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Important Bullet Points for XAT 2023
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- **Switzerland** has launched the world's longest passenger train with 100 coaches, and 4,550 seats, measuring 1910 metres.
- India's 1983 World Cup hero, **Roger Binny** has become the new BCCI president, replacing Sourav Ganguly.
- 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.
- **Tazuni**, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023.
- **Ballon d'Or 2022**
Awarded by: France Football (French weekly magazine)
Winner of **Ballon d'Or 2022**: Karim Benzema (France) (Club: Real Madrid)
Winner of **Ballon d'Or 2022 Feminin**: Alexia Putelis (Spain) (Club: Barcelona)
- Defending champion **Spain** beat Colombia 1-0 to win the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup at the D. Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. Nigeria stood at the third spot.
- **Bandhan Bank** has announced that it has roped in Sourav Ganguly as its Brand Ambassador. Sourav Ganguly will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and services of the Bank.
- **Dabur India** to acquire 51 percent stake in Badshah Masala in a Rs 587.52 crore deal. Dabur India marks its entry into the fast-growing spices and seasoning category. The company signed definitive transaction agreements to acquire 51 percent shareholding of Badshah Masala Pvt Ltd.
- At the 36th National Games, **Pooja Patel** of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana. Yogasana is one of the five sports to be played at the National Games this year for the first time.
- International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October
Theme: Our time is now—our rights, our future
- World Food Day: 16 October
Theme: Leave no one behind

- **Rishi Sunak took Oath as PM of UK:** He is the first British Prime Minister of Indian descent. In a remarkable shift of power during an economic crisis. In the midst of a “deep economic dilemma,” Prime minister of the UK, Rishi Sunak, has called for cooperation.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said there will be no charge for RuPay credit card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to Rs **2,000**.
- The former Chancellor of Germany **Angela Merkel** has won the 2022 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award. She has been awarded the UN refugee agency prize for 'political courage' and decisive action taken during her tenure to safeguard people forced to flee.
- Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance to be held in **New Delhi**.
- **International Women’s Day celebrates on 8th March**
the theme of 2022 International Women’s Day is “gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”.
- **BCCI named RuPay as the official partner for Tata IPL 2022**
Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)’s, Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council has announced National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)’s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022.
- **Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups**
Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cups after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.
- **ICC Women’s World Cup New Zealand 2022**
The ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2022 was held on March 04, 2022, in New Zealand. This was the 12 editions of the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup, being held in New Zealand from March 04 to April 03, 2022.
Winner: Australia
Runner-up: England
- **Hero MotoCorp named New EV Brand ‘Vida’ 2022**
Hero MotoCorp has unveiled a new brand “Vida”, (Vida means life) for its emerging mobility solutions and upcoming electric vehicles. Vida brand has been unveiled by Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp, on March 3, 2022, in Dubai.
- **Australian telecom giant Optus** said personal information and form of identification of 1.2 million customers was compromised in the recent cyber-attack.

- Legendary Australian spinner, Shane Warne passes away**
 Legendary Australia spinner, Shane Warne has passed away at the age of 52. Shane Warne, one of the greatest-ever cricketers to have played the sport, picked up 708 wickets in 145 Tests.
- Herath Festival celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir**
 Herath or the 'Night of Hara (Shiva)', generally known as Maha Shivratri, is the main festival celebrated by the Kashmiri Pandits across Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The festival marks the marriage anniversary of Lord Shiva and Goddess Uma (Parvathi). 2022 Herath Festival was celebrated on 28th February 2022.
- Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary wins 10m air pistol gold at ISSF World Cup**
 Indian shooter, Saurabh Chaudhary has won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
- Knight Frank: India ranks 3rd in billionaire population globally**
 India is ranked 3rd in terms of most number of billionaires' population globally in 2021, as per Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022. The number of ultra-high-net-worth-individuals (UHNWIs) in India increased by 11% YoY in 2021 to 145 billionaires, the highest percentage growth in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region.
- Dabang Delhi beats Patna Pirates to win maiden PKL title**
 Dabang Delhi K C defeated Patna Pirates by 36-37 in the final of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 8 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Dabang Delhi beat three-time champion Patna Pirates.
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Toyota "Mirai" India's first Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV**
 Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the world's most advanced technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai at New Delhi. Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), which is completely powered by Hydrogen.
- Miss World 2021: Poland's Karolina Bielawska crowned**
 Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- Hurun Global Rich List 2022: Elon Musk Tops**
 SpaceX and Tesla founder Elon Musk has bagged the top position on the 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List, with a total net worth of \$205 billion.
 Amazon.com Inc executive chairman Jeff Bezos ranked second with \$188 billion in net worth.
 From India, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani was the only Indian to feature in the top 10 list of 2022 Hurun Global Rich List' to emerge as India's as well as Asia's richest man. Ambani occupied the ninth rank globally with a net worth of \$103 billion.

- Oscars 22: India's 'Writing with Fire' nominated in Best Documentary feature category**
 A documentary about the Dalit-led, all-woman newspaper Khabar Lahariya, "Writing With Fire" became the first Indian documentary to be nominated at the Oscars.
- Bhagwant Mann sworn in as new chief minister of Punjab**
 Bhagwant Mann was sworn in as the 18th chief minister of Punjab at Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Bhagat Singh in the presence of Governor Banwarilal Purohit. The Aam Aadmi Party romped home winning 92 seats in the 117-member Punjab Assembly.
- SIPRI Report: India emerges as largest importer of arms**
 The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021. As per the report, India and Saudi Arabia emerged as the largest importers of arms between 2017-21. Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales. Egypt (5.7%), Australia (5.4%) and China (4.8%) were the next three largest importers respectively in the top 5.
- NITI Aayog's releases Export Preparedness Index 2021, Gujarat again tops**
 Gujarat topped Niti Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2021, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka in second and third place, respectively. Gujarat has topped the Niti Aayog rankings for the second year in a row "s Export Preparedness Index 2021, which is intended to assess states' preparation in terms of export potential and performance.
- Ola to acquire neo bank Avail Finance**
 Ola, an Indian ride-hailing startup, has agreed to acquire neo-banking platform Avail Finance in order to expand its financial services offering.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated RBIH in Bengaluru**
 RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in Bengaluru on Thursday, which was established with a Rs 100 crore initial capital contribution to foster and nurture financial innovation. According to the central bank, the Hub has an independent Board with Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan as Chairman and other notable people from industry and academics as members.
- Mario Marcel wins the Governor of the year award 2022**
 Mario Marcel, the Governor of the Central Bank of Chile, has won the Governor of the year award at the Central Banking Awards 2022. Banco Central de Chile is the name of the central bank of Chile.
- Yogi Adityanath take Oath as UP Chief Minister for 2nd Term**
 Yogi Adityanath takes oath as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh for his second term in office. Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Adityanath at Lucknow's Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and other central ministers.

- **A Children's Book 'The Little Book of Joy' authored by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu**

A picture book edition co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize winners 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) & Archbishop Desmond Tutu, titled "The Little Book of Joy" will be released in September 2022. The illustrations provided by artist Rafael López and Rachel Neumann & Douglas Abrams collaborated on the text. This book focuses on the meaning of true happiness, which is not in the materialistic world but lies in the nature of human beings.



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- **UNEP Report: Dhaka is world's most noise polluted city**
Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, has been ranked as the most noise polluted city globally, according to the recent 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). As per the report, the city recorded noise pollution of 119 decibels at its highest (dB) in 2021.
Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad came second in the list with noise pollution of 114 decibels. Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan is third, with maximum noise pollution of 105 dB.
- **Oscars Awards 2022: 94th Academy Awards 2022 announced**
Best Actor in a Leading Role: Will Smith, "King Richard"
Best Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)
Best Picture: CODA
Best International Feature Film: Drive My Car
Best Directing: Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)
- **Earth Hour 2022 celebrated on 26th March**
Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last Saturday of March month to show support for the fight against climate change and commitment towards a better planet. Earth Hour 2022 is being marked on March 26, 2022. The Earth Hour 2022 theme will focus on 'Shape Our Future.'
- **Prof Wilfried Brutsaert bags Stockholm Water Prize 2022**
Professor Emeritus Wilfried Brutsaert has been named as the Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2022. He has been awarded for his groundbreaking work to quantify environmental evaporation. Wilfried Brutsaert is Professor in Engineering Emeritus at Cornell University, USA.
- **Swiss Open Badminton title 2022: PV Sindhu won the title**
India's P.V. Sindhu has defeated Busanan Ongbamrunphan of Thailand to win the women's singles title at the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament. Playing her second successive final in the tournament, Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, took 49 minutes to get the better of the fourth-seeded Busanan 21-16, 21-8 at the St. Jakobshalle.
- **SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title 2022 won by Indian women's team**
India has been declared the winner of the 3rd edition of the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship. The 2022 edition of the international football competition for women's under-18 national teams was held in Jharkhand at JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur.

- **Shehbaz Sharif elected as 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan**

Pakistan's opposition leader, Shehbaz Sharif has been elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of the country through voting in the National Assembly. The 70-year-old Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) Chief will succeed Imran Khan, who has been removed by a no-trust vote recently in the National Assembly. Shehbaz Sharif is the brother of former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

- **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

- **F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022 won by Charles Leclerc**

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.

- **'Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI', book by Former CAG Vinod Rai**

Former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and chief of Supreme court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) in 2017, Vinod Rai has penned a book titled as, "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI" in which the former bureaucrat encapsulates his 33-month stint at the BCCI. In the book, Rai – whose stint of overseeing the administration of one of the richest sports bodies in the world ended in September 2019 – has made some major revelations.

- **'Tomb of Sand' becomes first Hindi novel to get shortlisted for International Booker Prize**

In the history of the International Booker Prize, the novel 'Tomb of Sand', authored by Geetanjali Shree, has become the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious literary prize. The novel has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell. The book Tomb of Sand will compete with five other novels from around the world.

- **Grammys 2022: Indian-American Singer Falguni Shah, Winner of Best Children's Music Album**

Indian-American singer Falguni Shah won a Grammy Award for A Colorful World in the Best Children's Album category. Falguni Shah has even performed and collaborated with music maestro AR Rahman and she is the only Indian-origin woman to be nominated in the Best Children's Music Album category at the Grammys twice. Falguni Shah was earlier nominated for a Grammy in the same category for her 2018 album Falu's Bazaar.

- Khanjar 2022: The 9th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise**
 The 9th Edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held in March-April, 2022 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP). Special Forces contingents from India and Kyrgyzstan have shared their experience and best practices in terms of tactics, techniques, and procedures for countering present and emerging threats throughout the conflict spectrum.
- Ex-IPS officer Lalpura reappointed National Commission for Minorities chief**
 The central government has re-appointed retired Punjab-cadre IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura as the chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities. Lalpura, who was first appointed as chairman in September last year, had to resign from the post in December to contest as the BJP candidate from the Ropar assembly constituency, which he lost.
- Falguni Nayar crowned EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2021**
 Falguni Nayar has been named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021, at the 23rd edition of the EY Entrepreneur of The Year India awards. She is the founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of beauty supply company Nykaa (FSN E-commerce).
- PM Narendra Modi to be honoured with 1st Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award**
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award which is instituted in the memory of the veteran singer of Lata Mangeshkar. PM Modi will receive the award for selfless service to the nation and society. The award ceremony will be held on April 24 which marks the 80th death anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar (singing legend's father).
- Ecuador became 1st country to give legal rights to wild animals**
 Ecuador, a South American Country, became the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals. The highest court in the country has ruled in favour of the case that focused on a woolly monkey named "Estrellita" who was taken from her home to a zoo, where she passed just a week later.
- World Earth Day**, also known as International Mother Earth Day, is celebrated every year on April 22. The theme of Earth Day 2022 is to 'Invest in our planet'.
- Russia test-fired the "RS-28 SARMAT," world's "most powerful" nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile**
 Russian President Vladimir Putin said that his military had successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying a big nuclear payload, but the Pentagon said the missile did not pose a substantial danger to the US. Russia's most powerful ICBM is the RS-28 Sarmat, dubbed "Satan 2" by NATO.
- CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated nation's first ethanol plant in Purnia, Bihar**
 Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105 crores. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of

2021. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.

The ethanol manufactured will be supplied to oil marketing companies for blending into petrol and diesel.

- **Kerala beat West Bengal to lift their seventh Santosh Trophy title**

Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala. The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter in which plenty of chances were created at both ends with the finishing being astray.

- **World Press Freedom Day observed on 3rd May**

World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on 3rd May every year. It is also known as World Press Day. The day also pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives. This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Journalism under digital siege," spotlights the multiple ways in which journalism is endangered by surveillance and digitally-mediated attacks on journalists, and the consequences of all this on public trust in digital communications.

- **PV Sindhu won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships**

In Asia Badminton Championships, India's P.V. Sindhu won her second Asian bronze medal after a heart-breaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semi-final in Manila. She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.

- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra assumes charge as India's new Foreign Secretary**

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.

- **Asian Games 2022 in China postponed to 2023**

The Asian Games 2022, due to be held in Hangzhou, China in September, has been postponed to 2023 due to rising COVID-19 cases in the country, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced. The Olympic Council of Asia, the governing body for the Asian Games, said it will announce the new dates for the 19th edition of the Games. The Asian Games 2022 were originally scheduled from September 10 to 25.

- **ISRO plans mission to Venus by Dec 2024**

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. The orbital manoeuvre is the use of propulsion systems to change the orbit of a spacecraft. It enables a spacecraft to enter a planet's orbit.

- **Andy Jassy joins as Next Amazon CEO from 5th July 2022**

Jeff Bezos, who established Amazon exactly 27 years ago on July 5, 1994, has stepped down as CEO, and Andy Jassy, a long time 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.



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- **World Press Freedom Index 2022: India ranked 150th**

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.

- **Max Verstappen won Miami Grand Prix 2022**

F1 world champion Max Verstappen has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for Red Bull after defeating the Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc. Leclerc (Ferrari) finished second and Spanish teammate Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) placed third in the Miami Grand Prix 2022.

List of 2022 F1 Race:

Bahrain Grand Prix: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari-Monaco)

Saudi Arabian Grand Prix: Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)

Australian Grand Prix: Charles Leclerc

Emilia Romagna Grand Prix: Max Verstappen

- **Padma Vibhushan Pandit Shivkumar Sharma Passes Away**

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. He gave the santoor, once a little-known instrument from Jammu and Kashmir, a classical status and exalted it along with other, more traditional and famous instruments such as the sitar and sarod. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma received the prestigious Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.

- **Reliance became 1st Indian company to cross USD 100 bn annual revenue**

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.

- **Pulitzer Prizes 2022**

The 106th class of Pulitzer Prize winners in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature and musical composition within the United States.

In Public Service category, Award was given to The Washington Post for its account of the assault on Washington on January 6, 2021.

- **Lionel Messi topped Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2022**

Lionel Messi has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported

income of \$130 million, followed by Basketball player, LeBron James with \$121.2 million while Cristiano Ronaldo was third with \$115 million. Messi had moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in August 2021 and Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Manchester United from Juventus in the same month. Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

- **Union Bank of India launches Online Platform 'Trade nxt'**

The Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched an online platform, 'Trade nxt', which enables corporate, and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place, i.e., eliminates the need for companies to visit a bank branch for the same. It offers seamless entry and processing of letters of credit (LC), bank guarantees, export/import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing etc.

- **Deepika Padukone named as 1st Indian brand ambassador of Louis Vuitton**

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.

- **Campbell Wilson named as new MD & CEO of Air India**

Campbell Wilson has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India. He has 26 years of aviation industry expertise across both full service and low-cost airlines. He is the chief executive of Scoot, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines.

Wilson's appointment comes after Turkey's IlkerAyci decided not to take on the role of chief executive of Air India after the announcement of his appointment led to opposition in India over his previous political links.

- **Rajiv Kumar appointed as next Chief Election Commissioner**

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. In pursuance of clause (2) of Article 324 of the Constitution, the President appointed Shri Rajiv Kumar as the Chief Election Commissioner with effect from the 15th of May 2022.

- **India now the top beneficiary from overseas remittances**

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 totalling 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.

- **Adani Group to buy Ambuja Cements, ACC for \$10.5 bn**

Adani Group which belongs to Gautam Adani is set to acquire swiss multinational company

Holcim's stake in Indian companies Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 bn (around Rs 81,361 crore), including the open offers.

- **Ramgarh Vishdhari notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve**

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav has announced that Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and the 52nd tiger reserve of India. It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.

- **South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022, defeating China**

After a thrilling final at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand, Korea stunned defending champions China to capture their second Uber Cup title. Korea fought back from behind twice to deny China a record-extending 16th title in the famous team tournament in a tie that lasted close to 90 minutes apiece.

- **Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022 announced.** Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world using four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204.

Berkshire Hathaway took the No. 1 spot for the first time since Forbes started publishing the Global 2000 in 2003, dethroning the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which dropped to No. 2 after nine consecutive years at the top of the list. Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) took the 3 Spot.

- **Manik Saha named as new chief minister of Tripura**

Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president Manik Saha is all set to take over as the new Chief Minister of Tripura. Manik Saha, the BJP State unit president and lone Rajya Sabha MP from Tripura, was elected as legislature party leader at a meeting held at the Chief Minister's official residence. The decision was taken at a legislature party meeting following the resignation of CM Biplab Kumar Deb.

- **India's men's badminton team wins the Thomas Cup title for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over powerhouse Indonesia in the final.** India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0. India dished out a performance for the ages with World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and the world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy producing memorable performances.

- **Odisha won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship title**

Odisha women's team has won its first-ever gold in Senior Nationals as they defeat Karnataka 2-0 in the final of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship.

- Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister**
 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. Outgoing Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was heading the Liberal-National coalition has conceded defeat.
- India receives highest-ever FDI inflow of \$83.57 bn in FY22**
 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).
- In GIFT City, New Development Bank opened a regional office**
 The New Development Bank (NDB), the Brics countries' multilateral bank based in Shanghai, will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to address the country's infrastructural and sustainable development needs. The India office will concentrate on extending its presence in the country by developing, implementing, and monitoring new projects.
- Indian novel 'Tomb of Sand' wins International Booker Prize**
 Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for "Tomb of Sand,". Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English. The 50,000-pound (\$63,000) prize money will be split between New Delhi-based Shree and Rockwell, who lives in Vermont.
- Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus re-elected as Director-General of World Health Organization**
 World Health Organization has re-appointed Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term with effect from 16th August 2022. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017. Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.
- PM announces 'Yoga for Humanity' is the theme of eighth International Day of Yoga**
 'Yoga for Humanity' has been chosen as the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga to be organised in India and across the globe on June 21. The theme has been selected after much deliberation and consultation and it appropriately portrays how yoga served humanity in alleviating suffering during the peak of the pandemic. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the theme in his "Maan Ki Baat" broadcast.
- Tata Motors Inks Pact For Potential Acquisition Of Ford India's Plant In Gujarat**
 Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML), a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd, and Ford India Private Limited (FIPL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the

Government of Gujarat (GoG) for the potential acquisition of FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility. The MoU includes the potential acquisition of the facility's land & buildings, vehicle manufacturing plant, machinery and equipment and transfer of all eligible employees of FIPL Sanand's vehicle manufacturing operations, subject to the signing of definitive agreements and receipt of relevant approvals.

- **Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed the first Arab free trade deal**

Israel has inked its first free trade agreement with an Arab country, with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The agreement was signed in Dubai by Israel's Economy and Industry Minister Orna Barbivay and the UAE's Economy Minister Abdalla Bin Touq Al Marri.

- **Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title**

Hosts Haryana won the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title with 52 gold medals on the final day. Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals – the highest cumulative haul by any state. The late surge helped Haryana leapfrog the 2020 champions Maharashtra on the KIYG medals table.

- **UNCTAD's World Investment Report: India ranked 7th**

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India jumped one position to 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into the country declining. In its latest World Investment Report, UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year. Outward FDI from India rose 43 percent to \$15.5 billion in 2021.

- **India's 1st private train service flagged off under 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme'**

The first train to be operated between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operator, under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of the Indian Railways, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.

- **Russia overtakes Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest oil supplier**

Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine. Indian refiners bought about 25 million barrels of Russian oil in May, or more than 16 per cent of all their oil imports. Russian-origin crude hit 5 per cent of India's total seaborne imports in April for the first time, rising from under 1% throughout 2021 and Q1 2022. After the U.S. and China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil, over 85 per cent of which is imported.

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- **Neeraj Chopra Sets New National Record With 89.30 Metre Javelin Throw**
India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra set a new national record as he threw 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. Chopra's earlier national record was 88.07m which he had set in Patiala in March last year. He had won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of 87.58m on August 7, 2021. Neeraj Chopra is India's first ever Olympic gold medallist in athletics and only the second individual gold medallist at Olympics.
- **Finally, Microsoft's Internet Explorer retiring after 27 years**
Microsoft has announced the retirement of 27-year-old Internet Explorer (IE) as the firm's oldest browser will be completely phased out from June 15. Microsoft released the first version of Internet Explorer in 1995 as an add-on package for Windows 95, the antediluvian era of web surfing dominated by the first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator.
- **IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th**
India has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022. The Index has been compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).
Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while Switzerland slipped from the top ranking to the second position and Singapore regained the third spot from fifth, a global study showed.
- **Japan to participate in NATO summit for the first time**
Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance. The June 28-30 gathering is seen as a crunch moment for the 30 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, four months into Russia's war in Ukraine.
South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend.
- **S.S. Mundra appointed as chairman of BSE**
S.S. Mundra, a public interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange, according to the BSE. Justice Vikramajit Sen will be replaced by Mr. Mundra. After serving for three years, Mr. Mundra left his position as Reserve Bank of India's Deputy Governor in July 2017. Before that, he held the positions of Chairman and Managing Director at Bank of Baroda, until he retired in July 2014.
- **'Single-Use Plastic' use to be banned by Union Govt. from 1st July, 2022**
'Single-Use Plastic' use to be outflow from July 1st, 2022 by the Union government. Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, and use starting on July 1, 2022, nationwide. A

national task group has also been established by the Environment Ministry to make coordinated efforts in this area.

- **Ranji Trophy 2022: Madhya Pradesh beats Mumbai by six wickets**

Madhya Pradesh wrote history as they won their maiden Ranji Trophy title, beating tournament heavyweights Mumbai by 6 wickets in the final at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Under the leadership of Aditya Shrivastava, the team defeated 41-time champions Mumbai. The team was coached by former India wicketkeeper-batsman Chandrakant Pandit. The Ranji Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket championship played in India between multiple teams representing regional and state cricket associations. The competition currently consists of 38 teams, with all 28 states in India and four of the nine union territories having at least one representation.

- **Global Liveability Index 2022 released**

The annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities has just been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), and 2022's Global Liveability Index shows some marked differences from the previous year.

2022's Global Liveability Index: The top cities

1. Vienna, Austria
2. Copenhagen, Denmark
3. Zurich, Switzerland

- **Parameswaran Iyer appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog**

Former Drinking and water Sanitation Secretary, Parameswaran Iyer has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog for 2 years. He will succeed Amitabh Kant.

- **Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill**

The Rajasthan government 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 and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. In January, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, their attendants and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing grievances of the stakeholders.

- **Google launched Startup School India, targets 10,000 startups in small cities**

Tech Giant, 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 and Tier 3 cities. The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem.

- **Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passes away after being shot**

Shinzo Abe, Former Japan's Prime Minister, who was shot at during an election campaign in western Japan's Nara city, has passed away. The Nara fire department had earlier said that the 67-year-old Abe was in cardiopulmonary arrest before he was taken to the hospital. They said that he had been wounded on the right side of the neck and the left clavicle.

- Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel**
 Leader of Yesh Atid Party, Yair Lapid has been officially became the 14th prime minister of Israel, after replacing the Naftali Benett. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022. Yair Lapid's term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1.
- India's first Monkeypox case reported in Kerala**
 The first case of monkeypox was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to Kerala from UAE developed symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to National Virology Institute in Pune which confirmed the disease. It was first found in monkeys in 1958.
- World Youth Skills Day 2022 celebrates globally**
 World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on July 15. It focuses on the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- Ola introduces India's first indigenously made lithium ion-cell**
 Ola Electric has unveiled the 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. The use of specific chemicals and materials enables the cell to pack more energy in a given space and also improves the overall life cycle of the cell.
- PM Narendra Modi attends first virtual I2U2 summit**
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where "I" stands for India and Israel, and "U" for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
 The main focus of the virtual meeting was on the food security crisis and clean energy.
- Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022**
 Two locations from India have been named among "50 extraordinary destinations to explore" this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of Kerala and Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world's greatest places of 2022.
- India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped**
 Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member Dr VK Saraswat, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and senior adviser Neeraj Sinha.
 Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the

'North East and Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.

- **Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th**

The Henley Passport Index has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. India is ranked 87th on the list of the world's most powerful passports in 2022, according to the latest Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners, an immigration consultancy.

- **India sign an agreement with Namibia to reintroduce cheetah**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Namibia aims to bring back cheetahs to the country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs are expected to arrive in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park by August 15. Separately, India is anticipated to receive 12 cheetahs from South Africa; a draught deal has already been signed, and a final one is forthcoming, according to authorities with knowledge of the situation.

- **England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces ODI retirement**

England all-rounder Ben Stokes has made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket. "Three formats are just unsustainable for me now," he said. The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham. Stokes' ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand at Lord's.

- **Rajasthan introduces the first digital Lok Adalat in India**

During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, 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.

N V Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, opened the two-day event in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, the Union Minister of Law and Justice, and Ashok Gehlot, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

- **2025 World Athletics Championships: Tokyo's Olympic Stadium to host event**

The World Athletics Council has selected Tokyo (Japan) to host the 2025 World Athletics Championships. At the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.

- **Ashish Kumar Chauhan named as the next MD & CEO of NSE**

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as its new managing director and CEO. He will succeed Vikram Limaye whose 5-

year term ended on 16 July 2022. He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE.

- **Varanasi named 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO**

The holy city of Varanasi showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

- **Coca-Cola signed on Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion**

Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion. Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of 88.13 m. Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships.

- **INS Vikrant: Navy receives India's first indigenous aircraft carrier**

The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant, which was created by the Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, 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 and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. The aircraft carrier has a top speed of 28 knots and is propelled by four gas turbines with a combined 88 MW of power.

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

HCL Technologies' Chairperson, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to 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. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner Falguni Nayar, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.

- **One of India's largest financial deals, Axis Bank-Citi merger, gets approved by CCI**

The acquisition of Citibank, N.A. and Citicorp Finance (India) Limited's consumer banking operations by Axis Bank has been approved, according to the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The acquisition had been disclosed by the firms. According to CCI, the transaction entails the going-concern slump sale of Citibank and Citicorp's consumer banking operations to Axis.

- **Netanyahu's Autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' Due Out In November**

Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "Bibi: My Story" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not," . My story is one of tragedy and triumph, setbacks and successes, lessons learned and loved ones cherished. It is woven with that of Israel, which has proven that faith and resolve can overcome insurmountable odds to forge a brilliant future, Netanyahu, 72, said in a statement.



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- **Vistara emerges second largest domestic airline by market share**
Full-service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%. The airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines. The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%).
- **MasterCard tie-up with badminton players to promote digital payments in India**
Mastercard announced that Badminton players Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will come on board as brand ambassadors of the company in India. As winners of the prestigious Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the new ambassadors will partner with Mastercard to spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.
- **Scotland becomes first nation to make period products available to everyone**
Local governments of Scotland are now required by law of Scotland to offer free sanitary products (Period Products) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in Scotland, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill was unanimously approved by MSPs in November 2020. Labour MSP Monica Lennon, who has been working to eradicate period poverty since 2016, introduced the bill.
- **Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote cultural heritage of India**
Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas. The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region.
- **Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi govt to set up country's first night safari in Lucknow**
The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.
- **67th Filmfare Awards 2022 Winner**
Best Film: Shershaah (Dharma Productions)
Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh's (83) as Kapil Dev

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore

- **Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format**

Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.

Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.

- **National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022: 29th August**

The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.

Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

- **HDFC leads credit card market while SBI tops chart in debit card market**

The State Bank of India (SBI), the largest bank in the nation, maintained its leadership position in the debit card market and HDFC Bank in the credit card market as of June 2022.

- Chief Justice of India, **Justice Uday Umesh Lalit** inaugurated NALSA's Centre for Citizen Services at Jaisalmer house in New Delhi.

- The government has decided to rename the historic Rajpath and Central Vista lawns in the national capital as "**Kartavya Path**". Rajpath was known as Kingsway during British Rule.

- Former India cricketer **Suresh Raina** has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. Earlier in 2020, Raina had announced his retirement from international cricket.

- Global advertising and public relations agency **Ogilvy** has named India-born Devika Bulchandani as its Global Chief Executive Officer.

- **King Charles names William and Kate as the Prince and Princess of Wales.**

Britain's King Charles has bestowed the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Kate, passing on the titles that he and his late wife Diana previously held. Charles, who became Prince of Wales in 1958, automatically became king on the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth

- **Torrent Pharma** will acquire skincare company Curatio Health Care for around Rs 2,000 cr.

- Reliance announced the launch of its first fashion & lifestyle departmental store '**Reliance Centro**' in Delhi.

- A smile makeover and wellness brand, **toothsi**, has signed the Indian cricketer, Virat Kohli and his wife, the Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma, as brand ambassadors.
- Tata Motors launched the EV variant of **Tata Tiago** on Sept 28.
- **Assam** has become the 36th State to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.
- **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2022** ranks India at the bottom position among 180 countries.
With a rank of 180 and a score of 18.9, India has fallen from rank 168 and a score of 27.6 in 2020. Denmark tops the list with a score of 77.9.
- **World Ozone Day**, also known as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is observed annually on September 16 to bring attention to the ozone layer and the dangers of ozone depletion.
- India's maiden human space-flight mission **Gaganyaan** is expected to be launched in 2024
- **India** will be the president of the G20 meetings for one year beginning from December 1, 2022, to November 20, 2023.
- **Neeraj Chopra** became the first Indian to win a Diamond League title after winning the Men's Javelin event at the Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 with a best throw of 88.44m.
- **Queen Elizabeth II**, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96. She reigned for 70 years.
The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.
- India's first intranasal Covid vaccine by **Bharat Biotech** received DCGI approval for primary immunization against the infection for people above the age of 18.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit-I of the **Maitres Super Thermal Power Project** following bilateral and delegation level talks in Delhi.
- **Uttarakhand** recently received the first prize in two categories - the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- Indian badminton player **Anupama Upadhyaya** moved two spots to become the new world No. 1 in the latest BWF world junior women's rankings.
Overall, Anupama is the sixth Indian shuttler to top the junior world badminton rankings.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the **Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana** under which 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools.
- **Chandigarh Airport** was renamed Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on his 115th birth anniversary.
- **Indian scientist Samir V Kamat appointed as DRDO Chairman**
According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist Samir V Kamat was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- **Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the UNESCO Peace Prize 2022** for “her efforts to welcome refugees”. In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country’s borders and famously declared to Germans “Wir schaffen das”, “We can do this.”
- **Commonwealth Games 2022**
Location: **Birmingham, England**
Dates: **28 Jul 2022 – 8 Aug 2022**
Australia won the greatest number of medals.
India won total 61 medals (Gold 22, Silver 16 & Bronze 23)
Hockey player Manpreet Singh and badminton athlete P. V. Sindhu served as the country's opening ceremony flag bearers.
Nikhath Zareen and Sharath Achanta served as the country’s closing ceremony flag bearers.
Squash player Anahat Singh became the youngest Indian athlete to compete at the Commonwealth Games at just 14 years of age.
45-year-old Lawn Bowls player Sunil Bahadur was the oldest player in the contingent.
Sharath Kamal was India's most successful player at the Games, having won four (3 gold and 1 silver) medals in table tennis.
- **Pankaj Tripathi** has been made the National Icon of the Election Commission of India.

- The book titled "The Last Heroes" which has been authored by **P Sainath** is scheduled to release on November 21, 2022.
- **Rohit Sharma** has become the first player from India to feature in 400 T20 matches.
- **India** became the largest producer and second-largest exporter of sugar in the world.
- Wrestler, **Antim Panghal** won gold in wrestling in the 2022 National Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared **Modhera**, a village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, as India's first solar-powered village.
Modhera, is also associated with the Sun Temple. According to the Gujarat government, over 1000 solar panels have been installed on village houses, generating electricity for the villagers. They will be provided with solar electricity at zero cost.
- Ace tennis player **Novak Djokovic** won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022 held in Israel. It is regarded as the biggest prize in tennis.
The 35-year-old Serbian beat Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4 in the final to win his first title since Wimbledon in July. He was handed a large three-foot-tall trophy.
- **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.
- Hero MotoCorp launched **Vida V1 Electric Scooter** in India. The Vida V1 Electric Scooter is commenced to be booked for Rs 2,499 in India. The bookings are open for Delhi, Jaipur, and Bengaluru only.
- Indian cricket star **Smriti Mandhana** has signed on as a brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India. India women's vice-captain joins current men's cricket ace Hardik Pandya and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an ambassador for the company.
- **YUVA 2.0 programme:** The Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, known as YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), was launched by the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education on October 2. In order to promote India and Indian literature abroad, it is an author mentoring programme for young and aspiring writers (under 30 years old).
- India has emerged as the largest producer and consumer of **sugar** in the world and the second largest exporter. During the sugar season in India, over 5,000 lakh metric tons (LMT) of sugarcane was produced out of which about 3,574 LMT was crushed by Sugar Mills to produce about 349 LMT of Sugar. 35 LMT of Sugar is diverted to ethanol production and 359

LMT of sugar was produced in sugar mills.

- Election Commission of India (ECI) in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor **Pankaj Tripathi** has been declared as the 'National Icon' of ECI.
- 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 and wind, while the rest 5 per cent from solar power.
- Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader **Ulf Kristersson** as the country's new prime minister. A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him.
- Elon Musk unveils **Optimus robot's prototype**: Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, unveiled a model of the humanoid "Optimus" robot, which uses some of the same Artificial Intelligence (AI) software and sensors as the Autopilot driving assistance system in Tesla vehicles.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** has been elected as the Prime Minister of Israel.
- Edtech major **BYJU'S** has roped in football star Lionel Messi as the first global brand ambassador of its social impact arm, Education for All.
- **India Water Week** is celebrated from 01 November to 05 November 2022. The theme of 7th India Water Week is "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity". The five daylong events will bring together experts, planners and stake holders from across the globe.
- **Satwik Sairaj and Chirag Shetty** won the men's doubles title in the French Open badminton tournament in 2022.
- The 41st International book fair is organised in **Sharjah, UAE**.
- **Ela Bhatt**, who passed away recently, was a renowned social activist. She founded the Self-Employed Women's Association of India in 1972.
- Twenty years after first winning the Brazilian presidency, the leftist **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** defeated incumbent president- Jair Bolsonaro to become the new president of Brazil.
- **Spain** has clinched the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 after defeating Colombia by 1-0 victory in the finals held at the D Y Patil Sports Stadium, Mumbai Maharashtra.

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Some Notable Sports Person & Sports they are associated with

- Neeraj Chopra (**Javelin Throw**)
- Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat (**Wrestling**)
- PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal (**Badminton**)
- Surya Kumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Jaspreet Bumrah, Yuzvendra Chahal, Sanju Samson, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh (**Cricket**)
- Rahi Sarnobat (**Shooting**)
- Amit Panghal (**Boxing**)
- Saurabh Chaudhary (**Shooting**)
- Dutee Chand, Hima das, Muhammad Anas (**Sprinter**)
- PR Sreejesh, Rani Rampal (**Hockey**)
- Bhavani Devi (**Fencing**)
- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (**Chess**)
- Sharath Kamal Achanta, Manika Batra (**Table Tennis**)
- Pooja Patel, Viabhav Srirame (**Yoga**)

Oscar winners 2022 (Academy Awards)

- **Best Picture:** *Code*
- **Best Actress:** Jessica Chastain
- **Best Actor:** Will Smith
- **Best Director:** Jane Campion
- **Best Supporting Actress:** Ariana Debose
- **Best Supporting Actor:** Troy Kotsur
- **Best Animated Feature:** *Encanto*

CEOs/Chairman List 2022

Top banks in India

- SBI Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara
- ICICI CEO & MD: Sandeep Bakhshi
- HDFC CEO & MD: Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Punjab National Bank CMD: SS Mallikarjuna Rao
- Axis bank CEO & MD: Amitabh Chaudhary
- Bank of Baroda MD & CEO: Sanjiv Chadha

Top E-commerce

- Flipkart: Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Snapdeal: Kunal bahl

- Paytm: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- Ola: Bhavish Aggarwal
- Oyo rooms: Ritesh Aggarwal
- Alibaba: Daniel Zhang
- Amazon: Andy Jassy
- Uber: Dara Khosrowshahi

Some other important CEOs/Chairman

- Amul: R.S. Sodhi
- Tata group: Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- Birla group: Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Reliance industries: Mr. Mukesh Ambani
- ITC Ltd: Sanjiv Puri (CEO & MD)
- Wipro: Thierry Delaporte
- Infosys: Salil Parekh (CEO & MD)

Some foreign CEOs

- Apple: Tim cook
- Tesla motors: Elon Musk
- Google: Sunder Pichai
- Microsoft: Satya Nadella
- PepsiCo: Ramon Laguarta
- Facebook: Mark Zuckerberg
- Walmart: C. Douglas McMillan
- LinkedIn: Ryan Roslansky
- Twitter: Parag Agarwal (He is fired by Elon Musk after acquisition of Twitter)

Top global companies' CEOs from India

- Satya Nadella - CEO, Microsoft
- Sundar Pichai- CEO, Google
- Lakshmi Mittal- chairman and CEO, Arcelor Mittal, the world's largest steelmaking company.
- Shantanu Narayen: CEO, Adobe
- Laxman Narasimhan: Starbucks
- Leena Nair: Chanel
- Sanjay Mehrotra: Micron
- Arvind Krishna: IBM

Basic General Knowledge

1 st chief election commissioner of India	Sukumar Sen
1 st vice president of India	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
1 st Chief Justice of India	HJ Kania
1 st Home minister of India	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
1 st Education Minister of India	Abdul Kalam Azad
1 st PM of India who did not face the Parliament	Charan Singh
1 st President of India	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
1 st Law Minister of India	Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar
1 st speaker of Lok Sabha	GV Mavalankar
1 st woman to become President of India	Pratibha Patil
1 st woman Prime Minister	Indira Gandhi
1 st woman foreign Minister of India	Sushma Swaraj
1 st woman Governor of a state in free India	Sarojini Naidu
1 st woman to become speaker of Lok Sabha	Meira Kumar
1 st woman CM of an Indian State	Mrs Sucheta Kripalani
1 st woman Chief Justice of High Court	Mrs Leela Seth
1 st woman Judge in Supreme Court of India	Justice M. Fathima Beevi

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Awards & Honours 2022

- French Government's highest civilian award "**Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**" was presented to Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor**. This honour is being conferred to him, because he delivered speech in French in 2021.
- **The 2022 Templeton Prize** was awarded to **Frank Wilczek**, a theoretical physicist who had won the Nobel Prize, author, and professor at the Arizona State University. His works on nature's fundamental laws have transformed the understanding of the forces that govern the universe. He has become the 6th Nobel laureate who has received the Templeton.
- Highest civilian honour of Ladakh "**dPal rNgam Duston**" was recently conferred to Tibetan spiritual leader **Dalai Lama**. He was honoured for his contribution towards humanity.
- **National Film Awards 2022 Winner List:**
 - Best Actor Award was shared by actors Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgan for Tanhaji.
 - Best Actress award was given to Aparna Balamurali for Soorai Potru.
 - Best Director award given to Sachidanandan KR for Ayyappanum Koshiyum
 - Best Feature Film award in Hindi won by Toolsidas Junior.
 - Madhya Pradesh won the award for 'Most Film Friendly State'. On the other hand, Uttarakhand (Certificate) and Uttar Pradesh (Certificate) received Special Mention.
- John F Kennedy Profile in courage award 2022: **Volodymyr Zelensky** (President of Ukraine)
- Indian writer **Geetanjali Shree** along with American translator **Daisy Rockwell** has won the 2022 **International Booker Prize** for the book titled "**Tomb of Sand**." This book has been originally written in Hindi and is the first book in any Indian language to have won this high-profile award. This award recognizes fiction from across the world that has been translated into the English language. This award carries prize money of 50,000-pound (\$63,000) which will be split between Rockwell and Shree.
- 1st Lata Mangeskar Award 2022: **PM Narendra Modi**
- Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021: **Aarefa Johari**
- Prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021: **Prof Ramdarash Mishra**
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021: **Falguni Nayar**
- Global 'Celent Model Bank' Award for its Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH) initiative: **IndusInd Bank**

- UN 'Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement award': **Sir David Attenborough**
- 'Asian Bank of the Year' at IFR Asia Awards 2021: **Axis Bank**
- Miss World 2021: **Poland's Karolina Bielawska**
- First African to win Pritzker Prize 2022: **Francis Kéré**
- Abel Prize for the year 2022: **American mathematician Dennis P. Sullivan**
- 1st para-athlete to receive Padma Bhushan: **Devendra Jhajharia** (an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower competing in F46 events)
- Governor of the year award 2022: **Mario Marcel** (the Governor of the Central Bank of Chile)
- Stockholm Water Prize 2022: **Prof Wilfried Brutsaert**
- 'BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year' award 2021: **Mirabai Chanu**
- World Games Athlete of the Year award for 2021: **PR Sreejesh (India's Hockey Player)**
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021: **Daryl Mitchell (Cricketer of New Zealand)**
- 2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award: **Neeraj Chopra**
- 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award at the 'Energy Meet and Excellence Award': **Coal India**
- TX2 award for doubling the population of wild tigers: **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu)**

Mergers & Acquisitions 2022

- **Elon Musk** acquired **Twitter** for 44 US Billion dollars.
- **HCL Group** has acquired a majority stake in ed-tech platform **GUVI**.
- **Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd** has agreed to acquire Sequoia-backed skincare product manufacturer **Curatio Healthcare (I) Pvt. Ltd** for Rs2,000 crore.
- Domino's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, and Popeyes franchiser, **Jubilant Foodworks** completed the acquisition of a 29.42% stake in **Roadcast Tech Solutions**.

- **Gautam Adani's Group** has completed the acquisition of major Indian cement players, **Ambuja Cements and ACC**. The Group has now become the second largest cement player in the country.
- **Reliance Petroleum Retail Limited** (under name change to 'Reliance Polyester Limited'), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, executed definitive documents to acquire polyester business of **Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Limited**.
- **Reliance Industries** has signed definitive agreements to acquire a majority stake in solar software startup **SenseHawk Inc** for a total transaction value of \$32 million (Rs255 crore).
- **Gautam Adani** signalled serious intent for a play in India's media and entertainment industry as his companies acquired a 29% stake in broadcaster **NDTV Ltd** and launched an open offer to acquire an additional 26% from shareholders.
- **Adani Power Ltd** has agreed to acquire **DB Power** in a cash transaction at an enterprise value of Rs 7,017 crore as India's largest private thermal power producer seeks to expand its capacity.
- Packaged foods and Beverages Company **Nestle India** announced the acquisition of pet food business **Purina Petcare India** for an estimated Rs125.3 crore.
- **Infosys Ltd** signed a definitive agreement to acquire Denmark-based **BASE life science**, a leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry.
- **Tata Steel Long Products Ltd** has completed the acquisition of state-owned **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd** for Rs. 12,100 crore.
- Food delivery platform **Zomato** has agreed to acquire instant grocery startup **Blinkit** for ₹4,447 crore (\$569 million) in an all-stock deal, as it seeks to exploit a fast-growing market for quick grocery delivery.
- The government approved the sale of its 51% stake in **Pawan Hans Ltd** to **Star9 Mobility Pvt. Ltd** for Rs211.14 crore, completing the divestment process of its shareholding in the helicopter operator.
- **TripMoney**, MakeMyTrip's fintech arm, has bought a majority stake in online foreign exchange services provider **BookMyForex**. The investment has multiple benefits, including the ability to discover best available exchange rates.
- **Citigroup Inc** announced that it would sell its Indian consumer businesses to **Axis Bank** for \$1.6 billion, as the US bank exits retail operations in 13 markets. The transaction includes the sale of the consumer banking businesses of Citibank India.

- SoftBank-backed ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd, which operates cab ride-hailing aggregator platform **Ola Cabs**, has agreed to buy neobanking platform **Avail Finance** that provides financial services to the blue collared workforce.
- Kolkata-based **Emami** Ltd has acquired the **Dermicool** brand from Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (India) Pvt. Ltd for a total consideration of Rs432 crore, excluding tax and duties.
- **Reliance Retail** Ventures Ltd (RRVL) said it has acquired an 89% stake for RS 950 crore in **Purple Panda** Fashions Pvt. Ltd, which owns women innerwear and lounge wear brand Clovia.
- **Wego**, the leading online travel marketplace in the MENA (Middle-East and North African) region announced that it has signed a definitive agreement with the India's e-commerce platform Flipkart to acquire **Cleartrip's Middle East business**.
- **The Tata Group**, which placed the highest bid of Rs 18,000 crore in the **Air India** disinvestment, took over the airline from the government on January 27.

Brand Ambassadors 2022

- **Lionel Messi** has been appointed Brand Ambassador of Byju's for social initiatives.
- Bollywood's most-popular actress Deepika Padukone has become a global brand ambassador for **Louis Vuitton and Cartier**.
- Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has announced **Rohit Sharma, sports icon and captain of men's Indian Cricket team, and his wife Ritika Sajdeh**, as its brand ambassadors.
- Badminton players **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** will come on board as brand ambassadors of MasterCard in India.
- **The Moms Co.**, a personal care D2C brand, has roped in actor Sonam A Kapoor as brand ambassador for its skincare and baby care range.
- Kartik Aaryan has been appointed as the brand ambassador for **Nestle's Munch Max, the chocolate wafer bar**.
- Virat Kohli signed a deal with **Fire-Boltt**, an Indian wearables brand, signing on as a brand ambassador.
- Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli have been on boarded as the brand ambassadors of **Toothsi**. **Toothsi** has signed on actor-cricketer couple Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli as brand ambassadors to promote and encourage the adoption of new-age teeth straightening

clear aligners.

- **Coca-Cola India** has roped in Shah Rukh Khan as the new brand ambassador for Thums Up, kickstarting what seems to be an aggressive marketing campaign strategy, for summer season.
- UAE healthcare firm **Burjeel Holdings** appoints *Shah Rukh Khan* as *brand ambassador*.
- **PharmEasy** appoints Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador.
- **RenewBuy**, an online insurance platform, has appointed Rajkummar Rao as the brand ambassador for its 1st 360-degree consumer advertising campaign that highlights consumers' insurance needs.
- **Election Commission of India (ECI)** in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the '**National Icon**' of ECI.
- **Exxaro**, a manufacturer of vitrified tiles in *India*, has announced the appointment of actor *Ajay Devgn* as its *brand ambassador*.
- Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for Petroluem Brand **GoGas**.
- RRR actor **Ram Charan** dons new role as brand ambassador of **Hero MotoCorp**.
- **BharatAgri** appoints Nawazuddin Siddiqui as brand ambassador for the Smart Farming mobile app.
- **Games24x7** announced Hrithik Roshan as the brand ambassador for India's largest online skill gaming platform, **RummyCircle**.
- **Bata India Limited** has appointed Bollywood actress, Disha Patani as its Brand Ambassador.
- **Beauty brand Biotique** has named Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan as the brand ambassador for their facial skincare range.

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Taglines of some important companies

Foreign Companies

- Everyone's private driver: Uber
- Moving Forward: Toyota
- The world's local bank: HSBC
- Always low prices. Always: Walmart
- Ideas for life: Panasonic
- It's everywhere you want to be: VISA
- Eat fresh: Subway
- All the news that's fit to print.: The New York Times
- Just do it: Nike
- Your potential. Our passion: Microsoft
- Because I'm worth it: L'Oreal
- Don't dream it. Drive it.: Jaguar
- The power of dreams.: Honda
- The most trusted name in news.: CNN
- Think different.: Apple
- Das auto: Volkswagen (Volkswagen dropped this tagline)
- Good food, Good Life: Nestle
- Impossible is nothing: Adidas
- Get there: Uber
- Life is good: LG
- to fly to serve: British Airways
- The ultimate driving machine: BMW
- Taking you forward: Eriksson
- The best a man can get: Gillette

Indian Companies

- Zomato: Never have a bad meal
- Britannia: Eat healthy, Think better
- Amul: The taste of India
- Thumbs Up: Taste the Thunder
- Surf excel: Daag Acche hain
- Asian Paints: Har Ghar Kuchch Kahta hai

- Ola: Chalo Niklo
- Raymond's: The Complete Man
- Dairy Milk: Kuch meetha ho jaye
- Polo: The mint with a hole
- MRF: Tyres with Muscle
- Airtel: Express Yourself
- Tata Sky: Isko laga dala to life zingalala
- LIC: Zindagi ke Saath bhi, Zindagi ke bad bhi
- Chlormint: Dobra mat poochna
- Tata Salt: Desh ka namak
- Big Bazaar: naye India ka bazaar
- The Indian express: Journalism of Courage
- Videocon: The Indian Multinational
- Mentos: Dimag ki batti jala de
- Kit Kat: Have a break, have a kit kat
- ICICI Bank: Khayal Aapka
- Alpenlibe: Jee lalchaye, raha na jaye
- HDFC Std Life: Jiyo sar utha ke
- Reliance Industries: Growth is life
- Bank of Baroda: India's international Bank
- DHFL Home Loan: Ghar Jaisa Loan
- Flipkart: Ab har wish poori hogi
- Akasa Airways: inspired by the sky

Important Days in the year

- National Youth Day: 12th January
- International Custom Day: 26th January
- National Science Day: 28th February
- International Women's day: 8th March
- World Health Day: 7th April
- World No Tobacco Day: 31st May
- World Environment Day: 5th June
- International Yoga Day: 21st June
- World Population Day: 11th July
- World Youth Skill Day: 15th July
- International Youth Day: 12th August

- National Sports Day: 29th August
- World Tourism Day: 27th September
- World AIDS Day: 1st December
- Human Rights Day: 10th December

Important World Organizations & Head Quarters

- **World Bank:** Washington DC, USA
- **International Monetary Fund [IMF]:** Washington DC, USA
- **World Health Organization [WHO]:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **World Trade Organization [WTO]:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **International Labour Organization [ILO]:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):** Geneva, Switzerland
- **New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank):** Shanghai, China
- **Asian Development Bank:** Manila, Philippines
- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):** New York, USA
- **United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA):** New York, USA
- **United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO):** Paris, France
- **International Atomic Agency:** Vienna, Austria
- **Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC):** Vienna, Austria
- **Amnesty International:** London, UK
- **International Maritime Organisation:** London, UK
- **Commonwealth of Nations:** London, UK
- **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC):** Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Association of South East Nations (ASEAN):** Jakarta, Indonesia
- **Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO):** Rome, Italy
- **International Court of Justice:** The Hague, the Netherland
- **International Solar alliance:** Gurugram, India

Car companies and their native countries

- Toyota: Japan
- Volkswagen: Germany
- General motors: USA
- Ford: USA
- Maruti, Tata motors: India
- Hyundai: South Korea
- Honda: Japan
- Fiat Chrysler: Italy
- Nissan: Japan
- BMW: Germany
- Kia Motors: South Korea

Important Static GK Bullet Points

- Supreme Court judge retires at 65 of age while high court judge retires at 62 years of age.
- Chief justice of India gives oath to President of India.
Chief justice of High court gives oath to Governor.
- The state which has the highest no. Of Representatives in both the houses: **UP**
- Which high court has the largest jurisdiction in term of number of states: **Guwahati high Court**.
Total high courts in our country are 25.
- Minimum age of President and vice-president is 35 years.
- Minimum age of PM: Complete **25 years** of age if he is a member of the Lok Sabha or **30 years** if he is a member of the Rajya Sabha
- Largest land locked country: **Kazakhstan**
- **Africa** has the greatest number of countries among all continents.
- **Canada** has the largest coastline among all the countries in the World.
- **Deccan Plateau** is the largest plateau of India and the **Ladakh plateau** is the highest plateau of India.
- **Andaman** is the largest island of India and **Majuli** is the largest river island of world located in Assam, India.
- The world's largest delta, (in West Bengal) **Sundarbans**, is made by Brahmaputra and Ganga.
- **Aravalli's** is the oldest mountain ranges of the India.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has the largest Forest cover in India among all other states.
- **Gujarat** has the longest coastline among all the states in India.
- **Bangladesh** shares maximum boundary with India.
- **Rajasthan** is the largest state of India. **UP** is the most populous state of India.

- First Indian movie submitted for Oscar- **Mother India**
- First Indian to win Oscar - **Bhanu Athaiya**
she got the coveted award for costume design for the Richard Attenborough directed film Gandhi.

Indian Cities and Industries they are famous for

- Bharuch (Gujarat): Petroleum, Petrochemicals
- Surat (Gujarat): Textiles, Diamond
- Rourkela (Orissa): Steel and Fertilizer
- Sivakasi (Tamil Nadu): Safety Matches, Fireworks
- Dibrugarh (Assam): Tea industries
- Bokaro Steel City (Jharkhand): Steel and Coal
- Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh): Auto Parts
- Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh): Glass and bangle works
- Panna (Madhya Pradesh): Diamond Mines
- Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh): Hand-loom
- Bhagalpur (Bihar): Silks

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List of Cabinet Ministers of India

Sr. No	Cabinet minister	Ministry
1	Narendra Modi	Prime Minister, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space, All important policy issues, All other unallocated portfolios.
2	Rajnath Singh	Minister of Defence
3	Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation.
4	Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways
5	Narayan Tatu Rane	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
6	Kiren Rijju	Ministry of Law and Justice
7	Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs.
8	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
9	Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
10	Giriraj Singh	Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
11	Dharmendra Pradhan	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
12	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Ministry of Civil Aviation
13	Raj Kumar Singh	Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
14	Hardeep Singh Puri	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
15	Bhupender Yadav	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ministry of Labour and Employment
16	G. Kishan Reddy	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
17	Ashwini Vaishnav	Ministry of Railways Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology.

18	Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Minister of Food Processing Industries.
19	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.
20	Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.
21	Sarbanada Sonowal	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of AYUSH
22	Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs.
23	Smriti Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development Minister of Minority Affairs.
24	Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Ministry of Chemical Fertilizers.
25	Anurag Singh Thakur	Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
26	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
27	Ramchandra Prasad	Minister of Steel
28	Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines.
29	Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey	Ministry of Heavy Industries.
30	Arvind Ganpat Sawant	Minister of Public Enterprise
31	Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
32	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti

Important appointments

Important CMs

- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu: **M. K. Stalin**
- Chief minister of Chhattisgarh: **Bhupesh Baghel**
- Chief Minister of Tripura: **Manik Saha**
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Chief Minister of Assam: **Himanta Biswa Sarma**
- Chief Minister of Sikkim: **Prem Singh Tamang**
- Chief Minister of MP: **Shivraj Singh Chauhan**

- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: **Eknath Shinde**
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: **Pushkar Singh Dhami**
- Chief Minister of Punjab: **Bhagwant Mann**

Important Governors

- Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir: **Manoj Sinha**
- Governor of MP: **Mangubhai C. Patel**
- Governor of Haryana: **Bandaru Dattatreya**
- Governor of Goa: **P. S. Sreedharan Pillai**
- Governor of UP: **Anandiben Patel**
- Governor of Uttarakhand: **Gurmit Singh**
- Governor of Tamil Nadu: **R. N. Ravi**
- Lt. Governor of Ladakh: **Radha Krishan Mathura**

Other Important Appointments

- 15th Finance Commission Chairman: **N K Singh**
- Finance secretary of India: **T. V. Somanathan**
- Home Secretary of India: **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**
- SEBI Chairman: **Madhabi Puri Beach**
- IRDAI Chairman: **Debasish Panda**
- **National Stock Exchange**: Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan (MD & CEO)
- Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC): **Vivek Johri**
- Chief Justice of India: **Justice Chandrachud**
- Chairman of DRDO: **Dr Samir V Kamat**
- Chairman of ISRO: **K Sivan**
- Chairman of Lokpal: **Pinaki Chandra Ghose**
- Lok Sabha Speaker: **OM Birla**
- President of India: **Droupadi Murmu**
- Vice-President of India: **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

International appointments

- Prime Minister of Britain: **Rishi Shunak**
- Prime Minister of Japan: **Fumio Kishida**
- President of USA: **Joe Biden**
- President of South Korea: **Yoon Suk-yeol**
- President of Venezuela: **Nicolas Maduro**
- President of France: **Emmanuel Macron**
- President of Syria: **Bashar al asad**
- President of Sri Lanka: **Ranil Wickremesinghe**
- Prime Minister of Israel: **Benjamin Netanyahu**

India's rank in Different Indices 2022

- **Global Hunger Index 2021-22**
India's rank: 101st
- **Global Peace Index 2021-22**
India's rank: 135th (Iceland tops)
- **World Happiness Index 2022**
India's rank: 136th
- **Global Innovation Index 2022**
Released by World Intellectual Property Organisation
India's rank: 40th
- **World Press Freedom Index 2022**
India's rank: 150th
- **2022 Index of Economic Freedom**
India's rank: 131st
- **Gender Inequality Index 2022**
India's rank: 135th
- **Henley Passport Index 2022**
India's rank: 83rd
- **Environmental Performance Index 2022**
India's rank: 180th
- **Human Development Index 2022**
India's rank: 132nd
- **World Competitiveness Index 2022**
India's rank: 37th
- **Travel and Tourism Development Index 2022**
India's rank: 54th

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Classical dance of India

The classical dance forms recognised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi and the Ministry of Culture are:

- Bharatanatyam, from Tamil Nadu.
- Kathak, from Uttar Pradesh.
- Kathakali, from Kerala.
- Kuchipudi, from Andhra Pradesh.
- Odissi, from Odisha.
- Sattriya, from Assam.
- Manipuri, from Manipur.
- Mohiniyattam, from Kerala

Important National Parks and their locations

- Jim Corbett National Park: Uttarakhand
- Keibul Lamjao National Park: Manipur
- Hemis National Park: Ladakh
- Sundarbans National Park: West Bengal
- Nanda Devi National Park: Uttarakhand
- Dudhwa National Park: UP
- Khangchendzonga National Park: Sikkim
- Keoladeo Ghana National Park: Rajasthan
- Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru) National Park: Maharashtra
- Panna National Park: MP
- Kanha National Park: MP
- Periyar National Park: Kerala
- Bandipur National Park: Karnataka
- Kaziranga National Park: Assam
- Kuno National Park: Madhya Pradesh

Important dams and their locations

- Indira Sagar Dam: Narmada River, Madhya Pradesh
- Mettur Dam: Cauvery River, Tamil Nadu.
- Koyna Dam: Koyna River, Maharashtra.
- Maithon Dam: Barakar river, Jharkhand.
- Rihand Dam: Rihand River, Uttar Pradesh.
- Tungabhadra Dam: Tungabhadra River, Karnataka.
- Krishna Raja Sagar dam: Cauvery river, Karnataka
- Hirakund Dam: Mahanadi River, Odisha

Books and Authors 2022

- The McMahon line: A century of discord: - **Gen JJ Singh (Retd)**
Note: General J. J. Singh examines the evolution of the boundary and the nuances of British India's Tibet policy from the eighteenth century through to India's Independence.
- Listen to Your heart; The London Adventure: **Ruskin Bond**
- "Leaders, Politicians, Citizens": **Rasheed Kidwai**
- 'The India Story': **Bimal Jalan**
- Pride, Prejudice and Punditry: **Shashi Tharoor**
- 'The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one's life': **Former Indian Army Captain, Deepam Chatterjee**
- 'Not Just a Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI': **Former CAG Vinod Rai**
- 'Role of Labour in India's Development': **Labour Minister Bhupendra Yadav**
- "Tomb of Sand": **Geetanjali Shree**
Note: Tomb of Sand, written by Geetanjali Shree and translated by Daisy Rockwell, has won the 2022 International *Booker Prize* for Translated Fiction.
- 'The Little Book of Joy': **Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu**
- How to Prevent the Next Pandemic: **Bill Gates**
- Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War: **Samuel Moyn**
- Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work, and Leadership: **Arundhati Bhattacharya**
- A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence: **Ruskin Bond**
- The \$10 Trillion Dream: **Subhash Chandra Garg**
- Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water and How We Can Save It: **Mridula Ramesh**
- **Shashi Tharoor**, announced to write a biography of BR Ambedkar. The Book will provide insights into the legendary leader's life and times. The book will be known as: "**Ambedkar: A Life**".

- Indian Revenue Service (IRS) Joint Commissioner GST, Custom & Narcotics and youth influencer, **Sahil Seth** launched his book titled '**A confused Mind story**'.

Nobel Prize 2022

Field	Winners	Contribution
Medicine	Svante Paabo	for his research in the field of genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution.
Chemistry	Carolyn R. Bertozzi	into the era of functionalism and laid the foundations of click chemistry.
	Morten Meldal	
	K. Barry Sharpless	
Physics	John F. Clauser	in the field of quantum mechanics
	Alain Aspect	
	Anton Zeilinger	
Peace	Ales Bialiatski	Belarusian human rights activist Ales Byalyatski, Russian human rights organisation Memorial and Ukrainian human rights organisation Center for Civil Liberties won the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize
	Russia's Memorial	
	Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties	
Literature	Annie Ernaux	for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory
Economics	Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond, Philip H. Dybvig	for research on banks and financial crises

Tennis Grand Slams 2022 Winners

Men's Singles Winners

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
2022	French Open	Rafael Nadal	Casper Ruud
2022	U.S. Open	Carlos Alcaraz	Casper Ruud
2022	Australian Open	Rafael Nadal	Daniil Medvedev
2022	Wimbledon	Novak Djokovic	Nick Kyrgios

Women's Singles Winners

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
2022	French Open	Iga Świątek	Coco Gauff
2022	U.S. Open	Iga Swiatek	Ons Jabeur
2022	Australian Open	Ashleigh Barty	Danielle Collins
2022	Wimbledon	Elena Rybakina	Ons Jabeur



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