian Institute of Science
 3. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- ⇒ **NIRF Ranks 2022: Top Pharmacy Colleges**
 1. Jamia Hamdard
 2. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research Hyderabad
 3. Panjab University

⇒ NIRF Ranks 2022: Top Medical Colleges

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi
2. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research
3. Christian Medical College

⇒ NIRF Ranking 2022: Top Management Colleges

1. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
2. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
3. Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

⇒ NIRF Ranks 2022: Engineering Colleges

1. IIT Madras
2. IIT Delhi
3. IIT Bombay

IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th

- ⇒ India seen sharpest growth among Asian economies, with a six-position jump from **43rd to 37th** rank on annual World Competitiveness Index 2022.
- ⇒ Top-performing Asian economies are **Singapore (3rd), Hong Kong (5th), Taiwan (7th), China (17th) & Australia (19th).**

World Competitiveness Index 2022: Globally

- ⇒ **Denmark** moved to top of 63-nation list from third position last year, while **Switzerland** slipped from top ranking to second position & **Singapore** regained third spot from fifth, a global study showed.

About World Competitiveness Index 2022:

- ⇒ IMD business school in Switzerland & Singapore released the index.
- ⇒ Its think-tank, IMD World Competitiveness Center, ranks 63 economies & assesses extent to which a country promotes prosperity of its people by measuring economic well-being via hard data & survey responses from executives.

Expatriate Insider Rankings for 2022: India ranks 36th

- ⇒ **Mexico** topped the **Expatriate Insider Rankings for 2022**, which was released by the InterNations, while **India** ranked on **36th position** out of the **52 countries** on the list, with a high affordability score.
- ⇒ **Kuwait** is the worst country for expats in the ranking.
- ⇒ **Top 5:** Mexico, Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain.

About the Expatriate Insider Rankings:

- ⇒ The Expatriate Insider survey is conducted every year by InterNations, a community for expatriates.
- ⇒ The survey takes a look at some of the best possible ex-pat destinations around the world, which offer the best quality of life to the people who move abroad to improve their quality of life.





Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th

- ⇒ **Henley Passport Index** released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022.
- ⇒ Three Asian nations **Japan, Singapore & South Korea** bagged the top three positions on the list.
- ⇒ **India** is ranked **87th** on the list of the **world's most powerful passports in 2022**, as per **Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners**, an immigration consultancy.
- ⇒ **World's most powerful passports 2022: Top 5 countries**
 - Japan
 - Singapore
 - South Korea
 - Germany
 - Spain

Fortune 500 list: Elon Musk, world's richest man, was 2021's highest paid CEO

- ⇒ **Elon Musk**, multi-billionaire **CEO of Tesla & SpaceX** highest-paid executive in world.
- ⇒ **List of top 5 most highly compensated CEOs:**
 1. Elon Musk, Tesla: USD 23.5 Billion
 2. Tim Cook, Apple: USD 770.5 Million
 3. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA: USD 561 Million
 4. Reed Hastings, Netflix: USD 453.5 Million
 5. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals: USD 452.9 Million

India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur & Chandigarh topped

- ⇒ **Karnataka, Manipur & Chandigarh** topped the third edition of **NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index**, which ranks the states & the union territories on their innovation performance.
- ⇒ **Innovation index is based on 7 pillars:**
 1. Human capital
 2. Investment
 3. Knowledge workers
 4. Business environment
 5. Safety & legal environment
 6. Knowledge output
 7. Knowledge diffusion

Key points of the report:

- ⇒ Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category & Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East & Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories & City States' category.

Major states:

Rank	States	III 2021
1	Karnataka	18.01
2	Telangana	17.66
3	Haryana	16.35

NE & Hill States:

Rank	States	III 2021
1	Manipur	19.37
2	Uttarakhand	17.67
3	Meghalaya	16.00

UT & City States:

Rank	UT & City States	III 2021
1	Chandigarh	27.88
2	Delhi	27.00
3	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	17.29

What is India Innovation Index?

- ⇒ Prepared by **NITI Aayog & the Institute for Competitiveness**, the **India Innovation Index** is a comprehensive tool for the evaluation & development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states & the union territories on their innovation performance to build healthy competition amongst them.
- ⇒ Number of indicators has increased from 36 (in the India Innovation Index 2020) to 66 (in the India Innovation Index 2021).

QS World University Rankings 2023 released

- ⇒ **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**, London-based global higher education released **19th** edition of world's most consulted international university ranking. **QS World University Rankings 2023** ranks top 900 universities based on 8 key ranking indicators.
- ⇒ **Key points:**
 - Ranking was topped by **United States(US)'s Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** followed by **University of Cambridge** in **United Kingdom(UK)** & **Stanford University(US)**.
 - **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka**, ranked 155 gaining 31 places since 2022 ranking & emerged as fastest rising South Asian university among top 200 universities.
 - 41 Indian varsities have been found place in rankings.
- ⇒ **QS World University Rankings 2023: List of top 5 universities in India:**

National rank	Name of university	Global rank/ bracket
1	IISc Bangalore	155
2	IIT Bombay	172
3	IIT Delhi	174
4	IIT Madras	250
5	IIT Kanpur	264





Climate Change Performance Index 2023: India ranked 8th in the list

- ⇒ The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 released.
- ⇒ It was published by three environmental nongovernmental organizations viz. Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute & the Climate Action Network (CAN) International.
- ⇒ India rose two spots to rank eighth out of 63 countries in the Climate Change Performance Index 2023 (CCPI). In the Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Energy Use categories, the country was rated "high". In the Climate Policy & Renewable Energy categories, it earned a "medium" rating.
- ⇒ The CCPI evaluates 59 countries & the European Union, which together generate over 90 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. Using standardised criteria, the CCPI looks at four categories, with 14 indicators: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use, & Climate Policy.
- ⇒ In 2022 & 2021, India stood in the 10th spot. In 2020, it ranked ninth on the list. Since signing the Paris Agreement in 2015, India has updated its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). At the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, the country announced its commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070.

Climate Change Performance Index 2023: Key Highlights:

- ⇒ In the overall standings, no country ranked first, second or third on the index. Denmark, with a score of 79.61, ranked fourth, followed by Sweden with 73.28 points. India scored 67.35 points.
- ⇒ India's ranking in categories: In GHGs, it ranked 9, Renewable Energy (24), & Energy Use (9), & on Climate Policy (8).
- ⇒ It should be noted that India ranked at top in the grouping of top 10 emitters. It is followed by Germany & Japan at 2 & 3 positions of this grouping.
- ⇒ The worst performers in the overall ranking are Iran, Saudi Arabia & Kazakhstan. They are particularly weak in renewables & heavily reliant on oil.
- ⇒ Saudi Arabia is the country with the highest per capita GHG emissions among the G20 nations.

QS Asia University Rankings 2023

- ⇒ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay is the best educational institution in Southern Asia while IIT Delhi ranks second in the region, as per QS Asia University Rankings 2023.
- ⇒ 15th edition of the QS World University Rankings: Asia features 757 institutions – up from 687 last year & making it the biggest rankings for the region yet.
- ⇒ As per the official data, the Indian Universities that made it to rank in the 200 QS Asia Universities Ranking are:
 - IIT Bombay (40th)
 - IIT Delhi (46th)
 - IISc Bangalore (52)
 - IIT Madras (53)
 - IIT Kharagpur (61)

The Top 5 Asian Universities list are:

- China's Peking University (Rank 1),
- National University of Singapore (rank 2),
- Tsinghua University, Beijing (rank 3),
- The University of Hong Kong (rank 4),
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (rank 5).

India's 100 Richest 2022: Gautam Adani tops Forbes rich list

India's 100 Richest 2022:

The world economy may be slowing but India's richest have grown even richer this year. The **Forbes 2022 list of India's 100 richest** is finally here, according to which, the combined wealth of India's 100 richest grew by \$25 billion to touch a colossal \$800 billion. The top 10 richest Indians are worth a cumulative \$385 billion. **Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani** has bagged the top spot on the list with a net worth of \$150 billion. According to Forbes, the gain was largely due to a record-breaking feat by infrastructure tycoon, which changed the pecking order at the top for the first time since 2008.

Top 10 names in the list:

RANK	NAME	NET WORTH (in Rupees)
1	Gautam Adani	Rs 1,211,460.11 crore
2	Mukesh Ambani	Rs 710,723.26 crore
3	Radhakishan Damani	Rs 222,908.66 crore
4	Cyrus Poonawalla	Rs 173,642.62 crore
5	Shiv Nadar	Rs 172,834.97 crore
6	Savitri Jindal	Rs 132,452.97 crore
7	Dilip Shanghvi	Rs 125,184.21 crore
8	Hinduja Brothers	Rs 122,761.29 crore
9	Kumar Birla	Rs 121,146.01 crore
10	Bajaj Family	Rs 117,915.45 crore

New Faces on India's 100 richest list:

- **Falguni Nayar:** With a net worth of \$4.8 billion, as per the Forbes data, Nayar is on the 44th spot in the list.
- **Rekha Jhunjhunwala:** The wife of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who is fondly remembered as India's very own Warren Buffet. At the 30th spot, Rekha Jhunjhunwala, 59, has replaced her husband on the list. She has a net worth of \$5.9 billion.
- **Nehal Vakil:** The representative of the third generation of the Vakil family that is running Asian Paints, which was founded in 1942. The family's total worth is \$.52 billion.
- **Venu Srinivasan:** The founder of the TVS group, one of the largest two-wheeler manufacturers in the world, is also a new entrant on the list this year. He is also the recipient of Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in the country.





- **Ravi Modi:** The owner of Vedant Fashions, named after his only son. The manufacturer of Indian ethnic wear — known for the Manyawar brand — went public in 2022. His total worth is about \$3.6 billion.
- **Nirmal Minda:** The Chairman and MD of UNO Minda (formerly Minda Industries), has the net worth of \$2600 crore.
- **Rafique Malik:** Having listed Metro Brands last December, Rafique Malik figures on No. 89 with \$2.22 billion. The privately held company is known for its brands such as Mochi, Metro and Walkway.

The returnees on India's 100 richest list:

- Among the four returnees on the list is Anand Mahindra with a net worth of \$2.2 billion or Rs 17,768.08 crore. Bhadrash Shah (Rs 15,345.16 crore), Anu Aga (Rs 18,010.37 crore) and Joy Alukkas (Rs 25,036.84 crore) are also among the returnees on the rich list.

- Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma was a notable name among the drop-offs, who saw shares of his One97 Communications tank amid the global tech rout. The cutoff for the top 100 was \$1.9 billion this year.



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1.	Vision – Developed India: Opportunities & Expectations of MNCs	CII-EY report	India may draw \$475 billion in FDI : India has promising growth prospects for foreign direct investment (FDI) & has the potential to draw \$475 billion in FDI flows over the next five years.
2.	'India Tourism Statistics 2022'	Ministry of tourism	Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million & 1.23 million, respectively in 2021
3.	Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022'		Indore bagged the title of India's cleanest city for the sixth time : Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in the category of best performing states, followed by Chhattisgarh & Maharashtra .
4.	Education 4.0 Report	under Education 4.0 India initiative	technology can address learning gaps & make education accessible to all
5.	Survey	Registrar general & census commissioner, Home ministry	The state of Jharkhand has earned the disrepute of having the highest percentage of underage girls getting married. The percentage of girls getting married before attaining majority is as high as 5.8 in Jharkhand . Not only Jharkhand, West Bengal too has enough in its tally as more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years in the state.
6.	Poverty & Shared Prosperity	World Bank	About 56 million Indians may have plunged into extreme poverty in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, increasing the global tally by 71 million & making it the worst year for poverty reduction since World War II .
7.	Living Planet Report	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	There has been a 69 per cent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles & fish, across the globe in the last 50 years.
8.	logistics performance Index 2022	commerce & industry ministry	Andhra Pradesh, Assam, & Gujarat are three of the 15 States & UTs that are categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart for 2022. The measures the effectiveness of the logistical services required to encourage exports & economic expansion.
9.	Public Affairs Index-2022	Public Affairs Centre	Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states . In PAI-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India.





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10.	Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings	S&P Dow Jones	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) , 'Maharatna' & a Fortune Global 500 Company has once again achieved the No.1 rank in the Indian oil & gas sector for its sustainability performance.
11.	first-ever list of fungal infections — "priority pathogens"	WHO	The fungal priority pathogens list (FPPL) includes 19 fungi that represent the greatest threat to human health . The UN body warned that some strains are increasingly drug-resistant & are growing at an alarming rate.
12.		UNEP	At 2.4 tCO ₂ e (tonne carbon dioxide equivalent), India's per capita greenhouse gas emissions were far below the world average of 6.3 tCO ₂ e in 2020.
13.	Global Pension Index	Mercer CFS	As compared to 40th out of 43 countries in 2021 , India ranked 41 out of 44 countries in the . The MCGPI is a comprehensive study of 44 global pension systems , accounting for 65 percent of the world's population.
14.	With levels of poverty, inflation & hunger notwithstanding, India ranks third in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires — individuals with assets of more than Rs 830 crore (\$100 million), a new report has revealed.		
15.	Report	Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG)	The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) , which oversees Aadhaar, has once again topped the September rankings report, for resolving most public grievances among all govt. ministries & govt. departments. This is the second consecutive month UIDAI has topped the rankings.
16.	Report	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai)	Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With 7.35 million landline connections as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator & hitherto market leader BSNL's 7.13 million connections . Third-placed MTNL provided 2.6 million connections .
17.		NGO Freedom House	India's internet freedom improves after 4 years : Following initiatives to close the digital divide in the nation, India's internet freedom score increased by two points to 51 in the overall ranking. Reduced frequency & intensity of nationwide internet outages also contributed to the score improvement. In terms of internet freedom, India scored 49 in 2021.
18.	Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)	UNDP & Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford	The number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 & 2019-21 .
19.	Drones can help raise \$100-bn GDP boost : The World Economic Forum (WEF) said in a new report that putting drones at the centre of a technology-led transformation of Indian agriculture can enhance the nation's GDP by 1-1.5% & create at least five lakh employment in the next few year		
20.	India stands at fourth position among 12 countries of the Indo-Pacific in self-reliant defence production, says a study by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) that assessed self-reliance in arms production. China dominated the list leaving others behind by a long margin.		
21.	Developing the Space Ecosystem in India: Focusing on Inclusive Growth	Indian Space Association (ISpA) & Ernst & Young.	India's space economy is likely to be worth nearly \$13 billion by 2025 , with the satellite launch services segment set to witness the fastest growth due to increasing private participation
22.	Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)	'under National Clean Air Programme 2019 (NCAP) to rank cities based on their actions to improve air quality. Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan will rank 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of NCAP for reducing air pollution up to 40 per cent by 2025-26 .





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23.	TIME100 Next list	TIME magazine	Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani , son of billionaire Mukesh Ambani, recognises "rising stars from across industries & around the world. Significantly, he is the only Indian to be featured on the list this year.
24.	IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022'	Hurun	Nikhil Kamath , the cofounder of Zerodha , topped the 'with a net worth of Rs 17,500 crore . Bhavish Aggarwal, the founder of Ola, came in second place (Rs 11,700 crore), & Divyank Turakhia of Media.net in third place (Rs 11,200 crore).
25.	Global Innovation Index 2022	World Intellectual Property Organization	India climbed to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index . India has leapfrogged to 40th position on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 from the 81st spot in 2015. Switzerland remains the world's leader in innovation for the 12th consecutive year. The second position was secured by the US followed by Sweden, the UK, & the Netherlands .
26.	Report on industrial investments	Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT)	Andhra Pradesh has ranked one on list of states in attracting industrial investments in first seven months of 2022. Andhra Pradesh stood at 45 percent of total investment that entire country got from January to July 2022. India got a total investment of Rs 1,71,285 crore by end of July as per DPIIT data. Andhra Pradesh rolled out its new ' Industrial Development Policy 2022-2023 ' which focuses on a sustainable development model of growth, Infrastructure development, & asset creation
27.	IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022	hurun	Gautam Adani & family have topped with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore . Mukesh Ambani & family : 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore Nykaa Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Falguni Nayar became India's richest self-made woman by surpassing Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in net worth.
28.	Kantar's BrandZ report	kantar	Tata Consultancy Services became India's most valuable brand in 2022, displacing HDFC Bank . TCS: 46th spot (most valuable brand in India). HDFC Bank: 61st spot. o Infosys: 64th spot o LIC: 92nd spot .1 st spot: Apple, followed by Google & Amazon at 2nd & 3rd spots respectively.
29.	Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global wealth totalled \$463.6tn at end of 2021, a rise of \$41.4tn (9.8%). Wealth per adult grew by \$6,800 (8.4%) during course of year to reach \$87,489, close to three times level recorded at turn of century. • The ranks of global "ultra high net worth" (UHNW) individuals swelled by 46,000 last year to a record 218,200 as world's richest people benefited from "almost an explosion of wealth" during recovery from pandemic. • The number of people in UHNW bracket has increased by more than 50% overpast two years.
30.	National Health Accounts Estimates	Niti Aayog	The per capita government spending on healthcare has increased by 74 per cent since 2013-14 . India 2018-19, per capita government spending in 2013-14 was 1042 rupees, which has increased to 1815 rupees. government's share in current health expenditure has increased from 23.2 per cent in 2013-14 to 34.5 per cent in 2018-19.
31.	global crypto adoption index for 2022	Chainalysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India ranking fourth in list, two spots down from last year. Chainalysis report noted that emerging markets dominate Global Crypto Adoption Index this year. • Report noted, "Out of our top 20 ranked countries, 10 are lower-middle income: Vietnam, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Morocco, Nepal, Kenya, & Indonesia. Eight are upper-middle income: Brazil, Thailand, Russia, China, Turkey, Argentina, Colombia, & Ecuador."





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32.	Best Workplaces in Asia 2022	Great places to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Bank was ranked 63rd on Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 & becomes only bank in India to be listed by Great Place to Work, global authority on workplace culture. Federal Bank Limited is an Indian private sector bank headquartered in Aluva, Kochi. DHL Express, Cisco & Hilton have taken top three spots in multinational category.
33.	15th International Olympiad on Astronomy & Astrophysics (IOAA).		Indian team secured third rank in medal tally
34.	Best zoo in India	Central Zoo Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZA) in West Bengal's Darjeeling has been adjudged best zoo in country, while Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden has secured fourth position. There are around 150 zoos across country. As per list, Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has secured second position, followed by Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore, Karnataka. The zoological park is internationally recognised for its breeding & conservation programmes of endangered animal species of eastern Himalayas, including Snow Leopard & Red Panda. Red Panda is one of top attractions of PNHZA, besides others such as Himalayan Black Bear, Snow Leopard, Goral & Himalayan Thar.
35.	Report on cyber crime	National Crime Records Bureau.	The number of cybercrimes has climbed up to 18.4 percent in 2021 & there is a rise of 28 percent of such cases against women. The top five states that account for 61 percent of share in Cybercrimes against women are Karnataka, Maharashtra & UP. Telangana accounts for highest share of all cybercrimes including cyber crime against women
36.	Accidental Deaths & Suicides report	National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)	As per information on accidental fatalities & suicides was around 1.39 lakh in 2019. The suicide rate, or number of suicide-related deaths per one lakh people, was 12 in 2021
37.	Tech Cities: Global Intersection of Talent & Real Estate'	Cushman & Wakefield	Bengaluru ranks second in Asia Pacific region in top tech hubs list & is only behind China's Beijing . After Beijing & Bengaluru, list has three other Indian cities , Chennai, Delhi & Hyderabad.
38.	a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021,		India has now overtaken China & UK to become world's 10th largest life insurer . Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), emerged as third strongest & tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.
39.	2nd 'Forbes Asia-100 to Watch 2022'	Forbes Asia	The list for 2022 featured 11 start-up companies from India along with 19 companies from Singapore , followed by 16 start-ups from Hong Kong , 15 from South Korea , & 13 from China .
40.	Bloomberg Billionaires Index		India's Gautam Adani is now third richest person in world . Adani Group's chairman overtakes Louis Vuitton chairman Bernard Arnault . With a total net worth of USD 137.4 billion , 60-year-old Adani is now just behind business magnate Elon Musk & Jeff Bezos in ranking.
41.	paper titled "India Covid-19 Procurement: Challenges, Innovations, & Lessons."	World Bank	acknowledged that Indian government's decision to have centralised procurement, support to long-term market development & production of Emergency Medical Equipment (EME) , & early export restrictions worked in its favour during public health emergency in country





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42.	resolving Public Grievances in ranking.	Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG).	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Ministries/Departments for
43.	e-Prosecution portal		Uttar Pradesh, with 9.12 million cases, ranks at top in number of disposal & entry of cases.
44.	Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan in Pandemic Times	Niti Aayog report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Gujarat have been ranked as top three states among larger states Sikkim was best performer among small states. While Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu topped among Union Territories (UTs), Punjab & Bihar were lowest performers among larger states in terms of overall implementation of Poshan Abhiyaan,
45.	'India's Richest' for 2022	Fortune India's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). Asia's richest man Gautam Adani has overtaken Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become 3rd richest person in world. He became India's richest man with a net worth of USD 129.16 billion (Rs. 10.29 trillion) Meanwhile, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani's net worth stands at USD 94 billion becoming 8th richest in world and 2nd richest in India
46.	Research on the operation of State Assemblies for 2021	PRS Legislative Research	Kerala, regained first place in 2021 with the nation's longest House session at 61 days. Karnataka came in second with 40 sitting days, followed by Tamil Nadu with 34, & Odisha with 43.
47.	Bloomberg Billionaires Index.		Savitri Jindal, the Chairperson Emeritus of OP Jindal Group, has surpassed China's Yang Huiyan to become Asia's richest woman. The 72-year-old Savitri Jindal who also holds the position of the richest woman in India has a total fortune of \$11.3 billion.
48.	Report on digital currency	UNCTAD	Over seven percent of India's population owns digital currency with rank 7, Ukraine topped the list with 12.7 per cent, followed by Russia (11.9 per cent), Venezuela (10.3 per cent), Singapore (9.4 per cent), Kenya (8.5 per cent), & the US (8.3 per cent).
49.	Survey on most trusted institution in India	Ipsos India	Defence forces, RBI & PM of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country. Supreme Court of India came fourth & it was followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
50.	Market share of airlines in India	DGCA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indigo (58.8%) Vistara (10.4%) Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) SpiceJet (8%).
51.	Report released by the UN on World Population Day		India is expected to overtake China as the world's most populous nation next year.
52.	Syama Prasad Mookerjee Urban Mission's delta ranking		Jharkhand came out on top in the for the month of June with a composite score of 76.19.
53.	first annual human rights report	Facebook owner Meta	The report, which covers due diligence performed in 2020 & 2021, includes a summary of a controversial human rights impact assessment of India that Meta commissioned law firm Foley Hoag to conduct





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54.	Utilisation of fund of Smart City Mission		Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far. While Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is in the second position with the utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the Central share release of Rs 3142 crore. As on 8 July 2022, the Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which Rs 27,610.34 crore (90%) has been utilised. (
55.	Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List		India's richest person, Gautam Adani has now also become the fourth richest person in the world, leaving behind Microsoft founder Bill Gates
56.	Ookla's Speedtest Global Index		India has at the number 115th spot in May this year, but it dropped down to 118th in June . Norway continues to be at the No.1 spot for overall global median mobile speeds, while Chile has reclaimed its No.1 position from Singapore, which landed at the No.2 spot for overall global fixed broadband speeds
57.	first World report on the health of refugees & migrants	World Health Organisation	India was the top recipient country for remittances inflows in 2021 , in current US dollars, among the low & middle-income countries. India received remittances worth US\$ 87 billion in 2021,
58.	Digital Banks" paper	from NITI Aayog	The "presents a rationale for a licensing & regulatory framework for digital banks as well as a template & a path for implementing it. It focuses on preventing any regulatory or policy arbitrage & provides both incumbents & challengers with an even playing field.
59.	NITI Aayog & the Institute for Competitiveness,		India has among of the lowest R&D expenditures worldwide. In fact, R&D spending in India has decreased, falling from 0.8 percent of GDP in 2008-09 to 0.7 percent in 2017-18. According to data, India has a lower GERD than the other BRICS countries. Spending amounts for Brazil, Russia, China, & South Africa are respectively 1.2 percent, 1.1 percent, over 2 percent, & 0.8 percent. Around 1.8 percent is the global average.
60.	QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS),	Mumbai ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. The other Indian cities in the rankings include Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 & New Delhi at 129.
61.	State of Food Security & Nutrition in the World 2022 report	WHO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), & Food andFAO	India's population of 224.3 million undernourished people has decreased over the past 15 years according to the UN report. However, the number of obese adults & anaemic women has increased in the world's second-most populous nation
62.	8th annual Forbes' America's Richest Self-Made Women		Indian-American Jayshree Ullal, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, & a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top
63.	The S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)		In June, the services industry in India had its highest level of activity in 11 years because to growing demand, capacity development, & favourable economic conditions
64.	state ranking for implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA)	Ministry Food & Consumer Affairs	Odisha has topped in the) through ration shops, followed by Uttar Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh





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65.	Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint		locally produced biscuit brand Parle continued to be the most popular brand among fast-moving consumer goods in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the eleventh year in a row. Based on Consumer Reach Points (CRPs) , the report assessed the FMCG brands that consumers will choose in 2021. After Parle, the other top brands on the list are Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus, & Tata Consumer Products . For a record-breaking tenth year in a row, Parle is in first place with a CRP score of 6531 (million)
66.	World Airport Traffic Dataset	Airports Council International (ACI) World	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 Ranking with 7.6 crore passengers in terms of passenger footfall in the year 2021. From India, the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has been ranked among the top 20, as the 13th busiest airport. IGI witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021, which is 30.3% more than 2.8 crore in 2020 when IGI was ranked 16th
67.	According to a government report, 329 tigers in India perished in the past three years as a result of poaching, natural disasters, & other factors. The poaching, electrocution, poisoning, & train accidents contributed to the deaths of up to 307 elephants over this time. 96 tigers perished in 2019, 106 in 2020, & 127 in 2021		
68.	Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) released a report, the nation's jobless rate increased to 7.83% in April from 7.60% in March. According to the figures issued, the jobless rate in urban areas was higher at 9.22% compared to 8.28% in March. India's unemployment rate increased to 7.80 percent, with Haryana & Rajasthan at top in list in unemployment rate.		
69.	Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022	Hurun Research Institute	India is predicted to have 122 new unicorns in following 2-4 years
70.	QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023	Quacquarelli Symonds	Mumbai ranked at 103 emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. other Indian cities in rankings include Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 & New Delhi at 129
71.	state ranking for implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA)	Ministry of Consumer Affairs	1. Odisha 2. UP 3. Andhra Pradesh 3 pillars are- i) NFSA- coverage, targeting & provisions of Act, ii) delivery platforms, & iii) nutrition initiatives.
72.	Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report		4 Indian companies: Tata Consultancy Service (TCS), HDFC Bank, Infosys & Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Top 100 global biggest brands. Apple retains its 1st position to become first trillion-dollar brand with a brand value of USD 947.1 billion followed by Google, Amazon & Microsoft
73.	Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022)	REN21's	India ranked third globally for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 with 15.4 GW, behind only China (136 GW) & US (43 GW) .
74.	Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022	Coursera	India's proficiency in data science reduced from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022, leading to a 12-rank drop. In terms of overall skills proficiency, India slipped 4 places to be ranked 68th globally & 19th in Asia
75.	Speedtest Global Index	Ookla	a) India recorded 14.28 Mbps median mobile download speeds in month of May, slightly better than 14.19 Mbps in April 2022. With this, country is now three notches up in its global ranking & is at 115th position b) Norway & Singapore are on top spots for global mobile speeds (median download speed of 129.40 Mbps) & fixed broadband speeds (209.21 Mbps).
76.	Gold refining & recycling'	World Gold Council Report	a) India: 4th largest recycler , recycled 75 tonnes in 2021 . b) China topped followed by Italy & US in third rank
77.	Banknote Survey of Consumers	RBI	a) Rs100 was most preferred while Rs 2,000 was least preferred denomination. b) Total number of Rs 2000 notes comprised only 214 crores or 1.6 per cent of total currency notes in circulation





78.	Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2022	Times Higher Education (THE).	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore continued to be best institute of country. It ranked at 42nd place. India was third most-represented country, behind Japan & mainland China with 71 institutions. 17 Indian universities topped list under top 200
79.	Real Time Billionaires List	Forbes	Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman & Managing Director, Mukesh Ambani regained position of India as well as Asia's richest man , replacing Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani . Tesla CEO Elon Musk remains world's richest person with a net fortune of \$227 billion.
80.	Environment Performance Index (EPI)	Analysis by Yale & Columbia University	a) EPI, a biennial index, was started in 2002 as Environmental Sustainability Index by World Economic Forum. b) India came in last out of 180 countries. c) Top five countries are Denmark, United Kingdom, Finland, Malta, & Sweden.
81.	4th State Food Safety Index	FSSAI	Tamil Nadu topped State Food Safety Index followed by Gujarat & Maharashtra. Among Smaller States, Goa stood first, followed by Manipur & Sikkim. Among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi & Chandigarh secured first, second & third ranks parameters include Human Resources & Institutional Data, Compliance, Food Testing – Infrastructure & Surveillance, Training & Capacity Building & Consumer Empowerment.
82.	7th edition of Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022,	Forbes magazine	India tops list in terms of number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) & China (28).
83.	Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)		for Kerala's start-up ecosystem , State ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent State also ranked fourth in global ranking in GSER, drawn up jointly by policy advisory & research organisation Startup Genome & Global Entrepreneurship Network. In first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia & 20th in world.
84.	TCS maintained its tenth place among top worldwide BPM (business process management) suppliers in 2021, according to Everest Group. ranking is based on a combination of revenue (TCS more than \$3 billion in revenue) & revenue growth (14-16 percent over 2020). ADP, Teleperformance, Accenture, Concentrix, & Sitel Group were top five BPM companies in terms of sales. top five fastest-growing corporations year over year were Tech Mahindra, Telus International, Majorel, Teleperformance, & Comdata		
85.	According to United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) , India jumped one position to 7th among top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into country declining. While United States (\$367 billion) remained top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) & Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained second & third position, respectively. Among top 10 host economies for FDI, only India saw a decline in its FDI inflows.		
86.	National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021 was published recently. report was released on June 13, 2022. NeSDA helps respective govt.s improve their delivery of citizen centric services & shares best practices across country for all States, UTs & Central Ministries to emulate. DARPG embarked on second edition of NeSDA study in January 2021.		
87.	According to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) annual report for July 2020-June 2021, all-India female labour force participation rate (LFPR) in ordinary status grew 2.3 percent to 25.1 percent in 2021, up from 22.8 percent previous year.		
88.	Fortune Global 500 Company		Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), 'Maharatna' & a Fortune Global 500 Company has once again achieved the No.1 rank in the Indian oil & gas sector for its sustainability performance in the 2022 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings
89.	Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report	US-based Portulans Institute	India has moved up by six slots to improve its position and rank 61st . The United States ranks first on the list, with an overall score of 80.3. Singapore comes in second with a score of 79.35, and Sweden comes in third with a score of 78.91. Singapore leads Asia Pacific, followed by South Korea and Japan.





90.	Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS)	Times Education	Higher	The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) , Delhi has been placed at the 28th position . IIT Delhi is the only Indian institute to rank in the top 50. The varsity was ranked 27th last year
91.	US News & World Report			India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China & Vietnam. India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking out of 85 nation
92.	WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity report			A new study revealed that India has the widest gender wealth gap (64%) as compared to other APAC countries. This is largely due to the higher burden of caregiving responsibilities. Also found that opportunities for women in leadership positions are also limited, with only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions in India.
93.	Global Leader Approval Ratings	US based consulting firm Morning Consult		Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent.
94.	Performance Grading Index (PGI)	Ministry of Education	of	released for 2020-21, an evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education system across states & Union Territories. The prime objective of PGI is to promote evidence-based policymaking & highlight course correction to ensure quality education for all.
95.		UNHCR		The number of people forcibly displaced from their homes due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations & events seriously disturbing public order globally surged to 103 million in the first half of 2022, meaning that one in 77 people on Earth is forcibly displaced, the UNHCR said in Geneva. (Click here to read the article)
96.	Global TB Report 2022	WHO		The Report notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the diagnosis, treatment & burden of disease for TB all over the world. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has taken note of the WHO Global TB Report 2022, & clarified that India has performed far better on major metrics as compared to other countries over time.
97.				According to a report by Knight Frank, Indian cities, namely – Hyderabad, Chennai & New Delhi, have emerged as three of the top data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region
98.	India's Most Desired Brands 2022'	TRA		Jio ranks as India's strongest telecom brand in India, ahead of Bharti Airtel & Vodafone Idea Ltd.
99.	27th World Population Prospects, 2022	United Nations'		India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023 , with each counting more than 1.4 billion residents this year ,
100.	World's Finest Employers rankings 2022	Forbes		Reliance Industries, the nation's largest corporation by revenues, profits, & market value, is India's best employer & the 20th best company to work for globally. Oil-to-telecom-to-retail conglomerate Reliance, with 2,30,000 employees, is ranked 20th – the highest-ranked Indian firm. The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant Samsung Electronics, followed by US giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet & Apple.
101.	Report	World Meteorological Organisation		The global mean temperature in 2022 is estimated to be 1.15 degree Celsius above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average, likely making the eight years from 2015 the warmest on record, the said in a report.
102.	a mother tongue survey	Ministry of Home Affairs		with field videography of 576 languages & dialects across the country. According to the annual report of the home ministry for 2021-22, it has been planned to set up a web archive at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to preserve & analyse the original flavour of each indigenous mother tongue
103.	State of Food & Agriculture (SOFA)	UN Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO).		It provides comprehensive insights into the various issues related to the field of food & agriculture based on science-based assessment. The report assessed various drivers of agricultural automation, including the recently developed digital technologies





104.	annual 'Asia's Power Businesswomen'	Forbes Asia	has unveiled its list which features 20 women from the Asia-Pacific region. The first Indian women named on the list is Ghazal Alagh, co-founder & chief innovation officer of Honasa Consumer, Mamaearth's parent firm. Second Indian businesswoman on the list is Soma Mondal, chairperson of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), the first to chair the state-run company. Namita Thapar, executive director at India business of Emcure Pharma, is the third Indian to be named of Forbes Asia's Power Businesswomen 2022 list.
105.	The launch of 5G services will strengthen India's position as an economic & technology powerhouse globally & is expected to boost 2% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) , amounting to approximately \$180 billion by 2030 , according to a new report by industry body Nasscom		
106.	India has saved around \$4.2 billion in fuel costs through solar power generation in the first half of 2022. Along with this, India has saved about 19.4 million tonnes of coal. The Centre for Research on Energy & Clean Air, & the Institute for Energy Economics & Financial Analysis found that the top 10 economies with solar capacity are now within Asia. The five countries include India, China, South Korea, Vietnam, & Japan.		
107.	The government has declared certain databases related to the Census & the National Population Register (NPR) as critical information infrastructure. In a notification issued recently, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the decision was taken after exercising the powers conferred to it under the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Amended 2008) .		
108.	Glaciers at many UNESCO World Heritage sites including Yellowstone & Kilimanjaro National Park will likely vanish by 2050 , the UN agency warned , urging leaders to act fast to save the rest. The warning followed a study of 18,600 glaciers at 50 World Heritage sites .		
109.	Shahjahanpur has become number one in the country in giving maximum number of tap connections in a month. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission , Shahjahanpur has created history in providing tap connections to every household in rural areas. The names of Shahjahanpur, Bulandshahr and Bareilly have been registered among the best performing districts of UP in October. In the ranking of districts, Shahjahanpur topped the best performing category by scoring 689990 marks		

Other Important Ranks and reports

- ⇒ According to DGCA officials, **India** has jumped to the **48th position** in the global aviation safety ranking by the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**. Four years ago, the country was ranked at the 102nd position.
- ⇒ As per the recent report by the US think tank **Early Warning Project**, **India** is **ranked 8th** among the countries that are at the highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023. India has seen a drop in rank from second position in the earlier year. Pakistan is estimated to have about a one in six chance of experiencing a new mass killing in 2022 or 2023.
- ⇒ According to **GroupM's global end-of-year forecast**, **India** is expected to **surpass Brazil** to become the **eighth-largest advertising market** in 2023. In 'This Year, Next Year 2022', **GroupM** has ranked **India** as the **ninth-largest** advertising market globally.
- ⇒ Billionaires **Gautam Adani**, HCL Technologies's **Shiv Nadar**, and Happiest Minds Technologies' **Ashok Soota** are the three Indians who have been named in the **16th edition** of the annual list.
- ⇒ India was ranked at 87th position in the world's strongest passport list. Countries with the weakest passports are Afghanistan (38) Syria (39), Iraq (40), Pakistan (44). **The UAE** has the strongest passport in the world. **Passport Index 2022** published by **Arton Capital** ranked the world's strongest and weakest passports.

- ⇒ Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Biocon Executive Chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** and Nykaa founder **Falguni Nayar** are among six Indians who have made it to the Forbes' annual list of "**The World's 100 Most Powerful Women**".
- ⇒ **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** topped the **grievance redressal index** among all group A ministries, departments and autonomous bodies for resolution of public grievances for the fourth month in a row in November.
- ⇒ The **United Nations** has recognised the **Namami Gange initiative** to rejuvenate India's sacred **River Ganga** as one of the top **10 World Restoration Flagships** to revive the natural world. The award was received by **G Ashok Kumar**, Director General, Namami Gange, at the **15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)** in **Montreal, Canada**.
- ⇒ New York and Singapore are the most expensive cities in the world, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living Index for this year. Some Indian students are interested in attending these cities for higher education. Here is a list of some of the well-known universities and institutions in these pricey cities.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Science and Technology, **Jitendra Singh** has revealed that India had jumped from **7th to 3rd** in global scientific publications and scholarly output, according to a report by America's **National Science Foundation**. India also ranks third globally in the number of PhDs produced annually.





- ⇒ Three new cultural sites in India, including the iconic **Sun Temple at Modhera**, historic **Vadnagar town in Gujarat**, and **rock-cut relief sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura**, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites. The UNESCO website describes a tentative list as an "inventory of those properties which each State Party intends to consider for nomination".
- ⇒ Bollywood superstar, **Shah Rukh Khan** has become the only Indian to be named in an international list of **50 greatest actors of all time by a prominent British magazine**.
- ⇒ YouTube's creative ecosystem supported more than 750,000 full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2021 and added more than Rs 10,000 crore to the GDP of the nation. The business also disclosed that Courses, a new product that will provide viewers a greater learning experience and creators a new opportunity to monetize their work, would launch in beta in 2023.
- ⇒ **India** is ranked **fifth** on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022, according to **Taste Atlas**. The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes, and beverages. Italy's food came in first place followed by Greece and Spain. India received 4.54 points and the best rated foods of the country include "**garam masala, malai, ghee, butter garlic naan, keema**", the rating said. It has a total of 460 items in the list. Furthermore, the best restaurants to try Indian cuisine are **Shree Thaker Bhojanalay (Mumbai)**, **Karavalli (Bengaluru)**, **Bukhara (New Delhi)**, **Dum Pukht (New Delhi)**, **Comorin (Gurugram)** and 450 others, according to the list.
- ⇒ **Punjab** ranks **second** in the country in **average monthly income per agricultural household**. The fact came to light in a data provided by **Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar** in the ongoing session of Rajya Sabha.
- ⇒ The **Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri** launched draft guidelines for a **new ranking system of cities** based on finance and beauty. The competition is aimed at identifying and promoting financially happy cities and improving municipal finances.
- ⇒ **Kolkata** is the **first metro city** in the country to prepare a **detailed register of biodiversity**. **Kolkata Municipal Corporation** released the **People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)**, a document with details about the floral and faunal varieties in the city as well as its land use and human activities. 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. **Chandigarh** and **Indore** are other important cities which have prepared the document.
- ⇒ **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)** has released the **20th World Press Freedom Index 2022**, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories. The Index highlights the disastrous effects of news and information chaos – the effects of a globalised and unregulated online information space that encourages fake news and propaganda.
- ⇒ **The Times Higher Education (THE)** has released the **2022 edition of its Impact Rankings**. 8 Universities from India are placed in the top 300 universities in the world. The ranking is topped by **Western Sydney University (Australia)**; followed by **Arizona State University (The US)**, **Western University (Canada)**. This year, a record 1,524 institutions from 110 countries participated in the rankings. Australia's Western Sydney University secured the top position globally in the overall ranking.
- ⇒ According to the data released by crypto analytics firm **Chainalysis**, investors around the world realized total Crypto gains of **\$162.7 billion in 2021**, compared to **\$32.5 billion in 2020**. This is 2nd consecutive data by Chainalysis. Ethereum is the most noteworthy gainer among the crypto assets. The report highlights that **Ethereum edged out Bitcoin** in total realized gains globally at **\$76.3 billion to \$74.7 billion**.
- ⇒ **The Civil Registration System (CRS) report 2020**, based on birth and death reports, has been released by the central government. According to the data, the number of registered births declined from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in 2020, representing a **2.40 percent decrease**. According to the Vital Statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System's report for 2020, the number of registered **deaths increased by 6.2 percent from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakh in 2020**.
- ⇒ The **Chennai International Airport** is one of the top 10 large international airports in the world that ensures 'on-time' departures. In a review conducted by Cirium, an organisation that specialises in offering aviation data to travel, finance, aerospace, and aviation industries, the airport has been **ranked 8th for 'on-time performance' for the year 2021**. According to the latest traffic figures of Chennai Airport, it has done recovery of 80 % in domestic traffic. It is the sixth busiest airport in India.
- ⇒ **The National Statistical Office (NSO) data** has revealed that the unemployment rate for people above 15 years in urban areas slipped from **10.3% to 8.7%** between **October and December 2021**. Joblessness or unemployment rate (UR) is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.
- ⇒ In a review conducted by Cirium, **Chennai airport** has been **ranked 8th for 'on-time performance' for the year 2021**. The first three positions have been bagged by **United State's Miami Airport, Fukuoka Airport, & Haneda Airport in Japan**.
- ⇒ **India** has improved its position by seven places to rank at **83rd** place among 111 countries in the latest **Henley Passport Index**, released for Q1 of 2022. **Oman & Armenia** are the latest destinations where Indian passport holders can visit without obtaining a visa. **Japan & Singapore** have retained the joint top position whereas **Afghanistan** has the world's least powerful passports





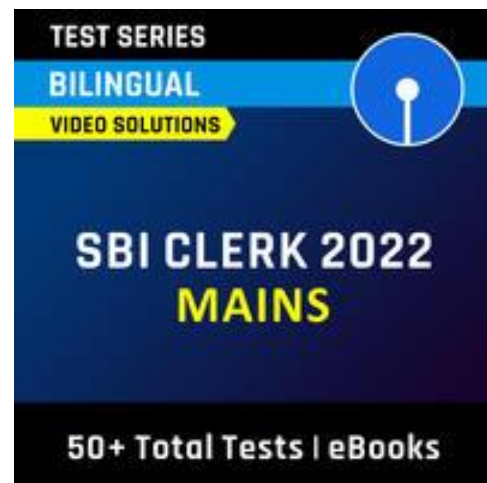
- ⇒ Union Environment Minister, **Bhupender Yadav** has launched the **17th edition** of the biennial '**India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021**'. ISFR is released by the **Forest Survey of India (FSI)**, every two years since 1987 to assess the country's forest resources. India's forest & tree cover rose by 2,261 square kilometres in ISFR 2021 as compared to the assessment of 2019. This includes an increase of **1,540 square kilometres** in forest cover & a **721 sq km** increase in tree cover.
- ⇒ Oxfam India, "**Inequality Kills**" report, the wealth of India's richest families reached to a record high in 2021. In the report, India was described as a '**very unequal**,' country, as the top 10 people in India holds **57 per cent** of the wealth. On the other hand, the share of the bottom half is 13 per cent. The report states that **84% of Indian** households witnessed an income decline amid the covid-19 pandemic. The richest 98 Indians own the same wealth as the bottom 552 million people. The number of Indian billionaires increased from 102 to 142, during 2021. The wealth of the top 100 families is Rs 57.3 trillion.
- ⇒ **NITI Aayog** has released a report titled '**Banking on Electric Vehicles in India**' on January 22, 2022, which outlines the need & importance of the inclusion of Electric Vehicles in RBI priority-sector lending guidelines. The report has been developed by NITI Aayog in collaboration with **US-based non-profit organisations Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), & RMI India**.
- ⇒ **Transparency International - Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021** in which India has been ranked at **85th spot (Score of 40)**. The ranking has been topped jointly by three countries- **Denmark, Finland & New Zealand** (Score of 88).
- ⇒ **Apple** has retained its position as the most valuable brand in 2022 as well, according to the **Brand Finance 2022 Global 500 report**. The brand valuation of Apple was recorded at \$355.1 billion in 2022, which is an increase of 35% from last year. This is the highest brand value ever recorded in the Brand Finance Global 500 ranking history. The Indian conglomerate **Tata Group** has emerged as the most valuable brand from India & also in South Asia. It is the only brand from the country in the top 100. The Global Rank of Tata Group 78. The brand value of Tata Group is **US\$23.9 billion**.
- ⇒ **Maharashtra** has topped India's list in the number of **micro, small & medium enterprises (MSME)** owned by entrepreneurs from the **Scheduled Castes** with as many as **96,805 enterprises**. Followed by **Tamil Nadu & Rajasthan**, according to the data furnished by the Office of the Development Commissioner in the Union Ministry of MSME.
- ⇒ As per a brand valuation report released by Brand Finance, **Life Insurance Corporation** ranked at **10th** in the list of insurance brands globally. LIC is the only Indian insurance company in the top 10 list. Of the top 10, as many as 5 are Chinese insurance companies, with by **Ping An Insurance** emerging as the world's most valuable insurance brand.
- ⇒ The **unemployment rate in India** in January 2022 fell sharply to **6.57%**, as per the data from the economic think-tank, the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. This is the lowest rate witnessed since March 2021. Telangana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in January at 0.7%. Haryana witnessed the highest unemployment rate of 23.4% in January 2022.
- ⇒ **India Press Freedom Report 2021** released by the **Rights & Risks Analysis Group**. As per the report, 13 media houses & newspapers were targeted in the country, 108 journalists were attacked, & 6 journalists were killed. **Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh & Tripura** topped the list of States & Union Territories where journalists & media houses were targeted in 2021.
- ⇒ **Salesforce**, a leading player in **Customer Relationship Management (CRM)**, published the **Global Digital Skills Index 2022** which highlights the growing global digital skills crisis & the need for action. **India** scored **63 out of 100**, leads the digital skills readiness, & has the highest readiness index among the 19 countries.
- ⇒ As per the **TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021**, **Mumbai** ranked at 5th, **Bengaluru** at 10th in terms of the most congested cities in the world in 2021. **Istanbul, Turkey** declared as the most congested city in the world.
- ⇒ **Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022 report**, unveiled at the **Dubai Expo**, India is among the **top five easiest places** to start a new business. It was topped by **Saudi Arabia**.
- ⇒ **US Green Building Council (USGBC)** released the **9th** annual ranking of top 10 countries outside of the **United States for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED)** in 2021 in which India ranked **3rd** with 146 projects. It is topped by **China** with 1,077 LEED projects certified in 2021.
- ⇒ As per the **Hurun India Wealth Report 2021**, the number of dollar-millionaire households in India increased by **11% to 4,58,000 households in 2021**, as compared to 2020. A household having a net worth of at least INR 7 crore (\$1 million), is referred to as a dollar-millionaire household. In the list of cities with the most millionaires, Mumbai topped with 20,300 millionaires' households followed by Delhi & Kolkata.
- ⇒ As per the '**Deloitte 2022 CxO Sustainability Report: The Disconnect Between Ambition & Impact**', Indian businesses **rank 5th** in their concern for climate change.
- ⇒ Extreme climatic conditions are threatening food security in South Asia with escalated floods & droughts making India & Pakistan most vulnerable to climate change, cautioned latest IPCC report released. If emissions are not dramatically reduced, 'wet bulb' temperatures in India, which measure both heat & humidity, will exceed 31 degrees Celsius, which is fatal for humans.





- ⇒ NITI Aayog developing National Gender Index.
- ⇒ India ranked at 120th position in Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021. India has a score of 60.07/100. Last year India's rank was 117. Index has been topped by Finland.
- ⇒ **Democracy Report** released by V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University of Gothenburg, titled 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratisation Changing Nature?'. It classifies India as an electoral autocracy ranking it 93rd on LDI, out of 179 countries. Top 5 LDI Countries: Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Costa Rica & New Zealand.
- ⇒ Andhra Pradesh has retained its number one spot in SKOCH State of Governance rankings for second consecutive year. 2nd rank bagged by West Bengal & Odisha (3), Gujarat (4) & Maharashtra (5).
- ⇒ **London & Partners analysis of Dealroom. co-investment data, India** is second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies, growing by a whopping 175% from \$8 billion in 2020 to \$22 billion in 2021. US topped
- ⇒ **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** released Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021 report, India & Saudi Arabia emerged as largest importers of arms between 2017-21. Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales. **Egypt (5.7%), Australia (5.4%) & China (4.8%)** were next three largest importers respectively in top 5.
- ⇒ **RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel)**, has ranked **124th** in **8th Edition Fortune India Next 500 (2022 edition)** of top midsize companies operating in India. It is only PSU of Government of India (GoI) on list.
- ⇒ **Kerala** has topped recording lowest **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 30 (per one lakh live births)**. India's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) has improved to 103 for period 2017-19. Kerala, Telangana, & Maharashtra are included in top 3 states with lowest MMR in India.
- ⇒ Deloitte's report titled **"Global Powers of Retailing 2022: Resilience Despite Challenges"**, Indian brand, **Reliance Retail**, ranked **56th**, Walmart Inc., an American multinational retail corporation, tops list, followed by **Amazon, Inc., Costco Wholesale Corporation, Schwarz Group, & Home Depot, Inc.**
- ⇒ **India** has improved its rank by five spots to be placed at **51st position** in **'Global House Price Index Q4 2021'** released by Knight Frank. Turkey saw highest annual price growth rate by 59.6 per cent in Q4 2021. **New Zealand (22.6 per cent), Czech Republic (22.1 per cent), Slovakia (22.1 per cent) & Australia (21.8 per cent)** are among top 5 countries respectively in latest research report. **Malaysia, Malta & Morocco** markets recorded a decline in housing prices by 0.7 per cent, 3.1 per cent & 6.3 per cent, respectively, in year 2021.

- ⇒ **New Delhi** has been ranked world's most polluted capital city for second consecutive year as per **IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report**. New Delhi is followed by **Dhaka (Bangladesh), N'Djamena (Chad), Dushanbe (Tajikistan) & Muscat (Oman)** as top five most polluted capital cities respectively. Meanwhile, **Bhiwadi** was most polluted city in India, followed by Ghaziabad, Delhi & Jaunpur.
- ⇒ **Gujarat** has retained top position in **second edition of NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2021**. first edition was released in 2020. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana are or top 10 states in 2021 index respectively. Across **Union Territories**, **Delhi** has performed best, followed by Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh & Puducherry. Among **Himalayan states**, **Uttarakhand**, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Sikkim & Manipur were at top respectively.
- ⇒ **Dhaka, Bangladesh**, ranked as most noise polluted city, according to **'Annual Frontier Report, 2022'** published by **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**. it recorded noise pollution of **119 decibels at its highest (dB)** in 2021. **Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad** came second in list with noise pollution of 114 decibels. **Islamabad, capital of Pakistan** is third.
- ⇒ **Hurun Research Institute** has released **Hurun Global Forty & Under Self-Made Billionaires 2022**. **USA** leads list with 37 se **China (25)** is second, followed by **United Kingdom (8), India (6) & Sweden (3)** respectively in top five. Meta CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** is world's richest self-made billionaire with wealth of \$76 billion. He is followed by ByteDance CEO **Zhang Yiming**, FTX CEO **Sam Bankman-Fried**, Airbnb CEO **Brian Chesky**, & Facebook co-founder **Dustin Moskovitz**, respectively.
- ⇒ **India** improved its overall IP score from 38.4% to 38.6%, and the country is ranked 43 out of 55 countries on the **International Intellectual Property Index 2022**.
- ⇒ **India** improved its rank by three spots to acquire **136th position** in **United Nations' World Happiness Report** for year 2022, which ranked 146 countries. In 2021, India's rank was **139**. **Finland** topped Report, for fifth continuous year. **Afghanistan** ranked as unhappiest country in world, at 146th position.





Books & Authors

Name of Book	Author
The Chipko Movement: A People's History	Shekhar Pathak
Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne	Katherine Rundell's
Miracles of Face Yoga'	Mansi Gulati
Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times	Michelle Obama
Fit At Any Age	Air Marshal PV Iyer
The Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage'	Commodore Ranjit B Rai
"Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond	19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India , C Rangarajan
Shashi Tharoor, a congress leader announced to write a biography of BR Ambedkar . The book will show the leader's disputes with the legendary politicians & freedom fighters, namely, Jawaharlal Nehru & Mahatma Gandhi. The book will be known as "Ambedkar: A Life	
Home Minister Amit Shah launched the MBBS Course books in Hindi version at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.	
Maya - I bow to thee, you cannot be overcome	Acharya Prashant
The Philosophy of Modern Song	Bob Dylan
Pandemic Disruptions & Odisha's Lessons in Governance'	Dr Amar Patnaik,
'A confused Mind story'.	Sahil Seth
"The Corbett Papers: Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon" about Jim Corbett.	Akshay Shah & Stephen Alter
From dependence to SelfReliance: Mapping India's Rise as a Global Superpower	Economist Dr Bimal Jalan
Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar has released the book titled " Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay – Jeevan Darshan Aur Samsamyikta " (five volumes) in New Delhi.	
"Lata: Sur-Gatha" English translation "Lata: A Life in Music"	Originally written in Hindi by writer-poet Yatindra Mishra , is translated by noted writer & translator Ira Pande .

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Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a collection of PM Narendra Modi's selected speeches at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi. book titled "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas"	
"Will Power: Inside Story of Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey".	Sjoerd Marijne , Former Dutch field hockey player & former Indian Women's Hockey Coach
"Rajini's Mantras: Life lessons from India's most loved Superstar" in English	P.C. Balasubramanian
Crimson Spring , longlisted for JCB Prize for Literature , starts with Jalianwalla Bagh massacre that took place on April 13, 1919,	Navtej Sarna's
Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan:	Manoj Bajpayee (Autobiography: Kuchh Pane ki Jidd)
Former Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled " A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19 ", a compilation of selected articles of Arun Jaitley	
Former President Ram Nath Kovind has launched a book titled ' Ambedkar & Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation '.	
Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai has released a book titled " Science Behind Surya Namaskar " a collection of evidence-based research on one of most well-known Yoga asanas at AIIA.	
"Free Fall: My Experiments with Living	Mallika Sarabhai
India's Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History	Pulapre Balakrishnan
"Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence".	Dr Ashutosh Ravavikar
'Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao & Pennar Story',	Pavan C Lall
'Divorce & Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India'	Saumya Saxena
The autobiography " The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir ", is about inspiring story of Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd)	





"Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes & more"	Marine biologist Ellen Prager
"Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force & the First World War" (All about an "India's first fighter pilot" who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born)	Stephen Barker
'Rusty Skies & Golden Winds'	Sannidhya Sharma
Former PM Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out named "Bibi: My Story"	
"Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life"	Anand with author-journalist Susan Ninan
'Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success'	Young YouTuber Prarthna Batra
Meenakshi Lekhi launched a book in Gujarati commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters at a function. The book, 'Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro', celebrates 75 freedom fighters & shares the stories of the sacrifices made by them for the country.	
"The McMahon line: A century of discord"	General JJ Singh (Retd)
"BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL"	Ms Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS)
"In the Shadow of a Legend: Dilip Kumar"	Faisal Farooqui
"Business of Sports: Winning Formula for Success"	Vinit Karnik
Dharmendra Pradhan along with Anurag Thakur released books 'Loktantra ke Swar' & 'Republican Ethic', having selected speeches of President Kovind. This is fourth volume of series featuring fourth year of presidency of Kovind.	
Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani	Ram Bahadur Rai
Biography of industrialist, Gautam Adani, titled "Gautam Adani: Man Who Changed India"	RN Bhaskar
Ashtang Yoga	Dr Sonu Phogat

French Author Rene Naba authored a new bilingual book in both French & English titled "De la Nucléarisation de l'Asie"(Nuclearization of Asia	
Two books on the achievements & legacy of PM Narendra Modi were released by Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Rajiv Chandrashekhar in Dubai. These "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" & "Heartfelt: The Legacy of Faith".	
"E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life & Scientific Contributions". Note : Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal (E. K. Janaki Ammal), India's first woman botanist	Nirmala James
"Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the best version of you to cricket"	Shane Watson
The World: A Family History'	Simon Sebag Montefiore
Nalanada – Until we meet again'.	Gautam Borah

Name of the Book	Author
"Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises".	Dr Sreeram Chauliahas
"Queen of Fire", which explores the story of Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi.	Devika Rangachari
"Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak"	Prof. Alok Chakrawal
"Decoding Indian Babudom"	Ashwini Shrivastava
"Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI".	Vinod Rai
"Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping"	Roger Faligot
"The Magic of Mangalajodi"	Avinash Khemka
"My Research Works On Sikh History & Philosophy",	Abinash Mahapatra
"The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights"	Rajesh Talwar
'Hear Yourself'	Prem Rawat
"Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI"	Vinod Rai
'The India Story'	Bimal Jalan
"Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure"	Ruskin Bond,
"A Place Called Home",	Preeti Shenoy
"Modi@20 Dreams Meet Delivery"	BlueKraft Digital Foundation
"The Struggle for Police Reforms in India: Ruler's Police to People's Police"	Prakash Singh
'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors'	Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan.





"Leaders, Politicians, Citizens: Fifty Figures Who Influenced India's Politics"	Rasheed Kidwai
"Mamata: Beyond 2021"	political journalist Jayanta Ghosal & translated by Arunava Sinha
Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse & His Idea of India	Dhirendra K. Jha
Tata Sons emeritus Chairman Ratan Tata's authorized biography titled ' Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography ' Penned by former senior bureaucrat & retired IAS officer Dr Thomas Matthew .	
Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work & Leadership " the autobiography of Arundhati Bhattacharya , retired Indian banker & former first-ever woman Chairperson of the State Bank of India.	
Biography titled Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist	Chandrachur Ghose
The Legend of Birsa Munda	Tuhin A Sinha & Ankita Verma.
Union Minister of State for Culture, Meenakashi Lekhi released a pictorial comic book titled ' India's Women Unsung Heroes ', as a tribute to the forgotten women freedom fighters of the country.	
The \$10 Trillion Dream	Former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg
A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence	Ruskin Bond
Fearless Governance	Dr Kiran Bedi

Operation Khatma	RC Ganjoo & Ashwini Bhatnagar
India's first-ever season style book titled The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life	Akash Kansal
India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution	J Sai Deepak
Short biography of Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra titled ' Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra ' authored by sports author Navdeep Singh Gill	
Virzu Studios in association with MIDAS Deals Pvt Ltd released the motion poster of its upcoming graphic novel, Atharva – The Origin . Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni portrayed as the superhero Atharv.	
Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Sagarika Ghose
Indira: India's Most Powerful PM	Sagarika Ghose
India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons	Ambassador Rajiv Kumar Bhatia
How to Prevent the Next Pandemic	Bill Gates
Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace & Reinvented War	Samuel Moyn
Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us	Ro Khanna
A Nation To Protect	Priyam Gandhi Mody
A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Construction	Uma Das Gupta
The Founders: The Story of Paypal & the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley	Jimmy Soni
The Great Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics & the Destinies of Nations	Anirudh Suri

Ungalil Oruvan (One Among You) .	MK Stalin's autobiography
"Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki" .	Mithilesh tiwari
" Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one's life" . .	Former Indian Army Captain, Deepam Chatterjee
Rafa: My Story' autobiography .	Rafael nadal
' Blue Book: A Writer's Journal' . .	Amitava Kumar
biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled " Queen of Indian Pop: "Ullas Ki Naav" (hindi version).	author Vikas Kumar Jha
"On Board: My Years in BCCI"	Ratnakar Shetty's
"Soli Sorabjee: Life & Times.	Abhinav Chandrachud
Minister of Labour & Employment & MoEFCC, Bhupender Yadav has launched " Role of Labour in India's Development ". V V Giri National Labour Institute has published book.	
"Tomb of Sand"	Geetanjali Shree's





Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has to release a book on life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi titled Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery edited & compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation.	
"More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond OT",	Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia
Sportstar & Hindu group released a coffee-table book, 'Road to 1000', at 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards at Taj Mahal Palace hotel. book is special collection with 1000 pictures to commemorate Indian cricket's journey.	
autobiography "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography",	Gundappa Ranganatha Vishwanath co-authored by senior journalist R Kaushik.
"Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story"	Richa Mishra
"Little Book of Joy"	co-authored 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) & Archbishop Desmond Tutu
'Spoorthi Pradatha Sri Somayya' . .	Syam Prasad
Narendra Singh Tomar has released a book titled "Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security & Sustainable Food & Farm Systems",	

Sports Current Affairs

FIFA World Cup 2022 concludes

FIFA World Cup 2022:

FIFA World Cup 2022: Messi's **Argentina** clinched their **3rd World Cup trophy** from six final appearances in history, seeing off France 4-2 on penalties (3-3 after extra time) to win the biggest prize in men's football. It had won two in **1978 and 1986 under Diego Maradona**. Lionel Messi had come close to winning in 2014 but La Albiceleste lost the final 0-1 to Germany. The only similarity from Messi's 2014 campaign in Qatar was his Golden Ball award for Player of the Tournament award. He became the first player to win two World Cup Golden Balls.

Notably: The **22nd edition** of the World Cup just ended and for another 4 years for the next World Cup. Also, The 2026 World Cup will be held across three different countries, **the United States, Canada and Mexico**.

2022 FIFA World Cup Awards:

- Top 4 team Rankings: Argentina (Winner), France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) and Morocco (4th)
- Golden Boot Award: **Kylian Mbappe (France); (8 Goals)**
- Golden Ball Award: **Lionel Messi (Argentina); (7 goals and registering 3 assists)**
- Golden Glove Award: **Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)**
- FIFA Young Player Award: **Enzo Fernandez Enzo Fernandez**
- FIFA Fair Play Award: **England**
- Silver Boot Award: **Lionel Messi**
- Bronze Boot Award: **Olivier Giroud (France)**
- Silver Ball Award: **Kylian Mbappe**
- Bronze Ball Award: **Luka Modric (Croatia)**

Vijay Hazare Trophy Final: Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets

Vijay Hazare Trophy Final

Saurashtra beat **Maharashtra** by 5 wickets in the final to win the **Vijay Hazare Trophy** at the Narendra Modi Stadium in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. They restricted Maharashtra at 248/9 in 50 overs as captain **Ruturaj Gaikwad** hit a century, scoring 108 off 131 balls after a slow start. Saurashtra bowler Chirag Jani claimed a hat-trick in the match. Man of the moment is Sheldon Jackson.

Full List of Award Winners:

- Player of the match in the final: **Sheldon Jackson (133 runs in 135 Balls)**
- Player of the tournament: **Ruturaj Gaikwad (Games: 5; Runs: 660; Avg: 220)**
- Most Runs: N Jagadeesan (Tamil Nadu): 830runs, 8 innings
- Highest Score: N Jagadeesan – 277 off 141 balls vs Arunachal Pradesh
- Most Fours: N Jagadeesan – 73 in 8 innings
- Most Sixes: Ruturaj Gaikwad – 34 in 5 innings
- Most Wickets: Vasuki Koushik (Karnataka) – 18 wickets in 9 matches

IPL remains the most searched query on Google in India on 2022

Google has released its "Year in Search 2022" report, which highlights the topics that generated the most interest and were most frequently searched on the website this year. India's search trends have changed noticeably since last year, according to the list, which is published annually for various nations.

Year in Search 2022: Key points

- The Indian Premier League (IPL)**, which was also the most searched sporting event in the nation, came out on top of all 2022 trending search results in India.





- **CoWIN**, a government website portal that streamlines COVID-19 vaccine registration and appointment scheduling and issues digital vaccine certificates, followed IPL.
- **The FIFA World Cup**, which began on November 20 in Qatar, ranked third among trending topics in searches in India. Sports competitions, **the Asia Cup and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup**, respectively, took the fourth and fifth spots.
- Bollywood blockbuster **Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva** earned the sixth spot on the list, while **KGF: Chapter 2** came in at number nine.
- **Nupur Sharma**, a spokesperson for the BJP who has since been suspended, was among the top-searched individuals in India in 2022.
- **Droupadi Murmu**, the president of India, was subsequently followed by **Rishi Sunak**, the new prime minister of the **United Kingdom**, and **Lalit Modi**.
- In terms of news events, Google headlined that the demise of **Lata Mangeshkar**, **Sidhu Moose Wala**, **Queen Elizabeth** and **Shane Warne** were the most searched topics.
- People also took interest in the **Russia-Ukraine war**, **UP Elections**, and **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign.

Ex-Vice President Venkaiah Naidu receives SIES award for public leadership

Former vice president **Venkaiah Naidu** has been conferred with the **25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES)**. The award was presented during the event held at Shanmukhananda auditorium, King's Circle in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai.



Other Awardees in various categories:

- **Public Leadership:** Arif Mohammed Khan Governor of Kerala
- **Community Leadership:** Ratan Tata, an eminent industrialist
- **Science and Technology:** Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, renowned cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee
- **Science and Technology:** Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India
- **Spiritual Leadership:** Vishakha Hari Harikatha artiste.

Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek crowned ITF World Champions 2022

ITF World Champion Awards:

Spanish Tennis Player, **Rafael Nadal** has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for the 5th time after an outstanding 2022 season. Previously, He has been named the men's ITF World Champion in 2008, 2010, 2017 and 2019. Polish tennis player, **Iga Świątek**, has been named Women's ITF World Champion 2022 for her performance in 2022 winning 2 Grand Slam titles and 8 titles. The winners will be honoured at the annual ITF World Champions Awards event which will be held on 8th July 2023 at Victoria and Albert Museum, London, United Kingdom(UK). The event is usually held in Paris France.

ITF World Champions 2022:

- **Barbora Krejčíková** and **Katerina Siniakova** have been named ITF Women's Doubles World Champions for the 2nd straight year and the 3rd time overall, having won the title in 2018 and 2021.
- **Rajeev Ram** and **Joe Salisbury** have been named ITF Men's Doubles World Champions for the 1st time.
- Japan's **Shingo Kunieda** and Netherlands' **Diede de Groot** were honoured in the men's and women's wheelchair categories
- At junior level, two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up **Gilles Arnaud Bailly** of Belgium has been rewarded for a season of consistent performances, while Roland Garros girls' singles champion **Lucie Havlickova** of Czech Republic was crowned as ITF Girls World Champion.

Jaipur Pink Panthers won 9th Pro Kabaddi League title

Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 Final:

Jaipur Pink Panthers won the **Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 Final** against a hard-fighting **Puneri Paltan** by a score of 33-29 to win their second PKL championship. After Patna, Jaipur Pink Panthers, the league's first-ever winners, are currently only the second team to win multiple titles. The tournament was played across Bengaluru, Pune, and Hyderabad while the playoffs were played in Mumbai. Jaipur Pink Panthers team is currently led by **Sunil Kumar Malik** and coached by Sanjeev Baliyan. The team is owned by **Abhishek Bachchan**.





PKL Season 9: Award winners from the Final

- Perfect Player of the Final: **Sunil Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Game Changer of the Final: **V Ajit Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Moment of the Final: **Ankush Rathee (Pink Panthers)**
- Move of the Final: **V Ajit Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Perfect Moment of the Final: **Sunil Kumar (Pink Panthers)**

PKL Season 9: Award Winners of the Season:

- Most Valuable Player of the Season: **Arjun Deshwal (Pink Panthers)** Rs 20 lakh
- Raider of the Season: **Bharat (Bengaluru Bulls)** Rs 15 lakh
- Defender of the Season: **Ankush (Pink Panthers)** Rs 15 lakh
- Young Player of the Season: **Narender (Bengaluru Bulls)** Rs 8 lakh

FIFA officially announced the 2022 world rankings

FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association): [FIFA](#) has officially announced the **2022 world rankings**, and Brazil hold on to their No. 1 spot and 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked 2nd. Morocco has improved from 22nd to 11th in the FIFA world ranking, following their achievements at the 2022 FIFA Global Cup.

Why aren't Argentina top?

Given the way FIFA calculates its rankings, Lionel Messi and Argentina were given points based on the strength of their recent opponents. Brazil have a total points tally of 1840.77, just over two points more than Argentina's 1838.38. That means that Argentina will overtake Brazil after their next game if they win and Brazil fail to win.

Who are the big climbers?

- **Morocco** are the big winners as the Atlas Lions surged up 11 spots to 11th in the world. The job Walid Regragui did was sensational and they were the darlings of the 2022 World Cup.
- **Japan** also moved up four spots to 20th, while the USA and Switzerland each moved up three spots with the Americans ranked 13th in the world and Switzerland in 12th.
- **Australia** moved up 11 spots to 27th as the Socceroos shocked us all by reaching the last 16 at the World Cup, where they gave eventual champs Argentina a really tough game.
- Cameroon moved up 10 places to 33rd, thanks largely to their famous victory against Brazil in the group stage.

FIFA rankings top 10:

Ranking	Country	Points
106.	India	1192.09
1.	Brazil	1840.77
2.	Argentina	1838.38
3.	France	1823.39
4.	Belgium	1781.30
5.	England	1774.19

National Sports Awards 2022 announced

- ⇒ Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2022.
- ⇒ This year, for the first time, applications were invited only online & sportspersons/coaches/entities were permitted to self-apply through a dedicated portal. A large number of nominations were received for these awards this year, which were considered by the Selection Committee headed by Justice A. M. Khanwilkar, Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India.

National Sports Awards 2022: Full List of awardees

a) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Sharath Kamal Achanta	Table Tennis

b) Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports & Games 2022

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms Seema Punia	Athletics
2.	Shri Eldhose Paul	Athletics
3.	Shri Avinash Mukund Sable	Athletics
4.	Shri Lakshya Sen	Badminton
5.	Shri Prannoy HS	Badminton
6.	Shri Amit	Boxing
7.	Ms Nikhat Zareen	Boxing
8.	Ms Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni	Chess
9.	Shri R Praggnanandhaa	Chess
10.	Ms Deep Grace Ekka	Hockey
11.	Ms Shushila Devi	Judo
12.	Ms Sakshi Kumari	Kabaddi
13.	Ms Nayan Moni Saikia	Lawn Bowl
14.	Shri Sagar Kailas Ovhalakar	Mallakhamb
15.	Ms ElavenilValarivan	Shooting
16.	Shri Omprakash Mitharval	Shooting
17.	Ms Sreeja Akula	Table Tennis
18.	Shri Vikas Thakur	Weightlifting
19.	Ms Anshu	Wrestling
20.	Ms Sarita	Wrestling
21.	Shri Parveen	Wushu
22.	Ms Manasi Girishchandra Joshi	Para Badminton
23.	Shri Tarun Dhillon	Para Badminton
24.	Shri Swapnil Sanjay Patil	Para Swimming
25.	Ms Jerlin Anika J	Deaf Badminton





c) Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports & Games 2022

A. Regular Category:

S. No.	Name of the Coach (S/Shri/Ms)	Discipline
1.	Shri Jiwanjot Singh Teja	Archery
2.	Shri Mohammad Ali Qamar	Boxing
3.	Ms Suma Siddharth Shirur	Para Shooting
4.	Shri Sujeet Maan	Wrestling

B. Lifetime Category:

S.No.	Name of the Coach (S/Shri/Ms)	Discipline
1.	Shri Dinesh Jawahar Lad	Cricket
2.	Shri Bimal Prafulla Ghosh	Football
3.	Shri Raj Singh	Wrestling

d) Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports & Games 2022

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms Ashwini Akkunji C.	Athletics
2.	Shri Dharamvir Singh	Hockey
3.	Shri B.C Suresh	Kabaddi
4.	Shri Nir Bahadur Gurung	Para Athletics

e) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022

S. No.	Category	Entity recommended for RashtriyaKhel Protsahan Puruskar, 2022
1.	Identification & Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited
2.	Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
3.	Sports for Development	Ladakh Ski & Snowboard Association

f) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2022:

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Final Medal Tally & Rank

- ⇒ India contingent completed its Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign in Birmingham.
- ⇒ India won 61 medals in the overall Commonwealth Games 2022 medal table.
- ⇒ India finished its CWG 2022 campaign as the fourth-best country on the medals table. India won 22 gold medals, 16 silver & 23 bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- ⇒ India's Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign is its fifth-best in terms of the number of medals won. India's best finish was at its home games in Delhi in 2010, where it won 101 medals.

⇒ Flag bearer for opening ceremony: men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh as a flag bearer along with double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu

⇒ Flag bearer for closing ceremony: Achanta Sharath Kamal & Nikhat Zareen

⇒ First & last medal in Indian Tally:

- Weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** won India's first gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 after she topped the 49kg category.
- Paddler **Sharath Kamal** won India's last gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 with a gold medal in the Table Tennis men's singles competition.

India's medal winners:

⇒ Gold:

- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (Weightlifting, Women's 49 kg),
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga (Weightlifting, Men's 67 kg),
- Achinta Sheuli (Weightlifting, Men's 73 kg);
- Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Tirkey, Pinki & Nayanmoni Saikia (Lawn Bowls, Women's Fours);
- Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, Sharath Achanta, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (Men's Team Table Tennis);
- Sudhir (Para-powerlifting, Men's heavyweight),
- Bajrang Punia (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 65 kg),
- Sakshi Malik (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 62 kg);
- Deepak Punia (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 86 kg),
- Ravi Kumar Dahiya (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 57 kg);
- Vinesh Phogat (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 53 kg);
- Naveen Sihag (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 74 kg),
- Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel (Para Table Tennis, Women's Singles, C 3-5),
- Nitu Ghanghas (Boxing, Women's 48 kg),
- Amit Panghal (Boxing, Men's 51 kg),
- Eldhose Paul (Men's Triple Jump),
- Nikhat Zareen (Boxing, Women's 50 kg);
- Sharath Achanta & Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis, Mixed Doubles),
- PV Sindhu (Badminton, Women's Singles),
- Lakshya Sen (Badminton, Men's Singles),
- Achanta Sharath Kamal (Table Tennis, Men's Singles);
- Chirag Shetty & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Badminton, Men's Doubles).

⇒ Silver:

- Sanket Sargar (Weightlifting, Men's 55 kg),
- Bindyarani Sorokhaibam (Weightlifting, Women's 55 kg),
- Shushila Likmabam (Judo, Women's 48 kg);
- Vikas Thakur (Weightlifting, Men's 96 kg);





- Srikanth Kidambi, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, B. Sumeeth Reddy, Lakshya Sen, Chirag
- Shetty, Gayathri Gopichand, Treasa Jolly, Aakarshi Kashyap, Ashwini Ponnappa, PV Sindhu (Badminton, Mixed Team);
- Tulika Maan (Judo, Women's +78 kg);
- Murali Sreeshankar (Men's Long Jump),
- Priyanka Goswami (Women's 10,000 m Walk),
- Avinash Sable (Men's 3000 m Steeplechase);
- Sunil Bahadur, Navneet Singh, Chandan Singh, Dinesh Kumar (Lawn Bowls, Men's Fours),
- Abdulla Aboobacker (Men's Triple Jump),
- Achanta Sharath Kamal & Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (Table Tennis, Men's Doubles),
- Women's Cricket Team,
- Sagar Ahlawat (Boxing, Men's +92 kg),
- Men's Hockey Team.

⇒ Bronze:

- Gururaja Poojary (Weightlifting, Men's 61 kg),
- Vijay Kumar Yadav (Judo, Men's 60 kg),
- Harjinder Kaur (Weightlifting, Women's 71 kg);
- Lovepreet Singh (Weightlifting, Men's 109 kg);
- Saurav Ghosal (Squash, Men's Singles);
- Gurdeep Singh (Weightlifting, Men's 109+ kg),
- Tejaswin Shankar (Men's High Jump),
- Divya Kakran (Wrestling, Women's 68 kg);
- Mohit Grewal (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 125 kg),
- Jaismine Lamboria (Boxing, Women's 60 kg),
- Pooja Gehlot (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 50 kg),
- Pooja Sihag (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 76 kg);
- Mohammad Hussamuddin (Boxing, Men's 57 kg);
- Deepak Nehra (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 97 kg);
- Sonalben Manubhai Patel (Para Table Tennis, Women's Singles C3-5),
- Women's Hockey Team,
- Sandeep Kumar (Men's 10,000 m walk),
- Annu Rani (Women's Javelin Throw),
- Saurav Ghosal & Dipika Pallikal (Squash, Mixed Doubles),
- Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton, Men's Singles),
- Gayathri Gopichand & Treasa Jolly (Badminton, Women's Doubles),
- Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (Table Tennis, Men's Singles).
- Rohit Tokas (Boxing, Men's 67kg Welterweight)

Commonwealth Games 2022: Overall Medal Tally

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

Sunil Chhetri, Manisha Kalyan named men's & women's Footballer of the Year

- ⇒ **Sunil Chhetri & Manisha Kalyan** have been named the 2021-22 All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Men's Footballer of the Year & the 2021-22 Women's Footballer of the Year**, respectively.
- ⇒ Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season, while this is the 7th time that Sunil won the award, having last won it in 2018-19.
- ⇒ **AIFF Player of the Year Award winners for 2021-22:**
 - AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Sunil Chhetri
 - AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Manisha Kalyan
 - AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Vikram Partap Singh
 - AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Martina Thokchom

Australian Open 2022: Rafael Nadal beats Daniil Medvedev

- ⇒ **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** defeated **Daniil Medvedev (Russia)** to win Men's Singles title at the **Australian Open 2022**. This is his 21st Major title, becoming the first male player to do so.
- ⇒ In women's, World Number 1 **Ashleigh Barty of Australia** defeated Danielle Collins of the US to win women's singles final title at the **Australian Open 2022**.

Winter Olympics Games 2022 in Beijing concludes

- ⇒ The closing ceremony of the **2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games** held on February 20 at **National Stadium (known as the Bird's Nest) in Beijing**.
- ⇒ The Games featured a record 109 events across 15 disciplines in 7 sports. The venues were distributed across three zones- Beijing, Yanqing and Zhangjiakou.
- ⇒ Presidency of the Games formally handed over to **Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, in Italy**, to host the **2026 Winter Olympics**.
- ⇒ **Norway** topped the medal table for the second successive Winter Olympics, winning a total of **37 medals, including 16 golds**. This is a new record for the most amount of gold medals won at a single Winter Olympics.
- ⇒ **Germany** finished second with 27 medals overall, while the host nation **China** finished third with 15 medals.
- ⇒ The Indian team at the game was represented by one **male alpine skier, Arif Khan**. He was the country's flagbearer during the opening ceremony, meanwhile, a volunteer was the flagbearer during the closing ceremony.
- ⇒ **India announced a diplomatic boycott** of the Beijing Winter Olympics,
- ⇒ By doing so, India has joined a growing list of countries that will not send government delegations to the Chinese capital for the Winter Olympics.





⇒ In December, the United States had announced a **diplomatic boycott** of the event. The United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the Netherlands, among others, followed the US's lead and made a similar decision.

U19 World Cup 2022: India beat England in final to win 5th title

- ⇒ India defeated England by four wickets to clinch a record-extending **fifth title** at the **Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua**. India added the fifth title to their collection, having previously won the trophy in **2000, 2008, 2012, 2018**.
- ⇒ **Yash Dhull** becomes the fifth Indian captain to win the title after **Mohammad Kaif, Virat Kohli, Unmukt Chand and Prithvi Shaw**.
- ⇒ **Player of the Match:** India's **Raj Angad Bawa** announced **Player of the Match**.
- ⇒ **Player of the series:** South Africa's **Dewald Brevis** who broke all records to score **506 runs** in only six innings, the most for any batter in any **Under19 World Cup ever**, was named **Player of the Series**.

Neeraj Chopra wins Sportsman of Year award: Sportstar Aces 2022

- ⇒ Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, **Neeraj Chopra** - '**Sportstar of Year (Male)**' award at **2022 Sportstar Aces Awards**.
- ⇒ Weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu**, who claimed silver medal at Tokyo Olympics, received '**Sportstar of Year (Female)**' award.
- ⇒ **Or awardees in list:**
 - **Lovlina Borgohain** (Sportswoman of Year, Individual Sports), boxer
 - **Avani Lekhara** (Parathlete of Year, Female), shooting
 - **Savita** (Sportswoman of Year, Team Sports), & **Rupinder Pal Singh** (Sportsman of Year, Team Sports).
 - **Arif Khan** wins Special Recognition Award at Sportstar Aces 2022.- alpine skier
 - Former Indian hockey team captain **Ajit Pal Singh** was conferred 'Lifetime Achievement award'.



Cricket {National Game of: Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11}

Important Terms associated: Arm ball, Beamer, Bottom hand, Bouncer, Cameo, Carrom ball, Chinaman, Flick, Free hit, Glance, Googly, Hat-trick, Hit wicket, Leg bye, Nelson, Night watchman, Pinch hitter, Sweep, Upper Cut.}

- ⇒ **The third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind** will be held from **December 5 to 17, 2022 in India**. The participating countries of the World Cup 2022 are Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India. Around 150 players from all countries will participate in the tournament and there will be a total of 24 matches across nine cities in India. The tournament is being organised to mark the World Disability Day celebrations universally. The inauguration of the World Cup on December 5 at **Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium, Gurugram**. Former India batter **Yuvraj Singh** is the brand ambassador of the tournament.
- ⇒ Indian skipper **Rohit Sharma** has surpassed former batter **Mohammed Azharuddin** to become the **sixth-highest** run-getter for his country in ODI cricket. The batter accomplished this record during India's first ODI against Bangladesh at Dhaka. With this, his ODI statistics stand at **234 matches, and 9,403 runs in 227 innings** at an average of 48.46.
- ⇒ Former England skipper **Joe Root** became only the third cricketer in history to score **10000 runs and pick up 50 wickets in Test cricket**. He achieved the feat during the ongoing second Test against Pakistan in Multan. Root reached the milestone when he dismissed **Faheem Ashraf** in the 70th over of Pakistan's second innings at the Multan Cricket Stadium.
- ⇒ **Rehan Ahmed** becomes **England's youngest-ever Test Cricketer** to debut in the final match between Pakistan and England. Rehan Ahmed will be 18 years and 126 days old when the match begins. Till now, Brian Close, who was 18 years and 149 days old, was the youngest player in England during the **New Zealand vs England** match in 1949.
- ⇒ England's leg-spinner **Rehan Ahmed** has become the **youngest men's Test cricketer** to take a five-wicket haul on debut during the ongoing third match against Pakistan at the National Bank Cricket Arena.
- ⇒ The **Indian national blind cricket team** won the **T20 World Cup** for the Blind for the third time in a row. They defeated Bangladesh at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium by a commanding score of 120 runs. The Indian captain, **Ajay Kumar Reddy** elected to bat after winning the toss, and his side eventually set a challenging total of 277 runs for Bangladesh. The Bangladeshi team could only muster 157 runs for three in return.





- ⇒ **Sam Curran** breaks all the records and became the **most expensive cricketer ever** to be bought by any franchise of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**. Sam Curran is a 24-year-old English Cricketer who was bought by **Punjab Kings** on the first day of the IPL auction for ₹18.5 crores. The IPL auctions for the 2023 season are being held in Kerala.
- ⇒ Boxing Day Test between **Australia and South Africa** at the iconic MCG, Cricket Australia (CA) and Australian Cricket Association (ACA) in a joint-statement announced that Australia's Men's Test Player of the Year award will now be named in honour of the late Shane Warne.
- ⇒ Veteran New Zealand batter, **Ross Taylor** has announced retirement from international cricket at the end of the ongoing domestic season.
- ⇒ **South Africa's** wicketkeeper-batter **Quinton de Kock** has announced his **retirement from Test cricket** with immediate effect late. His announcement came just hours after South Africa's 113-run defeat to India in the first Test of the three-match series.
- ⇒ **India** has lifted the **under-19 Asia cricket Cup** by defeating **Sri Lanka** by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final in **Dubai** through the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.
- ⇒ Pakistani all-rounder, **Mohammad Hafeez** has announced his retirement from international cricket on January 03, 2022, to end his career spanning more than 18 years.. He is nicknamed "**The Professor**".
- ⇒ South African all-rounder **Chris Morris** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Morris has played in four Tests, 42 ODIs & 23 T20s for South Africa.
- ⇒ **Legends League Cricket (LLC)** has appointed **Jhulan Goswami** as an ambassador to its **All Women Match Official Team** to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC & to increase participation of women in cricket.
- ⇒ **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has informed that **Tata group** has replaced Chinese mobile phone manufacturer **Vivo** as the title sponsor of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** for the **2022 & 2023 seasons**.
- ⇒ **All India Sports Council of the Deaf** has got approval from the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)** to host the first **World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship** in Kerala from January 10-20, 2023.
- ⇒ Pakistani skipper **Babar Azam** has been named as the captain of the **ICC Men's T20I team of the year for 2021**. However, in ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year for 2021, **Smriti Mandhana** is the only Indian women player named in the 11 member team. Smriti has made in the list for third time in the T20I team of the year after 2018 (opener) & 2019 (number three). England's **Nat Sciver** has been made the captain of ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year for 2021.
- ⇒ **Lucknow's IPL franchise**, which is owned by **Sanjiv Goenka (RPSG Group)**, has been renamed Lucknow Super Giants ahead of the **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022** mega auction. Lucknow team roped in **KL Rahul** as their captain & also roped in Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis & leg-spinner **Ravi Bishnoi**.
- ⇒ **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** become the country's first sports Unicorn with its market cap having touched a high of **Rs 7,600 crores**.
- ⇒ Rajasthan CM, **Ashok Gehlot** & BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** laid the foundation stone of the world's third-largest cricket stadium in **Jaipur**. Currently, Narendra Modi Stadium (former Motera Stadium) in Ahmedabad is the world's largest stadium with a capacity of 132,000 spectators. The second-largest stadium is Australia's Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) which has a capacity of 1,00,024 spectators.
- ⇒ Veteran **Sri Lankan** fast bowler **Suranga Lakmal** announced to retire from international cricket.
- ⇒ **Gujarat Titans** is the official name of the new **Ahmedabad franchise** owned by CVC Capital as **Hardik Pandya** is all set to lead the franchise in the **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022**.
- ⇒ Lucknow, owned by RPSG Group, announced its official name as **Lucknow Super Giants**. The Lucknow team will be led by **KL Rahul**.
- ⇒ Bihar's **Sakibul Gani** become the first player in the history of the game to score a triple century on his **first-class debut**.
- ⇒ Indian women cricket captain, **Mithali Raj** has become first woman to appear in six **World Cups**, third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar & Javed Miandad
- ⇒ BCCI's, **Indian Premier League (IPL)** Governing Council has **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**'s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for **Tata IPL 2022**.
- ⇒ India pacer **S Sreesanth** has his retirement from all forms of domestic cricket.
- ⇒ In the 15th Edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards, India's wicketkeeper-batsman, **Rishabh Pant** wins the '**Test Batting**' award by scoring 89 not out, helped India to win the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2021 by (2-1) and shattered Australia's unbeaten record at Gabba after 32 years.
- ⇒ International Cricket Council (ICC) India's star all-format batter **Shreyas Iyer** & White Ferns all-rounder **Amelia Kerr** were voted ICC Players of Month for February 2022.

IPL 2022 Final: Gujarat Titans won title

- ⇒ **15th Indian Premier League (IPL)** ended with **Gujarat Titans (GT)** lifting trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at **Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad**.





⇒ Key points of IPL 2022 Final:

- BCCI president **Sourav Ganguly** & General Secretary **Jay Shah** then receive a certificate as IPL created a **Guinness world record for world's largest cricket jersey**.

⇒ IPL 2022 Final: List Of All Prize Winners

- Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of Season: **Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)**
- Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of Season: **Jos Buttler (863 Runs)**
- Most Valuable Player Of Season: **Jos Buttler**
- IPL 2022 Emerging Player Of Season: **Umran Malik**

New Cricket Rules : ICC Changes to Playing

A host of changes have been announced by **International Cricket Council** to Playing Conditions, which will come into effect on **October 1 2022**

The main changes are as follows:

- ⇒ **Batters returning when caught:** When a batter is out Caught, new batter will come in at the end striker was, regardless of whether batters crossed prior to catch being taken.
- ⇒ **Use of saliva to polish ball:** This prohibition has been in place for over two years in international cricket as a Covid-related temporary measure & it is considered appropriate for ban to be made permanent.
- ⇒ **Incoming batter ready to face ball:** An incoming batter will now be required to be ready to take strike within two minutes in Tests & ODIs, while current threshold of 90 seconds in T20s remains unchanged.
- ⇒ **Striker's right to playball:** This is restricted so as to require some part of their bat or person to remain within pitch. Should they venture beyond that, umpire will call & signal Dead ball. Any ball which would force batter to leave pitch will also be called No ball.
- ⇒ **Unfair movement by fielding side:** Any unfair & deliberate movement while bowler is running in to bowl could now result in umpire awarding five penalty runs to batting side, in addition to a call of Dead ball.
- ⇒ **Running out of non-striker:** Playing Conditions follow the Laws in moving this method of effecting a Run out from 'Unfair Play' section to 'Run out' section.
- ⇒ **Bowler throwing towards striker's end before delivery:** Previously, a bowler who saw batter advancing down wicket before entering their delivery stride, could throwball to attempt to Run out the striker. This practice will now be called a Dead ball.

T20 World Cup 2022 Final: England beats Pakistan by 5 wickets

- ⇒ England were crowned the champions after they defeated Pakistan by 5 wickets in the final at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Australia. They are the first team to hold the ODI & T20 World Cups at the same time.

T20 World Cup 2022 Final: Interesting points

- ⇒ T20WC Men's Player of the Tournament: **Sam Curran** (12 wickets in six matches);
- ⇒ Sam Curran was adjudged the man of the match.

Most Valued Team of 2022 T20 World Cup

Most Valuable Team of the T20 World Cup 2022:

- ⇒ Alex Hales (England)
- ⇒ Jos Buttler (c/wk) (England)
- ⇒ Virat Kohli (India)
- ⇒ Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- ⇒ Glenn Phillips (New Zealand)
- ⇒ Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)
- ⇒ Shadab Khan (Pakistan)
- ⇒ Sam Curran (England)
- ⇒ Anrich Nortje (South Africa)
- ⇒ Mark Wood (England)
- ⇒ Shaheen Shah Afridi (Pakistan)
- ⇒ Hardik Pandya (India)

ICC Hall of Fame: Shivanine Chanderpaul, Charlotte Edwards & Abdul Qadir inducted

- ⇒ International Cricket Council announced the latest legends who join the prestigious list of cricketing greats that make up the ICC Hall of Fame. Following a voting process that included existing Hall of Famers, media representatives plus senior executives from the Federation of International Cricketers (FICA) & the ICC, West Indies great Shivanine Chanderpaul, England Women's team legend Charlotte Edwards & Pakistan legend Abdul Qadir become inductees number 107, 108 & 109 respectively.
- ⇒ Star Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav has become the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year.
- ⇒ Indian star cricketer, Virat Kohli has scripted history as he became the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals. Kohli reached the landmark in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 against England in Adelaide.
- ⇒ Domestic giants Mumbai produced a near-perfect performance to beat Himachal Pradesh by three wickets in the final & won their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy title at Eden Gardens, Kolkata
- ⇒ International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the venue for Under-19 Men's & Women's T-20 World cup. ICC announced that the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe & Namibia.
- ⇒ According to the sources, after repeated failures at the ICC events, the Indian cricket board is set to knock the doors of the person who conquered the World events at will. After T20 World Cup debacle in Australia, the BCCI is set to send an SOS to Mahendra Singh Dhoni for a large role with the Indian T20 Cricket set-up. According to the sources in BCCI, board is deliberating to call on Dhoni for a permanent with the Indian cricket.





- ⇒ Indian Skipper, **Rohit Sharma** has achieved yet another milestone in his T20 career & has become the first-ever Indian to play **400 T20s**.
- ⇒ **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the winners of the **ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022**. India's inspirational captain **Harmanpreet Kaur** is named the recipient of the ICC Women's Player of the Month award, While Pakistan ace **Mohammad Rizwan** claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month award.
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- ⇒ The **Rest of India's** side won the **Irani Cup** title after beating the **Ranji Trophy Champion of 2019-2020 Saurashtra** by eight wickets in Rajkot
- ⇒ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** inaugurated the Super Kings Academy at the **MS Dhoni Global School in Hosur, Tamil Nadu**.
- ⇒ **India** defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the finals of the **Women's Asia Cup 2022**
- ⇒ UAE's **Aayan Khan**, the **16-year-old all-rounder**, is the youngest player to feature in the **men's T20 World Cup**. Aayan broke Pakistan pacer **Mohammad Amir's** record. Netherlands' **Stephan Myburgh**, at 38 years & 230 days, is the oldest in the 2022 T20 World Cup
- ⇒ **Serbian scientists** have named a new species of beetle after the tennis player **Novak Djokovic**,
- ⇒ In a historic decision, the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced a "pay equity policy", saying that its centrally-contracted **men & women players would get the same match fees**. This means the **women players will now get Rs 15 lakh per Test match, Rs 6 lakh for a One-Day International (ODI), & Rs 3 lakh for a T20 International**.
- ⇒ **Jhulan Goswami Retirement**: The legendary Women's Cricketer, Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from all forms of the game in a touching farewell statement on September 25.
- ⇒ **The West zone** has defeated the **South zone by 294 runs** to win their **19th title** in the final day of the **2022 Duleep Trophy** at the SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore.
- ⇒ Robin Uthappa has announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket.
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- ⇒ The **International Cricket Council** has announced that **World Test Championship 2023 Final** will be hosted by **Oval in June 2023** while **2025 final will be played at Lord's**. two venues in London will succeed Southampton, which hosted inaugural final between New Zealand & India in 2021. New Zealand emerged as victors in first edition.
- ⇒ Zimbabwe's all-rounder Sikandar Raza & Australian all-rounder Tahlia McGrath have been declared winners of ICC Player of month award for August 2022,
- ⇒ **Sikkim** will host **three Ranji trophy matches** for first time in December. state will welcome three northeast teams: **Mizoram, Manipur & Arunachal Pradesh**, at Mining Cricket Ground near Rangpo.
- ⇒ **Virat Kohli** has become first **Indian & just second player overall** in international cricket history to have **played 100 matches each** in all three formats of game.
- ⇒ **Rohit Sharma** overtook New Zealand's **Martin Guptill** to become leading run-scorer in men's **T20 Internationals**. Rohit now has **3499 runs** in format.
- ⇒ England's **James Anderson** become first-ever fast bowler to complete **950 wickets** in international cricket.
- ⇒ New Zealand all-rounder **Colin de Grandhomme** announced his retirement from international cricket..
- ⇒ Indian Spinner **Rahul Sharma** has **announced retirement** from international & domestic cricket.
- ⇒ **Mushfiquar Rahim (Bangladesh)** announces his retirement from **T20 international cricket**.
- ⇒ **Mastercard** has announced its collaboration with **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** to expand its strategic outreach to Indian audiences.
- ⇒ **Aaron Finch**, Australia's captain announced his retirement from **one-day international cricket**
- ⇒ Virat Kohli has now become first cricketer who have notched up 50 million followers on Twitter.
- ⇒ Former West Indies all-rounder, **Kieron Pollard** became the first cricketer to **play 600 T20 matches**. Behind him are players **Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) & Ravi Bopara (426)**.
- ⇒ **1st Women Indian Premier League** will be starting from **March 2023**.
- ⇒ Ireland all-rounder **Kevin O'Brien** has announced his **retirement from international cricket**
- ⇒ Bangladesh ODI captain, **Tamim Iqbal** has announced his retirement from T20s
- ⇒ Former West Indies skipper **Denesh Ramdin** announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect.
- ⇒ West Indies batter **Lendl Simmons** also announced his retirement from international cricket.
- ⇒ England all-rounder **Ben Stokes** has made a surprise announcement to retire from **ODI cricket**.
- ⇒ England's **Leicester Cricket Ground** has been named after India's legendary cricketer, **Sunil Gavaskar**.





- ⇒ As informed by the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**, the **Asia Cup 2022** will now be held in **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in **Sri Lanka**.
- ⇒ **The International Cricket Council** awarded membership status to three countries during the ongoing **ICC Annual Conference** in Birmingham. **Cambodia & Uzbekistan** from Asia, & **Cote D'Ivoire** from Africa, were all awarded Associate membership status, taking ICC's total members to **108 countries**, including 96 Associates. The two Asian teams take the total count of Asian countries to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa.
- ⇒ **Mohammed Shami** became the fastest Indian bowler to **150 ODI wickets** in first India vs England ODI at the Kennington Oval
- ⇒ **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has confirmed that **India** will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025**
- ⇒ **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has introduced a new **A+ category** for its umpires & **Nitin Menon**, along with ten other officials, have been grouped in the category. Umpires in A+ & A categories are paid **Rs 40,000 a day** for a first-class game while **Rs 30,000 a day** are paid in the B & C category.
- ⇒ Former India captain & current BCCI president, **Sourav Ganguly** was felicitated by the **British Parliament**. The Indian cricket legend was felicitated on the same date July 13 when he led India to Natwest final win in 2002 & exactly 20 years later on the same day he was honoured in the same city. He was elected as the **President of BCCI in 2019**
- ⇒ **Rohit Sharma**, the captain of India, became the first captain in cricket history to win 13 straight T20s.
- ⇒ **Shohidul Islam**, a fast bowler for **Bangladesh** was sentenced to a ten-month suspension after admitting to violating Article 2.1 of the **ICC Anti-Doping Code**.
- ⇒ **Shikhar Dhawan**, an Indian cricketer, announced a partnership with **Web3 metaverse startup WIOM** & financial firm **Bliv.Club** to build the first sports city in the metaverse.
- ⇒ **Supernovas** won **Women's T20 Challenge 2022** with a four-run victory over **Velocity** in title clash. West Indies T20 specialist **Deandra Dottin** shined with both bat & ball as she powered Supernovas to a record **third Women's T20 Challenge title triumph** with a four-run victory over Velocity. Women's T20 Challenge is an Indian women's cricket 20-20 tournament organised by **BCCI**.
- ⇒ India captain **Jasprit Bumrah** batted 29 runs to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket, beating legendary Brian Lara's feat by one run. **Total runs :35**
- ⇒ **Eoin Morgan** (England) announced his immediate retirement from international cricket.
- ⇒ Indian women's cricket team captain, **Mithali Raj** (39 years old), hailing from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, announced her **retirement from all forms of International cricket**. Previously in September 2019, she retired from twenty 20 International (T20s) but continued to play One Day Internationals (ODIs) & Test cricket. The length of her ODI career (22 years & 274 days) is the longest of any player in cricket

- ⇒ Indian cricket star **Virat Kohli** crossed **200 million followers mark** on social media site **Instagram**. Portugal football star **Cristiano Ronaldo** tops
- ⇒ India's **Nitin Menon** retained his place in **ICC Elite Panel** & is set to make his maiden appearance as a neutral umpire in Sri Lanka later this month.
- ⇒ **Rumeli Dhar**, India seam-bowling allrounder, announced her **retirement from international cricket**, at age of 38.

Important Terms associated: tennis Roger Federer Retirement

- ⇒ **Roger Federer Retirement:** One of greatest sporting careers will come to a close when Roger Federer, 41, announces his retirement following Laver Cup in London. Federer, a 20-time grand slam champion, declared on social media that his final week playing professionally will be one in Laver Cup. Laver Cup, a competition modelled after Ryder Cup, was founded by Federer's management company, Team8.
- ⇒ He is a Swiss former professional tennis player. He turned pro in 1998.

US Open

- ⇒ In men's category, Spanish player C. Alcaraz Garcia has lifted his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating **C. Ruud**, to become youngest player to reach world No. 1 at just 19 years old. event was held at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. In women's category, Poland tennis player **I. Świątek** defeated **O. Jabeur** to win 2022 US Open women's singles final title.

Here is Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:

S. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men's Singles	C. Alcaraz Garfia	C. Ruud
2.	Women's Singles	I. Świątek	O. Jabeur
3.	Men's Doubles	R. Ram & J. Salisbury	W. Koolhof & N. Skupski
4.	Women's Doubles	K. Siniaková & B. Krejčíková	C. McNally & T. Townsend
5.	Mixed Doubles	S. Sanders & J. Peers	K. Flipkens & É. Roger-Vasselin

Wimbledon 2022: Novak Djokovic wins seventh title

- ⇒ **Serbia Novak Djokovic** won a seventh **Wimbledon men's title & 21st Grand Slam** crown with a four-set triumph over **Nick Kyrgios**.
- ⇒ Kazakhstan's **Elena Rybakina** win the Women's Singles title at Wimbledon. Rybakina became the first-ever Kazakh female player in the Open Era to win a WTA title on grass & is also the Kazakh female player with the most WTA-level titles in the Open Era (3).





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1	Men's Singles	N. Djokovic	N. Kyrgios
2	Women's Singles	E. Rybakina	O. Jabeur
3	Men's Doubles	M. Ebden & M. Purcell	N. Mektić & M. Pavić
4	Women's Doubles	K. Siniaková & B. Krejčíková	S. Zhang & E. Mertens
5	Mixed Doubles	D. Krawczyk & N. Skupski	M. Ebden & S. Stosur

French Open Tennis Grand Slam 2022

- ⇒ **2022 French Open** was a **Grand Slam tennis tournament** played on outdoor clay courts. It was held at **Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France**.
- ⇒ **Iga Świątek** won women's singles event, capturing her second French Open crown, & **Rafael Nadal** won men's singles event, capturing his record-extending 14th French Open title.

⇒ List of Winners French Open 2022:

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Casper Ruud (Norwegian)
Women's Singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Coco Gauff (US)
Men's doubles	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador), Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands)	Ivan Dodig (Croatian), Austin Krajicek (US)
Women's doubles	Caroline Garcia (French), Kristina Mladenovic (French)	Jessica Pegula (US), Coco Gauff (US)
Mixed doubles	Ena Shibahara (JAPAN), Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)	Joran Vliegen (Belgium), Ulrikke Eikeri (Norway)

- ⇒ India's **Rohan Bopanna & Dutch player Matwe Middelkoop** in the doubles final of the \$1,019,855 ATP tennis tournament in Tel Aviv.
- ⇒ **Novak Djokovic wins Astana Open:** over **Stefanos Tsitsipas**. Djokovic won his 10th title.
- ⇒ **Team World** defeated **Team Europe** to win the Laver Cup 2022 for the first time. Team World defeats Team Europe 13-8 to win the **Laver Cup indoor tennis tournament**. Frances Tiafoe & Felix Auger of Team World defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas & Novak Djokovic of Team Europe to win the competition.
- ⇒ Laver Cup is an international indoor hard court tournament between Team Europe & Team World. Players from all continents, besides Europe, represent Team World.

- ⇒ Czech Republic's **Linda Fruhvirtova** won **Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles**. teenager beat **Magda Linette** of Poland
- ⇒ Tennis legend from the United States, **Serena Williams** has announced her retirement.
- ⇒ Norway's **Casper Ruud** has won the **Swiss Open Tennis Tournament 2022** held in **Gstaad, Switzerland**. He defeated Italy's **Matteo Berrettini** in the final by 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2. It was Ruud's 9th Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) title.
- ⇒ **Novak Djokovic** (Serbia) became first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo (south korea) on Centre Court his 80th win in Wimbledon.
- ⇒ 19-year-old Danish player, Holger Rune has defeated the six-time champion, Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Men's single, 2022 Masters Title in Paris. He has become the youngest winner of the Paris tournament
- ⇒ Switzerland won their first Billie Jean King Cup title after Belinda Bencic saw off Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic in the second match of the finals with a lead of 2-0.
- ⇒ Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz has become the youngest year-end ATP World Number 1, making him the first teenager to achieve this feat. Alcaraz has shown an incredible rise in the world of tennis this year.
- ⇒ **Novak Djokovic** won the **sixth ATP Finals singles title** win beating **Casper Ruud** from Norway

Football {National Game of: Brazil, Italy, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, Poland No. of Players: 11}
Important Terms Associated: Back Pass, Corner Kick, Free Kick, Dribble, Futsal, Header, Kick off, Banana Kick, Toe Poke, Throw-in, Bicycle Kick}

- ⇒ **FIFA** has announced that **Stephanie Frappart** of **France** will be the first woman to referee a **men's' World Cup match**. She will officiate the match to be played between **Germany and Costa Rica** in Group E on 2 December 2022. France's Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside Rwandan official **Salima Mukansanga** and Japan's **Yoshimi Yamashita**.
- ⇒ Famous Footballer, **Cristiano Ronaldo** has sensationally joined **Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr** on a two and a half year deal worth **200 million euros per season**. The news has been reported by renowned Spanish outlet Marca ahead of the **Portugal captain's FIFA World Cup 2022** Round of 16 fixture against Switzerland, scheduled for Wednesday at the Lusail Stadium in Qatar.
- ⇒ **Deepika Padukone** will unveil the **FIFA World Cup trophy** in **Qatar** later this month, according to reports. The trophy will be unveiled before the World Cup final on December 18. Deepika will be the first actor to receive such an honour at the world's most-watched sporting event.





- ⇒ **Belgium** captain **Eden Hazard** has announced his retirement from international football after Belgium's early exit from the **FIFA World Cup 2022**. He was the captain of Belgium in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Hazard made his international debut in 2008 and scored 33 times in 126 appearances.
- ⇒ France footballer **Karim Benzema** has announced his retirement from International football. Benzema ends his time with France with **37 goals in 97 appearances**, but his time with the squad hasn't exactly been easy since his debut 15 years ago. When Benzema made his debut for France against Austria in March 2007, he scored while playing as a substitute.
- ⇒ **Morocco** was rewarded by FIFA with hosting rights for the next Club World Cup in February, with an expanded **32-team edition set to launch in 2025**. The most recent edition of the tournament was held in the UAE in February 2022 and was won by the English football club, Chelsea.
- ⇒ **Cristiano Ronaldo** creates history as he became the first male player to score in five World Cups in Portugal's opening game in **Qatar** against **Ghana**
- ⇒ Spain, defending champions won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup against the first-time finalists Colombia. Spain won the match after an own goal in the 82nd minute of the finals by Colombian defender Ana María Guzmán Zapata. The final match of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup was played between Spain & Colombia in the Patil Sports Stadium. Spain won by 1-0 in the finals of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup against Colombia.
- ⇒ Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) president Gianni Infantino is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body
- ⇒ Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan inaugurated the IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 at Kochi, Kerala
- ⇒ **Spain**, defending champions won the **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup** against the first-time finalists **Colombia**.
- ⇒ **International Federation of Association Football (FIFA)**, in partnership with the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**, launched the Football for Schools project in the country
- ⇒ The **Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** Executive Committee chaired by **AFC President Shaikh Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa** confirmed the **Qatar Football Association (QFA)** as the host association for the AFC Asian Cup 2023.
- ⇒ **Tazuni**, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the **Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023**.
- ⇒ **Cristiano Ronaldo** reached another historic landmark in his extraordinary career by scoring his **700th club goal** to seal Manchester United's comeback win over Everton.
- ⇒ **Bangladesh** won a historic victory at **SAFF Women's Championship** to lift maiden title at Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. Bangladesh team defeated hosts **Nepal** by 3-1
- ⇒ In **SAFF U-17 Championship Title**, **India** beats Nepal with **4-0** in finals. SAFF U-17 Championship final was held in Racecourse International Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- ⇒ **Sunil Chhetri-led Bengaluru FC** beat **Mumbai City FC** 2-1 in final of **131st edition of Durand Cup** at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata
- ⇒ The upcoming **Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022** in India will see **Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology** making its debut in age-group showpiece, world football governing body **FIFA** announced. will be held in **Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium), Margao (JLN Stadium) & Navi Mumbai (DY Patil Stadium)**
- ⇒ The Bureau of **FIFA Council** has decided to lift suspension that was imposed on **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** due to undue third-party influence.
- ⇒ **India beat Bangladesh** 5-2 after extra time to clinch the **2022 SAFF U20 Championship title**, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India was the host of the **4th edition** of the **SAFF U-20 Championship**. **Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam** was the captain of the Indian team & **Som Kumar** was the goalkeeper.
- ⇒ **Asia's Oldest Football Tournament Durand Cup** has begun. The **131st edition** of the **Durand Cup 2022** in Manipur. The inaugural match will be held at the **Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal**.
- ⇒ **India** hosted **AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022** in **Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, & Pune**.
- ⇒ **China PR (People's Republic)** defeated **South Korea (Korea Republic)** to win the **AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 final title** at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.
- ⇒ **Senegal** defeated **Egypt** in the **Africa Cup of Nations championship** winning the continental championship for the first time on penalty kicks at **Olembe Stadium in Yaoundé, Cameroon**.
- ⇒ English club, **Chelsea** defeated Brazilian club **Palmeiras** to win the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup final.
- ⇒ **Hyderabad FC** clinched maiden Indian Super League title after defeating Kerala Blasters in penalty shoot-out.
- ⇒ **India** winner of **3rd edition of SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship** held in **Jharkhand at JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur**. valuable player of tournament & highest goal scorer was **Lynda Kom**
- ⇒ **Canada** qualified for **Qatar 2022 football World Cup** for first time in **36 years**, beating Jamaica 4-0 in Toronto Tennis
- ⇒ **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** beat **Cameron Norrie (britain)** to win singles **Mexican Open 2022 (also known as Acapulco title)**. Men's double title winners are **Feliciano Lopez (Spain) & Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)**.
- ⇒ **Ashleigh Barty (Australia)** retired from tennis at age of 25 years. She has won three Grand Slam singles titles — French Open in 2019, Wimbledon in 2021 & Australian Open in 2022.





Grand Prixes

- ⇒ Red Bull driver Max Verstappen finished in first place at the Mexican Grand Prix 2022 to claim his record-setting 14th win of the season.
- ⇒ Mercedes' George Russell has won his maiden F1 race in Brazilian Grand Prix in Sao Paulo. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton & Ferrari's Carlos Sainz came at the second & third positions respectively.
- ⇒ Formula One (F1) world champion **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull team won the season ending **F1 Abu Dhabi race in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**
- ⇒ Red Bull's driver, **Sergio Perez** has won the **Singapore Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022**.
- ⇒ Belgium's **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull Racing won the **2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2022**
- ⇒ Red Bull driver **Max Verstappen** won **Japanese Grand Prix**.
- ⇒ Red Bull's driver **Max Verstappen** won **Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022**.
- ⇒ Red Bull's driver **Max Verstappen** has won **Dutch Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022**.
- ⇒ Max Verstappen won **Formula One Italian Grand Prix**
- ⇒ **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the **Formula One (F1) 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022**.
- ⇒ Four-time Formula One champion, **Sebastian Vettel** who is currently a part of **Aston Martin** announced his retirement.
- ⇒ **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull took first place at Paul Ricard. : French Grand prix
- ⇒ Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc** held off world champion Max Verstappen to win the **Austrian Grand Prix 2022**
- ⇒ Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain) his first Formula One win at British Grand Prix 2022.
- ⇒ Red Bull racing driver **Sergio Pérez (Mexican)** won **Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022**. With this victory, Sergio Pérez becomes first Mexican to win Monaco Grand Prix, & first North American to win it since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981.
- ⇒ Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won **Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022** (his fifth victory of season). In process, Verstappen became most successful driver in Red Bull of all time.
- ⇒ Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** narrowly claimed his sixth victory of Formula 1 season after withstanding pressure from Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** in closing stages of Canadian Grand Prix
- ⇒ Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022
- ⇒ **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won **Formula One 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix**

Hockey {National Game of: India, Pakistan No. of Players: 11}

Important Terms Associated: Advancing, Bully, Center Pass, Dribble, Drive, Flagrant Foul, Flick, Free Hit, Striker, Tackle, Undercutting, Dodge, Drag Flick, Grip, Hacking, Penalty Corner, Wall Pass}

- ⇒ The **Indian women Hockey team** led by Captain **Savita Punia** beat **Spain** 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural FIH Nations Cup played at Valencia, Spain. The winning goal was scored by **Gurjit Kaur** of India.
- ⇒ **Indian junior men's hockey team** defeated **Australia** to win the **Sultan of Johor Cup 2022** at the **Taman Daya Hockey Stadium** in **Johor Bahru, Malaysia**.
- ⇒ India men's hockey team defender & vice-captain **Harmanpreet Singh** has been voted the **FIH Player of the Year** for the **second year** running. **Felice Albers** of Netherlands was named the FIH Player of the Year.
- ⇒ **Indian junior men's hockey team** defeated **Australia** to win the **Sultan of Johor Cup 2022**, Malaysia. This is the third time India has won the Sultan of Johor Cup
- ⇒ Goalkeeper **Savita Punia** will lead India at the upcoming **women's Asia Cup** in **Muscat** as **Hockey India** named a strong 18-member squad for the event, including 16 players that featured at the Tokyo Olympics.
- ⇒ **India** defeated **China**, 2-0 to win the **bronze medal** at the **2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup** tournament. **Japan** defeated **South Korea** 4-2 in the final to win their third title at the Women's Hockey Asia Cup tournament.
- ⇒ **Argentina** defeated **Chile**, 4-2 to win its **6th women's field hockey championship** title at the **2022 Women's Pan American Cup**.
- ⇒ Indian men's hockey player **PR Sreejesh** won the **World Games Athlete of the Year** award for **2021**. He is the second Indian after **Rani Rampal** to win this award.





Badminton / Boxing / Wrestling / Weightlifting

- ⇒ Telangana's **Nishanth Bhukya** and Odisha's **Tanvi Patri** became the boys and girls' singles' champions at the **34th Under-13 National Badminton Championships**, notching contrasting wins at the **UP-Badminton Academy**.
- ⇒ India's **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty** clinched the French Open Super 2022 badminton tournament men's doubles title after defeating Chinese Taipei's **Lu Ching Yao & Yang Po**. With this, Satwik & Chirag's also won their first-ever super 750 & second BWF World Tour title in Paris.
- ⇒ **Pramod Bhagat & Manisha Ramadass** won gold medals in singles at the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo.)
- ⇒ Recently, Double Olympic medallist, **PV Sindhu** has launched the mascots "Toofan & Toofani" for Fit India Movement's Fit India School Week initiative for the year 2022.
- ⇒ **Akanksha Vyavahare**, (a Maharashtra-based weightlifter) has created three new national records in the 40kg weight category at the **Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting Tournament**.
- ⇒ India to host the **IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023**. In a press conference held in New Delhi, an MoU was signed between the International Boxing Association (IBA) & the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). The MoU was signed in the presence of IBA President **Umar Kremlev** & BFI President **Ajay Singh**. The occasion was also felicitated by world champion **Nikhat Zareen**.
- ⇒ **Akanksha Vyavahare**, Maharashtra-based weightlifter has created three new national records in the 40kg weight category at the **Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting Tournament**.
- ⇒ **Antim Panghal**, haryana the World under-20 champion, made an impressive debut at the **National Games 2022** as she won the gold medal in **women's 53kg wrestling**.
- ⇒ Former Irish professional boxer **Bernard Dunne** has been named the **high-performance director (HPD) for Indian boxing**. replaces **Santiago Nieva**.
- ⇒ **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty** became **first Indian pair** to win a medal in men's doubles competition at World Championships.
- ⇒ Denmark's **Viktor Axelsen** has clinched his **second BWF World Championships men's singles**.

S.No	Category	Winner	Runner up
1	Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen	Kunlavut Vitidsarn
2	Women's Singles	Akane Yamaguchi	Chen Yufei

- ⇒ **Japan** wins singles finals of **2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament** in Osaka. Japan is host country of 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament.
- ⇒ **Nishimoto Kenta**, won his first career title in men's.

- ⇒ **Yamaguchi Akane**, World Champion won for second successive week in women.
- ⇒ **PV Sindhu** won the first **Super 500 title** of her career when she defeated reigning Asian champion **Wang Zhi Yi** of China in **Singapore Open**. **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** won the men's singles title at badminton's Singapore Open 2022.
- ⇒ **2022 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament** (officially known as Daihatsu Indonesia Masters) :Olympic champions **Viktor Axelsen & Chen Yufei** clinched respective men's & women's singles titles at BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.
- ⇒ Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won bronze medal after defeating **Daulet Niyazbekov** of Kazakhstan in men's freestyle 65kg category at **World Wrestling Championships 2022**.
- ⇒ **Vinesh Phogat** won bronze at **World Wrestling Championship 2022** in **women's 53kg category**. Vinesh Phogat became first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at World Championship. She also became first Indian woman to win a **gold medal** at both **Commonwealth & Asian Games**.
- ⇒ Indian grapplers had a fantastic outing at the **U20 Asian Wrestling Championships** in Manama, Bahrain where they won as many as **22 medals** that concluded. Winning **4 gold medals, 9 silver & 9 bronze**, the talented bunch of grapplers put up a good show & gave a stiff fight to worthy competitors from **Iran & Kazakhstan**, among other strong nations.
- ⇒ **Sakshi Malik**, Rio Olympics Bronze medallist won her **first international gold medal** at **Bolat Turlykhanov Cup** in almost five years.
- ⇒ Tokyo Olympian **Deepak Punia** won a bronze medal after defeating **Maksat Satybaldy (Kyrgyzstan)** in 86kg freestyle weight category at **U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022** in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.
- ⇒ At IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico, Indian weightlifter **Saanapathi Gurunaidu** won gold in men's 55 kilogramme category event.
- ⇒ **Indian women's Wrestling team** won five medals to claim **Under-17 Asian Championship title** with a total of **eight gold** at **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.

Tennis

- ⇒ **Hyderabad Strikers** has crowned as champions of **4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022**. The final of the 4th TPL was held in **Pune, Maharashtra**. Hyderabad Strikers beat **Mumbai Leon Army** (41-32) and was crowned champions of the event for the 2nd year in a row.
- ⇒ French tennis player **Gael Monfils** beat Russia's **Karen Khachanov** in the men's singles event of the **2022 Adelaide International 1** to claim the 11th ATP title of his career. In the women's category, World number one Australian star **Ashleigh Barty** beat **Elena Rybakina** of Kazakhstan to win her second Adelaide International title.





- ⇒ World number six **Rafael Nadal** won the men's singles tennis title at **2022 Melbourne Summer Set 1**. Nadal beat American qualifier Maxime Cressy to earn his 89th career ATP title. In the **women's singles**, **Simona Halep** beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova 6-2, 6-3 to win her 23rd career WTA title.
- ⇒ In tennis, **Aslan Karatsev** defeated **Andy Murray** by 6-3, 6-3, to win men's single title at the Sydney Tennis Classic final, to claim his third ATP Tour title. The women's single title was claimed by Spanish world number nine **Paula Badosa**, who defeated **Barbora Krejickova** 6-3 4-6 7-6(4), to capture her third career title.
- ⇒ 18-year-old Spaniard **Carlos Alcaraz** clinched the **Rio Open tennis title** after defeating **Diego Schwartzman** in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**. Carlos become the **youngest ATP 500 champion** since the category was created in 2009.
- ⇒ In tennis, **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** beat British number one **Cameron Norrie** to win the singles title of **Mexican Open 2022** (also known as **Acapulco title**).

Badminton

- ⇒ **World No 3 Sukant Kadam** smashed his way to a gold medal at the recently concluded **Peru Para-Badminton International**, defeating ace shuttler **defeated Singapore's Chee Hiong Ang**. India won **14 medals in total** (6 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze).
- ⇒ Indian badminton player **Lakshya Sen** has defeated World Champion **Loh Kean Yew** of Singapore, in the men's singles final of **India Open 2022** to secure his maiden **Super 500 title**.
- ⇒ **Tasnim Mir** became the **first Indian** to grab **World no 1 in Under-19 (U-19) Girls Singles** category with 10,810 points in the latest **Badminton World Federation (BWF) Junior rankings**.
- ⇒ Ace Indian shuttler, **PV Sindhu** has bagged the women's singles title at the **Syed Modi International Tournament** in Lucknow. Sindhu beat fellow Indian **Malvika Bansod** 21-13 21-16 to win her second Syed Modi title after 2017.
- ⇒ India's first **para-badminton academy** has been set up in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**. It has all the advanced equipment & facilities. The set-up will improve **India's medal prospects** at the **2024 Paralympics** to be held in **Paris, France** at **Stade de France stadium**.
- ⇒ Indian teenager **Unnati Hooda** beat compatriot **Smit Toshniwal** to claim the women's singles title at the **2022 Odisha Open badminton tournament**. The 14-year old Unnati is the youngest Indian to win the tournament. In men's singles, India's 21-year-old **Kiran George** beat **Priyanshu Rajawat** to emerge as the winner.
- ⇒ Indian Shuttler Lakshya Sen won silver after losing to Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand at German Open 2022.
- ⇒ Lakshya Sen, who won bronze at World Championships, placed second at 2022 All England Open Badminton Championships after losing to world number one Viktor Axelsen

- ⇒ **India's P.V. Sindhu** has defeated **Busanan Ongbarmrunphan of Thailand** to win women's singles title at **Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament**.

Boxing/ Wrestling/Weightlifting

- ⇒ **Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu** won silver at the **2022 World Weightlifting Championships** in Colombia. She beat the Tokyo 2020 champion **Hou Zhihua of China**. China's **Jiang Huihua** took home the **gold medal** with a combined weight of 206 kg.
- ⇒ Indian weightlifter & 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist, **Mirabai Chanu** won the **gold medal** in the 55kg weight category at the **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022**.
- ⇒ **India** concluded its campaign at the **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022** with **eight medals**, including **six golds & a silver & bronze each**.
- ⇒ **India** at **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022** won **eight medals- six golds & a silver & bronze each**.
- ⇒ Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen (52kg) & Nitu (48kg) has won gold medals at 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament, held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Sports Events |Tournaments Current Affairs
- ⇒ **Ladakh Scouts** won 15th CEC Cup Men's Ice Hockey Championship 2022.
- ⇒ 31st South east Asian Games will held in Vietnam It is biggest sporting event of South east Asia & is a biennial event.
- ⇒ Dabang Delhi K C defeated Patna Pirates in Pro Kabaddi League Season 8 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Dabang Delhi beat three-time champion Patna Pirates. Pawan Sehrawat was awarded with Raider of season award
- ⇒ **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)** has banned athlete's entries from **Russian Paralympic Committee (RPC) & National Paralympic Committee (NPC) Belarus** for **Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics** due to war in **Ukraine**.
- ⇒ 11th Khel Mahakumbh at Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ⇒ **India** will host for **FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022**. 44th edition of Olympiad is scheduled to be held in Chennai
- ⇒ Indian cueist **Pankaj Advani** has defeated **Dhruv Sitwala** to win his eighth title at 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022. It was held in **Doha, Qatar**.

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- ⇒ **Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal** has become **India's 77th chess Grandmaster** during an ongoing tournament in Spain. The **Mumbai player**, who had secured three GM norms, crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing **Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain**. He drew the game against **Spain's No.1 Francisco Vallejo Pons** to achieve the feat.





- ⇒ **Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur** said one thousand **Khelo India** centres will be opened by the **15th of August** next year across the country. He added that out of these one thousand centres, **733 centres** have been already sanctioned.
- ⇒ Karnataka shooter **Divya T.S** has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the **65th National Shooting Championship Competitions** in Pistol events held in Bhopal. Olympian, Manu Bhaker has won the junior women's air pistol, after defeating Esha Singh (Telangana). Rhythm Sangwan has won the gold medal in the Youth category.
- ⇒ **Tata Steel Limited** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Hockey India** on December 13, 2022 to become an **Official Partner** of the **FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023** Bhubaneswar – Rourkela. The FIH Men's World Cup is the pinnacle of men's hockey tournaments. The **15th edition** of the esteemed event will take place in **Bhubaneswar and Rourkela** from January 13 to January 29, 2023.
- ⇒ **Goa** will host India's first ever **World Table Tennis (WTT)** series event from February 27 to March 5. The top tier WTT Star Contender Goa 2023 will take place at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor stadium, located at the Goa University Campus. **Stupa Analytics**, a homegrown sports analytics firm, will be the tournament host with active support from the Goa government.
- ⇒ **Real Madrid** beat **Eintracht Frankfurt**, 2-0 in the finals to win the **2022 UEFA Super Cup** for a record-equalling **fifth time, in Helsinki, Finland**
- ⇒ European Championship final saw **England** defeat **Germany** 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- ⇒ Four new members were appointed by **International Olympic Committee** President, **Thomas Bach**. Olympians **Allyson Felix, Alistair Brownlee, Oluseyi Smith & Masomah Ali Zada** have joined the Athletes' Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- ⇒ Organizers of the **2024 Paris Olympics** unveiled "**Games Wide Open**" as their official slogan. The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics & Paralympics would be "faster", "higher" & "stronger" — as well as "more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful."
- ⇒ **4th edition** of the **Tata Steel Chess India** tournament will be held in Kolkata. For the first time, a separate women's section has been added in the tournament.
- ⇒ Malaysia's premier men's hockey tournament, the **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022** will be held **Ipoh**.
- ⇒ Bengaluru will host the **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship**, whereas mens tournament is in Iran
- ⇒ **World Athletics Council** has selected **Tokyo (Japan)** to host the **2025 World Athletics Championships**.
- ⇒ Veteran Indian shooter **Mairaj Ahmed Khan** made history by becoming the first person to ever win a men's skeet gold medal at an **ISSF World Cup**.
- ⇒ The **2028 Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games** will be hosted in **Los Angeles, United States**. The opening ceremony for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics
- ⇒ **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has announced a **322-member** Indian contingent including 215 athletes & 107 officials & support staff to represent the country at the **Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. **Rajesh Bhandari**, vice president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), is the **Chef de Mission** of the squad.
- ⇒ The **22nd edition** of the **Commonwealth Games** kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony at the **Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. **PV Sindhu & Manpreet Singh** were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the CWG opening ceremony.
- ⇒ **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** has started a new initiative to cheer for **Team India**, under which SAI has launched the campaign "**Create for India**" to cheer Indian contingents participating in the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**. The motto of the CWG 2022 is "Games for Everyone."
- ⇒ The first **Khelo India Fencing Women's League** will be hosted by **Talkatora Indoor Stadium** in New Delhi. The first-of-its-kind national fencing competition for women
- ⇒ **India** defeated **Japan 1-0** to win **bronze at Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2022** in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ⇒ **Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia** launched **National Air Sport policy 2022 (NASP 2022)**. vision of NASP 2022 is to make **India one of top sports nations by 2023**.
- ⇒ Hosts **Haryana** won **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021** title with **52 gold medals** on final day.
- ⇒ Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** will continue to train with his German coach **Klaus Bartonietz**, whose contract has been extended till the 2024 Paris Games, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) confirmed.
- ⇒ Sports Ministry's **Mission Olympic Cell (MOC)** of India has approved the inclusion of Alpine Skiing athlete **Md Arif Khan** in the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** Core group, until the Winter Olympics, scheduled this February in Beijing, China..
- ⇒ Govt. decided to continue the scheme of '**Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports**' over the **15th Finance Commission Cycle — 2021-22 to 2025-26** — at an outlay of Rs 3165.50 crore. Khelo India Scheme Allocation increases by **48%** in Budget 2022.
- ⇒ **International Olympic Committee** approved a proposal to include **Surfing, Skateboarding & Sport Climbing** for the **2028 Summer Olympics Games** that will be organized in **Los Angeles, United States**.
- ⇒ **Mumbai, India** will host the **International Olympic Committee session in 2023**. In 2022, the IOC session was held in **Beijing, China**.





Other Sports Current Affairs

- ⇒ **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India)** is hosts an Inclusion Conclave for the first time to sharpen the focus on anti-doping education and processes for athletes with disabilities. Secretary Department Sports Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, UN Resident Coordinator Shombi Sharp and WADA Asia-Oceania Regional Office Manager, Kenny Lee will address the conclave.
- ⇒ **Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil** has clinched the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** President's Cup held in **Cairo, Egypt**.
- ⇒ World champion American hurdler **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone** and Swedish pole vaulter **Mondo Duplantis** won the **World Athlete of the year awards**.
- ⇒ In Swimming, **Indian swimmer Chahat Arora** set a **national record** in the women's 100-metre breaststroke at the **FINA World Swimming Championships 2022** in **Melbourne, Australia**. FINA is the International Swimming Federation. Chahat Arora completed the 100-metre breaststroke race in 1 minute, 13.13 seconds.
- ⇒ According to the World Athletics, **Tokyo Olympics gold** medalist javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** of India was the most written about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists. The data collated by media analysis company **Unicepta** was cited by World Athletics, the global governing body for athletics.
- ⇒ The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** announced that **Viacom18 Media Private Limited (Viacom18)** has secured the exclusive media rights to broadcast the **Olympic Games Paris 2024**, plus non-exclusive rights to the **Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024**, in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ⇒ The manufacturer and designer of causal and athletic footwear, **Puma** has roped in Bollywood actor and entrepreneur **Anushka Sharma** as its brand ambassador. The association is intended to "accelerate Puma's strong commitment towards women consumer segment".
- ⇒ **Pankaj Advani** defended his **World Billiards Championships (150-up)** title for the 5th time, beating compatriot **Sourav Kothari** in the best-of-7 frames final at the **High End Snooker Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** for a record 25th title at the global level
- ⇒ **The United States** defeated **China (83-61)** to win the **International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Women's Basketball World Cup** at the Sydney Superdome, Australia
- ⇒ Indian discus thrower, **Kamalpreet Kaur** has been banned from competition for three years, due to a doping violation
- ⇒ Indian javelin thrower, **Shivpal Singh** has been suspended from competing till **October 2025** due to a doping violation.
- ⇒ **Western Air Command, Indian Air Force (IAF)** won the **Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23** held at Head Quarter MC, Vayu Sena Nagar, Nagpur.
- ⇒ **Saudi Arabia** has won the bid to host the **2029 Asian Winter Games** at a planned Mountain Resort in the Gulf Arab State. The **Indian Olympic Association** has confirmed that **Goa** will host the **37th edition** of the **National Games in October next year**. The state govt. of Goa also conveyed its in-principle approval to IOA to host the **National Games in 2023**. The Goa delegation may receive the IOA flag at the Closing Ceremony of the 36th National Games on 12th October 2022 in Surat, Gujarat.
- ⇒ At the 36th National Games, **Pooja Patel of Gujarat** has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana.
- ⇒ **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil** wins gold in **World Championship**: in shooting
- ⇒ **Jyothi Yarraji**, an Indian Sprinter made history in the **women's 100m hurdles** as she became the **first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time** to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022.
- ⇒ India teenager **Donnarumma Gukesh** scripted history in the ongoing **Aimchess Rapid online tournament** as he defeated **Magnus Carlsen**,
- ⇒ **Magnus Carlsen** claimed the **Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022** title with a tournament defeating **Arjun Erigaisi**.
- ⇒ **Eliud Kipchoge** shattered his own world record with a time of **2:01:09** to win the **Berlin marathon**
- ⇒ Ethiopia's **Tigist Assefa** won the women's race in a course record of **2:15:37**, the third fastest time in history.
- ⇒ Indian Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** went down against world no.1 **Magnus Carlsen** in the final of the **Julius Baer Generation Cup** online rapid chess tournament, losing the second match 0-2.
- ⇒ Indian javelin thrower, **Devendra Jhajharia** has clinched a silver medal in **World Para Athletics Grand Prix**, in Morocco
- ⇒ Indian chess master **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** has defeated world champion, **Magnus Carlsen**, in **FTX Crypto Cup** in Miami,
- ⇒ Olympic champion & javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra** : first Indian to clinch a **Lausanne Diamond League**. In his first attempt, he hurled spear **89.08m** to seal his victory in his own style.
- ⇒ **Indian men's volleyball team** has won bronze medal by defeating **Korea 3-2** in **14th Asian U-18 Championship** in Tehran, Iran.
- ⇒ In **28th Abu Dhabi, Masters Chess Tournament** Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** defeated David Anton Guijarro from Spain
- ⇒ Indian judoka **Linthoi Chanambam** : **India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships** with a gold in **Women's 57kg category** at **World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships**.
- ⇒ The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** announced its collaboration with **HSBC India** in order to support Indian women athletes,
- ⇒ **Amlan Borgohain** from **Assam**, who holds **200m national record**, has now added **100m record** to his name.





- ⇒ **Apeksha Fernandes** became first Indian woman to make **Junior World finals** by finishing eighth overall. : swimming
- ⇒ **Leh** is all set to host first-ever Mountain Bicycle, MTB, World Cup-**UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup in India**.
- ⇒ **IIT Madras** researchers & **Inspire Institute of Sports** in Karnataka have joined forces to create analytics platform **"Smartboxer."**
- ⇒ **Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** wins **22nd Dubai Open Chess Tournament** with 7.5 points..
- ⇒ Six-year-old **Anishka Biyani** has won gold medal in **Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship** at Kuala Lumpur.
- ⇒ Teenaged Indian Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** went down against world no.1 **Magnus Carlsen** in final of **Julius Baer Generation Cup** online rapid chess tournament, losing second match 0-2.
- ⇒ **Neeraj Chopra** has now won **Diamond League Trophy**, making him first Indian to do it.
- ⇒ **Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)** shattered his own world record on 25 September, with a time of **2:01:09** to win **Berlin marathon**
- ⇒ The **Army Red Team** has won the **72nd Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23**.
- ⇒ **Manika Batra**, the Indian Table Tennis player, became the **first Indian woman** to win a medal at the **Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament**
- ⇒ **India** ended their campaign at the **15th Asian Championships** in **South Korea** with 25 gold medals. Indian pair Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana won the **10-meter Junior Air Pistol Mixed Team event**. Bhaker and Rana in the qualification shot **578 shots** to finish second against **Uzbekistan** pair Nigina Saidkulova and Mukhammad Kamalov
- ⇒ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 'Baji Rout National Football Tournament' in Dhenkanal in Odisha.
- ⇒ Kerala is set to host the **Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament**. Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events & will be held at LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome
- ⇒ Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster, **R Praggnanandhaa** & compatriot **P V Nandhidhaa** won the titles in the Open & women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship, in New Delhi.
- ⇒ The Indian men's team, led by the seasoned **Saurav Ghosal**, clinched its first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships with a 2-0 win over Kuwait in the final. Star player Ghosal sealed the victory after Ramit Tandon had given India the lead with a fluent straight games win over Ali Aramezi (11-5, 11-7, 11-4). (Click here to read the article)
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh government to host **Khelo India National University Games** in 2023-2024 in four cities.
- ⇒ The **Kabaddi World Cup** will be held in the West Midlands region of the United Kingdom.
- ⇒ **Keneth Kiprop Renju**, winner of the Prague half-marathon in April, has been banned for five-year as the latest in a long list of Kenyan athletes suspended for suspected doping.)
- ⇒ Olympic medallists **MC Mary Kom**, **PV Sindhu**, **Mirabai Chanu** & **Gagan Narang** were among 10 eminent sportspersons elected as members of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes Commission.
- ⇒ The Phrygian cap, the symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, was unveiled as the mascot for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The Olympic Phryge ((pronounced fri-jee-uhs) is a bit smaller, the Paralympic Phryge is a bit slimmer & has a blade on his right leg because it is a Phyrge with an impairment.
- ⇒ Star Indian paddler **Achanta Sharath Kamal** has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- ⇒ **Shiva Narwal** won the gold medal in the 10m men's air pistol competition. India's gold tally at the Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea. The first medal event was the 10-meter Air Pistol Women.
- ⇒ The International Paralympic Committee voted to suspend the National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) of Russia & Belarus with immediate effect, placing their para-athletes' hopes of competing at the 2024 Paralympics in jeopardy
- ⇒ **Pranav Anand** from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster (GM).
- ⇒ Iranian-French chess grandmaster, **Alireza Firouzja** beat **Ian Nepomniachtchi** in play-offs to win ninth edition of **Sinquefield Cup**.
- ⇒ **4th ONGC Para Games** launched in New Delhi's **Thyagaraj Sports Complex**.
- ⇒ **Tania Sachdev** won for India against **Hungary** in the fourth-round match of women section at the **44th Chess Olympiad** in Mamallapuram, Chennai against **Zsoka Gaal**.
- ⇒ **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** celebrated the second '**Javelin Throw Day**' on **August 7, 2022**.
- ⇒ Chennai-based chess prodigy **V Pranav** became **India's 75th Grandmaster** by winning a **Limpede Open** in Baia Mare tournament in Romania.
- ⇒ Indian chess legend, **Viswanathan Anand** elected deputy president of the **International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)**. While incumbent president **Arkady Dvorkovich** was re-elected for a second term.
- ⇒ **Uzbekistan** will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad. In Chennai's ongoing **Chess Olympiad**, their young team is now in the lead. Teams from around the world compete in the Chess Olympiad, a biennial chess competition.
- ⇒ **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** announced table tennis player **Achanta Sharath Kamal & Boxer Nikhat Zareen** as the **Flagbearers of India** for the closing ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022** at Birmingham.
- ⇒ **Uzbekistan** won gold medal in the Open section of the **44th Chess Olympiad**. **Armenia** won **silver** while the India-2 team settled for **bronze** in Open Section. In the women's section, **Ukraine** won the gold medal **Georgia** won the silver, while the India-1 team won the bronze medal.





- ⇒ Bureau of the **FIFA Council** has unanimously decided to suspend the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** with immediate effect due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the **FIFA Statutes**.
- ⇒ **Arjun Babuta** of India earned his first gold medal in shooting at the Changwon, South Korea, International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage.
- ⇒ **Bhagwani Devi Dagar**, a 94-year-old Indian sprinter, won the gold medal in the 100-meter sprint at the Tampere, Finland, **World Masters Athletics Championships**. She finished first in the gold with a timing of 24.74 seconds & took home the bronze in shot-put.
- ⇒ India's **D. Gukesh** won the **Gijon Chess Masters**. GM **Alexandr Fier** of Brazil finished second
- ⇒ **Abhishek Verma**, archery gold winner from the Asian Games, & **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** took home bronze at the World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. The Indian archery team defeated Mexico's **Andrea & Miguel Becerra** 157-156 in the bronze medal competition. **Abhishek Verma & Jyothi Surekha Vennam** took home the gold at the **Archery World Cup** in Paris.
- ⇒ He participated in one T20 match for Bangladesh. **Mohammad Rizwan**, a Pakistani batter, was the only one he was able to dismiss, but Bangladesh went on to lose the game & the series 0-3.
- ⇒ **Neeraj Chopra** makes history by winning silver in the **World Athletics Championships** for the first time ever.
- ⇒ Grammy & Oscar-winning music composer, **AR Rahman** has come up with the '**Vanakkam Chennai**' (**Welcome Anthem**) for the upcoming International Chess Olympiad, 2022.
- ⇒ Indian Grandmaster **Aravindh Chithambaram** has emerged winner in the **41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open** in Spain.
- ⇒ The Paracin Open 'A' chess competition 2022 in Serbia was won by young Indian Grandmaster **R Praggnanandhaa**,
- ⇒ In **Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**, India earned its first ever medal at IBSA Judo Grand Prix. By **Kapil Parmar**
- ⇒ **India beat Poland 6-4** in final to clinch inaugural **FIH Hockey 5s** championship in **Lausanne** in **Switzerland**.
- ⇒ **Avani Lekhara**, Tokyo Paralympics winner, won gold in **Para Shooting World Cup** in **Chateauroux, France**
- ⇒ Indian Grandmaster, **R. Praggnanandhaa** emerged winner in **Norway Chess Group A** open chess tournament.
- ⇒ **Rahul Srivasthav P** of Telangana become **India's 74th Grandmaster**, achieving title after breaking 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy.
- ⇒ India's ace javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** new national record: **89.30 metres** at **Paavo Nurmi Games** in **Finland**.
- ⇒ Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** clinched his first top podium finish of season by winning javelin throw event at **Kuortane Games** in **Finland**, beating reigning world champion **Anderson Peters** of **Grenada**
- ⇒ **Neeraj Chopra** will be leading a **37-member Indian athletics team** at upcoming Commonwealth Games, Athletics Federation of India announced.
- ⇒ Matches for **2026 World Cup** will be held in **11 US cities** as well as three host sites in **Mexico** & two in **Canada**, soccer's world governing body, FIFA, announced.
- ⇒ PM **Narendra Modi** launched historic torch relay for **44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi**. This year, for very first time, International Chess Federation, FIDE, instituted Chess Olympiad Torch, a part of Olympic tradition. India is first country to have Chess Olympiad Torch Relay.
- ⇒ Indian Men's football team captain, **Sunil Chhetri** scored his **84th International goal** against **Hong Kong** during **Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers** & equalled record of Real Madrid & Hungarian Football Legend **Ferenc Puskás**.
- ⇒ **Skalzang Rigzin**, first mountaineer from India to ascend **Mount Annapurna's** top without aid of oxygen was welcomed by **Leh** with open arms.
- ⇒ **Indian football team** reaped a good harvest of its impressive Asian Cup qualification campaign as it gained two places to jump to **104th** in **latest FIFA** world rankings released. Brazil remained on top
- ⇒ Indian women's discus thrower, **Navjeet Dhillon** won gold medal at **Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet** in **Almaty, Kazakhstan**.
- ⇒ Ace sprinter **Sekar Dhanalakshmi** ran her personal best time to win **200m gold** at **Qosanov Memorial Athletics**. Dhanalakshmi ran a creditable sub-23 second, clocking 22.89s to better her earlier personal best of 23.14s she had come up last year. Dhanalakshmi is only third Indian woman to run sub-23s after national record holder **Saraswati Saha (22.82s)** & **Hima Das (22.88s)**.
- ⇒ Olympic gold medallist, **Sydney McLaughlin** broke her own **women's 400 metres hurdles** world record at U.S. championships in Eugene, Oregon, winning final in **51.41 seconds**.
- ⇒ **Adani Sportsline**, : long-term principal sponsorship deal with **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** during upcoming **Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, & Paris Olympic Games 2024**.
- ⇒ **Australia** beat **England** by 71 runs in the finals to claim their **seventh Women's World Cup** on April 03, 2022, at **Hagley Oval** in **Christchurch, New Zealand**. Australia posted a record of **356** on the board. In reply, **Nat Sciver** waged a lone battle and remained unbeaten on 148 but it was not enough as England was bowled out for **285** in 43.4 overs.
- ⇒ **Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco)** has won the **Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix**, held on 10 April 2022 in **Melbourne, Victoria**. It was the third round of the 2022 Formula One World Championship. **Sergio Pérez** (Red Bull Racing-RBPT – Mexico) came second while **George Russell** (Mercedes – Britain) came third.





- ⇒ F1 champion **Max Verstappen** has been named the **2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year** while Jamaican Olympic sprinter **Elaine Thompson-Herah** has been named **Sportswoman of the Year**. The awards recognise the greatest sporting achievements of 2021, one of the highlights of which was the European Championship victory by the **Italian Men's Football Team** who won their second **Laureus Team of the Year Award** as a result.
- ⇒ The Red Bull racing driver **Sergio Pérez (Mexican)** has won the **Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022** with 25 points, held at Circuit de Monaco, Monaco, Europe. The event took place between May 27 to May 29 2022. With this victory, 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.
- ⇒ In **Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**, India earned its first ever medal at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix. The Indian Blind and Para Judo Association's **Judoka Kapil Parmar** deserves heartfelt praising for bringing medals to the country. It's worth noting that 18 of the 21 countries that competed won medals. Several countries, including Iraq, Switzerland, and India, earned their first medals in the IBSA Grand Prix as a result of these.
- ⇒ **The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022** ended with **Gujarat Titans (GT)** lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the **Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 29**. The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, was the 15th edition of the professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- ⇒ **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2022** was held at **Suhl in Germany**. The Indian contingent was led by ace shooters Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary. At the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022, the Indian junior shooting team came in first position overall. They won **33 medals** in total, including **13 gold, 15 silver, and 5 bronze**. With four gold medals, **Italy came in second place**.
- ⇒ Punjab Kings opening batter **Shikhar Dhawan** has become the first player to hit **700 fours** in the history of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**. Dhawan reached this feat during the last league stage match of IPL 2022, between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad, here at the Wankhede Stadium. The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name. He is followed by **David Warner** and **Virat Kohli**, with **577 and 576 fours, respectively**.
- ⇒ Formula One world champion, **Max Verstappen** won the **Spanish Grand Prix** in a Red Bull to take over at the top from Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc**, who retired with an engine failure while leading at **Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya**. Mexican **Sergio Perez** finished second, 13 seconds behind but with the consolation of a bonus point for fastest lap, after being told to let his teammate pass for a third victory in a row after Imola and Miami.
- ⇒ **Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan)**, won the **World Rapid Chess Championship 2021** by defeating **Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia)** in a tiebreaker & dethroning **Magnus Carlsen**, the current World Number 1. 2020 FIDE Championship was won by Magnus Carlsen.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu's **Bharath Subramaniam** became **India's 73rd chess Grandmaster**. He secured the third & final Grandmaster norm at an event at **Cattolica in Italy**. He scored 6.5 points from nine rounds along with four others & finish seventh in the event.
- ⇒ The **women's team from Ladakh** has lifted the **9th National Women's Ice Hockey Championship** in Himachal Pradesh. The championship was organised by the **Ice Hockey Association of India** at Kaza area in the Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ⇒ World Champion Grand Master **Magnus Carlsen** secured his victory in Wijk Aan Zee (Netherlands) & now leads the **2022 Tata Steel Chess Tournament** by a full point. It was his 8th win, a unique achievement.
- ⇒ **Haryana** team defeated the **Indian Railway** to win the **Men's title in Senior National Volleyball Championship 2021-22**. Similarly, in the women's category, the **Kerala team** defeated the **Indian Railway** to lift the trophy.
- ⇒ India's teen chess Grandmaster, **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** created history as he defeated world number one chess champion, **Magnus Carlsen**, of Norway in an online chess tournament. The Airthings Masters is the first of the nine events of the 2022 Meltwater Champions Chess Tour.
- ⇒ Indian Wushu player **Sadia Tariq** won a **gold medal** in the junior tournament at the **Moscow Wushu Stars Championship 2022**.
- ⇒ Indian Wushu player **Sadia Tariq** has won a **gold medal** in junior tournament at **Moscow Wushu Stars Championship 2022**. 15-year-old Sadia Tariq hails from **Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir**.
- ⇒ Para-archer, **Pooja Jatyan** became first Indian to win a silver in an individual section of Para World Championships in Dubai, UAE. She lost to Italy's Patrilli Vincenza in final
- ⇒ Indian shooter, **Saurabh Chaudhary** has won gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at ongoing 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
- ⇒ India's **Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh, & Ruchita Vinerkar** have won gold medal in women's 10m air pistol team event of ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
- ⇒ **Priyanka Nutakki** has secured her final WGM-norm at MPL's forty-seventh National Women Chess Championship. She became India's **twenty-third Woman Grandmaster**.
- ⇒ Sweden's Olympic pole vault champion **Armand Gustav "Mondo" Duplantis** cleared **6.19m** to smash his own world record by one centimetre at World Indoor Tour Silver meeting in Belgrade.
- ⇒ In Chess, Indian Grandmaster, **S L Narayanan** winner in **Grandisacchi Cattolica International Open, held in Italy**.
- ⇒ **Tiger Woods** inducted into **World Golf Hall of Fame**
- ⇒ Venezuela's **Yulimar Rojas** bettered her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres to win gold at World Indoor Championships.





Science & Technology

- ⇒ **Three Indian-origin women** are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as **Australia's Superstars of STEM**. This initiative aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people. This year among those recognised as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-origin women: **Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee**. Female scientists of Sri Lankan descent have also been chosen for distinction, in addition to Indians.
- ⇒ **Ladakh** is all set to have **India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve** at **Hanle village in Changthang region**. In about eighteen locations in Hanley, powerful telescopes will be installed for stargazing.
- ⇒ **Google's Jigsaw subsidiary** is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India, aimed at preventing misleading information that has been blamed for inciting violence. The initiative will use **"prebunking" videos** – designed to counter false claims before they become widespread – circulated on the **company's YouTube platform** and other social media sites.
- ⇒ **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers** have developed an **'Ocean Wave Energy Converter'** that can generate electricity from sea waves. The trials of this device were successfully completed during the second week of November 2022. The product has been named **'Sindhuja-I,'** which means 'generated from the ocean.'
- ⇒ The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with incubator and accelerator **Social Alpha, to launch the SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN)**, focused on innovation curation and venture development for the space domain.
- ⇒ **Ladakh** has approached the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS)**, a unit of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** for developing **"Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal 'Geo-Ladakh' for UT-Ladakh"**.
- ⇒ A **SpaceX Falcon 9** rocket carried into space the first ever **Arab-built lunar spacecraft**. It was launched from the **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida**. The **Rashid Rover** was built by **Dubai's Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC)**, in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, and is being delivered by the **HAKUTO-R lander**, engineered by **Japanese lunar exploration company ispace**.
- ⇒ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully conducted a **joint hypersonic vehicle trial** along with the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS). According to the country's premier space research agency, the joint hypersonic vehicle trial **matched with the predetermined targets**.
- ⇒ To promote the use of **'NAVigation with the Indian Constellation' (NavIC)**, the **Indian version of GPS**, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will introduce the **L1 frequency** in all its future satellites.
- ⇒ The **US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** and the **French space agency Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES)** have jointly launched the newest **Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft** to track nearly all the water on the surface of the Earth. It was launched atop a **SpaceX** rocket from **Space Launch Complex 4E at California's Vandenberg Space Force Base**. It will remain operational for 3 years.
- ⇒ The Government has said, the country's **maiden human space flight mission, Gaganyaan**, is targeted to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024. **Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh** said, in view of the paramount importance of crew safety, two uncrewed flights are scheduled, before the final human space flight- 'H1 mission', to demonstrate the performance of the crew escape system and parachute-based deceleration system for different flight conditions.
- ⇒ **Vainu Bappu 40-inch telescope**, several stellar discoveries of the telescope were highlighted. The celebrations were held on the **15th and 16th of December 2022** in Kavalur, Tamil Nadu. The telescope set up by **Professor Vainu Bappu** has played a significant role in astronomy with major discoveries like the presence of rings around the **planet Uranus**, a new satellite of Uranus, the presence of an atmosphere around Ganymede which is a satellite of Jupiter.
- ⇒ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** forthcoming **Chandrayaan 3 mission** will carry scientific instruments of the **United States of America**. The Chandrayaan mission 2 also carried American scientific instruments. This information was given by the **Union Minister of state (Independent charge) Science & Technology, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh** in the Rajya Sabha.





- ⇒ **IIT Kanpur** is ready with an **artificial heart** that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems. **Artificial hearts can be implanted in serious patients.** IIT Kanpur and cardiologists from across the country have developed this artificial heart. Trial on animals will start from February or March.
- ⇒ **Bharat Biotech's "iNCOVACC"** is the **world's first Intranasal vaccine** for COVID to receive approval for the primary 2-dose schedule, and as a heterologous booster dose. **Bharat Biotech International (BBIL)** announced that **iNCOVACC (BBV154)**, is scheduled to be introduced in the country as a booster dose shortly. iNCOVACC is now available on CoWin, and priced at Rs **800+GST** for private markets and priced at **Rs 325+GST** for supplies to Govt of India and State Governments.
- ⇒ To create the SwasthGarbh app, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi worked together. Pregnant women can access antenatal care and real-time medical support through the smartphone app. The software may be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store.
- ⇒ The **Indian Space Research Organization** is set to launch **PLV-C54/EOS-o6** Mission with **Oceans-3** and eight nanosatellites on board from Sriharikota spaceport. The PLV-C54/EOS-o6 Mission includes EOS-o6 (Oceans-3), plus eight nanosatellites which are **BhutanSat**, **'Anand'** from Pixxel, **Thybolt** two numbers from Dhurva Space and **Astrocast**-four numbers from Spaceflight USA.
- ⇒ RH200, the versatile sounding rocket of **ISRO** registered its 200th consecutive successful launch from the shores of Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) termed it a "historic moment". It was witnessed by former **President Ram Nath Kovind** and **ISRO chairman S Somanath**, among others
- ⇒ **The European Space Agency** has named the first ever **"parastronaut"** in a major step towards allowing people with physical disabilities to work and live in space. The 22-nation agency said it had appointed **British Paralympic sprinter John McFall** to take part in a feasibility study during astronaut training to assess the conditions needed for people with disabilities to take part in future missions.
- ⇒ Scientists of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** commenced the countdown for the launch of **Earth Observation Satellite – Oceansat –** and eight other customer satellites on a **PSLV-C54 rocket** from the spaceport of Sriharikota.
- ⇒ Tech giant Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup for about \$100 million in an effort to improve its content game & compete with TikTok.
- ⇒ SpaceX's Falcon Heavy, the world's most-powerful active rocket, lifted off for the first time in more than three years, from Florida's Cape Canaveral, with Elon Musk's company sending a group of satellites into orbit for the U.S. Space Force.
- ⇒ BSE Technologies announced the launch of the KYC Registration Agency KRA, which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form.)
- ⇒ 2022 AP7: A group of scientists has found three enormous near-Earth asteroids that were concealing from the Sun's light. One of them, 2022 AP7, is "possibly harmful" to Earth & is thought to be the greatest planet-killer-sized asteroid to have been discovered in a decade.
- ⇒ An American technology giant, Google has launched a platform that displays flood forecasts, namely 'FloodHub'.
- ⇒ The United States NASA has launched its Artemis-1 mission from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida. After this, the Orion spacecraft was propelled by the Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS).
- ⇒ Global asset manager Blackstone Group has forayed into the data center business in Asia with a planned capacity across two large hyperscale data centers in India.)
- ⇒ Vikram-S Rocket, India's first privately developed rocket launched from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) at the Sriharikota launchpad.. The Vikram-S Rocket is developed by Hyderabad-based start-up Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited, & it is a 6-meter tall & hits a peak altitude of 89.5 kilometers. After five minutes of launch, the Vikram-S Rocket splashed into the Bay of Bengal. The mission was titled Prarambh.
- ⇒ IIT Madras & NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station (ISS).
- ⇒ First company to get Bureau of Indian Standards' (BIS) certification to sell lithium-ion cells – Godi India
- ⇒ **Elon Musk unveils Optimus robot's prototype:** which uses some of the same Artificial Intelligence (AI) software & sensors as the Autopilot driving assistance system in Tesla vehicles.
- ⇒ In Bengaluru, the Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**), a technology similar to UPI that promises to democratise access to the internet for small enterprises, went live with its beta test.
- ⇒ **Mars Orbiter Mission: Mangalyaan**, the Indian Mars Orbiter Craft runs out of fuel & battery after completing **8 years**.
- ⇒ Crew-5 Mission: Initiative of: National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) Mission launched by: SpaceX .Mission launched through SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule called Endurance, on top of a Falcon 9 rocket Four astronauts were carried to the International Space Station (ISS) from Florida. Russian cosmonaut Anna Kikina is one of the four astronauts
- ⇒ **Google** will set up its first cloud region in **Greece**, the company, giving a boost to the country's efforts to become a world cloud computing hub.
- ⇒ **Chandrayaan-2** Orbiter's X-ray spectrometer '**CLASS**' has mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time, as per the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.





- ⇒ **Google** is set to launch **Play Points**, a global rewards **Programme** for users in India.
- ⇒ **PM** inaugurated the **Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Una**, Himachal Pradesh. PM Modi also inaugurated the fourth **Vande Bharat Express Train** of India at the event. (Click here to read the article)
- ⇒ President inaugurated a supercomputer facility at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati** called "**Param-Kamrupa**". She also inaugurated a high-power active & passive component laboratory called **SAMEER** at the institute.
- ⇒ **IlInvenTiv**, an all-IITs R&D showcase launched: in iit delhi
- ⇒ European telecom gear makers, **Nokia & Ericsson** have inked multi-year supply contracts with **Reliance Jio** for supplying **5G network equipment** to the country's largest carrier for deploying standalone or 5G SA.
- ⇒ **The heaviest rocket LVM3** of the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** will launch **36 satellites of British start-up OneWeb Broadband Communication Satellites** from the spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota
- ⇒ **Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023**: according to **S. Somnath**, Chairman of ISRO.
- ⇒ **APPLE** said it would make fresh investments to set up solar & wind projects in Europe & called on its suppliers to decarbonise operations related to the production of iPhones & other products.
- ⇒ Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), developed an indigenous **Overhauser Magnetometer**, sensor installed at **Alibag Magnetic Observatory (MO)**.
- ⇒ World's first licensing deal for high-priced chronic myeloid leukemia (cancer) drug as part of a public health initiative Deal signed by: Novartis AG |The oral drug, nilotinib, is used to treat chronic myeloid leukemia & may be made in Egypt, Guatemala, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, & Tunisi.
- ⇒ **Amazon establishing its first solar project in India**: with a combined capacity of 420 megawatts (MW) will be built in Rajasthan by the largest e-commerce company, **Amazon**.
- ⇒ Indian Railways is installing a **Real-Time Train Information System (RTIS)**, developed in collaboration with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, on locomotives "for automatic acquisition of train movement timing at the stations, including that of arrival & departure or run-through".
- ⇒ World's first cloned wild Arctic wolf 'Maya' Developed by: Scientists from China
- ⇒ India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-fueled green truck manufacturing facility Launched by: Blue Energy Motors Launched at: Chakan, Pune (Maharashtra)
- ⇒ Licious has become India's first Animal Protein brand to be certified with SA8000.
- ⇒ Archeological Survey of India (ASI) taps IIT Jodhpur to build a digital Museum
- ⇒ **Hughes Communication India (HCI)**, collaborated with **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**, to launch its first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband internet service in country.
- ⇒ **Google Cloud** has announced it has launched first cohort of its computing foundations with Kubernetes course in collaboration with **Future Skills Prime, an IT Ministry & Nasscom digital skilling initiative**.
- ⇒ **ISRO** successfully tested a hybrid motor. This may lead to development of a new propulsion system for next launch vehicles. Bengaluru-based space agency claimed that 30 kN hybrid motor tested at ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu is stackable & scalable.
- ⇒ **NASA's DART Mission to collide with an asteroid**: spacecraft has travelled along a celestial path under Jupiter's supervision, which is largest planet in solar system. On September 26, spacecraft will travel at a speed of 24,000 kilometres per hour as it collides with Didymos binary asteroid system, softly deflecting & altering its orbit
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- ⇒ **Agnikul Cosmos**, secured its first patent for design & manufacturing of its **3D-printed rocket engine**. patent rewarded to company for its **Agnilet rocket engine**, which will power company's Agnibaan rocket that is scheduled to launch later this year.
- ⇒ **IIT Guwahati** have created a fermentation process that uses ultrasound to safely generate **Xylitol** from sugarcane bagasse, by product of crushing sugar cane.
- ⇒ **Google** unveiled a programme to **upskill 100,000 Indian developers & researchers in cyber security**. part of company's **Cyber Security Roadshow**.
- ⇒ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) handed two pieces of space equipment to Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) for use in **Gaganyaan mission**. | crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for mission.
- ⇒ According to sources, **ISRO** received CMF structure, which included thrust-transfer structure for high-altitude escape motor (HTS).
- ⇒ At 14,000 feet in **Ladakh**, ONGC is getting ready to pump **geothermal energy**. at **Puga**, a lonely valley offroad to Chumar on de facto boundary with China
- ⇒ **India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory**, to track objects as small as **10 cm** in size orbiting earth, will be set up in **Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara**, |United States is a dominant player in monitoring space debris
- ⇒ **India** developed first indigenously-developed **RT-PCR kit** for testing **monkeypox** disease| developed by **Transasia Bio-Medicals**





- ⇒ **The James Webb Space Telescope** captured new beautiful photos of **Jupiter**. **James Webb Space Telescope**, which was launched in December 2021
- ⇒ **L&T Technology Services**, a provider of high-end engineering services, recently announced that European luxury automaker **BMW Group** had awarded it a five-year, multi-million dollar contract to supply high-end engineering services
- ⇒ **IAD technology successfully used by ISRO**: Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD), which ISRO says is a game-changer with numerous implications for future missions including to Mars & Venus, was successfully tested.
- ⇒ **5 PSLV rockets to be built by HAL-L&T**: has secured a Rs 860 crore contract from New Space India Limited to produce five rockets (PSLV rockets).
- ⇒ **The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) & UK government** has jointly conducted virtual Cyber Security Exercise for 26 countries. exercise is a part of India-led **International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group**, facilitated by **British Aerospace (BAE) Systems**.
- ⇒ **NASA's Experiment MOXIE**: An gadget size of a lunchbox (MOXIE by NASA) is demonstrating its ability to consistently carry outwork of a tiny tree on red & dusty surface of **Mars**, some 100 million miles from Earth.
- ⇒ The **Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE)** data from **Google** was officially released in **Aurangabad** : This makes Aurangabad the first city in the nation to experience this.
- ⇒ The **Nilekani Centre at Al4Bharat** was established by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** to advance the state of Indian language technology & make a positive social impact.
- ⇒ **Reliance Jio**, owned by billionaire **Mukesh Ambani**, became the highest bidder for 5G spectrum, paying Rs 88,078 crore to buy over half of the airwaves. The **Adani** group paid Rs 212 crore for 400 MHz, or less than 1% of all spectrum sold.
- ⇒ **Google** launched '**India Ki Udaan**' to mark **75 years of Independence**. The project has executed by **Google Arts & Culture** celebrates the country's achievements & is "themed on the unwavering & undying spirit of India over these past 75 years".
- ⇒ **Microsoft & Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** will work together on a programme to teach its digital toolkit to almost 2.5 million civil servants.
- ⇒ **ISRO** launched a digital platform called the '**SPARK**' **space museum** for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface.
- ⇒ India's first saline water lantern, '**Roshini**', which uses seawater to power **Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps** launched at **Sagar Anveshika**, a coastal research vessel operated by the **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) Chennai** for marine research.
- ⇒ **NASA**: new Moon rocket, surrounding the **Space Launch System (SLS) rocket & Orion spacecraft**, the vehicle was moved to **Pad 39B** at the Kennedy Space Center in under the **Artemis mission** that will take humans back to the Moon his time with plans for a longer presence on the surface.
- ⇒ Researchers from the **L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)**, **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H)**, & the **Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB)** in Hyderabad have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea (**3D-printed Human Cornea**) & placed it in a rabbit eye for the first time ever in India.
- ⇒ **Indian national flag** was unfurled in space at an altitude of over **30 km** as the country marked its **75 years of Independence** by **Space Kidz India**.
- ⇒ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for use in the **Gaganyaan mission**.
- ⇒ **Nokia + Indian Institute of Science** :**Nokia Center of Excellence** in networked robotics at **IISc Bengaluru**.
- ⇒ **IIT Madras** researchers developed a revolutionary method that can identify a person's cancer-causing genes. Based on patient **DNA profiles**, the "**Pivot**," an **AI-based tool**, will help clinicians create individualised treatment programmes for patients.
- ⇒ US President **Joe Biden** has released one of the **James Webb Space Telescope's** first images .This first image from **NASA's James Webb Space Telescope** is the deepest & sharpest infrared image of the distant universe to date.
- ⇒ **Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved the market authorization of India's first **quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV)** against cervical cancer.
- ⇒ **Jahnvi Dangeti** has scripted history by becoming the youngest to complete the Analog Astronaut programme from the **Analog Astronaut Training Centre (AATC)** at **Krakow** in **South Poland**.
- ⇒ **The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)** : nation's newest **solar observatory**: 888-kilogram observatory has a half-tonne precursor, "**Xihe**," a **Chinese H-alpha Solar Explorer (CHASE)**, named after the solar goddess in historical Chinese mythology to review the violent & sudden bodily processes behind solar flares.
- ⇒ New synthetic peptides that can both prevent the **SARS-CoV-2 virus** from entering cells & clump the virus particles together to lessen their capacity to infect living cells have been created by Indian scientists.
- ⇒ **Samsung** : creation of a new graphics dynamic **random-access memory (DRAM)** chip with increased speed & power efficiency. the 24-gigabit **Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)** uses third-generation, 10-nanometer technology





- ⇒ Space tech startup, **Agnikul Cosmos** has inaugurated India's first-ever factory to manufacture **3D-printed rocket engines** in Chennai.
- ⇒ **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Center, New Delhi (RGCI)** have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, "**SSI-Mantra**",
- ⇒ A unique **biodiversity sensor project** is launched by **Syngenta**, a global agri-business major. It claimed to be the first such project in India. Syngenta has launched project with the **Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, Punjab (IIT-R)**. This project will help in studying the behavior of insects around farms, particularly bees & butterflies.
- ⇒ The **Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)** has successfully launched 342 foreign satellites from 34 countries since 1999 on a commercial basis.
- ⇒ Tech giant **Microsoft** has announced that it is introducing **Viva Engage**, a new app in Teams that helps build community & connection, along with providing tools for personal expression.
- ⇒ ISRO Chairman **S Somnath** along with other senior scientists inaugurated the **Human Space Flight Expo** at **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium** in Bengaluru to commemorate the Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav.
- ⇒ **Startup Incubation & Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at **IIT Kanpur** has launched "**NIRMAN**" **Accelerator Programme**, supported by the department of science & technology, the government of India.
- ⇒ The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has stated that it has begun pilot testing the 5G network at selected areas around the nation in advance of the spectrum auction at four different sites around the nation. These places are Namma Metro in Bengaluru, Namma Port Kandla near Kutch in Gujarat, Bhopal Smart City, GMR International Airport in New Delhi, & Bhopal Smart City.
- ⇒ **European Commission** has given permission for the **Imvanex vaccine** to be marketed as protection against **Monkeypox**, as recommended last week by the **European Medicines Agency (EMA)**.
- ⇒ **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, India's Minister of State for Science & Technology, said the launch of foreign satellites by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** brought in \$279 million in foreign currency.
- ⇒ **China** launched the second of the three modules needed to complete its new space station. A Long March **5B rocket** launched the unmanned spaceship with the call sign **Wentian** from the **Wenchang** launch facility on China's tropical island of Hainan.
- ⇒ **China Manned Space Agency :Shenzhou-14** crew will stay aboard **Tiangong** station for six months, overseeing integration of two laboratory modules into main Tianhe living room
- ⇒ **China** released a **new geological map of moon**, which it says is most detailed to date
- ⇒ **Three new remote sensing satellites** launched by **China** from **Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in Sichuan Province in southwest China. satellites were launched by a Long March-2D carrier rocket) as part of **Yaogan-35** family
- ⇒ South Korea launched its first satellite successfully using a homegrown rocket named **Nuri**
- ⇒ **Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited** : 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer,
- ⇒ **Param Ananta**, supercomputer at **IIT Gandhinagar** under **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**.
- ⇒ **59th edition: Top500 list of world's most powerful supercomputers** : ORNL's Supercomputer **Frontier** from **US**, fastest supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture outperformed Japan's Supercomputer Fugaku
- ⇒ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, inaugurated ANANTH Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at **Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park**.
- ⇒ **First liquid mirror telescope in country** & largest in Asia – was commissioned atop **Devasthal**, a hill in **Uttarakhand** by International Liquid-Mirror Telescope (ILMT).
- ⇒ **Kiya.ai**, launched India's first-ever banking metaverse "**Kiyaverse**".
- ⇒ India will attain unique distinction of launching first **Human Space Mission 'Gaganyaan'** as well as first **Human Ocean Mission** in **2023**, according to **Space & Earth Sciences Minister Dr Jitendra Singh**. Testing for both Space & Ocean manned missions have evolved to an advanced stage, & that remarkable accomplishment would be performed in second half of 2023, while speaking at **World Oceans Day festivities in New Delhi**.
- ⇒ **NASA** : "**DAVINCI Mission**". DAVINCI stands for "**Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry & Imaging Mission**". mission will fly by Venus & explore its harsh atmosphere in **2029**.
- ⇒ **Microsoft** announced retirement of **27-year-old Internet Explorer (IE)** as firm's oldest browser will be completely phased out from **June 15**.
- ⇒ **Google** announced a startup accelerator program for women founders. :**Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders**
- ⇒ Union Communications Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** announced at Viva Technology 2022 event that India will have full-fledged 5G services by March 2023.
- ⇒ **IIT Madras** developed a robot "**HomoSEP**," that can clean septic tanks without need for humans. Ten units are expected to be distributed across **Tamil Nadu**
- ⇒ **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** launched **GSAT-24**, following space reforms leasing entire satellite's capacity to **Direct-to-Home (DTH)** service provider **Tata Play**.





- ⇒ **Two communication satellites** from Malaysia & India will be launched into geostationary orbit by European space agency **Arianespace**. Ariane-5 rocket will launch two satellites, from spaceport in **Kourou, French Guiana**.
- ⇒ US-based **Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)**, Oracle's cloud services platform, introduced '**OCI dedicated region**' for Indian market. **Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.**, an integrated drone manufacturer & drone-as-a-service (DAAS) provider based in India, would invest **Rs 115 crore** in construction of a production facility in **Malaysia**.
- ⇒ **Indian Space Promotion & Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)** started authorising Indian private firms, marking beginning of private space sector launches in India.
- ⇒ **NASA: CAPSTONE spacecraft** to moon from New Zealand. Mission CAPSTONE stands for **Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations & Navigation Experiment**.
- ⇒ Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**, have unveiled India's first **Polycentric Prosthetic Knee**, which seeks to improve the conditions for thousands above the amputees. '**Kadam**,' a **polycentric knee** for above Knee Prosthesis created in collaboration with **Society for Biomedical Technology (SBMT)** and Mobility India, and is also a '**Made in India**' product.
- ⇒ **One Web**, a **Bharti group company**, and **New Space India Limited**, the commercial arm of the **Indian Space Research Organisation**, have signed a **satellite launch deal**. The **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**, is expected to launch New Space in 2022.
- ⇒ The launch of the **Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) program** was announced on 27th April 2022 by the government of India with the aim of creating Microprocessors for the country's and the world's future and to achieve industry-grade commercial silicon and design for the next generation of microprocessors by the month of December 2023.
- ⇒ According to the most recent report of **NASA's Orbital Debris Program Office's Orbital Debris Quarterly News**, there are 25,182 pieces of **space debris** larger than 10 cm in lower earth orbits near **2,000 kilometres** of the planet's surface. India is responsible for only **114 space debris items**, whereas the **United States has 5,126 space debris objects in Earth's orbit** and **China has 3,854 space debris objects in Earth's orbit**, including spent rocket bodies.
- ⇒ The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Bombay)** has partnered with the **Ministry of Earth Sciences' India Meteorological Department (IMD)** to develop climate solutions for stakeholders at the **village, city, and district levels**. The partnership will aid the institute in the development of sensors and drone-based smart monitoring systems, climate-smart agriculture technology for water and food security, intelligent and automated early warning systems, climate and health, smart power grid management, wind energy forecasting, and heat wave forecasting.
- ⇒ The **Indian Space Research Organisation** will send a spacecraft to orbit **Venus** to study what lies below its surface, the space body's Chairperson **S Somnath** announced. ISRO is expecting to launch the mission by **December 2024** with an orbital manoeuvre planned for a year after that.
- ⇒ Bengaluru-based **Bellatrix Aerospace** has successfully tested an environmentally friendly satellite propulsion system that offers a 20 percent increase in fuel efficiency over hydrazine-dependent fuel systems.
- ⇒ The **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in collaboration with the government's research institute **Niti Aayog**, is focusing on how to better employ emerging technologies like **artificial intelligence (AI)**, the **Internet of Things (IoT)**, **blockchain**, and drones to aid farmers, especially small and marginal farmers.
- ⇒ At **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)** in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully completed the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched India's first 5G testbed, allowing startups and industry players to test and certify their technologies domestically and lessen reliance on foreign facilities. The testbed was built at a cost of approximately Rs 220 crore.
- ⇒ Adani Green subsidiary **Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited** has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort. The plant will be India's first hybrid **wind-solar power producing facility**.
- ⇒ **India** will introduce a newly approved "made in India" TB infection skin test called '**c-TB**', said Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**. This cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- ⇒ 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).
- ⇒ **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, was present during a brainstorming session organised by **MeitY** on Mission Digital India **BHASHINI** - the National Language Translation Mission (NLTM).
- ⇒ Scientists & experts in **France** have reportedly identified a new variant of **COVID-19** termed '**IHU**'. The new variant is said to be a more mutated strain than **Omicron**. The **B.1.640.2** or IHU variant was first identified by the academics at institute **IHU Mediterranee Infection & contains 46 mutations**, which is more than Omicron.





- ⇒ **CryptoWire**, a global crypto super app that is a special business unit of **TickerPlant**, announced the launch of **India's first index of Cryptocurrencies – IC15**, which is a rule-based broad market index by market capitalisation. The IC15 tracks & measures the performance of the top 15 widely traded liquid cryptocurrencies listed on leading crypto exchanges of the world, the company stated.
- ⇒ The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** has approved a testing kit for detecting the Omicron variant of the **SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus** developed by Tata is called '**OmiSure**' & will be an enhancement for the detection of the Omicron variant. **CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI)** has developed an indigenous RT-PCR diagnostic kit, '**Om**', for the testing of the **Omicron variant of coronavirus**
- ⇒ **Jahnvi Dangeti**, a young girl from Andhra Pradesh, has just completed **NASA's International Air & Space Program (iasp nasa)** at the Kennedy Space Centre in Alabama, US, making her the first Indian to accomplish this feat.
- ⇒ Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology **Dr Jitendra Singh** has launched Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven Start-Up by **Indian Institute Technology (IIT) alumni** for water purification through innovative technology with financial support from **Technology Development Board (TDB)**.
- ⇒ The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully test-fired the **Vikas engine** that would power **India's first human-carry rocket (Gaganyaan human space mission)**. This qualification test of the Vikas Engine for the Gaganyaan human space mission was conducted by ISRO at **Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**
- ⇒ **Samsung Electronics** surpassed U.S chipmaker **Intel** to become the **world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021**, as per the report released by research firm **Counterpoint Technology Market Research**.
- ⇒ **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable & Clean energy** launched at **IIT Dharwad**. It will enhance the research in affordable & clean energy.
- ⇒ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru** installed & commissioned **Param Pravega**, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India. It is also the largest supercomputer in an Indian academic institution. **Param Pravega** has a total supercomputing capacity of **3.3 petaflops (1 petaflop equals a quadrillion or 1015 operations per second)**. It is designed by the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**.
- ⇒ **IIT-Hyderabad** launched the beta version of '**Swarajability**', a job portal powered by artificial intelligence that helps people with disabilities acquire relevant skills & find jobs. It will analyse the profiles of the job seekers & suggest the skills they would require to become eligible.
- ⇒ According to **NASA**, the **International Space Station** will continue its operation until **2031** & then crash into an uninhabited area in the Pacific Ocean known as Point Nemo. It will be replaced with three free-flying space stations to continue the work after ISS's retirement.
- ⇒ **ISRO** decommissioned the **INSAT-4B**, an Indian communications satellite that forms part of the **Indian National Satellite System**. The INSAT-4B underwent **Post Mission Disposal (PMD)** at the end of its service, followed by decommissioning on January 24.
- ⇒ **ISRO** successfully launched an **Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-04** & two small satellites into the intended orbit. This was the first launch mission of **ISRO in the year 2022**. The satellites were launched onboard the launch vehicle **PSLV-C52** rocket from the First Launch Pad of **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- ⇒ Indian mining major **Vedanta** tied up with Taiwanese electronics manufacturing company, **Hon Hai Technology Group** to form a joint venture (JV) for **manufacturing semiconductors in India**.
- ⇒ **Drugs Controller General of India** approved the **Corona Vaccine Biologicals E Ltd's Corbevax** for children in the age group of **12 to 18 years**. Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company Biological E Ltd said its coronavirus vaccine **Corbevax**, is also **India's third homegrown vaccine**.
- ⇒ **Government of India** organised a week-long science exhibition titled '**Vigyan Sarvatra Pujiyate**' as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemoration**. It will be conducted simultaneously at 75 locations across the country through a hybrid model.
- ⇒ **Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.** will land the next generation multi-terabit **India-Asia-Xpress (IAX)** undersea cable system in **Hulhumale, Maldives**. It will connect Hulhumale directly with World's major internet hubs in **India & Singapore**.
- ⇒ **IIT Roorkee** organized a regional farmers' awareness programme as part of the '**Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa**' (**GKMS**) project & launched **KISAN mobile application for the farmers**. It will provide agro-meteorological services to the farmers.
- ⇒ **IBM** launched a **cybersecurity hub** in **Bengaluru** to address the concerns of its clients across the **Asia Pacific (APAC) region**.
- ⇒ **DRDO** & **IIT Delhi** demonstrated Quantum Key Distribution link between Prayagraj & Vindhyachal in Uttar Pradesh, spanning over 100 kilometres.
- ⇒ Google launched '**Play Pass**' subscription service in India, provide Android device users access to over 1,000 applications & games without ads, in-app purchases, & upfront payments





- ⇒ Dr Jitendra Singh, launched International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO). International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) will be housed at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
- ⇒ NASA launched third in a series of four next-generation wear satellites, Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES), from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida.
- ⇒ Researchers at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur have created a biodegradable nanoparticle that can be used as an alternative to chemical-based insecticides to protect crops from bacterial & fungal illnesses.
- ⇒ **Microsoft** has **fourth data centre in Hyderabad**, Telangana. Microsoft already has a data centre in three Indian regions across Pune, Mumbai, & Chennai
- ⇒ **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** has designed & installed a supercomputer named

- "**PARAM Ganga**", at **IIT Roorkee**, PARAM Ganga has a supercomputing capacity of **1.66 Petaflops**.
- ⇒ ISRO is organizing programme for school children called "YUva Vigyani KARYakram" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Programme")
- ⇒ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully completed ground test of solid fuel-based booster stage (SS1) of its new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota at Andhra Pradesh..
- ⇒ **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**, MeitY & Department of Science & Technology, has dedicated **PARAM Shakti**, a Petascale Supercomputer, to country at **IIT Kharagpur (DST)**. PARAM Shakti supercomputing facility is advancing research & development efforts in diverse disciplines of computational & data sciences.

Schemes/ Apps

Stand-Up India Scheme completed 6 years

Stand-Up India scheme has completed its six years on **5th April 2022**. Under the Stand-Up India Scheme, over **30,160 crore rupees** have been sanctioned to more than **1 lakh 33 thousand 995 accounts** since the launch of the Scheme. The scheme was launched by PM Modi on **5th April 2016**. Stand Up India scheme was extended till 2025.

'SVANidhi se Samridhi' introduced by MoHUA

In the presence of senior officials from **States/UTs** and several **Central Ministries**, **Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, launched the '**SVANidhi se Samridhi**' programme in an additional **126 cities across 14 States/UTs**.

ABPMJAY- SEHAT scheme: Samba becomes 1st district to cover 100% households

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 district achieved this milestone after the conclusion of a special registration drive organized by the State Health Agency (SHA) from April 11 to April 21 in all BDO offices across the district which was aimed to cover all families under the ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme in the district.

Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2022 Celebrated on 30th April

Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated on **30th April** of every year across the country as a part of gram Swaraj Abhiyan. It is celebrated to promote the significance of the campaign to provide medical facilities to all the remote areas of the country and to provide healthcare facilities to every needy citizen in the

country. On this day a scheme called Ayushman Bharat Yojana was also introduced by the prime minister of India Narendra Modi. The scheme is also known as the National health protection scheme.

75 Digital Banking Units

Important news in Detail:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) to the nation on 16th October. He will address the occasion via video conferencing. The Finance Minister has announced the setting up of the 75 DBUs in 75 districts of the country to commemorate the 75 years of Independence of India as part of the Union budget speech for 2022-2023.

Key Points related to Digital Banking Units

- Digital Banking Units (DBUs) are being set up to increase the reach of Digital Banking.
- The DBUs will help Digital Banking to reach every corner of the country and will cover all states and Union Territory.
- 11 public sector banks, 12 private sector banks, and one small finance bank are participating in the endeavor.
- DBUs will be mortal outlets that will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening a savings account, balance-check, print passbook, transfer of funds, investment in fixed deposits, loan applications, stop-payment instructions for cheques issued, applying for credit, etc.
- DBUs will enable customers to have cost-effective, convenient access and enhanced digital experience of banking products and services all around the year





PM Devine

Prime Minister's development initiative for North East region (PM-DevINE), was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The PM-DevINE is a Rs 6,600 crore scheme to support infrastructure, industries, and other Livelihood projects in northeastern states of India.

Key Points related to PM-DevINE

- The PM-DevINE is a 100 percent Central Government funded plan and will be administered by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER).
- This scheme is going to be implemented during the remaining four years of the 15th Financial Commission from 2022-2023 to 2025-2026.
- The PM-DevINE is aimed to be completed by the year 2025-2026 so that there are no committed liabilities beyond this year.
- The PM-DevINE will lead to the creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects, and create livelihood activities for youth and women.
- For the maintenance and operations of the project measures will be taken so that the projects are sustainable.
- The scheme will be implemented by the DoNER Ministry through the North Eastern Council (NEC)..

PM PRANAM

The Centre plans to introduce a new scheme – PM PRANAM, which stands for PM Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana.

What is the aim of the PM PRANAM Scheme?

In order to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers in India, the Union government plans to introduce a new scheme – PM PRANAM and it will achieve this aim by incentivizing states. The proposed scheme intends to reduce the subsidy burden on chemical fertilisers, which is expected to increase to Rs 2.25 lakh crore in 2022-2023, which is 39% higher than the previous year's figure of Rs 1.62 lakh crore.

Where the PM PRANAM Scheme was proposed?

PM PRANAM Scheme was proposed during the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign that took place on September 7, 2022.

What is the need of PM PRANAM Scheme ?

The recent trends has seen a huge increase in the use of chemical fertilisers to increase the agriculture supply. There are four important fertilisers : Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK. The requirement of these four fertilisers – Urea, DAP, MOP, and the NPK – increased by 21% i.e. from 528.86 lakh metric tonnes in 2017-18 to 640.27 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) in 2021-22. This data was given in the parliament in august 2022. Thus, the Centre intends to cut down on the intense usage of fertiliser and promote alternative fertilisers.

Note :

- DAP: Diammonium Phosphate
- MOP: Muriate of potash
- NPK: Nitrogen Phosphorus, Potassium

How the market of Chemical fertilisers work ?

In the case of urea, the government fixes the MRP (Maximum Retail Price) and compensates the manufacturers for the difference between the MRP and the production cost.

The prices of non-urea fertilisers like DAP and MOP are fixed by private companies and the government provides them a fixed amount of subsidy.

Farmers buy fertilisers at MRP.

How the PM PRANAM scheme will work?

- The scheme will not have a separate budget and will be financed by the "savings of existing fertiliser subsidy" under schemes run by the Department of fertilisers.
- States are provided subsidy for the fertilisers, If they saves that subsidy, 50% subsidy savings will be passed on as a grant to the state.
- 70% of the grant provided under the scheme can be used for asset creation related to technological adoption of alternate fertilisers and alternate fertiliser production units at village, block and district levels.
- The remaining 30% grant money can be used for incentivising farmers, panchayats, farmer producer organisations and self-help groups that are involved in the reduction of fertiliser use and awareness generation.

How performance of various state will be compared?

Government will compare a state's increase or reduction in urea in a year, to its average consumption of urea during the last three years. Data available on a fertiliser Ministry dashboard, iFMS (Integrated fertilisers Management System), will be used for this purpose.

What is iFMS?

Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS) was launched in June 2016 which is a comprehensive, all-inclusive system covering all functionalities in the fertilizer supply chain.

How the supply of fertilisers in the market is ensured by the government?

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare assesses the requirement of fertilisers each year before the start of the cropping season, and informs the Ministry of Chemical and fertilisers to ensure the supply.

Ramkrishna Mission awakening Program

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Ramkrishna Mission 'Awakening' Program for students of classes I to V.





Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening Programme

- It is an initiative towards ensuring overall personality development of a child in line with the philosophy of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. It has shifted its approach from rote learning towards application of knowledge
- It is for the students of classes I to V.
- Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Program aims to enable children to build "ATMASHRADDHA" (Self-esteem) and make responsible choices.
- Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Program helps them to find solutions for all Life Problems.

Background of Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening Program

- Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi branch, in 2014, Started the Awakened Citizen Program (ACP) for middle school students.
- About 6,000 Schools (KVs, JNVs, Government and private schools) involving 55,000 teachers and 12lacs students benefitted under ACP.
- A program called 'Awakening' on the basis of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has been designed and piloted across 126 schools.

What is the need of Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening Programme?

- To progress the social transformation in India.
- To inculcate values and wisdom in students.
- Value-based education is as important as Science based which will help in building future-ready and socially conscious generation.

What is Ramakrishna Mission?

- Swami Vivekananda established the Ramakrishna Mission in 1897. This mission was named as Ramakrishna because he was the Guru of Swami Vivekananda.
- Its objective was to bring the noblest ideas to the doorstep of even the poorest and the meanest.
- Ramakrishna Mission works in the area of value-based education, culture, health, women's empowerment, youth and tribal welfare and relief and rehabilitation.
- Its moto is "ATMANO MOKSHARTHAM JAGAD HITAYA CHA" which means "For one's own salvation and for the welfare of the world".
- It is based on modern version of Advaita Vedanta- a School of Indian Philosophy.

Who was Swami Vivekananda?

- He was born as Narendranath Datta on 12 January 1863.
- 12 January is celebrated as National youth day
- He preached 'neo- Vedanta Philosophy'
- He is best known for his speech at the World Parliament of Religion in Chicago in 1893
- He established Ramakrishna mission and Belur Math

PM Shri

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a new centrally sponsored scheme, as many as 14,500 schools will be "upgraded" across India to showcase the components of the National Education Policy, 2020. It was launched on 5th September 2022, on the occasion of Teachers Day.

- It is under the Ministry of Education, the scheme will be called PM SHRI Schools :PM Schools for Rising India.
- While there are exemplary schools like Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kendriya Vidyalayas, the PM SHRI will act as "NEP labs".

What are the key features of National Education Policy(NEP)?

The school curricular structure and teaching style divided into various stages – foundational, preparatory, middle and secondary.

New Curricular and Pedagogical Structure (5+3+3+4);

The foundational years (pre-school and grades I, II) will involve play-based learning. At the preparatory level (III-V), light textbooks are to be introduced along with some formal classroom teaching. Subject teachers are to be introduced at the middle level (VI-VIII). Secondary stage (IX-XII) will be multidisciplinary in nature with no hard separation between arts and sciences or other disciplines.

Setting up of a new National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development);

What is a centrally sponsored scheme?

A centrally sponsored scheme is one where the cost of implementation is likely to split in the 60:40 ratio among the Union government and the states/Union Territories.

How will PM SHRI schools will be different from Kendriya Vidyalayas or Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas or other Central Government Schools?

Kendriya Vidyalayas or Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are under Central Sector Schemes i.e fully funded by central government. While KVs largely cater to children of Union government employees posted in states and UTs, JNVs were set up to nurture talented students in rural parts of the country. But, PM SHRI schools will be upgrading the existing schools which are run by the Centre, states, UTs and local bodies. This essentially means that PM SHRI schools can either be KVs, JNVs, state government schools or even those run by municipal corporations.

Which schools will be the PM SHRI schools come up?

The Centre has not yet released the list of schools that have been chosen for this purpose. It has however announced that the PM SHRI schools will also "offer mentorship" to other schools in their vicinity. These schools will be equipped with modern infrastructure including labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment, art room etc. It will also develop as green schools with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure and integration of organic lifestyle in curriculum.





Schemes for Elementary Education:

- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan:
- Mid Day Meal
- Mahila Samakhya
- Strengthening for providing quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM)

Schemes for Secondary Education:

- Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan
- Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage
- National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme
- Scheme for construction and running of Girls' Hostel for students of secondary and higher secondary schools
- Scholarship schemes for Minority students
- National Scholarships
- Scheme of Vocational Education
- Girls Hostel Scheme
- National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education

PM Bhartiya Jan Urvak Pariyojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana-One Nation One Fertiliser. Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana, companies must market all subsidized fertilizers under a single brand, 'Bharat'.

Key Points related to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the single brand under the scheme during the two-day event PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022.

The launch event was felicitated by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Chemicals & Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The event was also joined by more than one crore farmers who joined virtually.

About One Nation One Fertiliser

The One Nation One Fertiliser aims to give farmers quality crop nutrients at low costs under the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser'. The farmers will be introduced to nano urea to ease the farming process. Only one nano urea bottle can replace a sackful of urea. The scheme is introduced to prevent the Criss-cross movement of Fertilisers brand reduce high freight subsidies. All subsidized soil nutrients including urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MoP), and NPK will be marketed under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana scheme and single brand 'Bharat'

MAARG Portal

Recent in News:

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has launched a call for startup applications for registration on the **MAARG portal, the National Mentorship Platform by Startup India.**

What is the purpose of MAARG Portal?

To further boost the Indian startup ecosystem, currently ranked 3rd largest globally, Startup India is focused on catalysing the startup culture and building a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

What is the full form of MAARG Portal?

MAARG portal - Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth, is a one stop platform to facilitate mentorship for startups across diverse sectors, functions, stages, geographies, and backgrounds.

What are the objectives of MAARG Portal?

The objectives of the MAARG portal are –

- To provide guidance according to the sector of the startup, handholding, and support to startups throughout their lifecycle
- To establish a formalized and structured platform that facilitates intelligent matchmaking between the mentors and their respective mentees.
- To facilitate efficient and expert mentorship for startups and build an outcome-oriented mechanism that allows timely tracking of the mentor-mentee engagements

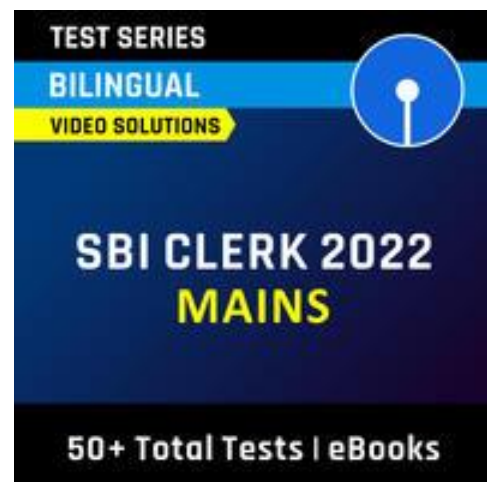
What are the functions of MAARG portal?

The core functions of the portal are as follows:

1. Matchmaking of relevant mentors and Startups
2. Tracker for mentorship interactions and progress
3. Video and audio calls
4. Mobile-friendly portal
5. Recognition for mentors
6. Hosting of customizable mentorship programs for ecosystem enablers
7. Feedback, query, and grievance mechanism for all users

What is date for onboarding of startups?

DPIIT is launching the onboarding of startups on the MAARG Portal with effect from 14th November 2022





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	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	2022	signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the top six engineering institutes of India for introducing Indian standards as an integral part of the curriculum. This initiative is towards institutionalizing engagement of BIS with eminent institutes to secure active participation of academia.
Doctor Apke Dwar'		2022	Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) at Sadar Hospital, Aarah, Bhojpur District Bihar. The project aims to facilitate operational expenditure for three years for smooth functioning. The total cost of the project is Rs. 12.68 crore.
DigiYatra		2022	The Central government on December 1 launched its facial recognition system at Delhi, Bangalore and Varanasi airports , which will allow domestic passengers to seamlessly travel without an identification card. The Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the service at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport .
One District One Sport (ODOS)		2022	The Uttar Pradesh government's ambitious has received praise at the national level for helping in the revival of traditional crafts in the state. Now, on similar lines, the government has launched the programme for promoting local sporting talent.
Rooftop Solar Programme			Central Government announced that it has extended till 31 March, 2026. The subsidy under the programme will be available until the target under the Programme is achieved now. The government has advised all residential consumers to not pay any additional charges to any vendor on account of fee for application on the National Portal or any additional charges for net-metering/testing which are not prescribed by the respective distribution company.
SWAMIH Invest Fund-I			The government has put in an additional Rs 5,000 crore to help the stressed realty investment platform achieve its final close at Rs 15,530 crore . The fund set up under the Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing is India's largest social impact fund , which said the government recently infused Rs 5,000 crore.
New India Literacy Programme			The Ministry of Education (MoE) approved a new scheme "" for the next five years to cover all the aspects of adult education to align with new National Education Policy (NEP) .
AYURSWASTHYA Yojana	Ministry of Ayush		The issued a notification regarding the status of the centres of excellence scheme ". Financial assistance is provided to eligible individual organizations/institutes for establishing and upgrading their functions & facilities and/or for research & development activities in AYUSH under the scheme.
Orunodoi			Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the second version, the flagship scheme of the state government aimed at providing financial security to financially disadvantaged families.
'Prahari' Mobile app			Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the and Manual of Border Security Force (BSF) in New Delhi.

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PM-DevINE	DONER	2022	approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi . The PM-DevINE is a Rs 6,600 crore scheme to support infrastructure, industries, & other Livelihood projects in northeastern states of India.





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"Niveshak Didi" programme	India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)	2022	in order to promote financial literacy "By the women, for the women,". India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp in Srinagar, J&K. The Niveshak Didi Initiative is founded on the principle of "women for women," as rural women are better at ease discussing their concerns with another woman
NMNF portal	Agriculture ministry	2022	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the NMNF portal. Natural farming in India would be taken forward with the cooperation of everyone.
Aadhaar Mitra	UIDAI		The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) presented the brand-new AI/ML chatbot Aadhaar Mitra in order to facilitate citizens' usage of the services. Both Hindi & English are available for the chatbot. For the purpose of teaching viewers, it also offers the option of viewing related videos on specific themes.
Campaign for Promoting Digital Life Certificates for Central Government Pensioners.	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension	2022	The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Government of India has launched a Nation-wide Campaign for Promoting Digital Life Certificates for Central Government Pensioners.
Mission LIFE movement		2022	launched by PM Modi in order to protect the environment. PM Modi issued a stern warning. After the global launch of Mission LiFE at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
Betiyan Bane Kushal	Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship & Ministry of Minority Affairs	2022	is set to organize a National Conference on skilling in Non-traditional Livelihood (NTL) for girls. The program under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child on 11th October 2022. The conference will emphasize convergence between ministries & departments to ensure that girls build their skills in a diverse set of platforms. The set of professions includes science, technology, engineering, & mathematics (STEM). The event will witness the signing of MoUs with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) & the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the Skilling of young girls. The project aims to increase equality & empower the girl child.
Accelerator Program to Strengthen Agri Startups	Agriculture Minister	2022	the central govt. will launch a Rs 500 crore accelerator programme to support the productive ideas of agro businesses.
Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana-One Nation One Fertiliser.	Ministry of chemical & fertilisers	2022	Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana, companies must market all subsidized fertilizers under a single brand, ' Bharat '.
PM Kisan Samruddhi Kendra	Ministry of chemical & fertilisers		total 3.3 lakh fertilisers Retail shops to be launched in phased manner. Presently 600 already launched
Operation "SEWA"	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	2022	RPF personnel assist the elderly citizens, women, physically disabled & provide amenities like wheelchairs, stretchers, medical help, ambulances, Infant food etc.
Operation "Dignity"	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	2022	RPF works in rescuing persons lost or having run away from their homes or disoriented due to certain reason or distressed & in need of care & protection





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Operation "Nanhe Fariste"	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	2022	RPF undertakes the noble cause of identifying & rescuing children lost/runaway/separated from their family due to various reasons & in need of care & protection under this.
Operation "Matrishakti"	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	2022	RPF helps pregnant women passengers, experiencing labour pain during their train journey under this.
Mission "Jeewan Raksha"	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	2022	RPF saves passengers trying to board/deboard a moving train, slip & fall with the risk of coming under the wheels of running train under this.
Matdata Junction'	Election commission of India	2022	Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program 'during an event organized at Akashvani Rang Bhavan. The Matdata Junction is a 52-episode radio series produced by the election commission of India, in collaboration with All India Radio.
YUVA programme 2.0	Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education	2022	Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, known as YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming & Versatile Authors), . In order to promote India & Indian literature abroad, it is an author mentoring programme for young & aspiring writers (under 30 years old).
Fit India Freedom Run 3.0		2022	In honour of Gandhi Jayanti, Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 was officially introduced at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi. The third edition of Fit India Plog Run, one of the largest national activities initiated by the Govt. of India at the height of the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020,
Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)	Finance Minister	2020	allowed airlines to avail of up to Rs 1,500 crore loan under the (ECLGS). The ECLGS will help them to recover their cash flow problems. Earlier, an airline could only avail of a loan of not more than Rs 400 crore under the ECLGS.
Cheetah Introduction Project Monitoring		2022	introduction of cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park & other suitably specified places. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would support the Cheetah Task Force's operations & provide all essential assistance.
The govt. has approved Rs 26,000 crore for the installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days. According to the Telecom Ministry, the financial support for the project will be provided by the Universal Services Obligation Fund & it will be implemented by Bharat Broadband Network.			
herSTART' – a start-up platform		2022	It is a start-up platform of Gujarat University for Women Entrepreneurs.
UPSC – Official App for Android	UPSC	2022	To allow people to access examination & recruitment-related information
Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) under eChhawani portal	Ministry of Defence	2022	The system has been extended for five more Cantonment Boards, namely Agra, Ranikhet, Babina, Jammu & Cannanore.
Kashi Tamil Sangamam	Ministry of Education	2022	a month-long program that will be held from the 16th of the next month. The 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' aims to rediscover the centuries-old bond of knowledge & ancient civilizational linkage between Varanasi & Tamil Nadu
PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022	Launched: at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. More than 13,500 farmers from all around the country & about 1,500 agri entrepreneurs are expected to attend the two-day event.		
Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched Tele Mental Health Assistance & Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) on the occasion of World Mental Health Day. The Tele-MANAS was launched virtually by the Sh. Thawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka at National Institute of Mental Health & Neuroscience (NIMHANS) in the presence of Dr. K. Sudhakar, Minister for Health & Family Welfare & Medical Education Karnataka & Vice President. NIMHANS.			





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Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)		2014	The total balance in the basic bank accounts under the PMJDY) has crossed the ₹1.75 lakh crore mark. As per the latest Govt. data, the total balance stood at ₹1,75,225 crore as on October 5, 2022, as the total number of beneficiaries touched 47 crores.
Bharatmala Pariyojana project	Ministry of road	2015	Somasila-Siddheshwaram cable-stay-cum-suspension bridge- India's 1st cable-cum-suspension bridge. It would connect Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Total Cost: Rs 1,082.56 crore
Sign Learn" smartphone app	social justice & empowerment,	2022	a 10,000-word lexicon for Indian Sign Language (ISL). The 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) lexicon serves as the foundation for Sign Learn. All the terms in the ISL dictionary can be searched using Hindi or English on the app, which is accessible in Android & iOS versions.
JALDOOT App	Panchayati Raj & Ministry of Rural Development	2022	to engage in systematic ground water level data collection & assimilation into a central digital database for analysis.
India Hypertension Control Initiative:	Health Ministry	2017	IHCI aims to accelerate progress toward NCD target by supplementing & intensifying evidence-based strategies to strengthen building blocks of hypertension management & control.
Ayurveda Day programme.	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)	2022	Its under Ministry of Ayush,
SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app	MSME	2022	It was unveiled by Minister of Education & Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan at Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) in Chennai.
Ramkrishna Mission 'Awakening' Program	Education Minister	2022	launched for students of classes I to V . During occasion, Secretary of Ramkrishna Mission Swami Shantatmanada , Chairperson CBSE, Smt Nidhi Chibber, & other officials of KVS, NVS, & Ministry were present.
SETU (Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation & Upskilling).	Commerce & industry ministry	2022	to connect entrepreneurs in India with US-based investors
Make in India	2014		flagship program of Government of India that aspires to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, & build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure, completes 8 years of path-breaking reforms on 25th September 2022.
Bharat Vidya Platform	2022		FM Nirmala Sitaraman launched.which is an online learning platform for Oriental & South Asian Studies.Bharat Vidya is designed & developed by Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI) .
National Single Window System (NSWS)	DPIIT	2021	is a digital platform for guidance of investors to identify & to apply for approvals as per their business requirements. Know Your Approvals (KYA) module supports information across 32 Central Departments & 17 States.
Arogya Manthan 2022	National health Authority	2022	to commemorate four years since launch of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) & one year since launch of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
Sign Learn	social justice & empowerment	2022	a 10,000-word lexicon for Indian Sign Language (ISL)





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National programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules	Ministry of New & Renewable Energy	2021	approved with an outlay of Rs.19,500 crore government is hoping that about 65GW per annum manufacturing capacity of fully & partially integrated, solar PV modules would be installed in country. Objective: In order to support domestic manufacturing of solar panels for meeting target of 280 GW of installed solar capacity by 2030, ₹19,500 crore for PLI for high-efficiency modules with priority to fully integrated units will be made in 2022-23
'One-Road-One-Week' initiative	New Delhi Municipal Council's (NDMC)	2022	Under initiative, NDMC will undertake repair & maintenance work along footpaths, pavements & central verges.
e-Raktosh portal.	Health & Family Welfare,	2016	e-Rakt Kosh enforces Drug & Cosmetic Act, National blood policy standards & guidelines ensuring proper collection & donation, effective management & monitoring quality & quantity of donated blood.
'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)	Ministry of Railways	2022	first cargo terminal: Asanol Division
PM CARES Fund	27th March, 2020.	⇒ Veteran industrialist Ratan Tata , former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas , & former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Kariya Munda have been nominated as trustees of PM CARES Fund . ⇒ PM is ex-officio Chairman of PM CARES Fund & Minister of Defence. ⇒ These eminent personalities included: Rajiv Mehrishi, Former Comptroller & Auditor General of India; Sudha Murthy, Former Chairperson, Infosys Foundation, & Anand Shah, Co-founder of Teach for India & Former CEO of Indicorps & Piramal Foundation.	
National Logistics Policy	Commerce & Industry	2022	⇒ Unveiled by PM ⇒ road, rail, customs, aviation, international trade, & commerce ministries are among seven departments whose 30 distinct systems will be digitally integrated as part of IDS. ⇒ ULIP, or Unified Logistics Interface Platform, will facilitate easy cargo transfer.
Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' Contest	Ministry of Jal Shakti	2022	To create awareness for water conservation by enhancing knowledge & sharing experiences of water heroes & to create an attitude towards water conservation.
Rashtriya Puruskar Portal	2022	Launched to bring together all awards of various Ministries, Departments, & Agencies of Government of India. The portal allows every citizen & organization to nominate individuals & organizations for various categories of Awards instituted by Government of India.	
liberalised remittance scheme (LRS)	RBI		Outward remittances made a strong comeback in first quarter of FY23 as Indians increased spending on international travel, maintenance of close relatives, & gifts. the scheme jumped 64.75 per cent to over \$6.04 billion from \$3.67 billion in Q1FY22.
Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).	National Health Authority (NHA) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare & Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has signed MoU		According to government of India, transgenders will be brought under ambit of scheme to provide inclusive & composite health packages for transgenders under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.
Roadmap for India@100	Economic Advisory Council to PM (EAC-PM)		India@100 document by EAC-PM serves as a roadmap for India's ascent to its centenary year & will inform & direct country's path to higher income status by 2047.
Village Defence Guards Scheme		2022	a programme with a defence component that was only recently introduced for state of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).





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Samajik Adhikari Shivar	Department of SJ&E in association with ALIMCO,		organized for distribution of aid & assisting devices to Senior Citizens under ' Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana ' (RVY Scheme) & ' Divyangjan ' under ADIP scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.
One Nation One Fertilizer		2022	The government issued an order requiring all businesses to market their goods under brand name "Bharat" in order to standardize fertiliser brands across nation, whether in public or private sector,
TOPS programme	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	2014	Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) to establish a technical support team for managing TOPS athletes & providing holistic support.
aspirational Districts Programme	NITI Aayog's	2018	The NITI Aayog has declared holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as best aspirational district on five parameters.
Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar		2022	The 75-day " Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar " campaign is an effort led by citizens with goal of enhancing coastal & ocean health through collective activity. International Coastal Cleanup Day, which is on September 17, 2022, will mark culmination of Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign, which began on July 5, 2022.
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	Finance	28th August 2014.	has completed 8 years In eight years, PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has touched mark of 462.5 million , as of 10th August 2022 , deposits in these accounts are to be approximately 1.73 trillion.
Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)	NITI Aayog		will be establishing more than 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu & Kashmir to nurture an innovative mindset among high school students.
'e-Samadhan' portal	University Grants Commission (UGC)	2022	will now monitor & resolve all grievances of students & staff in varsities through a centralised portal
5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah	Ministry of Women & Child Development	2022	is celebrating across nation from 1st September till 30th September . Rashtriya Poshan Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to discourse of nutrition & good health. Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is " Mahila aur Swasthya " & " Bacha aur Shiksha ". its flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women & lactating mothers.
CAPF eAwas	Home Ministry	2022	Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled CAPF eAwas web portal for Central Armed Police Forces. Central Armed Police Forces have always been a solid backbone of nation's internal security, Mr. Shah stated in remarks made on occasion.
Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0 & Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)	2022	launched during celebration of silver jubilee of NPPA on 29th August 2022.
Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) for Ayurveda students (BAMS) in recognized Ayurveda colleges.	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)		SPARK Program has been developed by CCRAS to support young minds of students & to promote culture of evidence-based scientific research in field of Ayurveda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The selected students will be offered financial support of Rs. 50,000 under this fellowship.
Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana.		2022	new initiative, development & upgradation of 14 thousand 500 schools across country under





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Shikshak Parv	Ministry of Education		to honour teachers & advance new National Education Policy (NEP) .
Pradhan Mantri TB Muk t Bharat Abhiyaan		2022	The Pradhan Mantri TB Muk t Bharat Abhiyaan aims to eliminate tuberculosis from India by 2025.
Women in Engineering, Science, & Technology (WEST)		2022	is a new I-STEM (Indian Science Technology & Engineering Facility Map) Initiative. WEST initiative
E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India).	NITI Aayog & World Resources Institute (WRI),	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> launched India's first National Electric Freight Platform- The National Electric Freight Platform brings different stakeholders together with support of World Economic Forum, CALSTART, & RMI India. The platform aims to raise awareness of freight electrification bolstered by an on-ground demonstration pilot & evidence-based research. It will support scalable pilots & inform policies aimed at accelerating freight electrification in India
Revamped Distribution Sector Program	Ministry of Power	2022	Aimed at improving the operational efficiencies & financial sustainability of Distribution Companies: outlay of Rs.3,03,758 crore over a period of five years from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26. It is also proposed to provide 25 crore Smart Prepaid meters to consumers all over the country.
SMILE-75 Initiative	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	2022	Identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise"
Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform	RBI regulates	2017	Electronic platform for facilitating the financing / discounting of trade receivables of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through multiple financiers. M1xchange TReDS is a digital marketplace to sell the receivables to banks/NBFC. Set up under the approval of RBI.
UMEED Market Place	AAI	2022	as part of the AVSAR Scheme of the Airport Authority of India launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu & Kashmir.
Manthan	Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser	2022	to drive collaboration between the industry & research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations & solutions in the country.
NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco- offenders	Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).	2022	A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by various central & state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country.
Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)	National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited, Ministry of Finance	2020	Union Cabinet approved the enhancement in the limit of the by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for enterprises in hospitality & related sectors till validity of the scheme in March 31 next year
Paalan 1000 National campaign & Parenting App	Health & family welfare	2022	Launched in Mumbai, It aims to reduce the child mortality rate & take care of the first 1000 days a child after birth.
'Pariksha Sangam'	CBSE	2022	streamline board examination results, sample papers, & other details in one single window





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PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme,	the Housing & Urban affairs	2020	SVANidhi Mahotsav, which will be celebrated from 9th to 31st of July. The festival will be organized in 75 cities across all states & Union Territories, & showcase various cultural activities, digital training activities & loan melas
PARIMAN	Housing & Urban Affairs.	2021	Geo-Portal for NCR For the purpose of effective utilization of remote sensing & GIS technology, a web geo-portal has been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), initially for use by the National Capital Region (NCR) participating states & the office of the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB).
AadhaarFaceRd	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	2022	launched a face authentication feature through a new mobile app. For authentication, Aadhaar card holders no longer need to physically visit an enrollment centre for iris & fingerprint scans
Skill India Mission	MSME	2015	7th anniversary of the is being observed on 15th July. Skill India is an initiative of the central government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable
Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	2022	It was established by the by changing the import policy for major paper products from "free" to "free subject to mandatory registration under PIMS. "
Har Ghar Tiranga	Ministry of Culture	2022	In order to encourage citizens to raise the national flag at their residences in observance of the nation's 75th Independence Day, the Central government will soon launch the nationwide campaign .
'India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)'		2022	at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) near Gandhinagar, Gujarat. IIBX is India's first international bullion exchange. The exchange, which was announced in Budget 2020, will sell physical gold & silver. The exchange will be open for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore & above to participate.
Platform of Platforms (POP) under the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).	Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	2022	Composite Service Providers (Service Providers who provide holistic services for trading of agricultural produce including quality analysis, trading, payment systems & logistics)
PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).	Health & family welfare	1st feb 2021	World Bank had granted a loan of USD \$1 billion. The loan that has been cleared consists of two complementary loans totaling USD 500 million each for the India's Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program & Transforming India's Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP). In the Budget speech of FY 21-22, 'PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana' (PMASBY) scheme which has now renamed PM – Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)
Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana	Finance Ministry	21 July, 2017	is a social security programme for the elderly that aims to provide them with a guaranteed minimum pension based on a guaranteed return on the purchase price or subscription fee.
Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan	Social Justice & Empowerment	2020	To address the issue of drug abuse among Indian youth in the 272 most susceptible districts.
Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PM-NDP)	Health ministry	2016	the Union Health Ministry has directed States/UTs to focus towards expanding 100% coverage of Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PM-NDP) to all districts in all states/UTs.
Jan Samarth Portal	Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Corporate Affairs	2022	new portal will initially enrol 13 credit-linked govt. initiatives,
PM-CARES for Children	Ministry of women & child development	2021	It is for children lost their parents due to Covid-19 pandemic. Rs 4,000 a month for basic needs, financial support for schooling, scholarship for higher education, & free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh.





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Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kishan)	Ministry of Agriculture & farmer welfare	2019	PM Narendra Modi will distribute 11th instalment of cash benefits totaling Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 million farmers in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, under initiative. Modi will meet with beneficiaries of 16 schemes & programmes conducted by nine central ministries via video conferencing as part of a nationwide event called Garib Kalyan Sammelan
PM's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)	MSME	15 august 2008	extended for another five years, until FY26, with an outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.
Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)	Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India , Ministry of chemical & fertilisers	2008	Jan Aushadhi stores surpassed Rs 100 crore for first time. More than 1,600 generic pharmaceuticals, 250 surgical equipment, nutraceuticals, Ayush products, & Suvidha Sanitary pads are available in Jan Aushadhi locations.
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana(PM KUSUM)	MNRE	2019	It supports farmers financially to install solar irrigation pumps for cultivation. Farmers will get a 60% subsidy to set up tubewells & pump sets individually.
Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)	Social Justice & empowerment	2022	for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas.It provides for high quality education for meritorious but poor SC students in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools across country.
Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)	Civil Aviation	2017	This year, 2022 marks fifth anniversary. effort began slowly but grew in popularity as newer airlines, such as Star Air, began to explore this vast untapped market Over 415 UDAN routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports & water aerodromes, benefiting over 92 lakh people.
StartUps for Railways	Railway	2022	innovation policy is expected to bring about scale & efficiency in field of operation, maintenance & infrastructure creation through participation of very large & untapped startup ecosystem
Rashtriya Puruskar Portal		2022	To encourage openness & public partnership, which invites nominations for numerous awards given by various Ministries, Departments, & Agencies.
Har Ghar Dastak 2.0	Health & Family welfare	2022	is relaunched by govt. of India to facilitate vaccination process in all states of India & union territories from 1st June to 31st July 2022.
National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN)	Housing & Urban Affair	2022	under flagship scheme of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling & upskilling programmes & provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.
"National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade" (NIRYAT) portal,	Ministry of commerce & Industry	2022	which will provide data on India's international trade,
Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program)	Road Transport & Highways	2022	automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests. program will be rolled out from April 1, 2023 & test passenger vehicles with up to eight seats weighing under 3.5 tonnes





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Open Network for Digital Commerce portal	commerce	2022	Open Network for Digital Commerce , abbreviated ONDC , is a private non-profit Section 8 company in 2021 established by Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) of Govt. of India to develop open e-commerce
PM Gati Shakti Portal	16 ministry	2021	Designed as a National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries, including Railways, Civil Aviation, MEITY, Shipping, & Road Transport, together for integrated planning & coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. Gati Shakti scheme is based on six pillars - comprehensiveness, prioritization, optimization, synchronization, analytical, & dynamics.
mRube	Commerce & Industry.	2022	electronic trading platform promoted by Rubber Board will go live from June 8. Ahmedabad-based i-Sourcing Technologies is technology partner. mRube follows a simple one-time registration.
Digital programme India	Electronics Information Technology &	2015	
Digital Bhashini India	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	Digital India BHASHINI is India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) led language translation platform
Digital GENESIS India	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	Digital India GENESIS' (Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups) is a national deep-tech startup platform to discover, support, grow & make successful startups in Tier-II & Tier-III cities of India.
My Scheme	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	It is a service discovery platform facilitating access to Govt. Schemes. It aims to offer a one-stop search & discovery portal where users can find schemes that they are eligible for.
Meri Pehchaan	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	It is National Single Sign On (NSSO) for One Citizen Login. It is a user authentication service in which a single set of credentials provide access to multiple online applications or services.
Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme:	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	aims to train specialized manpower in area of design of semiconductor chips at Bachelors, Masters & Research levels, & act as a catalyst for growth of Startups involved in semiconductor design in country.
Indiastack global	Electronics Information Technology &	2022	It is a global repository of key projects implemented under India Stack like Aadhaar, UPI (Unified Payment Interface), Digilocker, Cowin Vaccination Platform, Govt. e Marketplace, DIKSHA Platform & Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission
Agnipath Military recruitment scheme	Defence	2022	a 4-year tenure scheme for defense troops. scheme will facilitate induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures. scheme planned & is being implemented by Department of Military Affairs.
National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)	Electronics Information Technology & Department of Science & Technology	2015	This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC & is a Make in India initiative.
Satyam	Department of Science & Technology (DST)	2015	Science & Technology of Yoga & Meditation (SATYAM), a research programme





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UJALA programme	Ministry of Power	2015	has successfully completed seven years of distributing and selling LED lights on January 05, 2022 . Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) scheme was launched by Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on January 05, 2015 .
Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)	Central Government of India	2014	has decided to continue the scheme of "" for another 5 years from 2021 -22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 2,710.65 crore . To develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities. Beneficiaries of this scheme are the youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years (according to the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014).
SMILE	Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment		The, Dr Virendra Kumar has launched the Central Sector scheme titled "". SMILE stands for Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise . The new umbrella scheme aims to provide welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging. The scheme will give the necessary legal protection, social security and a promise to a secured life to the targeted group. The Ministry has allocated Rs. 365 crore for the scheme for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 .
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)	Ministry of Food Processing Industries	2017	has been extended till March 2026 with an allocation of Rs 4,600 crore . The scheme is administered. The scheme aims for the overall growth and development of the food processing sector. In May 2017, the Central Government had launched SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with an allocation of Rs 6,000 crore . The scheme was renamed as PMKSY in August 2017.
Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED)	Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	2022	has launched a central sector scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED) at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The total financial outlay for SEED Scheme is approximately Rs 200 crore to be spent over a period of 5 years starting Financial Year 2021-22 to 2025-26.
Meri Policy Mere Hath	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare		launch ' Meri Policy Mere Hath ' which is a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) . The campaign aims to ensure all farmers are aware with all information on their policies, land records, the process of claim and grievance redressal under PMFBY.
the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme	Ministry of Education		The Ministry of Education has approved the continuation of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme till 31st March 2026 with an expenditure of 12,929.16 crores . The new phase of the scheme would support around 1,600 projects. Out of Rs 12,929.16 crores of expenditure, the centre will share Rs 8,120.97 crores, and the state will share Rs 4,808.19 crores.
SAMARTH	Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises		Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named – " SAMARTH ". The drive was launched by Union Minister for MSME, Shri Narayan Rane along with Minister of State for MSME, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma in New Delhi. To provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.





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Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan	Union Labour and Employment Minister		has launched the ' Donate-a-Pension ' campaign under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) scheme, on March 07, 2022, from his residence and donated the same to his gardener. Under the new initiative, citizens can contribute to the pension fund of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc, by donating the premium amount.
MinkasuPay	Axis Bank		has tied up with to offer a biometric authentication solution for net banking payments in merchant apps using Fingerprint or Face ID, without the need for usernames, passwords, and One-Time Passwords (OTPs). This Solution will reduce the time of payment from 50-60 seconds to just 2-3 seconds and also increase the transaction success rate.
'Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar'	Ministry of Culture		Government-promoted CSC SPV, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, will undertake the first-ever cultural survey of India's villages through a mobile application. The survey, titled ' Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar ', will document the cultural identity at the village level by involving citizens to share what makes their village, block or district unique.
Digital Sansad App	Lok Sabha	2022	Om Birla has launched the official mobile application of the Parliament named ' Digital Sansad App ' on January 27, 2022, to allow citizens to access live proceedings of the House, including the Union Budget 2022 live. The app will make the Parliament and Parliamentary proceedings accessible not only to the members but also to the public of the country.
KISAN	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee		has organized a regional farmers' awareness programme as part of the ' Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa ' (GKMS) project and launched KISAN mobile application for the farmers . The app will provide agro-meteorological services to the farmers. Farmers from Haridwar, Dehradun, and Pauri Garhwal districts participated in the program.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Launched on 25 th June 2015 Expected completion by 2022
Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana	Ministry of Finance	Launched on 20 June 2020 Extended to 2022
Meri Policy Mere Hath	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Launched on 26 th February 2022
Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan	Ministry of Human resource development	Launched on 17 th April 2017 Extended date 31 st March 2026
Support for marginal individuals for livelihood and enterprise (SMILE)	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Launched on 12 th February 2022
Jal Jeevan yojana	Ministry of Jal Shakti	Launched on 15 th August 2019 Expected completion by 2044
Jal Shakti Abhiyan	Ministry of Jal Shakti	Launched on 22 March 2021

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- ⇒ **Ministry of Home Affairs** has constituted a committee to enquire into the serious lapses in the security arrangements during PM **Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab**. It is a three-member committee & will be headed

- by **Sudhir Kumar Saxena**, Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat. It also comprises **Balbir Singh**, Joint Director, IB & Suresh, IG, SPG.
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- ⇒ The total corpus under the **PM CARES Funds** in 2020-21 was **Rs 10,990.17 crore**. While **Rs 3,976.17 crore** was spent from the fund in 2020-21, as per the latest audited statement of PM CARES Funds. As on March 31, 2021, the Fund had an unspent balance of **Rs 7,013.99 crore**.
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- ⇒ Under the Saubhagya scheme, **Rajasthan** has the maximum number of households electrified through the solar-based standalone system. In hill states of **Himachal Pradesh & Sikkim** & the Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir** had nil beneficiaries under the initiative.
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- ⇒ **PM Cares for Children Scheme** extended by the **Ministry of Women & Child Development** till **February 28, 2022**. Previously, the scheme was applicable till December 31, 2021.
- ⇒ **About 11.78 crore farmers** as of February 22, 2022, benefitted under the **PM Kisan scheme**. The amount worth **Rs 1.82 lakh crore** disbursed to eligible beneficiaries across India in various intervals.

Committees in News

- ⇒ The Ministry of Education has set up a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment & accreditation of higher educational institutions, on November 4, 2022. The panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of IIT Council
- ⇒ The central government appointed chairperson & members of the Law Commission over two & a half years after it was constituted. Retired Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Rituraj Awasthi appointed as the chairperson of the commission.
- ⇒ The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has dissolved the **four-member National Selection Committee** headed by **Chetan Sharma** after India team's uninspired performance in T20 World Cup. Apart from **chief selector Chetan Sharma**, other members of the selection committee were **Sunil Joshi, Harvinder Singh and Debashish Mohanty**
- ⇒ The **Union Govt.** has appointed a **three-member commission**, headed by former Chief Justice of India **K G Balakrishnan**, to consider the possibility of **granting SC status to "new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes"** but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism & Sikhism.
- ⇒ The government has constituted an **expert committee to suggest ways for scaling up of VC/PE investments**. **six-member panel will be headed by former SEBI chairman M Damodaran**. expert committee will examine & suggest appropriate measures to address regulatory & other issues to enable scaling up **investments by Venture Capital & Private Equity Investment**.
- ⇒ **SEBI** has constituted a **15-member committee** called the '**FPI Advisory Committee**' to increase foreign investment.
- ⇒ Indian Olympic Association directed by the Delhi High Court to set up a three-member Committee of Administrators(CoA) to take over its affairs. Court took the decision after the IOA's "persistent recalcitrance" to comply with the Sports Code. CoA to run IOA's day-to-day affairs will comprise former Supreme Court judge Justice **Anil R Dave**, former Chief Election Commissioner **Dr S.Y Quraishi**, & former Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs **Vikas Swarup**.
- ⇒ The Department of Consumer Affairs has formed a committee under the leadership of **Nidhi Khatri** in an effort to provide an overall framework for the Right to Repair.
- ⇒ A committee on the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** was established. **Sanjay Agrawal**, a former agricultural secretary, will preside over the committee. The government has made a provision for **Sanyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)** to have three representatives on the committee





- ⇒ **IRDAI** formed various committees through **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of general, reinsurance, & life insurance, including regulation, product, & distribution, among others, in order to overhaul industry.
- ⇒ **SEBI**, market regulator, revamped its mutual fund advisory committee. According to latest update with Securities & Exchange Board of India (Sebi), 25-member advisory council will be chaired by **Usha Thorat**, a former Deputy Governor of **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. Previously, panel consisted of 24 people
- ⇒ **Securities & Exchange Board of India- primary market advisory committee on data**, **S Sahoo** as Panel Head. Earlier this panel was headed by Madhabi Puri Buch, an ex-whole time member of Sebi.
- ⇒ The parliamentary standing committee constituted to examine "**The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021**" comprise of a total of 31 members, including only one women representative. Out of the total 31 members, TMC MP **Sushmita Dev** is the sole woman representative in the committee.
- ⇒ The **Supreme Court of India** has constituted a five-member committee to probe the security breach during the recent visit of PM **Narendra Modi to Punjab** headed by former apex court judge Justice **Indu Malhotra**.
- ⇒ **SEBI** restructured its advisory committee on **Investor Protection & Education Fund (IPEF)**, under the chairmanship of **G Mahalingam**. The committee is mandated to recommend investor education & protection activities for the utilization of the SEBI Investor Protection & Education Fund (IPEF).
- ⇒ **SEBI** reconstituted its alternative investment **policy advisory committee**, which advises the capital markets regulator on a range of issues that impact further development of the **(Alternative Investment Fund) AIF space**. The committee has now 20 members.
- ⇒ Veteran environmentalist **Ravi Chopra** resigned as chairman of the **Supreme Court's High-Powered Committee (HPC)** on the **Char Dham project**.
- ⇒ Delhi High Court appointed former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, **Gita Mittal** as the **Chairperson of the Committee** of Administrators which will run the **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)**.

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- ⇒ **National Anti-profiteering Authority(NAA)** is the anti-profiteering watchdog of GST & it is all set to be subsumed into the Competition Commission of India (CCI). NAA's investigation arm will continue to function in some form under CCI. The official said that the move will reduce the multiplicity of regulators as CCI can handle cases independently. The plan is to transfer cases to CCI after NAA's term ends.
- ⇒ The Supreme Court (SC) upheld the 10 per cent reservation for the economically weaker section (EWS) among forward castes in government jobs & colleges across India. A Bench comprising Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) **U U Lalit** & Justices **Dinesh Maheshwari**, **S Ravindra Bhat**, **Bela M Trivedi**, & **J B Pardiwala** delivered the judgment. 103 constitutional amendment.
- ⇒ **India Space Conclave New Delhi** | The conclave was held on the occasion of 1st anniversary of Indian Space Association, ISpA. About ISpA: It is an apex, non-profit industry body exclusively working towards the successful exploration, collaboration, & development of the private & public Space Industry in India.
- ⇒ **International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)**, founded in 1961, with 121 national members, representing over a million geoscientists. The IUGS Secretariat is located in Beijing (China), moved to the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing on 1st December 2012. The full list will be submitted at IUGS's 60th anniversary event, at Zumaia, Spain.
- ⇒ According to **Indira Sawhney Judgement (1992)**, all reservations are supposed to be capped at 50%. Tamil Nadu (TN) Govt. has been providing reservation to the extent of 69%, has been validated & included in the 9th schedule of the Constitution of India.
- ⇒ **9th schedule** -It contains a list of central & state laws which cannot be challenged in courts.
- ⇒ World Tourism Organisation Founded: 1946;
- ⇒ World Tourism Organisation Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
- ⇒ World Tourism Organisation Secretary-General; Zurab Pololikashvili.
- ⇒ **Supreme Court Judgement on Abortion**: The Supreme Court has declared that all women have the right to safe & legal abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, no matter their marital status.





- ⇒ The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act of 1971 had made it illegal for unmarried women who were 20–24 weeks pregnant after having consenting intercourse to have a legal abortion.
- ⇒ International Maritime Organization Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
- ⇒ International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1958;
- ⇒ International Maritime Organization Founder: United Nations;
- ⇒ International Maritime Organization Secretary-General: Kitack Lim.
- ⇒ India's Presidency of Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD), has been extended for one more year. The Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati & Director General of Doordarshan **Mayank Kumar Agrawal** is **President of AIBD**. AIBD was formed in year **1977**. AIBD is hosted by Government of Malaysia & secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur
- ⇒ **Gulam Ali**, a Gurjar Muslim from Jammu & Kashmir, has been nominated to **Rajya Sabha** by **President Droupadi Murmu** on recommendation of Central government. In exercise of powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of article 80 of Constitution of India, read with clause (3) of that article, President is pleased to nominate Shri Gulam Ali to Council of States to fill vacancy caused due to retirement of one of nominated members."
- ⇒ The **International Dairy Agreement (IDA)** changed International Dairy Arrangement, which were set up in 1980.
- ⇒ The Archaeological Survey of India gave a two-month notice for its intention to declare site to be of national importance under **Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958**
- ⇒ The Places of Worship Act 1991 was passed by parliament during Ram Janmabhoomi movement. Act was introduced to promote peace, harmony & brotherhood. main objective of Act is to maintain religious character of any such place as it existed on 15th day of August 1947 (at time of Independence). The Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri case was excluded from provision of Act
 - All India Radio Founded: 1936, Delhi;
 - All India Radio Founder: Government of India;
 - All India Radio Headquarters: Sansad Marg, New Delhi;
 - All India Radio Owner: Prasar Bharati.
- ⇒ **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** under Ministry of Electronics & IT, in collaboration with **Cyber Security Agency of Singapore**, successfully designed & conducted Cyber Security Exercise "**Synergy**" for **13 Countries**. Theme of exercise was "**Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks**".
- ⇒ The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 is approved by the **Lok Sabha**. The **Wild Life (Protection) Act of 1972** already protects a number of species, but the proposed legislation would also implement **CITES**, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of **Wild Fauna & Flora**
- ⇒ The **Flag Code of India 2002** was revised by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise & dusk. If the **national flag** is flown in the open & is raised by a member of the public, it may now fly through the night.
- ⇒ Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission : It is an Autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). IPC sets standards of drugs of India. It is published by the IPC on behalf of MoHFW to fulfil the requirements of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940
- ⇒ To bring all matters relating to narcotics under one department, govt. is reportedly considering moving administration of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, & **Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988** from finance ministry to **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- ⇒ **Indian National Center for Space Promotion & Authorization** under department of space : headquarters : **Ahmedabad**
- ⇒ **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)**: origin in recommendations of 'Committee to Review Governance of Boards of Banks in India, May 2014 - P. J. Nayak committee: established in **2016**: dissolved in 2022 because of High Court.
- ⇒ **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** replaced BBB in 2022. Guidelines for selection of general managers & directors of public sector general insurance companies have made part of FSIB.
- ⇒ **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-informatics: Gandhinagar**
- ⇒ **NewSpace India Limited's (NSIL)** permitted share capital from **Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 7,500 crore**
- ⇒ **Information Technology Act of 2000** defines **Critical Information Infrastructure** as a computer resource, incapacitation or **destruction** of which shall have **debilitating impact on national security, economy, public health or safety**. Created in January 2014, **National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC)** is nodal agency for taking all measures to protect nation's critical information infrastructure





Important Days (October | September | August | July | June)

Date	Day & Theme
1 December	Every year, the world commemorates World AIDS Day .
1 December	India celebrates the 58th BSF Raising Day () in 2022.
December 2	The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is celebrated, each year, on .
December 2	International Computer Literacy Day . It was started in 2001 by NIIT, a world-famous Indian computer firm.
2 December	National Pollution Control Day is observed every year in India.
December 3	celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities , worldwide.
December 4	Navy Day in India is observed annually to recognise the contributions and accomplishments of Indian Naval forces.
4 December	The National Zoological Park, Delhi Zoo has celebrated International Cheetah Day and Wildlife Conservation Day in New Delhi.
December 4	International Day of Banks is celebrated to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments.
December 5	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed every year
December 5	is celebrated annually as World Soil Day to highlight the importance of healthy soil and promote sustainable management of soil resources. The theme for 2022 World Soil Day is ' Soils: Where Food Begins '.
December 6	India observed as Mahaparinirvan Divas to mark the death anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar .
December 7	On , International Civil Aviation Day is observed globally. The theme of International Civil Aviation Day will be: " Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development ".
December 7	Every year, India commemorates Armed Forces Flag Day in order to raise donations for the welfare of the Armed Forces Staff .
8 December	The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed every year on . This year marks the 38th Anniversary of the regional group.
December 9	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is commemorated on every year around the world. 2022 marks its 74th anniversary .
December 9	The world celebrate International Anti-Corruption Day .
December 10	Human Rights Day is celebrated across the world every year.
December 11	International Mountain Day is celebrated annually to increase public awareness of the value of mountains to both life and climate. The theme of this year's International Mountain Day (IMD) is ' Women Move Mountains .'
December 11	Every year UNICEF Day is celebrated every year.
December 12	International Day of Neutrality is commemorated.
12 December	International Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually.
14 December	The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year.
December 18	International Migrants Day is observed annually on to bring attention to the social and economic realities of migrants around the world.
December 18	National Minorities Rights Day is commemorated on every year in India.
December 20	International Human Solidarity Day (IHSD) is observed annually across the globe to celebrate the ideal of unity in diversity.
19-25 December 2022	Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh has inaugurated Good Governance Week celebrations from at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The Minister also launched a five-day " Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore ".
December 22	National Mathematics Day is celebrated across the nation every year. The National Mathematics Day is marked to recognise and celebrate the works of Srinivasa Ramanujan . Srinivasa Ramanujan, the Indian mathematical genius, was born on this day in 1887. This year nation celebrates his 135th birth anniversary of Ramanujan .
December 23	December 23 is observed as Farmers' Day or Kisan Diwas across India. This day also marks the birth anniversary of the 'Champion of Indian Peasants' and the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh .
December 24	Every year on , India observed the National Consumer Day or Bharatiya Grahak Diwas .





Date	Day & Theme
December 25	Every year, in honour of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee's birthday , India observes " Good Governance Day ".
25th December	Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee . He is also known as the son of Gwalior. Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is celebrated
26th December	Veer Bal Diwas 2022 on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji . Veer Bal Diwas is going to be celebrated in India every year.
December 27	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness on serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics.

1st November	Zojila Day was commemorated on, at Zojila War Memorial near Drass. Zojila Day is observed to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in 'Operation Bison' in 1948 which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh.
November 1	World Vegan Day theme : 'Future Normal'
2 nd November	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI) Theme "Protecting Media to Protect Democracy
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day, theme: Early Warning & Early Action Before Every Tsunami
November 6	the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War & Armed Conflict.
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day 2022
November 7	Infant Protection Day
November 8	World Radiography Day : Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen's discovery of X-radiation theme : "Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety."
9 November	National Legal Services Day To celebrate the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987
November 10	World Science Day for Peace & Development by UNESCO
November 11	National Education Day marks the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
12 November	Public Service Broadcasting Day To commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947
12 November	World Pneumonia Day Pneumolight 2022", with a theme & slogan "Pneumonia Affects Everyone",
November 13	World Kindness Day theme is 'Be kind whenever possible
November 14	Children's Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day theme: "Access to Diabetes Care"
15 November	, the world's population is projected to reach 8 billion people
55th National Library Week will be celebrated in all libraries of Andhra Pradesh from 14th November 2022.	
November 15	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas or Tribal Pride Day
November 16	International Day for Tolerance
November 16	National Press Day
World Philosophy Day is commemorated on the third Thursday of November every year. This year it will fall on November 17. theme 'The Human of the Future'	
On the third Wednesday in November World COPD Day is observed. This year World COPD Day is observed on November 16.	
November 17	National Epilepsy Day Theme: "There is no NEAM without ME".
November 18	National Naturopathy Day: Theme: "Naturopathy: an Integrative medicine".
November 18	World Day for the Prevention of & Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, & Violence
November 19	World Toilet Day theme: 'Making the Invisible Visible'
November 21	World Television Day
November 20	World Children's Day theme : "Inclusion, for every child".
November 21	World Fisheries Day
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
26 November	Constitution Day
26 November	National milk day





The Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums is celebrating World Heritage week commencing from November 19 to November 25, 2022	
Central Vigilance Commission observes Vigilance Awareness Week during the week in which 31st of October , the birthday of the late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls. This year, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 31st October to 6th November 2022 with the following theme: "Corruption-free India for a developed Nation"	
International Open Access Week is celebrated worldwide to create awareness about open-access scholarly publishing among researchers & publishers by CSIR-NIScPR . It is celebrated globally during the last full week of October.	
PM Modi attended & offered prayers at celebrations of the 553rd Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji in New Delhi	
Every year on the second Thursday of November, the world observes World Usability Day , which will fall on November 10 this year, is also known as 'Make Things Easier' day	
In India, National Newborn Week is celebrated every year from 15 to 21 November . theme of this week is 'Safety, Quality & Nurturing Care – Every Newborn's Birth Right' .	
World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) runs from 18 to 24 November every year. theme : "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together."	
1st Monday of October	World Habitat Day Theme: "Mind the Gap. Leave No One & Place Behind" .
2nd October	World Day for Farmed Animals (WDAF) To show the importance & urgency of farm animal welfare.
68th National Wildlife Week 2nd to 8th October 2022 Objective is to promote the conservation & protection of animal life.	
2nd October	Department of Drinking water & sanitation (DDWS) celebrated Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD) To commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi .
World Space Week (WSW) October 4 to 10 To celebrate science & technology, & their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition Theme is "Space & Sustainability"	
5th Oct.	World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Day Theme: "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers" .
Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) October 01 to 31 Aims to increase awareness of the disease & to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment & cure.	
8th Oct.	Indian Air Force Day Completed 90 years This time Air Force Day flypast held over Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh .
2nd Saturday of May & 2nd Saturday of October World Migratory Bird Day Previously celebrated on 14 May & for the second time& again on 8 October .	
7 th Oct.	World Cotton Day Theme: "Weaving a better future for cotton"
6 th Oct.	World Cerebral Palsy Day Theme: "Millions of Reasons" .
10 th Oct.	World Mental Health Day Theme: "Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority."
9 th Oct.	World Post Day Theme is 'Post for Planet' .
9 th Oct.	Indian Foreign Service Day .
11 th Oct.	International Day of the Girl Child Theme: "Our time is now—our rights, our future" .
12 th Oct.	World Arthritis Day Theme: It's in your hands, take action
13 th Oct.	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
14 th Oct.	World Standards Day Theme: 'Shared Vision for a Better World.'
14 th Oct.	International E-Waste Day Slogan: "Recycle it all, no matter how small!" .
World Sight Day Second Thursday of October Theme: "Love Your Eyes" .	
15 th Oct.	Global Handwashing Day Theme: Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene .
15 th Oct.	World Students' Day To commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam , a celebrated Aerospace scientist & former President of India.
15 th Oct.	International Day of Rural women Theme: "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All" .
16 th Oct.	World Food Day Theme: Leave NO ONE behind .
17 th Oct.	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty World Trauma Day
20 th Oct.	World osteoporosis day Theme: "Step Up For Bone Health" .
20 th Oct.	World Statistics Day Theme: Data for Sustainable Development
20 th Oct.	International Chefs Day Theme: "Growing A Healthy Future."
20 th Oct.	India observes National Solidarity Day . It is observed to honour the Armed Forces .
Global Dignity Day 3rd Wednesday of October It is an initiative to educate & inspire young people & help them to understand their self-worth & goals.	
21 Oct.	National Police Commemoration Day





22 Oct.	International Stuttering Awareness Day Theme: "Being seen, being heard: Representation & normalisation of stuttering in the mainstream,".
23 Oct.	7th Ayurveda Day Theme: "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda"
24 th Oct.	World Development Information Day
24 th Oct.	United Nations Day
Global Media & Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2022 24 to 31 Oct. Focuses on trust & solidarity as it relates to people, media, digital platforms, govt.s, the private sector, & non-govt.al organizations. Theme: "Nurturing trust: A Media & Information Literacy Imperative."	
24 th Oct.	World Polio Day 2022 Theme: "World Polio Day 2022 & Beyond: A healthier future for mothers & children".
Disarmament Week is celebrated from October 24 to 30 each year. One of the key goals of the United Nations is to achieve world peace.	
26 th Oct.	Accession Day of Jammu & Kashmir with the Union of India is being celebrated across the Union Territory.
27 th Oct.	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) Theme: Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just & peaceful societies.
27 th Oct.	Indian Army Infantry Day
27 th Oct.	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh celebrated Shaurya Diwas It marks the 75 th year of induction of the Indian Army to save the state of Jammu & Kashmir from Pakistan's invasion in 1947.
28 th Oct.	International Animation Day
29 th Oct.	World Psoriasis Day Theme: Unloading Psoriatic Disease
29 th Oct.	International Internet Day
30 th Oct.	113 th Birth anniversary of Indian nuclear physicist Homi Jehangir Bhabha who is also known as the father of the Indian nuclear program.
31 Oct.	World Thrift Day Often called World Savings Day Theme: "Saving prepares you for the future"
31 Oct.	World Cities Day As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year & the day focuses on a specific theme. A different city hosts the event each year. This year's global observance is planned in Shanghai, China under the theme "Act Local to Go Global."
October 1	International Coffee Day
October 1	World Vegetarian Day
October 1	International Day of Older Persons theme is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World."
August 22.	International Day Commemorating Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
August 21	World Senior Citizens' Day also known as National Senior Citizens' Day in United States (US).
20th August	Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary after his death in 1992, by Congress.
20th August	Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 or Renewable Energy Day
August 21	International Day of Remembrance of & Tribute to Victims of Terrorism theme: "memories,"
	World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) theme: "Seeing the un seen: value of water
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition chosen by UNESCO theme 'Decolonisation.'
August 23	Internaut Day to mark invention of World Wide Web.
24 August	World Gujarati Language Day 2022 to commemorate birth anniversary of writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'
August 26	International Dog Day
26August	Women's Equality Day 2022 to celebrate women's empowerment & equality because on this day United States gave women right to vote theme: "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".
29August	The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.
29August	International Day against Nuclear Tests
30August	International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances
30 August	National Small Industry Day
31 August	The International Day for People of African Descent
In India, first week of September every year is celebrated as National Nutrition Week. week is observed every year from September 1-7 theme: "World of Flavors".	





August 30	International Whale Shark Day 2022
2 September	World Coconut Day theme for this year is "Growing Coconut for a Better Future & Life".
September 5	Teachers' Day or Shikshak Divas marks birthday of , Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. theme : 'Leading in crisis, reimagining the future.'
September 5	The International Day of Charity 5 was chosen to celebrate day because it is Mother Teresa's death anniversary.
September 07	International Day of Clean Air for blue skies .
8 September	International Literacy Day (ILD) theme, "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces"
September 9	The International Day to Protect Education from Attack
9th of September	World EV Day 2022
10 sept	World First Aid Day: theme: Lifelong First Aid
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) theme "Creating hope through action,"
September 09	National Mission for Clean Ganga organized Himalayan Diwas on, theme 'Himalayas will be safe only when the interests of its residents are protected.
11 Sept	National Forest Martyrs Day
12 Sept	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
14 Sept	Hindi Diwas
15 Sept	Engineers Day
15 Sept	World Lymphoma Awareness Day
15 Sept	International Day of Democracy theme: : importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, & delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals
16 Sept	World Ozone Day theme : Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth'.
17 Sept	World Patient Safety Day theme: 'Medication Safety' along with slogan 'Medication Without Harm' with a call to action to 'Know, Check & Ask'.
18 Sept	World Bamboo Day, International Equal Pay Day
21 sept	Day for Peace & Non-Violence (UN): theme - End racism. Build peace
21 Sept	World Alzheimer's Day theme: Know Dementia, know Alzheimer's'
22 Sept	World Rose Day theme :for welfare of cancer patients worldwide
23 sept	International Day of Sign Languages theme: Sign Languages Unite Us
23 Sept	National Cinema Day National Cinema Day was previously announced to be held on September 16, however, on request from various stakeholders & in order to maximize participation, it was rescheduled to September 23.
<p>International Daughter's Day is observed every year on fourth Sunday of September-25 September.</p> <p>Every year,full week ending on last Sunday of September is observed as International Week of Deaf (IWD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The month of September is recognized as International PCOS Awareness Month. 	
25 Sept	World Pharmacist Day: theme: Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world
25 September	Antyodaya Diwas theme: It marks birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
25 Sept	International Daughter's Day is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September.
25 Sept	World Pharmacist Day
26 Sept	World Contraception Day
26 Sept	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
26 Sept	World Environmental Health Day
25 Sept	World River Day It is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September
27 Sept	World Tourism Day 2022 theme is 'Rethinking Tourism'.
28 Sept	International Day for Universal Access to Information. theme "Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance & Access to Information".
28 Sept	World Rabies Day theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths.'
29 Sept	World Heart Day. theme 'USE HEART FOR EVERY HEART'.
29 Sept.	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste theme is "Stop Food Loss & waste, for the people, for the planet
30 Sept	International Translation Day theme 'A world without barriers'.





Sept. 29	world Maritime Day on the last Thursday of September. theme is 'New technologies for greener shipping' –
23 September	Jammu & Kashmir administration has decided to declare Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary a public holiday
	Ayurveda Day is being observed on 23 October 2022. Ayurveda Day celebrations are being held under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative. theme this year is 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda'.
World Breastfeeding Week August 1 - August 7. Theme 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate & Support.'	
1 Aug.	Muslim Women's Rights Day To celebrate the enforcement of the law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule among Muslims.
1 Aug.	World Lung Cancer Day
6 Aug.	Hiroshima Day To commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II.
7 Aug.	National Handloom Day Theme: "Handloom, an Indian legacy".
9 Aug.	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
9 Aug.	Japan commemorates as Nagasaki day On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. It was code-named "Fat Man".
10 Aug.	World Lion Day
10 Aug.	World Biofuel Day
12 Aug.	International Youth Day Theme: "Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages."
12 Aug.	World Elephant Day
13 Aug.	World Organ Donation Day Theme: "let's pledge to donate organs & save lives".
13 Aug.	International Lefthanders Day
12 Aug.	World Sanskrit Day
16 Aug.	Parsi New year
19 Aug.	World Photography Day
19 Aug.	World Humanitarian Day
20 Aug.	India celebrates Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary. It commemorates the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.
20 Aug.	India observes Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day.
20 Aug.	World Mosquito Day
3 July	International Plastic Bag Free Day
6 July	World Zoonoses Day
7 July	World Chocolate Day
7 July	World Kiswahili Day One of the most widely spoken languages in Africa Theme: Kiswahili for peace & prosperity
11 July	World Population Day Theme: "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities & ensuring rights & choices for all".
10 July	National Fish Farmers Day
12 July	International Malala Day
12 July	World Paper Bag Day
15 July	World Youth Skills Day 2022
15 July	The 12th National Plastic Surgery Day the Burn & Plastic Surgery Department of AIIMS, Delhi will host the APSI Sushruta Film Festival (ASFF 2022) in conjunction with the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI).
18 July	Nelson Mandela International Day Theme: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"
17 July	World Day for International Justice
20 July	International Moon Day Chosen as the day to educate & promote awareness on the status & prospects for humanity.
20 July	World Chess Day
22 July	World Brain Day Theme "Brain Health for all"
22 July	World Fragile X Awareness Day
23 July	National Broadcasting Day
24 July	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) observed the 162nd Income Tax Day
25 July	World Drowning Prevention Day
26 July	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem
28 July	World Hepatitis Day Theme: 'Bringing hepatitis care closer to you.'





29 July	International Tiger Day Theme: "India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population"
28 July	World Nature Conservation Day
30 July	International Friendship Day
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking Theme "Use & abuse of technology"
31 July	World Ranger Day
1 June	Global Day of Parents Theme: 'Family Awareness'
1 June	World Milk Day
3 June	World Bicycle Day
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
6 June	UN Russian Language Day
5 June	International Day for Fight against Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing
7 June	World Food Safety Day Theme: Safer food, better health
8 June	World Oceans Day Theme: "Revitalization: collective action for ocean"
9 June	World Accreditation Day Theme: "Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth & Environment."
8 June	World Brain Tumour Day Theme: 'Together We Are Stronger'.
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour Theme: "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour".
13 June	International Albinism Awareness Day Theme: "United in making our voice heard".
14 June	World Blood Donor Day Theme: "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join effort & save lives"
National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is celebrating Elimination of Child Labour Week. It is being celebrated in 75 places from 12th June to 20th June, 2022.	
15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Theme: "Combatting Elder Abuse".
15 June	Global Wind Day
16 June	International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) Theme: Recovery & resilience through digital & financial inclusion.
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought Theme: "Rising up from drought together"
18 June	International Day for Countering Hate Speech
18 June	Sustainable Gastronomy Day
18 June	International Picnic Day
19 June	International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict Theme: 'Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural & operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.'
20 June	World Refugee Day Theme: "Together we heal, learn & shine."
21 June	Yoga for Humanity' chosen as theme of eighth International Day of Yoga (21st June)
21 June	International Day of Celebration of Solstice
21 June	World Music Day Theme: "Music on intersections".
23 June	International Olympic Day Theme: "Together for A Peaceful World."
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day Theme: Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet Sustainable Development Goals.
23 June	International Widows' Day Theme: "Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence".
25 June	"Day of Seafarer"
26 June	International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking World Drug Day Theme: Addressing drug challenges in health & humanitarian crises"
26 June	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
27 June	Medium-sized Enterprises Day
29 June	International Day of Tropics
28 June	National Insurance Awareness Day
30 June	International Day of Parliamentarism
30 June	World Asteroid Day (International Asteroid Day) Theme: "small is beautiful."
1 July	Chartered Accountants' Day or CA Day
1 July	National Doctor's Day
First Saturday of July	International Day of Cooperatives Theme: Cooperatives Build a Better World
2 July	World Sports Journalists Day
2 July	World UFO Day (WUD) Day dedicated to undoubted existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)





1 May	International Labour Day
1 May	World Laughter Day
3 May	Press Freedom Day
3 May	World Asthma Day
4 May	Coal miner's day
8 May	World Red Cross Day
8 May	Mother's Day
9 May	Victory Day
10 May	Mother's Day
11 May	National Technology Day
12 May	International Nurses Day
14 May	World Migratory day
15 May	International Day of the Family
17 May	World Telecommunication Day (Information Society Day)
21 May	Anti-terrorism day
24 May	Commonwealth Day
31 May	Anti-Tobacco Day
1 April	Orissa Day, Prevention of Blindness week
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day
4 April	International Day for Mine Awareness
5 April	National Maritime Day
7 April	World Health Day
10 April	World Homeopathy Day
11 April	National Safe Motherhood Day, National Pet Day
13 April	Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre Day (1919)
17 April	World Haemophilia Day
18 April	World Heritage Day
19 April	World Liver Day
21 April	National Civil Service Day, Secretaries' Day
22 April	World Earth Day
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day
24 April	National Panchayati Day
25 April	World Malaria Day, World Veterinary Day
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day
27 April	World Veterinary Day
28 April	World Day for Safety and Health at Work
29 April	International Dance Day
30 April	Ayushman Bharat Diwas

Date	Day & theme
1 st March	Zero Discrimination Day me: "Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower" Note: UNAIDS is highlighting urgent need to take action against discriminatory laws.
1-7 March	Janaushadhi Diwas week
7 th March	Jan Aushadhi Diwas theme: Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi
1- 8 march	International Women's Day week
2 nd march	46th Civil Accounts Day .
1 st march	World Civil Defence Day theme - "Civil defence & management of displaced populations in face of disasters & crises; role of volunteers & fight against pandemics".
3 rd march	World Wildlife day theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".
3 rd march	World Hearing Day theme "To hear for life, listen with care" .
4 th march	National Safety Day theme 'Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture'.
National Security Week 2022 is being celebrated from March 4 to March 10, 2022	
4 march	National Security Day (Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas,.
4 th march	World Obesity Day theme:'Everybody Needs to Act'.





Date	Day & theme
World Rotaract Week will be held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022	
8 th march	International Women's Day (IWD) theme : "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".
9 th march	No Smoking Day second Wednesday of March
10 th march	World Kidney day second Thursday of March theme: "Kidney Health for All".
10 th march	CISF Raising Day every year.
10 th march	International Day of Women Judges.
14 th march	International Day of Mathematics (IDM)/ Pi Day theme for 2022 IDM is "Mathematics Unites!".
13 th march	World Rotaract day theme: "Rotary Making a Difference".
15 th march	World Consumer Rights Day .
14 th march	International Day of Action for Rivers note: year 2022 marks 25th anniversary of International Day of Action for Rivers. theme: "Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity".
16 th march	National Vaccination Day theme: "Vaccines Work for all".
March 15	International Day to Combat Islamophobia every year, starting from 2022. .
March 18	World Sleep Day Friday before March equinox theme : Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World'
March 18	Global Recycling Day. Theme: "recycling fraternity".
March 18	Ordnance Factories' day
March 20	International Day of happiness theme: Keep Calm, Stay Wise & Be Kind.
March 21	International Day of Forests (World Forestry Day). theme "Forests & sustainable production & consumption."
March 21	International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination theme "VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM".
March 20	World Oral Health Day theme : Be Proud Of Your Mouth.
March 22	World Water day theme : "Groundwater, Making Invisible Visible".
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day theme: "Inclusion Means".
21 march	World Poetry Day .
March 23	World Meteorological theme: Early Warning & Early Action.
March 23	Every year, Nation was observed on as Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day).
March 24	World Tuberculosis Day theme: 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives.'
March 24	International Day for Right to Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations & for Dignity of Victims.
March 25	International Day of Solidarity with Detained & Missing Staff Members
March 26	last Saturday of March month theme: 'Shape Our Future.
March 25	International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery & Transatlantic Slave theme: "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery & Unity against Racism".
March 27	World theatre Day
March 31	International Day of Drug Checking.
March 31	World Backup Day.
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)

Date	Day & Theme
1 st FEB	Indian Coast Guard 46th Raising Day
2 nd FEB	World Wetlands Day Theme: Wetlands Action for People & Nature
World Interfaith Harmony Week First week of February (1-7 February) To promote cultural peace & nonviolence.	
4 th FEB	International Day of Human Fraternity
4 th FEB	World Cancer Day Theme Close the Care Gap
6 th FEB	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Theme: Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation.
Safer Internet Day Second day of the second week of February Aim of providing a safer & better internet This year February 8 is being celebrated as Safer Internet Day. Theme: 'Together for a better internet'.	
10 th FEB	World Pulses Day Theme: "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".
11 th FEB	International Day of Women & Girls in Science Theme: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion: Water Unites Us
11 th FEB	World Unani Day To mark the birth anniversary of "Hakim Ajmal Khan", an eminent Indian Unani physician.
10 th FEB	National Deworming Day





12 th FEB	National Productivity Day
13 th FEB	World Radio Day
International Epilepsy Day Second Monday of February	
13 Feb: Indian National Women's Day is observed every year on 13 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. This year Nation celebrates its 143rd Birth Anniversary.	
11 th FEB	FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling & Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy taken the initiative to launch Anti-Smuggling Day
15 th FEB	International Childhood Cancer Day
World Pangolin Day Third Saturday of February Aims to raise awareness about these unique mammals & speed up conservation efforts	
20 th FEB	World Day of Social Justice Theme: Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment.
19 th FEB	Soil Health Card Day to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme
21 st FEB	International Mother Language Day Theme: Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges & opportunities
22 nd FEB	World Thinking Day Theme: Our World, Our Equal Future.
24 th FEB	Central Excise Day
27 th FEB	World NGO Day
27 th FEB	World Sustainable energy Day 2022
28 th FEB	Rare Disease Day (RDD) Theme: "Share Your Colors."
28 th FEB	National Science Day Theme: 'Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future'.
27 th FEB	Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID) (also known as Polio Ravivar)

Date	Day & Theme
1 st Jan	Defence Research & Development Organisation 64 th Foundation Day of its establishment
4 th Jan	World Braille. The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille – for people with visual disabilities.
6 th Jan	World Day of War Orphans
10 to Jan 16, 2022.	The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) & the Ministry of Commerce & Industry - 'Startup India Innovation Week'
10 th Jan	World Hindi day since 2006 to promote the language at the global stage.
11 th Jan	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
12 th Jan	National Youth Day To commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
14 th Jan	Armed Forces Veterans Day To acknowledge & honour the selfless devotion & sacrifice of our veterans in the service of the nation. 2022 marks the 6 th Armed Forces Veterans Day.
15 th Jan	Army Day in India. This year marks the 74 th Indian Army Day.
19 th Jan	17 th National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrates its Raising Day every year on January 19, since it came into existence on January 19, 2006.
23 rd Jan	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's, 126 th birth anniversary Observed as Parakram Diwas. The day is celebrated to honour & remember Netaji's indomitable spirit & selfless service to the nation.
24 th Jan	National Girl Child Day (NGCD)
24 th Jan	International Day of Education
25 th Jan	National Tourism Day
25 th Jan	"National Voters' Day. Theme: 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible & Participative'
27 th Jan	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day Theme: "Memory, Dignity & Justice".
26 th Jan	International Customs Day (ICD) Theme: 'Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture & Building a Data Ecosystem'.
28 th Jan	Data Privacy Day
30 th Jan	Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated at Gandhi Smriti in the Birla House by Nathuram Godse in 1948. This year nation observed 74 th Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas.
30 th Jan	World Leprosy Day Theme is "United for Dignity".
30 th Jan	World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day Theme: 'Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases'.





Obituaries (National/International)

Queen Elizabeth II passes away

- ⇒ Elizabeth took the throne of Britain in 1952 at the young age of 25. After breaking the record of Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch of Britain for more than six decades, she became the U.K.'s longest reigning monarch in September 2015. Not just in the UK, Elizabeth became the world's longest-reigning monarch after the King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej died in October 2016 after reigning for 70 years on the throne.
- ⇒ Elizabeth was born on April 21, 1926. She was the first child of the then-Duke and Duchess of York and after four years her sister, Princess Margaret Rose was born. Interestingly, It was only her destiny that she became the queen as it didn't go as per plan. Her uncle, childless King Edward VIII abdicated in December 1936 to marry twice-divorced American Wallis Simpson, and Elizabeth's father became King George VI, putting her next in the succession.
- ⇒ She even participated in world war 2. When she was 18, Elizabeth served in Auxiliary Territorial Service as a subaltern during World War II in 1945. Till the time war ended she was promoted to the rank of junior commander.
- ⇒ She got married to Royal Navy officer Philip Mountbatten on Nov. 20, 1947, at Westminster Abbey. He was her third cousin and a member of the House of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluecksburg and after a year, their first child Prince Charles was born in November 1948. Before ascending to the throne, Elizabeth was already the mother of two children among a total of 4 children, Charles and Princess Anne (1950), who were later followed by Prince Andrew in 1960 and Prince Edward in 1964.
- ⇒ After the demise of King George VI on Feb. 6, 1952, Elizabeth queen finally became the queen but She was formally crowned after more than a year on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abbey and for the first time the coronation was broadcasted on television which was viewed by millions.



Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passes away after being shot

- ⇒ Former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe was killed in a public event. He succumbed to bullet injuries in the hospital. Abe suffered "major damage to his heart" in addition to "two neck wounds that damaged an artery", hospital officials said.
- ⇒ Killer who was identified as Yamagami Tetsuya, is currently unemployed. He was apprehended on the spot, after the shooting, and police say he admitted using a homemade weapon to attack Abe.
- ⇒ As per the official statement by the Japanese police the shooter was a member of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. "The suspect stated that he held a grudge against a particular organisation, and that he committed the crime because he believed former prime minister Abe had a connection to it,"
- ⇒ Japan's longest-serving Prime minister will always be remembered for his extraordinary political skills. Having returned to office in 2012, six years after being forced out by scandal and poor health.
- ⇒ Shinzo Abe was known for his "Abenomics" policy, due to which he was able to lift world's third-biggest economy out of decades of stagnation. Due to his efforts in reinvigorating Japan, he was known worldwide and he was also appreciated for his political and economic understanding.
- ⇒ He also handled enemy countries well, Be it China or North Korea. He stood firmly in the support of Japan's military to counter growing threats from North Korea and a more assertive China.
- ⇒ It was shocking for the whole world and every leader worldwide mourned the death of former PM of Japan. Everyone tweeted to express grief. Indian Prime Minister Modi tweeted, "I am shocked and saddened beyond words at the tragic demise of one of my dearest friends, Shinzo Abe. He was a towering global statesman, an outstanding leader, and a remarkable administrator. He dedicated his life to make Japan and the world a better place"
- ⇒ Pulitzer Prize awardee American poet, **Richard Howard** passed away at age of 92. Richard Joseph Howard was born on 13 October 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio, United States (US). He was an American poet, literary critic, essayist, teacher, and translator.
- ⇒ Actor-screenwriter **Shiv Kumar Subramaniam** has passed away, he was known for his roles in the serial **Mukti Bandhan** and **Meenakshi Sundareswarar**.
- ⇒ Veteran Hindi television presenter and actor, **Manju Singh** has passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- ⇒ Popular Odia singer and music director **Prafulla Kar** has passed away following age-related ailments. Kar was an eminent musician, singer, lyricist, writer and columnist.





- ⇒ Eminent writer of Odisha and Padma Shri awardee (2020), **Binapani Mohanty** passed away at the age of 85. She was born in Berhampur and started her teaching career as a lecturer in Economy in 1960.
- ⇒ Former president of Kenya, **Mwai Kibaki** passed away at the age of 90. He led the country from 2002 to 2013.
- ⇒ Eminent structural biologist **M. Vijayan**, DAE Homi Bhabha Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), passed away in Bengaluru.
- ⇒ Former Indian women's hockey team captain, **Elvera Britto** has passed away at 81 due to old-age-related problems. He led Karnataka's domestic team to win seven national titles.
- ⇒ The former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, **James Dringwell Rymbai**, died at the age of 88. He was born in Meghalaya on October 26th, 1934. The Meghalaya Government had declared three days of state mourning from April 21st to April 23, 2022, as a mark of respect for his sad and sudden demise.
- ⇒ Film and TV actor **Salim Ghouse** passed away in Mumbai after suffering a cardiac arrest. He started his acting journey in 1978 with the movie Swarg Narak, following which he featured in films like **Chakra (1981)**, **Saaransh (1984)**, **Mohan Joshi Hazir Ho! (1984)**, and several others.
- ⇒ **Tony Brooks**, a British racing driver who won six Formula One Grand Prix in the 1950s and was nicknamed the "Racing Dentist", has passed away.
- ⇒ The eminent Odia litterateur **Rajat Kumar Kar** passed away due to heart-related ailments. He received **Padma Shri in 2021 for literature and education**.
- ⇒ Indian music composer and santoor player, **Pandit Shivkumar Sharma** passed away at the age of 84. He had been suffering from kidney-related issues for the last six months and was on dialysis. He passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- ⇒ Russian chess grandmaster, **Yuri Averbakh** who was among the world's best players for a decade, trained world champions and was the last surviving participant in one of the greatest competitions in history, has died in **Moscow at 100**.
- ⇒ Veteran Himachal Pradesh Congress leader and former Union minister, **Pandit Sukh Ram** has passed away at 94. He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from **1993 to 1996** and a member of **Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh)**.
- ⇒ **Leonid Kravchuk**, a former communist who helped sign the Soviet Union's death warrant and then served as the **first president** of independent **Ukraine**, passed away at the age of 88.
- ⇒ **UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan** passed away. He served as the President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi since November 3, 2004.
- ⇒ Padma Shri **Dr Rama Kant Shukla**, a profound Sanskrit and Hindi Scholar, has passed away in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh(UP).
- ⇒ Former Australian all-rounder **Andrew Symonds** has been killed in a car crash. The 46-year-old, who played 26 Tests and 198 one-day internationals for Australia from **1998 to 2009**, was involved in a single-car accident outside Townsville in Queensland state. Symonds was also a top-rate fielder and was a key part of Australia's back-to-back 50-over World Cups triumphs in 2003 and 2007.
- ⇒ Veteran Communist leader and three-time Member of Parliament, **Shivaji Patnaik** passed away at the age of 93. Shivaji Patnaik is lauded as the founder of **CPI (Marxist) in Odisha**.
- ⇒ 29-year old Punjabi singer, **Sidhu Moose Wala** was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jawaharke village of Mansa district, Punjab.
- ⇒ **Bujar Nishani**, a former **Albanian President** had died at 55 due to a health problem. President Bujar Nishani born on 29 September 1966 in Durrës, Albania, was well known for his centre-right political affiliation with the leftist coalition

	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
Politician (National-International)		
1.	Jiang Zemin	former President of China
2.	Dominique Lapierre	Freedom at Midnight Authors
3.	Prof Yoginder K Alagh	renowned economist, academic and a former Union minister
4.	Gen Miroslaw Hermaszewski	Poland's only cosmonaut
5.	Dr Temsula Ao	Former chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women
6.	Aryadan Muhammed	Former Kerala minister & senior Congress leader
7.	Syed Sibtey Razi	Former Jharkhand Governor
8.	Keshav Rao Dattatreya Dikshit	Senior most pracharak of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh,
9.	Fidel Valdez Ramos	Former Philippine President
10.	K. Maya Thevar	Former MP & senior All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam politician
11.	David Trimble	Former Northern Irish first minister & a pro-British leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998





	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
12.	Jose Eduardo dos Santos	Former President of Angolan
13.	Luis Echeverria Alvarez	Former leader of Mexico
14.	Nirmal Singh Kahlon	Former Punjab Speaker & Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader
15.	Bujar Nishani	Former Albanian President
16.	Bhim Singh	National Panthers Party Chief Professor & Chief Patron of Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP)
17.	Richard Leakey	World-renowned Kenyan politician, conservationist & fossil hunter
18.	David Sassoli	European Parliament President
19.	Ibrahim Boubacar Keita	Former President of Mali
20.	Toshiki Kaifu	Former PM of Japan
21.	Iqbal Singh Kingra	Indian socio-spiritual leader of the Sikh community & an educationalist
22.	Chandupatla Janga Reddy	Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader
23.	Christos Sartzetakis	Former Greek President
24.	Hemananda Biswal	Odisha's first tribal CM as well as last Congress CM of the state
25.	Rafiq Tarar	Veteran politician, former Supreme Court judge, & President of Pakistan
26.	Rupiah Banda	former President of Zambia,.
27.	Kumudben Manishankar Joshi	former Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
28.	Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga	former Prime Minister of Mali
29.	Shahabuddin Ahmed	former President of Bangladesh
30.	Bhim Bahadur Gurung	3rd Chief Minister of Sikkim,.
'Singer/Musician (National-International)		
31.	Sulochana Chavan	Renowned Marathi Lavani singer
32.	TV Sankaranarayan	Renowned Carnatic musician
33.	Nirmala Mishra	Renowned Bengali singer
34.	Monty Norman	a British composer
35.	Bhupinder Singh	Legendary ghazal singer
36.	Balwinder Safri	Veteran Punjabi singer
37.	Sidhu Moose Wala	Punjabi singer
38.	KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath)	Noted Bollywood singer
39.	Bhajan Sopori	Santoor maestro & Padma Shri awardee
40.	Neil Nongkynrih	Founder of Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC) & renowned Indian concert pianist
41.	Pandit Birju Maharaj	Legendary Kathak dancer
42.	Milena Salvini	Noted Kathakali dancer
43.	Lata Mangeshkar	Legendary singer
44.	Bappi Lahiri	Veteran singer & composer
45.	Sandhya Mukherjee	Legendary Bengali singer
Actor/Director/Producer (National-International)		
46.	Vikram Gokhale	Veteran Bollywood actor
47.	Nipon Goswami	Assamese actor
48.	Pinaki Chaudhuri	Bengali film Director
49.	Robbie Coltrane	veteran comic & actor: harry potter character: Rubeus Hagrid
50.	Arun Bali,	seasoned actor best remembered for playing Kunwar Singh in Swabhimaan
51.	Rahul Koli	10-year old Indian Actor: succumbing to leukemia. He acted in India's official entry for the Oscars 2023, Gujarati film Chhello Show (The Last Film Show).
52.	Louise Fletcher	An Oscar-winning actress, from the USA
53.	Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala	Veteran filmmaker, such as "Hera Pheri" & "Welcome
54.	Krishnam Raju Garu	Telugu Actor & former Union Minister,
55.	Ramchandra Manjhi	Bhojpuri folk dance 'Naach'
56.	Raju Srivastava	Comedian (real name Satya Prakash Srivastava)
57.	Peter Brook	One of the world's most innovative theatre directors





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58.	Tarun Majumdar	Veteran Bengali film director
59.	Bob Rafelson	Co-creator of 'The Monkees' & famous Director
60.	Ambika Rao	Malayalam actor & assistant director
61.	Vijay Galani	Bollywood film producer
62.	Sidney Poitier	Bahamian-American actor,
63.	Marilyn Bergman	Oscar, Emmy & Grammy-winning American lyricist & songwriter
64.	Saoli Mitra	Renowned Bengali theatre personality
65.	Amitabh Dayal	Actor & filmmaker
66.	Ramesh Deo	Prominent film personality
67.	Praveen Kumar Sobti	Actor-athlete
68.	KPAC Lalitha	Veteran Malayalam film & stage actress
69.	Alan Ladd Junior	Oscar-winning producer
Author/Journalist/Activist/Painter (National-International)		
70.	Narayan	Kerala's first tribal novelist & short story writer
71.	Uma Pemmaraju	An Indian American journalist
72.	Prof. Dr. Enamul Haque	A well-known archaeologist, historian, expert in art, & former director general of the Bangladesh National Museum
73.	Achuthan Kudallur	Noted artist
74.	Dr Ajay Kumar Parida	Noted scientist & director of the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS)
75.	Anant Yashwant Khare	Marathi writer (better known as Nanda Khare)
76.	Atulananda Goswami	Veteran Assamese litterateur & winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award
77.	Chowalloor Krishnankutty	Noted lyricist, author & journalist
78.	Gopi Chand Narang	Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, & former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi Professor
79.	R. Raveendran	Veteran photojournalist
80.	Chandrashekhar Patil, known as Champa	Prominent Kannada writer
81.	Anil Awachat	Renowned Marathi author & social activist
82.	Ibrahim Sutar	Padma Shri awardee & social worker
83.	Channaveera Kanavi	Iconic poet & writer in the Kannada language
84.	Ravish Tiwari	Senior journalist
85.	Jaiprakash Chouksey	Film critic, writer .
Sportsmen/Sportswomen (National-International)		
86.	Grant Wahl	Highly-regarded American soccer journalist
87.	, George Cohen	England's 1966 World Cup-winning Footballer
88.	Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Pelé)	Brazilian football legend
89.	Samar 'Badru' Banerjee	Former India football team captain, ,
90.	Birju Sah	Indian boxer
91.	Asad Rauf	Former Pakistan umpire
92.	Naresh Kumar	Former Indian tennis player & Davis Cup captain,
93.	Johnny Famechon	Former Australian featherweight boxing world champion
94.	Rudi Koertzen	Former international cricket umpire
95.	EN Sudhir	Former Footballer (Goalkeeper)
96.	Barry Sinclair	Former New Zealand cricket captain & batter
97.	Varinder Singh	Indian hockey stalwart & member of gold medal winning 1975 World Cup team
98.	Hari Chand	Long distance great , a two-time Olympian & a double Asian Games gold medallist,
99.	Viktor Danilovich Saneyev	Olympic triple jump 3-time gold medalist & former world record holder,
100.	Deon Lendore	Olympic athlete
101.	Subhas Bhowmick	Former India footballer





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102.	Charanjit Singh	Former Hockey mid-fielder
103.	Surajit Sengupta	Former India footballer
104.	Sonny Ramadhin	cricketer
105.	Shane Warne	Legendary Australia spinner.
106.	Rodney William Marsh	Former Australia cricketer (wicketkeeper),
107.	Scott Hall	wrestler
108.	Miguel Van Damme	Veteran Belgian footballer,
Others (National-International)		
109.	Vikram S Kirloskar	India's automotive industry stalwart and Toyota Kirloskar Motor vice chairperson,
110.	Lance Naik, Bhairon Singh Rathore	BSF veteran and hero of the 1971 India-Pakistan War
111.	H.R. Keshava Murthy	Senior gamaka exponent
112.	Heeraben Modi (Hiraben Modi)	Mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, passed away
113.	Arata Isozaki	Pritzker-winning Japanese architect
114.	Tulsi Tanti	founder & chairman of wind turbine maker Suzlon Energy Ltd
115.	Jamshed J Irani	"Steel Man of India"
116.	Shyam Saran Negi	India's oldest voter , the Election Commission's brand ambassador, voted for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election
117.	Mehran Karimi Nasseri	An Iranian refugee, who lived for 18 years in Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris
118.	Rangasami Lakshminarayan Kashyap or RL Kashyap	mathematician & great scholar Padma Shri Awardee Shri
119.	Sir David Butler	dubbed the "father of election science" ,
120.	Amou Haji	Iranian man dubbed the "dirtiest man in the world: village of Dejgah
121.	Dietrich Mateschitz	Austrian billionaire , co-founder of energy drink company Red Bull & owner of the Red Bull Formula One racing team: red bull CEO
122.	James McDivitt	National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) Astronaut :He was the commander of Apollo 9 mission testing the first set of equipment to go to the moon.
123.	Subbu Arumugam	South Indian Folk Performer: villupaattu, a folk art of Tamil Nadu.
124.	Ralph Eggleston	Oscar Award-winning animator,, United States of America (USA).
125.	B. Sheik Ali	historian
126.	Cyrus Mistry	Former chairman of Tata Sons,
127.	Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati	Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya
128.	Abhijit Sen	economist & former Planning Commission member
129.	Kamal Narain Singh	Former Chief Justice of India. Justice Narain had a tenure of only 17 days as CJ, making him chief justice with shortest tenure. He was 22nd Chief Justice of India
130.	Prof Acharya Ram Yatna Shukla	Sanskrit scholar & former President of Kashi Vidwat Parishad
131.	Valery Vladimirovich Polyakov	Russian Cosmonaut, who holds record for longest spaceflight, participated in two space missions during his career with a total duration of 678 days & 16 hours.
132.	Rakesh Jhunjhunwala	Veteran stock market investor Often referred to as 'India's Warren Buffett' & the Big Bull of Indian market
133.	Amitabh Chaudhary	Former BCCI acting secretary & president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)
134.	Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo	Former OPEC Secretary-General
135.	P. Gopinathan Nair	Freedom fighter
136.	Brijendra K Syngal	Former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL)
137.	Avdhash Kaushal	Padma Shri winning noted social worker
138.	Padma Shri Sushovan Banerjee	He was famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' Known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at Re 1 per visit.
139.	Pallonji Mistry	Renowned business tycoon
140.	Anjalai Ponnusamy	Freedom fighter





	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
141.	Dr V Krishnamurthy	Former chairman of public sector undertakings such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Steel Authority of India & Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki)
142.	Nobuyuki Idei	He led Japan's Sony from 1998 through 2005, steering its growth in digital & entertainment businesses.
143.	Vice Admiral S.H. Sarma	Indian Navy's 1971 Indo-Pak war veteran
144.	Sindhutai Sapkal	Social worker, who was called as 'Mother of Orphans'
145.	Shanti Devi (Lugdi Devi)	Odisha's social worker & Padma Shri awardee
146.	Narayan Debnath	Legendary Bengali comics artist, writer & illustrator
147.	Prof M K Prasad	Noted environmentalist & 'Save Silent Valley' campaigner
148.	Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia	The well-known Professional mountaineer
149.	Guinness World Records holder for the oldest person living (male), Saturnino de la Fuente García (Spain) at the age of 112 years & 341 days .	
150.	Ramachandran Nagaswamy	Noted Indian historian, archaeologist & epigraphist from Tamil Nadu
151.	Rupinder Singh Suri	Senior advocate & Additional Solicitor General (ASG)
152.	R Rajamohan	Professor & An astronomer at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru
153.	Rahul Bajaj	Noted industrialist & former chairman of Bajaj Auto
154.	Shakuntala Choudhary	Noted freedom fighter & Gandhian social worker
155.	Mekapati Goutham Reddy	Andhra Pradesh Industries Minister
156.	General Sunith Francis Rodrigues	Former Chief of Indian Army
157.	Eugene Newman Parker	American Astrophysicist,
158.	Ramesh Chandra Lahoti	Former Chief Justice of India
159.	Stephen Wilhite	creator of Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) .

Miscellaneous Current Affairs | One-Liners

- ⇒ The **world's largest active volcano** erupted in **Hawaii** for the first time in four decades. **Mauna Loa** erupted at 11.30 pm according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was the first eruption since 1984. The eruption began in Moku'aweoweo, the summit caldera of Mauna Loa, inside the **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**.
- ⇒ '**Yaanam**,' a non-feature film, was screened under the Indian Panorama section at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival at Goa. It is based on the autobiographical book "**My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission**" by former space chairman Padma Bhushan Dr K. Radhakrishnan. 'Yaanam' movie portrays India's dream project Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan).
- ⇒ The US dictionary publisher **Merriam-Webster** announced that their 2022 word of the year is "**gaslighting**" or as Merriam-Webster defines it, "**the act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage.**"
- ⇒ **Airline EasyJet** and Aircraft Engine maker **Rolls-Royce** announced that they have successfully tested a **hydrogen-powered aircraft engine**, which is described as the **World's First for aviation**. They had set a new aviation milestone with the world's first run of a modern aero engine on hydrogen in a test carried out on land earlier this month.
- ⇒ The **second cyclone of the post monsoon** season is likely to form over **southwest Bay of Bengal** and **hit the east coast in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh**, the India Meteorological Department predicted.
- ⇒ **Oxford Dictionaries** said that "**goblin mode**" has been selected by an online vote as its word of the year. It defines the term as "a type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations."
- ⇒ The '**dream crew**' for the first civilian mission to the moon has been announced and it includes Indian actor **Dev Joshi**. Japanese billionaire **Yusaku Maezawa** has informed that Indian actor Dev Joshi, K-Pop star T.O.P. will be among the eight people who will join him on a flyby around the moon on a SpaceX spaceship next year.
- ⇒ Three medicinal plant species found in the **Himalayas** have made it to **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** Red List of Threatened Species following a recent assessment. **Meizotropis pellita** has been assessed as 'critically endangered', **Fritillaria cirrhosa** as 'vulnerable', and **Dactylorhiza hatagirea** as 'endangered'.
- ⇒ The **Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar** has got A grade by scoring 3.85 points in **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** grading, thereby becoming the only University in India to get this score. GNDU is the





only State/Central/Private University in India to get this score. **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)** is the only other educational institution with a higher grade of 3.89 in the country.

- ⇒ **India's longest escape tunnel**, which is 12.89 km long constructed on the 111 km under-construction **Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir** was completed by the Indian Railways. The longest tunnel is part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project**.
- ⇒ With the onset of **winter solstice**, one of the harshest winter periods of 40 days, called **Chillai Kalan**, has begun in **Kashmir**. Chillai Kalan is a Persian term meaning 'major cold'. The ongoing cold wave is said to reach its peak with **Kashmir's mountains covered** in snow for weeks, and the famous Dal Lake also reaching freezing point.
- ⇒ The Assam Gamosa, the Telangana Tandur Redgram, and a Ladakh apricot variety are just a few of the items that have received the Geographical Indications (GI) label from the government. The overall number of GI has reached 432, according to a statement made on Wednesday by the ministry of business and industry.
- ⇒ **Google** is paying tribute to American geologist and oceanographic cartographer, **Marie Tharp**, who helped prove the theories of continental drift. She co-published the first world map of ocean floors.
- ⇒ **Cuttack Baliyatra** has made it into the **Guinness World Record** after achieving the feat of making 22,000 paper boats in 35 minutes. During the **Baliyatra festival**, more than 2,100 students from 22 schools made paper boats and created a world record at an event organized at **Barabati Stadium** by the district administration and Cuttack Municipal Corporation
- ⇒ **Mumbai** has become the **first Indian city** to be added to the A-list in the **5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP**, a non-profit organisation that runs the **world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions** – recognises the important role that cities play in taking bold actions to mitigate and adopt to climate change
- ⇒ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)** in association with the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, developed a **Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS)**. They launched an Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV) on November 21, 2022, at the Port.
- ⇒ The 3-day long celebrations of the **400th birth anniversary of Ahom** commander **Lachit Barphukan** began in New Delhi. Union Finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the exhibition on the occasion highlighting

the life and achievement of the **Ahom dynasty and Lachit Barphukan** among others.

- ⇒ **Prasar Bharati** celebrated the silver jubilee or 25 years of its establishment on **23 November, 2022**. It was on this day in 1997, that it came into being as a statutory autonomous body set up by an Act of Parliament. It comprises the Doordarshan and All India Radio. Prasar Bharati CEO Gaurav Dwivedi said, Prasar Bharati has stood firmly with the people during the challenges faced by the country and the world.
- ⇒ Tata Steel received Responsible Steel certification for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The steel works, tubes division & cold rolling mill (Bara) have joined the group of other steel-producing sites around the world with the certification. This is a historic moment for Tata Steel & an important step in our sustainability journey.
- ⇒ University Grants Commission written to vice-chancellors & principals of all universities & colleges in this regard following recommendations of a committee constituted last year by the education ministry to promote Indian languages. All higher education institutions in India must observe a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11 every year to create "language harmony" & develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages
- ⇒ Permacrisis chosen as the Collins Dictionary's word of the year. The word means an extended period of instability & insecurity. "Permacrisis sums up just how truly awful 2022 has been for so many people,"
- ⇒ A total of 15 films will compete for the coveted Golden Peacock at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. From the very first Golden Peacock awarded in the 3rd edition of IFFI, the prize has been amongst the most sought-after film awards in Asia.
- ⇒ The Austrian movie "Alma & Oskar" directed by Dieter Berner will open the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held in Goa The film will be screened at the festival venue INOX, Panaji.
- ⇒ India's national grid operator 'Power System Operation Corporation Ltd (POSOCO)' has announced that it has changed its name to 'Grid Controller of India Ltd'.
- ⇒ The Cambridge Dictionary has revealed its word of the year for 2022 as "homer", saying that it was inspired by the global word game sensation, Wordle.
- ⇒ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh — the Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar — & dedicated the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation. Northeast India will now have 16 airports.
- ⇒ Highest ever single day sale of Rs. 1.34 crore of Diyas: KVIC CP outlet
- ⇒ Taiwan's **Pegatron third iPhone manufacturer in India:** in Mahindra World City in Chennai. The other two Apple





- suppliers with facilities in India are the Taiwanese companies Foxconn & Wistron.
- ⇒ **UGC Guidelines for International Students:** add up to 25% extra seats for international students & must have a transparent admissions procedure for them.
 - ⇒ **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)** commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The plant has a power purchase agreement with **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** at Rs 2.69/kWh for 25 years.
 - ⇒ **KVIC**, a statutory body under the **Ministry of MSME**, organizing a **Scheme of Fund for the Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) Mela** at Dilli Haat, New Delhi.
 - ⇒ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** announces that Pahari Community in **Jammu & Kashmir** will get a **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** status. The **abolition of Articles 370 & 35A** in August 2019 paved the way for providing reservations to deprived sections of Jammu & Kashmir.
 - ⇒ **Financing Platform Launched by IFC:** The **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, the private sector investment arm of the **World Bank**, has introduced a new, \$6 billion funding facility to boost the private sector's capacity to respond to the Global Food crisis & aid in food production in response to mounting food insecurity. (Click here to read the article)
 - ⇒ **Hero MotoCorp** launched **Vida V1 Electric Scooter** in India.
 - ⇒ Hollywood Actor **Tom Cruise**, who is renowned for pulling off high-octane stunts in his projects, is taking things to the next level & may soon become the first actor to shoot in space.
 - ⇒ **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** inaugurated **India's first aluminium freight rake** — 61 BOBRNALHSM1 — at Bhubaneswar Railway Station. The rake's destination is Bilaspur. As per reports, the **aluminium freight rake** **wields the capacity to carry 180-ton more goods as against the traditional rake.**
 - ⇒ This is the first time a product from **Japan** has filed for a tag at the **Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai**. The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for **Nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage.**
 - ⇒ **India Gate**, the flagship brand of KRBL, has been recognized as the **world's No. 1 Basmati Rice Brand** in a market study conducted by a leading global research company.
 - ⇒ The **Ministry of Railways** announced the closure of the **Central Organisation for Modernization of Workshops (COFMOW)**, New Delhi.

- ⇒ **Guinness World Records** has officially declared "**Monday**" the worst day of the week.
- ⇒ **Ayodhya Ram Mandir- Ayodhya Deepotsav:** **PM Modi** was present Over 15 lakh diyas be lit on the event, breaking its own previous world record.
- ⇒ **Cyclone Sitrang hit Bangladesh:** Cyclone Sitrang ploughed into heavily populated, low-lying parts of **Bangladesh** on night, killing at least nine people.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** has announced that the **Chandigarh airport** will be renamed after **Shaheed Bhagat Singh**
- ⇒ Coca-Cola India, as a part of World Without Waste initiative, hopes to achieve 100% recovery & recycling of post-consumer packaging (mainly bottles & cans), in the next 2-3 years.
- ⇒ Union Jal Shakti Minister, **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** declared **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** as India's first **Swachh Sujal Pradesh.**
- ⇒ The first multiplex in Srinagar by Jammu & Kashmir lieutenant governor **Manoj Sinha.**
- ⇒ **The US Agency for International Development & UNICEF** launched Doordarshan & YouTube series titled "**Door Se Namaste**" at a function held in New Delhi, showing how messages of vaccine promotion & **COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)** have been interwoven in entertainment education series.
- ⇒ **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** became first Indian state/UT to achieve 100 percent coverage of **precautionary dose.**
- ⇒ Farmers in Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir** are now able to sell their products on domestic & international marketplaces thanks to GI labelling of Kashmiri saffron.
- ⇒ The merger of Jio Cinema OTT & Viacom18 Media received approval from fair-trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- ⇒ Veteran Assamese swimmer, **Elvis Ali Hazarika** has become first from **North East to cross North Channel.** North Channel is strait between north-eastern **Northern Ireland & south-western Scotland.**



- ⇒ The City of Los Angeles designated **September 17 Squid Game Day**, in recognition of **South Korean Netflix series' achievements.**





- ⇒ EKI Energy Services, a developer & seller of Carbon credits, announced that it is first company to list an Indian plastic project (**India's first plastic project**) under a global accreditation standard.
- ⇒ The Indian Railways will launch new Vande Bharat Express, will have further improvements & developments, including a faster 0 to 100 Kmph time of just 52 seconds, a top speed of 180 Kmph, a lighter weight of 392 tonnes, & WI-FI content that is available when needed.
- ⇒ Lt General **V K Saxena** inaugurated '**We Care**' a community policing initiative here aimed at spreading awareness about various schemes of **Delhi Police among people**.
- ⇒ South East Central Railway (SECR) zone of **Indian Railways** conducted a test run of its latest Freight train called **Super Vasuki**(3.5 km long). Other SECR long-haul freight trains **Vasuki** ,Trishul & 2.8 km long **SheshNaag train**
- ⇒ **India** nominated Indian dance form **Garba** to be inscribed on **UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list**. Durga Puja was included in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. A total of **14 elements from India** are inscribed on UNESCO'S list of Intangible Cultural Heritage & Humanity.
- ⇒ **Mack Rutherford** became **youngest person to fly solo & youngest person to circumnavigate globe** in a microlight plane around world in a small aircraft after he landed in **Bulgaria**, & claim **two Guinness World Records**
- ⇒ **The government of India** approved a proposal to give specific names to all the 23 **AIIMS**, based on regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of area, or their distinct geographical identity.
- ⇒ **AirAsia India** becomes first airline to use **CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system** to train airline's pilots.
- ⇒ largest religious monument in world: **Temple of Vedic Planetarium** in **West Bengal**, headquarters of **International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)**, ISKCON founder **Srila Prabhupada's** vision It will purportedly replace **Cambodia's 400-acre-large Angkor Wat temple complex** as largest religious monument.
- ⇒ **Railways Ministry** tops list of government agencies that ignored CVC's recommendations against **corrupt officers & employees** & resolved matters in accordance with their own disciplinary procedures.
- ⇒ The **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)**, organized a stakeholder consultation workshop on **Global Navigation Satellite (GNSS)** based tolling in India.
- ⇒ **Kartik Aaryan**-starrer "**Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2**" will be adapted into a **comic book series**. to bring '**Rooh Baba Ki Bhool Bhulaiyaa**', based on Aaryan's character, to young audience.
- ⇒ India's first-ever '**night sky sanctuary**' will be set up in **Hanle, Ladakh**, night sky sanctuary will be set up as part of **Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary**, world's second-largest nature reserve.
- ⇒ The Government of India approved annual commemoration of "**Hyderabad Liberation Day** " for years **2022 to 2023**.
- ⇒ **Warangal in Telangana, Thrissur & Nilambur** are among 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined **UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC)** in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at local level
- ⇒ Astronomical observatory at the **Langat Singh College**, commonly known as **L. S. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar** is not included in the **UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world**. There were rumours about the same.
- ⇒ **Kerala Development & Innovation Strategy Council (K-DISC)** MoU with **LinkedIn**, along with the **ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK)** under the **Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM)** as a part of **Connect Career to Campus campaign (CCC)**.
- ⇒ **Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from **Maryland in the United States** broke the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat & press in competition (female) after lifting a total of **737.5 kg across three compound lifts – the squat, the bench press, & the deadlift**.
- ⇒ **Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF)**: a pan-India operation known as **Operation Yatri Suraksha**: to provide round-the-clock security to passengers.
- ⇒ RPF recovers over Rs. 7.40 crore worth narcotic products under Operation NARCOS ,In order to bring attention to the menace of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS),
- ⇒ A team from **National Monuments Authority** lead by **Shri Tarun Vijay**, Chairman: submitted a report on declaring **Mangarh hillock in Rajasthan** as a monument of National Importance in the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This report carries relevant details about the Mangarh hillock & recommendations by National Monuments Authority.
- ⇒ At the **Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum, Rashtrapati Bhavan** has organised a workshop on "Disaster Management of Museums & Heritage Buildings" in collaboration with the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**.
- ⇒ Billionaire investor **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**-owned, **Akasa Air** has been cleared for take-off.
- ⇒ The **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) & Maharashtra Metro** achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur.
- ⇒ The Airports Authority of India, **Leh airport** is being built as a **carbon-neutral airport**, a first in India. A "**Geothermal**





system" in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating & cooling purposes.

- ⇒ Lieutenant Governor (L-G) **VK Saxena** has announced significant changes in the property tax policy of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) after its unification. The L-G also launched a **SAH-BHAGITA** scheme to increase the involvement of the **Residential Welfare Association (RWAs)** in optimal tax collection & waste management systems.
- ⇒ **Anurag Thakur**, Minister of Information & Broadcasting, debuted the trailer for the new television series **Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha** in New Delhi.
- ⇒ A new census workstation has been unveiled by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** in the **Economics Lab of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences.**
- ⇒ **India** is celebrating the **75th year of Independence** as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. This is celebrated by the Ministry of Culture, & on this occasion, the **National School of Drama (NSD)**, New Delhi, organized "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022**"
- ⇒ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** has become the first **100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India** having all berths being operated on the PPP model.
- ⇒ The second edition of the **Jammu film festival** will be held here from the 3rd of September with films from **54 countries** slated to be screened over two days of the event.
- ⇒ **Anahat Singh** is the youngest player at the **Commonwealth Games 2022.**
- ⇒ A rare pure **pink diamond**, believed to be the **largest found in 300 years**, has been unearthed in **Angola**, a country in **Central Africa**.
- ⇒ **17th edition : Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Short Fiction, & Animation films (MIFF-2022) began with a colourful opening ceremony at **Nehru Centre, Worli in Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- ⇒ **Sachin Tendulkar** will continue as **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 'Goodwill Ambassador'** for a record **20th year**.
- ⇒ Following Central govt.'s guideline advising against usage of word 'Harijan', **Delhi govt.** is set to replace word 'Harijan' from names of colonies & streets & name them after **Babasaheb Ambedkar** instead.
- ⇒ **Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Tamilnadu** is one such park that is worried about increasing pollution near park which is threatening animals.
- ⇒ **Fishing cat census in Chilika** : total number of feline species was discovered to be **176, with a range of 131-237 individuals**.
- ⇒ **Maruti Suzuki India** installed a 20 MW solar carport at its **Manesar, Haryana**, site

- ⇒ **Shreyas G. Hosur**, first officer from Indian Railways to complete gruelling '**Ironman**' Triathlon. This event includes **3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling & 42.2 km of running**.
- ⇒ **NHAI** had set a new Guinness World Record by building 75 kilometres of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 in 105 hours & 33 minutes.
- ⇒ Country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "**Anocovax**" for animals, developed by Haryana-based **ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC)**.
- ⇒ **Indian govt.** deals with **South Africa & Namibia** to get 12 cheetahs that became extinct in India & will be released into wild at **Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh**, by end of **2022**.
- ⇒ **Bhogeshwara/ Mr Kabini** , reportedly elephant with **longest tusks in Asia**, died of natural causes at **age of 60**. in Gundre range of **Karnataka's Bandipur Tiger Reserve**. Bhogeshwar's tusks were **2.54 meters & 2.34 meters long**.
- ⇒ **Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal** in **Bengaluru** was made air-conditioned SMV Railway Terminal with **Rs 314 crore project**.
- ⇒ **Delhi Govt.** with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India, built an oxygen producing facility at **G. B. Pant Hospital** in New Delhi.
- ⇒ In **Leh, Ladakh**, **Amara Raja Power Systems** will build country's first green hydrogen fueling station for **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**.
- ⇒ Singer **Justin Bieber** revealed he is suffering from a health condition called **Ramsay Hunt Syndrome**, a viral infection, caused by varicella-zoster virus
- ⇒ **World's largest living plant** identified in shallow waters off coast of **Western Australia**. sprawling seagrass, a marine flowering plant known as **Posidonia australis**, stretches for more than 112 miles (180 kilometers) in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site.
- ⇒ Filmmaker **Srijit Mukherji** dropped trailer of "**Shabaash Mithu**", a **Taapsee Pannu**-starrer biopic on former India women's cricket team captain **Mithali Raj**.
- ⇒ **26th Sindhu Darshan Yatra** will start in **Leh** with reception of yatis,
- ⇒ India will keep to its goal of protecting at least 30% of "our" lands, waters, & oceans by 2030 :at UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon.
- ⇒ In a **Caribbean mangrove swamp**, researchers found largest bacterium known to science. While majority of bacteria are tiny, this one is so large that it can be seen with unaided eye.
- ⇒ **According to the El Dorado weather website**, **Chandrapur** was the third hottest city in the world, with a maximum temperature of 43.2 degrees Celsius.





- ⇒ On **April 7**, the **Tata Group** will launch **Neu**, its much-anticipated super app. This software will be available for download through the **Google Play Store**.
- ⇒ In **Ladakh**, a community museum opened in the **Gya - Sasoma** villages of the **Leh district** to preserve and promote the region's rich cultural history. **Tashi Gyaltsen**, Chairman of the **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)**, **Leh**, inaugurated the **Community Museum**.
- ⇒ On **World Health Day** and the **75th day of the countdown to International Day of Yoga**, the **Ministry of Ayush** is hosting a magnificent programme for the presentation of the **Common Yoga Protocol** in the backdrop of **15th August Park, Lal Quila, (Red Fort) Delhi**.
- ⇒ 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 of Anti Trafficking Units and increasing responsiveness of law enforcement agencies.
- ⇒ The **Bhima Bhoi Chair** at **Delhi University** and **Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya** in **Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh**, have been authorised by the **University Grants Commission**.
- ⇒ The first case of the **XE variety** of the **coronavirus illness (Covid-19)** in India was reported in **Mumbai**. The city civic authority **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** announced the results of its 11th genome sequencing, which identified one sample positive for the **XE variant** and another for the **Kappa variant**.
- ⇒ **India** has some of the **highest mountain ranges and mountain roads in the world**. India is a land of huge natural diversity. From snow-capped mountains to dry deserts and sandy coastlines, the natural landscape is as diverse as the culture and tradition of the nation.
- ⇒ The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the five-day long **Madhavpur Ghed Fair**, at **Madhavpur Ghed, Porbandar in Gujarat**.
- ⇒ The **Airports Council International (ACI)** released the list of the top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2021. **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)** has topped the list with 75.7 million passengers.
- ⇒ In the presence of **Chief Minister N. Rangasamy**, **Lieutenant Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan** opened the **Puducherry first-ever Beach Festival I Sea PONDY-2022**.
- ⇒ India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**. Nagpur's 96-year-old institution, **The Blind Relief Association Nagpur (TBRAN)** and **Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham)** are the organisations behind this idea. The channel will be available on various internet radio platforms for free.
- ⇒ **Biliti Electric Inc (Biliti)**, based in California, United States of America, has announced its intention to establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in **Telangana**.
- ⇒ As announced in the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – President Emmanuel Macron Joint Statement** released in 2018 during the **French President's visit to New Delhi**, **India** has been designated as the **Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022**, which will take place from **April 21 to April 24, 2022**.
- ⇒ **Guadalajara, Mexico** was named **World Book Capital for the year 2022** by the Director-General of UNESCO, **Audrey Azoulay**, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee.
- ⇒ **Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, Minister of Steel**, praised India's steel sector on its remarkable performance on a **global scale** and encouraged it to continue at this level in the year **2022**. This **production momentum** will help **India** to meet the predicted level of **500 million tonnes of production capacity** in the following **25 years**.
- ⇒ **IndiGo** becomes the first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system **GAGAN**. This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step toward **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**, as India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.
- ⇒ The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** in partnership with the **India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)** is hosting Asia's largest international food and hospitality fair, **AAHAR-2022**, at **New Delhi's Pragati Maidan**.
- ⇒ **Parshuram Jayanti** falls on the third day of **Shukla paksha** in **Baisakh** according to the Hindu calendar and according to the Gregorian Calendar **Parshuram, Jayanti** occurs in April or May. **Parshuram Jayanti** is also celebrated as **Akshaya Tritiya** in many parts of the country.
- ⇒ '**Miyan Ka Bada**' railway station in the **Balotra** area of Rajasthan's **Barmer** district was renamed "**Mahesh Nagar Halt**." Since Independence, the people of **Mian Ka Bada** in Rajasthan have demanded that the village's name be changed, claiming that the village's original name was **Mahesh Ro Bado**.
- ⇒ On **Satyajit Ray's 101st birthday**, the **Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry's National Museum of Indian Cinema** in **Mumbai** will conduct a **three-day film festival** at various locations across India to screen films by the iconic filmmaker. It will also show movies about **Satyajit Ray**.
- ⇒ **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has recently started "**Operation Satark**". Focused effort under "**Operation Satark**" was launched from **5th April to 30th April 2022** wherein 26 cases of transportation of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products worth more than **Rs 44 Lakhs** and arrest of **14 persons** involved.





- ⇒ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi used video conferencing to address the opening session of the Jain International Trade Organisation's JITO Connect 2022.
- ⇒ A British climber 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.
- ⇒ Food-delivery app available online Swiggy has agreed to buy restaurant technology and dining out platform Dineout from Times Internet in a formal deal.
- ⇒ India's first EV charging station powered by bio-gas was inaugurated in Mumbai, Maharashtra. This station will be expected to generate 220 units of electricity from food waste collected from its nearby areas, mostly from bulk generators like hotels and offices.
- ⇒ Priyanka Mohite from Maharashtra's Satara district has become the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8000 metres. Priyanka achieved the milestone after climbing Mount Kanchenjunga.
- ⇒ Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone, Surjit Bhujabal inaugurated project 'NIGAH' at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram. ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) has been developed in collaboration with the Custodian M/s. GRFL. A live demo of the project was given to all the participants.
- ⇒ The Union Ministry of Ayush has confirmed the observance of the 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) at Mysuru city, which is known as the cultural capital and major historic destination of Karnataka state on June 21.
- ⇒ A little 10-year-old champion skater from Worli, Rhythm Mamania, has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to summit the Everest Base Camp (EBC) in the Himalayan ranges in Nepal. She has joined young Indian climbers to climb the base camp.
- ⇒ The wax museum Madame Tussauds is returning to India. The museum will be located in a Noida mall. 50 Indian and international luminaries from sports, entertainment, history, and music will be featured at the new venue.
- ⇒ Delhi Lieutenant Governor, Anil Baijal has submitted his resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind citing personal reasons. He was appointed the national capital's LG in December 2016 after the sudden resignation of Najeib Jung. He had earlier served as DDA vice-chairperson and Union Home Secretary during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.
- ⇒ West Central Railway has developed a battery-operated dual-mode locomotive named Navdoot. This engine runs on both modes i.e. battery and electricity. Currently, it is being used during the shunting of trains at Jabalpur, Mudwara, and other stations on a trial basis.
- ⇒ On the invitation of Nepal's Prime Minister, Shri Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conducted an official visit to Lumbini, Nepal, coinciding with the auspicious event of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. This was Shri Narendra Modi's fifth visit to Nepal as Prime Minister, and his first to Lumbini.
- ⇒ Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad, has named a new road Narendra Modi Marg. The Governor viewed the road under Kabi Lungchok from Kyongsala, 4th mile. This is an alternative to Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg. The stretch, constructed by Border Roads Organisation, has reduced the distance between Gangtok & Tsomgo lake by 15 km.
- ⇒ The Losar Festival in Ladakh is celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of Tibetan Buddhism. It is celebrated by the Buddhist Community in the Ladakh region.
- ⇒ Captain Harpreet Chandi, Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer & physiotherapist, also known as Polar Preet, has created history by becoming the first woman of colour to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole.
- ⇒ Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated India's first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ⇒ Government-promoted CSC SPV, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, will undertake the first-ever cultural survey, titled 'Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar' of India's villages through a mobile application.
- ⇒ Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Chairman, Vinai Kumar Saxena has launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad.
- ⇒ The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of the Kevadiya railway station in the Narmada district of Gujarat, as Ekta Nagar railway station.
- ⇒ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Western Railways zone of Indian Railways has launched a new initiative called "Mission Amanat" to make it easier for railway passengers to get back their lost luggage.
- ⇒ Kochi, Kerala has become India's first city to have a Water Metro Project after the launch of its first boat in December 2021, namely 'Muziris,' among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited. This launch is a part of the Rs 747-crore project which is operated by Kochi Water Metro Ltd (KWML). The boats will be called Water Metros.
- ⇒ Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala announced that Gurugram will get India's 1st heli-hub with all aviation facilities.
- ⇒ The 9th edition of the North East Festival concluded in Guwahati, Assam. The main purpose of this festival is to promote & highlight the commercial & tourism potential of the North East region.
- ⇒ India's oldest female sloth bear, whose name was Gulabo, has passed away at the Van Vihar National Park & Zoo, located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ⇒ A US man David Bennett, 57 has become the first person in the world to get a heart transplant from a genetically-modified pig. The possibility of using animal organs for so-called xenotransplantation to meet the demand has long been considered, & using pig heart valves is already common.





- ⇒ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully conducted the qualification test of Cryogenic Engine for Gaganyaan programme for a duration of 720 seconds at **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**. According to the space agency, the performance of the engine met the test objectives & the engine parameters were closely matching with the predictions during the entire duration of the test.
- ⇒ India's "**Supermom**" tigress, popularly known as '**Collarwali**', has passed away at **Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR)** in **Madhya Pradesh**, due to old age.
- ⇒ The Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) announced the "Open Data Week" that will see participation from all the **100 smart cities**, a move aimed at ensuring a collaborative effort towards making Indian cities "**data smart**". The Open Data Week will be conducted during the **third week of January** from **17th January 2022 to 21st January 2022**.
- ⇒ The **Oxford University Press (OUP)** has picked up '**Anxiety**' as the **Children's Word of the Year 2021**, based on their recent research. Apart from "anxiety" (21%), "Challenging" (19%), "isolate" (14%), "Wellbeing" (13%) & "resilience" (12%) were the children's top five words. In 2020, Coronavirus was the Children's Word of the Year by OUP.
- ⇒ A new species of rainfrog, discovered in the **Panama jungle**, has been named after Swedish environmental activist **Greta Thunberg**. The species has been named as **Pristimantis gretathunbergae**, or popularly known as the **Greta Thunberg Rainfrog**.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir** administration has declared Jerri settlement in Reasi district as the first '**Milk Village**' of the Union Territory & sanctioned 57 more dairy farms under the **Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS)** for the hamlet.
- ⇒ Indian Movie's **Jai Bhim & Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham** have been officially shortlisted for the **Oscars 2022**. Jai Bhim is the fourth Indian film to get nominated for Oscars after **Mother India, Salaam Bombay, & Lagaan**. Marakkar Arabikadalinte Simham has been also nominated for the **Global Community Oscar Awards 2021**.
- ⇒ **Jammu & Kashmir Police** has bagged **115 Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG)**, out of a total of 189 awarded this year. They more than doubled their last year's tally of 52 PMGs.
- ⇒ **Tata Sky** dropped the 'sky' brand name after 15 years & has rechristened itself as **Tata Play**.
- ⇒ **Spituk Gustor Festival**, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture & traditional heritage celebrated in **Leh & Ladakh Union Territory**. Devotees attended the colourful mask dance locally called "**Chams**".
- ⇒ **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary** near **Jamnagar** in **Gujarat** & **Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Uttar Pradesh** listed as **Wetlands of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention**. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49. It becomes the fourth wetland of Gujarat to get the Ramsar tag.
- ⇒ **Aravalli Biodiversity Park** in **Gurugram, Haryana** declared as India's first "**other effective area-based conservation measures**" (**OECM**) site. International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) gives **OECM** tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.
- ⇒ **Khadi & Village Industries Commission** cancelled "**Khadi Certification**" of its oldest Khadi Institution named **Mumbai Khadi & Village Industries Association (MKVIA)**.
- ⇒ Ancient **festival of Kanchoth** is annually celebrated, mainly by the Nag followers, during the **Shukla Paksha of Magh** month which usually falls in January or February. It is celebrated across the Chenab valley region of J&K.
- ⇒ **Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project** will be India's first bullet train route. While **Surat** city will get **India's first bullet train station**. National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL) will be constructing this project that is scheduled to be completed by December 2024.
- ⇒ **Atal Tunnel** officially certified as '**World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet**' by the **World Book of Records**. It is a Highway tunnel built under Rohtang Pass in eastern **Pir Panjal Himalayan range** on **Leh-Manali Highway**.
- ⇒ 17th edition of the **Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction & Animation films (MIFF-2022)** is scheduled to take place from **29 May to 4 June, 2022** at the Films Division complex, Mumbai.
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- ⇒ **Dabur India** become the **first Indian consumer goods company** to become completely plastic waste neutral.
- ⇒ **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh** launched **Kunsnyoms scheme** for differently-abled persons. Kunsnyoms meant **Equal for All, Fair for All**, aims inclusive & accessible Ladakh. Under this, Leh Hill council is providing assistive devices, technologies to needy people at **90 per cent subsidy**.
- ⇒ **Indian Railways** shared new images of the country's first cable-stayed bridge on the **Anji river in Jammu & Kashmir's Reasi district**. It is part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL)** project, will connect Katra & Reasi areas through rail links. The total length of the bridge is 473.25 metres & it is supported by 96 cables.
- ⇒ Central Government launched the "**Janbhagidari Empowerment**" portal in the Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir**, in line with the government's digital mission.





- ⇒ **Home Ministry** declared Delhi headquarters of **Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL)** as a 'prohibited place' under Section 2 of the **Official Secrets Act, 1923**. This prevents the entry of unauthorized persons into it. It is the only currency & banknotes manufacturer of India, that printed new series of notes of denomination Rs 2,000 & Rs 500 in 2016.
- ⇒ **Reliance Infrastructure, SES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL)** has commissioned India's first 'Smart Managed EV Charging Station' in New Delhi
- ⇒ **Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh** created a **Guinness record** by lighting **11.71 lakh** clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes. diya were lighted as part of '**Shiv Jyoti Arpanam Mahotsava**' on occasion of Mahashivratri. It broke earlier record of lighting created in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh Ujjain is also known as 'Land of Mahakal'.
- ⇒ **Herath or 'Night of Hara (Shiva)',** generally known as **Maha Shivratri**, is main festival celebrated by Kashmiri Pandits across **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)**.
- ⇒ A national-level shooter & an environmentalist hailing from Delhi, **Aarushi Verma** has been selected to represent India at **2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition**.
- ⇒ Trial of '**Kavach**' functioning system between **Gullaguda & Chitgidda Railway stations** was examined
- ⇒ India's first **fully owned by women industrial park** opened its doors in **Hyderabad**. park, that is promoted by **FICCI Ladies Organization**
- ⇒ first drone school in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**. Other drone schools in **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur & Satna**.
- ⇒ Under **National Digital Health Mission, Puducherry** is creating a digital public health ecosystem se include creating a health identity database for entire population, similar to **Aadhaar, 'digi doctor,'** a listing of health professionals from various medical systems, **National Health Infrastructure Registry**, & a personal health record for each individual that maps past & present data.
- ⇒ Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) was conferred with "**Best Tableaux**" Trophy. award ceremony took place in Ministry itself with a small delegation of **Ministry of Defence (MoD) & Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** officials present for same.
- ⇒ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** conducted **Yamunotsav** at **ASITA East River Front, ITO Bridge**, as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations, in collaboration with a number of **NGOs**, to celebrate splendour of **Yamuna** with a "pledge to keep it clean."

