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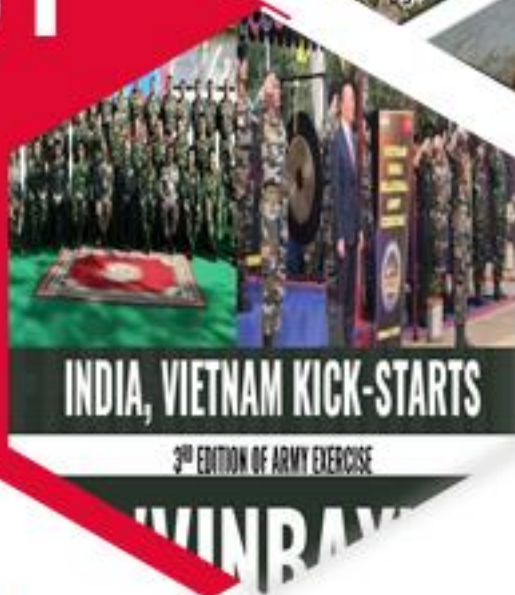
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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

## CABINET APPROVALS

### Union Cabinet Approval On August 17, 2022

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the following proposals:

- i. Widening Access of the **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)** Database to Users, Besides Patent Offices.
    - ✓ The Department of **Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy (ISM&H)**, which is now the Ministry of **AYUSH**, and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) jointly established the **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)**, a prior art database of Indian traditional knowledge (TK), in 2001.
  - ii. Contract Between **India and France to Support ITF Activities On the Indian Transport Sector**.
  - iii. Enhancement in The Corpus of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for Increasing the Limit of Admissible Guarantees.
    - ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a proposal to increase the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** limit by **Rs. 50,000 crore**, from **Rs. 4.5 lakh crore** to **Rs. 5 lakh crore**.
  - iv. Interest Subvention of **1.5% Per Annum On Short Term Agriculture Loan Upto Rs. 3 Lakh**
- The TKDL database would be accessible via a paid subscription model, with national and international users being granted access in stages.

The government of India introduced Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS), now named **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)**, to provide short-term credit to farmers at subsidized interest rates. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Union Cabinet Approves Sugarcane FRP for 2022-23 & India's Updated NDC to UNFCCC

The Union **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** chaired by PM approved the **Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)** of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October-September) at **Rs. 305/qrtl** (quintal) for a basic recovery rate of **10.25%**.

- ✓ The FRP, or Fair and Remunerative Price, is the government-mandated price that mills must pay to farmers for sugarcane procured from them.

Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi, has approved India's **updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** to be communicated to the United **Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**.

The "**Panchamrit**," which was unveiled at **26th session** of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, in 2021, is translated into enhanced climate targets in India's updated NDC. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Cabinet Approves Continuation of PMAY-U up to Dec 31st, 2024; Indo-Australia Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty Also Approved

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) of India **Narendra Modi** approved the proposal of the Ministry of **Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** for the continuation of 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) – Housing for All' up to **December 31st 2024**.

- ✓ **PMAY-U**, a **flagship** program of the Government of India implemented by MoHUA, was launched in **2015** to provide all-weather pucca houses to all eligible beneficiaries in the urban areas of the country through States/UTs/Central Nodal Agencies. It was launched with the aim to achieve housing for all by 2022.



The Union Cabinet also approved the signing of 'Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty' between India and Australia to promote co-production of films.

As per the treaty, the respective contributions of the producers of India and Australia may vary from **20% to 80% of the** final total cost of co-production work. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **Cabinet approves Amendment to Export Policy for Wheat or Meslin Flour; Amends the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the proposal for amendment of the policy of exemption for **Wheat or Meslin Flour** (Harmonized System (HS) Code 1101) from export restrictions/ ban.

- ✓ **Russia & Ukraine are the major exporters of wheat accounting for around 1/4th of the global wheat trade. The war between them led to the global wheat supply chain disruptions increasing demand for Indian wheat. As a result, the price of wheat in the domestic market showed an increase.**
- ✓ After this, the Central Government took a decision to put a prohibition on export of wheat in May 2022 for the food security of **1.4 billion** people of India.

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution exempted the garment or hosiery industry selling garment or hosiery items in loose or open by amending the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 with **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022.** [Click here to read more.](#)

## **PARLIAMENT NEWS**

### **Government Withdraws Data Protection Bill 2021: Drafts New Data Bill**

The **Data Protection Bill, 2021**, has been withdrawn from the Lok Sabha by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications & Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

- ✓ The bill was **first proposed in 2017** following the Justice Puttaswamy Privacy Judgement, was drafted by a committee headed by retired Supreme Court Justice **BN Srikrishna** and **was tabled in 2019 (Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019).**

Since non-personal data is included in its purview, the bill's title was also modified to the **Data Protection Bill (2021).**

### **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 Amended for Ease of Doing Business**

The Government of India (GoI) has amended the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 for ease of doing business and reducing the compliance burden for the electronic industries.

Through the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), (Second Amendment) Rules 2022, the Department of Consumer Affairs under **the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution** has allowed the electronic products to declare certain mandatory declarations through the QR (quick response) Code for a period of 1 year, if not declared in the package itself.

## **STATEWISE NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Andhra Pradesh**

#### **Andhra Pradesh Renames Newly Created Konaseema District**

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy approved the renaming of **Konaseema** as **Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema district** that was carved out of the **East Godavari** district in the **1st week of April 2022.**

- ✓ It was one of the **13 districts** created on April 4 2022, taking the total number of districts in the state to **26.**
- ✓ The cabinet has also given approval to disburse Rs **6,594.60 crore** under the **Jagananna Amma Vodi scheme** on 27th June 2022.

**AP: Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan; Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS) – Kaundinya WLS, Penusila Narasimhaswamy WLS, Kambalakonda WLS.**

## **Arunachal Pradesh**

### **Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet approved naming Hollongi Greenfield Airport as Donyi Polo**

#### **Airport, Itanagar**

The Cabinet of **Arunachal Pradesh (AR)** approved the naming of the under-construction Greenfield Airport as “**Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar**”. The Airport will start operations on August 15, 2022.

- ✓ It will showcase the people's age-old indigenous reverence on the **Sun** (Donyi) and the **Moon** (Polo).

Currently, there is no airport in the vicinity of Itanagar, the closest one being **Lilabari airport in Assam's North Lakhimpur district**. **AR: CM -Pema Khandu; Airport-** Tezu Airport, Itanagar Airport.

## **Assam**

### **Assam CM launches 'Mission Bhumi Putra' for digital issuance of caste certificates for students**

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma launched ‘**Mission Bhumi Putra**’ a digital way to issue digitized caste certificates to students. The mission is implemented by the Departments of Tribal Affairs (Plain) and Department of **Social Justice & Empowerment**, Government of Assam.

- ✓ The mission will help in delivering easy public service to the general public of Assam. The manual system of issuing caste certificates will be ceased.
- ✓ The certificates will be available in the digi locker under the IT Act digitally signed by the respective Deputy Commissioners (DC).

**Assam: Governor –Jagdish Mukhi; Dam–** Karbi Langpi Dam, Umrong Dam

## **Delhi**

### **Delhi LG Launches NDMC's 'One Road-One Week' Initiative**

Delhi Lieutenant Governor **Vinai Kumar Saxena** has launched the ‘**One Road-One Week**’ initiative of the **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)** from Tilak Marg and Bhagwan Das road under NDMC.

- ✓ Under this initiative, the NDMC will undertake repair and maintenance work along footpaths, pavements and central verges.

### **Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launches mission to make 'India No. 1'**

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal launched “**Make India No1 Mission**” and he also urged all citizens and political parties to join it. The mission aims to make India the number one country in the world.

- ✓ **He also unveiled his 5-point vision** – providing free education and healthcare to citizens, employment to youths, equal rights and dignity to women and fair price to farmers for their produce – **which would make India a superpower.**

## **Jammu and Kashmir**

### **J&K: LG Manoj Sinha Inaugurates "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of AAI**

Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Manoj Sinha inaugurated “**UMEED Market Place**” under **AVSAR** (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region) **Scheme** of Airport Authority of India (AAI) at **Srinagar International airport**.

- ✓ The AVSAR scheme conceptualized by the Airports Authority of India in 2022 to allocate space to Self Help Groups (SHGs) at its airports for selling/showcasing the self-made products of their region.

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#### Karnataka

#### **Karnataka: Minister Adopts Cows under Punyakoti Dattu Yojana; UWBe Signs Pact with WCD to Improve Quality of Anganwadis**

Karnataka Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Bhamla Chavan had adopted **31 cows** in the government and private goshalas (cow shelters) with one from each district under **Punyakoti Dattu Yojana (cow adoption) Portal**.

✓ Karnataka became the **first state** in the country to implement the **Punyakoti Adoption Scheme**. **United Way Bengaluru (UWBe)**, a Non-Governmental Organisation (**NGO**) which is focused on social issues signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **the Women and Child Development (WCD)**, department under Government of Karnataka for strengthening Anganwadi centres.

#### **Karnataka CM Bommai extended Vidyanidhi Scheme for Agricultural Labourers Kids**

Chief Minister(CM) of Karnataka, **Basavaraj Bommai** announced the decision taken in the State Cabinet meeting to extend the '**Vidyanidhi**' scheme to the agricultural labourers' children in Ranebennur, Haveri, Karnataka.

✓ **Vidyanidhi Scheme**, an educational loan facility was offered by the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to enable the student to pay a refundable deposit.  
Vidyanidhi Scheme is also known as '**Raita Vidya Nidhi**'.

#### Kerala

#### **Kerala Govt to Launches Online Cab Service "Kerala Savari"**

The government of Kerala is set to launch "**Kerala Savari**", the government's own **e-taxi service**, an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service. This is the **first** such initiative by any state government in India.

“Kerala Savari” is an initiative of the **Kerala Motor Transport Workers Welfare Fund (KMTWWF)** Board under the Labour Department. Indian Telephone Industries, Palakkad a public sector organization, provides technical assistance for the project.

## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra's First 'Divyang Park' Inaugurated in Nagpur by MoSJE

The Ministry of **Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)** inaugurated Maharashtra's first '**Divyang Park**' for Divyangjan under the Assistance to Disabled Persons (**ADIP**) scheme of MoSJE, Government of India (**GoI**), in Reshimbagh Ground in **Nagpur**, Maharashtra.

The scheme has been implemented in association with **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)**, by Nagpur municipal corporation.

## Meghalaya

### Meghalaya to Host 2nd North East Olympic Games 2022; IIT Guwahati Partners with AICTE to Provide Solutions to North-East India

**Meghalaya** will host the **2nd edition** of the **North East Olympics 2022** in **Shillong**, from October 30, 2022, to November 06, 2022.

- ✓ This edition has taken on a special significance as 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of Meghalaya becoming a state. The state of Meghalaya was established on January 21, 1972, with Shillong as its capital.
- ✓ In 2018, **Manipur** hosted the first edition of **North East Olympics Games**, which featured 12 disciplines.

**MoU b/w: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, Assam & All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**

**Purpose:** to provide solutions to problems of accessing water, electricity and internet for the AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in North-East India.

The first-of-its-kind project was launched under the '**Grant for Augmenting Infrastructure in the North Eastern Region**,' which provides assistance to improve the functional efficiency of technical institutions in remote areas. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Puducherry

### Puducherry CM presents Rs 10,696cr Budget for 2022-23

The **Chief Minister (CM) of Puducherry, N. Rangasamy**, who also holds finance portfolio of the Union Territory (UT) presented **Rs 10,696.61 crore tax-free budget** of the UT for FY22-23 in his 75-minute address in the Legislative Assembly.

- ✓ Revenue Receipts are estimated at Rs 6,557.23 crore
- ✓ Central Government assistance will be Rs 1,729.77 crore with an additional Rs 500 crore under centrally sponsored schemes and Rs 20 crore from the central road fund.
- ✓ The total outstanding debt of the UT is Rs 9,859.2 crore as on March 31, 2022.
- ✓ **Expenditure:** The allocation of expenditure is proposed to be Rs 8,675.65 crore under the Revenue head and Rs 2020.96 crore under the capital head.

**Puducherry:** Lieutenant Governor – Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan; **Capital**– Puducherry; **Airport**– Puducherry Airport (PNY). [Click here to read more](#)



## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu CM Launches Initiatives for Startups

Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu, Muthuvel Karunanidhi (M.K.) Stalin launched three Startup Tamil Nadu Regional Hubs in Madurai, Tirunelveli and Erode to enhance the reach of initiatives of the government to tier-II and tier-III regions. The initiatives were launched in the Tamil Nadu Startups and Incubators Meet – 2022.

- ✓ He also rolled out the StartupTN Accelerator initiative designed to boost the growth of startups through upskilling, mentoring and access to the right resources.
- ✓ The CM also launched five accelerator programmes in Industry 4.0 besides the i-TNT (Tamil Nadu Technology) Hub, which is India's first emerging DeepTech Innovation Network, coming up in Anna University, Kotturpuram, Chennai.

TN: **Governor**- Ravindra Narayana Ravi; **Dance**- Ottan Koothu, Poikkal Kuthirai Aattam or Koothu

### Tamil Nadu Launches Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022; Signs Five MoUs Worth Rs. 2,250 Crore

Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) M.K. Stalin launched the **Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022** of TN at the **Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Sector Conclave 2022** with the aim of making the state a preferred destination for the manufacturing of footwear and leather goods in Asia. It was organized by Guidance Tamil Nadu, a TN government investment promotion agency.

- ✓ TN is a national and global footwear industry leader, which accounts for 48% of India's exports and 26% of the country's footwear production. TN is the second largest economy in India.
- ✓ TN's significant centres for the production of leather and leather items include: Ambur, Ranipet, Vaniyambadi, Vellore, Peranampattu, Tiruchirappalli, Dindigul, Erode, and Chennai.
- ✓ The TN government signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with five companies for a total investment of Rs. 2,250 crore, with the goal of creating 37,450 jobs.
- ✓ The 5 companies are: Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited (KICL), KICL SEMS Group, KICL (footwear cluster), Wagon India Private Limited, and Walkaroo International Private Limited. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Uttar Pradesh

### UP Government Intends to Boost Farmers' Income Through Panchamrut Yojana

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government is set to launch the **Panchamrut Yojana**, with the goal of doubling farmers' income through the implementation of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of co-cropping methods.

- ✓ It will minimize sugarcane production costs while increasing productivity and land fertility through five techniques, which include an integrated trench method for sugarcane seeding, ratoon management and trash mulching, drip irrigation, and co-cropping.
- ✓ The UP government hiked the sugarcane support price by Rs.350 in advance of the last crushing season, with Rs.340 for normal sugarcane and Rs. 335 for species considered unsuitable.

## Uttarakhand

### National Sports Day: Uttarakhand CM Launches 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana'

On the occasion of National Sports Day (29th August 2022), Uttarakhand's Chief Minister (CM) **Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched '**CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana**', during the program organised in the Police Line Maidan, Dehradun Uttarakhand.

- ✓ Under the scheme, a sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month will be given to the budding sportspersons between the age group of eight to 14 years.

The State Sports Award, Himalayan Gems Sports Awards, Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Sports Ratna, and Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Awards will be provided to encourage sports players.

## West Bengal

### West Bengal to Get Seven New Districts, Total Number of Districts Rises to 30

West Bengal (WB) government under Chief Minister (CM) **Mamata Banerjee** decided to carve out **seven new districts** from the existing 23 districts by redrawing their boundaries for better administration and development. Following this, WB will have a total of 30 districts.

- ✓ The **seven new districts** include Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, Behrampur and one more district will be named from Basirhat region.

**WB: Governor** – La Ganesan; **Bird Sanctuary** – Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, Pakhi Bitan Bird Sanctuary.

## LAUNCHES & INAUGURATION

### Japan Govt, IMD & UNDP Launched Joint Project to Accelerate Climate Action in India

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), an agency under the Ministry of Earth Sciences; the Government of **Japan** & the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) have launched a new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 states and Union Territories (UT) across India.

- ✓ The initiative will support National Determined Contribution (NDCs) help to achieve net-zero emissions and also supports climate-resilient development.

For this initiative, Japan has given **USD 5.16 million** to UNDP India for climate funding.

### India's Largest Online Herbarium Database, 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' Launched

During the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 91st edition of monthly radio broadcast programme 'Mann Ki Baat', he had shared the India's effort in the field of varied medicinal plants and herbs.

- ✓ He highlighted the India's largest online herbarium database, the "**Indian Virtual Herbarium**" web portal, was launched on July 1, 2022 by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- ✓ The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) developed the Indian Virtual Herbarium portal (<https://ivh.bsi.gov.in>) as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and "Digital India" initiatives.

### Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah Launches Education and Skill Development Initiatives to Commemorate the Two-Year Anniversary of NEP 2020

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched a number of new initiatives in the domains of education and skill development to commemorate the completion of **two years** since the [National Education Policy 2020](#) (NEP 2020) was introduced on July 29, 2020.

- ✓ The NEP 2020 aims to promote holistic human development while paying attention to attitudes toward education, science, and culture. It serves as a counterbalance to the Macaulay educational system which was introduced in India in 1835.
- ✓ A target has been set in this education policy to give vocational education to at least 50% of students in the school and higher education systems by 2025. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Centre Launches State University Research Excellence Scheme to Create Robust R&D Ecosystem

A new innovative scheme named **State University Research Excellence (SERB SURE)** has been introduced by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T).

- ✓ The SERB was established by an Act of Parliament, the SERB Act of 2008. Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar is the Chairman of SERB and the Secretary of DST.

The new scheme, SERB-SURE, will help integrate the University System into mainstream research and provide young faculty members access to cutting-edge research. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Ministry of CA, F&PD Launches Web-Based Common Registration Facility of Ration Cards On Pilot Basis in 11 States/UTs**

The “**Common Registration Facility**” (My Ration-My Right) was introduced on a pilot basis covering 11 States/Union Territories (UTs) by Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary of the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (CA, F&PD).

- ✓ The 11 states and UTs are Assam, Goa, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Punjab, and Uttarakhand. All 36 states and UTs will be integrated into the platform by the end of August 2022.

The facility aims to assist States/UTs in identifying the eligible beneficiaries and issue ration cards to such people so that they may obtain their lawful benefits under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah E-Launches Onboarding of Cooperatives On GeM Portal**

On August 9, 2022, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Cooperation, e-launched the **onboarding of cooperatives on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal** in New Delhi, Delhi. The programme was organized by the Ministry of Cooperation, the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), and GeM.

- ✓ Ministry of Cooperation made the National Cooperatives Union of India (NCUI) the nodal agency to facilitate the onboarding of cooperatives and coordination with the GeM authorities.

A total of 589 cooperatives have been selected as being eligible for onboarding on GeM. These cooperatives will have access to goods and services at competitive costs upon onboarding. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **MoSJE Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched ‘SMILE-75 Initiative’**

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) launched a ‘SMILE-75 Initiative’ at a Shelter Home (Rain Basera) near Nizamuddin Metro Station in New Delhi (Delhi), as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The MoSJE has allocated a total budget of Rs 100 crore for the SMILE project till 2025-26.

- ✓ SMILE is an acronym for **Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**. Under this initiative, the Central Government has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging.

### **NMCG organized ‘Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ in New Delhi; Initiatives Launched**

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), along with the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), organised an event ‘Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ at the water sports club in New Delhi (Delhi).

- ✓ The Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) virtually launched the Jalaj initiative at 26 sites along rivers Ganga, Yamuna, Gomati, Hooghly and Chambal in six states including Uttar Pradesh-UP (11 sites), West Bengal-WB (6), Bihar (5), Uttarakhand (2), Jharkhand (1) and Madhya Pradesh-MP (1 along river Chambal).

The initiative involves setting up of small shops or floating mobile centres to promote livelihood on the banks of River Ganga. It is being implemented in association with **Wildlife Institute of India** (WII). [Click here to read more.](#)

## **GoI Launched Phase 2 Of Grameen Udyami Project to Promote Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Among Tribal Youth**

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), in collaboration with Seva Bharti Kendra and Yuva Vikas Society, has launched the **Phase – 2** of the **Grameen Udyami Project**, which aims to increase skill training in tribal communities in order to promote equitable and sustainable growth.

- ✓ The Rural Tribal Technical Training Program (Grameen Udyami) is a unique multi skilling project funded by the NSDC that intends to train 450 tribal students in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

The Grameen Udyami project is implemented under the Sansadiya Parisankul Yojana. NSDC is a non-profit public limited corporation established on July 31, 2008, under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **Kapil Moreshwar Patil Releases SDG's Anthem and Booklet**

Union Minister of State (MoS) for Panchayati Raj, **Kapil Moreshwar Patil** and Minister of Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab, **Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal** inaugurated the National Workshop on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) in Panchayats through Thematic Approach on 'Village with Self-Sufficient Infrastructure' at Mohali, Punjab.

On the occasion, **Kapil Moreshwar Patil** also released the **SDG's Anthem** and Booklet and launched a **Prime App** and Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission (**PSRLM**) website.

## **Culture Ministry launched 'Badhe Chalo' Campaign under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

The Ministry of Culture (MoC) launched the '**Badhe Chalo**' movement under **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** to create a youth-centric activation for greater outreach of Amrit Mahotsav. **The campaign was held across 10 cities every day from 5th August to 11th August 2022.**

It aims to spread the message and spirit of the Amrit Mahotsav in an entertaining and enthusiastic manner.

## **Indian Railways Protection Force launches "Operation Yatri Suraksha"**

Indian Railway along with the Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a Pan-India operation known as "**Operation Yatri Suraksha**" to improve the security of passengers.

Several steps are taken to provide foolproof security to passengers including train escorting, visible presence on stations, surveillance through CCTV, surveillance on active criminals and others.

## **EAC-PM Releases the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100**

The **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister** (EAC-PM) has released the "**Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100,**" which will direct India's journey to becoming a higher-income economy by 2047, when the nation will celebrate its 100th year of independence.

- ✓ The roadmap, which is a component of the India Competitiveness Initiative, will assist in the development of roadmaps for certain Indian states and industries.

The roadmap forecasts that India's economy will reach **USD 20 trillion by 2047**, assuming average annual growth between **7 – 7.5%** over the next 25 years. **EAC-PM: Chairman – Dr. Bibek Debroy; HQ – New Delhi, Delhi.** [Click here to read more.](#)

## **PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates & Lays Foundation Stone of Various Projects of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission in Valsad, Gujarat**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects of the **Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur**, in Valsad district, **Gujarat**.



- i. **Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital in Valsad, Gujarat** - It is a 250-bed multispecialty hospital with state-of-the-art medical infrastructure that will offer world-class tertiary healthcare, particularly to the residents of Southern Gujarat.
- ii. **Shrimad Rajchandra Animal Hospital in Valsad, Gujarat** - It will have top-notch facilities, a committed team of veterinarians, and ancillary staff.
- iii. **Shrimad Rajchandra Center of Excellence for Women in Valsad, Gujarat** - It will be built at an estimated cost of **Rs. 40 crores** and **will include rest areas, recreational facilities, and classrooms.**

## **PM Modi Formally Inaugurates Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Punjab, & Amrita Hospital in Haryana**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi dedicated the **Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre** to the nation at **Mohali, Punjab**, with the goal of offering top-notch cancer care to inhabitants of Punjab and neighbouring States/Union Territories (UTs).

- ✓ The Cancer Hospital is a 300-bed tertiary care hospital established at a cost of about Rs. 684 crore by Tata Memorial Centre, a grant-in-aid institution under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India (GoI).

He has also inaugurated the **Amrita Hospital in Faridabad, Haryana**, providing a significant boost to modern healthcare infrastructure in the National Capital Region (NCR).

Amrita Hospital is a 2600-bed super-speciality private hospital built at a cost of Rs. 6000 crore and administered by Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

## **MeitY Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates 8 years of MyGov event in New Delhi**

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) inaugurated the daylong event to celebrate '8 Years of [MyGov](#)' in New Delhi, Delhi. This celebration is on the lines of the vision of **Jan Bhagidari (Public Participation)**.

- ✓ He has launched the '**Responsible AI for Youth 2022**' program which was created by the **National E-Governance Division**, MeitY in collaboration with **Intel India** and with the support of the **Ministry of Education (MoE)**.
- ✓ The Program will be open to all school students studying in classes 8-12 across India.

It will boost deeper understanding of AI (Artificial Intelligence) technology and encourage youngsters to become human-centric designers.

## **Union Minister Tomar inaugurated the Indo- Israel (CoE) for Vegetables**

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar** laid the foundation stone for the **Indo-Israel Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Vegetables** in **Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** through video conferencing. The CoE will be established with an investment of **Rs 13.67 crore**.

The technology for the Centre is provided by Israeli experts under the India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP).

## **Union Railway Minister Inaugurates Badi Sadri-Mavli Gauge Converted Rail Section**

Union Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated the Badi Sadri-Mavli gauge converted rail section.

- ✓ He flagged off Badi Sadri-Udaipur City daily special at Badi Sadri Railway Station and Rewa-Udaipur City weekly special and Siuri-Sealdah MEMU train in West Bengal virtually.
- ✓ The project for the conversion of the 82-km Badri Sadri- Mavli meter gauge railway track started (exists since 1930) in 2016 and it is estimated to cost Rs 420 crore.

## Vice Adm. Biswajit Dasgupta inaugurated India's 1st CISR at INS Karna

India's first Composite Indoor Shooting Range (**CISR**) was launched by **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta**, a serving Flag officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command (**ENC**), at Indian Naval Ship (**INS**) Karna on the Eastern Seaboard, near Bheemili, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (**AP**).

## OTHER NATIONAL NEWS

### India's 76th Independence Day 2022 Celebrations & Awards – August 15, 2022

On August 15, 2022, India and Indians around the world celebrated the **76th Independence Day**, marking the beginning of a period of freedom from the more than 200-year oppression of British colonialism.

- ✓ The Indian Independence Bill, which created the independent nations of India and Pakistan from the former Mughal Empire, came into effect at midnight on August 15, 1947.
- ✓ The Government of India has launched the [Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav](#) to commemorate and celebrate 75 years of independence as well as the glorious past of its people, culture, and achievements.
- ✓ The inaugural journey of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav began on March 12, 2021, commencing a 75-week countdown to the 75th anniversary of independence. It will conclude post a year on August 15, 2023.

During his Independence Day 2022 speech at the Red Fort, PM Narendra Modi gave the slogan "Jai Anusandhan" (innovation) and urged the nation to move forward while focusing on the "**Panch Pran**" (5 pledges) for the upcoming 25 years. [Click here to read more.](#)

### World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in MP

The World's largest floating solar plant is set to be built on Omkareshwar Dam in Narmada River at Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh (**MP**) which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23. The estimated cost of the projects is around Rs.3000 crore.

- ✓ With the new floating solar plant, Khandwa will become the only district in Madhya Pradesh to have thermal power stations, hydel and solar power.

### India adds 10 more Wetlands Designated as Ramsar sites to make total 64 sites

India has designated 10 more wetlands under the Ramsar Convention or the Convention on Wetlands, taking the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 64 from 54 with area coverage of 12,50,361 hectare (ha).

- ✓ The 10 new sites include 6 sites in Tamil Nadu (TN) and 1 each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

Following table showing the newly inducted wetlands as Ramsar sites:

Name of wetland	Area in Ha	State
Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	72.04	TN
Satkosia Gorge	98196.72	Odisha
Nanda Lake	42.01	Goa
Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (GoMBR)	52671.88	TN
Ranganathittu BS	517.7	Karnataka
Vembannur Wetland Complex	19.75	TN
Vellode Bird Sanctuary	77.19	TN
Sirpur wetland	161	Madhya Pradesh

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary	40.35	TN
Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary	43.77	TN
<b>Total area of 10 wetlands</b>	<b>1,51,842.41</b>	
TOTAL area of 64 Ramsar Sites in India (After designation of 10 more sites as above)	<b>12,50,361</b>	

[Click here to read more.](#)

### India adds 11 more Wetlands Designated as Ramsar sites; tally rises to 75

India has designated 11 more wetlands under the Ramsar Convention or the Convention on Wetlands, taking the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 75 from 64 with area coverage of **13,26,677** hectare (ha).

- ✓ The 11 new sites include 4 sites in Tamil Nadu (TN), 3 in Odisha, 2 in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), and 1 each in Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Maharashtra (MH).

Name of wetland	Area in Ha	State
Tampara Lake	300	Odisha
Hirakud Reservoir	65400	
Ansupa Lake	231	
Yashwant Sagar	822.9	Madhya Pradesh
Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary	260.47	Tamil Nadu
Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex	94.23	
Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary	112.64	
Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary	96.89	
Thane Creek	6521.08	Maharashtra
Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve	801.82	Jammu and Kashmir
Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve	1675	
<b>Total area of 11 sites</b>	<b>76316</b>	

[Click here to read more.](#)

### 106 years old Astronomy Lab in Bihar is not on UNESCO's Endangered heritage list

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has announced that the **106 years old Astronomical Observatory** at **Langat Singh College** in the Muzaffarpur district of Bihar has not been inscribed on UNESCO's list of endangered heritage.

The first of its kind observatory in the eastern India was established in 1916 to impart astronomical knowledge to the students.

### MoS Dr Jitendra Singh approves StartUp Loan of Rs 1.15cr to TGP Bioplastics for commercializing Compostable Plastic

The Minister of State (MoS) Dr Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) has approved StartUp loan of Rs 1.15 crores to M/s TGP Bioplastics Private Limited, Satara (Maharashtra) for commercializing compostable plastic which will mitigate the usage of Single Use Plastics (SUP).

- ✓ This project has received seed funding under National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations- **NIDHI Prayas** of Department of Science & Technology (DST); National Institution for

Transforming India- **NITI Aayog**; and **United Nations Industrial Development**

**Organisation** (UNIDO) for the prototype development.

Composite is a unique blend of Thermoplastic-Starch (TPS)-glycerin with some chemical modifications that provides higher strength with low manufacturing cost. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **GoI Grants GI Tag to Bihar Mithila Makhana to Boost Farmers' Income**

The Government of India (GoI) has awarded **Mithila Makhana** (Botanical name - Euryale Ferox Salisb) from Bihar a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**, which would enable farmers to get the maximum price for their premium produce.

- ✓ The GI has been registered under the name of Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh, facilitated by Bihar Agricultural University.

It is the 5th product from Bihar which is given the GI Tag including Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan (rice), Nawada's Magahi Paan, and Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi. [Click Here to Know More Registered GIs](#)

### **India nominates GARBA to be inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List**

India has nominated dance form Garba to be inscribed on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s intangible cultural heritage list.

- ✓ Garba is a Gujarati folk dance and is performed during Navratri, a nine-night festival in Gujarat.

India got elected to UNESCO Panel On Intangible Cultural Heritage for 2022-2026 cycle to serve on the distinguished Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH).

### **Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve became 5th Elephant Reserve in Tamil Nadu**

The government of Tamil Nadu notified Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve as its 5th Elephant Reserve with a total area of 1,19,748.26 hectares at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari district on the occasion of World Elephant Day 2022 (12 August).

- ✓ The KMTR (Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve) field director will be the field coordinator of the new elephant reserve.
- ✓ The forest areas of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve and Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary in Agasthyamalai landscape constitute the most important habitats of Asian elephants in the southernmost part of the western ghats.

Elephants are included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

### **Asia's Largest CBG plant Begins Operation in Punjab's Sangrur District**

Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the **Sangrur district** of Punjab has started commercial production with a total capacity of **33.23 tonne CBG per day at village Bhuttal Kalan**. The unit was commissioned in April 2022. The plant supplies CBG to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet.

- ✓ The project is expected to attract private investment of around **Rs 1,200 crore** and generate employment opportunities for around 8,000 skilled and unskilled individuals.

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has also allocated 42 additional CBG projects with a total capacity of **492.58 tonnes per day (TPD)** based on paddy straw and other agro-residue.

### **'The Temple of Vedic Planetarium' world's largest religious monument in West Bengal**

The World's largest religious monument '**The Temple of Vedic Planetarium**' in Mayapur in Nadia, West Bengal, is expected to be open in 2024.



- ✓ It will have the world's largest dome & will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (**ISKCON**).

It will replace **Angkor Wat**, Cambodia's **400-acre** large Temple complex as the largest religious monument.

### **ISRO Unveils India's First Virtual Space Museum 'SPARK'**

S.Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), unveiled the '**SPARK: The Space Tech Park**', India's first virtual space technology museum, as part of the AzadiKaAmrit Mahotsav celebrations commemorating India's 75th anniversary of independence.

- ✓ SPARK is the first 3D (three-dimension) virtual space tech park ever created by ISRO. Users can access the beta version of the application at <https://spacepark.isro.gov.in/> or on the ISRO website.

**ISRO: Chairman** – S. Somanath; **Establishment** – 1969; **HQ** – Bengaluru, Karnataka. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **India's First Private SSA Observatory to Monitor Space Activity to Come Up in Uttarakhand**

Digantara, a Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based space sector start-up, will establish India's first private **Space Situational Awareness (SSA)** observatory in **Garhwal, Uttarakhand**, to track objects as small as 10 centimeters (cm) in size orbiting the Earth.

- ✓ This regional first-of-its-kind commercial SSA observatory will assist India in monitoring all space activity, including that of military satellites orbiting the region and space debris.

Digantara will be able to support its space-based sensors in their mission to monitor satellites and debris in orbits spanning from Low Earth Orbit (LEO) to Geosynchronous Earth Orbit (GEO) with the establishment of the observatory.

### **Point 5140 at Dras sector named as Gun Hill to mark victory of Operation Vijay**

Point 5140 at Dras, in Kargil sector was renamed as "**Gun Hill**" to commemorate the victory of Indian Armed Forces (IAF) and pay tribute to the sacrifice of the war heroes in "Operation Vijay 1999".

- ✓ The task of capturing Point 5140, a strategically important mountain peak in the Dras sector, was assigned to 13 JAK Rif (Jammu & Kashmir Rifles) under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Yogesh Kumar Joshi on 17 June 1999.

**Operation Vijay in 1999:** - The **Kargil War**, also known as the **Kargil conflict** was an armed conflict fought between India and Pakistan from May to July 1999 in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere along the Line of Control (LoC). In India, the operation which carried by Indian military to clear out the Kargil sector is called as Operation Vijay.

### **Aurangabad Became 1st city in India to get Google's Environmental Insights Explorer Data**

As per the Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL), **Aurangabad, Maharashtra** became the first city of India to officially release the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google.

- ✓ EIE data is consistent with Aurangabad's commitment to the United Nations, with respect to 'race to zero' and 'race to resilience program'. Aurangabad city was chosen as the first city in India to make the transportation emissions data public.

Google's EIE feature helps cities to measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions that help counter air pollution. EIE feature in India is only available for Aurangabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune.

### **Uttar Pradesh Govt Builds India's First Education Township**

Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) is set to build India's First Education Township with an idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.

- ✓ This education township will provide high-quality education to the youth and also equip them with various professional skills in a single place along with accommodation facilities.

The township focusing on "High-end education" will also cater to students from African, Latin American and Central Asian countries.

### **MoS Jitendra Singh unveils CSIR-KPIT developed India's 1st Hydrogen fuel Cell Bus In Pune**

Union Minister of State (MoS-Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) launched India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus in Pune (Maharashtra).

- ✓ It is co-developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), and KPIT Technologies Limited, an Indian multinational corporation headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra.

The MoS also inaugurated the **Bisphenol-A (BPA) pilot plant** in CSIR-NCL which is developed by NCL under CSIR's Covid-19 mission program and Bulk Chemicals mission program. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Goa becomes 1st 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified State & D&NH and D&D becomes 1st 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified UT in India**

Goa becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State while Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified Union Territory (UT) in India.

- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is a flagship programme of the Government of India (GoI) announced on August 15, 2019. 'Har Ghar Jal' is a flagship programme of GoI, implemented by Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

JJM aims to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024.

### **Jharkhand Becomes First State in India to Use Blockchain Technology for Seed Distribution**

Jharkhand's **Directorate of Agriculture** and **SettleMint**, a blockchain tech company, implemented the distribution of seed to farmers using a blockchain-based platform.

- ✓ Jharkhand became the **1st Indian state** to implement blockchain technology which is being used to track seed distribution.

This aims at reducing pilferage and avoids spurious seeds that farmers receive through various government schemes including the seed exchange scheme.

### **GoI forms Task Force to Monitor Monkeypox Virus Cases in India**

The Government of India (GoI) constituted a Task Force to control the Monkeypox cases in India, which will be headed by **Dr. Vinod K. Paul**, member (Health), NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and members including Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech.

- ✓ Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease caused by the monkeypox virus (a member of the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae), which belongs to the same family of viruses that causes smallpox.
- ✓ The disease is endemic in regions like West and Central Africa.
- ✓ Kerala has reported the first death of a monkeypox case in India.

### **MP's Tribal-Dominated Mandla Becomes India's First Full Functional Literate District**

**Mandla**, a district in Madhya Pradesh (MP), which is a **tribal-dominated** region has become India's **first** fully functionally literate district.

- ✓ In 2020, the district administration has launched a campaign “Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan” to make the residents of the district fully literate.

The entire district has become **functionally literate** within **2 years** of the initiation which made people of Mandla to write their names, count and read.

### **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Hands Over Indigenously Developed Equipment & Systems to Indian Army**

Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Minister of Defence (MoD), has handed over indigenously developed equipment and systems to the Indian Army in New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ The equipment/systems have been jointly developed by the Indian Army, Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO), and industry with a vision to modernize the Armed Forces under the “AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.”

He has also unveiled the **Scales of Accommodation (SoA) 2022**, which authorizes the construction of facilities for the operational, functional, training, administrative, living, and recreation needs of Defence Services. [Click Here to Read More About the Details of the Equipment & Systems Handed Over to The Indian Army](#)

### **Punjab & Haryana Agrees to Name Chandigarh International Airport after Bhagat Singh**

**Punjab** and **Haryana** agreed to name the **Chandigarh International Airport** after freedom fighter Shaheed **Bhagat Singh** for collective contribution of both states.

- ✓ As Chandigarh is the joint capital of both the states and Chandigarh Administration is involved in the construction and modernisation of the airport, both sides agreed to name Chandigarh international airport after Bhagat Singh.
- ✓ The **Rs 485-crore airport project** is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the governments of Punjab and Haryana.

Punjab and Haryana have **24.5 %** share each while the AAI has **51 %** share

### **Maharashtra's Hydrogen Startup Gets Indian Government's Financial Aid of Rs 3.29 crore**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh announced the financial aid of **Rs 3.29 crore** to the Hydrogen startup from Maharashtra for indigenous development of **Hydrogen Sensing & Analysis Technology**.

- ✓ The aim of the National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) is to help the government in meeting its climate targets and make India a green hydrogen hub.

**MoU b/w:** Technology Development Board (TDB) under Dept. of Science & Technology (DST) & Multi Nano Sense Technologies Pvt Ltd, Maharashtra

**Purpose:** to support the **manufacturing of Hydrogen sensors** indigenously.

### **India Hands Over Dornier Maritime Surveillance Aircraft to Sri Lanka Navy**

India presented a **Dornier Maritime Surveillance Aircraft** (Dornier 228) to the **Sri Lanka Navy** in the presence of Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of Sri Lanka, during a special ceremony conducted at the Sri Lanka Airforce base in Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

- ✓ The Dornier was presented as a response to Sri Lanka's request for two Dornier reconnaissance aircraft from India in 2018 to boost its maritime surveillance capabilities.

As a result, India would give Sri Lanka with two Dornier aircraft manufactured by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

## **India Sets Target to Raise Share of Natural Gas in Energy Mix to 15% by 2030**

Rameswar Teli, Minister of State (MoS) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, announced that the Government of India (GoI) has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in the energy mix to 15% in 2030 from the current about 6.3%. To reach the target, the government has taken various initiatives like;

- ✓ Expansion of National Gas Grid to about 33,500 Km from current 21,715 Km.
- ✓ Expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network

Setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminals etc.,

## **MoEF&CC notifies Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) issued Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 by replacing Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries.

- ✓ The rules cover all types of batteries, viz. Electric Vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries and industrial batteries.

The rules function based on the concept of **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**. It mandates that all waste batteries to be collected and sent for recycling/refurbishment, and prohibits disposal in landfills and incineration. To meet the EPR obligations, producers may engage themselves or authorize any other entity for collection, recycling or refurbishment of waste batteries. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **J&K – first to establish Atal Tinkering Labs in partnership with NITI Aayog**

The Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) became the first amongst States/UTs to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the government think tank NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog.

- ✓ NITI Aayog will replicate the J&K model of Atal Tinkering Lab to all parts of India on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between AIM and J&K to provide Rs 10 lakh each to establish ATLs in UT.

## **TN Forest Department set up 1st of its kind Urban Animal Rescue Centre at Guindy National Park, Chennai**

Tamil Nadu Forest Department has established a first-of-its-kind **Urban animal rescue centre** located inside the Guindy National Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN).

- ✓ The rescue centre which is a part of the Guindy National Park, gets support from the veterinarians and foresters associated with it.

## **Tata Steel to roll out 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains**

Tata Steel is set to manufacture '**First-in-India' 180-degree rotating seats** for the Vande Bharat express trains. The Tata Group, India's largest steel maker, is planning to spend Rs 3,000 crore on Research and Development (R&D) by FY2026 and will begin rolling out seating systems for Vande Bharat Express trains in September 2022.

- ✓ Vande Bharat Express, also known as Train 18, is the second fastest train in India which is operated by the Indian Railways.

## **Over 75 lakh cases across Rajasthan cleared by 'Digital Lok Adalat' for the first time in India**

The State Legal Services of Rajasthan and Maharashtra authorities had launched the 'Digital Lok Adalat' in the respective states as part of the third National Lok Adalat of 2022.



This digitalisation was launched during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet by the Chairman and Supreme Court Judge of the National Legal Services Authority, **Justice Uday Umesh Lalit**.

### **Union Minister Jitendra Singh says Country's Bioeconomy to grow from 70 billion to 150 billion US dollars by 2025**

Union Minister of State Science & Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh** stated India's Bioeconomy will grow from 70 billion to 150 billion US dollars by 2025 during the announcement of 75 "Amrit" Grants for Biotech initiatives.

He also stated that the Department of Biotechnology (DBT)-Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) "75 Amrit Team Grant Initiative" will boost the Prime Minister's call for "Jai Anusandhan".

### **MoCA Minister Flagged off the First Flight of Akasa Air from Mumbai to Ahmedabad**

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), along with MoCA Minister of State (MoS) General Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.) virtually flagged off the first flight of Akasa Air between Mumbai (Maharashtra)-Ahmedabad (Gujarat) route. The airline code of Akasa Air is **QP**.

- ✓ It has an initial network in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mumbai, and Kochi (Kerala).
- ✓ Akasa Air is a brand of **SNV Aviation Private Limited** which is headquartered at Mumbai, Maharashtra. Founder and CEO of Akasa Air - **Vinay Dube**

### **BRO to build first steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh Border**

The **Border Road Organization (BRO)** is planning to construct a **first-of-its-kind** pilot road stretch in Arunachal Pradesh border area using steel slag.

- ✓ The project is being initiated after the success of using 100% steel slag on a port connectivity road in Gujarat.
- ✓ The 1.2 km Hazira port (Gujarat) connectivity stretch was a research and development (R&D) project carried out by CSIR-CRRI (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Road Research Institute) in collaboration with a major steel manufacturer and the Ministry of Steel.

**BRO: Director General**- Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary; **HQ**- New Delhi, Delhi

### **Piyush Goyal unveils the gift catalogue of 'One District-One Product' in digital version**

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** unveils the gift catalogue of 'One District-One Product' (**ODOP**) in digital version on 5th August 2022, during the meeting with **Export Promotion Councils and Industry Association** at Vanjiya Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi

### **MoD Minister Rajnath Singh approves 3rd Positive Indigenisation List of 780 strategically important LRUs/Sub-systems/Components**

Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence has approved the third Positive Indigenization List (PIL) of 780 strategically important Line Replacement Units (LRUs)/Sub-systems/Components with a timeline beyond which they will only be procured from the domestic industry. The details of the items are available on SRIJAN Portal. [Click here to check the items, and their timeline.](#)

- ✓ This list is in continuation to the two PILs of LRUs/Sub-systems/Assemblies/Sub-assemblies/Components that were released in December 2021 and March 2022.

These lists contain 2,500 items which are already indigenized and 458 (351+107) items which will be indigenized within the given timelines.

### **TDB-DST supports its 1st Aquaculture Project for Production of Tilapia Fish**

Technology Development Board (**TBD**), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**), supports Fountainhead Agro Farms Private Limited (**FAFPL**), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra for 'Advanced, Intensive, All Male Tilapia Aquaculture Project with Israeli Technology'.

### **Government targets to eliminate Kala-azar from Country by 2023**

The Government of India (**GoI**) has set a target to completely eliminate Kala-azar, also known as Visceral leishmaniasis (**VL**) by the year 2023.

- ✓ Kala-azar is a Neglected Tropical Disease (**NTD**) transmitted by the bite of phlebotomine sandflies and is the deadliest parasitic killer after malaria.
- ✓ The NTD Road map of the World Health Organisation (**WHO**) has set a target to eliminate Kala-azar by 2030. India is now ahead in controlling Kala-azar by the following year.

### **Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers Implements 'One Nation One Fertilizer' Plan Under 'Bharat' Brand**

The **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** has decided to implement the "**One Nation One Fertilizer**" initiative by introducing a "Single Brand for Fertilizers and Logo" under the "Pradhan mantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna" (**PMBJP**) fertilizer subsidy scheme.

- ✓ It has issued an order mandating all businesses to sell their products under the single brand name "Bharat" in order to achieve uniformity in fertilizer brands throughout India.
- ✓ The order also directed that the Bharat Brand and the logo of the PMBJP shall be featured on **two-thirds** of the fertilizer bags.

## **GOVT SCHEMES**

### **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana completes five years**

On 21st July 2022, the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** (**PMVVY**) completed five years, the scheme was formally launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Finance.

- ✓ The programme is a **social security programme for the elderly** that aims to provide them with a guaranteed minimum pension based on a guaranteed return on the purchase price or subscription fee.
- ✓ The programme, which was in place through 2020, has now been extended for an additional three years, through March 31, 2023.

### **Central Government's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' completes 3 years**

The Central Government's scheme of **One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC)** completed **3 years** of its operation on August 9, 2019. It is implemented all over the country with Assam being the last state (36th) to join the initiative in June 2022.

- ✓ It is implemented by the **Department of Food & Public Distribution**, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- ✓ ONORC was launched on August 9, 2019 as a pilot project in four states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The Central government also rolled out the '**MEERA RATION**' mobile application which provides a host of useful real-time information to the beneficiaries and is available in 13 languages. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **MoWCD Issues Guidelines of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MoWCD**) has issued [Operational Guidelines](#) for the implementation of **"Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0" (POSHAN 2.0)**.

- ✓ The Government of India (GoI) has authorized the plan for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period, which runs from 2021–2022 to 2025–2026.
- ✓ The Integrated Nutrition Support Programme Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 aims to address the issues of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by building a convergent eco-system to develop and encourage practices that foster health, wellness, and immunity.

Poshan 2.0 shall focus on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, Treatment Protocols for Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM)/ Moderately Acute Malnourished (MAM) and Wellness through AYUSH practices. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **GoI Formulates NAMASTE Scheme for Cleaning of Sewers, Septic Tank**

The Government of India (GoI) has developed a **National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem – NAMASTE scheme** to achieve zero sanitation fatalities in India and to ensure that all sanitation work is undertaken by skilled workers.

- ✓ The NAMASTE project is a collaboration between the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ✓ It will be implemented from 2022 to 2026 in 500 cities and townships that have already been notified under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), which aims to provide basic quality of life services to cities. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **Income Tax Payers Will Not be allowed in Atal Pension Yojana from October 1, 2022**

As per the Ministry of Finance notification, those who pay income tax will not be allowed to enrol in the Government's Social Security Scheme **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** from October 1, 2022.

- ✓ In June 2015, the government introduced APY to provide social security to workers mainly in the unorganized sector. Subscribers of the scheme get a minimum guaranteed pension of **Rs 1,000-5,000 per month** after attaining 60 years of age.
- ✓ It should be noted that, people having taxable income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh are not required to pay income tax.

Currently, all Indian citizens between the age group of 18-40 years can join APY through bank or post office branches where one has the savings bank account.

## **Telangana Introduces First-Of-Its-Kind Insurance Scheme "Nethanna Ku Bima" For Weavers**

For the first time in India, the Government of Telangana has introduced the **"Nethanna Ku Bima" Scheme**, which offers insurance coverage to handloom and powerloom weavers in the State.

- ✓ The 'NethannaBima' scheme, modelled after the Rythu Beema scheme, is designed to provide financial assistance to bereaved families of handloom and powerloom weavers.
- ✓ In the instance of a natural or accidental death, Rs. 5 lakh would be deposited into the nominee's account within 10 days.

**Telangana: CM** – Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao (KCR); **Wild Life Sanctuary (WLS)** – Eturnagaram WLS, Warangal; Shivaram WLS, Mancherial.

## **Haryana Launches Cheerag Scheme for EWS Students**

The Haryana Government, led by Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar, introduced the **"Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)"** scheme.

- ✓ Under the scheme, the Haryana government would offer free education in budget private schools to government school students from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

**Haryana: Governor** – Bandaru Dattatraya; **Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)** – Chhilchhila WLS, Kurukshetra; Nahar WLS, Rewari.

### Overview of National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem Scheme

National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (**NAMASTE**) is a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) of the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)**, developed in collaboration with the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.

- ✓ NAMASTE will strive to lessen vulnerabilities of sanitation workers by giving access to alternative livelihood assistance and entitlements.

This phase of NAMASTE will focus on **500 cities** that will converge with **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)** cities. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Steel Ministry extends PLI scheme for Specialty Steel to September 15, 2022

The Union Ministry of Steel extended the last date for receipt of applications under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel till September 15, 2022 from July 31, 2022.

- ✓ In July 2021, the Union Cabinet approved the PLI Scheme for Specialty Steel in India which will be implemented over FY 2024-25 to FY 2029-30 with a budgetary outlay of Rs 6,322 crore.

5 categories of specialty steel have been chosen in the PLI Scheme viz. coated/plated steel products, high strength/wear resistant steel, specialty rails, alloy steel products and steel wires, and electrical steel.

### Sikkim CM launches schemes for women's welfare on 75th anniversary of Independence

The Chief Minister (CM) of Sikkim, **Prem Singh Tamang (Golay)**, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Independence Day, announced a series of women's welfare schemes at Bhaichung stadium in Namchi, Sikkim.

- ✓ For the first time the programme was organised outside Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, after the merger of Sikkim with the Union of India in 1975.

Schemes launched: Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana (SASY); Chief Ministers Vatsalya Scheme; Mobile Village Clinic programme; Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana; Online permit system for Restricted Area Permit (RAP) and Protected Area Permit (PAP).

### I-Day: Karnataka CM Announces New Schemes on Sanitation, Nutrition, Farm labour & Soldiers Welfare

On the **75th** anniversary of India's independence Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) **Basavaraj Bommai** has launched new schemes on sanitation, nutrition and schemes for well-being of farmers, labourers and soldiers. The 76th Independence Day event in Karnataka was held at the **Manekshaw Parade Ground**.

- ✓ The '**Raitha Vidya Nidhi**' for farmers' children will also be extended to the landless agricultural labourers. the scheme was also extended to weavers, fishermen and yellow board taxi drivers' children.
- ✓ Karnataka has contributed at least USD 1 trillion for empowering the state towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transforming India into a USD 5 trillion economy.

**Karnataka: Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot; **Lakes** – Hirekolale Lake, Ayyanakere Lake, Cauvery Nisargadhama.



### **PMJDY completes 8 years of Successful Implementation on Aug 28, 2022**

On August 28, 2022, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), the National Mission for Financial Inclusion (under the Ministry of Finance) completed 8 years which was launched on August 28, 2014 by Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi.

- ✓ As on August 10, 2022, the total numbers of PMJDY accounts are increased to 46.25 crore from 14.72 crore in March 2015 with deposit balance of Rs 1.74 lakh crore. Out of this 55.59% (25.71 crore account holders are women and 66.79% (30.89 crore) Jan Dhan accounts are in rural and semi-urban areas.

PMJDY ensures access to financial services, namely, Banking/ Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, Pension in an affordable manner. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **J&K Govt Launches Village Defence Guards Scheme 2022**

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government has launched the **Village Defence Guards scheme (VDGS) 2022** after the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs which is effective from 15th August 2022.

- ✓ The aim of the VDGS is to organise a small group of volunteer armed civilians in identified villages along the borders as well as in in-depth areas of the Jammu division, with a view to instil a sense of self-protection and ensure the safety and security of such villages, infrastructural installations in and around them, and to check the trans-border movement.

### **TN Government Launches State Level Credit Guarantee Scheme to Help MSMEs**

M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN), introduced several initiatives for Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) at the Regional MSME Meet in Tirupur, TN. The initiatives are as follows:

- ✓ The **Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme (TNCGS)** will collaborate with the Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) of the Government of India (GoI) to provide a 90% guarantee on qualified loans up to Rs. 40 lakh.
- ✓ **Tamil Nadu Trade Receivables Discounting System (TN TReDS)** is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform that will tackle issues with late payments for supplies made to larger enterprises.
- ✓ **Tamil Nadu: Governor** – Ravindra Narayana Ravi; **Dance Forms** – Theru Koothu; Paambu Attam.  
[Click here to read more.](#)

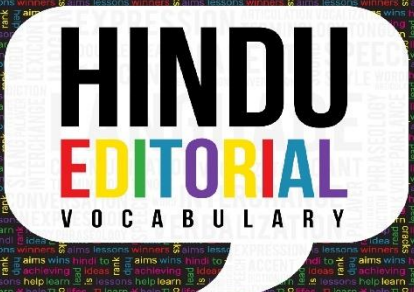
## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **UNGA Declares Access to Clean & Healthy Environment a Universal Human Right**

On 28th July 2022, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution [A/76/L.75](#) titled “**The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment**” and declared the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right.

- ✓ The resolution calls upon the states, international organisations, and business enterprises to scale up efforts to ensure a healthy environment for all.
- ✓ India voted in favour of the resolution but dissociated itself from an operative paragraph of the text.
- ✓ The resolution was prepared by five member states: Costa Rica, the Maldives, Morocco, Slovenia and Switzerland.

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### 7.3% Of Indians Owned Digital Currency in 2021, 7th Highest in World: UNCTAD

The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** estimated that **7.3%** of the Indian population possessed digital currency in **2021**, placing India **7th** out of the top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as a share of population. It has issued three policy briefs in this regard. They are as follows:

- i. Policy Brief No. 100 – ["All that glitters is not gold: The high cost of leaving cryptocurrencies unregulated"](#)
- ii. Policy Brief No. 101 – ["Public payment systems in the digital era: Responding to the financial stability and security-related risks of cryptocurrencies"](#)
- iii. Policy Brief No. 102 – ["The cost of doing too little too late: How cryptocurrencies can undermine domestic resource mobilization in developing countries"](#)

**UNCTAD: Secretary-General** – Rebeca Grynspan; **Established** – 1964; **HQ** – Geneva, Switzerland. [Click here to read more.](#)

### India contributes Rs 3 Crore to Voluntary Trust Funds for support United Nations Human Right

India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN), Geneva (Switzerland) revealed that it contributed USD 400,000 (over Rs 3 crore) to four Voluntary Trust Funds. **The four Trust Funds to which contribution was made-**

- ✓ Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,
- ✓ Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation,
- ✓ Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance for the implementation of Universal Periodic Review,
- ✓ Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to support the participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDs) in the work of the council.

**UN: Secretary General**-Antonio Guterres; **Founded**- 1945; **HQ**- New York, United States.

### Nepal Approves India's Hydropower Board Study and Develop West Seti Project

**Nepal** approved **NHPC Limited** (erstwhile National Hydroelectric Power Corporation), India's hydropower board to study and develop **750MW West Seti Hydropower Project** and **450MW Seti River (SR-6)**, a total of 6 joint storage projects with a combined capacity of 1,200MW in western Nepal.

- ✓ The project sites are located at elevations ranging from **550 to 920 metres** and are spread across 6 districts with an estimated cost of **USD 2.4 million**.
- ✓ An MoU between Nepal Investment Board (**NIB**) & NHPC was signed in this regard during the **52nd meeting** of the NIB held in Kathmandu, Nepal chaired by Nepal Prime Minister (PM) Sher Bahadur Deuba.

It was also decided to organise **Sustainable Infrastructure Investment Forum 2022** in September 2022 in Kathmandu for promoting investment in sustainable infrastructure development in Nepal.

### UK- the first country to approve COVID-19 booster vaccine targeting Omicron strains

The United Kingdom (**UK**) has become the **first** country to approve **Moderna's 'bivalent'** Covid-19 vaccine that tackles both the original virus strain from 2020 and the Omicron BA.1 variant.

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has approved Moderna's bivalent which meets its standards of safety, quality and effectiveness.

### Scotland Becomes First Country to Make Period Products Free for All

The **Scottish government** became the **1st country** in the world to legally protect the right to access free period products by passing a law, the **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021** that came into force on 15th August 2022.

- ✓ The bill on free period products which was passed unanimously in 2020, was introduced by Scottish Parliament lawmaker **Monica Lennon**, who had campaigned against 'period poverty'.  
Scotland: **First Minister of Scotland** – Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon; **Capital** – Edinburgh; **Currency** – Pound Sterling.

### **Indian Navy Warships on Sail to 6 Continents to Celebrate 75 years of Independence**

In a first-of-its-kind effort, the Indian Navy Ships (**INS**) (warships) set sail to **6 continents** – North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia – as a part of the celebration of **75 years of Independence of India** ("Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav").

- Patrol vessel **INS Sumedha** docked at Perth in Australia.
- **INS Saryu** entered the Changi Naval Base in Singapore.
- Stealth-guided missile destroyers **INS Chennai** and **INS Kochi** entered Muscat harbour in Oman.
- Talwar-class frigate **INS Tabar (F44)** arrived at Mombasa, Kenya.
- **INS Tarkash** docked at Rio De Janerio in Brazil.
- **INS Satpura** docked at San Diego Harbour, the USA.
- The Made-in-India naval ship **INS Tarangini**, docked at Thames Quay in east London, UK. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **The World's First Hydrogen-Powered Train Fleet in Germany**

Germany inaugurated the **world's first hydrogen-powered train fleet**, this initiative by the German Government is to open the door for more environmentally friendly travel. These new locomotives are to replace a diesel fleet.

- ✓ This new fleet was made by the French company Alstom and operated by a regional rail company Lower Saxony Transport Authority (**LNVG**) consisting of **14 Coradia iLint** Hydrogen trains. The benefit of the new fleet is to cut off **22 pounds of CO2 emissions**, which are caused by a gallon of burned diesel fuel. Per year **460 tons CO2** will be reduced.

### **On the National Day of Gabon, IETO and Gabon Embassy launched India GABON Business Council**

On 24th August 2022, **India GABON Business Council** was launched by the Indian Economic Trade Organisation (**IETO**) and **the Embassy of Gabon** at the ITC Maurya in order to accelerate the trade relationship between both India and Gabon.

- ✓ Both India and Gabon are currently serving as non-permanent members of the UNSC (United Nation Security Council). The Bilateral trade between both nations reached USD 1.12 billion in 2021-22. India is the 2nd largest destination for Gabonese exports.

### **IndiGo joins WEF's 'Clear Skies for Tomorrow' Campaign**

**IndiGo**, the Country's largest carrier, joins the World Economic Forum's (**WEFs**) sustainable initiative superhead to achieve a significant scale of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (**SAF**).

- ✓ The airline became a signatory to the Clear Skies for Tomorrow (**CST**), **India Coalition** campaign. CST will assist the aviation sector move towards net-zero emissions
- ✓ Under the IndiGo Green initiative with a **10% blend of SAF**, IndiGo operated its brand new **A320 NEO plane** from **Toulouse, France to New Delhi** on 18 February 2022.

**WEF: Founder & Executive Chairman:** Professor Klaus Schwab; **Establishment:** 1971; **HQ:** Geneva



## VISITS

### INDIAN VISITS

#### 3 days visit of Mozambique Parliamentary Delegation to India; Calls on President Droupadi Murmu

A Parliamentary delegation from Mozambique led by Speaker of Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, Esperanca Laurinda Francisco Nhiuane Bias was on a three-day visit to India from 27 July to 29 July 2022.

- ✓ President of India, Droupadi Murmu received the delegation at Rashtrapati Bhavan as the first international delegation after her assumption of office on 25th July 2022.
- ✓ A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to boost Cooperation between the Parliaments of India and Mozambique was signed in the presence of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Speaker of the Assembly of Mozambique.
- ✓ **Mozambique: President-** Filipe Nyusi; **Capital-** Maputo; **Currency-** Mozambican metical

#### Highlights of President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih visit to India

The **President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** was on a 4-day visit to India from August 1-4, 2022 on the invitation of Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi. This is Maldivian President's third visit to India since assuming office in November 2018.

- ✓ PM Modi and Ibrahim Mohamed Solih participated in the virtual 'Pouring of First Concrete' of the **Greater Malé Connectivity Project (GMCP)**.
- ✓ Greater Male Connectivity Project is the largest infrastructure project in Maldives. A 6.74-km-long bridge, connecting Male to Villingli, Gulhifahlu and Thilafhushi, will be built at a cost of USD 500 million.
- ✓ It is funded by a **USD 400 million** Line of Credit (LoC) from the Indian Exim (Export Import) Bank and a USD 100 million grant from the Indian government. The project was awarded to the Indian-based company – **Afcons Infrastructure Limited**. [Click here to read more.](#)

#### PM Narendra Modi Visit to Gujarat and Tamil Nadu – On July 28-29, 2022

**Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi** visited Gujarat and Tamil Nadu on July 28 and 29, 2022.

- ✓ On July 28, 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a number of projects totaling more than Rs. 1,000 crores at Sabar Dairy in Gadhoda Chowki, Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
- ✓ On July 29, 2022, PM Narendra Modi launched the **India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)**, India's first International Bullion Exchange in GIFT-IFSC and the NSE IFSC-SGX Connect in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone of the headquarters building of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ On July 28, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **44th Chess Olympiad 2022** at the Jawaharlal Nehru (JLN) Indoor Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, (TN).
- ✓ The 44th Chess Olympiad 2022 is being held in Chennai from July 28 to August 9, 2022, in Mamalapuram (Mahabalipuram), TN. [Click here to read more.](#)

#### PM Narendra Modi visit to Gujarat; Laid foundation stone and inaugurated various Developmental Projects

The Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi was on a two-day visit to Gujarat on August 27-28, 2022 to address **Khadi Utsav** at **Sabarmati** Riverfront in **Ahmedabad**. There he inaugurated **Smriti**

**Van Memorial in Bhuj**, and also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various developmental projects. He also addressed a programme in Gandhinagar, marking the commemoration of **40 years of Suzuki** in India.

- ✓ PM also inaugurated the new office building of the Gujarat Rajya Khadi Gramodyog Board and a foot over/Pedestrians-And-Cyclists-Only bridge namely '**Atal Bridge**' across the Sabarmati river in Ahmedabad.

He also inaugurated '**Veer Balak Smarak**' which is also dedicated to 2001 Earthquake Victims in Bhuj. It is a memorial built near **Anjar town** as a tribute to 185 school children and 20 teachers who were killed during a Republic Day parade on January 26, 2001, when an earthquake hit. [Click here to read more.](#)

## FOREIGN VISITS

### Highlights of EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar's Visit to Cambodia, August 03-05, 2022

Dr. S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister (EAM), visited Cambodia from August 03-04, 2022, and attended the **ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting (AIFMM) 2022**, an annual event that reviews the ASEAN-India partnership, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital.

- ✓ AIFMM 2022 was co-chaired by EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar and H.E Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Foreign Minister, and attended by Foreign Ministers/representatives from other ASEAN member states.
- ✓ On the sidelines of the AIFMM 2022, EAM Dr. S Jaishankar visited the 12th century heritage sites of Ta Prohm Temple and Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia.

The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** is in-charge of the restoration and conservation work at these cultural heritage sites. [Click here to read more](#)

### Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs & Culture Meenakshi Lekhi to Norway, Iceland and Malta – August 16-23, 2022

**Meenakshi Lekhi**, Union Minister of State (**MoS**), Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**), and Ministry of Culture, visited Norway, Iceland, and Malta on an official visit from August 16 – 23, 2022.

- ✓ In her visit to Norway, MoS Meenakshi Lekhi visited Norway's first Gurdwara, the Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji in Oslo, and interacted with the Sikh community.
- ✓ In her visit to Iceland, she witnessed the signing of an MoU about the predictive eye screening for diabetes between **RetinaRisk**, a local health technology firm in Iceland, and **Sankara Nethralaya**, a charitable not-for-profit eye hospital in India.

In her visit to Malta, she had a discussion with the Director and Board Members of the **Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC)**, **University of Malta**, which has an MOU with the **Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS)**, **MEA**, India, to improve cooperation between the diplomatic institutes of the two nations. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Visit of EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar to Brazil, Paraguay & Argentina – August 22 -27, 2022

**Dr. S. Jaishankar**, India's **External Affairs Minister (EAM)**, undertook an official visit to Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil from August 22-27, 2022, marking the EAM's first visit to the 3 Latin American countries.

- ✓ On his visit to the **Republic of Paraguay**, he jointly inaugurated the newly opened Indian Embassy in Asuncion, Paraguay's capital, with Julio Cesar Arriola, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Paraguay.
- ✓ On his visit to Brazil, Dr. Jaishankar & Mr. Carlos Alberto Franco França, Brazil's Minister of Foreign Affairs, co-chaired the **8th Brazil-India Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) 2022** in Brasilia, Brazil's capital.

He visited the Republic of **Argentina**, at the invitation of Mr. Santiago Cafiero, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, and Worship (FM), Argentina. The two Ministers presided over a **Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)** between the Republic of India and Republic of Argentina at San Martin Palace in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **BANKING & FINANCE**

### **RBI IN NEWS**

#### **Highlights of RBI's 3rd Bi-monthly Monetary Policy of 2022-23; Repo Rate raised to 5.40%**

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on August 3-5, 2022, and released the [RBI's 3rd bi-monthly monetary policy of FY23](#) which retained India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at **7.2%** for the FY23, with FY23's Q1 at 16.2%; Q2 at 6.2%; Q3 at 4.1%; and Q4 at 4%.

RBI's Policy Rates:

Category	Revised Rate on Aug 2022	Previous Rate
Policy Repo Rate	5.40%	4.90%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%	3.35%
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate	5.15%	4.65%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	5.65%	5.15%.
Bank Rate	5.65%	5.15%.
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.50%	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio	18%	18%

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#### **RBI Temporarily Allows Merchants and PAs to Save Customer Card Credentials**

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has temporarily allowed merchants or their **Payment Aggregators (PAs)** involved in settlement of transactions where cardholders choose to enter the card details manually to save the **Card-On-File (CoF)** data for a maximum duration of "**Transaction Date + 4 days**" or until the settlement date, whichever is earlier.

✓ Currently, the aforementioned dispensation is permitted to the card issuer and the card network. Acquiring banks can continue to store CoF data (customer card credentials) for various post-transaction activities until January 31, 2023.

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

The Government of India (**GoI**) has announced the sale (**re-issue**) of four dated securities for a notified amount of Rs. 33,000 crore which will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**), on **5th August 2022**.

**The four securities:**

- i. 6.69% Government Security 2024 for a notified amount of Rs 4,000 Crore (nominal) through price based auction using uniform price method.
- ii. 7.10% Government Security 2029 for a notified amount of Rs 7,000 Crore (nominal) through price based auction using uniform price method.
- iii. 6.54% Government Security 2032 for a notified amount of Rs 13,000 Crore (nominal) through price based auction using uniform price method.

iv.6.95% Government Security 2061 for a notified amount of Rs 9,000 Crore (nominal) through price based auction using multiple price method.

### **PNB Gets RBI Approval to Invest Rs 500 crore in PNB Housing Finance Rights Issue**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) to infuse investment of **Rs 500 crore** in the proposed Rs. 2,500 crore rights issue of PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL). The rights issue process is expected to conclude by **December 2022** or latest in the March quarter.

- ✓ After the investment of Rs. 500 crore, PNB's shareholding in PNBHFL will fall below 30 per cent but would be higher than 26% so that the PNB retains its promoter status.
- ✓ **PNBHFL: MD & CEO** – Hardayal Prasad; **Establishment** – 1988; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi

### **RBI's Financial Inclusion Index rose to 56.4 in March 2022**

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Financial Inclusion (FI) index increased to 56.4 in March 2022 showing growth across all parameters. The index was 53.9 in March 2021.

- ✓ Published annually in July, FI index shows the extent of financial inclusion across India by incorporating details of banking, investments, insurance, postal, and pension sector in consultation with the government and respective sectoral regulators. It does not have any base year.
- ✓ It comprises three broad parameters: **Access** - 35% weightage; **Usage** - 45% weightage; and **Quality** - 20% weightage. It comprises 97 indicators.

### **RBI prescribes norms for Small Finance Banks to deal in Forex**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set norms for the **Small Finance Banks (SFBs)** to become Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-I in Foreign Exchange (forex) Business.

- ✓ As per the RBI's norms, SFBs who have completed two years of operations in Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-II and have a minimum net worth of **Rs 500 crore** can deal in foreign exchange.

The eligible SFBs can approach Foreign Exchange Department, Central Office, RBI with their applications along with the supporting documents, and requisite for grant of Authorised Dealer Category-I license under Reserve Bank under **Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)**.

### **RBI issues Digital Lending Norms to curb Malpractices; Cancels banking licence of Rupee Co-operative Bank, Pune**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a regulatory framework to make digital lending safe for members of the public; curb malpractices; and to mitigate the concerns arising from credit delivery through digital lending methods.

- ✓ The framework is focused on the digital lending ecosystem comprising RBI Regulated Entities (REs) and the Lending Service Providers (LSPs) engaged by them to extend various permissible credit facilitation services.

RBI has cancelled the licence of Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd, Pune in Maharashtra thereby prohibiting the bank from conducting the business of banking which includes acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5(b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949 w.e.f. **September 22, 2022**. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **RBI Disallows Use of Letters of Comfort: To Impact Debt Worth Rs. 35,000 Crore**

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **prohibited** the usage of **Letters of Comfort (LoC)**, a document that gives a guarantee of support to the borrower without any promise to make good any defaults.

- ✓ This move will downgrade the credit ratings of roughly 100 firms, equal to Rs. 35,000 crore of debt.



- ✓ A Letter of Comfort (LoC) is a document issued by a parent company telling a bank that one of its subsidiaries has acquired a loan. According to it, the parent company “supports” the subsidiary during the process and will offer assistance as needed.

**RBI: Governor** – Shaktikanta Das; **Establishment** – 1935; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### **Divestment: RBI Allows IDBI Bank Bidders to Own More than 40% Stake**

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has allowed non-financial institutions and non-regulated entities to own more than **40 %** stake of **IDBI Bank Limited**.

- ✓ The **Union government** and Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) wanted to sell **51 % – 74 %** stake in IDBI through the strategic divestment process.
- ✓ Divestment is the process of selling subsidiary assets, investments, or divisions of a company in order to maximise the value of the parent company.

**IDBI Bank: MD & CEO** – Rakesh Sharma; **Establishment** – 2004.

### **RBI directs loan recovery agents not to intimidate borrowers**

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) issued new rules restricting the loan recovery agents from harassing the borrowers and calling them before 8 am and after 7 pm.

- ✓ The circular also applies to all commercial, regional and rural, small finance banks, and non-banking financial companies including housing finance companies, except payments banks and Mutual fund business.

### **RBI Cancels Licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank**

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) cancelled the licence of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Limited**, Vijayapur, Karnataka as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

- ✓ The bank is prohibited from conducting the ‘**business of banking**’ as defined in Section 5(b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with **immediate effect**.
- ✓ As per the data, more than **99 percent** of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (**DICGC**).

**RBI: Governor** – Shaktikanta Das; **Establishment** – 1935; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### **Indians Remitted USD 6 Billion in Q1FY23 Under LRS Scheme: RBI Data**

According to the latest Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) data, remittances by Indians under the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** increased 64.75 % to over USD 6.04 billion in the first quarter (Q1) of fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23), up from USD 3.67 billion in Q1FY22.

- ✓ The Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) was launched on February 4, 2004, with an initial ceiling of USD 25,000.
- ✓ The scheme allows all residents, including minors, to freely remit up to USD 250,000 each fiscal year for any permitted current or capital account transaction, or combination of both.

International travel contributed USD 2.92 billion of the USD 6.04 billion remitted under LRS in Q1FY23, accounting for over 48.0% of the total amount remitted.

### **GoI in consultation with RBI framed Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022**

In line with the amendment in the Foreign Exchange Management Act 2015, Outward Investments Rules, officially called, ‘**Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022**’ have been framed by the Government of India (GoI) in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). They are applicable w.e.f. August 22, 2022.

- ✓ As per the amendment, the net worth of a registered partnership firm or LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) will be the sum of the capital contribution of partners and undistributed profits of

the partners after deducting therefrom the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure, and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, as per the last audited balance sheet.

- ✓ The rules guide about the investment by a person resident in India in the equity capital of a foreign entity which is classified as ODI (Overseas Direct Investment).

No person resident in India can make a financial commitment to a foreign entity that has invested or invests in India. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **RBI becomes Net Seller in June 2022 by selling 3.719 billion US dollar: RBI bulletin August 2022**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the August 2022 issue of its monthly Bulletin stating that the apex bank turned net seller of the United States (US) currency in June 2022 after it sold USD 3.719 billion on a net basis.

- ✓ In June 2022, RBI purchased USD 18.96 billion from the spot market and sold USD 22.679 billion.
- ✓ The monetary policy committee of the RBI has the target to maintain CPI inflation at 4%, with a range of 2% on both sides.
- ✓ There is easing of inflation in July 2022 by 30 basis points from June 2022 and an appreciable 60 basis points from the average of 7.3% for Q1:2022-23.

Rajasthan accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22, retaining the top place for two consecutive years. It was followed by Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **RBI imposes Rs 2.33 crore Monetary Penalty on Spandana Spahoorty Financial Limited**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a Monetary Penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Spandana Spahoorty Financial Limited, Hyderabad-based finance firm for non-compliance with certain provisions and failed to attach to credit pricing guidelines for Non-Banking Financial Company- Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs).

The penalty has been imposed under the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

## **RBI imposes restrictions on Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank for 6 months**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in exercise of powers conferred under sub section (1) of Section 35A of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949, read with Section 56 of BR Act, 1949 imposes restrictions on Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank, **Kerala** for 6 months starting August 23, 2022, and are subject to review.

- ✓ The RBI has lifted the restrictions imposed on American Express Banking Corp. (AEBC) after the latter has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with regard to Storage of Payment System Data.

American Express is a payment system operator authorized to operate card networks in the country under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

## **Bank Credit Growth increased to 14.2% in Q1FY23: RBI Data**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) for June 2022' showing an increase in bank credit growth to 14.2% in Q1FY23 (quarter ended June 2022) as compared to 6% in Q1FY22. In Q4FY22 (quarter ended March 2022) bank credit had expanded by 10.8%.

Credit growth has been broad-based as all the population groups (i.e., rural, semi-urban, urban and metropolitan), all the bank groups (i.e., public/private sector banks, foreign banks, RRBs and SFBs) and all the regions of India (i.e., central, eastern, north-eastern, northern, southern and western) recorded double-digit annual credit growth in June 2022.

## LOANS ISSUED BY BANKS

LOANS ISSUED BY	RECEIVED BY	AMOUNT	KEY NOTES
Asian Development Bank	Himachal Pradesh	<b>USD 96.3 million (around Rs 769 crores)</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> A <b>USD 96.3 million (around Rs 769 crores)</b> loan agreement to provide safe drinking water, improve water supply and sanitation in Himachal Pradesh (HP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This project is aligned with the objectives of <b>Jal Jeevan Mission</b> which aims to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024 and also strengthens <b>Jal Shakti Vibhag</b>, an initiative of government of HP and gram panchayat village water and sanitation committees.</li> </ul> <p><b>ADB: President</b> – Masatsugu Asakawa; <b>Establishment</b> – 1966; <b>HQ</b> – Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines; <b>Members</b> – 68 members (49 from Asian and the Pacific and 19 outside).</p>

## AGREEMENTS & MoUs SIGNED

BANKS	SIGNED WITH	KEY NOTES
Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI)	SVC Co-operative Bank Limited (SVC Bank)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to extend refinance facility to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This is the first such agreement signed by SIDBI with Urban Cooperative Banks (USBs).</li> </ul> <p><b>SIDBI: CMD</b> - Sivasubramanian Ramann; <b>Establishment</b> – 1990; <b>HQ</b> – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</p>
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to coordinate the operations of institutions involved in related endeavours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim:</b> to transform the landscape of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (<b>MSMEs</b>) by integrating them into the ONDC network and accelerating their participation in <b>e-commerce</b>.</li> <li>✓ <b>SIDBI: CMD</b> – Sivasubramanian Ramann; <b>Establishment</b> – 1990; <b>HQ</b> – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</li> </ul> <p><b>Microsoft</b> has joined the ONDC platform as the first significant technology company, with the intention of introducing social e-commerce to the Indian market. Further, it will launch a shopping app in India that would be accessible via the ONDC network and enable customers to discover the best price offered by retailers and sellers. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
IndusInd Bank Limited	Ruppy	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to offer 100% paperless loan processing for used cars.</p>

		Customers of IndusInd Bank can opt for flexible repayment options while transacting on 'Rupyy'.
Karnataka Bank	Yubi (formerly CredAvenue Pvt Ltd)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for co-lending through the Yubi Co.Lend, the co-lending platform of Yubi.</p> <p>With this collaboration, Karnataka Bank will be able to digitally onboard numerous Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). MD &amp; CEO of Karnata Bank: Mahabaleshwara M.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Karnataka Bank</b> has entered into an agreement with <b>SCHWING Stetter India Pvt Ltd</b>, a prominent manufacturer of construction equipment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Yubi</b> has partnered with <b>U GRO Capital</b>, a next generation Lending-as-a-Service (LaaS) company that uses technology to provide last-mile credit to MSMEs in India.</p>
Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited	New Street Technologies Private Limited	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to facilitate micro lending, operations management, and technology services under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ New Street Technologies is the first fintech partner of the Bank and will provide the technical support to the bank on digital on-boarding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dhanlaxmi Bank: MD &amp; CEO-</b> J K Shivan; <b>Founded-</b> 1927; <b>HQ-</b> Thrissur, Kerala</p>
Indian Bank	SRM University, Andhra Pradesh (AP)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to Lend up to 50 Crores for Start-ups incubated at Hatchlab Research Centre, Technology Business Incubator(TBI) of SRM University-AP. Indian Bank will launch 'IND Spring Board', an initiative for financing start-ups and MSMEs.</p>
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited	LetsVenture Technologies Private Limited	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to support the startup ecosystem by offering curated products and solutions to startups, founders and investors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ An MoU was signed to work on areas of mutual interest at LetsVenture's flagship event, '<b>LetsIgnite</b>', for startups and founders in Bengaluru, Karnataka.</li> </ul> <p>IDFC FIRST Bank offers customised solutions to startUps under its <b>FIRST WINGS program</b>.</p>
Paytm	Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for expanding the distribution of merchant loans to the small cities and towns of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Merchants can avail loans of up to <b>Rs. 10 lakh</b> with a tenure of 6 months to 24 months.</li> <li>✓ <b>Piramal Capital &amp; Housing Finance Limited</b>, (formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited), a wholly owned subsidiary of <b>Piramal Enterprises Limited</b>.</li> </ul>

		<b>PCHFL: MD</b> – Jairam Sridharan; <b>HQ</b> – Mumbai, Maharashtra.
Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank	M1xchange promoted by Mynd Solutions Private Limited in the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide more liquidity to small businesses at competitive interest rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>TReDS system</b> is a discounting platform that is regulated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enables Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises (<b>MSMEs</b>) to auction their trade receivables online and borrow funds from the financial institutions which offer loan at the lowest rate of interest.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1xchange: CEO</b> – Sundeeep Mohindru; <b>Establishment</b> – 2017; <b>HQ</b> – Gurugram, Haryana</p>
Yes Bank	IBSFINTech, a TreasuryTech Solution provider	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to empower the <b>corporate treasury ecosystem</b> with a robust decision-making tool and automated workflows backed by seamless bank connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This partnership provides next generation technology solutions across Cash, Liquidity, Treasury, Risk, Trade Finance and Supply Chain Finance functions of corporations.</li> <li>✓ This will also provide connectivity between a corporate's <b>Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)</b> and a bank's solutions</li> </ul> <p><b>IBSFINTech: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Chandra Mohan Grover; <b>HQ</b> – Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>
Citi	Airtel Africa	<p>Airtel Africa has signed a credit bond with Citi for USD 125 million revolving facility. The facility involves borrowing both in local currencies and US dollars.</p> <p>The facility has a tenor up to <b>September 2024</b> and will be used to support Airtel Africa's operations and investments in four of its subsidiaries.</p>
Yes Bank	SellerApp, a seller-centric intelligence platform	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to encourage the seller segment of its client base to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (<b>ONDC</b>) and help in expanding their digital commerce footprint.</p> <p>This partnership will complement <b>Technology-First A.R.T</b> (Alliances, Relationship &amp; Technology) approach that benefits the customers with better data insights and wider access to the market by moving from a <b>platform-centric</b> model to an <b>open-network</b> model.</p>
HDFC Bank	Build Your Dreams (BYD) India Private Limited, a subsidiary of the Warren Buffett-backed New Energy Vehicle manufacturer BYD	<p><b>Purpose:</b> towards a stock financing solution to its pan India dealer network.</p> <p>Through this partnership, HDFC Bank's commitment in becoming carbon neutral by FY 2031-32 will move a step ahead and also brings the OEM, dealers and</p>



		financiers together for creating an ecosystem that enables customers to purchase their Electric Vehicle.
Axis Bank	Food Corporation of India (FCI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide '<b>Ultima Salary package</b>', a salary account with exclusive benefits &amp; features to all its employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ With this MOU, Axis Bank will offer holistic banking services to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).</li> </ul> <p><b>FCI: MD</b> – Subodh Kumar Singh; <b>Establishment</b> – 1965; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi</p>
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) regional office	J&K Grameen Bank	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for promotion and financing of <b>700</b> Joint Liability Groups (<b>JLGs</b>) in the conference hall of NABARD, J&amp;K Regional Office.</p> <p>NABARD will provide promotional grant support of <b>Rs. 4000 per JLG</b> to J&amp;K Grameen Bank.</p>
Paytm, a digital finance company	Samsung stores across India to enable smart payments and its loan service Paytm Postpaid through distribution of Point of Sale (PoS) smart devices.	This partnership enables the consumer to purchase Samsung's authorised products by using Paytm transaction, which includes Unified Payment Interface ( <b>UPI</b> ), wallet, debit cards and credit cards, and the buy now pay later scheme.
Eight banks including Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Yes Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), IDFC First Bank, and ICICI Bank etc	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide customized banking services for its personnel deployed across India for the welfare of its troops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ICG inked these MoUs with these banks in order to provide customised services to its employees, with the well-being and welfare of the troops as key purposes. It aims to obtain special salary accounts from the banks.</li> </ul> <p><b>ICG: Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG)</b> – Director General VS Pathania; <b>Establishment</b> – 1977; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi.</p>
Central Bank of India	Protium Finance and InCred Financial Services Limited (IFSL) [Formerly "KKR India Financial Services Limited"]	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide loans to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) borrowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Protium Finance would generate and handle MSME proposals under the priority sector, with the Central Bank of India booking 80 % of such loans.</li> <li>✓ Similarly, InCred Financial Services Limited (IFSL) will prioritize MSME loan origination and processing, with the Central Bank of India booking 80 % of such loans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Central Bank of India: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Matam Venkata Rao; <b>Establishment</b> – 1911; <b>HQ</b> – Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>
Mastercard	BASIX Social Enterprise Group	<b>Purpose:</b> launching BASIX Farmers' Market ( <b>BFM</b> ), an agritech platform

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The launch of BFM is an extension of <b>Mastercard Farm Pass</b>, a rural and agriculture digitization solution that serves more than 3.5 lakh farmers across five states in India including 1 million farmers globally.</li> <li>✓ BFM is a <b>digital ecosystem platform</b> that works offline to connect buyers, FPOs and other agriculture ecosystem players with farmers, and enable them to sell their products.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mastercard: CEO</b> – Michael Miebach; <b>Establishment</b> – 1966; <b>HQ</b> – New York, United States (US).</p>
KreditBee	Cashfree Payments, an API banking solutions company	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to offer cardless Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI) options for KreditBee's non-credit card holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The checkout finance loans range from INR 2,400 to INR 2 lakhs with a tenure of 3-18 months.</li> </ul> <p><b>KreditBee: Co-founder &amp; CEO</b> – Madhusudan Ekambaram; <b>HQ</b> – Bengaluru, Karnataka.</p>
Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited	Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Limited (RHFL)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to offer insurance against home loans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Objective</b> – To offer simple and value-added products to Repco's customers along with best insurance solutions through seamless and innovative digitised initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>RHFL: MD &amp; CEO</b> – K Swaminathan; <b>Establishment</b> – 2000; <b>HQ</b> – Chennai, Tamil Nadu.</p>
HDFC Bank	Tata Neu, India's first super app from Tata Group	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to launch co-branded credit cards in two variants that includes <b>Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card</b> and <b>Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card</b>.</p> <p>Tata Neu customers can apply for credit cards on the Tata Neu app and each of its two variants will be available on both <b>RuPay</b> and <b>Visa</b> networks.</p>
BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB)	Indian Army with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Launching of <b>Yoddha</b>, a co-branded RuPay credit card for the <b>Indian Army personnel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It will be equipped with contactless features and will be offered on the RuPay Platform.</li> <li>✓ It also covers Personal Accident insurance, 1 percent Fuel Surcharge Waiver, LTF Add-Ons, Equated Monthly Instalments (EMI) offers and periodic merchant offers through tie-ups done by both BOB Financial and NPCI.</li> </ul> <p><b>BFSL: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Shailendra Singh; <b>Establishment</b> – 1994; <b>HQ</b> – Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd., (TPRMG), a wholly-	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop an innovative programme that will establish 1,000 green energy enterprises across India.</p>

	owned subsidiary of Tata Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ According to the pact, after entrepreneurs complete a capacity-building programme organized by TPRMG, SIDBI will provide them a <b>"Go Responsive, Enterprise incentive (GREENi)"</b>.</li> <li>✓ SIDBI will support credit linkages to facilitate finance (loans) for starting or expanding the businesses of rural entrepreneurs through its PRAYAAS initiative or partner institutions.</li> </ul> <p><b>SIDBI: CMD</b> – Sivasubramanian Ramann; <b>Establishment</b> – 1990; <b>HQ</b> – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
ICICI Bank	National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The MoU provides for the development of financial accounting software for <b>NMDFC</b> and State Channelizing Agencies (<b>SCAs</b>) and loan accounting software for receiving and processing of loan applications and accounting of repayments from beneficiaries.</li> </ul> <p><b>NMDFC: CMD</b> – Rakesh Sarwal; <b>Establishment</b> – 1994; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi</p>
NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	PayXpert, London-based payments solutions provider	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to internationalise the acceptance of its payment solutions, Unified Payments Interface (<b>UPI</b>) and the <b>RuPay card</b>, in the United Kingdom (<b>UK</b>).</p> <p>This collaboration will make the Indian payment solutions available in the UK on all PayXpert's android point-of-sale (POS) devices for in-store payments that includes UPI-based QR code payments and RuPay card payments.</p>
ICICI Bank	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to launch a range of credit cards on the native payments network Rupay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card has been made available in the Coral variant of the ICICI Bank's Gemstone series. This will be followed by the Rubyx and Sapphiro variants.</li> </ul> <p><b>NPCI: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Dilip Asbe; <b>Establishment</b> – 2008; <b>HQ</b> – Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>

## OTHER BANKING NEWS

### SEBI postpones new MF Nomination Rules to Oct 1; Imposes Rs 3 Lakh penalty on BSE

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has postponed the implementation of new rules on nomination for mutual fund investors till October 1, 2022 which were supposed to come into force from August 1, 2022.

- ✓ The circular for the same has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the SEBI Act, 1992, read with the provision of Regulation 77 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

SEBI also released a framework for automated deactivation of trading and demat accounts of investors in case of inadequate Know Your Client (KYC) details w.e.f. August 31, 2022.

- ✓ The framework has been issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the SEBI Act, 1992.

SEBI also imposed a penalty of Rs 3 Lakh on BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) Ltd for indirectly engaging in works that were unrelated to its activities as a stock exchange without the approval of SEBI. [Click here to read more](#)

### **SEBI Restructures Market Data Advisory Committee on August 03, 2022**

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has restructured the **Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC)**, which makes policy recommendations pertaining to securities market data access and privacy. The Advisory Committee on Market Data will now have 20 members. Previously, the committee consisted of 21 members.

- ✓ **Chairperson:** Dr. M. S. Sahoo, Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Delhi (NLUD) and Former Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

Ashish Kumar Chauhan (Member MDAC), the newly appointed CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has replaced Vikram Limaye, NSE's former MD and CEO. Chauhan served as the CEO and MD of the BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange). [Official Link of the List of Members of MDAC](#)

### **SEBI Constitutes 15-member FPI Advisory Committee; Former CEA Appointed as Chairman**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**), the market regulator, has constituted a 15-member advisory committee, **FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investment) Advisory Committee (FAC)** to increase foreign investments and to simplify investment process in the capital markets.

- ✓ The committee will also take care of the increasing participation in the domestic bond markets. Former Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) KV Subramanian has been appointed as the Chairman of the committee. [click here for the members](#)

### **SEBI issued Guidelines for Overseas Investment by AIFs, VCFs**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued new guidelines for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) for making investment abroad, under which overseas investee firms won't need to have an Indian connection.

- ✓ AIFs can invest in securities of companies incorporated outside India. On the other hand, VCFs are allowed to make investments in off-shore venture capital undertaking, subject to certain conditions. [Click Here for Official Release](#)

**SEBI: Chairperson**– Madhabi Puri Buch; **Establishment**– 1992; **HQ**– Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **SEBI amends Preferential Allotment Guidelines for REITs, InvITs**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) amended the pricing norms for preferential allotment of units by Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).

- ✓ Under the new framework, the pricing formula for allotment of units under preferential issue will be **Volume-Weighted Average Price (VWAP)** of weekly highs and lows for 90 trading days or 10 trading days, whichever is higher.

At present, the pricing formula for the same is the VWAP of the last two weeks or the last 26 weeks, whichever is higher.

### **NABARD Allocates Rs 230 Crore for Rural Infra Projects in Mizoram**

The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has approved an allocation of Rs. 230 crore for the approval of rural infrastructure projects in **Mizoram** under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XXVIII.

**NABARD: Chairman** – Dr. G.R. Chintala; **Establishment** – 1982; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **HDFC Receives in-Principle Approval from SEBI to change the control of HDFC AMC**

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

- ✓ This is subject to the approval of the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** under Sections 230-232 of the Companies Act.
- ✓ The change in control will take place after the merging of HDFC Limited into HDFC bank.

**HDFC Bank: MD & CEO** – Shashidhar Jagdishan; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **SBI Formalises Policy to Finance Makers of Lab-Grown Diamonds**

State Bank of India (**SBI**) is the **first** Indian lender to frame a policy to fund lab-grown diamonds which are replicas of the natural diamond stones.

- ✓ Recently factories are being established in **Surat, Gujarat** to produce lab-grown diamonds and many diamond houses are being relocated from Mumbai, Maharashtra to southern Gujarat.
- ✓ These lab-grown diamonds are priced at **30-40 percent lower** than the natural or earth-mined diamonds.

SBI's Diamond Bourse branch, the **Bandra Kurla Complex** in Mumbai, Maharashtra and the **Commercial branch** in Surat, Gujarat have been identified for the business.

### **SEBI joins RBI's AccountAggregator System**

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** joined the **Account Aggregator (AA)** framework that will give a boost to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)-regulated Financial-Data Sharing System.

- ✓ This will allow customers to share information about their mutual fund and stock holdings with financial service providers.
- ✓ This account aggregator framework will make the entire trading system, depository system, and mutual fund system, online.

Notably, all the **12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** joined the AA Framework.

### **UBI Launches Industry-First and Men-Focused Committee –EmpowerHim**

**Union Bank of India (UBI)** has taken the next step in promoting employees' career trajectories and improving diversity in banking with Union Prerna 2.0-**EmpowerHim**, an industry-first and men-focused committee dedicated to improving the workplace environment.

- ✓ Union Prerna is UBI's Human Resources (HR) Transformation initiative, with the aim of boosting productivity through digitalization of processes, employee-centric interventions, and a learning revolution in the banking sector.

**UBI: MD & CEO** – A. Manimekhalai; **Establishment** – 1919; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **Federal Bank Becomes 1st to List Payment Gateway on TIN 2.0 Platform**

Federal Bank becomes the First Bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the Tax Information Network (**TIN**) **2.0 platform** of the Income Tax Department.



- ✓ On 1st July 2022 TIN 2.0 platform was initiated by Federal Bank and the Payment Gateway has been enabled for additional payment options for taxpayers.
- ✓ TIN, an initiative by the Department of Information Technology (IT) for the collection, processing, monitoring and accounting of direct taxes using IT.

**Federal Bank: CEO** – Shyam Srinivasan; **HQ** – Aluva, Kerala

### **HDFC Raises USD 1.1 Billion Social Loan for Financing Affordable Housing Projects**

**HDFC Limited** raised the largest social finance issuance of **USD 1.1 billion** (around Rs 8,700 crore) from investors under **Syndicated Social Loan Facility** at a 3.3 % coupon rate for financing affordable housing projects in India.

- ✓ HDFC Limited has raised the amount through External Commercial Borrowings (**ECBs**) which is the largest social loan globally and **first ECB loan** deal out of India.
- ✓ MUFG Bank Limited (MUFG) is the lead social loan coordinator for this transaction and also one of the Mandated Lead Arranger and Borrowers (MLAB).

**HDFC Ltd: Chairman** – Deepak Parekh; **Establishment** – 1977; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **HDFC Bank Raises up to USD 300 million in NRE deposits**

HDFC Bank has raised up to USD 300 million in Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits, offering up to 50 basis points (A basis point is 0.01%) more than the prevailing rates.

The Middle East led the list of new Non-resident Indian (NRI) depositors while Asia and Europe have also contributed.

### **HDFC Bank Opens its First All-Women Branch in Kozhikode, Kerala**

**HDFC Bank** opened its first **all-women branch** at Cherootty Road, Kozhikode, Kerala (north Kerala region) **with an aim to enhance gender diversity in banking sector.**

- ✓ With this opening, there are a total of 245 bank branches in Kerala.
- ✓ **As on March 31, 2022**, women constituted 21.7 % of the workforce and the target is to increase it to 25 % by 2025.
- ✓ **HDFC Bank: MD& CEO** – Sashidhar Jagdishan; **Established** – 1994; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **SBI Launches India's 1st start-up Dedicated Branch in Bengaluru**

The State Bank of India (**SBI**) launched India's first state-of-the-art start-up dedicated branch in **Koramangala in Bengaluru, Karnataka**. This will serve as a one-stop shop for all start-ups and corporates in Karnataka.

- ✓ Two more branches will be opened in Gurgaon, Haryana and in Hyderabad, Telangana.

The branch would act as a hub with various stakeholders offering a one-stop solution to the corporates and start-ups starting from the formation of the entity till the Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and Follow on Public Offers (FPOs) of the companies.

### **Union Bank sets up "RACE" as its goal of 2022; plans to be among top 3 PSBs**

A Manimekhalai, Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Union Bank of India (UBI)- the first Woman chief of UBI, has announced that UBI has set **RACE** – grow **RAM** (retail, agriculture and MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase **CASA** (current account, savings account deposits) and increase **Earnings** – as its goal for 2022. The bank, 5th Largest public sector bank (PSB) in India, plans to become one among the top 3 PSBs.

## **Axis Bank Becomes the First Bank in India to Introduce ARS, A One-Stop Cash Management Solution**

Axis Bank, India's third largest Private Sector Bank, has become the first in India to introduce the **Axis Receivables Suite (ARS)**, an innovative Cash Management Proposition.

- ✓ ARS streamlines receivables reconciliation, increases cash flow, enhances the client experience, and lowers the cost of doing business.

**Axis Bank: MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry; Establishment – 1993; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra**

## **Kotak Mahindra Bank Launches Lifestyle Focused Corporate Salary Account**

**Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** launched **Kotak Crème**, a lifestyle-focused corporate salary account that offers an upgraded banking experience.

- ✓ This flagship programme will be available to **all corporates** in India and will also come with a host of privileges and rewards across lifestyle, travel, healthcare, dining, skilling and learning experiences.

**Kotak Mahindra Bank: MD & CEO – Uday Kotak; Establishment – 2003; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

## **Karnataka Bank Launches New Deposit Scheme as Part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'**

Karnataka Bank has introduced **KBL Amrit Samriddhi**, a New Term Deposit Scheme under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit (FD) for a tenure of **75 weeks (525 days)**, in accordance with the 75th anniversary of India's independence as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This deposit scheme has an annual interest rate of 6.10%.

- ✓ Currently, the bank offers a 5.50% interest rate on **fixed deposits (FDs)** of less than Rs. 2 crore to the general public, a 5.65% rate for tenures of 2 to 5 years, and a 5.70% rate for maturity periods of more than 5 years and up to 10 years.

**Karnataka Bank: MD & CEO – Mahabaleshwara MS; Establishment – 1924; HQ – Mangaluru, Karnataka**

## **SBI Launches Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme on 76th Independence Day**

State Bank of India (**SBI**) has launched a unique term deposit programme called '**Utsav Deposit**' scheme on the occasion of India's 76th year of Independence, which is celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

- ✓ This is a fixed deposit (FD) scheme with higher interest rates that is effective from 15th August 2022 and the scheme is valid for a period of 75 days.
- ✓ In addition, SBI has mentioned a '**A special SBI WecareDeposit**' for Senior Citizens, under which, eligible senior citizens will get an additional interest rate of 0.50 percent over and above the regular interest rates.

**SBI: Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra**

## **Baroda Tiranga Deposit: Bank of Baroda launches Special FD Scheme**

To celebrate 75 years of India's independence, the public sector lender Bank of Baroda (BoB) on August 16, 2022, has launched the '**Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme**' for a limited time period i.e. till December 31, 2022. It applies to retail deposits **under Rs 2 crore**. It is a Special Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme offering a higher interest rate for subscribers.

- ✓ It is available in two tenor buckets offering interest rates of 5.75% per annum for 444 days and 6% per annum for 555 days.
- ✓ Under this scheme, senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50% per annum. Non-Callable Deposits will also get 0.15% per annum extra.
- ✓ **BoB: MD & CEO – Sanjiv Chadha; Establishment – 1908; HQ – Vadodara, Gujarat.** [Click here to read more.](#)

### **IOB issued special variant debit card "IOB Rupay Select Card" by celebrating Independence Day**

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a major Indian nationalised bank, has launched a special variant of the debit card "IOB Rupay Select Card", that can be used for domestic and international payments. The card was released on the occasion of Independence Day at the Central Office Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

### **Karnataka Bank Launches New Term Deposit Scheme KBL Amrit Samriddhi under ACC**

Mangaluru-based **Karnataka Bank** has come up with a new term deposit scheme called "KBL Amrit Samriddhi" under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit (FD) category.

- ✓ The bank has offered the term deposit scheme for **75 weeks (525 days)** with the interest rate on the Deposit Scheme of 6.10% per annum.

### **Maha Dhanvarsha: Bank of Maharashtra has introduced a new FD Scheme**

The Bank of Maharashtra (BOM) initiated a new Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme namely 'Maha Dhanvarsha' which is a special deposit with highest interest rate of 5.50% for regular people and 6% for senior citizens. This interest rate is only valid for a 400-day term.

- ✓ With effect from August 22, 2022, BOM revised the interest rates on FDs under Rs 2 crore. The bank offers FDs terms ranging from 7 days to 10 years with interest rates ranging from 2.75 per cent to 5.40% (currently 5.50%).

**BOM:** MD & CEO - AS Rajeev; **HQ**– Pune, Maharashtra; **Tagline**– Ek Parivaar Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

### **PNB launched a pre-qualified credit card & overdraft facility against FD**

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched a new pre-qualified credit card along with overdraft facility against Fixed Deposit (FD) on 22nd August, 2022.

Customers can benefit from the offering of the Loans Against Deposits (LAD) facility on offline deposits of the bank with a few clicks and a single OTP.

### **SBI to extend Indian Visa Application Centres for two more years in Bangladesh**

State Bank of India (SBI) Bangladesh Country Head of Organisation, **Amit Kumar** and **Dr Binoy George**, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh inked the agreement to re-engage the agent for managing Indian Visa Application Centres (IVAC) in Bangladesh for another 2 years, at a ceremony organised at IVAC at **Jamuna Future Park**, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### **Axis Bank and KMRL launches kochi1 Card offer for Onam**

**Axis Bank** set to launch a campaign with Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) to process the Kochi1 card among metro commuters, which helps for the commuters to save big on subway fares.

- ✓ It announced offers for Kochi-1 smart card holders in connection with Onam.

The bank partnered with Amazon pay to provide discounts on basic payments like bills and recharge.

## **FINANCE NEWS**

### **Infosys Finacle Gets Inducted into IFSCA's Regulatory Sandbox Framework**

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

- ✓ As part of InFINITY Forum 2021, IFSCA launched I-Sprint '21, a global FinTech (Financial Technology) hackathon, as part of its effort to support a world-class fintech hub at GIFT City.
- ✓ The blockchain-based **Finacle Trade Connect** was chosen for the "Buyers' credit optimization" category and was granted direct entry into the IFSCA's Regulatory Sandbox.

- ✓ In the initial stage, six eminent banks—Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, HSBC, ICICI Bank, RBL Bank, and State Bank of India—will collaborate with Infosys Finacle in the regulatory sandbox.

### **GST E-Invoicing Mandatory for Entities with Rs.10 Crore Turnover from October 1, 2022**

The Government of India (GoI) has made **E-invoicing** (electronic billing) mandatory for businesses with an aggregate turnover over Rs.10 crore from **October 1, 2022**, in an effort to further prevent revenue leakage and ensure improved tax compliance from businesses. Currently, businesses with turnover of Rs.20 crore and above are required to generate an electronic invoice for all Business to Business(B2B) transactions.

- ✓ In accordance with the GST Council's recommendation, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance (MoF) has issued a notification lowering the threshold in line with the power conferred by sub-rule (4) of rule 48 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

The GST Council recommended the phased introduction of an Electronic Invoice ("e-invoice") in GST at its 37th meeting on September 20, 2019.

### **IRDAI eases norms of Bank Bonds, InvITs/REITs**

The **Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has amended its master circular on investments, and allowed insurers to buy more perpetual bonds issued by banks and permitted them to participate in the public listing of high-yielding **InvITs** (Infrastructure Investment Trusts). Life insurers and general insurers can make in mutual funds and AT1 (additional tier one) bonds. The aggregate value of AT1 bonds held in a particular bank, at any point of time, should not exceed 10% of the total outstanding AT1 bonds of that particular bank.

### **Max Life Insurance Launches 3-in-1 Protection Plan – Smart Secure Easy Solution**

Max Life Insurance Company Limited has launched Max Life **Smart Secure Easy Solution**, a comprehensive **3-in-1** protection solution offering benefits of **life, critical illness & disability** and **accidental cover**.

- ✓ This offering aims at extending financial protection towards self-employed individuals, salaried and other professionals.

Max Life Insurance Company Limited is a Joint Venture between Max Financial Services Limited and Axis Bank Limited. **MD & CEO** – Prashant Tripathy; **Establishment** – 2000; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi

### **Global Pay: American Express launches Cross Border Payments**

American Express launched a cross-border payments platform 'Global Pay' for Small to Medium-sized Businesses (SMBs) customers seeking an international payment solution.

- ✓ It will act as a digital solution that will let US businesses make secure domestic and international B2B (Business to Business) payments.

**American Express: CEO**– Stephen J. Squeri; **HQ**– New York, United States (US).

### **PFRDA Discontinues Credit Card Payment Facility in Tier-II NPS Account**

The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has decided to discontinue the facility to pay subscriptions/contributions in the Tier-II account of the National Pension System (NPS) using credit cards as a mode of payment on August 3, 2022. NPS was the only saving instrument that permitted account holders to invest using credit cards via the [eNPS](#).

- ✓ As a result, all Points of Presence (POPs) have been directed to discontinue accepting credit cards as a means of payment for the NPS Tier-II account with immediate effect.
- ✓ While the NPS Tier-I account can still be paid for using credit cards, the NPS Tier-II account does not accept credit card payments.

**PFRDA: Chairman** – Supratim Bandyopadhyay; **Establishment** – 2003; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **India Hands Over USD 1 million to BIMSTEC Secretariat's Operational Budget**

Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Education **Rajkumar Ranjan Singh** ceremonially handed over a cheque of **USD 1 million** for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (**BIMSTEC**) Secretariat's operational budget.

- ✓ BIMSTEC Secretary General **Tenzin Lekphell** was on a visit to India, during which discussions were held on the consolidation and further development of the BIMSTEC institutional architecture under the BIMSTEC Charter adopted on 30th March 2022.

**BIMSTEC: Established** – 1997; **Member states** – 7 members (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand).

### **HDFC ERGO Launches India's First Electric Vehicles Ecosystem – 'All Things EV'**

**HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited**, a leading private sector general insurance company, has launched '[All Things EV](#),' India's first one-stop-solution portal that provides all the required information related to Electric Vehicles (EVs).

- ✓ This platform is accessible by all Indians who have either purchased EVs or are planning to buy EV or to make an earning out of the EV space.

**HDFC ERGO: MD & CEO** – Ritesh Kumar; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **Navi Mutual Fund Launches India's First Manufacturing Index Fund**

Navi Mutual Fund (Formerly known as Essel Mutual Fund) has launched its **6th fund** for the year 2022, the **Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund** which is India's **first open-ended** manufacturing index.

- ✓ The fund is an open-ended equity scheme replicating the **Nifty India Manufacturing Index**, which tracks the performance of manufacturers among the top 300 companies in India.
- ✓ Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund aims to simplify investing in the Indian manufacturing sector.

**Navi Mutual Fund: Founder** – Sachin Bansal; **Establishment** – 2018; **HQ** – Bengaluru, Karnataka.

### **Mirae Asset Mutual Fund launches 2 funds on Electric, Autonomous Vehicles and AI themes**

Mirae Asset Mutual Fund has launched two new funds viz. Mirae Asset Global Electric & Autonomous Vehicles ETFs Fund of Fund (FoF) and Mirae Asset Global X Artificial Intelligence and Technology ETF Fund of Fund (FoF). ETF stands for Exchange Traded Funds.

- ✓ These are the first such funds based on companies involved in future technology to be launched in India in the mutual fund industry.
- ✓ Each new fund offers opened for subscription on August 16 and will close on 30 August. The funds will be managed by **Siddharth Srivastava**, head – ETF products, Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Pvt Ltd.

CEO of Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Pvt Ltd (Mirae AMC) – **Swarup Mohanty**.

### **Edelweiss MF Launches India's First Gold and Silver Fund Scheme**

**Edelweiss Mutual Fund (MF)**, an Asset Management Company (AMC) launches Edelweiss Gold and Silver Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) Fund of Fund, India's first fund offer scheme that offers exposure to gold and silver through a single fund on 24th August 2022.

- ✓ Edelweiss Gold and Silver ETF Fund of Fund is an open-ended Fund of Fund scheme investing in units of Gold ETF and Silver ETF.



- ✓ In September 2021, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed MF houses to introduce silver ETFs in the Indian market.

**Edelweiss Mutual Fund** – MD & CEO – Radhika Gupta; **Establishment** – 2009; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **ReNew Power Raises USD 1 Billion Through ECB for Battery-Enabled Project**

Gurgaon-based **ReNew Power** has raised a **USD 1 billion project loan** through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) in partnership with 12 international banks for the finance.

- ✓ This is the single largest renewable energy project with **1,300 MW capacity** with round-the-clock (RTC) power supply, battery enabled hybrid capacity.
- ✓ **ReNew Power** will use the funding of 1 billion for its upcoming hybrid battery-enabled RTC project.

It has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) which will set up wind and solar projects in Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra under RTC.

### **Aegon Life Insurance launches #PlayForOurHeroes campaign to raise fund for AFFDF**

Life Insurance Company Aegon Life Insurance Company (ALIC) has launched '**#PlayForOurHeroes**' campaign in order to celebrate the 75th Independence Day.

- ✓ The campaign uses gamification to create awareness about insurance and raise funds for Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF).

### **IRDAI set to launch upgraded version of IGMS as 'Bima Bharosa'**

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) is set to launch the upgraded version of Integrated Grievance Redressal System (**IGMS**), as '**Bima Bharosa**', an updated version of the grievance redressal mechanism.

Bima Bharosa will be in a time-bound manner for customers and messages will be sent to the petitioner's mobile or e-mail ID after the complaint registration.

### **IRDAI provides more Flexibility to Insurers by easing Limits for Insurance Commission**

The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** provided insurers with more flexibility in paying commission by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses.

- ✓ The maximum commission sanctioned for non-life products i.e. for health and general insurers has been pegged at 20% of the Gross Written Premium (GWP) in India in that financial year.

IRDAI also proposed a 20% commission cap on first-year premium (FYP) and 10% renewal premium (RP) compared to 35-40% and 5-7.5%, respectively.

### **Muthoot Finance Launches Milligram Reward Programme for Customers**

**Muthoot Finance Limited** has launched **Milligram Reward Programme** for its customers where the customers will be rewarded with a certain amount of milligram reward points for transactions with the company.

- ✓ With this launch, Muthoot Finance becomes the **first gold loan NBFC** (Non-banking Financial Company) to launch such a new reward programme.
- ✓ This is a 2-year programme which will be run in 24 carat gold for the first time in India.

**Muthoot Finance:** MD – George Alexander Muthoot; **Establishment** – 1939; **HQ** – Kochi, Kerala

### PoPs to get 0.20% of the NPS D-Remit Contribution w.e.f. Sept 1, 2022: PFRDA

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (**PFRDA**) announced that a trail commission of 0.20% of the NPS (National Pension System) D-Remit (Direct Remittance) contribution amount will be paid to Points of Presence (PoPs) from September 1, 2022.

- ✓ PoPs are banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and other players which register and service subscribers under NPS. They are the first point of interaction between the subscriber and NPS.

The trail commission on D-Remit contributions made by NPS subscribers who were on-boarded by the respective PoPs will be similar to eNPS. PoPs will get a minimum Rs 15 & maximum Rs 10,000, under this.

### India Surpasses China, UK to Become 10th Largest Life Insurer Globally

According to the latest report tracking the performance of the industry by **Benori Knowledge**, a new-age provider of specialised research and analytics solutions, the **life insurance penetration** rate in India has increased to 3.2% in December 2021 from 2.8% in December 2019.

- ✓ India is now the 10th largest Life Insurance market in the world almost at par with the global average of 3.3%. and is ahead of China (at 2.4%) and the United Kingdom (UK) (at 3%).

According to the most recent statistics on health insurance coverage collected by the **National Family Health Survey (NFHS)** in **2019-21**, around 88% of Rajasthan households have at least one person covered by a health scheme or health insurance.

### PGIM India Mutual Fund Launches an Investor Education and Awareness Initiative – MoneyAndMe website

**PGIM India Mutual Fund** launched a new investor education and awareness website, 'MoneyAndMe' (<https://moneyandme.pgimindiamf.com/>).

- ✓ The company also announced the launch of a consumer awareness campaign 'Aapka HappinessPlanned' to promote the MoneyAndMe Initiative.
- ✓ The MoneyAndMe website is a personality based initiative that enables consumers to take financial decisions, pursue their passion and achieve their life goals by following the right sequencing such as budgeting, protection, savings and investing.

## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

### GDP & GROWTH RATE

ORGANIZATION	YEAR	RATE
ICRA	Q1 (April-June) FY23	<b>13%</b> Gurugram (Haryana)-based rating agency ICRA Limited has projected India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to increase a four-quarter high <b>13%</b> in Q1 (April-June) FY23 due to low base of Covid 2.0 and robust recovery in contact-intensive services. The GDP projection was 4.1% in Q4 FY22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ However, ICRA's Q1FY23 is lower than the projection of Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) projection of 16.2%.</li> </ul>

ICRA expects GDP growth in Q2 (July-September) FY2023 in the range of 6.5-7%, exceeding the MPC's forecast of 6.2%.
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## ECONOMY NEWS

### India's April-June 2022 Fiscal Deficit at Rs 3.52 lakh cr, 21% of FY23 target

As per the Revenue-Expenditure data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit for April-June 2022 stood at **Rs 3,51,871 crore**, which is about 21.2% of its full financial year target.

- ✓ The Indian economy is expected to grow around **7.2% year-on-year** (y-o-y) in FY23, down from earlier estimates of over 8%, and 8.7% in FY22.
- ✓ In total, the government received Rs 5,96,040 crore up to June 2022, comprising Rs 5,05,898 crore tax revenue (net to Centre), Rs 62,160 crore of non-tax revenue and Rs 27,982 crore of non-debt capital receipts.

The total expenditure incurred by the government is **Rs 9,47,911 crore**, 24.0% of the corresponding estimate of FY23.

### India Could Emerge as Asia's Strongest Economy in 2022-23: Morgan Stanley

According to economists at **Morgan Stanley**, a global leader in financial services, **India could emerge as Asia's strongest economy in 2022-2023** since it is best positioned to generate robust domestic demand, boosted by economic policy reforms, a young workforce, and business investments.

The brokerage Morgan Stanley anticipates India's growth to be 7% on average for 2022-2023 and to contribute 28% and 22%, respectively, to Asian and global growth.

### GeM Portal Procures 8,200 Crore from Various Registered Startups

The Government e-Marketplace (**GeM**) portal has procured over 8,200 crore worth of products and services from around 12,165 registered startups across 1.42 lakh orders since its inception in 2016.

- ✓ Under the Startup Runway initiative for unique products with no comparable, startups can register and sell such products.

Maharashtra stands first with 8.83 lakh vendors who are registered with GeM followed by Uttar Pradesh (4.09 lakh) and Tamil Nadu (4.07 lakh).

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Google launches 'India Ki Udaan' to mark 75 years of Independence

Google has launched an online project named "[India Ki Udaan](#)", featuring the milestone achievements of India in its 75 years of Independence, at an event organised at the Sunder Nursery in New Delhi, Delhi in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy.

- ✓ The project is executed by the **Google Arts & Culture** and it is themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years.

It is published in English and Hindi and allows users to explore around 120 illustrations and 21 stories created by 10 talented artists.

### HAL to open first overseas marketing office in Malaysia

**Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** signed a MoU in the presence of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Secretary of Defence for opening its **first** international marketing and sales office in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

The office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air

Force (RMAF) like the upgradation and servicing of the Russian Su-30s and British Hawk trainer aircraft.

### **Ratan Tata unveils the startup 'Goodfellows' for Senior Citizen**

Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata has unveiled the new start-up '**Goodfellows**' designed to provide companionship services to senior citizens with young graduates.

Goodfellows was founded by Shanthanu Naidu, the General Manager at the Office of RNT (Ratan Naval Tata).

### **IOC to spend Rs. 2 lakh cr. for net-zero emissions**

The chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), **Shrikant Madhav Vaidhya** announced that IOC will invest Rs 2 lakh crore to achieve net-zero operational carbon emissions by 2046. It will use a combination of energy efficiency measures, electrification of processes and fuel replacement. The target set is in line with India's aim to reach net-zero emissions by 2070.

## **MoU's & AGREEMENTS**

### **MoU's WITH COUNTRY**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>MoU's WITH</b>	<b>FIELD / PURPOSE</b>
Airports Authority of India (AAI)	Scientific and Production Corporation "Radio technical Systems" (RTS) of Russia	<b>Purpose:</b> for the supply of radio equipment. Under this contract, the company will manufacture 34 sets of Instrument Landing System (ILS)-734 for the modernization of 24 airports in India.
AD Ports Group, based in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Limited, India's largest integrated ports and logistics company	<b>Purpose:</b> for strategic joint investments in end-to-end logistics infrastructure in Tanzania. ✓ Both the companies will provide development support for strategic logistics infrastructure and solutions, which include rail, maritime services, port operations, digital services, an industrial zone and the establishment of maritime academies in Tanzania. <b>Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd: CEO- Karan Adani; Founded-1998</b>
Republic of Cuba	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	<b>Purpose:</b> for setting up a 1150 MW solar project in Cuba. ✓ NTPC is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project. ✓ ISA, Cuba's Unión Eléctrica (UNE), and India's NTPC Limited will work together to ensure the solar project is bankable, technically sound, and attractive to international investment in Cuba. This project is the first in ISA's broader solar park programme, which will support developing markets in structuring bankable, economic solar parks

		through technical support, transparent and competitive tendering and implementation agreements.
India	Bangladesh	<p>Under the Indian Line of Credit (<b>LoC</b>) signed 2 contracts just before 4 months of the project deadlines ended</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> for the construction of a new broad-gauge line between <b>Khulna &amp; Darsana</b> and conversion of meter gauge into a dual-gauge line between <b>Parbatipur &amp; Kaunia</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The projects are being implemented with financing under the concessional Indian line of credit (LoC) of \$2 billion.</li> </ul> <p>The 2 railway projects will increase rail connectivity in Bangladesh and enhance the potential to transform cross-border goods movement, and boost sub-regional growth.</p>

## MoU's WITH STATES

STATE	MoU's WITH	FIELD / PURPOSE
Assam	Mizoram	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to resolve the boundary dispute between the two states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The meeting was held in <b>Aizawl, Mizoram</b>. The next meeting will take place at <b>Guwahati, Assam</b> in <b>October 2022</b>.</li> <li>✓ Both sides have agreed to promote and maintain peace and also Deputy Commissioners of the bordering districts of both states shall meet at least once in two months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assam: Governor</b> – Prof. Jagadish Mukhi; <b>National Park</b> – Kaziranga National Park, Dibru – Saikhowa National Park, Manas National Park.</p>
West Bengal	Maharashtra	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to prevent the migration and trafficking of women between the two states, where a lot of movement of people takes place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It was signed during the state-level consultation on the “<b>Uses and Abuses of Technology</b>” organized by the WB Government and the United Nations Children’s Fund (<b>UNICEF</b>) on the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30, 2022).</li> </ul> <p><b>WB: Chief Minister (CM)</b> – Mamata Banerjee; <b>Airport</b> – Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata; Bagdogra International Airport, Siliguri</p>
Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL)	Tamil Nadu based NLC India Ltd. (NLCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Coal	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop 1,000 MW of solar power projects in Assam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The establishment of this solar project will act as a stepping stone for NLCIL to achieve its ambitious</li> </ul>



		plans of having capacity of around 17,171 MW, including 6,031 MW of renewable energy, by 2030. <b>NLCIL: CMD-Rakesh Kumar; Founded-1956; HQ-Chennai, Tamil Nadu.</b>
Odisha	National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)	<b>Purpose:</b> for protecting its coastline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the partnership, NIOT will provide technical guidance, design, and drawing of climate resilient coastal protection measures.</li> <li>✓ Odisha has a vast coastline of about <b>480 km</b> and the 6 coastal districts of Odisha including Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, and Ganjam will be benefitted.</li> </ul> <b>NIOT: Director – G. A. Ramadass; Establishment – November 1993; HQ – Chennai, Tamil Nadu.</b>
Andhra Pradesh	National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)	Both parties entered into agreement as a part of YSR <b>YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku Bhu Raksha scheme.</b> This scheme aims to provide litigation-free land ownership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the agreement, NISG will <b>assist</b> the AP government in preparation and development of an integrated land management system with advanced technology in fixing the boundaries.</li> </ul> <b>NISG: Board Member &amp; CEO – J. Rama Krishna Rao; Establishment – 2002; HQ – Hyderabad, Telangana.</b>
Gujarat	Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T)	<b>Purpose:</b> to set up an Information Technology (IT) and IT-enabled Services (ITeS) Park in Vadodara, Gujarat at an investment worth <b>Rs. 7,000 crore.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This IT park will be set up under the IT/ITeS policy <b>2022-2027</b> that was launched in February 2022.</li> </ul> <b>L&amp;T: MD &amp; CEO – S N Subramanyan; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</b>
Assam	HCL, Walmart, Flipkart	<b>First MoU b/w:</b> Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training (DECT), Assam & HCL Technologies <b>Purpose:</b> to facilitate the entrepreneurship and employment development among youths of Assam under various programmes. <b>Second MoU b/w:</b> Assam Skill University (ASU) & HCL Training and Staffing Services (HCL-TSS) <b>Purpose:</b> to help aspirants to join HCL-TSS skilling and employment programmes and provide mutual support for counseling and conducting assessment of eligible candidates in university campus or any other campus provided by ASU. <b>Third MoU b/w:</b> Walmart Vriddhi with the Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Department (ICPED) and Skill Employment Entrepreneurship Department (SEED). <b>Fourth MoU b/w:</b> Flipkart & Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) Flipkart will provide opportunities to youth of Assam in the Flipkart Supply Chain Operations Academy by training,

		certifying and creating a pool of e-commerce supply chain talent.
Arunachal Pradesh	NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, and Reach to Teach organisation	<p>It was done on the 2nd year anniversary of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> for a large-scale transformation in school education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It is a <b>three-year partnership</b> (2022-25) agreement.</li> <li>✓ The MoU focuses on the enhancement of the learning outcome of students across 3,000 plus government schools in AR thereby reaching out to over two lakh children.</li> </ul> <p>NITI Aayog: <b>CEO</b>– Parameswaran Iyer; <b>Establishment</b>– 2015; <b>HQ</b>– New Delhi, Delhi.</p>
Andaman Nicobar Command (ANC)	Airport Authority of India (AAI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to boost inter-island connectivity under <b>UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) Scheme</b> in Port Blair, the capital city of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the agreement, the naval airfields at Shibpur (Diglipur) in North Andaman and in Campbell Bay will be utilized for civil operations.</li> <li>✓ Passenger flights will be connecting Port Blair directly to Diglipur and Campbell Bay.</li> </ul> <p><b>AAI: Chairman</b>–Sanjeev Kumar; <b>Founded</b>– 1 April 1995; <b>HQ</b>– New Delhi, Delhi</p>
Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL)	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave 2022 (3rd edition), to be held from November 30 to December 04, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Odisha registered a growth of 10.1% in 2021-22 and became one of the fastest-growing economies in India. Other sectors such as the Manufacturing sector with 56% share in Industrial gross value added grew at 14.3 % in 2021-22 while the mining sector with 21% share registered 18.1 % growth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Odisha: CM</b> – Naveen Patnaik; <b>Dance</b>– Ghumura Dance, Ranapa Dance, Jodi Sankha Dance</p>
District Administration of Varanasi, Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP)	Flipkart, an Indian e-commerce company	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to empower National market access for artisans, weavers, and people with disabilities.</p> <p>Under this partnership iconic products like Banarasi Sarees, Handmade Carpets, Zardozi Craft, Metal Crafts, and Handmade Dari from UP will be made available on the Flipkart platform.</p>
Assam, Manipur and Tripura	Godrej Agrovet	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the development and promotion of oil palm cultivation in the region under the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the agreement Godrej Agrovet will be allotted land across Assam, Manipur and Tripura for promotion and development of sustainable palm oil plantations in the region to support the farmers.</li> </ul> <p>Godrej Agrovet's palm oil is currently present in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Goa, Maharashtra, and Mizoram.</p>

Rajasthan	Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN Limited)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the development of 10,000 MW (MegaWatt) Renewable Energy (RE) projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This project would require an investment of around Rs 50,000 crore in the next 5 to 7 years.</li> </ul> <p>SJVN will establish the RE projects on the land banks to be allocated by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd (RRECL). It targets to achieve the shared vision of 5000 MW by 2023, 25000 MW by 2030, and 50000 MW by 2040.</p>
Chhattisgarh	Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bengaluru, Karnataka	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to set up central India's largest regional testing laboratory and testing centre at Atal Nagar-Nava Raipur (Naya Raipur), Chhattisgarh.</p>
Arunachal Pradesh	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, the Government of India (GoI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to create a <b>"District Good Governance Portal"</b> to track and assess the performance of each district in the state on a monthly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The DARPG has established a <b>District Good Governance Index</b>, a first for NE States, in partnership with the of Arunachal Pradesh &amp; the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad (Telangana), to improve the efficiency of governance across districts.</li> <li>✓ Arunachal Pradesh has designated <b>2022-23</b> the <b>year of e-governance</b> and has already deployed a 100 % e-office, as well as e-assembly and e-cabinet modules, in the state civil secretariat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Arunachal Pradesh: Governor</b> – Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd); <b>Festivals</b> – Chalo-Loku Festival; Longte Yullo Festival; Oijale/Oriah. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Jharkhand	United Kingdom (UK)	<p><b>MoU b/w:</b> Government of <b>Jharkhand</b> &amp; the United Kingdom (UK) government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), British High Commission, New Delhi. This is the first MoU signed between FCDO and an Indian State.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to award the <b>Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda (MGJSM) Scholarship</b> to five meritorious scholars belonging to the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward class and minorities in the Jharkhand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The scholarship aims to provide fully funded scholarships to students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and minority communities of the state in premier universities of Great Britain from 2023-2024 academic session.</li> </ul> <p>Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship is a hybrid version of FCDO's <b>Chevening Scholarship</b> and the Jharkhand government's <b>Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship</b>.</p>
Nagaland	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to collaborate and unleash the potential of entrepreneurial talents in Nagaland.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The conclave was held from 22nd to 23rd August 2022 under the theme “Partnerships for strengthening sustainable development”.</li> <li>✓ Under the agreement, the CII will establish startup cohorts and conduct capacity-building programmes for Nagaland Government officials, financial institutions &amp; banks in Nagaland, incubators, and academic innovation cells for engaging with startups.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nagaland: Governor</b>-Jagdish Mukhi.; <b>Festivals</b> –Ngada Festival, Hega Festival.</p>
Andhra Pradesh	“Parley for the Oceans”, United States(US) based Environmental organization	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for plastic-waste management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet (GASP) will be partnering the project.</li> <li>✓ Parley for the Oceans will set up “<b>Parley Super Hub</b>”, in Visakhapatnam, where recycling and upcycling of plastic wastes will be done.</li> </ul> <p>Andhra Pradesh introduced Clean Andhra Pradesh (<b>CLAP</b>) where around 4,097 garbage collecting vehicles were deployed.</p>
Punjab	Tata Steel Limited	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for setting up a <b>0.75</b> million tonne per annum (<b>MnTPA</b>) long products steel scrap-based electric arc furnace (<b>EAF</b>) steel plant in <b>Ludhiana</b>, Punjab.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Initiating the greenfield facility at <b>Kadiana Khurd, Hitech Valley, Ludhiana</b>, Punjab, is a part of Tata Steel’s investment in a <b>circular economy</b> and <b>transition to low-carbon steel making</b> through the steel recycling route. It is to achieve the company’s goal of <b>Net Zero carbon emission by 2045</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tata Steel Ltd: CMD</b>- T.V. Narendran; <b>Establishment</b>- 1907 (Asia’s 1st integrated private steel company); <b>HQ</b>- Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>
National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited (NHPC)	Himachal Pradesh	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the 500 megawatt (<b>MW</b>) <b>Dugar Hydroelectric Project</b> in <b>Chamba</b>, Himachal Pradesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On 15 September, 2019, both NHPC and Government of Himachal Pradesh signed the Memorandum of Understanding (<b>MoU</b>) for 449 MW Dugar Hydroelectric Project.</li> </ul> <p>An agreement to the Dugar Hydroelectric project was issued by CEA on April 26, 2022. The clearance of Forest and environment are in process.</p>

## MoU’s BETWEEN ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATION	MoU’s WITH	FIELD / PURPOSE
Indian Institute of Science (IISc)	Indian Navy	<b>Purpose:</b> to boost self-reliance in key technologies and to collaborate on aviation research and development.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The areas of collaboration for joint research include aerospace/aeronautical engineering, design and education technology.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indian Navy: Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)</b> - Admiral R. Hari Kumar; <b>Founded-</b> 26 January 1950; <b>HQ</b> - New Delhi, Delhi; <b>Motto-</b> शं नो वरुणः (Sanskrit) 'May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us'</p>
Government of India (GoI)	Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for granting CDRI the status of "Independent and International Legal Entity."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The CDRI was launched by India's Prime Minister (PM), Narendra Modi, on September 23, 2019, during the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York, United States (US).</li> </ul> <p>The CDRI is a global collaboration of National Governments, United Nations (UN) agencies &amp; programmes, Multilateral Development Banks &amp; Financing Mechanisms, the private sector, and academic &amp; research institutions.</p>
Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	Ministry of Defence (MoD)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the supply of <b>9</b> integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (<b>ASW</b>) complex (<b>IAC MOD 'C' Systems</b>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IAC MOD C has been indigenously developed by BEL in association with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).</li> </ul> <p>The <b>IAC MOD 'C' System</b> is an integrated <b>anti-submarine warfare (ASW)</b> system for all surface ships of the Indian Navy.</p>
National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)	Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> envisaging swift development of modern <b>Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP)</b> under Bharatmala Pariyojna across India.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) at par with International Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To be developed under the '<b>Hub &amp; Spoke</b>' model, MMLP will integrate multiple modes of freight transport through highways, railways &amp; inland waterways.</li> </ul> <p>The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Bharatmala Pariyojana</p>



		Phase-I in 2017. It was approved for an estimated cost of <b>Rs 6,92,324 crore</b> including other ongoing schemes. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a>
Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the project, 8-10 Cheetahs will be flown in from Namibia and South Africa and will be introduced at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh. It is a national project involving NTCA, Govt. of India and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP).</li> <li>✓ NTCA is the nodal agency authorized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&amp;CC) for funding, supervision and hand holding.</li> </ul> <p>Indian Oil adopted <b>Indian Single Horned Rhino</b> as its mascot in 2021 and has been at the forefront of India's Rhino conservation endeavours.</p>
National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)	Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Under the agreement, NIESBUD and HUL will provide support to enhance employment generation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities.</li> <li>✓ HUL is also contributing Rs. 63,00,000 to NIESBUD to support the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (<b>SANKALP</b>) Project.</li> </ul> <p><b>HUL: CEO &amp; MD-</b> Sanjiv Mehta; <b>HQ-</b> Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	Bangladesh Roads and Highways department	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for an interim set up to facilitate emergency supply of petroleum goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The petroleum tankers will enter from Meghalaya and reach Tripura passing through the Bangladesh territory.</li> </ul> <p>Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas (<b>MoPNG</b>), <b>Hardeep Singh Puri</b> released publications on Indian Oil Corporation Limited's (IOCLs) Diamond Jubilee milestone of <b>Guwahati Refinery</b> and Golden Jubilee celebrations of <b>Bongaigaon Refinery</b>. 'My</p>

		<p><b>Stamp'</b> was issued to Indian Oil Corporation by the Indian Post Department.</p> <p><b>IOCL: Chairman</b> – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
National Health Authority (NHA)	Quality Council of India (QCI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for six months to accredit and rate the Health Management Information System (HMIS) and Laboratory Information Management System (LMIS) solutions integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The programme for accreditation of software solutions under the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) for the management of hospitals, laboratories and clinics will enhance the technological development of healthcare in India.</li> </ul> <p>NABH is a constituent board of the QCI which is responsible for national accreditation in the domain of healthcare.</p>
Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways	Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Kozhikode in Kerala	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to boost startups in the maritime sector.</p> <p>Under the initiative, start-ups can get up to Rs 50 lakh as seed grants, Rs 1 crore as prototyping grants and equity funding for start-ups at the scale-up stage.</p>
Prasar Bharati	Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop Next Generation Broadcast Solution and Roadmap for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting consistent with emerging standards such as 5G Broadcast.</p>
Insurance start-up InsuranceDekho (Girnar Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd)	Future Generali India Insurance Company (Future Generali)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to offer dog health cover.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ InsuranceDekho offers comprehensive coverage for over 25 breeds of dogs, aged 6 months to 10 years.</li> </ul> <p>This will offer financial assistance to pet owners for towards hospitalisation (including pre and post-hospitalisation), treatment of terminal illness, and surgery, subject to certain terms and conditions.</p>
Amazon India	Indian Railways	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to boost Amazon's delivery services in India by transporting packages in more than <b>110 inter-city routes</b>, ensuring one to <b>2-day delivery</b> for its customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Amazon Data Services India Private Limited</b>, a subsidiary of Amazon India, leased 5.5 acres of</li> </ul>

		<p>industrial land from Larsen &amp; Toubro Limited (L&amp;T) in Powai, Mumbai to set up a data centre.</p> <p><b>Amazon India: Country Head of India</b> – Amit Agarwal; <b>Establishment</b> – 2013; <b>HQ</b> – Hyderabad, Telangana</p>
Army Design Bureau (ADB) of the Indian Army	Drone Federation of India (DFI)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop high-impact drones for Indian soldiers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In accordance with Atmanirbharta in the field of defence manufacture, the Indian Army and DFI launched the <b>“Him Drone-a-thon”</b> programme. DFI and ADB will host the event as part of their collaboration.</li> <li>✓ The ‘Him Drone-a-thon’ programme is a Pan-India collaboration amongst all stakeholders, including industry, academia, software developers, and drone product manufacturers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indian Army: Chief of the Army Staff</b> – General Manoj Pande; <b>Founded</b> – 1895; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Microsoft	Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Capacity Building Commission (CBC)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to boost the functional computer literacy of nearly 2.5 million Civil Servants of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The project is in line with the initiative - Mission Karmayogi, aligned towards the development of civil servants.</li> <li>✓ CBC has undertaken the capacity building plans for the Ministries of Defence, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Expenditure, Finance, Social Justice, Civil Aviation, Ports and Shipping, and Labour.</li> </ul> <p><b>Microsoft: CEO</b>-Satya Nadella; <b>Founded</b>- 1975; <b>HQ</b>-Washington, United States.</p>
NBCC (India) Limited, formerly known as National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for the redevelopment of the MEA Housing Complex (old) at Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, Delhi. The tentative cost of the redevelopment project is Rs. 175 crore.</p>
British satellite firm OneWeb, backed by Bharti Group	France-based Eutelsat Communications SA	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for merger, entailing an all-share transaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Post-closing of the deal, Bharti Group will become the single largest shareholder of Eutelsat. The</li> </ul>

		<p>transaction values OneWeb at USD 3.4 billion (over Rs 27,000 crore).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Eutelsat, a French geo-stationary satellite operator will combine its fleet of 36 Geostationary Orbit (GEO)satellites with OneWeb's 648 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites, to create a leading player in global satellite connectivity. <p>Currently, 428 of OneWeb's LEO satellites are already in space.</p> </li></ul>
Border Security Force (BSF)	Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to ensure the safety and security of booking data for BSF personnel with low cancellation charges and provided an online portal with a credit facility of 60 days. This will enable better facilities to the BSF personnel who guard 3,323 km of India-Pakistan and 4,096 km India-Bangladesh borders.</p>
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	ExxonMobil Corporation	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for an exploration of oil and gas in the deep sea on India's East and West coasts. They would focus on the <b>Godavari – Krishna</b> basin on the East coast and <b>Kutch – Mumbai</b> basin on the West coast.</p>
Indian Navy (IN)	Space Applications Centre (SAC), under the aegis of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ahmedabad, Gujarat	<p><b>Purpose:</b> on data sharing and cooperation on Satellite based Naval Applications in Oceanology and Meteorology.</p>
Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF)	Nutrihub, a technology Business Incubator hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to promote balanced and healthy diets through the sustainable production and consumption of climate-resilient and nutritious millet in various feeding programme and integration of millets under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (<b>PM POSHAN</b>).</p> <p>The partnership Akshaya Patra and Nutrihub is to collaborate on millet products or grains to provide mid-day meals in various states. The test project is set to be launched in some schools in Bengaluru and Hyderabad.</p>
Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)	Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide loans for green energy projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This is the ninth MoU that IREDA has signed since 2020 to offer consulting services for sustainable development in India.</li> </ul>

		<p>✓ MAHAPREIT is a fully-owned subsidiary of the Mahatma Phule Backward Classes Development Corporation (<b>MPBCDC</b>), which is 49.0 % held by the Government of India (GoI) and 51.0% owned by the Maharashtra Government.</p> <p><b>IREDA: CMD</b> – Pradip Kumar Das; <b>Establishment</b> – 1987; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi.</p>
NHPC Limited (formerly known as National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to set up a large capacity solar equipment manufacturing facility.</p> <p>✓ Under the agreement, the GigaWatt Scale Vertically Integrated solar manufacturing unit will be established.</p> <p><b>NHPC Ltd: CMD</b> - Abhay Kumar Singh; <b>Founded</b>-1975; <b>HQ</b>- Faridabad, Haryana</p>
National Health Authority (NHA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to deliver an inclusive and comprehensive health package for transgender people under the <b>Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)</b>.</p> <p>✓ According to the MoU, transgender people in India who possess a transgender certificate from the <a href="#">National Portal for Transgender Persons</a> will be eligible for all healthcare benefits.</p> <p>The MoSJE will annually fund a Rs. 5 lakh insurance policy for each transgender beneficiary.</p>
Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to help create digital health IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission for all in India.</p> <p>✓ The National Health Authority (<b>NHA</b>) is the apex body responsible for implementing this program under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.</p> <p>Digital Health ID or ABHA number is a <b>14-digit number</b> that helps users to share and access their health records digitally with registered healthcare providers and this unique ABHA number can be generated through Edelweiss website.</p>



Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush) (MOA)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide technical support to the Ministry of Ayush for digitalization of Ayush Sector under the <b>Ayush Grid Project</b> for a period of <b>3 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Ministry of Ayush launched the Ayush Grid Project in the year 2018 in order to create a backbone for the IT sector.</li> </ul> <p>Ayush Ministry had developed a thought-provoking 'Ayush Grid' Project as part of the Digital India Program. It holds the <b>'Information and Technology'</b> to transform operational efficiency.</p>
Airports Authority of India (AAI)	Sweden's LFV Air Navigation Services (LUFTFARTSVERKET)	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for collaboration in aviation technology at the Corporate Headquarters of AAI in New Delhi, Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The partnership unites two air navigation service providers—India and Sweden—who have a track record of developing and operationalizing the next generation of sustainable aviation technology — to explore innovative aviation solutions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sweden:</b> PM - Magdalena Andersson; <b>Capital</b> – Stockholm; <b>Currency</b> – Swedish Krona. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), under the Ministry of Ayush	Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of <b>'One Herb, One Standard'</b>.</p> <p>The <b>sole authority</b> of publication of monographs categorised under the one herb one standard will lie with <b>only PCIM&amp;H</b>.</p>
Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Limited	Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited	<p><b>Purpose:</b> for construction of 220 KV Direct Current (D/C) single zebra transmission line for 210 MW <b>Luhri Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Stage-1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The HEP project covers Shimla, Mandi and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh and will be connected with 220/400 kV gas insulated switchgear pooling at Nanj in Mandi district through inter-state transmission system (ISTS) network for power transmission.</li> </ul> <p><b>SJVN Ltd:</b> CMD - Nand Lal Sharma; <b>HQ</b> – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.</p>

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), under the Ministry of Railways	Bharat Heavy ElectricalsNIPL Limited (BHEL), under the Ministry of Heavy Industries	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to make components and equipment manufacturing, infrastructure development and project execution indigenous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The MoU aims to identify and explore the execution projects, both in India and abroad, and set up a Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV) with equity contribution and through synergy of their respective capabilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>BHEL:</b> CEO-Nalin Singhal; <b>Founded-</b>1964; <b>HQ-</b> New Delhi, Delhi.</p>
Athletics Federation of India (AFI)	HSBC India	<p><b>Purpose:</b> to support women athletes in India, especially youngsters.</p> <p>Under the partnership, promising girls will be picked from the National Inter District Championships for Under-14 and Under-16 categories and will provide necessary training to perform on the global stage and Special coaching camps will be established for the selected athletes.</p>

## OTHER MoU's IN CONTENT FORMAT

### MoMSME signed MoUs with Ministry of Tourism and NSIC for sharing of Udyam data

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) celebrated the landmark of 1 crore registrations on its Udyam Portal. It also launched the Digi Locker facility for Udyam Registration.

- ✓ Udyam portal was launched on 1 July 2020. It is linked to the databases of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).
- ✓ On the occasion, the MoMSME signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) and National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for sharing Udyam data.

### RailTel & CloudExtel partnered to launch India's first shared RAN solution for Congested Location

**Partnership b/w:** RailTel Corporation of India Limited (**RailTel**), a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" Central Public Sector Enterprise (**CPSE**) under the Ministry of Railways & **CloudExtel**, a Full Stack Network as a Service (NaaS) Provider

**Purpose:** to launch India's first shared Radio Access Network (**RAN**) solution for congested locations to have better network usage.

- ✓ The Pilot project of this RAN solution had successful results with the partnership of **Bharti Airtel**, **Vodafone Idea**, **Nokia**, and the **Telecom Infra Project (TIP)'s NaaS Solutions Group**, with support from the Railways, at Mumbai Central railway station.

# APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

## APPOINTMENTS NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Jagdeep Dhankhar	Vice President	India	<p>National Democratic Alliance(NDA) candidate and a former West Bengal Governor <b>Jagdeep Dhankhar</b> has won the 16th Vice President elections with 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes against Margaret Alva and became the 14th Vice President of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He joined BJP in 2008 and was appointed as the Governor of West Bengal in 2019.</li> <li>✓ He was the second leader from Rajasthan after Bhairon Singh Shekhawat to get elected the vice-president of India.</li> <li>✓ The Vice-President, like the president, is elected not directly by the people but by the method of indirect election.</li> </ul> <p>The Vice-President holds office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Uday Umesh Lalit (UU Lalit)	Chief Justice of India (CJI)	India	<p><b>Justice Uday Umesh Lalit (UU Lalit)</b>, judge of the Supreme Court was appointed as the <b>49th Chief Justice of India (CJI)</b> by the warrant signed by President Droupadi Murmu.</p> <p>He will take oath and assume charge on 27th August 2022 replacing incumbent <b>CJI Nuthalapati Venkata Rama na(N V Ramana)</b>, who will retire on 26th August 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He recommended to the government the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit as his successor and the 49th Chief Justice of India.</li> <li>✓ In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President has appointed Justice U U Lalit as CJI.</li> </ul>
Nitish Kumar	Chief Minister	Bihar	<p>Janata Dal (United) leader <b>Nitish Kumar</b> took oath as the <b>Chief</b></p>

			<p><b>Minister</b> (CM) of Bihar for the 8th consecutive time. He was joined by Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav who swore in as his Deputy CM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ They were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Phagu Chauhan.</li> </ul> <p>Nitish Kumar was born on 1 March 1951 in Bakhtiyarpur, Bihar. He is a politician and serving as CM of Bihar since 2015, having previously held the office from 2005 to 2014 and for a short period in 2000.</p>
Auguste Tano Kouamé	World Bank's Country Director	India	<p>Auguste Tano Kouamé, a national of <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>, took charge as the <b>World Bank's Country Director for India</b> with effect from <b>1st August 2022</b>. He replaces <b>Junaid Kamal Ahmad</b> who recently completed a 5-year term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He has served as the World Bank's Country Director for Turkey.</li> </ul> <p>As of July 2022, World Bank's net commitments to India stood at USD 21.86 billion across 99 project.</p>
Rajesh Verma	Secretary	President of India Droupadi Murmu	<p>Rajesh Verma, a 1987-batch Odisha-cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the Secretary to the President of India <b>Droupadi Murmu</b> by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (<b>ACC</b>). He will replace the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer.</p> <p>Rajesh Verma currently serves as Ministry of Corporate Affairs Secretary (<b>MCA</b>).</p>
Inderjit Camotra	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank)	<p>Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) appointed <b>Inderjit Camotra</b> as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).</p> <p>His appointment was approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Unity Bank's Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In January 2022, the bank appointed Vinod Rai, the former CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) of India, as its Chairman.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unity Bank: Commenced operation-2021; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra</b></p>

Akshaya Moondra	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)	<p>Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) appointed <b>Akshaya Moondra</b> as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from August 19, 2022 for a period of three years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He will succeed incumbent CEO Ravinder Takkar, whose three-year tenure is coming to an end on August 18 2022</li> <li>✓ He is currently VIL's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He has also served as CFO/Executive Director at Idea Cellular Ltd from 2019-2018. [ VIL is an Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group partnership].</li> </ul> <p><b>VIL: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Ravinder Takkar (until Aug 18 2022); <b>HQ-</b> Gandhinagar, Gujarat</p>
Nakul Jain	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)	<p>Paytm's parent entity, One97 Communications, has appointed Standard Chartered Bank executive <b>Nakul Jain</b> as chief executive officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).</p> <p>Praveen Sharma, the acting CEO of Paytm Payments Services, has been moved to lead Paytm's commerce vertical. He was appointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO of PPSL in September 2021.</p>
Nallathamby Kalaise lvi	Director General	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	<p><b>Nallathamby Kalaiselvi</b>, a senior electrochemical scientist has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (<b>CSIR</b>), a consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across India. She succeeds Shekhar Mande, who was superannuated in April 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The appointment is for a period of <b>two years</b> with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.</li> </ul> <p>She will also hold the charge as the Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research(<b>DSIR</b>), Ministry of Science and Technology(<b>MoST</b>).</p>



Guillermo Pablo Ríos	Head of Mission, Chief Military Observer	United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)	<p>United Nations (UN) Secretary-General <b>António Guterres</b> has appointed a veteran Argentine Naval Officer Rear Admiral <b>Guillermo Pablo Ríos</b> as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the <b>United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)</b> on 10 August 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ríos succeeds Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay, South America, who completes his assignment shortly.</li> </ul> <p><b>UNMOGIP</b> was established in January 1949 in India and Pakistan at Islamabad and Srinagar., to oversee the ceasefire between India and Pakistan in the state of Jammu and Kashmir</p>
Rajkiran Rai	Managing Director (MD)	NaBFID	<p>The Central Govt. and the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) appointed Rajkiran Rai G. as its Managing Director (MD) for five years (2022-2027).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He took the charge of MD on August 8 2022, and will hold the top post till May 18, 2027.</li> </ul> <p>In October 2021, the government appointed veteran banker <b>KV Kamath</b> as the chairperson of the NaBFID for three years.</p>
Gopal Vittal	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Bharti Airtel	<p>Bharti Airtel's (Airtel) shareholders have reappointed <b>Gopal Vittal</b> as the Managing Director (<b>MD</b>) and Chief Executive Officer (<b>CEO</b>) of Bharti Airtel for the span of <b>five years</b> with the effect from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028.</p> <p>Gopal Vittal was first appointed as CEO of Airtel on March 1, 2013, then he was re-appointed with effect from February 2018 for 5 years, (up to January 31, 2023).</p>
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Paytm	<p><b>Paytm</b> has reappointed <b>Vijay Shekhar Sharma</b> as the Managing Director (<b>MD</b>) and Chief Executive Officer (<b>CEO</b>) for another five years with a significant majority voting of 99.67 % by the shareholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He will be designated as Managing Director (<b>MD</b>) and Chief Executive Officer (<b>CEO</b>) of the company and his remuneration is fixed for the</li> </ul>

			<p>next 3 years without any annual increment.</p> <p><b>Paytm Group: Founder</b> – Vijay Shekar Sharma; <b>HQ</b> – Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)</p>
Deepak Kumar Lalla	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	SBI Securities	<p><b>SBI Securities</b>, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Securities Limited (<b>SBICAP</b>), has appointed <b>Deepak Kumar Lalla</b> as the new Managing Director (MD) &amp; Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He succeeded <b>Naresh Yadav</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Prior to this appointment, he served as the Head of the Wealth Management Business for the State Bank of India (SBI).</li> </ul> <p>SBI Securities, a part of the State Bank group, is engaged in DEMAT/Broking/Investment Products distribution and Retail Assets Acquisition for SBI.</p>
Mahendra N Shah	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited	<p>The Board of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (<b>IDFC</b>) <b>Limited</b> appointed <b>Mahendra N Shah</b>, the Company secretary &amp; Compliance Officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, as the Managing Director (<b>MD</b>) and Chief Executive Officer (<b>CEO</b>) starting from October 1, 2022, till September 30, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mahendra N Shah will replace <b>Sunil Kakar</b> whose tenure ends on September 30, 2022.</li> </ul> <p>RBI Made IDFC become the first Non-Banking Finance Company (<b>NBFC</b>) to be classified as Infrastructure Finance Company (<b>IFC</b>).</p>
Dr Samir V Kamat	Chairman	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (R&D)	<p>The Ministry of Defence (<b>MoD</b>) appointed <b>Dr Samir V Kamat</b> as the new <b>Chairman</b> of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (<b>DRDO</b>) and <b>Secretary</b> of the Department of Defence Research and Development (<b>R&amp;D</b>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (<b>ACC</b>) has approved the appointment of Kamat from the date of his assumption of charge till he attains 60 years of age or until further notice.</li> <li>✓ He succeeded <b>Dr G Satheesh Reddy</b> who will take charge as</li> </ul>

			<p>Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister).</p> <p>Prior to this appointment, Dr Samir V Kamat was serving as the Director General – Naval Systems &amp; Materials (<b>NS&amp;M</b>) at DRDO with effect from 1st July 2017.</p>
Vipnesh Bharadwaj	Interim Secretary	All India Chess Federation (AICF)	<p>The All India Chess Federation (<b>AICF</b>) appointed <b>Vipnesh Bharadwaj</b> as its interim Secretary after the Delhi High Court (HC) reiterated its order of removing former Chief Bharat Singh Chauhan.</p> <p>On 7 June 2022, the Supreme Court overruled the HC's decision and reinstated Bharat Singh Chauhan in his post till 15 August 2022 keeping in mind the 44th Chess Olympiad which was held in Mamallapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 28 July to 9 August 2022.</p>
Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan	whole-time member	SEBI	<p>The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (<b>ACC</b>) has appointed <b>Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan</b>, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), as a <b>whole-time member</b> of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He will hold office for 3 years from the date he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>✓ With this appointment, Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan becomes the <b>4th whole-time member</b> of SEBI, which was vacant until November 2021.</p> <p>The 3 other whole-time members of SEBI are S. K. Mohanty, Ananta Barua and Ashwani Bhatia.</p>
Dr Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian	Executive Director (ED)	International Monetary Fund (IMF)	<p>The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (<b>ACC</b>) has approved <b>Dr Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian</b>, former Chief Economic Adviser as the Executive Director (<b>ED</b>) (India) at the International Monetary Fund (<b>IMF</b>) with the effect from November 1, 2022. He was appointed to the post for 3-year tenure. The current ED of India who has been curtailed to October 31 is, <b>Surjit S Bhalla</b>.</p>

## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
William Samoei Arap Ruto	President	Kenya	<p>Deputy President of Kenya, <b>William Samoei Arap Ruto</b> won the Presidential Election 2022. He defeated his rival former Prime Minister <b>Raila Odinga</b>. He will be succeeding 4th President <b>Uhuru Kenyatta</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He becomes Kenya's first sitting Deputy President to succeed the incumbent following competitive elections and first candidate to win the Presidency at first attempt.</li> <li>✓ He is the leader of the United Democratic Alliance party under the Kenya Kwanza (Kenya First) coalition. He has been serving as the Deputy President of Kenya since 2013.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kenya: Capital-</b> Nairobi; <b>Currency-</b> Kenyan shilling; <b>President-</b> Uhuru Kenyatta</p>
James Marape	Prime Minister	Papua New Guinea	<p>Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister (PM) <b>James Marape, leader of the Pangu Party</b>, was elected unopposed and sworn in for a second term. The oath was administered by the newly re-elected speaker Job Pomat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Among the newly elected members were <b>Rufina Peter and Kessy Sawang</b>, the first female candidates confirmed to have secured a seat in parliament.</li> </ul> <p><b>Papua New Guinea: Capital-</b> Port Moresby; <b>Currency-</b> Papua New Guinean kina.</p>
Arkady Dvorkovich	President	International Chess Federation (Fédération Internationale des Échecs – FIDE)	<p>Arkady Dvorkovich of Russia was re-elected for a 2nd term as the President of the International Chess Federation (<b>Fédération Internationale des Échecs – FIDE</b>). It will also be his last as the President of FIDE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The FIDE elections took place during the FIDE General Assembly held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (India) alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.</li> </ul>

			<p>✓ Arkady Dvorkovich, born in Moscow, Russia on 26th March 1972, served as the deputy prime minister of Russia under President Vladimir Putin from 2012-2018.</p> <p>India's Grandmaster <b>Viswanathan Anand</b>, 5-time World Chess Champion has been elected as the new Deputy President of FIDE. He became the first ever Grandmaster from India in 1988.</p>
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## BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Rishabh Pant	Brand Ambassador	<p>Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) <b>Pushkar Singh Dhami</b> has named <b>cricketer Rishabh Pant</b> as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand, who would inspire youth in the field of sports.</p> <p>✓ Rishabh Pant, wicketkeeper-batter was born in Roorkee, Haridwar district of Uttarakhand and has emerged as one of India's biggest match-winners in recent matches.</p> <p>✓ <b>Matches</b> – In <b>31 Tests</b>, he has scored 2,123 runs at an average of 43.32 and his individual best score is at 159 runs. Until now, he has scored 5 centuries and 10 half-centuries in the format.</p> <p>In the Indian Premier League (<b>IPL</b>), he represents Delhi Capitals and is the captain of the team.</p>
Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty	Brand Ambassadors	<p>Mastercard Inc. is an American multinational financial services corporation, has appointed Indian badminton players <b>Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy</b> and <b>Chirag Shetty</b> as brand ambassadors of Mastercard in India.</p> <p>✓ The new ambassadors will partner with Mastercard to spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.</p> <p>✓ The badminton players will be a part of Mastercard's Team Cashless India campaign, which works with merchants and cardholders to create awareness of the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments.</p> <p><b>Mastercard: CEO-</b> Michael Miebach; <b>HQ-</b> New York, United States; <b>Founded-</b> 1966.</p>



Kriti Sanon	Brand Ambassador	Pet-care brand Heads Up For Tails ( <b>HUFT</b> ) has announced the bollywood actor <b>Kriti Sanon</b> , who is an animal lover, as their first brand ambassador. HUFT aims to help remove hunger and provide health, safety, and shelter for street animals.
Sourav Chandidas Ganguly	Brand Ambassador	A premium sports and travel platform, DreamSetGo ( <b>DSG</b> ) announced that the former Indian cricketer " <b>Maharaja of Cricket</b> " <b>Sourav Chandidas Ganguly</b> was appointed as its first brand ambassador. Ganguly has also become the " <b>Supercaptain</b> " for the company DreamSetGo. He belongs to Kolkata, West Bengal and he is also called as "Dada". He is the 39th and current President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India ( <b>BCCI</b> ).

## RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Nitish Kumar	Chief Minister	On August 09, 2022, Nitish Kumar tendered his resignation as the Chief Minister (CM) of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar to Governor Phagu Chauhan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Nitish Kumar's resignation came shortly after former national president Ramchandra Prasad (RCP) Singh, who resigned when his party, the Janata Dal (United) [JD (U)], issued a notice demanding an explanation on corruption charges lodged against him.</li> <li>✓ As a result, the coalition between the JD(U) and the BJP, its coalition partner in Bihar, has come to an end.</li> </ul> <b>Bihar: UNESCO Heritage site</b> – Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya; Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### ACC gives Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba one-year Extension

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension in service of **Rajiv Gauba** as **Cabinet Secretary** for a further period of one-year beyond August 30, 2022. This is his second extension on the post.

In 2019, he was appointed as the Cabinet Secretary, India's top bureaucratic post, for 2 years. Earlier, he was granted a one-year extension in August 2021.

### Alkesh Sharma Nominated to UN Internet Governance Leadership Panel

United Nations Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has appointed **Alkesh Kumar Sharma**, Secretary of the Union Department of Electronics and Information Technology, to the **10-member** Internet Governance Forum (**IGF**) **Leadership Panel**.

- ✓ **Vint Cerf**, an Internet pioneer and **Maria Reesa**, Nobel Prize-winning journalist were also appointed to the Panel.

The IGF Leadership Panel also has 5 ex-officio members, including Amandeep Singh Gill, the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology. The members will have a tenure of **2 years**, from 2022 to 2023.

### Government Reappoints Four Independent Directors on RBI Central Board

The government has reappointed **four independent directors** on the board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for another **4 years**. They are:

- ✓ The centre appointed directors including **Swaminathan Gurumurthy** and cooperative movement veteran **Satish Kashinath Marathe** with the effective from **11th August 2022**, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

The Centre also re-nominated **Revathy Iyer** and **Sachin Chaturvedi** as part-time, non-official directors on the Board of RBI for 4 years after the completion of their present tenure on 18th September 2022.

### GoI extends tenure of Meenesh Shah as NDDB Chairman for 6 months

The Government of India (GoI) extended the tenure of **Meenesh C Shah**, an Executive Director (ED) of **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** to hold charge as the Chairman of NDDB for another six months until November 30, 2022.

- ✓ Maneesh C Shah has been holding the charge as NDDB Chairman since 1st June 2021.
- ✓ India will host the world's biggest dairy conference, International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit 2022 in New Delhi during September 12-15, 2022.
- ✓ **NDDB: Founder-** Verghese Kurien; **Established-** 1965; **HQ-** Anand, Gujarat

### Lok Sabha MP, Sharma was elected CPA treasurer at the 65th conference in Canada

**Anurag Sharma**, Minister of Parliament (**MP**) (Lok Sabha) from the **Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency** (Uttar Pradesh), has been elected as Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (**CPA**) treasurer at its 65th CPA conference held at Halifax in Canada. Sharma is the **2nd Indian office-bearer** in the **CPA**, the World's largest and Oldest International Parliamentary Association.

## AWARDS

### AWARDS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICE, SCIENCE & BRAVERY

AWARD NAME	AWARD WINNER	FIELD	KEY NOTES
2022 Liberty Medal	Volodymyr Zelensky	Bravery	<p>The 2022 Liberty Medal is set to be awarded to the Ukrainian President <b>Volodymyr Zelensky</b>. He will be honoured at the National Constitution Centre (<b>NCC</b>), Philadelphia, United States in October 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Zelensky will be honoured "for his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian Tyranny" by recognizing his heroism, courage, and bravery.</li> </ul>

			<p>✓ He is also the recipient of The Ronald Reagan Freedom Award 2022 &amp; John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022.</p> <p>The Liberty Medal is an annual award by the NCC of the United States (US), established in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. It was found by the <b>Philadelphia Foundation</b>.</p>
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Peace Prize	Angela Merkel	Bravery	<p>Former German Chancellor <b>Angela Merkel</b> was awarded <b>Félix Houphout-Boigny, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Peace Prize</b> for her courageous decision in <b>2015</b> to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea.</p> <p>✓ She held the office of German Chancellor for a period of 16 years and resigned in 2021</p> <p>Her word '<b>Wir schaffen das!</b>' (meaning, We can do it!) created a ray of hope for thousands of refugees fleeing the civil war in their country.</p>

## AWARDS IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

AWARD NAME	AWARD WINNER	FIELD	KEY NOTES
Men's Footballer of the Year 2021-2022	Sunil Chhetri	Football	<p>Indian Men's Football Team (The Blue Tigers) captain <b>Sunil Chhetri</b> was named the 2021-2022 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year for the seventh time.</p> <p>✓ He won the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for the first time in 2007 and went on to win the award in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018-19 seasons.</p>
Women's Footballer of the Year 2021-2022	Manisha Kalyan		<p>In the Women's Category, <b>Manisha Kalyan</b> bagged her maiden award for the 2021-22 season.</p> <p>It was her first Women's Footballer of the Year award.</p>

## OTHER IMPORTANT AWARDS

AWARD NAME	AWARD WINNER	FIELD	KEY NOTES
National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards 2020	20 Member Awardee		The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has announced the winners and honourable mentions of the National

		-	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards 2020 which recognises the businesses that have contributed to the improvement of the society through their creative and sustainable CSR activities. <a href="#">Click here</a>
Mrs India World 2022-2023	Mrs. Sargam Koushal	-	<b>Mrs. Sargam Koushal</b> , hailing from Jammu & Kashmir, was crowned as the winner of the <b>Mrs India World 2022-2023</b> by Navdeep Kaur, Mrs. India World 2021 and National Costume winner at Mrs. World in 2022. The winner will represent India at the Mrs World 2022. ✓ Mrs India World 2022-2023 presented by Mrs. India Inc was held on 15th June 2022 at NESCO CENTER, Goregaon, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Mrs. Juhi Vyas was adjudged as 1st runner up and Mrs. Chahat Dalal as 2nd runner up.
Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite	Kannan Sundaram	Publishing	The French government has honoured <b>Kannan Sundaram</b> , publisher of <b>Kalachuvadu</b> , with <b>Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite</b> , the Knight of the Order of the Merit, for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France. L'Ordre national du Mérite is a French order of merit with membership awarded by the President of the French Republic. It was founded in 1963 by President Charles de Gaulle.
World Women Entrepreneurs' Award 2022	Sangeetha Abhayan	Entrepreneur	Kerala's based entrepreneur <b>Sangeetha Abhayan</b> , Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of eweworld.com (Shakthiewe Pvt. Ltd), has won the <b>World Women Entrepreneurs' Award 2022</b> instituted by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) at a virtual event held at Hong Kong. ✓ She was awarded for her handloom and handicrafts startup's performance in tune with the United Nations(UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). eweworld.com, founded in 2017, is based out of Kasaragod, Kerala.

Miss India USA 2022	Aarya Walvekar	-	<p>Indian American <b>Aarya Walvekar</b> from Virginia, The United States of America(<b>USA</b>) has been crowned <b>Miss India USA 2022</b> at the annual beauty pageant held in New Jersey, USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The 2022 pageant marks the 40th anniversary of the Miss India USA, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India.</li> </ul> <p><b>Akshi Jain</b> from Washington was crowned <b>Mrs India USA 2022</b> and <b>Tanvi Grover</b> from New York was crowned <b>Miss Teen India USA 2022</b>.</p>
ICCR Distinguished Indologist for 2021	Jeffrey Armstrong (Kavindra Rishi)	-	<p>Jeffrey Armstrong (Kavindra Rishi) Canadian scholar and founder of the VASA (Vedic Academy of Science &amp; Arts) has been awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (<b>ICCR</b>) <b>Distinguished Indologist for 2021</b> in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation and society. He is the 7th recipient of this award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Manish, India's Consul-General in Vancouver, Canada presented the award to him.</li> </ul> <p>ICCR was founded in 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, independent India's first Education Minister.</p>
Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour)	Shashi Tharoor	Writings and Speeches	<p>Congress Member of Parliament (MP) and wordsmith <b>Shashi Tharoor</b> received <b>the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur</b> (the Legion of Honour), for his writings and speeches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The award will be conferred on him by the French government during the next visit of any minister of the French government to India.</li> </ul> <p>The National Order of the Legion of Honour, formerly the Royal Order of the Legion of Honour, is the highest French order of merit. It was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is awarded to people for their excellent civil or military conduct.</p>
Best Growth Performance Award	Muthoot Finance Limited		<p>Muthoot Finance Limited won '<b>Best Growth Performance Award</b>' at Dun &amp;</p>



		-	<p>Bradstreet's 22nd edition of 'India's Top 500 Companies' corporate awards under the category of Financial Institutions (FIs) / Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) / Financial Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The theme for the Top 500 Companies 2022 publication is <b>'ESG: The only way for sustainable and responsible growth'</b>. [ ESG - 'Environmental, Social and Governance' ]. <a href="#">click here for the complete list of winners</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Muthoot Finance: MD</b>-George Alexander Muthoot; <b>Founded</b>-1939; <b>HQ</b>- Kochi, Kerala.</p>
President's Colour	Tamil Nadu (TN) Police	-	<p>Vice-President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu presented the distinguished award "President's Colour" for the Tamil Nadu (TN) Police to M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister(CM) of TN at Rajarathinam Stadium, Chennai, TN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ TN Police has become the first state in South India and among the 10 other states in India to showcase the honours.</li> <li>✓ The Indian Navy was the first Indian Armed Force to be awarded the President's Colour by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in 1951.</li> </ul> <p>"President's Colour" is the highest honour given to the Military, Paramilitary and Police forces of States and Union Territories.</p>

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS IN CONTENT FORMAT

### Ladakh honoured 14th Dalai Lama with its Highest Civilian Award 'Ladakh dPal rNgam Dusdon Award 2022

**On August 5 2022, During the UT Ladakh Declaration Day, Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama**, the Tibetan spiritual leader was honoured with the highest civilian honour of Ladakh, '**dPal rNgam Duston award**' conferred by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (**LAHDC**), Leh.

**Theme:** UT Ladakh Declaration Day, Ladakh dPal rNgam Dusdon 2022- "**The Glory of Ltsangpo Singe Khababs**".

- ✓ The 14th Dalai Lama is an 87-year-old spiritual leader born on 6th July 1935, who has been visiting Ladakh since July 2022.

The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet.

## **Ahmedabad University Prof. Ramadhar Singh Becomes First Indian Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame**

**Ramadhar Singh**, Professor at Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University has become the first Indian Social Psychologist to be inducted to the '**Heritage Wall of Fame**' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States(US).

- ✓ **Duane T Wegener**, distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States (US) has **nominated** Ramadhar Singh for the honour and has also written Ramadhar Singh's biography.

On **25th March 2022**, Singh was also awarded with the Distinguished Alumni Award in Psychological Sciences by the College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University.

## **London Home of Dadabhai Naoroji Gets Blue Plaque Honour**

The south London home at 72 Anerley Park, Penge, London, United Kingdom (UK), where Dadabhai Naoroji, a prominent member of the Indian freedom struggle and Britain's first Indian parliamentarian, lived for around 8 years at the end of the 19th century, was honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.

- ✓ The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity since 1866, honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London.

His key text on Drain of Wealth theory – 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India' (1901) – was published while he was living over there.

## **Axis Bank CEO Amitabh Chaudhry, is the top paid bank CEO in India**

**Amitabh Chaudhry**, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Axis Bank Ltd**, has **topped** among the highest paid MD & CEOs of India in the fiscal year 2022(FY22). He received a total payment of Rs 7.63 crore in FY22, including his performance pay of Rs 89 lakh.

- ✓ **Sumant Kathpalia** MD & CEO of **IndusInd Bank**, was the **2nd highest** paid MD&CEO, with Rs 7.3 crore remuneration in FY22, followed by **Sandeep Bakhshi** MD and CEO of **ICICI Bank** (RS 7.08 crore) and **Sashidhar Jagdishan** MD and CEO of **HDFC Bank** (Rs 6.51 crore).
- ✓ **Executive Director** of **HDFC Bank**, **Kaizad Bharucha** is the **highest paid banker of FY22**, received Rs 10.64crore remuneration in FY22, mainly due to Rs 4.46 crore as a performance bonus.

## **Union Minister of Coal, Pralhad Joshi distributed Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22**

Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi addressed the 2nd edition of **Coal Minister's awards** ceremony in New Delhi, Delhi. He pointed out that the coal sector played a crucial role in ensuring energy security of India.

- ✓ Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd (**MCL**) bagged the first prize in three categories– Safety, Production & Productivity, and Quality.
- ✓ The first prize in the Sustainability category won by Western Coalfields Limited (**WCL**), Northern Coalfields Limited (**NCL**) won first prize in implementation of ERP (Enterprise resource planning). Central Coalfields Limited (**CCL**), a Jharkhand- based subsidiary of CIL, bagged the award under Safety and Sustainability category.

## SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

### EVENTS

EVENTS	VENUE	KEY POINTS
Grand Finale of 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya- Power @2047	Video Conference	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Grand Finale of 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya- Power @2047' via video conferencing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, it was organized from July 25-31, 2022 in all districts of India by the Electricity Department. It was initiated by the Ministry of Power, and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to showcase the transformation, and achievements in the power sector in the last <b>8 years</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Under this program, the Ministry of Power and MNRE also organized '<b>Bijli Mahotsav</b>' across all districts of India from July 25-31, 2022 through active public participation, and through the collaboration of the state and the Central Governments. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
DefExpo 2022	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<p>DefExpo 2022, The 12th edition of India's prestigious biennial defence exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security System, is set to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between 18th and 22nd October 2022.</p> <p>The expo will be held in a 3 venue format across, Helipad Exhibition Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat; inaugural event &amp; Seminars at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre and Live Demo at Sabarmati River Front.</p>
Early Childhood Development Conclave, Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App	Maharashtra	<p>Union Minister of State(MoS) for Health and Family Welfare, Bharati Pravin Pawar virtually launched the Early Childhood Development Conclave, Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App in Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Paalan focuses on the cognitive developments of children in the first 2 years of their life.</li> </ul> <p>The programme is aligned with the mission of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), emphasizing responsive care and focusing interventions on the first 1000 days.</p>
BioAsia 2023 "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanized healthcare"	Telangana	<p>Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao(KTR) Telangana's Cabinet Minister for Industries &amp; Commerce unveiled the theme of 20th edition of BioAsia 2023 "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanized healthcare".</p>

		The BioAsia 2023, a life sciences and health technology event, hosted by the Government of Telangana will be held from <b>February 24-26, 2023</b> in Hyderabad (Telangana).
Millet Conclave 2022	-	<p>Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF), attended the two-day <b>Millet Conclave 2022</b> on the theme of “Making Many Millet Magnets-Making Many Millet Entrepreneurs” on the August 26 -27, 2022, jointly organised by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur, Karnataka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Finance Minister (FM) made announcements about the “Millet Challenge” and a funding of Rs. 25 crore by NABARD to UAS, Raichur, during the ceremony.</li> <li>✓ The Millet Challenge will be administered by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), with UAS, Raichur as its field partner.</li> </ul> <p>A <b>Rs. 25 crore</b> funding from <b>NABARD</b> under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (<b>RIDF</b>) to the University of Agricultural Sciences (<b>UAS</b>) at Raichur, Karnataka. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>

## CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE	VENUE	KEY POINTS
National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022	New Delhi	<p>Union Home Minister, <b>Amit Shah</b> inaugurated a 2-day National Security Strategies (<b>NSS</b>) <b>Conference 2022</b> in New Delhi, Delhi. The NSS Conference 2022 was attended by 600 officers from across India, physically and virtually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (<b>NAFIS</b>) developed by National Crime Records Bureau (<b>NCRB</b>).</li> </ul> <p>The NCRB manages it at the Central Fingerprint Bureau (CFPB) in New Delhi. It assigns a unique 10-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN) to each person arrested for a crime.</p>

## COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

### COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME	COMMITTEE HEAD	KEY NOTES
Advisory Committee for secondary steel	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	<p>The Ministry of Steel constituted an Advisory Committee for secondary steel under the chairmanship of Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The objective is to identify the issues pertaining to the steel sector, especially the secondary steel industry.</li> </ul> <p>The advisory committee will have representation from All India Induction Furnace Association (AIIFA), Sponge Iron Manufacturers' Association (SIMA), Indian Stainless Steel Development Association, Alloy Steel Producers Association (ASPA), All India Steel Rerollers Association (AISRA), Pellet Manufacturers' Association of India (PMAI), Indian Ferro Alloy Producers Association (IFAPA) etc.</p>

### MEETINGS

MEETING NAME	VENUE	KEY POINTS
Review Planning & Monitoring (RPM) meeting with States and State Power Utilities	New Delhi	<p>The Review Planning &amp; Monitoring (<b>RPM</b>) <b>meeting</b> with States and State Power Utilities was held at <b>New Delhi</b>, under the chairmanship of <b>R. K. Singh</b>, Union Minister of Power and New &amp; Renewable Energy in presence of Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries, <b>Krishan Pal Gurjar</b>. During the meeting, the Union Minister launched the 10th Integrated Rating of Power Distribution Utilities, 1st Consumer Service Rating of DISCOMs (CSRD) for the FY 2020-21 and Bharat eSmart Mobile Application (BeSMA). <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)	New Delhi	<p>Union Minister <b>Parshottam Rupala</b>, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying, presided over the 9th governing body meeting of the <b>National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)</b>, which was held in New Delhi, Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ During the event, Parshottam Rupala released a book titled "<b>Super Success Stories from Indian Fisheries</b>" published by NFDB.</li> </ul> <p>He also unveiled the online marketplace feature "Aqua Bazar" in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app developed by ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar (Odisha)</p>



		with funding from NFDB under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
9th Meeting of India-Thailand Joint Commission (JCM) 2022	Bangkok, Thailand	<p>From August 16-18, 2022, Union Minister Subrahmanyam (S.) Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India paid an official visit to Bangkok, Thailand to attend the 9th Meeting of India-Thailand Joint Commission (JCM) 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The meeting was co-chaired by MEA Minister S. Jaishankar along with Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.</li> <li>✓ Notably, India's 75th anniversary of India's Independence also coincided with the 75th anniversary of establishment of India-Thailand diplomatic relations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thailand: India's Ambassador to Thailand</b>– Suchitra Durai; <b>Currency</b>– Thai Baht; <b>Capital</b>– Bangkok. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022	New Delhi	<p>The <b>3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022</b> between the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), <b>Government of India</b> (GoI), and the Ministry of Business, Enterprises and Cooperatives, <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> for cooperation in the field of MSMEs was held in New Delhi, Delhi. Two MoUs were signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>First MoU:</b> It was signed in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, between SME Mauritius Ltd. and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)-Ahmedabad.</li> <li>✓ <b>Second MoU:</b> It was signed in New Delhi, Delhi, between SME Mauritius Ltd and the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), an institute under the Ministry of MSME.</li> </ul> <p><b>Republic of Mauritius: PM</b> - Pravind Kumar Jugnauth; <b>Capital</b> – Port Louis; <b>Currency</b> – Mauritius Rupee.</p>
Meeting of the Ministerial Level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh	New Delhi	<p>The 38th meeting of the Ministerial Level <b>Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh</b> was held in New Delhi, Delhi. This meeting was held after a gap of 12 years. The meeting was preceded by Water Resources Secretary-level interaction held on 23rd August 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The JRC of India and Bangladesh was constituted in 1972 as a bilateral mechanism to address issues of mutual interest on common / border / transboundary rivers.</li> </ul>

India and Bangladesh **share 54 rivers**, of which 7 rivers have been identified earlier for developing the framework of water sharing agreements on priority.

## INDEX

### RANKING

INDEX / SURVEY NAME	RELEASED BY / CONDUCTED BY	KEY NOTES
2022 Fortune Global 500 list	Fortune	<p>Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was ranked 98th, with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million, in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list. It was listed as the initial public offering (IPO) in May 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has ranked 104th in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list. RIL has jumped 51 places from 155th rank in 2021 list.</li> <li>✓ LIC is the only Indian company ranked among the top 100 of the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list.</li> <li>✓ <b>Walmart</b> topped the list for the 9th straight year, followed by <b>Amazon</b>, and Chinese energy giants <b>State Grid</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>List of top 3 2022 Fortune Global 500:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Walmart</li> <li>2. Amazon</li> <li>3. State Grid</li> </ol>
2022 Nature Index Ranking for Research outputs	Nature Index	<p>The <b>University of Hyderabad (UoH)</b> in Telangana, an Institution of Eminence (IoE), was placed first among Indian universities and 16th among all institutions in India under the institutions ordered by research outputs in the Academic sector in the Nature Index 2022 ranking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The rankings are based on Nature Index data from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.</li> <li>✓ The Nature Index is an indicator of high quality research in natural and physical sciences including subjects such as chemistry, life sciences, earth &amp; environmental sciences, and physical sciences.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The Top 3 Among the Indian Institutions under research Output:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ,Bengaluru in Karnataka</li> </ol>

		<p>2. Homi Bhabha National Institute(HBNI), Mumbai in Maharashtra</p> <p>3. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) ,Mumbai in Maharashtra. <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Bloomberg Billionaires Index	Bloomberg	<p>According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (as on 29th July 2022), <b>Savitri Jindal</b> (India) became Asia's richest woman by surpassing Yang Huiyan (China) due to the property crisis in China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Savitri Jindal has a USD 11.3 billion fortune in the Jindal Group. She is India's richest woman and the 10th-richest person in India of about 1.4 billion.</li> </ul> <p>Yang Huiyan's (majority shareholder of Country Garden Holdings) total wealth dropped to USD 11 billion from nearly USD 24 billion in 2021 and lost more than USD 1 billion in just one day.</p>
2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List	Forbes	<p><b>Razorpay Software Private Limited</b>, India's leading full-stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses, has become the <b>1st Indian company</b> to be named in the <b>2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List</b> of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Razorpay has entered the Forbes list for the <b>2nd time</b> and the rank has been listed at the <b>49th position</b> for being a Financial Solutions Software. In 2021, Razorpay had ranked 57th position in the Forbes list.</li> <li>✓ Online payments processing company <b>Stripe</b> tops the list for the second consecutive year, valued at \$95 billion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Razorpay: CEO and Co-founder</b> – Harshil Mathur; <b>Establishment</b> – 2014; <b>HQ</b> – Bengaluru, Karnataka.</p>
Forbes Asia's 200 <a href="#">"Best Under A Billion"</a> 2022 Ranking	Forbes Asia	<p>According to Forbes <a href="#">Asia's 200 "Best Under A Billion"</a> 2022 Ranking, <b>24 Indian companies</b> made the list, a decrease from 26 in 2021. This placed India in fourth place among Asian countries, one spot ahead of China, which had 22 firms on the list.</p> <p>Forbes Asia's 2022 edition of the best 200 mid-sized companies in the Asia-Pacific region includes publicly listed companies with yearly revenue of less than one billion dollars.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taiwan</li> <li>2. Japan</li> <li>3. South Korea <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
<a href="#">Practus Hurun India PE Performers 2022</a> , list of	Practus (earlier MyCFO) and Hurun India	<p><b>Mamaearth's parent company Honasa Consumer Private Limited (HCPL)</b> has topped</p>

best-performing companies for 2020-21		<p>the <a href="#">Practus Hurun India PE Performers 2022</a>, list of best-performing companies for 2020-21 released by the Practus (earlier MyCFO) and Hurun India.</p> <p>This is the <b>1st edition</b> of Practus Hurun India PE Performers 2022 report that ranks India's best-performing Private Equity (PE)-backed companies.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Performing Investee companies:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HCPL(Mamaearth)</li> <li>2. Encube Ethicals</li> <li>3. Ecom Express</li> </ol>
Bloomberg Billionaires Index	Bloomberg News	<p>According to <b>Bloomberg Billionaires Index</b>, a daily ranking of the world's richest people, as on 30th August 2022, Adani Group's chairman <b>Gautam Adani</b> has become the <b>world's third-richest person</b> with a total net worth of <b>USD 137 billion</b>, after overtaking Louis Vuitton chairman Bernard Arnault (France).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SpaceX and Tesla Chief Executive Officer (CEO) <b>Elon Musk topped</b> the list with a net worth of USD 251 billion followed by <b>Amazon's Jeff Bezos</b> with a net worth of USD 153 billion.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) <b>Mukesh Ambani</b> is at the <b>11th position</b> with a total of USD 91.9 billion worth.</p>

## REPORTS

REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
UNAIDS Global AIDS Update 2022: In Danger	UNAIDS	<p>According to the <a href="#">'UNAIDS Global AIDS Update 2022: In Danger'</a>, only half (52%) of children living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are on life-saving therapy globally, considerably behind adults, who receive three quarters (76%) of antiretrovirals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In line with this, a new '<b>Global Alliance for Ending AIDS in Children by 2030</b>' was announced at the <b>24th International AIDS Conference 2022</b> taking place in Montreal, Canada.</li> </ul> <p>The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (<b>UNAIDS</b>), United Nations Children's Fund (<b>UNICEF</b>), World Health Organization (<b>WHO</b>), and partners have joined forces to form the global alliance in order to</p>

		guarantee that no child living with HIV is denied treatment by the end of the decade (2030) and to prevent new infant HIV infections.
Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG) on Food, Energy and Finance	UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan	As per the report, 84% of nearly \$1 trillion of global investment in energy transition technologies in 2021 was deployed in China, India, Japan, the US and Europe.
India Digital Payments Report Q1 2022	Worldline	<p>According to the <b>Worldline India Digital Payments Report Q1 2022</b>, India saw 9.36 billion transactions amounting to Rs 10.25 trillion in the first quarter (Q1: January-March period) via various payment modes led by Unified Payment Interface (UPI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The <b>top UPI apps</b> in terms of volume were PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm Payments Bank App, Amazon Pay, Axis banks App.</li> <li>✓ Phone Pe, Google Pay and Paytm accounted for 94.8% of UPI transactions volume and 93% of UPI transactions value as of March 2022.</li> </ul> <p>In Q1 2022, <b>the top remitter banks</b> were State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Bank of Baroda (BoB), Union Bank and Paytm Payments Bank while the <b>top Beneficiary Banks</b> were Paytm Payments Bank, State Bank of India (SBI), YES Bank, Axis Bank and ICICI Bank.</p>
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	National Statistical Office (NSO)	<p>According to the <b>Index of Industrial Production (IIP)</b> data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), Retail inflation softened to 6.71% in July 2022 due to moderation in food prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ However, it remained above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) comfort level of 6% for the 7th consecutive month.</li> </ul> <p>The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was at 7.01% in June 2022 and 5.59% in July 2021. It was above 7% from April to June FY22.</p>
Landscape of Green Finance in India	Climate Policy Initiative (CPI)	<b>India's green investment flows in FY 2019-20</b> , which is an update on a systematic assessment of India's green investment, and



		<p>evaluates whether India is on track in achieving its targets under Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As per it, India's green investment flows are falling far short of the country's current need for its ambitious climate targets.</li> <li>✓ The tracked green finance in 2019-2020 was <b>Rs 309,000 crore</b> (nearly USD 44 billion) per annum, which is less than a fourth of India's needs.</li> </ul> <p>For India to achieve its NDCs under the Paris agreement, it requires approximately Rs 162.5 lakh crore (USD 2.5 trillion) from 2015 to 2030 or roughly <b>Rs 11 lakh crore</b> (USD 170 billion) per year.</p>
Mercom India Research Report	Mercom India Research	<p>India adds a record breaking 7.2 gigawatt (GW) of solar installations in the first half of 2022, as per the report released by Mercom India Research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Large-scale solar accounted for 90% of the installations, and rooftop accounted for the remaining 10% during the reporting period (2022).</li> </ul> <p>Rajasthan became the first state to cross <b>10 GW</b> of cumulative large-scale solar installations at the end of <b>March 2022</b></p>
Department of Commerce Restructuring Dossier	Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI)	<p>The 14-volume report describes the duties of each departmental unit as well as the expected outcomes and key performance indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The restructuring of the departments of commerce has been done in accordance with Mission Karmayogi, which has been initiated with the aim of upgrading the skills of officials in Govt. Departments and Ministries.</li> </ul>
Renewing wind growth to power the energy transition: India Wind Energy Market Outlook 2026	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and MEC Intelligence (MEC+)	<p><b>3rd edition</b> report suggests that India can add another 23.7 Gigawatts (GW) within next 5 years (2026) provided necessary enabling policies, facilitative instruments, and the right institutional interventions are put in place.</p> <p>As of <b>March 2022</b>, wind power constituted the majority of the renewable energy mix in India which accounted for 37.7% of the total installed capacity in India.</p>

## **RANKING & REPORTS IN CONTENT FORMAT**

### **NSO Develops Three Labour Indicators, says 15% Of 60+ Employed People Worked Part Time in 2017-20**

The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in its **Working Paper on Compilation of Labour Indicators of the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators to develop a methodology** for compiling three labour indicators, reported that between 2017 and 2020, the proportion of employed people working part-time in the 46–59 years age group across all of India was greater than 10%, while the proportion was greater than 15% in the above 60 age group. The National Statistical Office (NSO) developed three labour indicators based on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data available in “Person level data of first visit schedule”: “Proportion of Employed who are Employer, by sex” and “Employment Rate of persons age 25-49 living in a household with at least one child under age 3 years and with no children under age 3 years living in the household, by sex”.

### **15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics 2022: India Ranks Third, With 3 Gold Medals & 2 Silver Medals**

**India** came in **third** at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2022, which took place from August 14 – 21, 2022 in Kutaisi, Georgia. The IOAA is an annual contest for students in higher secondary education.

India and Singapore were tied for third place in the medal count. Iran’s official team (5 Golds) won the top spot followed by Iran’s Guest team (4 Golds, 1 Silver).

### **PGA Labs report: SBI Topped in Market Share of Debit cards; HDFC Topped in Credit cards**

According to the data collated by **PGA Labs**, State Bank of India (**SBI**) remained the top player with **30 %** market share of **debit cards** as of June 2022, despite 6 % decline in year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth and **HDFC Bank** has topped the **credit card** chart with **22 %** market share.

- ✓ **Debit card** – The Bank of Baroda (BoB) has ranked 2nd with 8 % market share followed by Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank and Punjab National Bank (PNB) with 5 % market share.
- ✓ **Credit card** – The HDFC was followed by SBI (18%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (12%), RBL Bank (5%) and Kotak Mahindra Bank (5%).

**SBI: Chairman** – Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Established in** – 1955; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra.

## **ACQUISITION & MERGERS**

### **CCI clears Rs 4,500cr deal between BFHL consortium & IDFC; Approves Amalgamation between Shriram Group Companies**

The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the proposal of Rs 4,500 crore deal wherein the **Bandhan Financial Holdings (BFHL)**-led consortium will buy stakes in **IDFC Asset Management Company Ltd & IDFC AMC Trustee**.

- ✓ The consortium consists of Bandhan Bank’s parent BFHL, private equity firm **ChrysCapital** and Singapore’s sovereign fund **GIC**.
- i. CCI also approves Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shriram Group Companies under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, 2002.
- ii. CCI granted its approval for the acquisition of a 50.1% stake of Sanmina-SCI India (SCIPL) by Reliance Strategic Business Ventures (RSBVL). RSBVL is a subsidiary of Reliance Industries (RIL).
- ✓ **CCI: Chairperson**– Ashok Kumar Gupta; **HQ**– New Delhi, Delhi. [Click here to read more](#).

### **BoB to Divest 12.5% stake in its Insurance arm IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company**

The board of Bank of Baroda (BoB) has approved the divestment of up to 12.5% of its shareholdings in its subsidiary, India First Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLIC).

- ✓ In 2021, BoB purchased 21% stake of Union Bank of India and increased its stake in IFLIC from 44% to 65%.

The remaining 35% is held by Carmel Point Investments India Pvt Ltd, owned by private equity funds managed by Warburg Pincus LLC.

### **Uber Technologies sells entire stake in Zomato for Rs.3,088 crore**

**Uber Technologies**, through its arm **Uber BV**, offloaded its entire 7.8% stake by selling 61.2 crore shares of **Zomato Ltd** for Rs. 3,088 crore through an open market transaction.

- ✓ Uber B.V held 612.19 million shares in Zomato, representing 7.78% shareholding, as of 30 June 2022.
- ✓ Uber is the second biggest single shareholder in Zomato after Info Edge.

**Uber Tech: CEO** – Dara Khosrowshahi; **Founded** – 2009; **HQ** – San Francisco, California, US.

### **LIC sold 2% shares in Mahindra & Mahindra for Rs 2,222.49 Cr**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has sold 2% of its shareholding in Mahindra & Mahindra Limited (M&M) for about Rs 2,222.49 crore.

- ✓ The shares were sold through open market transactions during the period from December 21, 2020, to August 8, 2022.
- ✓ According to SEBI (Security and Exchange Board of India) guidelines, the listed companies are required to intimate the stock exchanges when their shareholding in an entity changes by 2% or more.

**LIC: Chairperson**-Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar; **Founded**- 1956; **HQ**- Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### **ADIA Invests Rs 665 Crore in Aditya Birla Health Insurance**

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (**ADIA**) will invest **Rs 665 crore** in Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (**ABHICL**) for a **9.99 percent** stake value. This transaction has been approved by the board of directors of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (**ABCL**), the holding company for financial services of the aluminium to telecom conglomerate.

- ✓ **ABHICL**, a health insurance company is a joint venture between Aditya Birla Capital and Momentum Metropolitan Strategic Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of South-African based Momentum Metropolitan holdings limited.

**ABHICL: CEO & Whole time Director** – Mayank Bathwal; **Establishment** – 2016.

### **CCI Approves Acquisition of Stake by ADIA Group; Sekhmet & ODPL and Adani Groups in Different Companies**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) has approved the acquisition of stake in IIFL Home indirectly by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (**ADIA**) group, sole beneficiary and settlor of the **Platinum Jasmine Trust**.

- ✓ The proposed transaction relates to the acquisition of up to 20 % stake in IIFL Home Finance by Platinum Owl C 2018 RSC Ltd, a trustee acting for Platinum Jasmine Trust.
- ✓ IIFL Home is a housing finance company registered with the National Housing Bank which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of IIFL Finance Limited.

The CCI approves the acquisition of majority shareholding in Optimus Drugs Private Limited (ODPL) by Sekhmet Pharmaventures Private Limited (Sekhmet) and ODPL's acquisition of a shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited (OPPL) and Optimus Life Science Private Limited (OLSPL) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

**CCI: Chairperson** – Ashok Kumar Gupta; **Establishment** – 2003; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **BRDN Investment Management have divested 5.58% stake in HDFC AMC for Rs 2,300 cr**

BRDN Investment Management, formerly Standard Life Investments, divested its 5.58% stake in HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) for over Rs 2,300 crore.

- ✓ According to Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**) transaction data, BRDN has sold approximately Rs 1.19 crore shares in HDFC AMC through open market transactions.

### **CCI approves acquisition of the stake in Simpulo Vittrified Private Limited by IBEF IV, India SME, MOFPL and others**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) approves the acquisition of the stake in Simpulo Vittrified Private Limited (**SVPL**) by India Business Excellence Fund IV (**IBEF IV**), India SME Investments Fund – I (**India SME**), Motilal Oswal Finvest Limited (**MOFPL**), partners of Simpulo Ceramics (**SC or Simpulo Ceramics**) and the shareholders of Nexion International Private Limited (**Nexion**) including Aghara & Sons (**Aghara**) and Ceramiche Speranza SPA (**Ceramiche SPA**).

#### **Other Approvals by CCI:**

- ✓ The amalgamation of Creixent Special Steels Limited (**CSSL**) and JSW Ispat Special Products Limited (**JSW Ispat**) with and into JSW Steel Limited (**JSW Steel**) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

The acquisition by **Katsura Investments** in **Varmora Granito Private Limited** and certain other entities. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **MCA approves BGRL amalgamation with Bharat Petroleum**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) approved the amalgamation of Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL) with its parent company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

- ✓ Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL), incorporated in June 2018, is a wholly owned subsidiary of BPCL for handling the Natural Gas business.
- ✓ The scheme of amalgamation became effective on 16 August 2022.

**BPCL:** CMD – Arun Kumar Singh; **Founded-** 1952; **HQ-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

### **Adani Group Firms to Acquire 29.18% Stake in NDTV; Launched Open Offer for Another 26% Stake**

The Adani group's AMG Media Network Limited (AMNL) announced that it will indirectly acquire a 29.18% stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) through the conversion of loans into an equity stake in NDTV.

- ✓ The NDTV owns three national news channels — NDTV 24x7, NDTV India and NDTV Profit.
- ✓ It will also launch an Open Offer to acquire 26% stake for Rs. 493 crore to get a majority stake in NDTV.
- ✓ In 2008-09, the Adani Group provided a loan of Rs 250 crore to NDTV and the Adani group firm now exercised the option to convert that debt into a 29.18% stake in NDTV.
- ✓ **Adani Group: Chairman** – Gautam Adani; **MD** – Rajesh Adani; **Founded** – 1988; **HQ** – Ahmedabad, Gujarat

### **Norwegian CIF to acquire 49% stake in 420 MW solar power plant in Rajasthan**

The Norwegian **Climate Investment Fund (CIF)**, managed by Norfund and KLP, signed an agreement to acquire a 49% stake in a 420 MW (Megawatt) solar energy plant named **Thar Surya 1** in **Rajasthan**. Norfund and KLP together will take a 49% for approximately Rs 280 crore.

- ✓ The 420-MWDC (300-MWAC) solar energy was developed by the Italian gas and power utility company, Enel Green Power.
- ✓ Norway and India are partners in the global energy transition through the CIF.

### **Bharti Telecom to buy 3.33% Airtel Stake from Singtel for Rs 12,895 crore;TVS Motor acquires 48.27% stake in DriveX**

Bharti Telecom Limited (**BTL**) the promoter of Bharti Airtel and a joint venture between **Bharti Enterprises** and Singapore-based **Singtel** will acquire a **3.33% stake** in Bharti Airtel from Singapore-based telecommunications company (**Singtel**) for Singapore dollars **2.25 billion** (Rs 12,895 crore) in **90 days**.

- ✓ After the stake purchase, the direct shareholding of Singtel will stand at 10% and Bharti Airtel at 6%.

TVS Motor Company announced it will acquire 48.27 % stake in NKares Mobility Millennial Solutions Private Limited (**NMMSPL**) for Narain Karthikeyan's pre-owned two-wheeler start-up '**DriveX**' for a consideration of Rs.85 crore.

### **HDFC Bank to pick around 10 pc stake in Go Digit Life Insurance**

**HDFC Bank Limited** is set to invest between **Rs 49.9 crore to Rs 69.9 crore** to pick up around **9.994% (~10%) stake** in Go Digit Life Insurance Limited owned by promoters of (Initial Public Offering) IPO-bound Go Digit General Insurance.

- ✓ **Backed by Prem Watsa-led Fairfax Group and Kamesh Goyal**, Go Digit Life has applied for a certificate of registration from the IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) to set up a life insurance business.

**HDFC Bank Ltd: Chairman-** Atanu Chakraborty; **HQ-** Mumbai, Maharashtra; **Founded-**1994

## **DEFENCE**

### **EXERCISE**

EXERCISE NAME	VENUE / PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES	KEY NOTES
India-Oman joint military exercise 'AL NAJAH -IV'	Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan, India-Oman	The <b>4th edition of India-Oman joint military exercise 'AL NAJAH -IV'</b> will be held from August 1 to 13, 2022 at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It will witness the participation of the Indian Army (IA), and the Royal Army of Oman (RAO).</li> </ul> The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH was organized at Muscat from March 12 to 25, 2019.
Ex VINBAX 2022	Chandimandir in Haryana, Vietnam-India	The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise ' <b>Ex VINBAX 2022</b> ' is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana from August 1-20, 2022 which will see the participation of Indian Army (IA) and Vietnam People's Army. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022 is employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United</li> </ul>



		<p>Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.</p> <p>Vietnam is the <b>15th largest trade partner</b> of India and India is its 10th largest partner with bilateral trade standing at USD 11.12 billion in 2020-21.</p>
Skylight	-	<p>The <b>Indian Army</b> performed a Pan-Indian exercise called "<b>Skylight</b>" to test and evaluate its entire satellite-based communication network to ensure operational readiness in the wake of a future conflict. The exercise covered India's eastern, northern, and island territories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In March 2022, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the Indian Army's first dedicated satellite, GSAT-7B, at a cost of Rs 4,635 crore by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), which will be launched at the end of 2025.</li> <li>✓ Indian Navy and Indian Air Force (IAF) already have their own GSAT-7 series satellites. GSAT-7A satellite of the IAF &amp; GSAT-7 or Rukmini is dedicated to the Indian Navy.</li> </ul>
Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)	North Atlantic Ocean, Indian and French Navies	<p>The Indian and French Navies conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) on 29th and 30th July 2022 in the North Atlantic Ocean. The replenishment at sea was exercised between the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Tarkash and the French Fleet Tanker French Navy Ship (<b>FNS</b>) Somme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ INS Tarkash is the second Talwar-class frigate constructed for the Indian Navy.</li> <li>✓ It is a part of the second batch of Talwar-class frigates, built at the Yantar shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.</li> </ul> <p>Three biennial training exercises conducted between India &amp; France - Exercise Garuda with the Indian Air Force; Exercise Varuna with the Indian Navy; Exercise Shakti with the Indian Army.</p>
Ex Vajra Prahar 2022	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh	<p>The 13th edition of the India-United States (US) Joint Special Forces exercise '<b>Ex Vajra Prahar 2022</b>' initiated at the Special Forces Training School (<b>SFTS</b>) in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (HP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ex Vajra Prahar is an annual exercise hosted alternatively between India and the US to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.</li> <li>✓ 12th edition of this exercise was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (US) in October 2021.</li> </ul>

		The 18th edition of India-US Army exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is scheduled to be held in October 2022 in high altitude area in Uttarakhand.
Udarashakti	RMAF Air Base Kuantan, Malaysia, India & Malaysia	<b>India &amp; Malaysia</b> concluded the <b>four-day military exercise 'Udarashakti'</b> , which was between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the host country Royal Malaysian Air Force ( <b>RMAF</b> ). ✓ The exercise began on <b>16th august 2022</b> at the RMAF Air Base Kuantan, Malaysia. The <b>Su-30 MKI</b> and <b>C-17</b> aircrafts from the IAF and <b>Su-30 MKM</b> aircraft from the Malaysian force participated in the air exercise.
Exercise Pitch Black 2022	Australia	An <b>Indian Air Force (IAF)</b> contingent of over 100 air warriors has arrived in <b>Australia</b> to participate in <b>Exercise Pitch Black 2022</b> , with 4 Sukhoi-30 MKI (Su-30 MKI) fighters and 2 C-17 Globemaster-III aircraft. Pitch Black 2022 is scheduled to take place in Darwin, Australia, from August 19 to September 8, 2022. ✓ <b>Pitch Black</b> is a biennial three-week multi-national exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). ✓ The 2022 edition is primarily carried out from RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal. The 2022 edition will also include RAAF Base Amberley, located near Ipswich, Australia. <b>Australia: PM</b> – Anthony Albanese; <b>Capital</b> – Canberra; <b>Currency</b> – Australian Dollar (AUD).
National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) 2022	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	The <b>10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) 2022</b> was conducted by Indian Coast Guard ( <b>ICG</b> ), for 2 days and inaugurated by <b>Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar</b> , in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It is the biennial exercise conducted with the <b>theme "Capacity Building Towards Marine Passenger Safety"</b> and denotes the resolve and commitment of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board ( <b>NMSARB</b> ).

## TESTING

MISSILES NAME	TESTING LOCATION	FEATURES
Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)	KK Ranges in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Defence Research and Development Organisation ( <b>DRDO</b> ) and the <b>Indian Army</b> successfully test fired <b>indigenously</b> developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles ( <b>ATGM</b> ) from Main Battle Tank ( <b>MBT</b> ) <b>Arjun Mark 1A</b> at KK Ranges in Ahmednagar,

		<p>Maharashtra, with support of Armoured Corps Centre &amp; School (<b>ACC&amp;S</b>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank (<b>HEAT</b>) warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour (<b>ERA</b>) protected armoured vehicles.</li> <li>✓ Arjun Mk-1A Main Battle Tank (MBT) has been developed by DRDO for the Indian Army.</li> </ul> <p><b>DRDO: Chairman</b> – G Satheesh Reddy; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi.</p>
Gaganyaan Low Altitude Escape Motor	Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP)	<p>Indian Space Research Organisation (<b>ISRO</b>) successfully carried out the test-firing of the <b>Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM)</b> of the Crew Escape System (<b>CES</b>) of Gaganyaan project from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ If the mission is aborted during the initial phase flight, LEM will provide the required thrust to CES, to take away Crew Module from the launch vehicle.</li> </ul> <p>The LEM is a distinctive special purpose solid rocket motor with four reverse flow nozzles and generates a maximum sea level thrust of <b>842 kN (nominal)</b> with a burn time of <b>5.98 seconds (nominal)</b>.</p>
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha	<p>The Defence Research &amp; Development Organisation (DRDO), and Indian Navy successfully flight-tested <b>Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)</b> from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VL-SRSAM is based on Astra Mark 1 air-to-air missile and it has been designed to strike high-speed airborne targets <b>at the range of 40 to 50 km and at an altitude of around 15 km.</b></li> </ul> <p>This was the 4th test for VL-SRSAM. The first test for the same was carried out February 2021 while the last one (3rd) was carried in June 2022.</p>

## ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE NEWS

### Indian Navy's all-women crew completes 1st independent surveillance mission over Arabian Sea

Five officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the north of the Arabian Sea, onboard a Dornier-228 aircraft. The mission was completed on 3rd August 2022.

- ✓ The Dornier-228 aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander, Lieutenant Commander **Aanchal Sharma**, who was accompanied by a team of pilots, Lieutenant Shivangi and Lieutenant Apurva Gite, Tactical and Sensor Officer Lieutenant Pooja Panda and Sub Lieutenant Pooja Shekhawat.
- ✓ They are part of the Indian Naval Air Squadron (**INAS**)-314, based at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar, Gujarat.

### Indian Navy Receives First-ever Fully Indigenous AK-630 Gun Ammunition

**Indian Navy** received the first-ever indigenously produced **30mm gun ammunition** that will be used in **AK-630 guns**, which is fitted on warships.

- ✓ It was produced by the Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), (Nagpur, Maharashtra) a subsidiary of Solar Industries India Ltd.

This is the **first time** that Indian Navy had placed an order on the Indian private industry to deliver complete gun ammunition which was completed in a record time of 12 months with propellant sources from the Bhandara Ordnance Factory in Nagpur.

### TASL Delivers Indigenous Combat Vehicles to Indian Army to Boost Border Surveillance

Tata Advanced Systems Limited (**TASL**), Tata group's Aerospace and Defence Arm has successfully delivered the indigenously developed combat vehicles Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (**QRFV**) to the Indian Army to boost border surveillance.

- ✓ TASL became India's **first private sector company** to produce and deliver wheeled armoured combat-ready vehicles for the Indian armed forces.
- ✓ QRFV offers a Standardised Agreement (STANAG) level 4 protection against up to 14kg and 21kg of explosives.

**Indian Army: Chief of Army Staff (COAS)** – General Manoj Pande; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi.

### MoD Approves DRDO developed guided rockets for Pinaka weapon system for IA

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved the three Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) projects – **Guided Extended Range** Rocket Ammunition, **Aerial Denial Munition Type I** and **Infantry Combat Vehicle – Command** for Pinaka rocket launchers.

- ✓ These 3 products were designed and developed by DRDO and the total value of these 3 proposals is Rs 8599 crore.

The IAF and the Army received '**Heron**' **unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)** under the emergency powers which is useful for surveillance in Ladakh and in the North-eastern (NE) region.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### SATELLITES LAUNCHES

SATELLITE NAME	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Monitoring Satellite as well as two other satellites	China	China successfully launched a <b>Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Monitoring Satellite</b> as well as two other satellites from the <b>Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center</b> in Shanxi Province, North China. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The main payload was the <b>Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Inventory Satellite (TECIS 1)</b>, built by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST).</li> <li>✓ The two secondary payloads were the <b>HEAD 2G</b> and Minhang Youth Satellite.</li> </ul> All the satellites were successfully launched by a <b>Long March-4B</b> carrier rocket into their intended orbit.
Khayyam satellite	Iran	Russia launched <b>Soyuz-2.1b rocket</b> carrying Iran's high resolution, remote sensing <b>Khayyam satellite</b> from the Russia-controlled <b>Baikonur cosmodrome</b> in Kazakhstan.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The satellite was named after <b>Omar Khayyam</b>, a Persian scientist who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Russia: President</b> – Vladimir Putin; <b>Capital</b> – Moscow; <b>Currency</b> – Rouble</p>
16 New Satellites	China	<p>China launched <b>16 new satellites</b> into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in <b>Shanxi province</b>, China for commercial remote sensing and atmospheric imaging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The 16 satellites including Jilin 1 Gaofen 03D09 satellite and Yunyao 1 04-08 were launched by a Long March 6 Y10 carrier rocket.</li> <li>✓ The launch is marked as the <b>432nd mission</b> for the Long March series carrier rockets</li> </ul> <p><b>China: President</b> – Xi Jinping; <b>Capital</b> – Beijing; <b>Currency</b> – Renminbi</p>

## OTHER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### NATIONAL

#### ISRO's 1st Small Satellite Launch Mission carrying EOS-02 & AzaadiSAT faces Anomaly

On August 7, 2022, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched its first 34-metre-tall **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)** to place an **Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-02)** and students satellite **AzaadiSAT**. It was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- ✓ SSLV was developed by ISRO to cater the launch of up to 500 kg satellites to Low Earth Orbits (LEO) on launch-on-demand basis.
- ✓ The maiden launching mission of SSLV was called as **SSLVD1/EOS-02 mission**. Although the first attempt at SSLV was successful, it had failed to reach the intended orbit.
- ✓ SSLV-D1 placed the satellites into 356 km x 76 km elliptical orbit instead of planned 356 km circular orbit. So satellites are no longer usable. [Click here to read more.](#)

#### Intellicap & TRIF Launch Carbon Finance Platform for 1 Million Smallholder Farmers

A **National Carbon Finance Platform** has been launched by Intellicap and the Transform Rural India Foundation (**TRIF**), which will encourage Indian smallholder farmers in harnessing climate/carbon finance for sustainable agroforestry and climate smart agriculture.

- ✓ The platform will empower smallholder farmers by raising awareness of carbon projects such as agroforestry, clean cooking, and waste management.

It will improve the technical capacity to devise and implement high-quality carbon projects.

#### Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute gets 1st ever 'Made In India' Surgical Robotic System' – SSI-MANTRA

Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC) in New Delhi, Delhi has installed the first-ever **"Made in India" Surgical Robotic System, SSI-MANTRA**, which was invented by the new-age Indian Med-Tech start-up SS innovation Private Limited- World renowned medical and engineering leadership.

- ✓ SSI-MANTRA is an acronym for Multi Arm Novel Tele Robotic Assistance and the company making it is, SS Innovations.



It is a visionary project of the Indraprastha Cancer Society and Research Centre aimed at providing the best of oncological care.

### **MHI launched Automated Online Data Transfer for Capturing Critical Data of auto PLI Applicants**

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) launched automated online data transfer for capturing critical data related to domestic value addition in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the auto sector.

- ✓ The new system will capture data from PLI applicant's ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system to PLI auto portal.

ERP is a type of software that organizations use to manage business activities. It enables smooth transfer of data from the applicant's existing ERP system to PLI Auto portal of MHI. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Union Minister Jitendra Singh Introduces "Roshni," India's First Saline Water LED Lamp**

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Earth Science (MoES), has introduced "**Roshni**", India's first saline water lantern that uses seawater as an electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power LED (Light Emitting Diode) lamps.

- ✓ The first-of-its-kind lantern was unveiled during his visit to the SAGAR ANVESHKA, a Coastal Research Vessel operated and used for coastal research by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The Saline Water Lantern will enhance the Indian government's "**Unnatjyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme**," which was launched in 2015 to distribute LED bulbs across the country. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **India's first 3-D printed cornea developed by scientists from Hyderabad**

A team of clinicians and scientists from the LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, and Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), has developed India's first 3D-printed artificial cornea and transplanted it into a rabbit's eye.

- ✓ This development in animal models provided hope to those who lost vision due to corneal damage. It is also optically and physically suitable for transplantation.

The development can treat diseases like **corneal scarring** (where the cornea becomes opaque) or **Keratoconus** (where the cornea gradually becomes thin with time).

### **Manthan: Platform for Industry, R&D collaboration unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI**

The Office of the **Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA)** to the Government of India (GoI) launched a **Manthan Platform** which will enable and empower all spheres of science and technology within India.

- ✓ The platform is powered by NSEIT Limited and led by the Office of PSA.
- ✓ NSEIT is a 100% subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India.

Manthan will provide an opportunity to bring national and global communities closer to India's technology revolution.

### **Bharat Biotech finalised the trials for India's first new intranasal vaccine for COVID-19**

- ✓ India's first **Adenoviral Intranasal Covid Vaccine BBV154** has proven to be safe by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) for COVID-19. It had completed clinical development for phase III trials.

## **AirAsia India- the 1st Airline in India to use AI-powered CAE Rise™ Training System**

**Collaboration b/w:** AirAsia India (**AAI**) and Canadian Aviation Electronics Limited (**CAE**)

**Purpose:** to merge the CAE Rise™ training system with the airline's simulator training program.

- ✓ AirAsia India is the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven training program using CAE Rise™.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **NASA Launching 2 More Mini Helicopters to Mars to Recover Martian Samples**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) is launching 2 more mini helicopters to Mars as a part of its effort to recover Martian rocks and soil samples and bring them to Earth.

- ✓ Under the NASA's plan announced on 29th July 2022, **NASA's Perseverance rover** will do double duty and transport the cache to the rocket that will launch them off Mars after a decade.

The helicopters are modelled after NASA's Ingenuity which has made 29 flights since arriving with Perseverance at Mars in 2021.

### **South Korea Launches its First Moon Mission: Danuri**

**South Korea's first-ever lunar mission**, The Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter(**KPLO**) (nicknamed **Danuri**), was launched onboard a SpaceX Falcon-9 from launch complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Cape Canaveral in Florida to observe the Moon and it aims to reach the Moon by mid-December.

- ✓ Danuri is a portmanteau of Korean words "Moon" and "Enjoy" which translates to "enjoying the moon".
- ✓ This lunar mission has been jointly developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (**KARI**).

Danuri will develop a **wireless Internet environment** to link satellites or exploration spacecraft.

### **Russia will withdraw from International Space Station project after 2024**

Russia will pull out of the **International Space Station (ISS)** after **2024** and focus on building its own orbiting outpost amid high tensions between Moscow and the West over the fighting in Ukraine.

- ✓ NASA and other international partners will keep the space station running until 2030, while the Russians have been reluctant to make commitments beyond 2024.

ISS is jointly run by the space agencies of Russia, the U.S., Europe, Japan and Canada. The first piece was put in orbit in 1998, and the outpost has been continuously inhabited for nearly 22 years.

### **Scientists of Israel create world's first synthetic embryo without sperm**

A team of **scientists of Israel** developed the world's first synthetic embryo outside the womb using stem cells cultured in a petri dish.

- ✓ The cells of the synthetic embryo were cultured without the use of fertilized eggs, bypassing the need for sperm. The study was published in the **journal Cell**.

The team was headed by Prof. Jacob Hanna of the Molecular Genetics Department, Weizmann Institute in Israel.

## SPORTS

### CRICKET

#### India Will Host 2025 Women's ODI World Cup

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced **India** will host the 2025 ICC Women's One Day International (ODI) World Cup. Reportedly India, Bangladesh, England and Sri Lanka were named as the four hosts for ICC women's white-ball events from 2024-27.

- ✓ The 2025 Women's ODI World Cup (31 matches with 8 teams) will be hosted by India and Sri Lanka will host the inaugural 2027 Women's T20 Champions Trophy (16 matches with 6 teams). Bangladesh will host the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup (23 Matches with 10 Teams). The 2026 edition of the ICC T20 World Cup ( 33 Matches with 12 Teams ) will be held in England.

#### Mastercard to replace Paytm as title sponsor for BCCI matches

**Mastercard** is set to replace **Paytm** as the **title sponsor** for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**). This follows Paytm's request to reassign the title sponsorship of BCCI, valid till 2023.

#### ICC awards membership status to Cambodia, Uzbekistan, Cote D'Ivoire

The International Cricket Council (ICC) awarded membership status to three countries – **Cambodia** and **Uzbekistan** from Asia, and **Cote D'Ivoire** from Africa during the ongoing ICC Annual Conference in Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK).

- ✓ The three countries were all awarded Associate membership status, taking ICC's total members to 108 countries, including 96 Associates.

**ICC: Chairman-** Greg Barclay; **Founded-** 1909; **HQ-** Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

#### Former West Indies cricketer Kieron Pollard becomes first ever to play 600 T20 matches

**Kieron Adrian Pollard**, former West Indies cricketer (Trinidadian), has become the **first-ever** cricketer to play in **600 Twenty20 (T20) cricket matches**. He achieved the feat while playing for London Spirit against the Manchester Originals in "The Hundred", a professional franchise 100-ball cricket tournament of teams across England and Wales.

- ✓ He represents, Mumbai Indians in Indian Premier League (IPL), Trinbago Knight Riders in Caribbean Premier League.

The other cricketers behind Kieron Pollard in terms of playing T20 cricket matches are Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) and Ravi Bopara (426).

#### Ireland's Kevin O'Brien Announces Retirement from International Cricket

The 38-year-old, **Ireland** all-rounder, **Kevin Joseph O'Brien** announced his retirement from international cricket.

- ✓ Kevin O'Brien made his debut for Ireland in **2006** and was one of their longest serving cricketers.
- ✓ During his 16-year career, he has played 3 tests, 153 ODI, 110 T20 Internationals for Ireland and recorded a total of 258 runs, 3,619 runs and 1,973 runs respectively.

He became the **1st Ireland cricketer** to score a century in red-ball cricket.

## India's Tour of Zimbabwe 2022: India Wins Kajaria Cup, Defeats Zimbabwe to win the series 3-0

Indian Cricket Team has won the **Kajaria Cup India Tour of Zimbabwe One Day International (ODI) Series 2022** (3-0) defeating Zimbabwe in the 3rd and final One Day International (ODI) at Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe. The ODI series formed part of the inaugural 2020–2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.

- ✓ India registered a 13-run victory and clinched the ODI series by 3-0.
  - ✓ Rohit Sharma in 2010, KL Rahul in 2016, and Shubman Gill in 2022 – all scored their maiden ODI century in Zimbabwe.
  - ✓ The Indian Cricket team was led by KL Rahul, while Zimbabwe was led by Regis Chakabva.
- India's opener Shubman Gill (22 years) broke legendary Sachin Tendulkar's 24-year-old record by scoring his maiden international century against Zimbabwe in the third ODI.

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### 27th BWF World Championships 2022: Denmark's Viktor Axelsen won; India grabbed 1st bronze in Men's Doubles

The 27th edition of **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** World Championships officially known as the Total Energies BWF World Championships 2022 was held from August 22-28, 2022 at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium in Tokyo, Japan.

- ✓ India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty won the **first ever bronze medal in Men's doubles**. They lost by 22-20 18-21 16-21 to Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia in the semifinals.
- ✓ With this, they became the **first Indian pair** to win a medal in the men's doubles event at the world badminton championships.

#### Medal Tally of 2022 BWF World Championships:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	2	1	2	5
2	Japan	1	1	1	3
3	Denmark	1	0	0	1
3	Malaysia	1	0	0	1
<b>9</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
9	Germany	0	0	1	1

### Casper Ruud Wins 2022 Swiss Open Gstaad in Switzerland

Norway's top seed and defending champion **Casper Ruud** has won the **Swiss Open Tennis Tournament 2022** held at the Roy Emerson Arena in Gstaad, Switzerland, from July 18, 2022 - July 24 2022 by defeating Matteo Berrettini (Italy).

- ✓ This was Casper Ruud's 9th in his career and 3rd in 2022 following the success in Geneva and Buenos Aires Open.

Tomislav Brkić (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Francisco Cabral (Portugal) defeated Robin Haase (Netherlands) and Philipp Oswald (Austria) to win the doubles tennis title at 2022 Swiss Open Gstaad.

## Australia's Nick Kyrgios wins Citi Open 2022; Russia's Liudmila Samsonova won Women's Title

The 2022 Washington Open/Citi Open was held on August 1-7, 2022 at the William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center in Washington, D.C., United States (US). It was the **53rd** edition for men and **10th** for women.

- ✓ The Men's singles title was won by Nick Kyrgios (Australia) by defeating Yoshihito Nishioka (Japan).
- ✓ The Women's Singles title was grabbed by Liudmila Samsonova (Russia) by defeating Kaia Kanepi (Estonia).

### List of Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-up	Won by
Men's Singles	Nick Kyrgios (Australia)	Yoshihito Nishioka (Japan)	6-4, 6-3
Women's Singles	Liudmila Samsonova (Russia)	Kaia Kanepi (Estonia)	4-6, 6-3, 6-3
Men's Doubles	Nick Kyrgios, and Jack Sock (US)	Ivan Dodig (Croatia), and Austin Krajicek (US)	7-5, 6-4
Women's Doubles	Jessica Pegula (US), and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)	Anna Kalinskaya (Russia), and Caty McNally (US)	6-3, 5-7

## Tennis: Pablo Carreno Busta wins Men's Single Title in 2022 National Bank Open Montreal, 1st Masters 1000 title

Two-time Grand Slam semi-finalist and former World No. 10 **Pablo Carreno Busta** of Spain won the Men's Singles title at the 2022 National Bank Open Tennis Tournament held in Montreal, Canada.

- ✓ This is the hard court tennis tournament played from August 8 to August 14, 2022, as part of the 2022 US Open Series.
- ✓ **Pablo Carreno Busta** defeated **Hubert Hurkacz** of Poland by 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) finals with a Montreal Masters triumph.

### Winners of the tournament:

Event	Winner	Runner
Men's singles	Pablo Carreño Busta (Spain)	Hubert Hurkacz (Poland)
Women's singles	Simona Halep (Romania)	Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazil)
Men's doubles	Wesley Koolhof(Netherlands)/ Neal Skupski(United Kingdom)	John Peers (Australia) / Dan Evans (United Kingdom)
Women's doubles	Coco Gauff (United States) / Jessica Pegula (United States)	Nicole Melichar-Martinez (United States) / Ellen Perez (Australia)

## Serena Williams Announces Retirement from Tennis

Tennis legend **Serena Williams** announced her retirement in a Vogue article after the U.S. Open, which will be conducted in late August 2022 into early September 2022.

- ✓ She was born on **26th September 1981** in Saginaw, Michigan (United States) and is an American tennis player.
- ✓ Serena Williams is 40 years and has 73 career singles titles, 23 career doubles titles and over USD 94 million in career winnings.

Serena is the one and only Tennis player in the history to have won 23 Grand Slam (GS) Titles comparatively, in Men's category Rafael Nadal won 22 GS.



## **ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL**

### **England wins first-ever women's championship in Euro 2022 over Germany**

England won the 2022 **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)**'s European Women's Football Championship for the first time after extra-time in the 2-1 Euro 2022 Final by defeating Germany.

- ✓ The tournament was held at Wembley Stadium in London, United Kingdom. This is the 13th edition of the UEFA Women's Championship.

England coach Sarina Wiegman became the first manager to win the Euros with two different nations, having led her native Netherlands to the title in 2017.

### **India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to lift SAFF Under-20 Football Championship 2022**

**India** lifted the 2022 South Asian Football Federation(SAFF) Under-20 (U-20) football championship trophy by defeating **Bangladesh** 5-2 goals in the final match at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The SAFF U20 Championship 2022 is in its fourth edition of the championship.

- ✓ India won this championship for the second consecutive time. Nepal won the first two editions in 2015 and 2017 and India won the 2019 edition

Striker Gurkirat Singh scored four goals as India beat Bangladesh 5-2 in extra time in the final to lift the SAFF U-20 Championship.

### **India Banned by FIFA, Took Back U17 Women's World Cup 2022 Hosting Rights**

The world governing body FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) suspended **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** for undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the FIFA Statutes. This is the first time AIFF has been banned by FIFA in its 85-year history.

- ✓ It also took back the rights from India to host 7th Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 which was scheduled to be held on October 11-30, 2022 at three venues viz. Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao (Goa), and DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).

It was for the first time that India is hosting the FIFA women's football tournament.

### **FIFA Suspends AIFF over Third-Party Influences**

The Bureau of the Federation International de Football Association (**FIFA**) Council has decided to suspend the All India Football Federation (AIFF) with immediate effect due to third-party interference, which is a violation of FIFA's statutes.

Other countries banned by FIFA over 3rd party influence includes Iraq (2008) Nigeria (2014), Guatemala (2016), Kuwait & Indonesia (2015), Pakistan (2017 & 2021) and Kenya (2022).

### **Manisha Kalyan becomes 1st Indian to play in UEFA Women's Champions League**

Indian Footballer(striker) **Manisha Kalyan** (20-year-old) from Hoshiarpur, Punjab, has become the first Indian to play in the Union of European Football Association (**UEFA**) **Women's Championship League** by making her debut for Cypriot club **Apollon Ladies FC** in the UEFA Women's Champions League 2022-23 in Engomi, Cyprus.

### **FIFA lifts ban on AIFF; India to host 7th Women's U-17 World Cup**

The World football governing body **FIFA** (International Federation of Association Football) lifted the ban imposed on the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** after the Supreme Court (SC) terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA).

- ✓ Now, India will host 7th Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 which is already scheduled to be held on October 11-30, 2022 at three venues viz. **Kalinga Stadium** in Bhubaneswar

(Odisha), **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** in Margao (Goa), and **DY Patil Stadium** in Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).

FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 2022 for 'undue influence from third parties'. It was for the first time that India is hosting the FIFA women's football tournament.

## **BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING**

### **World U20 Wrestling Championships 2022: Sumit & Rohit Wins bronze; India Finishes with 16 Medals**

Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers **Sumit** and **Rohit Dahiya** won bronze medals on the final day of the **45th edition of 2022 World U20 Wrestling Championships** in Sofia, Bulgaria that was held between 15th August 2022 and 21st August 2022.

- ✓ India ended the World U20 Wrestling Championships 2022 with **16 medals** including 1 gold, 4 silver and 11 bronze medals.

India ranks 3rd in Medal Tally. Iran was placed top spot followed by the United States of America(USA).

## **ARCHERY & SHOOTING**

### **ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2022 held in Changwon, South Korea; India tops Medal Tally with 15 medals**

India won **15 medals, (5 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals)** and topped the medals list in **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Changwon 2022** Rifle/ Pistol/ Shotgun held at South Korea from 9th July 2022 – 21st July 2022.

- ✓ The 2022 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the ISSF. ISSF: **President** – Vladimir Lisin; **HQ** – Munich, Germany

#### **Top 3 medal tally:**

No	Country	Medal Tally
1	India	15
2	South Korea	12
3	Czech Republic	6

[Click here to read more.](#)

## **OTHER SPORTS NEWS**

### **Max Verstappen Wins Hungarian Grand Prix 2022**

The world championship leader Max Verstappen (team Red Bull) won the Hungarian Formula one (F1) Grand Prix 2022. This is Max Verstappen's 8th Grand Prix win of the year 2022.

- ✓ The **2022 Hungarian Grand Prix** (officially known as the **Formula 1 Aramco Magyar Nagydíj 2022**) was a Formula One motor race held on 31 July 2022 at the Hungaroring in Mogyoród, Hungary over a distance of 70 laps.
- ✓ Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton (team Mercedes) finished second in the race.

#### **Hungarian F1 Grand Prix 2022 Rankings:**

Position	Driver	Team
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
2	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
3	George Russell	Mercedes
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari

## **Highlights: XXII Commonwealth Games or Birmingham 2022 Held from July 28, 2022 to August 8, 2022**

The **2022 Commonwealth Games**, officially known as the **XXII Commonwealth Games (CWG) or Birmingham 2022** was held at Birmingham, England (United Kingdom) from July 28 to August 8, 2022. It was an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth of Nations. The Games were declared open by **Charles**, Prince of Wales.

- ✓ It was the first major international multi-sports event that was integrated, meaning para and non-para games were held at the same time.
- ✓ In CWG 2022, India stood at 4th position with a total medal tally of 61, consisting of 22 Gold, 16 Silver, and 23 Bronze medals. It was India's 18th appearance at the event.

India's gold medal tally now stands at 203, which is the 4th best in CWG history. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **44th Chess Olympiad 2022 held in Chennai, TN; Uzbekistan won Open Section**

**44th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022** was held at the Four Points by Sheraton Mahabalipuram Resort and Convention Centre in Poonjeri village in Mamallapuram/Mahabalipuram (a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) heritage site) near Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN), India from 28th July 2022 to 9th August 2022.

- ✓ This is the first time the Chess Olympiad is being hosted in India and the first in Asia after 30 years. The 30th FIDE Chess Olympiad held in 1992 in Manila, Philippines was the last Chess Olympiad held in Asia.
- ✓ It was organized by the TN State Government, All India Chess Federation (AICF), and International Chess Federation (FIDE). The coordinating committee was headed by the CM MK Stalin.
- ✓ The official mascot was named '**Thambi**' (Younger Brother).
- ✓ Uzbekistan, one of the youngest teams, defeated the Netherlands by 2.5-1.5 and secured the gold medal in **Open Section**. It was their **first overall medal** in the Chess Olympiads.

India clinched two bronze medals with 18 match points. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **Neeraj Chopra wins Athletissima Wanda Lausanne Diamond League 2022 title, Finishes 1st with 89.08m Javelin Throw**

Tokyo Olympic champion (javelin throw), Neeraj Chopra won Athletissima Wanda Lausanne Diamond League 2022 title at La Pontaise Olympic stadium in Switzerland.

- ✓ With the massive throw to 89.08m (meters) in his first attempt, He became the first Indian to win the gold medal at a Diamond League meet.
- ✓ 2022 Diamond League is the 13th season of the annual series of outdoor track and field meetings, organized by World Athletics.

Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch finished second (with 85.88m) while Curtis Thompson of United States (US) was third (with 83.72m).

## **Max Verstappen Wins Belgium GP & Extends F1 Championship Lead**

Red Bull's **Max Verstappen**, the dutch flyer, won the **Formula 1 Rolex Belgian Grand Prix 2022** and extended his lead in the FormulaOne World Championship 2022. Red Bull's Sergio Perez and Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

- ✓ Formula One championships are sanctioned by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (**FIA**).
- ✓ **Max Verstappen** has won 9 of this season's 14 races and led at the top with 284 points followed by Sergio Perez with 191 points and Charles Leclerc with 186 points.

**FIA: President** – Mohammed bin Sulayem; **Founded** – 1904; **HQ** – Paris, France

### Chennai Prodigy Pranav Becomes India's 75th Grandmaster

Chennai based 16-year-old Chess Prodigy **V Pranav** became India's **75th** Grandmaster (GM) and Tamil Nadu's (TN's) **27th** by winning the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania. He finished the Romanian tournament with 7 points out of 9 to meet the GM norm requirements.

Pranav had obtained his maiden (first) GM norm at the age of 15 by winning the **Serbia Open in 2021**.

### Pooja Ojha wins India's first ever medal at Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Championships

Madhya Pradesh (MP) para athlete Pooja Ojha won the silver medal in VL1 Women's 200m Race final with a timing of 1:34.18 at the 2022 ICF (International Canoe Federation) Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Championships

- ✓ The championship was organized in Halifax, Canada (3-7 August 2022). This is the first ever medal India won at the ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Championships.
- ✓ Germany's player Lillemore Koper won the Gold medal in VL1 Women's 200m Race with a time of 1:29.79.

Two players from India had qualified for this competition. One is Pooja Ojha and the other is Surendra Kumar. Surendra Kumar finished fifth in the VL1 men's 200m series.

### India's GM R Praggnanandhaa Defeats World No.1 Magnus Carlsen, Finishes Runner-up in FTX Crypto Cup 2022

17-year-old Indian Grandmaster (GM) **R Praggnanandhaa** (Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu) defeated the World No.1 **Magnus Carlsen** of Norway in the final round of **FTX Crypto Cup 2022** held in the Eden Roc Miami Beach, **Miami, Florida**, United States of America(USA). Despite the win, he finished the tournament securing the runner-up spot.

- ✓ The FTX Crypto Cup, the 6th event in the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour took place August 15-21, 2022 on chess24.

However, Magnus Carlsen won the event on the basis of a higher score with 16 match points and R Praggnanandhaa secured second position, scoring 15 match points.

### India won Bronze against S. Korea in Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship

**India** defeated South Korea (3-2) and bagged the Bronze medal in the 14th Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship 2022, which was held in **Tehran, Iran**. This marks India's first podium place in the last 14 years, India won the bronze medal in 2008 defeating China.

Japan and Iran won gold and Silver respectively.

### The 15-year-old Linthoi won 1st ever Gold in World Cadet Judo Championship

**Linthoi Chanambam**, a 15-year-old Indian judoka, from **Manipur** won a historic **Gold**, in the Women's 57kg contest (any age group category), swaying over Brazil's **Bianca Reis**. It is India's first-ever medal in the **Judo World Championships**, in **Sarajevo**, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The event Judo World Championships took place between **24-28 August**, is the highest level of international judo competition for juniors aged 18 years or less.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOK NAME	AUTHOR	KEY NOTES
Journey of a Nation: 75 Years of Indian Economy	Sanjaya Baru	<b>Publisher:</b> Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd. The book starts with a reference to British Historian Angus Maddison and his book The World Economy: A Millennial Perspective (2001), which estimated that in 1700, China and India together accounted for half of the world's national income and that, by 1950, their combined share was down to less than 10%.
The Light We Carry	Michelle Obama, the Former first lady of the United States of America(USA)	<b>Publisher (globally):</b> Penguin Random House <b>Publisher (US and Canada):</b> Crown, an imprint of the Random House Publishing Group The book will be released in November 2022. Her first book 'Becoming' was released in 2018.
Riding the De(Mon)	Murali Raghavan, a Chartered & Cost accountant from India, based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates(UAE)	<b>Publisher:</b> Leadstart Publishing Pvt. Ltd, India. The Book is a tale of big money and crime and looks at money laundering in India, particularly the methods used by people to funnel their ill-gotten gains into the banking system, post demonetisation.
Amphibians of the Northern Western Ghats	Satish Pande with inputs from Vivek Vishwasrao and Gram Purohit	<b>Released by:</b> Tata Power in association with Ela Foundation ✓ It is the fourth book in a series on 'Amphibians of the Northern Western Ghats'. The Book is a photographic guide to all 52 species of amphibians in Gujarat, Diu, Daman, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Maharashtra and Goa, highlighting the rich biodiversity of the western ghats of Maharashtra.
The Dolphin and the Shark: Stories on Entrepreneurship	Namita Thapar, Leading businesswoman and 'Shark Tank India' judge	<b>Released by:</b> Penguin Random House India (PRHI)'s business imprint 'Penguin Portfolio' It is her debut book which emphasizes how leaders of today need to strike a balance between being a shark (aggressive leader) and a dolphin (empathetic leader).
Do Different: The Untold Dhoni	Amit Sinha & Joy Bhattacharjya	<b>Published by:</b> India Viking ✓ It highlights the journey of famous Indian cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MSD). <b>Other Prominent book about MSD:</b> ✓ The Dhoni Touch: Unravelling the Enigma That Is Mahendra Singh Dhoni by Bharat Sundaresan ✓ Captain Cool: The M.S. Dhoni Story by Gulu Ezekiel ✓ Think and Win Like Dhoni by Sfurti Sahare
Through The Rear View Mirror	Historian K.R.A. Narasiah	<b>Launched by:</b> Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi ✓ It is an autobiography of Author and historian K.R.A. Narasiah.



		Former Chief Election Commissioner T.S. Krishnamuthi received the first copy of the book.
How China Sees India and the World	Shyam Saran	<b>Publisher: Juggernaut Books, New Delhi</b> ✓ The book reveals the India-China relationship, their similarities and differences, and how their perceptions of each other changed through the centuries. Shyam Saran is an accomplished former diplomat who has spent some years in Beijing, China.
Rusty Skies and Golden Winds	Sannidhya Sharma, 11 years old, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)	<b>Released by:</b> Union Minister Jitendra Singh <b>Publisher:</b> Blue-rose publishers The book is an anthology of 40 poems that defines the nature of the world.
Field Guide, Birds of India	<b>Published by:</b> Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	The book deals with 1331 avian species found in India, their present status, and distribution details.
BRAVO YADAV – Journey of Honorary Captain Subedar Yogendra Singh Yadav India’s Youngest Param Vir Chakra Recipient	Deepak Singh	<b>Publisher:</b> Har-Anand Publications Pvt Ltd ✓ The book is a biography of Param Vir Chakra (PVC) Awardee Subedar Major and Honorary Captain <b>Yogendra Singh Yadav</b> . At the age of 19, he was honoured with PVC, India’s highest Military Decoration, for his action during Kargil War 1999. He is the youngest person to be awarded the medal (PVC).
Fauna of Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary	<b>Released by:</b> Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary is situated in the Ernakulam district of Kerala. ✓ ZSI also signed a <b>MoU</b> with the <b>University of Calicut (Malappuram, Kerala)</b> and the <b>Dr Gafoor Memorial MES Mampad College (Malappuram, Kerala)</b> to exchange scientific and academic knowledge with students and researchers to promote zoological researches through advanced pedagogical techniques.
“Heartfelt- The Legacy of Faith” & “Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery”	-	<b>Meenakshi Lekhi</b> , Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Culture unveiled two books at “ <b>Vishwa Sadbhavana</b> ” organised by the National Institute of Design ( <b>NID</b> ) <b>Foundation</b> at Melbourne in Australia. ✓ ‘ <b>Heartfelt- The Legacy of Faith</b> ’, brought out by <b>NID Foundation</b> , documents Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji’s belief in the Sikh Guru’s and their teachings ‘ <b>Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery</b> ’ by famed Oncologist in America <b>Dr Bharat Barai</b> , is a compilation of chapters exploring the fundamental transformation of Gujarat and India over the last 20 years.
Putin – His Life and Times	Philip Short, former correspondent for the	<b>Publisher: The Bodley Head</b> , a non-fiction imprint of Penguin Random House.

	BBC, The Economist and The Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The book is a biography of Vladimir Putin, who has been President of Russia since 2000.</li> </ul> <p>"First Person" published in 2001 was an authorized biography of Putin.</p>
Fish & Seafood – a collection of 75 gourmet recipes	<b>Launched by:</b> Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala, Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The book exhibits the soul of India 'Rasoi' (Kitchen).</li> </ul> <p>The book ideated by the Department of Fisheries highlights the diversity of fish available within the domestic water bodies and the fish culinary heritage of the country that signifies the diverse cooking and eating styles across the country.</p>
Bibi: My Story	Benjamin Netanyahu, a former Prime Minister (PM) of Israel	<p><b>Publisher:</b> Threshold Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The book, which is Netanyahu's memoir, will be published in November 2022(after parliamentary elections in Israel).</li> </ul> <p>Other works of Netanyahu: "A Durable Peace: Israel and it's Place Among the Nations &amp; "Fighting Terrorism"</p>
"Transforming India- Governance for Atmanirbhar Bharat" & "Adhigam"	<b>Released by:</b> Union Minister of State (MoS) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh	<p><b>Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM): Director– S D Sharma;</b> <b>Established in 1948; Location– New Delhi, Delhi.</b></p>
Indians at Herod's Gate: A Jerusalem Tale	Navtej Sarna, former Ambassador of India	<p><b>Released by:</b> Israeli President <b>Isaac Herzog</b></p> <p>The book was originally written in English and was published in 2014 by Rupa Publication India Private Limited.</p>
Men of Steel- Military Leadership for India	Major General Yash Mor (retd.) and Lieutenant General Ajay Kumar Singh (retd.)	<p><b>Publisher:</b> KW Publishers Pvt Ltd</p> <p><b>Released by:</b> Indian Army Chief General <b>Manoj Pande</b></p> <p>"Men of Steel" was produced by think-tank Centre of Land Warfare Studies (<b>CLAWS</b>). It has 15 chapters, which were contributed by retired officers and non-military authors.</p>
Madam Sir: The Story of Bihar's First Lady IPS Officer	Manjari Jaruhar, a Retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and an Advisor of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	<p><b>Publisher:</b> Ebury Press Imprint of Penguin Random House India (<b>PRHI</b>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The book details the life and times of Bihar's first lady IPS officer. It is expected to be Published in October 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Manjari Jaruhar</b> is one of the first 5 women police officers in India and the first woman to join India's elite police (IPS) from Bihar.</p>
NETAJI: Subhas Chandra Bose's Life, Politics and Struggle	late scholar & former Member of Parliament (MP) Krishna Bose	<p>Publisher: Picador India imprint of Pan Macmillan India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The book is edited and translated (to English from Bengali) by Indian political scientist <b>Sumantra Bose, son of Krishna Bose.</b></li> </ul>

		It features the insights of Subhas Chandra Bose's political motivations, his personal relationships.
Sing, Dance, and Pray: The Inspirational Story of Srila Prabhupada Founder-Acharya of ISKCON	Dr Hindol Sengupta	<b>Released by:</b> Vice President (VP) of India, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu (as of July 24, 2022) <b>Publisher:</b> India Penguin Ananda imprint of Penguin Random House India (PRHI). The book is a <b>biography</b> of Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami ( <b>Srila Prabhupada</b> ) founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness ( <b>ISKCON</b> ).
A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19	Arun Jaitley, former Union Minister and BJP leader	<b>Released by:</b> M Venkaiah Naidu, Former Vice President of India <b>Publisher:</b> Juggernaut Publication The book is a collection of articles penned by Arun Jaitley who passed away on 24 August 2019 and is released posthumously.
Gambling on Development	Professor Stefan Dercon, Economist and Government Adviser	<b>Publisher:</b> C Hurst & Co Publishers Ltd This insightful book brings out the query why some countries have prospered and others have failed to develop.
Lies Our Mothers Told Us: The Indian Woman's Burden	Nilanjana Bhowmick, An Independent Journalist	<b>Publisher:</b> Rupa & Co; Aleph Book Company ✓ This book takes a close look at gender inequality and the burdens they carried over from a very young age. Women who have fought for equal rights and won are: <b>Savitribai Phule, Mahasweta Devi, Amrita Pritam, Medha Patkar, Kamla Bhasin</b> , and countless others, since the 19th Century.
India's Economy From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History	Indian economist Pulapre Balakrishnan	<b>Publisher:</b> Permanent Black It highlights the significant economic policies and development made during the British Raj (1900-1 to 1946-7), Nehruvian period (1950-1 to 1964-5) and current time.
Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence	Dr Ashutosh Raravikar, Director in the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<b>Publisher:</b> Aswad Prakashan Private Limited. The books highlights various economic development such as LPG (Liberalisation Privatisation and Globalisation) reforms during 1991, Nationalisation of Banks in 1969 for the first time, the licencing of new private sector banks post 1991, setting up of Payment banks, Small Finance Bank (SFB) and consolidation of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) etc.
The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir	Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd)	<b>Publisher:</b> Srishti Publishers & Distributors ✓ Subedar Major Yadav is the Youngest <b>Param Vir Chakra</b> (PVC) awardee, at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict. The book was mainly focused on the night of <b>July 3, 1999</b> , 19 years old Yadav was given a crucial task with the <b>Ghatak Platoon of 18 Grenadiers Regiment</b> in order to capture the <b>Tiger Hill</b> .

## BOOKS & AUTHORS IN CONTENT FORMAT

### I&B Minister Releases Three Books; Presents First Copies to Former President

#### Ram Nath Kovind

Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) **Anurag Thakur** released three books published by the Directorate of Publications Division (**DPD**), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (**MIB**). The first copy of the books was presented to the former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.

#### Books released:

- i. Moods, Moments and Memories – Former Presidents of India (1950-2017) A Visual History
- ii. First Citizen – Pictorial Record of President Ram Nath Kovind's Term
- iii. Interpreting Geometries – Flooring of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

These 3 volumes take the total count of books about The Presidents of India & the historic residence in which the President of India resides to 17 books.

### Piyush Goyal unveiled Booklets and Documents on Future Ready Commerce

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** released the booklets and documents '**The Department of Commerce Restructuring Dossier**' which are being restructured to make it '**Future ready**' by the Department of Commerce. It was released on **23rd August 2022** in New Delhi, Delhi.

The target on releasing restructuring places an ecosystem to achieve **USD 2 trillion** exports by 2030.

## OBITUARY

### NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	FIELD	BORN PLACE	KEY NOTES
Syed Sibtey Razi	Senior Indian National Congress (INC) leader and former Governor of Jharkhand & Assam	UP	<p>Passed away in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP). He was born on 7th March 1939 in Rae Bareilly, UP.</p> <p>✓ He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004-2009 and as the Governor of Assam in 2009.</p> <p>Syed Sibte Razi was elected thrice as a member of <b>Rajya Sabha</b> from congress. He has also served as a Member of the Legislative Council(<b>MLC</b>) from congress for several times.</p>
PV Kamaraj	India's Former International Athlete	Tamil Nadu	<p>Who was a part of the 4x400m Indian men's relay team that won bronze at the 1979 Asian Championships in Tokyo, Japan, has passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was born in Pudhukottai, Tamil Nadu.</p> <p>He was also a trained coach in the National Institute of Sports (NIS) and coached the Tamil Nadu state team for many years.</p>

Shivamogga Subbanna	National Award-Winning Singer	Karnataka	<p>National award-winning singer <b>Shivamogga Subbanna</b> passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shivamogga Subbanna was the <b>1st Kannadiga singer</b> to win a National Award in 1979 for playback singing the song '<b>Kaadu Kudure Odi Banditta</b>' in the film Kaadu Kudure.</li> </ul> <p>He became famous in Karnataka after the song, 'Baarisu Kannada Dindimava', written by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu.</p>
Rakesh Jhunjhunwala	Billionaire business and veteran investor	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (Now in Telangana)	<p>Passed away at the age of 62 years in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to sudden cardiac arrest. He was born on July 5, 1960, in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (Now in Telangana).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was famously referred to as the "Big Bull of Dalal street", "King of Bull Market" and "Big Bull". He was also known as 'India's Warren Buffett'.</li> <li>✓ According to Forbes, he was the 36th Richest man in India in 2021 and the 438th Richest man in the world in 2022.</li> </ul> <p>Rakesh Jhunjhunwala co-founded Indian airline <b>Akasa Air</b> which took its first flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad on August 7 2022.</p>
Amitabh Choudhary	Former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) acting Secretary and Chairman of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)	-	<p>Passed away at the age of 58 due to heart attack in Ranchi, Jharkhand.</p>
Narayan	Malayalam novelist	Kerala	<p>Passed away at the age of 82 years due to COVID-19-related complications. He was born on 26 September 1940 in Kudayathoor in Idukki, Kerala.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was best known for his award-winning debut novel Kocharethi (1998), which depicted an insider's poignant account of the strengths, vulnerabilities and</li> </ul>



			<p>cultural ambiguities of the Malayarayar tribe.</p> <p>He belonged to the Malayarayar tribe and is considered <b>Kerala's first tribal novelist</b>.</p>
Sadananda Shetty	Former Vijaya Bank chairman and founder and serving Chairman of Soham Group of Companies	-	<p>Passed away in Nice city, France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was the current President of Renewable Energy Developers Association of Karnataka.</li> </ul> <p>He served as the Chairman of Vijaya Bank, which has now merged with Bank of Baroda (BoB), from 1983 to 1990</p>
Abhijit Sen	Indian economist and a former member of the erstwhile Planning Commission	Jharkhand	<p>Passed away at the age of 72 years due to heart attack in New Delhi, Delhi. He was born on 26 November 1950 in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was a member of the Planning Commission of India from 2004-2014.</li> </ul> <p>In 2014, the Planning Commission was replaced by the newly formed NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India).</p>

## INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	FIELD	BORN PLACE	KEY NOTES
Fidel Valdez Ramos	Former Philippine President	Pangasinan	<p>Passed away at the age of 94 years in Makati, Philippines. He was born on March 18, 1928, in Lingayen, Pangasinan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was a Filipino general and politician who served as the <b>12th President</b> of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. He was also popularly known as FVR and Steady Eddie.</li> </ul> <p>He was also credited with the creation of the Philippine Army's Special Forces and the Philippine National Police Special Action Force.</p>
David Gaub McCullough	Pulitzer Prize winning American author and historian	U.S	<p>Passed away at the age 89 of years in Hingham, Massachusetts, United States. He was born on July 7, 1933 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for "Truman", a biography of Harry S. Truman 33rd President of US and again in 2002 for "John Adams", a biography of the 2nd US President.</li> </ul>

			In 2006, he was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the United States' highest civilian awards.
Ralph Eggleston	Oscar Award-winning animator	USA	<p>Passed away at the age of 56 years due to pancreatic cancer in California, United States of America (USA). He was born on 18 October 1965 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pixar's animated short film "For the Birds", written and directed by Ralph Eggleston won the award for Best Animated Short at the 74th Academy Awards (2002).</li> </ul> <p>He also won his first Annie Award for Best Art Direction for the movie "<b>Toy Story</b>".</p>

## IMPORTANT DAYS

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
July 24, 2022	National Thermal Engineer Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>July 24</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to celebrate the contribution of the thermal engineers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ July 24 was chosen as National Thermal Engineer Day since it is the hottest day of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Advanced Thermal Solutions Inc, the global engineering and manufacturing company</b> in the United States (US), introduced this day in the year 2014.</p>
July 27, 2022	84th CRPF Raising Day	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on July 27.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to mark the establishment of CRPF and celebrates the immense and unique contribution of the force in maintaining the unity, integrity &amp; sovereignty of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The CRPF is the largest central armed police force in India, which works under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).</li> <li>✓ Initially established as the 'Crown Representative Police' on 27 July 1939, which after Independence became the CRPF on the enactment of the 'CRPF Act' on 28 December 1949, which constituted the CRPF as the Armed Force of the Union.</li> </ul>

		<b>CRPF:</b> Director General (DG) - Kuldip Singh, IPS; HQ - New Delhi, Delhi; <b>Motto-</b> “सेवा और निष्ठा” (Service and Loyalty).
July 30, 2022	International Day of Friendship	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>July 30</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to honour friendship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In India Friendship Day is celebrated on First Sunday in the month of August.</li> <li>✓ In 2022, Friendship Day in India will be celebrated on <b>7th August 2022</b>.</li> <li>✓ The first International Friendship Day was celebrated in 2011 with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.</li> </ul> <p>World's Ambassador of Friendship – <b>In 1988</b>, the UN appointed Winnie the Pooh as the Ambassador of Friendship. <a href="#">Click here to read more</a>.</p>
July 31, 2022	World Ranger Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>July 31</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to commemorate Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate the work Rangers do to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The theme of World Ranger Day 2022 is “DIVERSITY”.</li> <li>✓ World Ranger Day is an initiative of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) promoted by its official charity Thin Green Line Foundation.</li> <li>✓ The IRF World Ranger Congress is organized to bring together Rangers from all over the world, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge and create partnerships. It is organized every <b>three years</b> in a different location.</li> </ul> <p><b>IRF: President-</b>Chris Galliers; <b>Founded-</b> 31 July 1992. <a href="#">Click here to read more</a>.</p>
August 1, 2022	Muslim Women Rights Day	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated across India on <b>August 01</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to commemorate the enactment of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 which prohibits the practice of Triple Talaq in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The legislation declared that triple Talaq as a criminal offence and the practice of triple talaq was prohibited,</li> </ul>

		<p>and Muslim couples need to get divorce as per the Indian Penal Code (IPC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The first ever Muslim Women Rights Day was observed on 1st August 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Talaq is an Islamic word for divorce</b>, denoting dissolution of marriage when a Muslim man can sever all marital ties with his wife. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 1 to 7, 2022	World Breastfeeding Week	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe from <b>1st to 7th August</b>. It is an international observation recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to create public awareness and support for breastfeeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Theme of World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) 2022 - <b>"Step up for Breastfeeding: Educated and Support"</b>.</li> <li>✓ The WBW is celebrated on 1-7 August to mark the anniversary of the Innocenti Declaration in August 1990 in Florence, Italy.</li> </ul> <p>WBW was first started in 1992 to generate public awareness and support for breastfeeding.</p>
August 1, 2022	World Lung Cancer Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 01</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to spread awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) is the largest organization in the world and is one of its kind to deal with lung cancer.</li> <li>✓ <b>World Cancer Day</b> is annually observed on 4th February by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).</li> <li>✓ Two main types of lung cancer: Small cell lung cancers &amp; Non-small lung cancers</li> </ul> <p><b>IASLC: President</b>- Dr. Heather Wakelee; <b>HQ</b>- Denver, Colorado, United States; <b>Founded</b>- 1974. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 6, 2022	Hiroshima Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 06</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to the remembrance of the world's first atomic bomb attack on <b>Hiroshima, Japan</b> in <b>1945</b>, at the end of World War II.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 6th August 2022 marks the <b>77th anniversary</b> of the Hiroshima bombings.</li> <li>✓ On 6th August 1945, the American bomber Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped 5-ton atomic bomb, that is equivalent to 15,000 tons of TNT (trinitrotoluene), named '<b>Little Boy</b>' on <b>Hiroshima</b>, Japan.</li> <li>✓ Another bomb named, '<b>Fat Man</b>' was dropped on <b>Nagasaki</b> of Japan on 9th August 1945.</li> </ul> <p>The annual ceremony of Hiroshima Day is conducted at the <b>Peace Memorial Park</b>, '<b>The Genbaku Dome</b>', which was the only structure left behind after the bomb blast. <a href="#">Click here to read more</a></p>
August 7, 2022	National Handloom Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed in India on August 07. Purpose: to honour India's handloom-weaving community and to highlight the sector's contribution to India's socio-economic development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Every year, the <b>Ministry of Textiles</b> in India hosts an event to commemorate National Handloom Day.</li> <li>✓ <b>August 07, 2022</b> marks the <b>8th National Handloom Day</b>.</li> <li>✓ The date of August 7 was chosen to honour the <b>Swadeshi Movement</b>, which was launched on this day in 1905 in the Calcutta Town Hall in Kolkata, West Bengal.</li> </ul> <p>As a component of the Indian Independence Movement, the Swadeshi Movement was started on August 7, 1905, and it encouraged domestic industries, particularly handloom weavers. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 7, 2022	National Javelin Day across India	<p>The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) celebrated <b>7th August</b> as the National Javelin Day across India to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's 2020 Tokyo Olympic gold medal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On 7th August 2021, Neeraj Chopra won the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games in track and field and became the 1st athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in men's javelin throw.</li> <li>✓ The year 2022 was the <b>First National Javelin Day</b> and the AFI decided to</li> </ul>



		<p>celebrate this day every year since 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Neeraj Chopra is the <b>2nd Indian</b> to win an individual Olympic gold medal after Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), who won gold medal in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.</li> </ul> <p><b>AFI: President</b> – Adille J Sumariwalla; <b>Establishment</b> – 1946; <b>HQ</b> – New Delhi, Delhi. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 9, 2022	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated across the world on <b>August 09</b>. It is an International Day recognized by the United nations (UN). <b>Purpose:</b> to highlight the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge they gathered and passed down over centuries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Theme of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IDWIP) 2022- "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge."</b> The day is also known as <b>World Tribal day</b>.</li> <li>✓ 2022 marks the beginning of a new decade for the indigenous community, the celebration of the Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022 – 2032.</li> </ul> <p>The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will host a virtual session on 9 August 2022 to discuss the theme- "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge". <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 9, 2022	Nagasaki Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 09</b>. <b>Purpose:</b> to promote peace among nations and to create awareness about the devastating results of nuclear weapons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The day is also observed to remember innocent civilians who lost their lives in the devastation of nuclear blasts during World War II.</li> <li>✓ On 9th August 1945, the United State(US)'s <b>Bockscar</b>, piloted by the 393d Bombardment Squadron's commander, Major Charles W. Sweeney, dropped the plutonium bomb code name '<b>Fat Man</b>' at 11.02 am the second atom bomb on Japan's Nagasaki.</li> </ul>

		The bomb named 'Fat Man', which destroyed the city of Nagasaki was more powerful than the bomb 'Little Boy' used in Hiroshima.
August 10, 2022	World Lion Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 10</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to spread awareness about the lions and efforts for their conservation and protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lions (<b>Panthera Leo</b>) are designated as a <b>vulnerable</b> species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).</li> <li>✓ Lions are found in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert and in Gir National Park in Gujarat, India.</li> <li>✓ <b>Tanzania</b> has the highest number of lions in the world followed by South Africa and Kenya.</li> </ul> <p>The lion is divided into two subspecies: The <b>African lion</b> (<i>Panthera leo leo</i>) and the <b>Asiatic lion</b> (<i>Panthera leo persica</i>). India is home to the majestic Asiatic Lion, who inhabit the protected territory of Sasan-Gir National Park in Gujarat. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 10, 2022	World Biofuel Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 10</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to highlight the importance and significance of non-fossil-fuels or biofuels, the environment-friendly, sustainable, biodegradable and renewable fuels which is produced from animal waste, algae and industrial &amp; Agricultural waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (<b>MoPNG</b>) initiated the observance of World Biofuel Day in India in 2015.</li> <li>✓ World Biofuel Day <b>2022</b> <b>theme: "Biofuels towards a Carbon Neutral World"</b></li> </ul> <p>On the occasion of <b>World Biofuel Day 2022</b>(10th August 2022), Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi, dedicated the <b>2nd generation (2G) Ethanol Plant</b> in Panipat Refinery, <b>Panipat, Haryana</b> to the nation. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 12, 2022	World Elephant Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 12</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to create awareness on elephant conservation and to share knowledge and positive solutions for the better protection and management of wild and captive elephants.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The <b>first</b> World Elephant Day was observed on August 12, 2012.</li> <li>✓ The year 2022 marks the <b>11th</b> anniversary of World Elephant Day.</li> <li>✓ African elephants are listed as '<b>vulnerable</b>' and Asian elephants as '<b>endangered</b>' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of threatened species.</li> </ul> <p>Asian elephants live in 13 countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 12, 2022	International Youth Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 12</b>. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN)&gt;</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The purpose is to spread the message that action is needed from all generations to achieve Agenda 2030 and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leave no one behind.</li> <li>✓ The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day- "<b>Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages.</b>"</li> </ul> <p>The <b>Global Report on Ageism</b> launched by the United Nations in March 2021. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 12, 2022	World Sanskrit Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on '<b>Sawan Poornima</b>'</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to create awareness, promote and revive Sanskrit, one of the ancient Indian languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>World Sanskrit Day</b> is also known as <b>Vishva-Sanskrita-dinam &amp; Sanskrit Diwas.</b></li> <li>✓ It is annually celebrated on Poornima day (Full Moon) of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar.</li> <li>✓ <b>World Sanskrit Day 2022</b> falls on <b>12th August 2022</b>. The first World Sanskrit Day was observed in 1969.</li> <li>✓ Sanskrit language is said to have originated in India around 3,500 years ago.</li> </ul>

		Panini, Kalidas, Patanjali, Ved Vyas, Adi Shankaracharya, and Kalidas are prominent personalities who wrote classics in Sanskrit language.
August 13, 2022	World Organ Donation Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 13</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to raise awareness of the need for donating organs and to thank donors for their life-saving contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The world's first – ever organ transplantation (kidney transplantation) operation was conducted on 23rd December 1954. The transplant was performed on identical twins Ronald Lee Herrick (donor) and Richard Lee Herrick (recipient).</li> <li>✓ Dr Joseph Murray, the lead surgeon of the operation won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1990. He shared the prize with Dr E. Donnall Thomas, who won the award for his work in bone marrow transplants.</li> </ul> <p>India observes the annual National Organ Donation day on <b>27th November</b>.</p>
August 13, 2022	International Lefthanders Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 13</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to mark the uniqueness of the left-handed people around the world.  The year 2022 marks the <b>31st</b> anniversary of International Lefthanders Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The International Lefthanders Day was first celebrated in 1976 by Dean R. Campbell, the founder of Left-Handers International Inc.</li> <li>✓ The day got its recognition by the Left-Handers Club in 1992 and since then, this annual event is marked on 13 August.</li> </ul> <p>Human brain is cross-wired which means the right side of the brain operates the left side of the body and vice versa. Thus, lefties use the right side of the brain more than the left one. Around 13 % of the population across the globe are lefties. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 14, 2022	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed in India on <b>August 14</b>.  <b>Purpose:</b> to acknowledge the difficulties faced by the Indians during the partition of India in 1947.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In 2021 Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced to observe 14th August as Partition Horrors</li> </ul>

		<p>Remembrance Day. The year 2022 marks the 2nd edition of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” is observed on the line on “Holocaust Remembrance Day”.</li> <li>✓ India was partitioned into India and Pakistan on August 14, 1947.</li> </ul> <p>A boundary commission was set up to mark the territorial limits, headed by Cyril Radcliffe.</p>
August 19, 2022	World Humanitarian Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on <b>August 19</b>. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to commemorate the humanitarian workers who have committed their lives to help others in the most extreme circumstances around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is a campaign by the <b>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs</b> (UN OCHA).</li> <li>✓ The day is marked in memory of the Canal Hotel bomb attack (19th August 2003) in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 22 people, including Sergio Vieira Mello, Chief Humanitarian in Iraq.</li> </ul> <p><b>UN OCHA: Under-Secretary-General-</b> Martin Griffiths; <b>Founded-</b> 19 December 1991; <b>HQ-</b> New York, United States. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 19, 2022	World Photography Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 19</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to celebrate the art of Photography.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Theme for World Photography Day 2022: “<b>Pandemic Lockdown Through The Lens</b>”.</li> </ul> <p><b>World Photography Week</b> is observed from 19th to 26th August 2022 across the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The first photographic process named <b>Daguerreotype</b> was formally declared to the world by the French Academy of Sciences on 9th January 1839.</li> </ul> <p>The <b>first</b> official world photography day was observed on <b>19th August 2010</b>.</p>
August 20, 2022	World Mosquito Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe <b>August 20</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to honour British Doctor <b>Sir Ronald Ross</b> who discovered the relationship between</p>



		<p>mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria between humans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sir Ronald Ross discovered that the Anopheles mosquitoes (female mosquitoes) are responsible for the transmission of malaria parasites to humans.</li> <li>✓ Malaria is a parasitic infection transmitted by Anopheline mosquitoes.</li> </ul> <p>Dengue is the most prevalent viral infection transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 20, 2022	Sadbhavana Diwas	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated across India on <b>August 20</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to mark the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister (PM) of India Rajiv Gandhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sabhavana Diwas literally means "<b>Harmony Day</b>". It is dedicated to promote national integration, social peace and harmony among the people of all religions and Languages.</li> <li>✓ Sadbhavana Diwas 2022 marks the <b>78th birth anniversary</b> of Rajiv Gandhi (born on 20th August 1944). His birth anniversary is also celebrated as <b>Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas</b>.</li> <li>✓ The day was first observed in 1992, a year after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in a suicide bomb attack on 21st May, 1991 at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.</li> </ul> <p>The 21st May has been declared as National Anti-Terrorism Day.</p>
August 21, 2022	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on August 21. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to honour the survivors of terrorism and also pay tribute to the victims of terrorism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Theme</b> of International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2022: "<b>Memories</b>".</li> <li>✓ August 21, 2022 marks the commemoration of the <b>5th</b> International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.</li> <li>✓ The <b>United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)</b> organized a</li> </ul>

		<p>virtual event 'Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Memories' – International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism on 21 August 2022.</p> <p>UNOCT: <b>Secretary-General</b>- Vladimir Voronkov; <b>HQ</b>- New York, US; <b>Established</b>- 2017. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 21, 2022	World Senior Citizen's Day	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated across the globe on <b>August 21</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to acknowledge the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The term senior citizen is generally used to refer to those who are 60 years old or older than that.</li> </ul> <p>Schemes implemented by the Government of India (goI) for senior citizens include: Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPsRC) scheme &amp; Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana(AVYAY) by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE); Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY); Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)etc., <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 22, 2022	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief	<p><b>Annually</b> observed on August 21. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p>The day was proposed by Poland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Day comes right after the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, 21 August.</li> <li>✓ This day strongly condemns the continuing violence and acts of terrorism targeting individuals, including persons belonging to religious minorities, on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.</li> </ul> <p>UN: <b>Secretary-General</b>– Antonio Guterres; <b>Establishment</b>– 1945; <b>HQ</b>- New York, US. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 23, 2022	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 23</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to abolish the practice of slave trading and to remember the tragedy of the slave trade across the globe during colonial rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The day was chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and</li> </ul>

		<p>Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Slave Route Project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage” Project is a UNESCO initiative, officially launched in 1994 in Ouidah, Benin. It is a flagship project of UNESCO and its International Scientific Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>UNESCO: Director General-</b> Audrey Azoulay; <b>Founded-</b>1945; <b>HQ-</b>Paris, France. <a href="#">Click here to read more</a></p>
August 26, 2022	Women’s Equality Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the United States of America (USA) on August 26.</p> <p>Purpose: to honour the women of America for gaining the constitutional right to vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The day honours the ‘Nineteenth Amendment 1920’ of the constitution of the USA to give equal voting rights to women.</li> <li>✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF) ranked India at <b>135 out of 146</b> countries in its Global Gender Gap (GGG) Index for 2022.</li> </ul> <p>On 26 August 2022, the Chief Minister (CM) of <b>Rajasthan</b>, Ashok Gehlot launched ‘<b>Mahila Nidhi</b>’, a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 29, 2022	National Sports Day	<p><b>Annually</b> celebrated across India on <b>August 29</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> India to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend <b>Major Dhyan Chand</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He was born on 29th August 1905 in Allahabad, British India (Present day Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh).</li> <li>✓ The first National Sports Day in India was observed on 29th August 2012.</li> <li>✓ In August 2021, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as the <b>Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award</b>.</li> </ul> <p>The Khel Ratna Award, officially known as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, is the highest sporting honour of India. It is awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and</p>

		Sports, instituted in 1991-92. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a>
August 29, 2022	International Day against Nuclear Tests	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the world on <b>August 29</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to bring awareness regarding the harmful effects of testing nuclear weapons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The 29th August was chosen to commemorate the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.</li> <li>✓ Trinity was the code name of the first detonation of a nuclear weapon, the first nuclear test conducted by the United States Army on 16 July, 1945, in a desert site in New Mexico.</li> </ul> <p>This nuclear test was followed by the US dropping atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. <a href="#">Click here to read more</a></p>
August 30, 2022	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the world on <b>August 30</b>. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to commemorate and pay respect to those who have undergone enforced disappearances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enforced disappearance is a widespread and continuous violation of human rights that occurs every day until the whereabouts of the missing person are determined.</li> </ul> <p>The first-ever International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances was observed on 30th August 2011. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
August 30, 2022	International Whale Shark Day	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on <b>August 30</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to spread awareness about the importance of whale sharks (Scientific Name: Rhincodon typus) and their conservation and efforts to protect them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Theme of Whale Shark Day 2022: <b>“The Future of Sharks: Guardians of Our Seas.”</b></li> <li>✓ 30th August has been declared as the International Whale Shark Day by the host of the Second International Whale Shark Conference, National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), Isla Holbox, Mexico.</li> </ul>

		This was a part of the Whale Shark Campaign in Gujarat (India), a joint venture of the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), International Fund for Animal Welfare, Gujarat Forest Department and Tata Chemicals Limited.
September 1, 2022	World Water Week	<p><b>Annually</b> observed across the globe on the <b>Last Week of August</b>.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>World Water Week 2022</b> takes place from <b>23 August to 1 September</b>.</li> <li>✓ The World Water Week is an annual event organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (<b>SIWI</b>).</li> <li>✓ Theme of the 2022 World Water Week is “<b>Seeing the unseen: The value of water</b>”.</li> <li>✓ During World Water Week, the Stockholm Water Prize, the world’s most prestigious water award is presented in a royal award ceremony. It is the world’s most prestigious water award, often described as the <b>Nobel Prize of water</b> and is characterized by a similar selection process.</li> </ul> <p>The Stockholm Junior Water Prize ceremony will also be conducted as a part of World Water Week. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>

## APPS & WEB PORTAL

APP & WEB NAME	LAUNCHED BY	PURPOSE
Rashtriya Puraskar Portal ( <a href="https://awards.gov.in">https://awards.gov.in</a> )	Union Government	The Union Government has launched <b>Rashtriya Puraskar Portal</b> ( <a href="https://awards.gov.in">https://awards.gov.in</a> ) to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies of the government under one platform. This has been launched to ensure transparency and public partnership. It also facilitates every citizen or organisation to nominate individuals/organisations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India (GoI).
( <a href="http://www.swachhsagar.org">www.swachhsagar.org</a> )	Dr. Jitendra Singh	To support the ongoing “ <b>Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar/Clean Coast Safe</b> ”



		<p><b>Sea” Campaign 2022</b>—a 75-day citizen-led campaign to improve ocean health through collaborative action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He has also launched the <b>Campaign Logo “Vasuki”</b>, which is dedicated to the youth of India, as they, like school students, are interested in participating in coastal and beach cleaning activities.</li> <li>✓ The campaign will conclude with the largest beach cleaning event on September 17, 2022, also known as International Coastal Clean-up Day 2022, covering 75 beaches across India’s 7,500+ km (kilometres) of coastline.</li> </ul> <p>The <b>“Eco Mitram”</b> mobile app has been launched to raise awareness about the campaign and to encourage the general public to volunteer for the beach cleaning activities on September 17, 2022. <a href="#">Click here to read more.</a></p>
bobcard	BOB Financial Solutions Limited	<p><b>BOB Financial Solutions Limited</b> launched credit card servicing mobile application (app), <b>bobcard</b>, for providing one-stop solution for customers to manage their Bank of Baroda (BoB) credit card services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The bobcard has been designed in collaboration with <b>IBM</b> and is user friendly with an attractive design including secured access with face ID, fingerprint lock &amp; PIN, and a smart eye feature that ensures the card details of customers to remain private.</li> </ul> <p><b>BOB Financial Solutions Ltd: MD &amp; CEO</b> – Shailendra Singh; <b>Establishment</b> – 1994; <b>HQ</b> – Mumbai</p>
National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco offenders (NIDAAN)	Developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)	<p>The first-of-its-kind database named- <b>National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco offenders (NIDAAN)</b> was made operational for the use by various central and State prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It is part of the Narcotics Coordination</li> </ul>

		<p>Mechanism (<b>NCORD</b>) portal, launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 30th July 2022 in Chandigarh during the national conference on 'Drug trafficking and national security'. The portal was developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (<b>NCB</b>).</p> <p>NIDAAN provides a one-stop solution for all narcotics offenders-related data and will help investigative agencies as an effective tool while probing narcotics cases.</p>
Lucky Bill App	Pinarayi Vijayan	<p>It is the first-of-its-kind initiative to be introduced in India.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to encourage consumers to upload invoices in a bid to curb Goods and Service Tax (GST) evasion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It was developed by the State Goods and Services Tax (GST) department of Kerala and designed by the Digital University Kerala (DUK).</li> </ul> <p>It will help in boosting tax collection and also enable the government to examine the status of tax return filings with the help of bills uploaded by people.</p>
Beta version of the DigiYatra app	Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)	<p>DIAL is among the first few airports to introduce this system in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The new version will make the boarding process faster and more seamless. The customer's face would act as their documents, like ID proof, Vaccine proof and also act as a boarding pass.</li> </ul> <p>DigiYatra' is a Biometric Enabled Seamless Travel experience (BEST) based on Facial Recognition Technology.</p>

## ENVIRONMENT

### Species Name - *Miniopterus phillipsi*; a New Long-Fingered Bat Species

**Discovered in:** India and Sri Lanka

**Discovered by:** by a team of 13 renowned researchers using DNA barcoded specimens.

**Published in:** International Journal - *Acta Chiropterologica* under the title 'DNA Barcoding and Morphological Analyses Reveal a Cryptic Species of *Miniopterus* from India and Sri Lanka'.

- ✓ The research team was led by **Tharaka Kusuminda** of University of Rohana in Sri Lanka and named the new species of long-fingered bats as ***Miniopterus phillipsi***.

**Species Name - *Cyrtodactylus aravindi*; a New species of bent-toed gecko**

**Discovered in:** Agasthyamalai hills (Western Ghats, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu).

**Common name of the species:** 'Aravind's Ground Gecko', after noted malacologist Neelvara Ananthram Aravind.

**Published in:** Vertebrate Zoology journal

The gecko has so far been found only at two locations, **Muppandal & Thuckalay**, in Kanyakumari district falling within the Agasthyamalai biosphere reserve in Tamil Nadu

**GA Questions Asked in Exams**

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