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Chapter 5

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

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.
- 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 Mangeshkar 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)**

National Film Awards 2022 Winners List

- Best Actor Award was shared by actors Suriya for Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgan for Tanhaji.
- Best Actress award was given to Aparna Balamurali for Soorarai Pottru.
- 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.

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.