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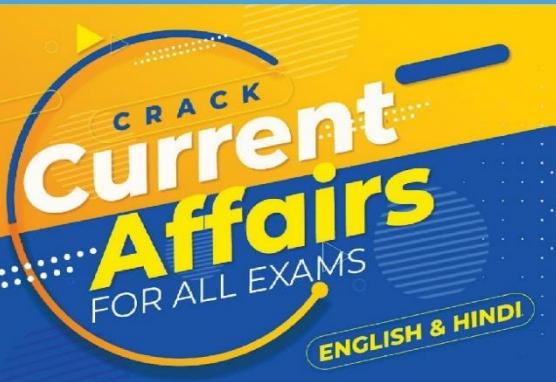
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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

CABINET APPROVALS

Cabinet Approvals on August 31, 2022

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the following proposals:

A Rs. 1200 crore scheme for disposal of Chana (Pulses) to States and Union Territories (UTs) at discounted rates which will be utilized for various welfare schemes.

- ✓ The disposal will be done from the stock of pulses procured under Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF).

Approved the proposal of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Nepal on biodiversity conservation.

India is one of the 17 mega-diverse countries in the world and it is taking several steps to conserve the wildlife population and biodiversity. [Click here to read more.](#)

Cabinet Committee On Security Approves Tejas 2.0 Mega Project

The Tejas Mark-2 (Tejas MK2) fighting jet project was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), which is chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, at a cost of more than Rs. 6,500 crore. The funding is an addition to the Rs 2,500 crore that was previously approved for Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

- ✓ The Tejas Mark-2 (Tejas 2.0) will be an advanced version of Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). It will provide a number of enhancements to the flight and combat skills of the indigenous Tejas LCA.
- ✓ It is designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with Aircraft Research and Design Centre (ARDC) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ✓ IAF: Chief of the Air Staff – Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari; Established - 1932. [Click here to read more.](#)

Cabinet Approvals on September 7, 2022

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) of India approved the following proposals:

- ✓ MoU between India, the United Kingdom (UK), and Northern Ireland on mutual recognition of academic qualifications which was signed on April 25, 2022.
- ✓ MoU between India's Ministry of Education (MoE) and United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Ministry of Education to further strengthen the educational collaboration between India and UAE, and to widen the scope of engagements.
- ✓ MoU on cooperation between India and Maldives in the field of disaster management which was signed between the National Disaster Management Authorities (NDMAs) of the both nations on August 2, 2022.
- ✓ Implementation of Rs 1,957.05 crore Kochi metro Rail Phase II of Kochi Metro Rail Project from JLN (Jawaharlal Nehru) International Stadium to Infopark via Kakkanad. It will cover a length of 11.17 Kms, and 11 stations.
- ✓ The Ministry of Railway's proposal to revise the railways' land policy to implement PM Gati Shakti Framework (Cargo related activities, Public utilities & Railway's exclusive use).

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) – PM SHRI Schools (**Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India**) Yojana under which there will be development and upgradation of 14,500 schools across India.
[Click here to read more.](#)

Union Cabinet approves more castes in STs List; Approves Signing of Guarantees for hosting FIFA U-17 Women's Football World Cup in India

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi approved the inclusion of several communities in the Schedule Tribes (STs) list of the Constitution across 5 states, as a part of the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill 2022.

- ✓ The 5 states include, are Himachal Pradesh (HP), Tamil Nadu (TN), Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Chhattisgarh.

The Union Cabinet approved the signing of Guarantees for hosting Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India.

- ✓ Notably, the 7th edition FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is scheduled to be held in India between October 11-30, 2022 in **Navi Mumbai** (Maharashtra), **Goa** and **Bhubaneswar** (Odisha).
[Click here to read more.](#)

Cabinet approvals on September 21, 2022

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi has approved the following proposals which were detailed by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB):

- i. Introduces ULIP, Standardization, Monitoring framework and skill development for Greater Efficiency in Logistics Services.
 - ✓ To monitor the implementation of NLP, it will utilize the existing institutional framework i.e., **Empowered Group of Secretaries** (EGoS) created under the PM GatiShakti NMP (National Master Plan).
- ii. Modifications in Programme for Development of Semiconductors and Display Manufacturing Ecosystem in India
- iii. The 2nd tranche of **Rs 19,500-crore** Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme on 'National programme on High Efficiency Solar PV (photovoltaic) Modules' with an aim to attract **Rs 94,000 crore** investments in the sector. [Click here to read more.](#)

Union Cabinet approvals on September 28, 2022

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi has approved the following proposals which were briefed by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

- ✓ The release of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) under 7th Pay Commission @4% to Central Government employees and pensioners respectively w.e.f. July 1, 2022. It is based on the percentage increase in 12 monthly average of All India Consumer Price Index for the period ending June, 2022.
- ✓ The extension for the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY-Phase VII)** for a further period of 3 months i.e. October to December 2022.

Ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh on withdrawal of upto **153 cusecs** of water each by **India and Bangladesh** from common **border river** **Kushiyara** during dry season (1st November to 31st May) for their consumptive water requirement.
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PARLIAMENT NEWS

MHA Notifies Rules for Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022: Set to Grant Cops Access to Biometric Data

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued rules for the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022, which empowers police and central investigating agencies to collect biometric data on people who have been convicted, arrested, or detained. The law passed by Parliament in April 2022 took effect in August 2022.

- ✓ The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act of 2022 repeals the Identification of Prisoners Act of 1920, despite the fact that the rules do not specify convicted persons.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which operates under the MHA, is required under the regulations to create a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that specifies the devices and equipment that will be used to collect biometric data. [Click here to read more.](#)

MCA Amends Corporate Social Responsibility Rules

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) amended the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 in accordance with the authority granted under Section 135 and Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 469 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).

- ✓ **Objective:** To calculate the cost of conducting social impact assessments of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities and the procedure for handling unspent CSR funds of companies.
- ✓ These rules may be referred to as the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2022.

According to the CSR rules, companies are required to establish a 'CSR Committee' to oversee the implementation of their CSR obligations if they have any funds in their "Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account." [Click here to read more.](#)

STATEWISE NATIONAL NEWS

Assam

Senior IAS Officer Paban took charge as Chief Secretary, Assam

Paban Kumar Borthakur, senior IAS officer, took charge as the new Chief Secretary of Assam.

- ✓ Borthakur replaced Jishnu Barua, who retired from service on 31 August 2022. Barua will continue as the Chairman of Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL).

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh formed Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki as 29th District

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki as the 29th district of Chhattisgarh.

- ✓ He will also inaugurate the newly formed 30th district 'Sarangarh-Bilaigarh' and the 31st district 'Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai'.

Chhattisgarh: Governor- Anusuya Uikey; **Dance forms-** Pandavani; Jhirliti; Rahas; **Dams-** Dudhawa Dam; Gangrel Dam.

Chhattisgarh CM Inaugurates 4 New districts and Introduces Various Development Programmes

The Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and Sakti as the 32nd and 33rd districts of the state, respectively.

- ✓ The district of Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur has been demarcated from Koriya district. The Shakti district has been carved out of the Janjgir-Champa district.

- ✓ The CM also announced 46 different development programs worth Rs 540 crore 32 lakh 98 thousand to the residents of the newly formed district of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh.
- ✓ The Sarangarh-Bilaigarh and Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai are the **30th and 31st districts** of Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh: Governor – Anusuiya Uikey; **Dance**– Panthi Dance, Raut Nacha

Hamar Beti, Hamar Maan': Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel announces campaign for women safety

The Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel announced the '**Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan'** (Our Daughter Our Pride) campaign for women's safety and their empowerment in society.

- ✓ Under the campaign, the girls will be educated about various necessary subjects, including their legal rights, good touch-bad touch, and sexual crimes.
- ✓ A special '**Hamar Beti Hamar Maan'** helpline will be launched and a mobile number will be shared in the public domain for women and girls to report their complaints or problem regarding any misbehaviour or crime against them.

Chhattisgarh: Governor- Anusuiya Uikey; **Festivals**- Maati Ti'aar, Parad; **Dance**- Panthi Dance , Raut Nacha

Delhi

Delhi CM unveiled SoE and Model Schools in TN, Pudhumai Penn scheme also Launched

The Chief Minister (CM) of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal unveiled **26 Schools of Excellence (SoE)** and **15 model schools** in Tamil Nadu (TN) during a function held at Bharathi Women's College in Chennai, TN. These schools are set up by the TN government on the lines of Delhi's model school.

- ✓ In Tamil, SoE is called as '**Thagaisal Palligal**', and Model School is named as '**Mathiri Palligal**'.
- ✓ During the function, the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyan Higher Education Assurance scheme titled '**Pudhumai Penn Thittam** (modern women scheme)' was also launched by the TN CM Muthuvel Karunanidhi (M.K.) Stalin.
- ✓ The CM's **Breakfast Scheme** is proposed to be introduced in 112 government- and government-aided elementary schools (1 to 5) in government schools in Palacode block in Dharmapuri District, TN. [Click here to read more.](#)

Gujarat

Gujarat Govt announces first-ever Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-2027 in Ahmedabad

The Government of Gujarat announced the first-ever **Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-2027** in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

- ✓ The policy, effective for 5 years (2022 to 2027), will help in strengthening the film infrastructure in Gujarat and offer various financial and non-financial incentives for filmmakers.

Objective- to promote cinematic tourism through the development of film infrastructure and the creation of attractive opportunities for cinema in Gujarat.

Karnataka

Karnataka Government unveils the Global Startup Challenge "VentuRISE"

The **Government of Karnataka** launched the Global Startup Challenge "**VentuRISE**", to support the growth stage of startups in **manufacturing and sustainability sectors**. The E-commerce giant **Amazon** is sponsoring the initiative.

- ✓ Minister for Large and Medium Industries, **Murugesh R Nirani** unveiled the logo of VentuRISE
- ✓ **Karnataka: CM**- Basavaraj Bommai; **Governor**- Thaawarchand Gehlot; **Capital**- Bengaluru.

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Kerala

Alappuzha declared as 5th fully Digital Banking District in Kerala

Alappuzha has become the 5th fully Digital Banking District in Kerala. The project was initiated by the RBI with the support of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) and respective district administration as part of the Union Government's Digital India project.

Thrissur (August 2021), Kottayam (February 2022), Palakkad, and Kasaragod have already become fully digital banking districts in Kerala.

Maharashtra

Maharashtra became first state to digitise property registrations & launches 'Self Help' portal

The Government of Maharashtra has initiated the online registration of properties to be sold by realty developers to digitise the process, which will also involve the usage of Blockchain technology.

- ✓ The portal launched for e-registration is called '**Self Help**', this helps homebuyers to upload their own template for the agreement, which once approved can be used by the developers for several such transactions.

With this, Maharashtra Government becomes the 1st state to enable e-registrations of property.

Nagaland

Nagaland gets 2nd Railway Station after more than 100 Years

After a gap of more than 100 years (119 years) Nagaland got its 2nd Railway Station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line at **Shokhuvi**.

- ✓ Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland, Neiphiu Guolhoulie Rio has flagged off the Donyi Polo Express from **Shokhuvi Railway station**.
- ✓ The first railway station of Nagaland is **Dimapur Railway Station**, inaugurated in **1903**.
- ✓ **Nagaland: Capital-** Kohima; **Governor-** Jagdish Mukhi; **Festivals-** Mim Kut Festival; Bushu Festival

Odisha

Odisha Government notifies Rs 270 crore CHHATA Scheme to improve groundwater Table

The Government of Odisha launched 'Community Harnessing and Harvesting rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer' (CHHATA) Scheme with an investment of **Rs 270 crore** to implement the **rooftop rainwater harvesting system (RRHS)**.

- ✓ The scheme was conceptualised to address the increasing stress on ground water and to improve the depleting ground water table.

The scheme will be executed by the Directorate of Ground Water Development (GWD) under the Department of Water Resources (DoWR).

Odisha to get 5G service in first phase of launch: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Minister for Communication and Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that Odisha will get 5G (5th Generation) telecom service in the first phase of its launch. In the 1st phase, 13 selected cities across India will get 5G Services.

- ✓ 5G services is expected to be 10 times faster than 4G and 30 times faster than that of 3G.

The amount of radiation it will give forth is 10 times less than the radiation norms set by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Rajasthan

Rajasthan CM Gehlot Launches 100-Day Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister (CM) of Rajasthan, launched the "**Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme**" at the Ambedkar Bhawan in Jaipur, Rajasthan, to give 100 days of employment per year to families in **urban** areas.

- ✓ The Rajasthan government has allocated **Rs. 800 crore** for the scheme, which was first announced by the CM in the state budget for 2022–2023.

The scheme is modelled after the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**.

Tamil Nadu

President Murmu appoints Justice M Duraiswamy as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court

In exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, President of India **Draupadi Murmu** appointed Hon'ble Justice **M. Duraiswamy** as the **acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court (HC)** with effect from 13th September 2022. He was appointed after the retirement of current Chief Justice **Munishwar Nath Bhandari**.

Justice T Raja was appointed Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court

Justice T Raja, senior-most Judge of the Madras High Court, was appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of Madras HC with effect from September 22, 2022. The appointment was notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

The President of India, under Article 223 of the Constitution of India appointed Justice T Raja to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of Madras HC, consequent upon the superannuation of **Justice M. Duraiswamy**, Acting Chief Justice of Madras HC on September 21, 2022

Uttar Pradesh

Parivar Kalyan Card: Centre Approves UP Family ID Plan

The Central Government through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) granted permission to the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government for the launch of **UP Family ID Plan or Parivar Kalyan Card** for its residents.

- ✓ After this approval the UP government will issue a family identity card (Parivar Kalyan Card) to map each family in the state and is expected to launch its portal for application of family IDs in two weeks.

UP CM inaugurates intersection named after Lata Mangeshkar in Ayodhya

On the occasion of the 93rd birth anniversary of singer Lata Mangeshkar (28th September 2022), Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister (CM) of **Uttar Pradesh** (UP), inaugurated an intersection named after her, '**Lata Mangeshkar Chauraha(Chowk)**', in Ayodhya, UP.

The intersection at the banks of the Saryu river has been developed at an estimated cost of Rs 7.9 crore.

West Bengal

West Bengal approved for issuing LoI to Adani Group for Tajpur deep Sea Port

The Government of West Bengal (WB) approved a proposal for issuing a Letter of Intent (LoI) to Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) for development of a greenfield deep sea port project at Tajpur (West Bengal).

- ✓ The port will be set up around **5 km from NH** (National Highway)-116B and around 170 km from Kolkata (West Bengal).

The nearest Railway station is **Rajnagar** at a distance of nearly 8 km.

LAUNCHES & INAUGURATION

President of India Launches Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan

President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** virtually launched the **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan** to reinvigorate the mission of Tuberculosis (TB) elimination from the **country** by 2025. The President also launched the **Ni-kshay 2.0 initiative**, a portal to provide a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment.

- ✓ India **has more than 25 % of the total TB patients of the world**, whereas India's entire population **itself is less than 20 % of the world's population**.

In 2020, the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (**RNTCP**) was renamed as the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (**NTEP**) that aims to eradicate TB **by 2025** which is 5 years ahead of Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches National Logistics Policy from New Delhi

Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (Delhi) that will act as a single point of reference for all logistics and trade facilitation matters.

- ✓ The NLP, in conjunction with the **PM-Gati Shakti Programme, Sagarmala and Bharatmala** (waterways and roadways) schemes, the Dedicated Freight Corridors, etc., can be transformational.
- ✓ The draft NLP **was released in 2019** but it was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Then again in the Union Budget of 2022-23, it was announced by the Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance.

The policy was formulated by the **Logistics Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI)**. [Click here to read more.](#)

ECI Releases 'BLO E-Patrika' to Establish Direct Communication with Booth Level Officers

The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** launched a new digital publication, '**BLO e-Patrika**', at a first-of-its-kind direct interactive session with Booth Level Officers (**BLOs**) from across India at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ The bimonthly "**BLO E-Patrika**" is being introduced with the goal of ensuring a cascading information model for a more informed and committed BLO. It will be available in English, Hindi & regional languages.

A BLO is a Local Government/Semi-Government official who is familiar with the local electorate and is typically a voter in the same polling area. The institution of BLO was established by the ECI in 2006.

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launches 'First Virtual School' and claims country's first of its kind

Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister (**CM**) of Delhi launched the **First Virtual School - Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS)**, affiliated with the Delhi Board of School Education and claimed that this school was an India's First Virtual School.

- ✓ National Institute of Open Schooling (**NIOS**) denied the above claim and informed that the first virtual school of the country was already launched by NIOS in August 2021.

MSME Ministry Launches Scheme for MSE: Designates ECGC Ltd as Nodal Agency

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (**MoMSME**) has introduced the "**Capacity Building of First Time MSE Exporters**" (CBFTE) component of the **International Cooperation (IC) Scheme**.

- ✓ The scheme is intended to assist Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in marketing their products in international markets by offering incentives at various phases of the business cycle.
- ✓ MoMSME designated **ECGC Ltd.** (Formerly known as Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd.) as the implementing agency of the scheme.

ECGC Ltd: CMD – Shri. M Senthilnathan; **Founded in - 1957; HQ – Mumbai.** [Click here to read more.](#)

MoPSW Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launches Multiple Development Projects in Assam

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) launched multiple projects for the development of **Bogibeel** region near **Dibrugarh in Assam** which include the following:

- ✓ Foundation stone for two floating jetties at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh district; and Guijan in Tinsukia district which will be constructed as state-of-the-art terminals using the most advanced technology.

Inaugurated the **Bogibeel Riverfront Passenger Jetty** which is developed by the **Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR)** with an estimated cost of **Rs 2.5 crores.** [Click here to read more.](#)

MoHUA launches Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) Secretary, Manoj Joshi, launched the **Swachh Toycathon** under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav on MyGov portal and released the toolkit. It aims to explore solutions for use of waste in the creation or manufacturing of toys.

- ✓ The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat is working as a knowledge partner of the MoHUA, will provide support on aspects of pedagogy and creativity.

Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST): A new I-STEM initiative Launched

A new **I-STEM** (Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facilities Map) initiative called '**Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)**' was launched by **Dr. Parvinder Maini**, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India (GoI).

- ✓ Through the WEST initiative, I-STEM will provide a separate platform to scientifically inclined women researchers, scientists, and technologists for pursuing research in basic or applied sciences in frontier areas of science and engineering.

Indian Railways to launch Vande Bharat 2 upgraded version of Train 18

The Indian Railways will launch an upgraded version of Vande Bharat trains (Train 18) 'Vande Bharat 2' from 30th September 2022, to give the best facilities to passengers.

- ✓ 'Vande Bharat 2' will have better speed (0 to 100 Kmpl speed in just 52 seconds and a maximum speed of 180 Kmph), reduced weight (lesser weight from 392 tons) and will be powered by Wi-Fi on-demand and 32-inch LCD TVs, and reclining chairs will now be installed in all classes.

MeitY & Meta Partners to Support XR Technology-Based Startups - XR Startup Program

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitYs) startup hub (MSH) and social media giant Meta (formerly known as Facebook) partnered to launch 'XR Startup Program' to support the growth of extended reality (XR) technology-based startups across India.

- ✓ XR Startup Program, focuses on skilling and building technological capabilities for the metaverse and also includes emerging technologies such as Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR).

DA&FW & FICCI Launches a Joint Initiative to Attract PPP Projects in Agriculture

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), launched the Project Management Unit (PMU) on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Agriculture in New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ The PMU is a joint initiative of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), MoA&FW, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Israel embassy in India & Khushii Foundation launched women empowerment project "Saaras" in Ghaziabad

Israel embassy in India and Khushii Foundation launched a special project "Saaras" to promote women empowerment, menstrual hygiene and awareness in Arthala, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

- ✓ The project was inaugurated by Ambassador of Israel to India Naor Gilon.

MoRT&H Unveils First Prototype of Drone for Human Organ Transport; DCGI Approves 1st Intranasal Vaccine for Covid-19

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first prototype of drone transportation of human organs to facilitate quick organ transplant in hospitals.

- ✓ Chennai-based MGM Healthcare co-developed a drone technology capable of carrying organs up to a distance of 20 km initially.
- ✓ The other projects such as road infrastructure projects like the Bharatmala Pariyojana, a new umbrella programme for highways sector, will also help in the transportation of organs across India.

Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), the Indian drug regulatory authority approved First intranasal vaccine shot, iNOVACC (also known as BBV154) by Bharat Biotech International Limited against Covid-19 for primary immunisation for the 18-plus population.

Tata Motors launched India's 1st CNG Powered Truck with ADAS

Tata Motors launched India's 1st Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) truck in the Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle (M&HCV) with Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The company had launched 5 CNG-powered trucks in 28 and 19-tonne nodes.

- ✓ Additional safety features offered in the vehicle are Driver Monitoring System (DMS), Electronic Stability Control (ESC), and Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS).

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Unveils DST Dashboard

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), has launched the Dashboard of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), MoS&T, for nationwide monitoring and feedback to facilitate successful execution of DST-funded projects, schemes, scholarships, and fellowships. [Click Here to Access The DST Dashboard](#)

- ✓ The DST's Dashboard is an institutional mechanism for guiding the development, utilization, augmentation, and monitoring of the statistics and data analysis capabilities of the Department.

Indore to Become India's First 'Smart City' with 'Smart Addresses'

Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP) will become the first smart city with smart addresses after the implementation of a fully digital addressing system by the Indore Smart City. An MoU in this regard was signed between Rajat Jain, co-founder of Pataa Navigations & Rishav Gupta (IAS), CEO of Indore Smart City.

- ✓ Pataa is working with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to develop a digital addressing system.

The Pataa app can be used by everyone and business and also all government agencies and emergency services including police, fire department, and ambulance for providing services like Electronic Know Your Customer (E-KYC) and geotagging.

Blue Energy Motors launched India's 1st LNG-Fuelled green truck at Chakan, Pune

India's 1st Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Fuelled Green Truck manufacturing plant has been launched by Blue Energy Motors at Chakan, Pune, Maharashtra.

- ✓ Blue Energy Motors signed an agreement already with FPT (Fiat Powertrain Technologies) Industrial, a brand of Iveco Group, headquartered in Italy, in order to introduce the 1st LNG powered by FPT industrial engines which are BS-VI compliant.

ICAR launches Hackathon 3.0 "KRITAGYA", national level hackathon to promote speed breeding for crop improvement

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with its National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) and Crop Science Division of ICAR, organised Hackathon 3.0 "KRITAGYA", a national-level hackathon' on promoting 'Speed Breeding for Crop Improvement'. This also aims to encourage greater adoption of technology-enabled solutions in the field of crop science.

- ✓ The definition of KRITAGYA is: KRI -Krishi meaning Agriculture, TA- Taknik meaning Technology and GYA- Gyan meaning Knowledge.

ICAR started the NAHEP with the assistance of the World Bank (WB) in November 2017.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches 'Swachhta Pakhwada' across Ministries of Indian Railways, MoC, & MeitY

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways has launched 'Swachhta Pakhwada' across Indian Railways, Ministry of Communications (MoC), and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

(MeitY) in New Delhi, Delhi. Swachhta Pakhwada will be observed from **16th September 2022 to 30th September 2022**.

- ✓ Ministry of Railways has extended it suo-moto up to **2nd October 2022**. It will culminate with Mahatma Gandhi's Jayanti.

The participating ministries in Swachhta Pakhwada will focus on an intensive cleanliness campaign, service for TB (Tuberculosis) patients and Mega Blood Donation Drive.

IILM University Launches 1st NEP 2020 Compliant Law School in India

Institute of Integrated Learning in Management (IILM) University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh(UP) launched the **first National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020)** Complaint Law School in India with an aim to elevate the legal education system of India.

- ✓ The **IILM Law School**, known for its state-of-the-art infrastructure, has been launched with the approval of the UP Government and the recognition of the Bar Council of India (BCI).

Central Government approves New CZMP in Karnataka; Laid Foundation worth Rs 3,800 crore in Mangaluru

The Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation for 8 projects worth Rs 3,800 crore at Goldfinch city in Mangaluru (Karnataka), and approved the State's revised **Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)**.

- ✓ Karnataka is the **first state** in southern India and only the **second state** (after Goa) in India to get the CZMP prepared and approved as per the **2019 Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) notification** which has been approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). [click here to read more.](#)

PM inaugurates 'Kartavya Path' and unveils the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate

The Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi inaugurated '**Kartavya Path**', a redeveloped two kilometre stretch from **India Gate** to **Rashtrapati Bhavan** through **Vijay Chowk** in New Delhi (Dselhi). It was earlier known as **Rajpath (Kingsway)**, which was a '**symbol of slavery**'. Now, the name Kartavya Path **symbolizes 'public ownership and empowerment'**.

- ✓ PM also unveiled the statue of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** under the canopy at India Gate that during British rule had a statue of King George V. [Click here to read more.](#)

Bihar CM Inaugurates India's Longest Rubber Dam on Falgu river – Gayaji Dam

Bihar Chief Minister (CM) Nitish Kumar inaugurated India's longest rubber dam '**Gayaji Dam**' on the **Falgu (or Phalgu) river**, near Vishnupad temple in Gaya, Bihar. Falgu River originates in the Palamu district of Jharkhand and passes through the holy city of Gaya in Bihar.

- ✓ **A steel foot over bridge** for the visitors who visit during Pitripaksha Mela was also inaugurated.
- ✓ The Dam was constructed by Rubina Company of Austria in collaboration with Nagarjuna Construction Company of Hyderabad and on the advice of experts from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) –Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates two-day Arogya Manthan 2022

National Health Authority (NHA) organized Arogya Manthan 2022 at The Ashok, New Delhi (Delhi) to mark the double anniversaries of **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (AB PM-JAY) and **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**. The event celebrated 4 years of the implementation of AB PM-JAY, and 1 year of the ABDM.

- ✓ PM-JAY is a cashless and paperless scheme with the aim to provide health cover to more than 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year. It is the world's largest Government funded health assurance scheme. The Union Cabinet approved the national rollout of the Central Sector Scheme ADBM of MoH&FW with a budget of Rs 1,600 crores for five years. NHA is the implementing agency of ADBM. [Click here to read more.](#)

HAL's Rocket Engine Manufacturing Facility inaugurated in Karnataka

The state-of-the-art Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) set up by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) would serve the entire rocket engine production under one roof for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

To establish the facility for manufacturing Cryogenic Engine modules at HAL, Aerospace Division, ISRO & HAL signed an MoU in 2013.

CJI U U Lalit inaugurates NALSA's Centre for Citizen Services in New Delhi

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) centre for citizen services has been inaugurated by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Uday Umesh Lalit at Jaisalmer house in New Delhi. NALSA has been constituted under the *Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (Article 39A)*.

- ✓ The purpose of this act is to provide free legal aid to the weaker sections of society and conduct Lok Adalats for the quick resolution of cases.

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Odisha's 'Nua Khai' Festival celebrated in Western Odisha

'Nua Khai', an agrarian festival, was celebrated on 1st September, 2022, at Western Odisha. It is celebrated precisely the day after Ganesh Chaturthi and signifies the celebration of newly harvested crops.

- ✓ This festival is the most auspicious and important social festival in Western Odisha and the neighbouring areas of Simdega, Jharkhand and Southern Chhattisgarh.

Odisha: CM- Naveen Patnaik; Governor- Ganeshi Lal; Dance forms- Paika Nrutya; Dhap Dance.

50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 Began in Imphal

The 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 began at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Palace Compound in Imphal, Manipur's capital.

- ✓ Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur, which is performed by either all-female or all-male performers. [Shumang means courtyard and Leela means play].

In the case of the former, female artists play the male characters, and in the case of the latter, male artists play the female roles.

Nagaland celebrates the 1st ever Naga Mircha Festival at Kohima

On 9th September 2022, in Nagaland, the 1st ever Naga Mircha (King Chilli) Festival 2022 (1-day festival) was conducted at Seiyhama village under Kohima and was sponsored by the Department of Horticulture. The festival was hosted and organised by Seiyhama village Council and Seiyhama Naga Mircha Growers.

- ✓ Naga Mircha received the GI (Geographical Indication) certification in 2008 and it was the first product to receive a GI tag among the 4 GI products of Nagaland.
✓ The others three GI products are Naga Tree Tomato, Chakhesang shawls and Nagaland "sweet cucumber"

OTHER NATIONAL NEWS

UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities 2022: Thrissur & Nilambur in Kerala and Warangal in Telangana Become the First Entrants from India

The Indian cities of **Nilambur & Thrissur in Kerala** and **Warangal in Telangana**, have earned recognition from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after becoming **India's first entrants** into the **UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities** (GNLC).

- ✓ The UNESCO GNLC is an international policy-oriented network providing inspiration, know-how and best practice.
- ✓ The UNESCO GNLC has honoured 77 cities from 44 countries in 2022 in recognition of their outstanding work to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level. The 77 new members bring the total number of cities within the UNESCO GNLC to 294 in 76 countries.

Other cities that have joined the network are the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, Durban in South Africa and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates among others. [Click here to read more.](#)

World's First Intercontinental Carnivore Translocation: Wild Cheetahs Reintroduced in India Under Project Cheetah

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reintroduced wild **Cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)** in **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**, as part of "**Project Cheetah**", the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project. Of the eight Cheetahs that were introduced in India, five are females and three are males.

- ✓ Since Cheetahs were proclaimed extinct in Indian forests in 1952, these Cheetahs have been brought from Namibia (Africa) and are being introduced into India.

In 2020, the Supreme Court of India gave its approval for the introduction of the African Cheetah and established an Expert Committee to help National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) introduce the animal to India. [Click here to read more.](#)

India to hold G20 Presidency for 1 year Starting from December 2022

India will assume the Presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20) for a span of **1 year** with effect from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023.

- ✓ India will host the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi on 09 and 10 September 2023.

The G20 is an intergovernmental forum (IGF) of the world's major developed and developing economies which comprises **19** countries and the European Union (EU).

First Inter-Modal Digital TIR-Based Transport Flags off from India to Iran

The first inter-modal digital Transports Internationaux Routiers' or International Road Transports (**TIR**)-based pilot transport along the International North-South Transport Corridor (**INSTC**) corridor between **India** and **Iran** was flagged off from **Nhava Sheva** (Jawaharlal Nehru Port), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- ✓ The TIR system plays an important role in facilitating **cross-border** trade and transport and prevents delay in operations by minimising the transportation costs and other formalities.
- ✓ The commercial transit hub for the Central Asia region will be the **Chabahar Port**, which was developed with Indian assistance.

'Make in India' Completes 8 Years: Annual FDI Doubles to USD 83 Billion

On September 25, 2022, "**Make in India**", the flagship programme of the Government of India (GoI), completed **8 years** of pioneering reforms with significant achievements across 27 sectors, including the strategically important manufacturing and services sectors.

- ✓ **Implementing Agency:** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI).

Under Make in India 2.0, it focuses on 27 sectors, including 15 sectors under the manufacturing sector, which is coordinated by DPIIT, MoCI, and 12 sectors under the service sector, which is coordinated by the Department of Commerce, MoCI. [Click here to read more.](#)

NITI Aayog Hosted First Shoonya Forum Commemorating One-Year Anniversary of Shoonya Campaign

The **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) hosted the first Shoonya Forum in Delhi to commemorate the first anniversary of **Shoonya**, India's zero-pollution e-mobility campaign.

- ✓ During the occasion, a report titled "**Need for Advanced Chemistry Cell Energy Storage in India (Part III)**" of the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Energy Storage was also released.

The Shoonya initiative, which aims to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by collaborating with consumers and industry, was launched by NITI Aayog in September 2021 with the support of Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) based in the United States (US) and RMI India.

India's 1st & World's 3rd University of Forestry to open in Telangana

The **Telangana** Legislative Assembly and Council has approved the **University of forestry (UoF) Act-2022**. It will be India's 1st & world's 3rd Forestry university. In the World, only Russia and China have forest universities.

- ✓ Telangana Government has decided to expand Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI), Hyderabad, Telangana into a full-fledged University of Forestry (UoF). FCRI will be added **18** courses and **300** seats to upgrade it to UoF.
- ✓ Telangana: **Chief Minister**- K. Chandrashekhar Rao; **Governor**- Tamilisai Soundararajan; **Capital**- Hyderabad

Government of Tripura designed the 1st Bio Villages in India

Tripura was praised for the modified **1st Bio-Village at Daspara in the Sepahijala district**, which received International recognition for designing and setting up the 1st Bio-Village of India, and was hailed by the Deputy Chief Minister, **(Dy CM) Jishnu Dev Varma**.

L&T builds India's 1st 3D Post Office in Bengaluru, Karnataka

India's 1st **3D printed Post Office** will soon come in Halasuru's Cambridge Layout (plot land owned by the postal department) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The entire construction is built by **Larsen & Toubro Construction** (L&T). India's 3D house was built by IIT Madras in 2021, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

EKI lists India's 1st plastic project under Global Accreditation Standard

Indore (Madhya Pradesh)-Based **EKI Energy Services** (EKI), a leading Carbon credit developer and supplier, listed a Plastic Project from India under a Global Accreditation Standard.

- ✓ EKI has become the **first ever firm to list a plastic project from India** with an aim to generate India's first-ever international plastic credits.

The project has been listed under the Plastic Waste Reduction Standard of Verra, a Washington-(United States) based accreditation.

Centre Announces New Medical Device Rules to Simplify Licensing Procedures

The Union government has notified the **Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2022**, which stipulates that all '**Class A**' medical device manufacturers must register themselves through the "Online System for Medical Devices," a designated online platform created for the purpose.

- ✓ 'Class A' medical devices provide minimal to moderate risk to the patient or user (like surgical dressings).

During the **National Medical Device Promotion Council** (NMDPC) meeting, the Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW), MoHFW, has reinforced its preparedness for the transition to licensing of Class-A and Class-B medical devices, w.e.f. October 01, 2022, under the **Medical Devices Rules 2017**.

IOCL becomes 1st Oil Marketing Company to produce and market AVGAS 100 LL in India

Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, & Housing and Urban Affairs launched the indigenously developed AVGAS 100 LL., special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), at an event organised at Hindan Airforce Station, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh(UP).

- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has become the first Oil Marketing Company to produce and market AVGAS 100 LL in India. It produces AVGAS 100 LL in its flagship refinery in Vadodara, Gujarat.

IOCL: Chairman- Shrikant Madhav Vaidya; **HQ-** New Delhi, Delhi; **Founded-1959**

Kibithu military station & Road in Arunachal Pradesh named after India's first CDS Gen Bipin Rawat

The military camp in **Kibithu**, Arunachal Pradesh and the 22 Km-road stretch from Walong to Kibithu have been named in honour of General Bipin Rawat, India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who was killed in a chopper crash in December 2021.

The military camp in Kibithu has been renamed as '**Gen Bipin Rawat Military Garrison**' and the road was named as "**Gen. Bipin Rawat Marg**". The road was dedicated by Pema Kandu, Chief Minister(CM) of Arunachal Pradesh.

Delhi Police become the first police force in India to make forensic probe mandatory

Delhi Police has become the first police force in India to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years.

It aims boost the conviction rate and integrate the criminal justice system with forensic science investigation.

India Gets its First Dugong Conservation Reserve in Tamil Nadu

The Government of **Tamil Nadu** notified India's first "**Dugong Conservation Reserve**" in the Palk Bay region, covering the coastal waters of Thanjavur and Pudukkottai Districts of Tamil Nadu with an area of 448 Square Kilometres.

- ✓ Dugongs are largest herbivorous marine mammals that primarily feed on seagrass beds, a major carbon sink of the ocean.

At present, there are around 240 Dugongs in India and a majority of them are found in the Tamil Nadu Coast (Palk Bay region).

IIT-Madras becomes 1st Indian institution to join NY-Based IBM Quantum Network

The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (**IIT-M**), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, has become the **1st** Indian educational institution to join the New York (**NY**)-based International Business Machines (**IBM**) Quantum Network to promote and advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.

- ✓ IIT-M is to join a network total of 180 global members in the IBM Quantum Network.

Fuelflip Energy develops India's first Air-gas Mixer

Fuelflip Energy is the 1st company to manufacture Air Gas Mixer – a product that is Made in India after the complete research and development with the use and installation of the Dual Fuel systems for over 6 years.

The company had developed the Internet of Things (**IoT**) to enable the Dual-Fuel conversion system for Diesel Generators.

TN Government issued GO to establish Nanjarayan Tank as 17th Bird Sanctuary

The Government of Tamil Nadu issued a Government Order (**GO**) to start the **17th Bird Sanctuary** at Nanjarayan tank, in Tiruppur district, Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ Nanjarayan tank has been announced as the 17th bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu on April 2022 and was allotted **Rs 7.5 crore** for its development.

It is locally called **Sarkar Periyapalayam tank** is spread over **125.86.5 hectares** of land which lies at the junction of Tiruppur North and Uthukuli taluks.

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park of Darjeeling became best zoo in India

The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (**PNHZP**) in Darjeeling, West Bengal has been recognized as the best zoo in India. Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai, Tamil Nadu has secured the 2nd position, followed by the **Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens** in Mysore, Karnataka. Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden has secured the fourth position.

- ✓ The PNHZP was established on **14th August 1958** and is internationally recognised for its breeding and conservation programmes of endangered animal species of the eastern Himalayas.

The **Red Panda** is one of the main attractions of PNHZP, besides other animals such as the Himalayan Black Bear, Snow Leopard, Goral and Himalayan Thar.

75 Tribal Districts for focused TB Interventions identified by the Centre

The **75 Tribal Districts** were identified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (**MoTA**) and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoHFW**) for focused interventions which will run over the next few months to make those tribal districts TB-free.

NITI Aayog declared Haridwar as the best Aspirational District in India

The Holy City of Uttarakhand, **Haridwar** was declared **India's best Aspirational District** by NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), the Government of India (**GoI**). This district secured the 1st rank in the **Basic Infrastructure** theme.

Department of Pharmaceuticals approves the proposal of HP, Gujarat and AP for setting up Bulk Drug Parks

The **Department of Pharmaceuticals**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MoC&F) granted in-principle approval to the proposals of three states viz. Himachal Pradesh (HP), Gujarat (GJ), and Andhra

Pradesh (AP) under the scheme for '**Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks** (BDPs)' to support the Bulk Drugs manufacturing in India.

- ✓ Financial assistance to GJ & AP – 70% of the project cost; and for HP, being Hilly States, financial assistance will be 90% of the project cost.

India is the major producer of **Active Pharma Ingredients** (API) or bulk drugs in the world. India exported Bulk Drugs/ Drug Intermediates (DIs) worth Rs. 33,320 crore in FY22. [Click here to read more.](#)

CMIE: India's August unemployment highest in last one year at 8.3%

According to the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd** (CMIE), India's unemployment rate surged to a one-year high of **8.3%** in August 2022 as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million.

- ✓ This is the highest unemployment rate since August 2021. In July 2022, the unemployment rate was at 6.8% and employment was 397 million.
- ✓ In August 2022, Haryana recorded the highest unemployment rate (37.3%) followed by Jammu & Kashmir(J&K) 32.8%, Rajasthan 31.4%, Jharkhand 17.3% and Tripura 16.3%.

MeitY Approves Rs 500 Crore Pune Electronics Manufacturing Cluster Project

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has approved a Rs. 500 crore **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster** (EMC) in Pune, Maharashtra. The EMC will be built in Pune's Ranjangaon Phase III on 297 acres of land. The project is expected to attract up to Rs. 2,000 crore in investments.

- ✓ It would also receive nearly Rs. 208 crore in funding from the Government of India (GoI).
- ✓ Currently, proposals from Uttarakhand and Telangana are being considered.

On April 1, 2020, the [Modified EMC 2.0 Scheme](#) was announced, with the goal of establishing electronics manufacturing companies to develop a strong ecosystem.

UP Places First Among States in Trials Pending in Fast-Track Courts

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Law, noted in a letter to the Chief Justices of the High Courts that **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** accounts for more than 70% of the 13.81 lakh pending trials in Fast-Track Courts (FTCs) in cases of heinous crimes against women, children, and senior citizens.

UP also tops the list of states where trials in rape cases and matters under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act have yet to be resolved, with over 60,000 cases pending in the **Fast-Track Special Courts (FTSCs)**.

India to receive 1st 100% Ethanol & Electric Car

India will receive its 1st Flex-Fuel Vehicle (**FFV**) which can run on ethanol blended petrol and battery.

- ✓ Brazil-based Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) will be used as a model to assess their reduced carbon emissions performance.

FFV have engines that can operate on flexible fuel, a combination of petrol and ethanol, producing up to 100% ethanol.

MCA extended the Tenure of Company Law Committee by 1 more year

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (**MCA**) extends Company Law Committee (**CLC**) by one more year (up to 16th September 2023). The tenure has already been extended twice in September 2020, and September 2021 which was originally constituted on 8th September 2019.

- ✓ In 2019, the Government set up the **11-member CLC** under the Chairmanship of the **MCA Secretary**.
- ✓ At present, 11-member CLC is chaired by corporate affairs secretary **Tarun Bajaj**.

CLC recommends various changes which pertain to the issues of the implementation of the **Companies Act, 2013** and the **Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act 2008**.

Digital India Mission: UP Tops in Disposal & Entry of Cases Via E-Prosecution Portal

According to data collected till August 2022, **Uttar Pradesh (UP)**, with 9.12 million cases, holds the top spot in terms of the number of cases entered and disposed through the [E-Prosecution Portal](#), which is administered by the Government of India (GoI) as part of its Digital India Mission.

- ✓ In terms of number of the cases entered, Madhya Pradesh (MP) came in second place with 2.31 million cases, followed by Bihar with 859,000 cases, Gujarat with 487,000 cases, and Chhattisgarh with 383,000 cases.
- ✓ With around 470,000 entries, UP surpasses all other states in the **online case disposal** on this portal, followed by MP with 170,000 cases and Gujarat with 125,000 cases.

DoPT: OBCs Not in Central List Can Apply Under EWS for Central Government Posts

The **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)**, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has issued clarifications on how to recruit under the 10% reservation for **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)**.

According to the DoPT, as long as they meet all other qualifications, individuals of Other Backward Classes (**OBC**) communities on the State list but not on the Central list are entitled to apply for posts and services with the Government of India under the EWS quota criteria. [Click Here to Read the Official DoPT Press Release Regarding EWS Recruitment](#)

MoCI Extends Foreign Trade Policy by 6 Months till March 2023

The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI)** extended the existing **Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20)** by another six months till March 2023, w.e.f. October 1, 2022, due to unstable global economic and geo-political circumstances and currency fluctuations.

- ✓ The existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) was set to expire on September 30, 2022, after being extended in April 2022.
- ✓ A FTP offers a framework for boosting exports of goods and services as well as creating jobs and adding value for the nation.

GoI Extends Ceasefire Agreement with The NSCN-K Niki Group for Another Year, Until September 2023

The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**, Government of India (GoI), has granted a one-year extension to the cease-fire agreement with the **National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) Niki** group, a split-off faction of the Naga insurgency organisation NSCN, with effect from September 8, 2022, to September 7, 2023. The NSCN was formed in 1980 but split into two groups NSCN-K & NSCN-IM in 1988.

- ✓ The NSCN-K was founded by Myanmar-based **SS Khaplang** in **1988** after detaching from NSCN.
- ✓ The NSCN-IM was formed by Isak Chishi Swu of Nagaland and Thuingaleng Muivah of Manipur that called itself NSCN (IM).

Nagaland: CM – Neiphiu Rio; Festivals – Tsukhenyie Festival; Surkenye Festival

GoI set to rename Delhi's Rajpath & Central Vista lawns as 'Kartavya path'

The Government of India (GoI) is set to rename the historic "Rajpath" and "Central Vista lawns" in New Delhi, Delhi as '**Kartavya Path' (Path of Duty)**'. The road and area from the Netaji statue at India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhavan will be known as the Kartavya path.

During British rule, Rajpath was known as 'Kingsway', named after King George V and following the independence of India, it was renamed "Rajpath" – Hindi translation of Kingsway.

UP Govt. Approves First Tiger Reserve in Bundelkhand Region

The **Uttar Pradesh** (UP) cabinet, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has approved the "first" Tiger Reserve in the '**Bundelkhand region**' to promote tiger conservation in UP.

- ✓ The cabinet approved the decision to designate **Ranipur Tiger Reserve** under section 38(v) of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, which had previously been notified as Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary in the Chitrakoot district of UP.

This will be UP's fourth tiger reserve, following Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Lakhimpur district, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit district, and Amangarh Tiger Reserve in Bijnor district.

Maharashtra cabinet approves naming of Chipi airport after Barrister Nath Pai

The Maharashtra Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister (CM) Eknath Shinde approved to name the **Chipli Greenfield Airport** in Sindhudurg district after a prominent socialist leader, freedom fighter and former Member of Parliament (MP) **Barrister Nath Pai**.

- ✓ The Chipi Airport was formally inaugurated on March 5, 2019.
- ✓ 25 September 2022 marks the birth centenary year of Nath Bapu Pai. He was born on 25 September 1922 in Vengurla, Maharashtra.

MoEF&CC gives 2-year Extension to Thermal Power Plants on SO2 norms

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has extended the deadlines for Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) to install pollution control technologies and comply with new SO2 (Sulphur Dioxide) emission norms.

- ✓ The deadline for the power plants within a 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region) and cities with a population of more than 10 lakh has been extended from December 31, 2022 to **December 31, 2024**.
- ✓ For the power plants in a 10-km radius of critically-polluted areas or non-attainment cities, the deadline has been pushed from December 31, 2023 to **December 31, 2025**.

For all other power plants across India, the deadline has been pushed from December 31, 2024 to **December 31, 2026**. [Click here to read more](#)

TBI Director Lucy Hayter launches Generation Global Programme in A.P. and Tamil Nadu

United Kingdom (UK) based Tony Blair Institute (**TBI**) for Global Change and Canadian NGO (non-governmental organisation) **Children Believe** partnered and launched a '**Generation Global Programme**' for schools and colleges in **Andhra Pradesh** and **Tamil Nadu**, at the **Zilla Parishad High School at Ragimanupenta**, Andhra Pradesh.

Agnikul Cosmos gets patent for Single Piece 3D-printed rocket engine

Agnikul Cosmos, Chennai based space technology start-up secured its first patent for the design and manufacturing of its Single Piece 3D printed rocket engine.

The patent was offered to Agnikul Cosmos under the Government of India (GoI)'s patent database, for its Agnilet rocket engine, world's 1st single-piece 3D printed rocket engine fully designed and manufactured in India.

Coal Ministry announced 1.23 billion tonne Coal target by 2024-2025

The Ministry of Coal aims to upgrade coal production to 1.23 billion tonnes (**BT**) by Financial Year (**FY**) 2024-2025 to secure the energy security of the country.

The major Coalfield in Jharkhand State is **North Karanpura** Coalfield, which falls under the command of Central Coalfields Limited (**CCL**).

SOVA Android Trojan: New mobile banking malware prowling in Indian cyberspace

A new type of mobile banking malware campaign called SOVA Android Trojan(SOVA – owl in Russian) has now reached India. This malware encrypts an Android phone for ransom and is hard to uninstall.

- ✓ It has the ability to harvest user names and passwords via keylogging, stealing cookies and adding false overlays to a range of famous apps.

SOVA is essentially a banking malware but is capable of distributed denial-of-service (**DDoS**) and man-in-the-middle (**MITM**) attacks.

CCRAS Offers Research Fellowship to Support Research Efforts in Ayurveda – SPARK

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (**CCRAS**), will offer research fellowship to young undergraduate (UG) students enrolled in recognized ayurveda colleges across India under the ‘Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken’ (**SPARK**) initiative.

76 start-ups onboarded under the ‘India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-Up Challenge’ by MoHUA

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) has onboarded **76** start-ups under the ‘India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-Up Challenge’ at an event in New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ The start-ups have been shortlisted through **AMRUT 2.0** (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) Mission, a challenging process launched in March 2022.

MoHUA has also launched ‘**Startup Gateway**’ wherein the start-ups can apply and be shortlisted by the ministry for financial support.

MCA Revises Definition of Small Companies to Facilitate Ease of Doing Business

The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** (MCA) has further revised the definition of “**small companies**” under the **Companies Act, 2013** by raising the thresholds for paid-up capital from ‘not exceeding Rs. 2 crore’ to ‘not exceeding Rs. 4 crore’ and turnover from ‘not exceeding Rs. 20 crore’ to ‘not exceeding Rs. 40 crore’.

Criteria	Prior to 2021	Old (2021)	New (2022)
Paid-Up Capital	Rs. 50 lakh	Rs. 2 crore	Rs. 4 crore
Turnover	Rs. 2 crore	Rs. 20 crore	Rs. 40 crore

[Click here to read more.](#)

National Technical Textiles Mission Flagship Programme: Ministry of Textiles Clears 23 Strategic Projects Worth Rs. 60 Crore

Under its Flagship Programme ‘**National Technical Textiles Mission**’ (NTTM), the Ministry of Textiles approved **23 strategic research projects** totalling around Rs. 60 crores in the fields of Specialty Fibres, Sustainable Textiles, Geotextiles, Mobiltech, and Sports Textiles.

- ✓ The projects were approved under the chairmanship of Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Textiles.

BSF to deploy 1st Female Camel Riding Squad along India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan & Gujarat

The Border Security Force (BSF)’s first female camel riding squad will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

- ✓ The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December 2022.
This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world.

REC Ltd becomes 12th company to get Maharatna CPSE status

The Government of India (GoI) accorded the status of **Maharatna** Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to **REC Limited** (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), specialised in financing for energy sectors.

- ✓ REC Ltd became the **12th** company to join Maharatna CPSE club. The order was issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.
- ✓ **REC Ltd:** CMD –Vivek Kumar Dewangan; **Established-** 1969; **HQ-** Gurugram, Haryana

India sets up Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices under DoP

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will set up an **Export Promotion Council** (EPC) for Medical Devices to boost export of medical devices in India.

- ✓ It will be headquartered in YEIDA, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh (UP), with regional offices in AMTZ- Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad in Telangana.
- ✓ The EPC for medical devices will be under the administrative control of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), which is a part of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

DPIIT, and Embassy of the Netherlands formalizes Fast-Track Mechanism; To be executed by Invest India

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), and the Embassy of the Netherlands officially signed the Joint Statement to formalize the bilateral Fast-Track Mechanism (FTM) between India and The Netherlands.

- ✓ This bilateral FTM will be executed by **Invest India**, the national investment promotion and facilitation agency.
- ✓ The diplomatic relations between India and The Netherlands were formally established in 1947. According to official Indian statistics, The Netherlands is the **4th largest** Foreign Direct Investor (**FDI**) in India.

GoI Extends the Implementation of EV Battery Safety Norms to December 2022

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (**MoRTH**), Government of India (GoI) has extended the deadline of October 01, 2022 to **December 2022** for electric vehicle (EV) manufacturers to adopt and comply with the new regulations on battery safety requirements .

- ✓ The new regulations are related to battery cells, battery management systems, onboard chargers, designs of the battery pack and thermal propagation.
- ✓ The amendment to EV battery testing standards AIS-156 and AIS-038 (Rev 2) that were to be implemented from 1st October 2022 will now come into effect in two phases.

Phase 1 will begin on 1st December 2022 and **phase 2** will begin on 31st March 2023.

GOVT SCHEMES

PM-SHRI Yojana: PM announces new CSS to Upgrade 14,500 Schools

On September 5, 2022, i.e., on the occasion of Teacher's Day, the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi announced a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) – **Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI)** Yojana under which 14,500 schools will be selected to develop and upgrade across India.

- ✓ These schools will be equipped with modern infrastructure including labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment, art room etc. which is inclusive and accessible.
- These schools will also be developed as green schools with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure and integration of organic lifestyle in curriculum.

Meghalaya CM Launches Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme for Welfare of Farmers

Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) **Conrad K Sangma** launched the ambitious flagship programme for the welfare of farmers, '**Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme**' under National Livestock Mission (NLM) at **Byrnihat in Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya**.

- ✓ Meghalaya acquires **18,000 MT** of pork from different States and through the piggery scheme, it addresses the shortage of pork supply as there is a huge shortfall in supply and demand.

Meghalaya Piggery Mission, one of the largest piggery development programmes, will be implemented by the Meghalaya government to make the state self-sufficient in pork supply.

Empowered Committee of NITI Aayog Approves First-Ever Disbursement Under the PLI Scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing

An Empowered Committee chaired by Parameswaran Iyer, CEO of NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), has approved 32 beneficiaries under the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for 'Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing'**. It is the first disbursement under any PLI scheme, and 10 of the 32 beneficiaries (5 global and 5 domestic) were approved for mobile manufacturing.

- ✓ The proposal for disbursement of incentive was made by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ✓ The PLI scheme for Large-Scale Electronic Manufacturing, with a total outlay of Rs. 38,645 crores, was approved on April 1, 2020. **First Round of PLI Scheme:** Target segment – Mobile Phone & Electronic Component Manufacturing
- ✓ **Second Round of the PLI Scheme:** Target segment – Specified Electronic Components; Incentives: 5% to 3%; Base year: 2019-20; Period: 4 years. The tenure of the PLI Scheme has been extended by one year i.e. from 2024-25 to 2025-26. [Click here to read more.](#)

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana Celebrates 2nd Year Anniversary

Union Minister, Parshottam Rupala, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying (MoFAHD), attended the 2nd anniversary of the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**, which is implemented by the Department of Fisheries (DoF), MoFAHD.

- ✓ On September 10, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra (PM) Narendra Modi introduced the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), as part of the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package, coupled with the e-Gopala App, a comprehensive breed development marketplace and information platform for direct usage by farmers.

PMMSY is an umbrella scheme with two distinct components: The Central Sector Scheme (CS) and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). [Click here to read more.](#)

Chhattisgarh Government to launch New scheme to provide Mobile Healthcare Facilities for Cattle

Bhupesh Baghel, the Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh is set to launch a new scheme '**Mukhyamantri Govansh Mobile Chikitsa Yojana**' aiming to deploy Mobile Veterinary Units (MVU) to provide better health care facilities to cattle.

- ✓ It is also provided in 'gauthans' which was established under the 'Suraji Gaon Yojana'.

The government of Chhattisgarh have already imposed '*Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana*' in Urban and '*Mukhyamantri Haat-Bazaar Clinic Yojana*' in rural areas to ensure people's health.

Gol Plans to Roll Out PM-PRANAM Scheme to Reduce Usage of Chemical Fertilizers

The Government of India (GoI) intends to launch the **Pradhan Mantri Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana (PM PRANAM)** to reduce the usage of chemical fertilizers.

- ✓ The PM PRANAM Scheme is an initiative to promote using fertilizers in a balanced manner along with bio-fertilizers and organic fertilizers as alternative sources of nutrients.

The **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** proposed **PM PRANAM**, and the details of the proposed scheme were announced during the National Conference on Agriculture for the Rabi Campaign on September 7, 2022. [Click here to read more.](#)

MoAFW & MoFPI Launch a Convergence Portal to Facilitate Food Processing Enterprises

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (**MoAFW**) and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (**MoFPI**) together unveiled a '**Convergence Portal**' for three flagship schemes at Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi. It was launched between:

i. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

- ✓ The AIF is a medium-to-long-term debt financing facility, for the development of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.

ii. Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme

- ✓ The **PMFME** scheme, a centrally sponsored scheme, introduced to increase the competitiveness of individual microenterprises in the unorganized segment and encourage the formalisation of this sector.

iii. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)

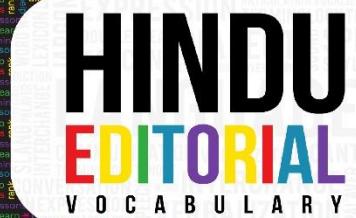
The PMKSY, a Central Sector Scheme, is envisioned as a holistic framework that will develop modern infrastructure with effective supply chain management from the farm to the retail outlet. [Click here to read more.](#)

Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23 Launched

The Government of India (GoI) launched a Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23 under which States Governments will get financial assistance in the form of **50-year interest free loan** for capital investment projects.

- ✓ GoI has allocated **Rs 3000 crore** for Part V (Optical Fibre Cable) of the Scheme. It will be available to States for capital projects on the OFC network.

On the recommendation of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has recently approved proposals of 4 States viz. Uttarakhand (Rs 50 crore), Jharkhand (Rs 84 crore), Haryana (Rs 65 crore) and Karnataka (Rs 156 crore).



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Paris Agreement: India's Climate Pledges Rank 4th In Terms of Ambition & 5th In Terms of Compliance

According to a new study published in the scientific journal **Nature Climate Change**, India's updated climate pledge to the Paris Agreement has been ranked 5th in compliance and 4th in ambition. The study includes eight countries, the US, China, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Australia, Brazil—as well as the EU.

- ✓ While the European Union (EU) claimed the top spot, the United States (US) was placed bottom in compliance and second to last in ambition.
- ✓ In the **compliance** category, the EU was followed by China, Australia, South Africa, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, and the US.

In terms of **ambition**, the EU was followed by China, South Africa, India, Australia, Brazil, Russia, the US, and Saudi Arabia. [Click here to read more.](#)

White Paper highlighting 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' at IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 2022 in Copenhagen, Denmark

A Whitepaper on '**Urban Wastewater Scenario in India**' was launched by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry for Jal Shakti (**MoJS**), India; Lea Wermelin, Minister of Environment, Denmark; and Flemming Moller Mortensen, Minister of Development Co-operation, Denmark along with the Indian Delegation during International Water Association (**IWA**) **World Water Congress & Exhibition 2022** in Copenhagen, Denmark.

- ✓ This whitepaper is an outcome of the **Green Strategic Partnership** between India and Denmark with a focus on green hydrogen, renewable energy and wastewater management.
- ✓ The whitepaper was prepared by an interdisciplinary team formed by the Government of India (GoI) with partners from Atal Innovation Mission (**AIM**), NITI Aayog, MoJS, National Mission for Clean Ganga (**NMCG**), Innovation Centre Denmark (**ICDK**), and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (**IITB**).

ICDK is a unit under the Embassy of Denmark and Denmark Technical University (DTU) design.

European Parliament: Hungary is no Longer a Full Democracy, Becomes an Electoral Autocracy

The **Members of the European Parliament (MEP)** declared in a non-binding but highly symbolic report, that **Hungary** is no longer a fully functioning democracy.

- ✓ The declaration states that Hungary will be considered a '**hybrid regime of electoral autocracy**', in which elections will be held regularly without following basic democratic norms.

This is the **first time** a European Union(EU) institution has declared that its member state is not a proper democracy, an essential prerequisite to join the EU.

Saudi Arabia beats Russia to become India's second-largest oil supplier in August 2022

Saudi Arabia became the 2nd-biggest oil supplier to India after a three months' gap, overtaking Russia (first is Iraq). India also became Russia's second biggest oil purchaser after China.

India, the world's 3rd biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 8,63,950 barrels per day (bpd) of crude from Saudi Arabia up from 4.8% from July 2022. India's oil imports from Russia fell 2.4% to 8,55,950 bpd.

Kazakhstan renames capital to Astana, Extends Presidential Term to 7 years

The President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, signed constitutional amendments that extended the nation's presidential term to 7 years from 5 years, and brought back the old name of the country's capital to Astana from the current Nur-Sultan.

- ✓ Astana became the capital of Kazakhstan in 1997. Then in 2019, its capital was named 'Nur-Sultan' in honour of outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev, who ruled the nation for 3 decades.

UNEP & Reef-World Foundation launched 'Green Fins Hub' to Encourage Sustainable Marine Tourism

The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), along with **Reef-World Foundation**, the United Kingdom (UK) based charity, launched a global digital platform, '**Green Fins Hub**'. It will provide a major boost to sustainable marine tourism.

- ✓ Green Fins Hub is the first ever global marine tourism industry platform.

It is a global digital platform which will help diving and snorkelling operators worldwide to make simple, cost efficient changes to their daily practices by utilizing tried and tested solutions.

World's first public database on fossil fuels 'Global Registry of Fossil Fuels' launched

Carbon Tracker and **Global Energy Monitor** launched the "**Global Registry of Fossil Fuels**", the world's **first** registry of fossil fuel reserves, production and emissions.

This is the first ever fully transparent and public database that tracks fossil fuel production worldwide that tracks its impact on the carbon budget.

VISITS

INDIAN VISITS

Highlights of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina visit to India

On September 5-8, 2022, the Prime Minister (PM) of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was on a four-day visit to India and held bilateral talks with Indian PM Narendra Modi to review and further strengthen the relationship between both countries.

- ✓ Both leaders agreed to initiate riverine services under the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) routes 5 & 6 (Dhulian to Rajshahi -extension to Aricha) and 9 & 10 (Daudkandi to Sonamura).

Seven MoUs signed between India & Bangladesh

- ✓ MoU between Jal Shakti Ministry (India) and Ministry of Water Resources (Bangladesh) on withdrawal of water from common border river Kushiyara.
- ✓ MoU between Ministries of Railways of India & Bangladesh on training of Bangladesh Railway personnel in India.
- ✓ MoU between Ministries of Railways of India & Bangladesh on collaboration in IT systems such as FOIS* & other IT applications for Bangladesh Railway.
- ✓ MoU between National Judicial Academy-NJA (India) and Bangladesh's Supreme Court on training and capacity building programme for Bangladesh Judicial Officers in India.
- ✓ MoU on scientific and technological cooperation between India's Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR).

MoU between Prasar Bharti & Bangladesh Television (BTV) on cooperation in broadcasting. [Click here to read more.](#)

FOREIGN VISITS

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Visited Australia to Explore Aspects in Education & Skill Development; Also Visited Bali, Indonesia for G20 Meeting

Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, made a four-day visit to **Australia** from August 20-23, 2022, to deepen Indo-Australian ties and to explore the connect, collaborate and cooperate elements of education and skill development.

- ✓ He chaired the **6th meeting of the Australia India Education Council (AIEC) 2022** at Western Sydney University (WSU) in Australia.

He also attended the **Group of Twenty (G20) 4th Education Working Group Meeting & Education Ministers' Meeting 2022** in Bali, Indonesia, from August 31 to September 1, 2022. **Host of the meeting:** Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, Republic of Indonesia. [Click here to read more.](#)

Highlights of India's EAM S. Jaishankar visit to UAE

Union Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs Minister (EAM) visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for **14th India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)** and **3rd India-UAE Strategic Dialogue**.

- ✓ The Indian Union Minister co-chaired both the meetings with Foreign Minister of UAE, **Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. Both leaders reviewed the entire gamut of comprehensive strategic partnership between India and UAE and regional and global developments.
- ✓ He also visited a Hindu temple 'Shri Swaminarayan Mandir' under construction in Abu Dhabi, UAE. It is the first traditional temple in the Arabian Peninsula.

UAE: Capital- Abu Dhabi; **Currency-** Dirham. [Click here to read more.](#)

Union MoS&T Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh's Visit to USA – September 20- 25, 2022

From September 20-25, 2022, Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, paid an official visit for 5 days to the United States of America (USA).

- ✓ Dr. Jitendra Singh attended the first-ever "**Global Clean Energy Action Forum 2022**," which also included a joint convening of the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM 13) and the 7th Mission Innovation (MI 7) ministerials, which was held September 21-23, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.
- ✓ He also addressed the forum's Roundtable on "**Net Zero Built Environment with Connected Communities.**"

USA: President – Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.; **Capital** – Washington, D.C.; **Currency** – (USD). [Click here to read more.](#)

Union Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh's Visit to Egypt – September 18 -20, 2022

Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MOD), made an official visit to Egypt from September 18-20, 2022, during which he met with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Cairo, Egypt's capital.

- ✓ He held a bilateral meeting and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with his Egyptian counterpart, General Mohamed Zaki, while on an official visit to Cairo.
- ✓ **Purpose of the MoU:** To provide further momentum to enhanced **defence cooperation** between India and Egypt.

With an existing Indian investment of **USD 3.15 billion** in Egypt, it is one of the top investment destinations in the region for India. **Egypt** is strategically significant to India since it is regarded as the **gateway to Africa**.

BANKING & FINANCE

RBI IN NEWS

RBI imposed Monetary Penalty on 8 co-operative banks

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has imposed a **Monetary Penalty** on **8 co-operative banks** for breaching certain provisions related to 'income recognition, asset classification, provisioning' and finance for housing schemes.

- ✓ The **8 co-operative banks** include: **Visakhapatnam Co-operative Bank** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; **Bharat Heavy Electricals Employees' Co-operative Bank**, Kailasapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu; The **Darussalam Co-operative Urban Bank**, Hyderabad, Telangana; the **Nellore Co-operative Urban Bank Limited**, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh; **Kakinada Co-operative Town Bank Ltd**, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh; **Ottapalam Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd**, Palakkad, Kerala; the **National Urban Co-operative Bank Limited**, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh; **Kendrapara Urban Cooperative Bank**, Kendrapara, Odisha.

RBI launches pilot project for digitalization of lending under Kisan Credit Card scheme in MP & TN

The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has launched the pilot for end-to-end digitalisation of **Kisan Credit Card** (KCC) lending. The project was developed by the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub** (RBIH) in association with RBI.

The pilot project will commence in September 2022 in selected districts of Madhya Pradesh(MP) and Tamil Nadu(TN) with Union Bank of India and Federal Bank, respectively.

RBI issues new guidelines on Digital Lending to Protect Borrowers; Partially devolves 7-year paper on PDs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued official guidelines to all lenders/regulated entities (RE), including banks to protect the data of borrowers using digital lending apps from being misused.

- ✓ For the adequate implementation of processes to ensure that existing digital loans comply with fresh lending guidelines, RBI has provided a time **till November 30, 2022** to REs.
- ✓ These new guidelines will be applicable only to existing customers taking fresh loans, and to new customers getting onboarded from September 2, 2022.

RBI partially devolved the seven-year Government Security (GS) on primary dealers (PDs) to maintain the normal 5-6 basis points spread between this paper and the 10-year paper.

Retail payment products of HDFC Bank, Precision Biometric chosen for Test Phase under RBI's Regulatory Sandbox

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) selected HDFC Bank (in partnership with Sweden-based Crunchfish Aktiebolag) and Precision Biometric India Pvt. Ltd for the Test Phase of the 'On Tap' application facility for the theme 'Retail Payments' under RBI's Regulatory Sandbox (RS).

- ✓ HDFC Bank is selected for its '**Offline Retail Payments**', while Precision Biometric India Pvt chosen for its '**Innait Key Solution for Banking**'.

The opening of the 'On Tap' application facility for theme 'Retail Payments' was announced by RBI in October 2021. [Click here to read more.](#)

RBI allows BBPS to process Cross-Border Inbound Remittances

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), decided to allow foreign inward remittances received under the **Rupee Drawing Arrangement** (RDA), to be transferred to the KYC (Know Your Customer) compliant bank account of the biller (beneficiary) through Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), subject to the conditions.

The direction has been issued by RBI under **Section 10(4)** and **Section 11(1)** of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

RBI lifts Prompt Corrective Action restrictions on Central Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed the Central Bank of India from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) watch list following its improvement in various parameters.

- ✓ PCA, introduced in December 2002, is a structured early intervention mechanism on the lines of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) PCA framework. These regulations were later revised in April 2017.

Central Bank of India: MD & CEO – Matam Venkata Rao; **Established in** – 1911; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

RBI asks Large UCBs to set up Board-approved policy, Compliance Function; India's banking System Liquidity faces Deficit after 40 months

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed **Urban Cooperative Banks** (UCBs) belonging to tier 3 and tier 4 categories, except UCBs under All Inclusive Directions (AID), to create a Board-approved policy and compliance function.

- ✓ Under this, UCBs with more than Rs 10,000 crore deposits (tier 4 category) mandated to create same, including the appointment of a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), by April 1, 2023 while Tier 3 UCBs i.e. those having more than Rs 1,000 crore and up to Rs 10,000 crore deposits are given the deadline of October 1, 2023.

According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI), India's banking system liquidity has slipped into deficit for the first time in nearly 40 months.

On September 20, 2022, RBI infused 218 billion Indian rupees (\$2.73 billion) into banking system. [Click here to read more.](#)

RBI cancels Solapur-based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank's licence; Bars MMFSL, Mumbai from Outsourcing Recovery, Repossession Activities

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Solapur (Maharashtra) based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank Limited due to its inadequate capital and earning prospects, and its failure to comply with the requirements of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949.

- ✓ The cancellation of its licence means the bank is prohibited from conducting the business of banking which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5 (b) read with Section 56 of the BR Act, 1949 with immediate effect.

RBI, in exercise of its powers under section **45L(1)(b)** of the RBI Act, 1934, bars **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (MMFSL)**, Mumbai (Maharashtra) from carrying out any recovery or repossession activity through outsourcing arrangements, with immediate effect.

UCO Bank Becomes the First Lender to Receive RBI Approval for Rupee Trade

UCO Bank, a Public sector lender, has become the **first** bank to receive approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open a special vostro account with Russian bank '**Gazprombank**' (Joint Stock Company) for the settlement of transactions in Indian Rupees (INR).

- ✓ Previously, in July 2022, the RBI published a circular enabling trade settlements between India and other nations, including Sri Lanka and Russia, to be made in Indian rupees (INR).

UCO Trade: MD & CEO – Soma Sankara Prasad; Establishment – 1943; HQ – Kolkata, West Bengal

LOANS ISSUED BY BANKS

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Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Maharashtra	Rs. 4,000 crore	<p>In a significant development, the Government of Maharashtra would receive a loan of Rs. 4,000 crore from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to establish medical colleges in 12 districts of the state that now lack a single medical college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 12 districts include Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Osmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Ambernath, and Nashik Super Speciality Hospital. <p>ADB: President – Masatsugu Asakawa; Established – 1966; HQ – Manila, Philippines</p>
World Bank	Punjab	USD 150 million (nearly Rs 1,200 crores)	<p>The Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank (WB) approved a loan of USD 150 million (nearly Rs 1,200 crores) to Punjab for the management of its financial resources and improved access to public services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The USD 150 million loan has a maturity period of 15 years, including a grace period of 6 months. <p>In Order to improve water supply in Punjab's Amritsar and Ludhiana cities, the Punjab Municipal Services Impact Project will be jointly implemented by the WB, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Punjab government at a financial outlay of USD 300 million.</p>
World Bank (WB)	Gujarat	USD 350 million (over Rs 2,832 crore)	<p>The Executive Board of Directors of the World Bank (WB) approved a USD 350 million (over Rs 2,832 crore) loan to Gujarat to improve the quality and access of its public healthcare services, with a special focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance through the Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The USD 350 Million loan sanctioned by the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the funding arm of the WB, has a maturity of 18 years including a grace period of 5.5 years. <p>The SRESTHA-G Program will enable people to access a wide range of high-quality health</p>

			services including reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health, communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).
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AGREEMENTS & MoUs SIGNED

BANKS	SIGNED WITH	KEY NOTES
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	IndusInd Bank Limited	<p>Purpose: for a partial guarantee programme with an initial outlay of USD 70 million (Rs 560 crore), exclusively towards promoting Supply Chain Financing (SCF) solutions in India.</p> <p>IndusInd Bank: MD & CEO – Suman Kathpalia; Establishment – 1994; HQ – Pune, Maharashtra.</p>
Mastercard	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	<p>Purpose: on Mastercard's Lighthouse MASSIV program, a free startup partnership program that will help to secure the lives of over 1 billion people by 2025. [MASSIV stands for Make and Scale Social Impact Vision].</p> <p>The MASSIV Program mainly focuses on the Nordic and Baltic regions, from where 27 impact tech companies in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia were benefitted.</p>
Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.	IME India Pvt. Ltd., (formerly IME Forex India)	<p>Purpose: to extend the scope of its remittance services in the Indo-Nepal corridor. Muthoot Finance is the only Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to extend the money transfer services from India to Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Without opening a bank account in India, Nepali migrants can now instantly transfer money from the 3,600+ Muthoot FinCorp branches to their families in Nepal. <p>Muthoot FinCorp Ltd: CEO – Shaji Varghese; Establishment – 1997; HQ – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala</p>
BFSL & Snapdeal	NPCI & JCB	<p>BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Snapdeal with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan's JCB International Company Limited (JCB)</p> <p>Purpose: launched the 'Snapdeal BoB JCB RuPay Credit Card'.</p> <p>BFSL: MD & CEO – Shailendra Singh; Establishment – 1994; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Axis Bank	PayNearby Technologies Private Limited	<p>Purpose: to boost credit growth in meeting the bank's priority sector lending (PSL) targets segment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All Banks are required to extend 40 percent of their overall lending to priority sectors, which include loans to agriculture

		<p>and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sectors.</p> <p>Axis Bank: MD & CEO- Amitabh Chaudhry; Establishment- 1993 (Commenced Operation-1994); HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
State Bank of India (SBI)	WAAREE Energies Ltd. (WAAREE)	<p>Purpose: For Solar Projects. It enables WAAREE to obtain unsecured financing for solar projects through SBI's Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme and to provide working capital for its channel partners through the Electronic Dealer Finance Scheme (EDFS).</p> <p>SBI: Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara; Establishment – 1955; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
DBS Bank Limited	The Sandbox, a top decentralised gaming virtual world and a subsidiary of Animoca Brands	<p>Purpose: to create 'DBS BetterWorld', an interactive metaverse experience</p> <p>With this partnership, DBS Bank becomes the first Singaporean company to join hands with The Sandbox and the first bank in Singapore to venture into the metaverse.</p>
Axis Bank	Square Yards	<p>Purpose: first-of-its-kind co-branded unified platform named 'Open Door', a home buyer ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Square Yards is India's largest integrated Real Estate platform while Axis Bank is India's third largest private sector bank. <p>Axis Bank: MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra; Tagline- Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi</p>
State Bank of India (SBI)	Remitly	<p>Purpose: to enable Non Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money through SBI via Remitly to their family members, using mobile and web applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Through the partnerships, NRIs can now transfer money to 17 Remitly nations. <p>Remitly receives the remittances from the sender and credits it to the beneficiary accounts in India through Direct Credit, National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)/ Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)/ Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) etc.</p>
State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF)	World Wide Fund for Nature – India (WWF India)	<p>Purpose: to generate fine-scale information on the Red Panda species at a transboundary level and engage in safeguarding the habitats of the Red Panda in Khangchendzonga area of Sikkim and West Bengal (Darjeeling & Kalimpong districts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The partnership was made on the occasion of the International Red Panda Day (IRPD), 17th September 2022. ✓ An event was organised at the Himalayan Zoological Park in Gangtok, Sikkim to

		<p>celebrate the day which is observed every year on 3rd Saturday of September to support Red Panda conservation.</p> <p>The Himalayan Zoological Park is the first of its kind, where animals are kept in their natural habitat.</p>
DWS Group	Nippon Life India Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd	<p>Purpose: to provide portfolio management and investment advisory services to the European-listed Indian Government Bond Exchange Traded Funds (ETF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The relevant index, known as the J.P. Morgan India Government Fully Accessible Route (FAR) Bond index, intends to monitor the performance of fixed-rate Indian-Rupee denominated government bonds that have been made available for non-resident investment via FAR. <p>Under the FAR, only eligible investors can invest in specified Government securities without any investment ceilings. The instruments comprise FAR-eligible fixed-rate and zero-coupon bonds.</p>
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited (HDFC ERGO), one of India's leading insurance companies	Google Cloud	<p>Purpose: to develop a technology platform that will aid in the digitization of insurance purchasing and servicing in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ By 2024, HDFC ERGO intends to be completely migrated to the cloud. <p>HDFC ERGO: MD & CEO – Ritesh Kumar; Establishment – 2002; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard)	Skit.ai, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Software as a Service (SaaS) voice automation platform	<p>Purpose: to launch an AI-powered Digital Voice Agent.</p> <p>ICICI Lombard: MD & CEO – Bhargav Dasgupta; Founded – 2001; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)	International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)	<p>Purpose: to facilitate regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology.</p> <p>This pact allows sharing of non-supervisory related information and developments on innovation in financial products and services. Click Here for the Official CA</p>
Reliance General Insurance Company Limited	Paytm	<p>Purpose: to offer Reliance Health Gain Policy, a customisable health insurance product, through the Paytm application.</p> <p>Reliance Health Gain Policy offers 3 plans including Plus, Power and Prime that allow customers to customise and personalise the policy.</p>
Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)	Repco Home Finance Limited (RHFL)	<p>Purpose: to offer insurance solutions to all home loan customers of RHFL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The property insurance cover will focus on protecting home against fire and all other

		<p>natural calamities and the loan protection cover safeguards the customer's repayment of loans on an unforeseen accident.</p> <p>RHFL: MD & CEO – K Swaminathan; Establishment – 2000; HQ – Chennai, Tamil Nadu.</p>
Bank of Baroda (BoB) & HDFC Bank	Defence Accounts Department (DAD), under the Ministry of Defence (MoD)	<p>Purpose: to onboard themselves as Common Service Centres (CSC) under the System for Pension Administration – (RakSHA) (SPARSH) initiative, across more than 14000 branches across India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SPARSH is a web-based system that processes and credits pensions directly into the bank accounts of defence pensioners. <p>DAD: Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) – Avinash Dikshit; HQ – New Delhi, Delhi.</p> <p>Click here to read more.</p>
Federal Bank Limited	NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) and Lulu Financial Group, based in the United Arab Emirates(UAE)	<p>Purpose: to enable Utility Bill Payment services for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Diaspora in GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ With this, Federal bank and Lulu Financial Group became the first to go live with Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. <p>Federal Bank Ltd: CEO – Shyam Srinivasan; HQ – Aluva, Ernakulam, Kerala</p>
HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender	Refinitiv, a London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) business	<p>Purpose: to facilitate its digital transformation and innovation programmes across the whole business in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Under the multi-year agreement, HDFC Bank will gain complete access to Refinitiv's data and products, allowing it to realize new customer opportunities and accelerate its innovation drive while lowering total cost. <p>HDFC Bank: MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan; Establishment – 1994; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
TerraPay, a Cross-border payments company headquartered in Amsterdam (The Netherlands)	NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), an international arm of National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI)	<p>Purpose: to enable merchants in India with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ID to make and accept cross-border payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Through this collaboration, customers with active UPI IDs (350 million bank accounts) can transact at QR (Quick Response) locations enabled by TerraPay globally with the partnership. <p>NIPL: CEO– Ritesh Shukla; Establishment– 2020; Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Ltd. (HDFC ERGO)	HDFC Life	<p>Purpose: to launch 'Click2Protect Optima Secure' to offer all-round protection to customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is a comprehensive financial protection plan and offers the dual benefits of health and life insurance.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ HDFC ERGO General Insurance will service the health insurance part and life insurance part will be serviced by HDFC Life. <p>HDFC Life: MD & CEO- Vibha Padalkar; Founded- 2000; HQ-Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
State Bank of India (SBI)	Fintech unicorn Yubi (formerly CredAvenue)	<p>Purpose: to help in the growth of the bank's co-lending portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As per the partnership, SBI will be integrated with Yubi Co.Lend, the co-lending platform of Yubi that provides an end-to-end solution and enables lenders to collaborate with multiple partners with a quick one-time Application Programming Interface (API) integration. <p>SBI: Chairman- Dinesh Kumar Khara; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Yes Bank	UCO Bank with two Russian Banks	<p>Purpose: for undertaking businesses with Russia</p> <p>UCO Bank has tied up with Gazprom Bank and the Yes Bank has signed an agreement with Petersburg Social Commercial Bank (PSCB) of Russia.</p>
Axis Bank Limited	Samsung India	<p>Purpose: to launch a co-branded Samsung Axis Bank credit card, powered by a visa platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The card is available in two variants: Samsung Axis Bank Signature Credit Card and Samsung Axis Bank Infinite Credit Card. <p>Axis Bank Ltd: MD and CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Muthoot Finance Limited	Lulu International Exchange, United Arab Emirates (UAE) based company	<p>Purpose: to work as the collection partner of Lulu International Exchange.</p> <p>Through this MoU, Muthoot Finance aims to ease money transfers for over 4 lakh Non-resident Indians(NRIs) in UAE whose relatives have availed gold loans in India.</p>
DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)	HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited and Atradius, a worldwide provider of trade credit insurance	<p>Purpose: to offer Credit Insurance – Accounts Receivable solution to Tata Metaliks Ltd (TML), a subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This deal is amongst the first to offer leverage Trade Credit Insurance. ✓ DBS Bank is one of the first banks in the Indian market to support financial transactions backed by Trade Credit Insurance. <p>DBIL: MD & CEO – Surojit Shome; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>

OTHER BANKING NEWS

ADB to fund USD 14 billion for Food Security in Asia-Pacific; Cuts Growth Forecast of Asia and Pacific to 4.3% from 5.2%

Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced its plan to fund at least USD 14 billion between 2022 and 2025 in a comprehensive program of support to ease the food crisis in the Asia-Pacific and to improve long-term food security through strengthening food systems against climate change and biodiversity loss during the **55th Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors** being held in Manila, the Philippines from 26th to 30th September 2022.

- ✓ This is the first partial in-person annual meeting of ADB since 2019.
- ✓ Out of the total funding, USD 3.3 billion is earmarked for 2022 and the rest USD 10.7 billion will be spread over 2023-2025.
- ✓ The funding for the aid will come from **ADB's sovereign and private sector operations**. It will also use an additional **\$5 billion** in private sector food security co-financing.

ADB: President- Masatsugu Asakawa; **HQ-** Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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SEBI Rejigs Reconstructs Panel on Cyber Security; Expands to Six Members

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has restructured its 4 members, high-level panel on cyber security that suggests measures to safeguard the capital markets from cyber attacks.

- ✓ The committee has now expanded to **six members**, which will be chaired by **Navin Kumar Singh**, Director General (DG), National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (**NCIIPC**).

The committee would provide recommendations for the strengthening of processes to audit cyber security and cyber resilience setups in the Indian securities market.

SEBI gave approval to Helios Capital to launch Mutual Fund business

The Singapore-based company, Helios Capital Management (India) Private Limited Founder & Fund Manager **Samir Arora** received capital markets from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) to launch the **Mutual Fund (MF) business**.

SEBI permits REITs, InvITs to issue Commercial Papers

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) permitted Real Estate Investment Trust (**REIT**), and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) to issue Commercial Papers (CPs), subject to certain conditions.

- ✓ This decision follows the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) CP Directions in August 2022 which enabled InvIT and REIT having net worth of at least Rs 100 crore to issue CP.

CPs is a short-term debt instrument issued by companies to garner funds generally for a time period up to 1 year.

BSE Receives SEBI's Final Approval to Launch EGR on its Platform

BSE Limited (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) for introducing the Electronic Gold Receipt (**EGR**) segment on its platform.

- ✓ In **February 2022**, the BSE Limited had received in-principle approval from SEBI after which several mock trading sessions had been conducted to facilitate trading in EGR.
- ✓ EGR is an electronic receipt issued on the basis of deposit of physical gold in accordance with the regulations made by SEBI.

India is the **2nd** largest consumer of gold globally. India currently has trading **only** in gold derivatives and gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), unlike several other countries which have spot exchanges for physical trade in gold.

Sachin Bansal's Navi Technologies gets SEBI nod for IPO, To raise up to Rs 3,350 crore

Flipkart co-founder Sachin Bansal's Navi Technologies, a tech-driven financial products and services start-up received the approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its Rs 3,350 crore Initial Public Offer (IPO).

Verite Research Think-Tank: India Emerges as Sri Lanka's Top Lender in 2022

According to the **Verite Research**, a Colombo-based independent interdisciplinary think-tank, India has become Sri Lanka's **biggest lender in 2022**, providing a loan of **USD 377 million** as it faced political crisis and economic unrest.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is the largest multilateral lender to Sri Lanka providing **USD 360 million** in loans that accounts for **76 %** of total disbursements from January 2022 to April 2022.

HSBC Commits Rs. 125 Crore to Green Causes & Energy Transition Projects in India Over the Next 5 Years

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (**HSBC**), one of the world's major banking and financial services organisations headquartered in London, United Kingdom (UK), has committed **Rs. 125 crore** over the next 5 years to promote **green initiatives in India** as part of its efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. The initiatives include wetland protection and energy transition projects.

- ✓ HSBC has divided the project into two major categories, including energy transition and nature-based solutions.
- ✓ HSBC has collaborated with the non-profit organizations such as WWF India and the India Resources Trust (WRI India) to implement projects in eight states.

HDFC Bank Issues India's First Electronic Bank Guarantee (E-BG); Also signs MoU with Institute of Economic Growth

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, has become the first bank in India to issue an **Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG)**, in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

- ✓ The introduction of e-BG eliminates the lengthy, paper-based procedure and enables faster processing, instant delivery, instant verification, and better security.
- ✓ The eBG will be issued using the NeSL paperless eStamping Digital Document Execution (DDE) platform.

HDFC Bank: MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan; **Establishment** – 1994; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

SBI Card Launches Industry's First CASHBACK SBI Card

SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card) has announced the launch of the '**CASHBACK SBI Card**', the industry's first and most comprehensive cashback credit card in India, in order to boost online spending

- ✓ Consumers can apply for the card through the digital application platform "**SBI Card SPRINT**" from anywhere in India, including Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

SBI Card: MD & CEO – Rama Mohan Rao Amara; **Founded** – 1998; **HQ** – Gurugram, Haryana.

SBI Joins 5-trillion Market Cap Membership; Stock Surges 26% in 3 Months

State Bank of India (SBI) has joined the **Rs 5.03 trillion** market capitalization (**market cap**) for the **first time** after its shares reached a record high of Rs 564.45 on the BSE index.

- ✓ According to the data from BSE Limited, SBI stood at the **7th position** in the overall market cap ranking, with a market cap of Rs 5.03 trillion.
- ✓ SBI has become the **3rd lender** in India to cross the market cap of Rs 5 trillion.

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender holds **1st position** with a market cap of Rs 8.38 trillion and **ICICI Bank** holds the **2nd position** with a market cap of Rs 6.33 trillion.

SBI WeCare FD scheme for senior citizens extended till March 31, 2023

The State Bank of India (SBI)'s 'WECARE' Senior Citizens' Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme has extended upto 31st March 2023.

- ✓ In 2022, SBI launched the special FD scheme "SBI WECARE" to secure senior citizens' income by paying additional interest on term deposits.

The scheme is offered for new deposits as well as the renewal of maturing accounts.

Federal Bank & Union Bank launches pilot for Digitalization of KCC lending in TN & MP respectively

The Federal Bank launched a pilot for instant Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending in order to digitalize rural finance in select districts of Tamil Nadu (TN). The instant KCC was developed by the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)**, a subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It is digital loan scheme.

- ✓ The platform will use e-KYC (Know Your Customer) and eSign, Application Programming Interface (APIs) developed by the **Tamil Nadu E-Governance Agency (TNeGA)**, and credit history from bureaus to process loans to farmers in a matter of few minutes.

Union Bank of India (UBI) also launched end-to-end digitalization of KCC product for farmers as part of its flagship digital transformation project 'Sambhav'.

- ✓ **UBI: MD & CEO**- A Manimekhalai; **HQ**- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Federal Bank: MD & CEO- Shyam Srinivasan; **HQ**- Aluva, Kerala. [Click here to read more.](#)

MoF Issues Guidelines for RRBs to Raise Resources Through IPOs & Rights Issue

The **Ministry of Finance** (MoF) has released guidelines for **Regional Rural Banks** (RRBs) to acquire capital through rights issues, private placements with chosen investors such as large banks and insurance firms and Initial Public Offerings (IPOs).

- ✓ The RRBs are jointly owned by the Government of India (GoI), the respective State Governments (SGs), and the Sponsor Banks (SBs), with equity contributions in the ratio of (GoI: SG: SB :: 50:15:35).

Prior to issuing shares to the public via the **IPO route**, RRBs should consider issuing bonus shares (to reward existing shareholders who have not been paid dividends and have first claim on the existing reserves) and a **Rights Issue** in consultation with merchant bankers and the sponsor bank. [Click here to read more.](#)

ESAF SFB Launches 'Rainbow Account' For Transgender Community

ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB) has introduced a "**Rainbow Savings Account**" specifically for the **transgender community**, in an effort to promote a trans-friendly or inclusive labour culture.

- ✓ The "Rainbow Savings Account" will have a number of features, such as a high interest rate and advanced debit card capabilities.
- ✓ In 2015, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandated banks to add a specific column for "third gender" on all of their forms and applications.

ESAF SFB: MD & CEO - Kadambelil Paul Thomas; **Established** – 2017; **HQ** – Thrissur, Kerala

IDFC FIRST Bank Joins the Open Network for Digital Commerce

IDFC FIRST Bank joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**), an initiative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry(MoCI), to enable early adoption of the network among its customers.

- ✓ The Bank will enable a platform which will help the buyers to discover sellers in the ONDC Network. The bank has started onboarding small merchants (current account customers) onto a partner app which is registered with ONDC.

IDFC FIRST Bank: MD & CEO – V. Vaidyanathan; Establishment – 2018; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra

BOI Becomes First PSB to Go Live On New Direct Tax Collection System TIN 2.0

Bank of India (BOI) has become the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to go live with the new Direct Tax Collection System -Tax Information Network, TIN 2.0. ([e-filing](#)).

- ✓ TIN 2.0 (e-filing) is the official portal of the Income Tax Department, Ministry of Finance.
- ✓ With this technological integration of BOI on the TIN 2.0 platform, taxpayers will now have a single platform for tax payment and e-filing of tax returns.
- ✓ **BOI: MD & CEO – Atanu Kumar Das; Establishment – 1906; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra**

HDFC Bank unveils 'Bank on Wheels' in Gujarat

The Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (**HDFC**) Bank introduces its rural banking business, '**Bank on Wheels**' in the village of Koteswar, near Ahmedabad, in **Gujarat**, as an initiative to offer banking services in unbanked areas around Ankleshwar.

- ✓ The HDFC bank is the 1st bank to translate Financial Literacy Material into the Gujarati language, in Gujarat.

Karnataka Bank becomes part of Khajane-II

Karnataka Bank Ltd became part of the **Khajane-II** (K2), Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) of the Treasury Department, Government of Karnataka for implementing a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) account system for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

Through this interface with K2, The Bank will help in implementing various sponsored schemes for disbursement of cash benefits to the targeted beneficiaries through direct credit to their bank accounts.

Yes Bank approves sale of Rs 48,000 cr stressed loans to JC Flowers ARC

The Board of Directors of Yes Bank approved the transfer of stressed assets worth Rs 48,000 crore to JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC).

YES Bank will also pick up a 19.99% stake in the JC Flowers ARC (in single or multiple tranches), which is subject to regulatory approvals.

IDRBT Pioneers the Development of New Low-Cost Financial Network: To Bring Banking to Remote Places

The **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**, a unit of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has developed a novel technology that allows people in remote hilly and forest areas without satellite signal to access banking services.

- ✓ IDRBT is the first in the world to build a network based on **Long Range Radio (LoRa) technology**.
- ✓ **IDRBT: Director – Professor D. Janakiram; HQ – Hyderabad, Telangana**

KMBL Launches Everyday Savings Account; KMBL & IIT-M partners to Launches Kotak IITM Save Energy Mission

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (**KMBL**) launched a one-of-a-kind **Everyday Savings Account** (Daily Savings Account), a unique savings account designed to help customers in spending and saving every day.

- ✓ This account comes with an **Everyday RuPay Platinum Debit Card**.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (**KMBL**) and Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (**IIT-M**) has announced a CSR (**Corporate Social Responsibility**) partnership to launch the '**Kotak IIT-M Save Energy Mission**'.

This aims to encourage adoption of various energy conservation measures in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.

Japan's MUFG Bank increased the capital by Rs 3,000 crore in India Biz

Japan-based Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (**MUFG**) Bank has increased the capital of its branch in India by Rs 3,000 crore to expand its India business. As a result of the increased capital, the total capital of MUFG Bank will rise to Rs 5,207 crore.

- ✓ The bank has established MUFG Enterprise Solutions India Pvt. Ltd as its global competence centre in 2020 to support the technology and innovation arm of MUFG.

MUFG expanded its presence by opening a branch at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City)

Bank of Baroda Launches Festive Campaign 'Khushiyon ka Tyohaar'

Bank of Baroda (**BoB**) has launched '**Khushiyon ka Tyohaar**', an annual festive campaign that provides a range of offers including attractive interest rates on home loans and car loans, in addition to the discount on processing charges and other benefits.

- ✓ In addition to these offers, Customers will also have an opportunity to earn higher interest with the **Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme**.

Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme is a special fixed scheme that offers higher interest rates and is available in 2 types of tenor that includes, interest rates of 5.75 % p.a. for 444 days and 6 % p.a. for 555 days.

Union Bank of India launches Ethical Hacking Lab in Hyderabad

Union Bank of India (**UBI**) launched the '**Ethical Hacking Lab**' at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in **Hyderabad**, Telangana to strengthen the cyber ecosystem in India. The lab was inaugurated by A. Manimekhalai, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UBI. The aim of the initiative is to build a cyber-defence mechanism to safeguard the Bank's Information Systems, Digital Assets, Channels etc. against potential cyber threats.

FINANCE NEWS

NPCI directs Apps to Stop Charging Platform Fees on BBPS

The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, has directed the payment apps not to charge a platform fee for payments on Bharat Bill Payment System (**BBPS**) payments.

- ✓ PhonePe is one of the largest Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India.

After NPCI's directive, Paytm and PhonePe announced their immediate discontinuation of the charging payment fees on the BBPS.

Ombudsman disposed of 32% more Complaints against Insurers in 2021-22

Insurance ombudsman disposed of 32% more complaints i.e. 40,527 complaints against insurance firms in 2021-22 year-on-year across India as compared to 30,596 in 2020-21.

- ✓ 81% of the complaints were against private insurers and the rest against LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) and PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) general insurers.

Insurance Ombudsman is an alternative mode of settling insurance disputes, constituted under rules framed by the Ministry of Finance in 2017. The other routes include moving consumer courts, which are time consuming and expensive. No fee is charged for approaching ombudsmen.

Reliance General Insurance & Policybazaar Partners to Launch Reliance Health Gain Policy

Reliance General Insurance has launched **Reliance Health Gain Policy**, one of its most flexible and popular products on **Policybazaar's online platform** to ensure insurance accessibility for all.

- ✓ This policy which was launched in **May 2022**, ensures freedom for customers to choose and personalise their health policies as per their requirements.

Reliance Health Gain Policy is available in **3 different plans** that includes **Plus, Power and Prime** along with certain features to facilitate customisation of policy for each customer.

Agribazaar Launches Kisan Safalta Card for Agri Financing

Star Agribazaar Technology Private Limited (**Agribazaar**), an electronic agri mandi, has launched '**Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card**', a farmer-centric card that supports farmers to meet their pre-harvest and post-harvest farm requirements and other related expenses.

Agribazaar: CEO – Amith Agarwal; Establishment – 2016; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Max Life Launches 3-in-1 market-linked solution – ‘Smart Flexi Protect Solution’

Max Life Insurance Company Limited has launched '**Smart Flexi Protect Solution**', a three-in-one (3-in-1) plan that provides health and enhanced life cover, along with market-linked investment returns. This is designed for earning individuals, especially for self-employed profiles.

- ✓ Smart Flexi Protect Solution is a combination of **Max Life Flexi Wealth Plus** and **Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Secure Rider** that offers wealth creation along with comprehensive protection against death, disability and critical illness.

Max Life Insurance Company Limited: MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy; Founded in 2000, Started operations in 2001; HQ – New Delhi, Delhi

LIC introduces Non-Participating, Unit Linked New Pension Plus Plan

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced a new Individual Pension Plan namely '**LIC's New Pension Plus (NPP)**' which is non-participating, and Unit Linked. It was launched at Hotel Trident during the function of Insurance Week Celebration (September 1-7, 2022). [Click Here for Official Notification](#)

Lord's Mark Industries Gets Direct Insurance Broking Licence from IRDAI

Lord's Mark Insurance Broking Services Private Limited, the insurance division of **Lord's Mark Industries**, has received the direct insurance broking licence from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) for selling life and general insurance products. The company plans to collaborate with leading insurers to launch the insurance products on its platform, 'Policy King'.

Canara HSBC Life Insurance Launches iSelect guaranteed future plan

Canara HSBC Life Insurance launches **iSelect Guaranteed Future**, an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan in digital platform.

- ✓ It offers two special features such as "**Guaranteed Maturity Benefit**" and "**Boost your Maturity**" under which Guaranteed additions accrue during the last five policy years to enhance policy's benefits to the customers.
- ✓ They provide multiple options including iAchieve and Flexi iAchieve, iAssure and Flexi iAssure, and Easy iAchieve.

Canara HSBC Life Insurance: MD & CEO – Anuj Mathur; Establishment – 2008; HQ – Gurugram, Haryana

HDFC Life Introduces 'Click2Protect Super' Term Insurance Policy

HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited (HDFC Life), one of the leading insurance providers in India, has developed “**Click2Protect Super**”, a term insurance policy that allows clients to customize their protection needs and only pay for the benefits/plan options that they have chosen.

- ✓ Click2Protect Super is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/savings life insurance plan that offers extensive flexibility options.
- ✓ The “Click2Protect Super” flexibility options: **Life, Life Plus, and Life Goal**.
- ✓ **HDFC Life: MD & CEO** – Vibha Padalkar; **Establishment** – 2000; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

NPCI Introduces UPI Payments Through Rupay Credit Cards

The **National Payments Corporation of India** (NPCI) has introduced Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) payments via credit cards on the **RuPay network**, potentially expanding the credit market. Debit cards and bank accounts had previously been used to link UPI, now Rupay credit cards can be linked as well. Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), unveiled this at the **3rd edition of Global Fintech Fest 2022** (GFF 2022), along with “**UPI Lite**” for small-value UPI transactions via a wallet-like feature and the facility for inward cross-border remittances via the Bharat Bill Pay System (**BBPS**).

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund Launches First Auto Index Fund

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched ICICI Prudential **Nifty Auto Index Fund**, India’s first Auto Index Fund to replicate the Nifty Auto Index that has grown at over 14% annually since August 2012.

- ✓ The Nifty Auto Index is designed to reflect the behaviour and performance of the automobile segment of the financial market using free float market capitalization method.
- ✓ **ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund: MD & CEO** – Nimesh Shah; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi

Aditya Birla Launches Savings-Oriented Life Policy With Cash Bonus Benefit

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), launched a new-age savings solution [ABSLI Akshaya Plan](#), a non-linked participating individual savings life insurance plan that offers immediate liquidity option through cash bonus facility.

- ✓ The ABSLI Akshaya plan provides the benefit of comprehensive life insurance cover along with a regular source of income.

ABSLI: MD & CEO – Kamlesh Rao; **Establishment** – 2000 (started operations in 2001); **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Mastercard to launch ‘Carbon Calculator’ for Indian consumers

Mastercard will launch its Carbon Calculator feature for Indian customers, which will offer consumers an estimated carbon footprint every time they purchase something.

Mastercard Carbon Calculator, launched in 2021, was developed in collaboration with Swedish fintech Doconomy. It is currently used in over 25 countries.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

GDP & GROWTH RATE

ORGANIZATION	YEAR	RATE
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	2022-23 (FY23)	<p>7%</p> <p>The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in its September 2022 update of the report titled “Asian Development Outlook 2022: Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age”, reduced India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) to 7% from 7.2 % earlier, quoting higher-than-expected inflation and monetary tightening. However, the GDP growth estimates are lowered from the forecasts of second supplement to Asian Development Outlook Report 2022 (ADO 2022) to 7.0% for FY2022 (ending in March 2023) and 7.2% for FY2023 (ending in March 2024).</p>
National Statistical Office (NSO)	April-June quarter (Q1) of FY23	<p>13.5%</p> <p>As per provisional estimates released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), India's gross domestic product (GDP) for the April-June quarter (Q1) of the ongoing FY23 rose 13.5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Real GDP at constant (2011-12) prices in Q1 2022-23 is estimated to attain a level of Rs 36.85 lakh crore, as against Rs 32.46 lakh crore in Q1 2021-22, showing a growth of 13.5% as compared to 20.1% in Q1 2021-22. <p>The Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic price at constant terms during the June quarter rose 12.7%. The GVA at Basic Price at Current Prices rose 26.5% in Q1 2022-23.</p>
Moody's	2022	<p>7.7 %</p> <p>The credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service, in its Global Macro Outlook 2022-23, slashed India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth projection for 2022 to 7.7 %. It has also trimmed India's GDP forecast for the year 2023 from 5.4 % to 5.2 %.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Earlier in May 2022, it forecasted that India's GDP would rise to 8.8% in 2022. <p>After declining 6.7 % in 2020 when the pandemic disrupted the nation, the GDP grew by 8.3 % in 2021.</p>
State Bank of India (SBI)	FY23	<p>6.8%</p> <p>The State Bank of India (SBI) Chief Economist Soumya Kanti Ghosh, has slashed India's</p>

		full-year GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast to 6.8% for FY23 from the earlier 7.5%. For Q1FY23, the economist had forecasted GDP growth at 15.7% . In the remaining quarters, GDP growth will be at 6.9% in Q2FY23, further dropping to 4.1% in Q3 followed by a 4% rate in Q4.
Fitch Ratings	Fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23)	<p>7%</p> <p>Fitch Ratings, a global ratings agency, lowered India's economic growth forecast for fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23), as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 7%, from its June 2022 forecast of 7.8% in its Global Economic Outlook–September 2022 special report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It forecasts a further slowdown in India's GDP in FY24, to 6.7 %, compared to its earlier projection of 7.4 %. <p>Fitch now expects global GDP to rise by 2.4 % in 2022, a 0.5 percentage point (pp) down from the June 2022 estimate, and by just 1.7 % in 2023, a 1 pp decrease.</p>
India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra)	2022-23 (FY23)	<p>6.9%</p> <p>India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra), a wholly owned subsidiary of Fitch Group, lowered India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) by 10 basis points to 6.9% from 7.0% previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ According to Ind-Ra, the Current Account Deficit (CAD) increased from USD 13.4 billion (1.5% of GDP) in the January-March quarter (Q4 FY22) to USD 28.4 billion (3.4% of GDP) in the April-June quarter (Q1 FY23). <p>A CAD is the difference between the amount of money coming in from exports and the amount leaving the country through imports. A CAD shows that a nation is importing more than it is exporting.</p> <p>Click here to read more.</p>
S&P Global Ratings	2022–2023 (FY23)	<p>7.3%</p> <p>S&P Global Ratings, has retained its forecast for India's economic growth in the current fiscal year 2022–2023 (FY23) at 7.3%, stating a low impact of the global slowdown on its domestically-driven economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It had earlier forecasted 7.8% growth for 2022–2023; however, it decreased that to 7.3% in its Economic Outlook Asia–Pacific Q3 2022 report, citing inflationary pressures.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It further forecasts 6.5% real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in 2023–2024, 6.7% in 2024–2025, and 6.9% in 2025–2026. • The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) retained its forecast of 6.9% GDP growth for India for the current fiscal year FY23 in its "OECD Economic Outlook-Interim Report September 2022." <p>Moody's Analytics, a financial services firm, has reduced its Global Real GDP forecast to 2.7% in 2022 from 4.2% (January 2022), in its report titled "Global Outlook: Global Economy on Edge", citing increased stagflation risks globally. Click here to read more.</p>
ICRA Limited	2022-23 (FY23)	<p>7.2%</p> <p>The rating agency ICRA Limited (previously Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited) maintained its projection of 7.2% growth in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the fiscal year 2022–23 (FY23) in its most recent report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The growth will be boosted by a recovery in contact-intensive services due to pent-up demand and a back-ended pick-up in government and private capital spending, per ICRA (CapEx). <p>According to estimates, India's real GDP increased by 13.5% in the Q1 FY23, from Rs. 32.46 lakh crore to Rs. 36.85 lakh crore. Gross value added (GVA) increased by 12.7% in Q1 FY23.</p>

ECONOMY NEWS

India overtakes UK to become world's 5th Biggest Economy

According to Bloomberg, which has cited GDP (Gross Domestic Product) figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India has overtaken the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth largest economy in the world.

- ✓ India pushed the UK to the 6th spot in the final three months of 2021 to become the fifth-biggest economy. The calculation is based on US dollars.

According to the IMF forecasts, India is overtaking the UK in dollar terms on an annual basis in 2022, placing India behind the United States, China, Japan and Germany.

India's UAV ecosystem gets World's Largest Drone Fund investment of up to USD 40 million

The **Japan-based**, World's largest Drone Fund (**DF**) of **USD 170 million** has dedicated Venture capital (**VC**) for promoting the **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)** ecosystem by investing up to **USD 40 million** in Indian companies.

Japan's largest drone manufacturer, **ACSL** (Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory Ltd), has tied up with an Indian Company, **Aerodyne India**. Currently, Drone Fund (**DF**) also has a manufacturing unit in **Tamil Nadu**.

Goldman Cuts India's Growth Forecast; Morgan Stanley Sees Downside Risks

Goldman Sachs decreased India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the full-year 2022 from 7.6% to 7%, in addition to lowering its forecasts for the current fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) by 20 basis points from 7.2%.

- ✓ For FY23, **Morgan Stanley's** growth projection of 7.2% for FY23 is subject to a 40 basis point downside risk.

In the April-June 2022 quarter, India's real GDP growth climbed by 13.5% year-on-year, underperforming economists' projections of 15.2%.

World Bank downgrades growth for East Asia and Pacific to 3.2% in 2022

According to the World Bank East Asia & The Pacific Economic Update October 2022: Reforms for Recovery, Growth in developing East Asia and the Pacific (as whole) is projected to slow to 3.2% in 2022 from 7.2% in 2021, before accelerating to 4.6% in 2023.

The growth in developing East Asia and the Pacific outside of China is forecast to accelerate to 5.3% in 2022 from 2.6% in 2021.

BUSINESS NEWS

5 PSLV rockets to build by HAL-L&T Consortium & bags Rs 860 crore deal from NSIL

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) and Larsen & Toubro (**L&T**) were given **Rs 860 crore** to build **5** Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (**PSLVs**) rockets, the versatile workhorse launch vehicle of India and the contract has been signed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**).

- ✓ This project was announced on **5th September 2022**, at the 7th edition of the biennial Bengaluru Space Expo (**BSX-2022**) which was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (**CII**) in association with ISRO.

NewSpace India Limited (**NSIL**), under the Department of Space (**DoS**) and ISRO, has signed a **service level agreement** with the industry for production.

Reliance Industries will build the World's largest Carbon Fibre Plant by 2025 in Gujarat

Mukesh Ambani, the Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) has announced to build of India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre Plant in Hazira, Gujarat. The plant's 1st phase will be completed by 2025.

The plant, based on Acrylonitrile feedstock, will have a capacity of **20,000** Metric Tonnes Per Annum (**MTPA**).

Amazon India launches 'AmazeWIT Circles' to upskill women in technology

Amazon India launched 'AmazeWIT Circles', which is a unique networking and virtual event to educate women and prepare them for careers in technology.

- ✓ AmazeWIT Circles helps women to enhance their skills and provides leadership sessions focusing on topics ranging from data structures, coding, algorithms etc.

MoU's & AGREEMENTS

MoU's WITH COUNTRY

COUNTRY	MoU's WITH	FIELD / PURPOSE
United Nations (UN)- International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	<p>Purpose: to collaborate on strengthening the safe migration of Indian citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ IOM is part of the United Nations (UN) as the leading inter-governmental organization promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all, since 1951. It has 174 member states and a presence in over 100 countries. <p>The CII has decided to adopt over 35,000 tuberculosis (TB) patients by providing nutritional support. In this regard, it is working closely with Central TB Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW).</p> <p>CII: President- Sanjiv Bajaj (2022-23); Director-General- Chandrajit Banerjee; HQ- New Delhi, Delhi.</p> <p>Click here to read more.</p>
Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Madagascar	<p>Purpose: for the training of diplomats between India and Madagascar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SSIFS is the civil service training institute where Indian Foreign Service officers are trained. <p>Madagascar: President- Andry Rajoelina; Capital- Antananarivo; Currency- Malagasy ariary</p>
Maldives	JMC Projects (India) Limited	<p>JMC Projects (India) Limited signed an agreement with the Government of Maldives for the Maldives Hanimaadhoo International Airport Project. The estimated contract value is around USD 136 million. It is the first ever largest infrastructure project to be undertaken outside of Greater Malé region signed under concessional credit between Maldives and India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is funded under the USD 800 million concessional Line of Credit (LoC) extended by Government of India to the Maldives. ✓ Under the project, India will build a 2.46 km (kilometre) runway as well as a terminal that can serve 1.3 million people every year. <p>Maldives: President- Ibrahim Mohamed Solih; Capital- Malé; Currencies- United States Dollar, Maldivian rufiyaa.</p>
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	<p>Purpose: to check the growth of CO2 emissions in the aviation sector and also to reduce carbon emissions.</p>

	headquartered at Haryana, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The MoU was signed during the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly in Montreal, Canada. <p>ISA conceived by India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former French President Francois Hollande on the occasion of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris, France in 2015.</p>
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MoU's WITH STATES

STATE	MoU's WITH	FIELD / PURPOSE
Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA)	World Resource institute (WRI) India	<p>Purpose: to inaugurate an online based, open source, and interactive Geospatial platform which is referred to as Energy Access Explorer (EAE) for Assam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It helps to visualise the extent of energy access at Assam's health, education, and livelihood infrastructures. ✓ The Geospatial platform claims to assist policy-makers, renewable energy industry entrepreneurs, investors, and researchers from the development sector to expand energy access in the state. <p>Note: Director of AEDA: Mrinal Krishna Chaudhury; CEO of WRI: Om Prakash Agarwal.</p>
Odisha	Bharti Airtel	<p>Bharti Airtel & Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), a joint venture(JV) between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha.</p> <p>Purpose: to offer bill payment solutions to over 2 million registered customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The initiative will mobilise the 4,000 banking points of Airtel Payment Banks (APB) in North Odisha to facilitate bill payment. <p>The front-end solutions are managed by Airtel Payments Bank and the back-end connectivity will be monitored by Airtel IQ. Airtel IQ is the world's first network-integrated Communication Platform as a Service (CPaaS) ecosystem.</p>
Karnataka government's cyber centre of excellence in cyber security CySeCK	Dell Technologies	<p>Purpose: to create enhanced cybersecurity practices across KN, especially for students.</p> <p>This MoU will help in imparting cyber security awareness and also practices to students, startups and public offices. This will also benefit small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs).</p>
Taiwanese multinational electronics contract manufacturer Foxconn with the Government of Gujarat	Vedanta, an Indian multinational mining company	<p>Purpose: to set up a semiconductor and display FAB (a semiconductor fabrication plant) manufacturing unit in the state.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The MoU has been signed to set up a Rs 1.54 lakh crore (USD 19.5 billion) manufacturing unit in the Coastal State (near the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat). <p>As per the MoU, Vedanta will hold a majority equity stake in the Joint Venture (JV) and Foxconn will be the minority shareholder.</p>
Government of India (GoI) & Assam government	8 tribal militant groups of Assam	<p>Purpose: for bringing peace in the areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 8 tribal militant groups include Birsa Commando Force (BCF), Adivasi People's Army (APA), All Adivasi National Liberation Army (AANLA), Adivasi Cobra Military of Assam (ACMA) and Santhali Tiger Force (STF) and the remaining 3 outfits are splinter groups of BCF, AANLA and ACMA. ✓ These 8 tribal militant groups have been on ceasefire since 2012 and are living in designated camps. <p>All militant groups except the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and Kamatapur Liberation Organization signed peace treaties with the government.</p>
Delhi	Punjab	<p>Purpose: to use Pusa bio-decomposer, a microbial solution which can decompose paddy straw in 15 to 20 days, on 5,000 acres of land to prevent stubble burning.</p> <p>As a part of a pilot project implemented with the help of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa biodecomposer will be sprayed over 5000 acres (2023 hectares) on stubble by which the crop residue gets mixed in the soil in Punjab.</p>
Meghalaya	Tamil Nadu	<p>Purpose: for supporting Meghalaya in recruitment and training of medical professionals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This is a first-of-its-kind medical partnership between the two Indian states for collaboration on knowledge sharing, capacity building and improving health service delivery. <p>This MoU is part of Meghalaya's efforts to improve its health indicators and other health initiatives including Chief Minister's Safe Motherhood Scheme (CM-SMS) under the rescue mission initiative to reduce Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) that aims at strengthening and ensuring safe deliveries in remote areas.</p>

MoU's BETWEEN ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATION	MoU's WITH	FIELD / PURPOSE
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	National Cadet Corps (NCC), youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces	<p>Purpose: to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan' and 'Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The MoU will be in effect for 3 years and plans to strengthen, develop, and specify their cooperation and effectiveness to accomplish the shared environmental goals. ✓ Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme, a global youth movement to fight plastic pollution around the globe. It is initiated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). <p>NCC: Director General- Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh; Establishment- 1948; HQ- New Delhi, Delhi</p>
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) India	Vitamin Angels India	<p>Purpose: for 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022' (Poshan Maah 2022) to address under-nutrition in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The partnership will extend into the launch of the Poshan Innovation Platform (PIP) in January 2023 with the same aim (to fight with undernutrition). <p>The initiative calls for ideas for innovations around Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) interventions from across the country.</p>
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Axiom Space	<p>Signed a mission order for Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2), the 2nd private astronaut mission (PAM) to the International Space Station (ISS). The mission is scheduled that is to take place in the 2nd quarter of 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The spaceflight will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida and travel to the ISS. <p>On 8th April 2022, a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched AX-1 with 4 crew members, from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, which was the first-ever fully private crewed mission to launch to the orbiting lab (ISS).</p>
Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone Limited (AMTZ)	National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a Public Sector Enterprise of Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)	<p>Purpose: on cooperation in the healthcare sector. Through this MoU, NSIC and AMTZ will leverage their expertise and create opportunities for MSMEs in the health sector to form global alliances to get access to the latest medical technologies and create skilled manpower.</p>

India's largest airline IndiGo	British carrier Virgin Atlantic	<p>Purpose: to widen the network of the airline. It is IndiGo's 7th codeshare with Virgin Atlantic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Codeshare flights will be available for booking for travel beyond September 27, 2022. ✓ IndiGo has signed similar agreements with Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air France, KLM (Netherlands), Qantas (Australia) and American Airlines. <p>The initial codeshare destinations in India are Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Goa, Delhi, and Mumbai.</p>
Indian Army's Western Command(WC)	NTPC Limited(formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited)	<p>Purpose: to draw 25MW (Megawatt) solar power directly from the National Solar Grid of India for the next 27 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The solar energy for the Western command will be sourced from Sholapur, Maharashtra. <p>The deal with NTPC will support the WC to decarbonise around 38% of its energy portfolio and is in line with the National Solar Mission of the Indian Government.</p>
Daimler India Commercial Vehicles Private Limited (DICV), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daimler Truck AG (Daimler Truck)	Indian Institute Technology (IIT) Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC)	<p>Purpose: to set up a technology epicentre to identify mid to long-term solutions necessary for the future of Mobility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The partnership coined as DICV-IITMIC was inaugurated at the IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. <p>DICV is the first Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) from the Indian automotive space that has partnered with an academia like IITMIC for mobility solutions.</p>
All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)	Adobe	<p>Purpose: to accelerate digital creativity skills across India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The partnership between AICTE and Adobe aims to empower over 75,000 educators across 10,000 higher education institutions in India with essential digital creativity skills by 2024 with access to Adobe Express. <p>AICTE: Founded-1945; HQ- New Delhi, Delhi</p>
NIESBUD & IIE	ISB	<p>National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)& Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), autonomous Organisations under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with the Indian School of Business (ISB)</p> <p>Purpose: to provide world-class management education through entrepreneurial programmes targeted towards youth, job seekers and budding entrepreneurs.</p>

		<p>The agreement will enable the development and implementation of two programmes: Business Foundations & Entrepreneurial Skills and Behavioural Skills Programme by ISB faculty and industry experts.</p>
NHPC Limited (formerly known as National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)	PTC India Limited (formerly Power Trading Corporation of India Limited)	<p>Purpose: for sale of power to be generated from upcoming West Seti & Seti River-6 Projects in Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Under the agreement, PTC India will purchase the Contracted Capacity from NHPC from the date of commercial operation of above Projects for onward sale to the State Utilities/Discoms/Bulk Consumers on long term basis in India and neighbouring countries. <p>NHPC Ltd: CMD- Abhay Kumar Singh; Founded- 1975; HQ-Faridabad, Haryana</p>
National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the apex body of dairy cooperatives of India	Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC), Japan	<p>Purpose: to set up two Biogas plants to provide clean energy solutions and organic fertilisers using Cow Dung in an event that was organised to mark 40 years of Suzuki in India.</p> <p>Chhattisgarh is leading in buying cow dung from farmers at the rate of Rs 2 per kg and it is also planning to set up more than 500 biogas plants.</p>
Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Defence public sector undertaking (PSU)	Smiths Detection Group Ltd., a threat detection and security inspection technologies company	<p>Purpose: to offer advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market.</p> <p>BEL: CMD - Dinesh Kumar Batra; Establishment - 1954; HQ - Bengaluru, Karnataka.</p>
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), an international professional service firm	Coursera, United States (US) based global learning platform	<p>Purpose: to address India's current and future skill gap in the taxation space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PwC in collaboration with Coursera will develop two entry-level skilled certificates – GST (Goods and Services Tax) Tax Executive and Direct Tax Executive. <p>Coursera: CEO-Jeff Maggioncalda; Founded-2012; HQ-California, United State (US)</p>
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	<p>Purpose: to launch the “Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The programme aims to study and work on the themes of biodiversity, climate change and land degradation through NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations). ✓ It provides financial and technical support to projects that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing the lives of local communities <p>Virudhunagar & Ramanathapuram are selected as two districts representing the Indian coastal region in Tamil Nadu.</p>

Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology (DST)	Ghaziabad Precision Products Private Limited (GPP), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	<p>Purpose: to support manufacturing of indigenous components critical to SUKHOI-30MK1 (SU-30MK1) Aircraft & 1500 HP Battle Tank Engine.</p> <p>Out of the total project cost of Rs. 14.2 crore, the TDB-DST has approved assistance of Rs. 5.5 crore to support this public-private initiative in the defence sector.</p>
Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)	Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat	<p>Purpose: to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions across India.</p> <p>The agreement will establish a framework under which MoPR and IRMA will collaborate in the area of Gram Panchayat Development Planning for Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIIs).</p>
Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) with the NTPC Limited (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited)	<p>Purpose: the 2 Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) pledging Rs 215 crore to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) in New Delhi for the development of sports in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ NTPC contributes Rs 115 crore over the next 5 years to support the Archery discipline in India. <p>REC committed an amount of Rs 100 crore over 3 years to support Women's Hockey, Athletics and Boxing.</p>
National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)	ENGIE, a clean energy firm, through its subsidiary SolaireDirect Energy India Private Ltd (SEIPL)	<p>Purpose: to train 600 youths in solar module programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This is a part of ENGIE's corporate social responsibility (CSR) for the year 2022-23. <p>Under this initiative, NSDC aims to ensure that all of the training programmes are in line with the Qualification Pack (QP) or National Occupation Standards set by the Sector Skill Councils (SSC).</p>
Bharti Airtel	IBM (International Business Machines Corporation)	<p>Purpose: to deploy Airtel's edge computing platform, which will enable large enterprises across several industries like manufacturing and automotive to accelerate innovative solutions.</p> <p>Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, intends to use the edge platform to increase accuracy and efficiency for quality inspections on the factory floor.</p>
National Institute for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)	World Resources Institute (WRI) India	<p>Purpose: To launch India's 1st electric freight platform, e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India) to enable road based electric freight (e-freight) transition.</p> <p>The e-FAST India platform is supported by the World Economic Forum (WEF), CALSTART and RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute) India for bringing different stakeholders together, from across the freight ecosystem.</p>
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)	Indian Army	<p>Purpose: to implement a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project 'Kargil Ignited Minds' to</p>

		<p>coach and mentor less-privileged girl students in Kargil.</p> <p>The 'Kargil Ignited Minds' project aims to prepare 50 girl students for various national-level engineering and medical entrance examinations.</p>
Google Cloud with FutureSkills Prime, a Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)	NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) Digital Skilling Initiative	<p>Purpose: to launch the first cohort of its computing foundations with the Kubernetes course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kubernetes is an open-source container orchestration system for automating software deployment, scaling and management. <p>The course will be offered free to students at higher education Institutions and freshers seeking to skill themselves on emerging technologies.</p>
BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. (BAPL)	Ministry of Defence (MOD)	<p>Purpose: for the purchase of additional dual-role capable Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missiles at an approximate cost of Rs.1700 Crore under the "Buy-Indian" Category, giving more momentum to Aatmanirbharta in the defence sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ BAPL enhances the new generation of Surface-to-Surface Missiles (SSMs) with increased range and dual function capability for land and anti-ship attacks. <p>The name 'BrahMos' signifies the Brahmaputra river in India and the Moskva river in Russia.</p>
Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)	Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IITD)	<p>Purpose: for collaboration in several areas of telecom, including Internet of Things (IoT)/ Machine-to-machine (M2M), Artificial Intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning (ML), Cyber Security, and 5G & Beyond technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ C-DOT is the Telecom Technology R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications. <p>C-DOT: Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay; Establishment – 1984; HQ – New Delhi, Delhi</p>
Amazon Internet Private Limited	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Sector Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD)	<p>Purpose: to provide skill training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi. The tripartite MoU envisages mobilisation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) for skill training provided by the DEPwD, designing of job roles for e-commerce sector by SCPwD and providing skill training and hiring of PwDs.</p>
Tata-owned airlines – Air India, AirAsia India and Vistara (Tata SIA Airlines)	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP)	<p>Purpose: to collaborate and work together on the research, development and deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Tata Group Airlines' focus will be on Single Reactor HEFA (Hydro processed Esters and Fatty Acids) Technology for Drop-in Liquid

		<p>Sustainable Aviation and Automotive Fuel (DILSAAF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions from its operations by 2050 with the aim of the Paris agreement to limit global warming to 1.5°C. <p>CSIR-IIP: Director & Chairman- Dr Anjan Ray; Establishment- 1960; HQ- Dehradun, Uttarakhand.</p>
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	Brazilian oil major Petrobras (Petróleo Brasileiro S.A)	<p>Purpose: to diversify its crude oil sourcing for energy security in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India for the first time, signed a long term crude oil supply agreement with Petrobras. ✓ Bharat PetroResources Limited (BPRL), a production subsidiary of BPCL is set to invest USD 1.6 billion to develop an oil block in Brazil. <p>BPCL: CMD - Arun Kumar Singh; HQ - Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p>
Coromandel International, Chambal Fertilizers	Indian Potash Limited with Canpotex	<p>Purpose: for long term fertilizer availability for the farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Canpotex, a Canada based company, is one of the largest potash suppliers of the world, exporting around 130 LMT (lakh metric tonne) of product annually. <p>India meets 100 per cent of its potash requirement through imports. The country imports approximately 40 LMT MOP annually.</p>

OTHER MoU's IN CONTENT FORMAT

Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi & UP sign pact for passenger vehicle movement

Haryana, NCT (National Capital Territory)-Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (UP) signed the Status of Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA) for State Contract Carriage and Stage Carriage among these governments.

- ✓ Under CRCTA, there will be single point taxation for all motor cabs/taxis/auto rickshaw; all Stage carriage buses, all State Transport Undertakings (STUs) of NCR, including city bus services.

Inter-state road connectivity among National Capital Region (NCR) states- (Haryana, NCT Delhi, Rajasthan and UP) road safety and possibilities of CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)/Electric buses in the region were discussed in the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
R. Venkataramani	Attorney General (AG)	India	<p>Droupadi Murmu, President of India, has appointed senior advocate R. Venkataramani (72-years old) as the Attorney General (AG) for India for a period of 3 years succeeding K. K. Venugopal, whose term as AG ends on 30th September 2022. He is the 16th AG of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Venkataramani enrolled as a lawyer in July 1977 with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and shifted his practice to the Supreme Court in 1979. ✓ He was also involved in the Constitution Review Commission Work under the chairmanship of Venkatachelliah. ✓ Attorney General for India is the first law officer of the Government of India and he is also a part of the Union Executive. <p>Under Article 76(1) of the Constitution, the President of India appoints a person who is qualified to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court to be the AG for India.</p>
Anil Chauhan	Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)	India	<p>Government of India(GoI) appointed Lieutenant (Lt.) General (Gen.) Anil Chauhan, the military adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and a former Eastern Army Commander, as the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He is the 2nd person to hold the post of CDS after General Bipin Rawat, who died in a chopper crash in December 2021 in Tamil Nadu.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General Anil Chauhan will also function as Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs, GoI with effect from the date of his assumption of charge and until further orders. ✓ Gen. Anil Chauhan retired in May 2022 and is currently the military advisor to national security advisor Ajit Doval. He has authored a book "Aftermath of a Nuclear Attack", published in 2010.
Rajendra Kumar	Director General	Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)	<p>Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has appointed a senior IAS officer Rajendra Kumar as the Director General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rajendra Kumar replaces Mukhmeet S. Bhatia, an IAS Officer of the 1990 batch of Jharkhand cadre, who took over the charge of Director General of ESIC on 1st April 2021. <p>ESIC is one of the two main statutory social security bodies under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. The other one is the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation(EPFO).</p>
Kalyan Chaubey	President	All India Football Federation (AIFF)	<p>The former Indian Footballer and Indian Politician (BJP), Kalyan Chaubey from West Bengal defeated former Indian Professional Footballer Bhaichung Bhutia from Sikkim, in 33-1 polls to become new President of All India Football Federation (AIFF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kalyan Chaubey replaces the long-time president Praful Patel (2009-2022). <p>In AIFFs 85-year history, Chaubey is the first former Indian player to chair as President in the football federation.</p>
Dilip Tirkey	President	Hockey India (HI)	The former India captain and Olympian Dilip Tirkey has been elected unopposed as the new

			<p>President of Hockey India (HI). He became the Hockey India's first player-president. The appointment was approved by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bhola Nath has been elected unopposed as secretary general. Adille Sumariwalla, who is also a former player, is the President of Athletics Federation of India.
Nand Kishore	Managing Director	IL&FS	<p>The Ministry of Corporate Affairs reshuffled the board of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) Limited which undergoes a debt resolution process and appointed Nand Kishore, Executive Director as the New Managing Director, with immediate effect till March 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Existing Board member CS Rajan is being redesignated as the Non-Executive Chairman. ✓ The board has five members includes Rajan and Kishore, the other directors are G C Chaturvedi, Malini Shankar and N Srinivasan. G C chaturvedi will step down on September 30 2022. <p>IL&FS: MD – Nand Kishore; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra; Establishment- 1987</p>
Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari	Chairman	Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)	<p>Chief Justice of Madras High Court (HC), Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari was appointed as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The order was issued by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>He was appointed by the President of India for a period of 4 years, or till attaining the age of 70 or until further orders, whichever is the earliest in terms of Tribunal (Conditions of Service) Rules, 2021 in Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021.</p>
Dilip Asbe	Managing Director (MD) & Chief	NPCI	<p>National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved the re-appointment of Dilip Asbe as the</p>

	Executive Officer (CEO)		<p>Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NPCI for a period of 5 years, with effect from 8th January 2023 to 7th January 2028 during its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 22nd September 2022.</p> <p>NPCI: Establishment- 2008; HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Dr Rajiv Bahl	Director General (DG)	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	<p>Dr Rajiv Bahl was appointed as the new Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of the Department of Health Research, for a period of 3 years. He will replace Dr Balram Bhargava. The appointment of Dr Rajiv Bahl DG of ICMR & Secretary of the Department of Health Research was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.</p>
Santhosh Iyer	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Mercedes-Benz India Pvt. Ltd	<p>India's largest luxury car manufacturer, Mercedes-Benz India Pvt. Ltd, has appointed Santhosh Iyer as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company with effect from 1 January, 2023. He will replace Martin Shwenk, who will take over as President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Thailand. At the age of 46, Santhosh Iyer became the first Indian and the youngest person to be appointed as head of Mercedes-Benz India.</p>
Rajesh Kumar Srivastava	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)	<p>Rajesh Kumar Srivastava has been given additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for a period of 4 months with effect from 1st September 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He took charge as the 3rd interim Chairman of ONGC following the superannuation of the incumbent Alka Mittal on 31st August 2022. ✓ Rajesh Kumar Srivastava is currently serving as director (exploration) of ONGC.

			ONGC: Founded-1956; HQ-New Delhi, Delhi.
M V Iyer	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	GAIL	<p>M V Iyer Director (Business Development), Additional Charge of Director (Marketing) of GAIL (India) Limited has been given additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He has been appointed for a period of 3 months with effect from September 1, 2022, following the superannuation of current CMD Manoj Jain on August 31, 2022. <p>He is also the Director of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL), GAIL's new Joint venture company for implementation of North East Gas Grid.</p>
Laxman Narasimhan	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Coffee Giant Starbucks	<p>Laxman Narasimhan an Indian-American business executive, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the coffee giant Starbucks. He will take over the position from October 1, 2022, and replaces Howard Schultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Currently, Narasimhan, is the CEO of UK-based health, hygiene and nutrition company Reckitt Benckiser.
Shaji Prabhakaran	Secretary General	All India Football Federation (AIFF)	<p>The All India Football Federation (AIFF) appointed Shaji Prabhakaran as its new Secretary General who resigned the post of Football Delhi president.</p> <p>The appointment of Prabhakaran as Secretary General and Sunando Dhar as the new Deputy Secretary General of the sports body was carried out by the newly-formed executive committee of the AIFF, whose president is Kalyan Chaubey.</p>
Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMB)	<p>Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam took charge as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMB) with an immediate effect from 4th September 2022 for 3 years.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He will replace the incumbent MD and CEO KV Rama Murthy, whose period expired on September 3, 2022. <p>TMB: Founder Chairman- M.V. Shanmugavel Nadar;</p> <p>Establishment- 1921; HQ- Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.</p>
Binesh Kumar Tyagi	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)	Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI)	<p>Binesh Kumar Tyagi took over as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The proposal of Captain B K Tyagi has been signed off by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and his service as CMD is for 5 years. <p>SCI: CMD - Binesh Kumar Tyagi;</p> <p>Establishment- 2nd October 1961;</p> <p>HQ- Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>
Sanjay Khanna	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Country Manager	AEBC India	<p>The American Express Banking Corporation (AEBC) appointed Sanjay Khanna as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Country Manager of AEBC India. At present, Sanjay Khanna heads the Country Executive Team (CET). The appointment was announced by Rob McClean, Executive Vice President, International Card Services, American Express.</p>
Abhishek Mishra	Member	FCIs Consultative Committee	<p>Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal has appointed Abhishek Mishra, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) as a member of the Consultative Committee, Food Corporation of India (FCI), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.</p> <p>Abhishek Mishra, currently serving as the youngest Advisory Panel under the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.</p>

Sanjay Kumar Rakesh	Managing Director (MD)	CSC SPV	The Government of India (GoI) appointed former IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer Sanjay Kumar Rakesh , CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of CSC SPV (Common Service Centre Special Purpose Vehicle) e-Governance India, as the Managing Director (MD) of the CSC SPV. He succeeded Dinesh Tyagi. He has also served under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and worked for the 'Indira Awas Yojana' and 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana'.
BP Kanungo & Kaushik Dutta	Independent Directors	BharatPe	BharatPe appointed BP Kanungo , former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Kaushik Dutta , current Chairman and Independent Director at Zomato as independent directors to its Board. The board of directors of BharatPe now includes two executive directors, Shashvat Nakrani (founder) and Suhail Sameer (CEO); five non-executive directors, Rajnish Kumar (former Chairman of State Bank of India) and four investor nominees; and two independent directors.
Sumant Kathpalia	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	IndusInd Bank	IndusInd Bank re-appointed Sumant Kathpalia as its managing director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a further period of three years, with effect from March 24, 2023, up to March 23, 2026.
Pralay Mondal	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	CSB bank limited (formerly known as Catholic Syrian Bank Limited)	CSB bank limited (formerly known as Catholic Syrian Bank Limited) has appointed Pralay Mondal, as its Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years with effect from 15th September 2022. He has been serving as the Deputy MD of CSB Bank since February 2022 and later he was appointed as interim MD & CEO of the bank with effect from April 2022.
Thomas M Devasia	Member (non-life)	IRDAI	The Government of India(GoI) has appointed Thomas M

			<p>Devasia, technical expert at Marsh Insurance Brokers India (Kochi, Kerala), as a member (non-life) in the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post till attaining the age of 62 years until further order, whichever is earlier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This is the first time that the Government has appointed a senior executive from the private sector as a member of IRDAI. <p>IRDAI: Chairperson – Debasish Panda; Establishment – 1999 (Incorporated on 1st April 2000); HQ – Hyderabad, Telangana.</p>
Rajneet Singh Kohli	Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Britannia Industries Limited	<p>The Board of Britannia Industries Limited has appointed Rajneet Singh Kohli as its Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 26th September 2022. Varun Berry has been elevated as its Executive Vice Chairman(VC) and Managing Director (MD) with immediate effect.</p>

INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	APPOINTED AS	ENTITY / PLACE	KEY NOTES
Liz Truss	Prime Minister	United Kingdom (UK)	<p>Queen Elizabeth II appointed Conservative Party (Tory Party) leader Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss) as the 56th Prime Minister(PM) of the United Kingdom(UK) succeeding Boris Johnson, who served as the PM of the UK from 2019 to 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ She has become the 3rd Woman to hold the position. she is also the Conservatives' 4th prime minister since a 2015 election. ✓ For the first time in the Queen's 70-year reign, the handover of power took place at Balmoral rather than at Buckingham Palace in London.

			Liz Truss is the 15th Prime Minister to serve during Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Winston Churchill (1952) was the 1st PM under her reign.
Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga	Interim Prime Minister (PM)	Mali	The Malian military government has appointed Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as Interim Prime Minister (PM) of Mali (West African country), after Mali's Civilian Prime Minister (PM) Choguel Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital. Before he was appointed as interim PM, Colonel Maiga was the government spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration .
Ana Brnabic	Prime Minister (PM)	Serbia	Ana Brnabic has been nominated as Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia by Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic for the second consecutive time. Ana Brnabic who was 46 years old became Serbia's first female and first openly gay person to hold this position. ✓ She has been Prime Minister of Serbia since 2017 and her term will be continued till 2024. Serbia: President - Aleksandar Vučić; Capital - Belgrade; Currency - Serbian dinar.
Gervais Ndirakobuca	Prime Minister	Burundi	Burundi President Evariste Ndayishimiye appointed Gervais Ndirakobuca as the Prime Minister (PM) of Burundi (East Africa) and replaces Alain Guillaume Bunyoni (2020 – 2022).
João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço	President	Angola	Angola's incumbent President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço won a second term as the President of Angola after his party, the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) party, was declared the winner of Angola's general election. He was born 5 March 1954 in Luanda, Angola. Angola: Capital-Luanda; Currency- Angolan kwanza
Amadou Ba	Prime Minister	Senegal	Macky Sall President of Senegal reinstated the post of Prime Minister(PM), appointing former Economy Minister Amadou Ba as the PM of Senegal.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The post of Prime Minister was abolished in April 2019. Mahammed Boun Abdallah Dionne was the PM of Senegal in 2019. <p>Senegal: President- Macky Sall; Capital- Dakar; Currency- West African CFA Franc</p>
Giorgia Meloni	Prime Minister	Italy	<p>Giorgia Meloni, leader of the Far Right nationalist Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy) party won 26% of the vote in Italy's National Election by defeating Mario Draghi and becomes Italy's 1st Woman Prime Minister.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ She served as a Youth Minister in Berlusconi's (2008-2011) government before founding the Brothers of Italy in 2012. ✓ She is the youngest Cabinet Minister in Italy's history. <p>Italy: President- Sergio Mattarella; Capital- Rome</p>
Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud	Prime Minister	Saudi Arabia	<p>Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, a powerful Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia and son of King Salman bin Abdulaziz has been named Prime Minister (PM) of Saudi Arabia by royal decree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The former Prime Minister King Salman bin Abdulaziz will continue to chair the Cabinet meetings that he attends. ✓ King Salman bin Abdulaziz promoted his 2nd son Prince Khalid bin Salman from Deputy Defence Minister to Defence Minister. <p>Saudi Arabia: King- Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud; Capital- Riyadh; Currency - Saudi Riyal.</p>
Volker Türk	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	UN	<p>The United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Volker Türk of Austria as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, following approval by the UN General Assembly (UNGA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Volker Turk replaces Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria, a Chilean politician who served at the office of the UN High

			Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022 . OHCHR: Establishment- 1993; HQ- Geneva, Switzerland.
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BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS

PERSON NAME	BRAND / CAMPAIGN	KEY NOTES
Jasprit Bumrah	Brand Ambassador	Acefour Accessories , a travel accessories company appointed Jasprit Bumrah, an Indian Cricketer as brand ambassador for its eco-friendly luggage brand " Uppercase " for two years. He will lead the "Never Ordinary Campaign". The campaign is managed by RISE Worldwide, an initiative of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and India's largest sports and entertainment company.
Kiccha Sudeep	Brand Ambassador	The Government of Karnataka appointed Kannada actor and director Kiccha Sudeep as the brand ambassador for its ' Punyakoti Dattu Yojana ', a cattle adoption scheme. The scheme aimed at encouraging adoption by the public for the purpose of rearing cattle in 'goshalas' (cow shelters).
Sunil Chhetri	Brand Ambassador	Indian superfood brand Pintola , the Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) company has appointed renowned Indian Football Captain Sunil Chhetri as Brand Ambassador.
Vanessa Nakate	Goodwill Ambassador	The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has appointed Vanessa Nakate , a 25-year-old climate activist from Uganda as the Goodwill Ambassador of the UNICEF. She was a prominent member of the <i>Fridays For Future movement</i> . She founded the <i>Rise Up Movement</i> , a platform to raise the voices of African climate activists, and a project to install solar panels in rural Ugandan schools.
Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh	Brand Ambassadors	Max Life Insurance announced Rohit Sharma , captain of the men's Indian cricket team and his wife Ritika Sajdeh , an Indian sports manager as Brand Ambassadors. ✓ The core message of Max Life Insurance is to be prepared mentally, physically, and financially for emerging challenges. Max Life Insurance: MD&CEO- Prashant Tripathy; Establishment- 2001; HQ- New Delhi, Delhi.
Sourav Ganguly	Brand Ambassador	Lux Industries Limited appointed Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador for its brand Lux Cozi .

		Sourav Ganguly is the president of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
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RESIGNATIONS

PERSON NAME	RESIGNED AS	ENTITY / PLACE
Magdalena Andersson	Prime Minister	<p>Prime Minister (PM) of Sweden, Magdalena Andersson, leader of Social Democratic Party, resigned from the post after her centre-left bloc lost the 2022 Parliamentary Elections to a bloc of right-wing parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Magdalena Andersson was Sweden's first female PM. ✓ Ulf Kristersson, Sweden's Moderate Party leader, is likely to form a new government in Sweden. <p>Sweden: Capital-Stockholm; Currency- Swedish krona; Sweden's Parliament – Riksdag</p>

OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Ratan Tata & 2 others appointed as Trustees of PM CARES Fund

Government has appointed Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus, **Ratan Tata**; retired Justice K.T. Thomas, former Supreme Court judge; and former deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha **Kariya Munda** as the trustees of the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (**PM CARES Fund**).

AWARDS

AWARDS IN THE FIELD OF ARTS & CULTURE FILMS

AWARD NAME	AWARD WINNER	FIELD	KEY NOTES
'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur' (Knight of the Legion of Honour) Award	Dr Swati Piramal	Business, science, medicine, arts, culture, and Indo-French ties	<p>Indian Scientist-Industrialist and Padma Shri recipient Dr Swati Piramal, Vice-Chairperson of the Piramal Group was honoured with the 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur' (Knight of the Legion of Honour), France's top civilian honour for her contribution to business, science, medicine, arts, culture, and Indo-French ties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The award was presented to her by H.E. Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France on behalf of President Emmanuel Macron. ✓ In 2006, Dr Swati Piramal was honoured with Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (Knight of the Order of Merit), France's second-highest civilian honour. She received the Padma Shri award in 2012 for her contributions to the science and technology business.

Lata Mangeshkar Award	Kumar Sanu & Shailendra Singh and Anand & Milind Shrivastav	Film Music	<p>Renowned playback singers Kumar Sanu & Shailendra Singh and the duo of Indian film music composers Anand & Milind Shrivastav have been conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years. The prestigious award is given on the birth anniversary of the late legendary singer, Lata Mangeshkar at her birthplace Indore, Madhya Pradesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shailendra Singh is honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2019, for his distinct voice from 1970-1980. ✓ Anand-Milind is honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2020, for composing music for over 200 films. <p>Kumar Sanu is honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2021, for his velvet voice to numerous popular songs in the 1990s.</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT AWARDS

AWARD NAME	AWARD WINNER	FIELD	KEY NOTES
2022 United Nations (UN) Interagency Task Force, and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award	India	India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)	<p>On 21st September 2022, India won a '2022 United Nations (UN) Interagency Task Force, and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' for its 'India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)', a Large-scale hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission (NHM) at the UN General Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ IHCI is a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments and the World Health Organization (WHO)- India. <p>The Indian Government has adopted the "25 by 25" goal to reduce premature mortality due to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) by 25% by 2025.</p>
Outstanding Narrator Award	Barack Obama	His Netflix series "Our Great National Parks: A World of Wonder"	The former President of the United States (US), Barack Obama won the Outstanding Narrator Award at the 2022 Creative Arts Emmy Awards (74th Emmy) for his Netflix series " Our Great National Parks: A World of Wonder ", a 5-part documentary series

			<p>about some of the world's national parks and their wildlife.</p> <p>He is the 2nd US president to win an Emmy. Dwight D Eisenhower (34th US President) was given a special Emmy Award in 1956.</p>
Honorary General of the Nepali Army	General Manoj Chandrashekhar Pande	Army	<p>Bidya Devi Bhandari, the President of Nepal conferred the honorary rank of General of Nepal Army to General Manoj Chandrashekhar Pande, the Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army. Manoj Pande was conferred at a special ceremony at the President's official residence 'Shital Niwas' in Kathmandu, Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 1st Indian Army Chief to be decorated with this title was KM Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief General in 1950. <p>In 2021, Chief of Nepali Army, General Prabhu Ram Sharma has conferred with Honorary General of the Indian Army by the former Indian President Ram Nath Kovind.</p>
Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022	Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Bencheghib (Indonesia)	-	<p>The Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) announced the winner of the 64th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Bencheghib (Indonesia). ✓ The theme of 2022 Awards is "Greatness of Spirit, Beyond Borders". <p>The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1957 is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Philippines. The award is regarded around the world as "Asia's Nobel Prize"</p>
International Travel Award 2023	West Bengal	Best Destination for Culture	<p>West Bengal has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an</p>

			affiliate member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The award will be presented at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit in Berlin, Germany, on March 9, 2023
Vyas Samman Award	Dr. Asghar Wajahat	His play 'Mahabali'	<p>The 31st Vyas Samman Award was conferred to renowned Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat in New Delhi, Delhi. He was selected for his play 'Mahabali', which is focused on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas.</p> <p>The Vyas Samman awarded by the K.K. Birla Foundation is a literary award that recognises outstanding work of Hindi literature by an Indian citizen published in the previous 10 years.</p>
Meritorious Service Medal	Admiral Sunil Lanba	-	<p>Admiral Sunil Lanba (Retd), former Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Indian Navy, was conferred the prestigious <i>Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera)</i> [Meritorious Service Medal (Military)] by Halimah Yacob, the President of the Republic of Singapore at the Ministry of Defence, Singapore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The award was presented by Dr Ng Eng Hen, Defence Minister of Singapore on behalf of the President. <p>The award is a recognition of his outstanding contribution to the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.</p>
INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge)	60 startups	-	<p>Union Minister of State (MoS) for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh presented INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) to 60 startups and financial support to 53,021 students.</p> <p>The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK, a flagship scheme of the country is jointly implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) with the National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF).</p>

Airport Service Quality Award-2022	Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)	-	<p>The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has won the Airport Service Quality Award-2022 in the 5 to 15 million passenger category of airports operating in the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The award recognized CIAL's implementation of 'Mission Safeguarding' program that was implemented in 2021-22 to ensure seamless traffic and passenger satisfaction after COVID-19 pandemic. <p>The Airport Service Quality Award is instituted by the Airport Council International (ACI).</p>
Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022	Uttar Pradesh	Effective implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme	<p>The Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) was awarded the Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for effective implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ UP was rewarded for its contribution in various health facilities to the Health Facility Register, the event was organized at the Aarogya Manthan programme in Delhi. ✓ UP became the best performing state in India with 28728 Health facilities added to the National Health Facility Register. <p>UP also became the second best State in creating Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA) with almost 2 crores ABH Accounts.</p>
Changemaker Award	Srishti Bakshi	-	<p>A women's rights activist from India, Srishti Bakshi has won the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards held at a ceremony in Bonn, Germany.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The award is given to recognise the efforts of Srishti Bakshi to raise awareness of gender-based violence and inequality. <p>WOMB: Women Of My Billion, a documentary that captured her journey</p>

			exposes the raw emotions and realities of women in India.
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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS IN CONTENT FORMAT

President of India Presents National Service Scheme Awards for the Year 2020-21

The President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** presented the [National Service Scheme \(NSS\) Awards](#) for the year 2020-2021 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ The NSS awards are conferred every year by the Department of Youth Affairs, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

NSS Awards 2020-2021 Categories:

Category	Number of awards	Value
University/ +2 Council	2	1st Award – Rs.5 Lakh for NSS Programme Development with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council, along with a certificate and a silver medal to the programme coordinator. 2nd Award – Rs.3 Lakh for NSS Programme Development with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council, along with a certificate and a silver medal to the programme coordinator.
NSS Units and their Programme Officers	10 +10	Rs.2 Lakh to each NSS Unit for NSS Programme Development along with a Trophy and Rs. 1.5 Lakh to each Programme Officer with a certificate and a silver medal.
NSS Volunteers	30	Rs. 1 Lakh to each volunteer along with a certificate and a silver medal.

Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary Suella Braverman wins 1st Queen Elizabeth award

Indian-origin UK (**United Kingdom**) Home Secretary **Suella Braverman** has been named the winner of the **1st Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award** at the Asian Achievers Awards (**AAA**) 2022 ceremony in London, England.

- ✓ She is a 42-year-old British politician and barrister who was appointed as the **UK's Home Secretary** on 6 September 2022 by British Prime Minister Mary Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss) at the AAA 2022 ceremony.
- ✓ The Asian Achievers Awards (AAA) 2022 is the 20th edition held on 23 September 2022 in central London.

Forbes Asia 100 to Watch: 11 Indian start-ups feature in the list

Forbes Asia released the 2nd edition of the list titled '[Forbes Asia-100 to Watch 2022](#)'. The list highlights small companies and startups on the rise across the Asia-Pacific region.

- ✓ The list for 2022 featured **11 start-up companies from India** along with 19 companies from Singapore, followed by 16 start-ups from Hong Kong, 15 from South Korea, and 13 from China.

Indian start-ups 'Forbes Asia-100 to Watch' list:

Company	CEO	Founded Year	Category
TartanSense	Jaisimha Rao	2015	Agriculture
Gramheet	Pankaj Prakash	2020	Agriculture
Bijak	Nakul Upadhye	2019	Agriculture
Animall	Neetu Yadav	2019	Agriculture

Agrostar	Shardul Sheth	2013	Agriculture
Pocket FM	Rohan Nayak	2018	Entertainment & Media
Euler Motors	Saurav Kumar	2018	Logistics & Transportation
Park+	Amit Lakhota	2019	Logistics & Transportation
FRND	Bhanu Pratap Singh Tanwar	2018	Consumer Technology
Bijnis	Siddharth Vij	2015	E-commerce & Retail
GoKwik	Chirag Taneja	2020	E-commerce & Retail

Karim Benzema & Alexia Putellas Win UEFA Player of the Year 2021/2022 Titles

Real Madrid CF striker **Karim Mostafa Benzema** (France) was awarded the 'UEFA Men's Player of the Year 2021/22' title and **Alexia Putellas Segura** (Spain) was awarded the 'UEFA Women's Player of the Year 2021/2022' title.

- ✓ The 2021/2022 Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) award ceremony, hosted by Turkish Football Federation, was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 25th August 2022.

2021/2022 UEFA awards:

Award category	Name	Country /Club
UEFA Men's Player of the Year	Karim Mostafa Benzema	France/ Real Madrid
UEFA Women's Player of the Year	Alexia Putellas Segura	Spain/FC Barcelona Femeni
UEFA Men's Coach of the Year	Carlo Ancelotti	Madrid, Spain
UEFA Women's Coach of the Year	Sarina Weigman	England, United Kingdom
UEFA President's award	Arrigo Sacchi	Italy

Gates Foundation honours 4 leaders with 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals awards; Dr Radhika Batra of India among winners

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation honoured 4 changemakers, Dr Radhika Batra (India), Zahra Joya (Afghanistan), Vanessa Nakate (Uganda), and Ursula von der Leyen (Germany), with the 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards as a part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.

- ✓ The award recognises their efforts to advance progress towards the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their communities and around the world.

Winners of 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards:

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

MoHUA Minister Hardeep S. Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) presented **Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022** which are an initiative of the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PWD), women and girls, and the elderly.

- ✓ These were launched in April 2022 to promote people-centric design and indigenous technological innovations and solutions.

Winners were announced in 3 categories: Early-Stage Innovations; Market-Ready Solutions; Implemented Solutions. [Click here to read more.](#)

GRSE conferred with coveted Green Channel Certification by Defence Ministry

Warship maker **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** was conferred the **Green Channel Certification** by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the supply of portable steel bridges – **Beiley type** – of various spans and configurations to the Indian Army.

- ✓ GRSE is the only organization in India qualified for the Green Channel Certification for Portable Steel Bridges (Bailey Type), from the Indian Army.

City of Markham in Canada named a Street After AR Rahman

AR Rahman, the Oscar Award-winning musician was honoured by naming a street after him in **Markham**, Ontario, Canada.

Lok Nayak Foundation Sahitya Puraskar presented to Tanikella Bharani in Vizag

Telugu writer and actor, **Tanikella Bharani** was presented with the annual **Sahitya Puraskar of the Loknayak Foundation (18th Loknayak Foundation Award)** at an award ceremony held at Kalabharathi Auditorium, Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- ✓ The award is popularly referred to as '**Andhra Jnanpith**'. It is given annually to an eminent Telugu writer or poet or a person credited with service for the cause of Telugu literature.

Federal Bank Becomes Only Indian Bank among Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 by Great Place to Work

The **Federal Bank Ltd** was ranked **63rd on the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022** and became the **only bank in India** to be listed by Great Place to Work, the global authority on building, sustaining and recognizing High-Trust, High-Performance Culture at workplaces.

According to Great Place to Work India data, 88% of employees at the best workplaces in Asia on average reported having a positive employee experience.

Akash Ambani is the only Indian to be on Time100 Next Emerging Leaders' list

Akash Ambani, the Chairman of Reliance Jio is the only Indian to be featured on the **TIME100 NEXT** emerging leaders' list, TIME magazine's list of the world's rising stars (United States-based global magazine).

- ✓ Another Indian-born American business leader, **Amrapali Gan** is also on the list.

TIME magazine annually publishes the TIME100 Next, a list inspired by its flagship TIME100 which recognizes 100 rising stars worldwide.

SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

SUMMITS

SUMMITS	VENUE	KEY POINTS
International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022	India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh	The Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida in

		<p>Uttar Pradesh. The last such Summit was held in India in 1974.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme – Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood. ✓ India is the largest milk producing country which accounts for about 23 % of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually empowering more than 8 crore dairy farmers. <p>The government has taken multiple steps for the betterment of the dairy sector, which has resulted in an increase of milk production by more than 44 % in the past 8 years (2014-2022). Click here to read more.</p>
SCO Summit 2022	Samarkand, Uzbekistan	<p>Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi visited Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on September 15-16, 2022, to attend the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) 2022. The summit was chaired by the President of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Samarkand Declaration 2022 was signed by the SCO Heads of State, which contained a decision on the Comprehensive Action Plan for 2023-2027. ✓ The city of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, India, was nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for the years 2022–2023. ✓ India took over the rotating presidency of the SCO from Uzbekistan and will hold the presidency of the group for a year, till September 2023. <p>Uzbekistan: PM – Abdulla Aripov; Capital – Tashkent; Currency – Uzbek Som (UZS). Click here to read more.</p>
Globoil Summit 2022	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	<p>The 25th Globoil Summit 2022, organized by Tefla's, was held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh (UP) as a congregation of leading players from the domestic and global edible oil trade and industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ During the summit the apex edible oil industry associations from five major palm oil importing countries of Asia viz. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal have formed an Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA). This formation is on the lines of the initiative of the global sustainable agriculture specialist Solidaridad Network. <p>India is the largest importer of Palm oil in the Asian region and accounts for 15% of global imports. Click here to read more.</p>

EVENTS

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Renewable Energy India (REI) Expo 2022	India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	The Indian Biogas Association (IBA) is set to organise the Renewable Energy India (REI) Expo 2022 , the 15th edition of REI Expo, from 28th to 30th September 2022 at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The expo is expected to bring in investment opportunities worth Rs 800 crore for the biogas sector.
One Week One Lab	New Delhi	Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh , who is also the Vice President of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), announced the ' One Week One Lab ' theme-based campaign in New Delhi, Delhi. The campaign aims to showcase the breakthroughs and innovations in each of the 37 CSIR laboratories/institutes spread across India.

CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE	VENUE	KEY POINTS
Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX-2022)	Karnataka	<p>The 7th biennial international Exhibition and Conference "Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX-2022)" was held from September 05-07, 2022 at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized it in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), and the Space Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). ✓ The International Conference on Space 2022 was held alongside the exclusive exhibition with the Theme: 'Nurturing the NewSpace in India'. <p>ISRO: Chairman – S. Somanath; Establishment – 1969; HQ – Bengaluru, Karnataka. Click here to read more.</p>
Annual Gathering and 20th Asia-pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC) and Associated Meeting 2022	New Delhi	<p>Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur inaugurated the 47th Annual Gathering and 20th Asia-pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC) and Associated Meeting 2022 that took place from 19th September, 2022 to 21st September 2022 in New Delhi.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's Presidency of the prestigious AIBD has been extended for another year. ✓ Current President of AIBD - Mayank Kumar Agrawal, CEO, Prasar Bharati and Director General, Doordarshan. <p>Theme of the event – ‘Building a stronger future for broadcasting in the post pandemic era’. Click here to read more.</p>
National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (EF&CC)	Ekta Nagar, Gujarat	<p>A National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (EF&CC) held in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat which was virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi. It is aimed at creating further synergy among the central and state governments on various issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The conference had 6 thematic sessions with topics focusing on LiFE, Combating Climate Change (Updating State Action Plans on Climate Change for Mitigation of Emissions and Adaptation to Climate Impacts); PARIVESH (Single Window System for Integrated Green Clearances); Forestry Management; Prevention and Control of Pollution; Wildlife Management; Plastics and Waste Management. <p>PARIVESH stands for Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive and Virtuous Environment Single-window Hub. Click here to read more.</p>

COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME	COMMITTEE HEAD	KEY NOTES
47-member National level committee	Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu	<p>The Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a 47-member National level committee for drafting of the National Cooperation Policy Document. It will be under the Chairmanship of former Union Cabinet Minister, Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This upcoming policy will realize the vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi', and will have a holistic approach from PACS upwards. <p>The Central government created a new Ministry of Co-operation on July 6, 2021.</p>
Six-member expert committee	M. Damodaran	The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has constituted a six-member expert committee chaired by M.

		<p>Damodaran, former Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in order to suggest measures to boost Venture Capital and Private Equity (VC/PE) investments.</p> <p>Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the formation of an expert committee to examine and recommend relevant policy measures related to VC/PE investments in the Budget 2022–2023.</p>
5-member high-level committee	Vinod Kumar (VK) Paul	<p>The Central Government has formed a 5-member high-level committee to review marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies in India. It will be chaired by Vinod Kumar (VK) Paul member (health), NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India).</p> <p>It will also review various other issues pertaining to the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP), and recommend legally enforceable measures against firms indulging in malpractices.</p>

MEETINGS

MEETING NAME	VENUE	KEY POINTS
Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022	Video Conference	<p>Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) held its 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022 via video conferencing for the third consecutive year on August 29, 2022, and RIL Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) Mukesh Ambani made a number of announcements at the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (Reliance Jio) plans to launch Jio 5G services "Jio True 5G" by October 2022. It has committed Rs. 2 lakh crore to the deployment of 5G services. ✓ The Jio 5G services would first be available in the metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai, and will then be phased out to other cities and towns before covering Pan-India by December 2023. ✓ JioMart and WhatsApp, the well-known messaging service owned by Meta Platforms Inc., based in the United States of America (USA), introduced a new shopping product in India. ✓ Reliance Jio has teamed with Qualcomm, a chipmaker powerhouse based in California (USA) to provide 5G solutions in India. ✓ RIL plans to establish its Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) business in 2022

		<p>through its retail venture Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. (RRVL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Akash Ambani, chairman of Reliance Jio, showcased the new Jio AirFiber and Jio Cloud PC services at the 45th AGM of RIL in 2022. ✓ Reliance Jio has announced its collaboration with Alphabet Inc.-owned Google to introduce "ultra-affordable 5G smartphone" in India as part of a USD 25 billion strategy to roll out the next-generation wireless services. <p>RIL: CMD – Mukesh Ambani; Founder Chairman – Dhirubhai Ambani; Establishment – 1973; HQ – Mumbai, Maharashtra. Click here to read more.</p>
Meeting of the National Board of MSME (NBMSME) and Minister of State for MSME	-	<p>Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane, chaired the 18th meeting of the National Board of MSME (NBMSME) and Minister of State for MSME, Bhau Pratap Singh Verma attended the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He inaugurated the portal for the scheme for promotion of MSMEs in North East Region (NER) and Sikkim. <p>He launched the integration of Udyam and National Career Service (NCS) portals, which was announced in Budget 2022.</p>
India-Japan 2+2 Foreign Ministerial Meeting 2022 and Defence Ministerial Meeting 2022	Tokyo, Japan	<p>Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S. Jaishankar made an official visit to Japan for the 2nd India-Japan 2+2 Foreign Ministerial Meeting 2022 and Defence Ministerial Meeting 2022 held in Tokyo, Japan, from September 7–10, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both Ministers met with their Japanese counterparts, Mr. HAMADA Yasukazu, Minister of Defense of Japan, and Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan. India and Japan celebrate 70 years of diplomatic relations in 2022. <p>In 2019, the "2+2" dialogue with Japan was launched in an effort to strengthen bilateral security and defence cooperation and deepen the strategic ties between the two nations. The United States (US), Japan, Australia, and Russia are among the few nations with whom India has "2+2" format ministerial dialogue.</p> <p>Japan: PM – Fumio Kishida; Capital – Tokyo; Currency – Japanese Yen (JPY). Click here to read more.</p>

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Ministerial meeting	Los Angeles	<p>Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI) was on 6-day visit to San Francisco and Los Angeles of the United States (US) from September 5-10, 2022 to attend the first in-person Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) ministerial meeting in Los Angeles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The IPEF was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23, 2022 at Tokyo, Japan. <p>The 14 members of the IPEF are Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the US.</p>
Partners in the Blue Pacific (PBP) Foreign Ministers meeting	New York	<p>India, as an observer, attended the Partners in the Blue Pacific (PBP) Foreign Ministers meeting held in New York, United States of America (USA). During the meeting the partners aimed to support the Pacific region and committed to work considering additional prospective initiatives in areas like education and infrastructure.</p> <p>PBP is a 5 nation (UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Japan) "informal mechanism" to support Pacific islands and boost diplomatic, and economic ties in the region.</p>

COMMITTEES & MEETINGS IN CONTENT FORMAT

GoI sets up Committee to moderate gas price; headed by Energy Expert Dr Kirit S Parikh

The government of India(GoI) set up a Committee to review the formula to formalise the pricing of gas produced by companies.

- ✓ The committee, chaired by Energy Expert **Dr. Kirit Shantilal Parikh (Kirit S Parikh)**, a former Member of the Planning Commission(GoI), will include members from the fertiliser ministry, as well as gas producers and buyers.

The committee aims to lower inflation and promote the use of cleaner fuel.

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Human Development Report 2021-22- Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World	United Nations Development Program's (UNDP)	<p>India ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories on the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI). In the 2020 report, India was ranked 131st among 189 countries and territories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's latest HDI value is 0.633 which places it in the medium human development category, as compared to its value of 0.645 in the 2020 report. This

		<p>decline is due to the fall in life expectancy from 69.7 years to 67.2 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Also, there is a global drop in life expectancy from 72.8 years in 2019 to 71.4 years in 2021. <p>The index has been topped by Switzerland with 0.962 HDI value. It is followed by Norway (0.961) at 2nd, and Iceland at 3rd (0.959). click here to read more.</p>
The 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index: Emerging Markets Lead in Grassroots Adoption, China Remains Active Despite Ban, and Crypto Fundamentals Appear Healthy	Chainalysis	<p>Vietnam is ranked first in cryptocurrency adoption for the second consecutive year with an overall index ranking of 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India stood at 4th with an index score of 0.663. <p>Vietnam is followed by Philippines with an overall index ranking 2, and overall index score of 0.753, and Ukraine at 3rd with overall index score of 0.694. Click Here for Official Index.</p>
India Tourism Statistics 2022	Jagdeep Dhankhar	<p>The Vice-President (VP) of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, released a report titled "India Tourism Statistics 2022" on World Tourism Day (September 27, 2022) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi. According to the report that was prepared by the Ministry of Tourism (MoT),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maharashtra (MH) and Tamil Nadu (TN) had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million and 1.23 million, respectively, in 2021. ✓ India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05% from 610.22 million in 2020. <p>The MoT has prepared the report by compiling the latest data from various sources viz. United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), States/UTs Tourism Department, Bureau of Immigration (BoI), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) etc., Click here to read more.</p>
Bloomberg Billionaires Index	Bloomberg News	<p>According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (daily ranking index as of 27th September 2022), Gautam Adani has slipped to the 3rd spot from 2nd with a total net worth of USD 135 Billion (Rs10.98 lakh crore). Jeff Bezos, Founder of Amazon, overtook Adani with a net worth of USD 138 billion (Rs11.23 lakh crore).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elon Musk, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla Motors, tops the list with a net worth of USD 138 billion (Rs19.93 lakh crore).

		<p>Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani is now placed at 11th place with a net worth of USD 82.4 billion (Rs6.70 lakh crore).</p>
IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022	IIFL Wealth and Hurun India	<p>According to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, Gautam Adani and family has topped with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore. His daily wealth creation estimated at Rs. 1,612 crore that showed 116 percent growth as compared with the 2021 list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mukesh Ambani and family has been named as the 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore and a growth of 11 percent compared with the 2021 list. His daily wealth creation velocity is Rs. 210 crore. ✓ Nykaa Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Falguni Nayar became India's richest self-made woman by surpassing Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in net worth. ✓ She is also the richest female in India, followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala of Rare Enterprises. <p>Top 3 richest people in the list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gautam Adani and family 2. Mukesh Ambani and family 3. Cyrus Poonawalla and family. Click here to read more.

REPORTS

REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
Globalise to Localise: Exporting at Scale and Deepening the Ecosystem Are Vital to Higher Domestic Value Addition	Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	<p>The report investigates how India can reach its goals of USD 300 billion in electronics production and USD 120 billion in exports by 2025–2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is prepared by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) in collaboration with the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA). Click here to read more.
15th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin [April – June 2022]	National Statistical Office (NSO)	<p>The Unemployment Rate (UR) for people aged 15 and above in urban areas decreased to 7.6% in April-June 2022 from 12.6% in 2021, according to the 15th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin [April – June 2022] published by the National Statistical</p>

		<p>Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).</p> <p>Unemployment Rate (UR): UR is defined as the percentage of the labour force that is unemployed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The UR for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas was 8.2 % in January-March 2022. ✓ The UR for urban Females (aged 15 years and above) was also found to have decreased to 9.5 % in April – June 2022 from 14.3% in the corresponding period of 2021. It was 10.1 % in January-March 2022. <p>In urban areas, the UR for Males fell to 7.1% in April-June 2022 from 12.2% in the corresponding period of 2021. It was 7.7 % in January-March 2022. Click here to read more.</p>
India's External Debt: A Status Report 2021-22	External Debt Management Unit (EDMU)	<p>The 28th edition of 'India's External Debt: A Status Report 2021-22' has been published by the External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) under the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance (MoF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ According to it, India's external debt increased from USD 573.7 billion at the End-March 2021 to USD 620.7 billion at the End-March 2022, an increase of 8.20%. <p>The report offers a comprehensive analysis of the trends, composition and debt service of India's external debt up to End-March 2022.</p>
Global Economic and Insurance Outlook Report	Swiss Re Institute (Switzerland)	<p>According to the 'Global Economic and Insurance Outlook' report published by the Swiss Re Institute (Switzerland), India will emerge as the 6th largest insurance market in the world by 2032, supported by regulatory push and rapid economic expansion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Total insurance premiums in India are predicted to grow by an average of 14% compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) in nominal local currency terms over the next 10 years, placing the country 6th largest in terms of total premium volume by 2032, up from 10th largest in 2021.

		<p>By 2032, India's life insurance market is expected to be the 5th largest in the world. Click here to read more.</p>
Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyaan in Pandemic Times	NITI Aayog	<p>NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) has released the 4th progress report on the POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Abhiyaan, titled "Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyaan in Pandemic Times."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To facilitate for fair comparisons, the report classifies the states and UTs into three categories: large states, small states, and UTs. <p>Top 5 Among Larger States:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maharashtra (MH) 2. Andhra Pradesh (AP) 3. Gujarat (GJ) 4. Tamil Nadu (TN) 5. Madhya Pradesh (MP) <p>NITI Aayog: CEO – Parameswaran Iyer; Establishment – 2015; HQ – New Delhi, Delhi. Click here to read more.</p>
Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate	Cushman & Wakefield	<p>According to property consultant Cushman & Wakefield report titled, 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', Beijing in China tops the technology hubs list in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region and is followed by Bengaluru in Karnataka, India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Between 2017- 2021, Bengaluru stood as one of the largest contributors to office space that leases to companies on an annual average share of 25 percent to 30 percent Pan-India. <p>The report studied around 115 different tech cities across the world and has also identified Chennai, Hyderabad, and Delhi as the top technology hubs in the APAC region after Beijing.</p>
Transforming Trucking in India: Pathways to Zero-Emission Truck Deployment	NITI Aayog	<p>According to a National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog report titled 'Transforming Trucking in India: Pathways to Zero-Emission Truck Deployment', India's trucking market is expected to grow over 4 times by 2050.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Since road freight travel continues to grow, the number of trucks is also expected to rise from 4 million in

		<p>2022 to around 17 million trucks by 2050 which is more than quadruple. Currently, India transports 4.6 billion tons of freight annually, generating a transport demand of 2.2 trillion ton kilometres at the cost of Rs 9.5 lakh crore.</p>
National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates Report of India for 2018-19	National Health Systems Resource Centre	<p>According to the 6th National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates Report of India for 2018-19 data, the centre's share in the total government health expenditure dropped to 34.3 percent in 2018-19 from 40.8 percent in 2017-2018. The government's health expenditure as a percentage of the GDP fell from 1.35 in 2017-18 to 1.28 in 2018-2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The report was prepared by National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), designated as National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat (NHATS) in 2014 by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). ✓ The share of States to government health expenditure has raised up to 7 percent such as 65.7 percent in 2018-19, from 59.2 percent in 2017-2018. <p>The total health expenditure per capita has been increased by 74 percent since 2013-14, that is Rs. 1042 to Rs 1815 in 2018-19.</p>
Progress on WASH in health care facilities 2000–2021: special focus on WASH and infection prevention and control (IPC)	World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	<p>According to the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) titled "Progress on WASH in health care facilities 2000–2021: special focus on WASH and infection prevention and control (IPC)", in 2021, around half of health care facilities across the world lack basic hygiene services with water and soap or alcohol-based hand rub, where patients receive care and at toilets in these facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The report states that around 3.85 billion people across the globe depend on these facilities. This also includes the 688 million people who receive care at facilities with no hygiene services at all ✓ The report was launched at the World Water Week, the annual conference held from 23rd August to 1st

		<p>September 2022 in Stockholm, Sweden. [WASH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene].</p> <p>For the first time, this report has established the global baseline on Hygiene services.</p>
"Global Estimates of Modern Slavery-Forced Labour and Forced Marriage	International Labour Organization (ILO)	<p>There were approximately 50 million (49.6 million) people living in modern slavery on any given day in 2021, up from 40 million in 2016 and a 25% increase over the last 5 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Of these people, 22 million were trapped in forced marriages and nearly 28 million (27.6 million) were subjected to forced labour. The most vulnerable members of society continue to be women and children. ✓ The ILO, Walk Free, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) developed the global and regional estimates stated in this report. <p>ILO: Director-General – Guy Ryder; Establishment – 1919; Member States – 187; HQ - Geneva, Switzerland. Click here to read more.</p>
SBI Ecowrap Report	SBI	<p>As per the report by the State Bank of India (SBI) Research Ecowrap, India is set to become the world's 3rd largest economy by 2029. The report was released by SBI's Economic Research Department (ERD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is likely to surpass Germany in 2027 and Japan by 2029 at the current growth rate. ✓ The report is authored by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI. <p>India has already surpassed the size of the United Kingdom (UK) economy in December 2021 to become the 5th largest economy globally. Click Here for Official Report.</p>
G20 GDP Growth-Second Quarter of 2022	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	<p>India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) among G20 nations contracted by 1.4% (-1.4%) quarter on quarter in the second quarter Q2 (June – August) of 2022 when adjusted for seasonality. In addition, it was the second-worst performance among the G20 (Group of Twenty) nations, after only China (-2.6%).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The G20 GDP contracted by 0.4%(-0.4%) quarter on quarter in the Q2 of 2022.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's GDP also contracted by 1.4% (-1.4%) in the Q1 (March-May) of 2022. <p>OECD: Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann; Establishment – 1960; HQ – Paris, France.</p>
Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report	Kantar BrandZ	<p>According to the Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has emerged as India's most valuable brand, with a brand value of ~USD 45.5 Billion.</p> <p>TCS has replaced HDFC Bank, valued at USD 32.7 billion, which held the 1st position since the Kantar BrandZ India ranking was launched in 2014. HDFC Bank has ranked number two on the 2022 rankings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ According to the report, the Indian brands have increased their brand value by nearly 35 percent Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) since 2020. ✓ Infosys (USD 29.2bn) which has rocketed up to no.3 from 12th position, and ICICI Bank (USD 11bn) which has climbed two places to no.9. State Bank of India (USD 13.6bn) has also risen four places to no.6. <p>The top 10 companies include Airtel (No. 4), Asian Paints (No. 5), State Bank of India (SBI) (No. 6), Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) (No. 7), Kotak Mahindra Bank (No. 8), ICICI Bank (No. 9) and Reliance Jio (No. 10).</p>
Global Wealth Report 2022	Credit Suisse	<p>According to 13th edition of Global Wealth Report 2022 by Credit Suisse, a Switzerland-based investment bank and financial services firm, India witnessed a 12 percent year-on-year (YoY) growth in total household wealth in FY21. The report also estimates that global wealth totalled USD 463.6 trillion at the end of 2021, a rise of USD 41.4 trillion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Number of millionaires in India is expected to grow 105 % to 16.32 lakh between 2021 to 2026 from 7.96 lakh (2021). India houses about 1 % of the world's millionaires. ✓ The number of global millionaires will exceed 87 million in 2026 which is an increase of 25 million from 2021.

		The United States tops the world millionaire list which houses around 39 percent of global millionaires, followed by China in 2nd place.
Report on the Fourth Round of Quarterly Employment Survey	Bhupender Yadav	<p>Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E), has released the "Report on the Fourth Round of Quarterly Employment Survey." which is a part of the All India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES) conducted by the Labour Bureau, MoL&E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) Report on the Fourth Round (January–March, 2022) provides a quarterly analysis of the employment scenario in India as on January 1, 2022. ✓ The Report on QES, which serves as a demand-side survey, will bridge the data gaps on employment in India along with the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which serves as a supply-side survey. <p>During the 4th round of QES (January-March 2022), total employment created by 9 selected non-farm sectors was 3.18 crore in 5.31 lakh establishments. Click here to read more.</p>

RANKING & REPORTS IN CONTENT FORMAT

Nikhil Kamath tops 'IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022', Ola CEO in 2nd spot

Zerodha's co-founder **Nikhil Kamath** topped the '**IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022**' with a net worth of Rs 17,500 crore.

✓ **Bhavish Agarwal**, Co-founder & CEO of Ola Cabs and Olc Electric, came second (Rs 11,700 crore) and Divyank Turakhia of Media.net came third place (11,200 crore).

The Top 5 in IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List:

Rank	Name	Net worth in crore	Company	Age
1	Nikhil Kamath	17,500	Zerodha	36
2	Bhavish Aggarwal	11,700	Ola Electric	37
3	Divyank Turakhia	11,200	Investments	40
4	Nakul Aggarwal	9,900	BrowserStack	37
5	Ritesh Arora	9,900	BrowserStack	38
6	Binny Bansal	8,100	Flipkart	39

UIDAI tops among all Ministries and Departments in resolving Public Grievances during August 2022

According to the Grievance Redressal Index in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) monthly report (August 2022), The **Unique Identification Authority of**

India (UIDAI) topped amongst all Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances during August 2022.

- ✓ UIDAI is the top performer in resolution of cases received through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).

Fortune India Rich List 2022: Gautam Adani Becomes the Richest in India; Wealth of 142 Billionaires Worth USD 832 bn

According to **Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022**, the wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth **USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion)**. The data for the list was collected by the **Fortune and Waterfield Advisors**, a wealth management firm.

- ✓ According to Forbes real-time billionaires list, Asia's richest man Gautam Adani has overtaken Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the 3rd richest person in the world.
- ✓ He became India's richest man with net worth of **USD 129.16 billion (Rs. 10.29 trillion)**

Gautam Adani briefly named the 2nd Richest Person In World

On 16th September 2022, Gautam Adani, an Indian billionaire became the **2nd Richest person in World** on Forbes real-time billionaire list by surpassing **Bernard Arnault**, LVMH (Louis Vuitton) chairman and CEO.

Gautam Adani became the 1st Asian to enter the top 3 on the list. Gautam Adani and his family's net worth surged to **USD 155.5 billion**. According to Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, Gautam Adani's net worth rose by **USD 5.2 billion**, a hike of 3.49%.

LIC out of Top 10 most valued firms; Replaced by Bajaj Finance, Adani Transmission

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) is pushed out of the list of India's 10 most valued companies by market capitalization by **Bajaj Finance** and **Adani Transmission**. **LIC is now ranked 11th with a market capital of Rs 4.26 lakh crore**

- ✓ **Bajaj Finance** and **Adani Transmission** have taken 10th and 9th position, respectively.

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the top valued Indian company with a market capitalisation of Rs. 17.8 lakh crore, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), ICICI Bank, State Bank of India (SBI), and Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Limited.

India Witnesses reduction in Pupil-teacher Ratio over last 10 years

According to the annual report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**), India has faced an acute shortage of **Pupil-Teacher Ratio** over the last **10 years**.

UNESCO's (3rd edition) state of education report for India 2021, titled '**No Teacher, No Class**' focuses on teachers, around **1.1 lakh** schools in India are single-teacher entities.

DPIIT Report: AP Emerges as India's Top Investment Destination Between Jan-July 2022

According to a report (July 2022) released by the Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), **Andhra Pradesh (AP)** has emerged as **India's top investment destination**, attracting a substantial share of investments worth Rs. 40,361 crore between January – July 2022.

- ✓ During this period, India's actual industrial investment amounted to Rs. 1,71,285 crore.
- ✓ Of India's total industrial investments, AP contributed 23.56 %. Odisha came in second with Rs. 36,828 crore.
- ✓ Both AP and Odisha accounted for 45% of total investment inflows to India during this period.

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ACQUISITION & MERGERS

CCI Approval: Aditya Marketing & Manufacturing merges into Umang Commercial; SIIC holds stake in Olam Agri Holdings; Caladium's 7.49 % Stake Buy in Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail Ltd

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the merger of **Aditya Marketing and Manufacturing Private Limited** into **Umang Commercial Company Private Limited**

- ✓ CCI approves the acquisition of **35.43 % stake** in **Olam Agri Holdings Private Limited (Olam Agri)** by **SALIC International Investment Company (SIIC)**.
- ✓ CCI approves the acquisition of approximately **7.49 % shareholding** in **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited** on a fully diluted basis by the **Caladium Investment Private Limited GIC (Ventures)** by way of preferential issuance of equity and warrants. [Click here to read more.](#)

CCI Approves Acquisition of 100% of Equity Share Capital of IIL by PayU India

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the final acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of IndiaIdeas.com Limited (**IIL**) or **BillDesk** by PayU Payments Private Limited (**PayU India**).

- ✓ **Target-** IndiaIdeas.com Limited (**IIL**); **Acquirer** - PayU Payments Private Limited (**PayU India**)
- ✓ PayU India is involved in providing payment aggregation services, which enables merchants (and other entities) to receive payments from their customers across various digital payment methods.
- ✓ IIL is an unlisted public limited company. It uses the name “**BillDesk**” as its trading/ business/ brand name in India.
- ✓ **CCI: Chairperson**-Ashok Kumar Gupta; **Founded**-14 October 2003; **HQ**- New Delhi, Delhi.

RIL acquired a 79.4% stake in SenseHawk Inc for USD 32 million

An Indian multinational conglomerate company, Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) announced in the Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**) filing that the company had paid USD 32 million and acquired a majority stake of 79.4% to control the ownership in the United States (US)-based **SenseHawk Inc**.

SenseHawk, is a California-based developer of software-based management tools for Solar energy generation.

Google Acquires Mandiant for USD 5.4 billion to Strengthen Cybersecurity

Thomas Kurian, the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of Google Cloud has announced the **USD 5.4 billion** acquisition of Mandiant, Inc., the California-based cybersecurity company by Google LLC (limited liability company) to help organisations improve their threat, incident and exposure management.

- ✓ Mandiant, a recognized leader in dynamic cyber defence, is to join Google Cloud to assist businesses in improving their threat, incident, and exposure management, and retain the Mandiant brand.

LIC cut stake with GSK Pharma from 6.402% to 4.357%

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) has cut its stake in GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals (**GSK Pharma**) India from 6.402% to 4.357%.

- ✓ According to the June-end shareholding pattern, the General Insurance Corporation (**GIC**) of India holds a 1.42% stake in GSK pharma.

LIC: Chairman- M.R. Kumar; **Establishment**- 1956; **HQ**- Mumbai, Maharashtra.

CCI approves ADIA's investment of Rs 665 crore in AB Health Insurance under 'Green Channel' route

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the investment of **Rs 665 crore** in primary capital insurance by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (**ADIA**) in Aditya Birla Health Insurance (**ABHI**) in exchange for a 9.99 % equity.

- ✓ The proposal has been approved by the competition under the 'green channel' route. The investment proposal was made in August 2022.
- ✓ AB Capital will hold a 45.91% stake and Momentum Metropolitan Holdings Limited will have a 44.10% stake in the company after ADIAs investment.

SBI acquire balance stake in SBI Global Factors from SIDBI, BoM & UBI

State Bank of India (SBI) acquired the 13.82% stake of **State Bank of India Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL)** from its existing shareholders Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) 6.53%; Bank of Maharashtra (BoM); 4.34%; and Union Bank of India (UBI) 2.95%.

- ✓ Following this acquisition, SBIGFL became a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI. Prior to this acquisition, SBI held an 86.18% stake in SBIGFL.
- ✓ This transaction entails a cash consideration of RS 67.84 crore.
- ✓ **SBI: Chairman-** Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Founded-** 1955; **HQ-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

Adani Group acquires Ambuja Cements & ACC; becomes India's 2nd largest cement maker

The **Adani groups** successfully completed the acquisition of **Ambuja Cements Limited** and **ACC Limited** through Endeavour Trade and Investment Limited (**BidCo**), a special purpose vehicle incorporated by the Adani groups.

- ✓ With this acquisition, Adani has now become India's 2nd largest cement manufacturer.
- ✓ At present, Ultratech Cement is the largest player with a market valuation of over Rs 1.87 lakh crore.
- ✓ Adani Group has acquired Switzerland-based Holcim's 63.1% stake in Ambuja Cements, which owns a 50.05% along with its 4.48% direct stake in ACC.

Canadian Pension fund OTPP to buy 30% of Mahindra Susten for Rs 2,371 crore

Binding Agreement b/w: Canadian-based Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (**OTPP**) Board &Mahindra Group

Purpose: to receive a **30%** stake in Mahindra Group's renewable energy firm Mahindra Susten Private Limited (Mahindra Susten). The value of the stake is **Rs 2,371 crore** (USD 300 million).

- ✓ The deal also initiates the setting up of an Infrastructure Investment Trust (**InvIT**) in compliance with applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**).

CCI approves merger of Jio Cinema OTT platform with Viacom18

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the amalgamation of **Jio Cinema**, an **OTT** (Over The Top) platform with **Viacom18 Media Private Limited (Viacom 18)**, following an investment by BTS Investment 1 Pte. Ltd. and Reliance Projects & Property Management Services Ltd (RPPMSL)

- ✓ Under the partnership, Reliance's Jio Cinema OTT app will be transferred to Viacom18.
- ✓ The proposed combination is notified under Section 6(2) read with Section 5 of the Competition Act, 2002 (as amended).

CCI: Chairperson- Ashok Kumar Gupta; **Founded-**2003; **HQ-**New Delhi,Delhi

Ageas Federal Becomes First Insurer to have 74% Foreign Shareholding

Ageas Federal Life Insurance (**AFLI**) became the **first life insurance company** in India to have **74%** stake held by a foreign partner after the Belgium-based shareholder, Ageas Insurance International NV, completed the acquisition of the 25 % stake from IDBI Bank.

- ✓ Ageas has acquired the additional **25 %** stake of IDBI Bank in Ageas Federal Life Insurance for a total cash consideration of Rs 580 crore.
- ✓ **Federal Bank** continues to hold a 26 percent stake in AFLI whereas IDBI Bank has exited from a shareholder.
- ✓ **AFLI: MD & CEO** – Vighnesh Shahane; **Establishment** – 2007; **HQ** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

M&M to acquire Swaraj Engines' 17.41% stake from Kirloskar Industries

Mahindra & Mahindra(M&M) announced to acquire an additional 21,14,349 equity shares constituting 17.41% stake in **Swaraj Engines Ltd** (SEL) from **Kirloskar Industries Ltd** (KIL) for Rs 296 crore.

- ✓ SEL is based in Mohali, Punjab. It is involved in the business of manufacturing diesel engines and its components.
- ✓ The acquisition will result in increasing M&M's stake in SEL to 52.13% from 34.72%.

Axis Bank to acquire 9.94% stake in Fairfax-backed Go Digit Life Insurance

Axis Bank Limited, India's 3rd largest private sector lender signed a non-binding term sheet to invest Rs 49.9 crore – Rs 69.9 crore for a 9.94% stake in Initial Public Offering (**IPO**) bound Go Digit Life Insurance, a firm backed by Canada-based Fairfax Group.

- ✓ The proposed investment of up to Rs 70 crore will be made in two tranches.
- ✓ **Axis Bank: CEO**- Amitabh Chaudhry; **HQ**- Mumbai, Maharashtra; **Establishment**- 1993

Bank of India acquires over 5.5% stake in ONDC

The Bank of India (BoI) acquired over 5.56% stakes in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for Rs 10 crore under the private placement route.

- ✓ In absolute terms, BoI acquired 10,00,000 equity shares for Rs 100 each in ONDC. The transaction is expected to be completed by the second quarter of FY23.
- ✓ ONDC is a private non-profit Section 8 company established by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

BoI: **MD & CEO**-Atanu Kumar Das; **Founded**- 1906; **HQ**- Mumbai, Maharashtra.

DEFENCE

EXERCISE

EXERCISE NAME	VENUE / PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES	KEY NOTES
Synergy	-	The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise, 'Synergy' for 13 countries.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exercise Synergy was hosted by CERT-In on its exercise simulation platform. <p>Theme of the exercise: 'Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks'</p>
Counter Ransomware Exercise	India & UK	<p>To prepare the energy sector organisation to deal with ransomware attack, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) of India and the Government of the United Kingdom (UK) in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise, a virtual ransomware drill for 26 Countries.</p> <p>The exercise is being conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI)-Resilience Working Group which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).</p>
Exercise (Ex) Vostok-2022(East 2022)	Russia's Eastern Military District	<p>The Indian Army contingent, made up of personnel from the 7/8 Gorkha Rifles, participated in the multinational strategic and command Exercise(Ex) Vostok-2022(East 2022), which took place from September 01 -07, 2022, at the training grounds of Russia's Eastern Military District.</p> <p>This exercise took place at 7 military training grounds in Russia, which include firing ranges in the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia, the Sea of Okhotsk, and the Sea of Japan.</p>
Joint Exercise "Gagan Strike"	Kharga Corps of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF), Punjab	<p>The Kharga Corps of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted the joint exercise "Gagan Strike" in Punjab, to demonstrate the strength and prowess of the armed forces.</p> <p>The joint exercise was led by Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Kharga Corps, and took place over 4 days in various places of Punjab bordering Ambala in Haryana.</p>
Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22)	Bay of Bengal	<p>The sixth edition of Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22) was hosted by the Indian Navy and it commenced in the Bay of Bengal. The first edition of JIMEX took place in the year 2013. The JIMEX 22 marks the 10th anniversary of JIMEX, which began in Japan in 2012 and also coincides with the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between India and Japan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) ships Izumo, a Helicopter Carrier, and Takanami, a Guided Missile Destroyer were represented the Japanese Navy. <p>The Indian Navy was represented by three indigenously designed and built warships; INS</p>

		Sahyadri , a multi-purpose stealth frigate and Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes INS Kadmat and INS Kavaratti .
Parvat Prahar	-	General Manoj Pande , Chief of Army Staff (COAS) reviewed exercise Parvat Prahar , on his 2-day visit to Ladakh. The COAS was briefed on operational preparedness by commanders on the ground. The exercise took place amid the disengagement process of India and China Patrolling Point (PP) 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.
A joint exercise "Abhyas-01/22"	Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) was held off Chennai coast in Tamil Nadu (TN)	The US Coast Guard cutter Midgett took part in the exercise which was on a 4-day goodwill visit for at-sea & in-port pro exchanges with the ICG. The Midgett also interacted with its counterparts in the Philippines, Singapore, and also taken part in bilateral exercises.
Joint Maritime Exercise	INS Tarkash with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships (NNS)	The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash took part in a Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships (NNS) which is currently mission deployed in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) for anti-piracy operations, and to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. INS Tarkash arrived at Port Lagos, Nigeria on September 8, 2022. During the exercise, Nigeria was represented by its NNS Kano, Osun, Sokoto and Nguru. The exercise marked India and Nigeria's first joint operational deployment focusing on anti-piracy operations in the GoG.
Multinational Exercise Kakadu 2022 (KA22)	Australia	The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura and a P8 I Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the Indian Navy reached Darwin in Australia to participate in the multinational Exercise Kakadu 2022 (KA22). KA22 marks the 15th edition of the biennial exercise. ✓ This two week-long Exercise is being conducted in Darwin and the Northern Australian Exercise area (NAXA) from 12-24 September 2022. Theme: Partnership, Leadership, Friendship.
Capacity-building exercise Operation Southern Readiness	Seychelles	The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sunayna participated in the capacity-building exercise Operation Southern Readiness conducted by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) at Seychelles that happened between 24th September 2022 to 27 th September 2022. INS Sunayna is a 2nd Saryu-class Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV). ✓ INS Sunayna has an automatic power management system installed by Larsen &

		<p>Turbo. The ship travels with a speed of more than 25 knots with its two KOEL/Pielstick diesel engines.</p> <p>Seychelles: President – Wavel Ramkalawan; Capital – Victoria; Currency – Seychellois Rupee.</p>
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TESTING

MISSILES NAME	TESTING LOCATION	FEATURES
Inflatable Aerodynamic decelerator (IAD)	Kerala	<p>The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted tests of an Inflatable Aerodynamic decelerator (IAD) that will be used for landing payloads on Mars and Venus in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It was test-flown in a Rohini-sounding rocket – RH300MKII-F22 IAD VEHICLE from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. ✓ IAD technology is designed and developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). IAD can aerodynamically decelerate an object descending through the atmosphere. It means that through this technology the payload will land back on Earth by decelerating the fall at the required level.
6 flight tests of the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM)	Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur	<p>The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army successfully completed 6 flight tests of the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha and is now ready for induction into the Army.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ QRSAM is a short range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system primarily designed and developed by DRDO for the Indian Army. <p>The DRDO successfully test fired an enhanced Range Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) at Balasore and Pokhran, Rajasthan.</p> <p>The Pinaka MBRL is designed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), a laboratory of the DRDO that is based in Pune, Maharashtra. Click here to read more.</p>
Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)	Vandenberg Space Force Base in California	<p>The Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen, a Major Command (MAJCOM) of the United States (US) Air Force, launched an unarmed LGM-30G Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) equipped with 3 test re-entry vehicles, armed with nuclear warheads from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Minuteman III is also known as LGM-30G Minuteman III (Silo Launched Surface Attack Guided Missile – 30G).

		<p>This is the second test by the United States (US) in less than a month after the launch of Minuteman III ICBM in August 2022 which was postponed twice.</p>
'Qimingxing-50' or Morning star-50	-	<p>China has successfully tested its first fully solar-powered Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)/drone namely 'Qimingxing-50' or Morning star-50 which can fly uninterrupted for months and can function even as a satellite if required. It is also referred to as a 'High Altitude Platform Stations' or a pseudo satellite.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is China's first large-sized UAV powered only by solar energy. <p>In July, 2022, the US army tested a solar-powered, near-space Airbus Zephyr S drone that set a new record by being airborne for 64 days.</p>
Gabriel V	Israel	<p>The Israeli Navy successfully tested the newest generation of anti-ship missiles namely 'Gabriel V' which is the 5th generation of anti-ship missiles developed by Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) and the Defense Ministry's Directorate of Research and Development (MAFAT).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is a surface-to-surface missile, also known as the Blue Spear, and ANAM (Advanced Naval Attack Missile) <p>Gabriel V missiles are installed in Sa'ar 6-class corvettes, replacing the Gabriel IV missiles built in the 1990s.</p>
Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile	Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha	<p>The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted the flight tests of two Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile from a ground based portable launcher at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) will be used for neutralising low altitude aerial threats at short ranges. <p>It is designed and developed indigenously by Hyderabad (Telangana)-based Research Centre Imarat (RCI) of the DRDO in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian Industry Partners.</p>

ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE NEWS

PM Narendra Modi commissions India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant in Kochi; Unveiled New Ensign of Navy

Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi, Kerala.

- ✓ He also unveiled the new Naval Ensign "Nishaan" showcasing Indian maritime heritage. He dedicated the new ensign to Chhatrapati Shivaji.
- ✓ INS Vikrant will be based in the **Eastern Naval Command** in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

Indian Navy: Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)– Admiral R Hari Kumar; **Founded** –1950; **HQ**– New Delhi, Delhi. [Click here to read more.](#)

TARAGIRI: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd launches 5th Stealth Frigate of Project 17A

The **5th Nilgiri-Class** stealth frigate of the Indian Navy's (IN) Project 17A namely 'Taragiri' (YD 12653) was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL). It is named after a hill range in the Himalayas located in Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

- ✓ "Taragiri" is the **3rd frigate** built by **MDL** and the 5th ship in the class overall.

It is propelled by a CODOG (Combined Diesel or Gas) combination of two Gas Turbines and two main diesel engines.

India Joins Elite Club with Army Set to Possess Quantum Communication Technology

The **Indian Army** is set to possess advanced **Quantum Communication Technology**, thereby joining an elite list of nations with indigenous quantum technology that will equip troops with a high-end secured defence system.

- ✓ The technology has been developed by the Bengaluru-based startup **QNu Labs** and under the aegis of Innovation for Defence Excellence (**iDEX**), a Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO).

The technology provides advanced secured communication through Quantum Key Distribution (**QKD**) **systems** that is non-hackable.

INS Ajay Decommissioned After 32 Years of Glorious Service

The **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Ajay (P34)**, the second Abhay class anti-submarine warfare ship of the Western Naval Command, was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra, after 32 years of outstanding service to the nation.

- ✓ INS Ajay (P34) was commissioned on January 24, 1990 in Poti, Georgia, in the former Soviet Union (**USSR -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**).
- ✓ It is a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron of the Indian Navy, under the operational command of the Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area (FOMA).

Indian Coast Guard Inducts ICGS Samarth in its Fleet; Indian Navy will Get Two Indigenous Diving Support Vessels

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has inducted ICG Ship(**ICGS**) '**Samarth**' to strengthen the coastal security mechanism. The ship has been based at Kochi, Kerala from Goa under the operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala & Mahe), Kochi.

- ✓ The **Indian Navy** launched two indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessels (DSVs) – **Nistar and Nipun** in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP). The first-of-its kind vessels were built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited.

ICG: Director General – Virender Singh Pathania; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SATELLITES LAUNCHES

SATELLITE NAME	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
Yaogan-33 02	China	China launched a new remote sensing satellite named Yaogan-33 02 into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The satellite was launched by a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered the planned orbit successfully. <p>This marks the 435th flight mission of the Long March series carrier rockets.</p>
Shiyan-14 and Shiyan-15	China	<p>China successfully launched two new Experimental Satellites, Shiyan-14 and Shiyan-15 using the Kuaizhou-1A(KZ-1A) carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in the northern province of Shanxi, China. The name Shiyan means ‘experiment’ in Chinese.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This marks the 18th flight mission of the Kuaizhou-1A series rocket, operated by the Chinese company ExPace. Its first launch took place in 2017. ✓ China has recently sent a new remote sensing satellite – Yaogan-36 on Long March-2D carrier rocket.
NROL-91	United States	<p>A United Launch Alliance (ULA Delta IV Heavy rocket) was carrying the NROL-91, a United States (US) Spy satellite for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the United States Space Force’s Space Systems Command (SSC) from Vandenberg Space Force Base in Santa Barbara County, California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This launch was the 14th for the Delta IV Heavy configuration rocket since its debut in December 2004. <p>Deltas will be replaced by ULA’s next-generation Vulcan Centaur rockets.</p>

OTHER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

NATIONAL

Two New “Super-Earth” Planets Discovered Just 100 Light-Years Away

Two “Super-Earth” planets orbiting LP 890-9, a small, cool star located at about 100 light-years from Earth, have been discovered by an international team of astronomers.

- ✓ The star, which is also referred to as **TOI-4306 or SPECULOOS-2**, is the second-coolest star discovered to have planets, after the famous TRAPPIST-1. The two planets are: **LP 890-9b or TOI-4306b & LP 890-9c or SPECULOOS-2c**
- ✓ These findings are published in the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics.

ISRO tests hybrid propulsion system that uses Solid Fuel, Liquid Oxidiser

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested a **30 kN hybrid motor**, a new propulsion system for the forthcoming launch vehicles, at ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu (TN).

- ✓ The hybrid motor uses Hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) as fuel and liquid oxygen (LOX) as the oxidizer, unlike solid-solid or liquid-liquid combinations.
- ✓ The test was conducted by **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre** (VSSC) with support from the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC).

ISRO: Chairman– S. Somanath; HQ– Bengaluru, Karnataka

ISRO develops Microprocessor-Controlled Smart Limbs

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed 1.6 kg **Microprocessor-Controlled Knees** (MPKs), an intelligent artificial limb, which will benefit above-knee amputees to walk with a comfortable gait.

- ✓ It is developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ISRO under an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan) (PDUNIPPD (D)), and Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).
- ✓ An MPK consists of a microprocessor, hydraulic damper, load & knee angle sensors, composite knee-case, Li-ion battery, electrical harness, and interface elements.

Highlights: NavIC, India's home-grown alternative to the GPS system

Navigation with Indian Constellation (**NavIC**) is an **indigenous** independent stand-alone navigation satellite system developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) and controlled by India. The Indian government nudges the smartphone makers to enable the NavIC navigation system in new devices that are to be sold in India from **2023**.

India's First Avalanche Monitoring Radar Installed in North Sikkim

The first-of-its-kind “**Avalanche Monitoring Radar**” in India has been installed in North Sikkim by the **Indian Army** and the **Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE)**.

- ✓ The radar was made operational by DGRE, a laboratory under the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) specialized in forecasting and mitigating avalanche hazards encountered by the Army in the Himalayan region.
- ✓ The radar is an **all-weather solution** as it can see through snow, fog, and as well as at night.

Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya Launches IPDMS 2.0 & Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 App

Union Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, addressed the **Silver Jubilee** (25 years) Celebrations of the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- ✓ At the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya introduced the Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0 (IPDMS 2.0) and the upgraded Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 App.
- ✓ On August 29, 1997, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, established the [National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority \(NPPA\)](#) as an attached office.
- ✓ Since July 2008, it has been under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. [Click here to read more.](#)

Indian Railways set up 'Meghdoot' machines at Mumbai stations

Indian Railways set up '**Meghdoot**' machines at Dadar, Thane and other stations of Mumbai Division, Maharashtra.

- ✓ The 'Meghdoot' machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into potable clean drinking water.

Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd. was awarded to set up 17 'Meghdoot, Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks' over Mumbai Division of Central Railway under NINFRIS (New, Innovative Non Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme) policy for a period of 5 years.

DBT & SII launches India's First Indigenously-developed vaccine to prevent Cervical Cancer

India had launched its First indigenously-developed quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (**qHPV**) vaccine on **1 September, 2022** against **Cervical Cancer**.

- ✓ This vaccine was developed by the Serum Institute of India (**SII**) and the Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) and the market was granted by the Drugs Controller General of India (**DCGI**), which was recommended by the Subject Expert Committee (**SEC**).

Hughes Launches India's First HTS Broadband Service to Link Remote Areas

Hughes Communications India Private Limited (**HCI**) launched India's first High Throughput Satellite (**HTS broadband**) internet service to provide high-speed satellite internet across India, including in remote areas.

- ✓ This service is provided using the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s **GSAT-11** and **GSAT-29** communication satellites.

The service combines **Ku-band capacity** from ISRO's satellites (GSAT-11 & GSAT-29) and Hughes JUPITER platform ground technology to deliver high-speed broadband.

RattanIndia launches its first anti-drone 'Defender'

RattanIndia Enterprises launched its first anti-drone product called "Defender", which can work both manually and via Artificial Intelligence (AI), which helps it to adjust its position.

- ✓ The anti-drone was developed by Throttle Aerospace Systems, a step-down subsidiary of RattanIndia Enterprises.

The Defender will be a 70% indigenous product with a 30% import component of BLDC motor and batteries.

TATA Developed Indigenous Loitering Munition Successfully Test Fired at Pokhran

An indigenous loitering munition, **ALS 50** developed by TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), has been successfully tested by demonstrating its strike capability tests at Pokhran, Rajasthan.

- ✓ The ALS 50 is an autonomous system that is designed for Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL). It is capable of operating from difficult terrain and high-altitude areas.
- ✓ **TASL: Chairman** – Vijay singh; **HQ** – New Delhi, Delhi

INTERNATIONAL

Nasa's Moxie Instrument Successfully makes Oxygen on Mars

NASA's Experiment Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilisation Experiment (**MOXIE**), a lunchbox sized instrument has successfully generated **Oxygen (O₂)** by carrying out the work of a tiny tree on Mars.

- ✓ Since February 2021, the MIT-led MOXIE, has been producing oxygen from the carbon dioxide (CO₂) rich atmosphere of Mars.

NASA Successfully Tests DART as it Crashes into Asteroid Dimorphos

National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA)'s Double Asteroid Redirection Test (**DART**), the **world's first planetary defence technology demonstration**, successfully crashed into the **asteroid Dimorphos** 6.8m miles from Earth.

- ✓ Dimorphos is an asteroid that was discovered in 1996 and is about 9.6 million kilometres from Earth.
- ✓ DART targeted the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos, a small body with just 530 feet (160 metres) in diameter that orbits a larger asteroid called Didymos which is 2,560 feet (780 metre).

This marks humanity's first attempt to move another celestial body, with an aim to see if a larger asteroid hurtling towards Earth could be diverted.

SPORTS

CRICKET

Mastercard acquires Title Sponsorship Rights for all BCCI International and Domestic Matches

Mastercard announced its collaboration with the **Board of Control for Cricket in India** (BCCI), under which **Mastercard will be the Title Sponsor** for all international and domestic cricket matches of the BCCI to be held in India. Mastercard will hold the sponsorship rights for the 2022-23 season.

- ✓ Mastercard **replaced Paytm** after the digital payments company reportedly backed out of its deal with the Indian cricket board.
- ✓ Under the collaboration, Mastercard will work as the Title Sponsor for all international matches (both women and men) held on home ground, domestic cricket matches like Irani Trophy, Duleep Trophy, and Ranji Trophy organized by the BCCI as also all junior cricket (Under 19 and Under 23) matches held in India.

BCCI: President- Sourav Ganguly; **Founded-** 1928; **HQ-** Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Overview of 15th Edition of DP World T20 Asia Cup 2022; Sri Lanka Won

The 15th Edition of DP World T20 Asia Cup 2022 tournament with cricket format of Twenty20 International (T20I) was held between August 27 – September 11, 2022 in United Arab Emirates (UAE). It was held at two venues of UAE viz. Dubai International Cricket Stadium (Dubai), and Sharjah Cricket Stadium (Sharjah).

- ✓ The Championship title was grabbed by Sri Lanka by beating Pakistan in the finals with 23 runs. It was its 6th Asia Cup title, and 1st in the T20I format. The next edition i.e. 16th will be hosted by **Pakistan** in 2023.
- ✓ A total of 6 nations participated in the tournament viz. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. India team was led by its Captain **Rohit Sharma**.

Category	Winner	Country
Player of the series	Pinnaduwage Wanindu Hasaranga de Silva (Wanindu Hasaranga)	Sri Lanka
Most Runs	Mohammad Rizwan (281)	Pakistan
Most Wickets	Bhuvneshwar Kumar Singh (11)	India

[Click here to read more.](#)

Suresh Raina announces retirement from Domestic Cricket & IPL

Suresh Raina, a former Indian batsman announced his retirement from all forms of cricket including the Indian Premier League (IPL) & Domestic Cricket. and prepared to play in overseas Twenty 20 (**T20**) leagues and the Road Safety Series around the world.

- ✓ He announced his international cricket retirement on August 15, 2020, less than an hour after MS Dhoni had announced his retirement.

Raina, the 35-year-old left-handed batsman, from Uttar Pradesh started his career in 2000 as a cricketer and became the 2nd youngest captain in India. He made his debut in a One-Day Internationals (**ODI**) match against Sri Lanka at Dambulla, Sri Lanka in 2005.

New Zealand Cricketer Colin de Grandhomme Announces Retirement from International Cricket

New Zealand all-rounder **Colin de Grandhomme (36 years)** announced his retirement from international cricket.

- ✓ Colin de Grandhomme was born on 22nd July 1986 and is a former Zimbabwean-born New Zealand international cricketer.
- ✓ He began his career by playing for Manicaland in Zimbabwe, and was a part of the Zimbabwe team at the 2003-04 Under-19 Cricket World Cup in Bangladesh. He debuted for New Zealand Cricket Team in 2012.

Former Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim retires from T20I cricket

Mushfiqur Rahim (35 years old), former captain and vice-captain of Bangladesh National Cricket Team announced his retirement from Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) cricket.

- ✓ He will continue to represent Bangladesh in Test and One Day International (ODI) formats.
- ✓ He is the first and only Bangladeshi batsman to score three double-hundreds in Tests.

He is the highest scorer for Bangladesh in Test cricket.

Australia captain Aaron James Finch Announces Retirement from ODI Cricket

Australia's One Day International (ODI) and Twenty 20 International(T20I) Captain **Aaron James Finch** (35-year-old – Right Hand Batsman), who hails from Victoria, Australia, announced his retirement from ODI cricket to concentrate on Shorter formats of cricket.

- ✓ He has a record of 17 centuries in ODI cricket for Australia men, which puts him in 4th place just behind Ricky Ponting (29), David Warner (18) and Mark Waugh (18) with a total of 5406 runs.
- He will lead the team in the T20 World Cup which will be held in 2022 in Australia.

Rahul Sharma announces retirement from Int'l and first-class cricket

Indian cricketer Rahul Sharma (35 year old) announced his retirement from all international and first class cricket. He represented India in four One Day Internationals (ODI) and two T20Is (Twenty20 International).

- ✓ He made his Indian Premier League (IPL) debut with Deccan Chargers (now Sunrisers Hyderabad) in 2010, then represented the now defunct Pune Warriors in 2013 before moving on to play for Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals) in 2014.
- ✓ He will take part in the upcoming Road Safety World Series for Indian Maharajas.

ICC announces changes in Cricket Rules: Saliva ban made permanent

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced a lot of changes to its 'playing conditions' with an effect from October 2022, which means the upcoming **ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia** will enforce the new rules.

- ✓ ICC has announced its Playing Conditions in **Marylebone Cricket Club** (MCC)'s updated 3rd Edition of the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket after the Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) approved recommendations from **Sourav Ganguly**, Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee.

The Main Changes to the Playing Conditions include:

- ✓ Batter returning when caught
- ✓ Use of saliva to polish the ball

Incoming batter ready to face the ball. [Click here to read more.](#)

Robin Uthappa Announces Retirement from All Forms of Indian Cricket

Indian cricketer **Robin Venu Uthappa** (hailing from Karnataka), a part of the Indian cricket team that won the Inaugural Edition of 2007 Twenty20 International T20I World Cup, held at South Africa, announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket.

- ✓ He was part of India's **2004** Under-19 World Cup team. He made his international debut in **2006** and featured in 46 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 13 T20Is for India.

He has won two Indian Premier League (IPL) trophies for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in **2014** and for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in **2021**.

Australia's Vice Captain Rachael Haynes announces retirement from all forms of Cricket

Rachael Haynes, Australian women's team cricketer & Vice-Captain announced her retirement from International Cricket and State Cricket. Rachael Haynes made her debut back in 2009. She's a 2-time World Cup champion (WCC), 4-time T20 WCC, 4-time Ashes winner, 7-time Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) winner and 2-time Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) champion.

Bangladesh cricketer Rubel Hossain Retires From Test Cricket

Bangladesh cricketer **Mohammad Rubel Hossain** announced his retirement from Test cricket on 19 September 2022.

He will continue to play in One Day International (ODI) and Twenty20 International (T20I) formats for Bangladesh along with Dhaka Premier League (DPL), Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) and other white-ball tournaments.

- ✓ He holds the record of the fastest bowled delivery (149.5kph) by a Bangladeshi cricketer and he also innovated a technique of bowled delivery named '**Butterfly**'.

The Oval, Lord's will Host Next Two ICC World Test Championship Finals in 2023 & 2025

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final will be hosted by The Oval, London, England in June 2023 and the 2025 edition of WTC Final will be played at Lord's, London.

The two venues in London will succeed Southampton (England), which hosted the inaugural final between New Zealand and India in ICC WTC 2021.

Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami announced retirement from international cricket

Indian cricketer Jhulan Nishit Goswami, the bowling legend of Indian Women's cricket team, announced her retirement from international cricket. The Indian Women's Cricket Team's 3rd One Day International (ODI) against England at Lords stadium, England in September 2022 was her last international match.

- ✓ Jhulan Nishit Goswami was born 25 November 1982, Nadia, West Bengal. She is famously known as 'Babul'.
- ✓ She is the only female cricketer to bowl the most number of balls in her career (10005) Women's ODI.

Award: 2010 – Arjuna Award for cricket; 2012 – Padma Shri for Sports (Cricket)

Cricket: West Zone won the 2022 Duleep Trophy against South Zone

The West zone has defeated the South zone by **294 runs** to win their **19th title** in the final day of **2022 Duleep Trophy** at the SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu that was held from 8th September 2022 to 25th September 2022.

- ✓ The 2022 Duleep trophy was the 59th season of the Duleep Trophy.
- ✓ Ajinkya Rahane was the Captain of West Zone and South Zone was led by Hanuma Vihari.

Jaydev Unadkat of West zone became the **player of the series**, **Yashasvi Jaiswal** of West zone won the **Player of the Match** for his match-winning scores 1& 265.

BADMINTON & TENNIS

Badminton: Japan's Kenta Nishimoto won Men's Singles at Japan Open 2022; Japan's Akane Yamaguchi won Women's Singles

Japanese badminton players, **Kenta Nishimoto** and **Akane Yamaguchi** won the men's singles and women's singles titles at the **Daihatsu Yonex Japan Open 2022**, HSBC BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament.

- ✓ The tournament was organised at Maruzen Intec Arena Osaka in Osaka, Japan, from 30 August to 4 September 2022 with a total prize money of USD 750,000.

The 2022 Japan Open was the **16th tournament** of the 2022 BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour and also part of the Japan Open championships, which had been held since 1977.

Badminton: Prannoy HS tops BWF World Tour Rankings; Anupama Upadhyaya tops under-19 BWF Junior rankings

Indian shuttler Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar (**Prannoy HS**) **topped** the latest (6th September 2022) Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) **World Tour Rankings** in **Men's Singles category**.

- ✓ HS Prannoy becomes World's no 1 by overtaking the defending world champion Viktor Axelsen. He accumulated 58,090 points in the tour, 2,500 points ahead of Viktor Axelsen.
- ✓ 17-year-old Anupama Upadhyaya has topped the latest (6th September 2022) BWF World Junior Ranking in Women's Singles category.

Carlos Alcaraz Wins His First US Open-2022 Title and Secures ATP World No.1 Ranking

The Spanish teen **Carlos Alcaraz Garcia** defeated Norway's **Casper Ruud** 6-4 2-6 7-6(1) 6-3 in the **142nd** edition of US Open Championship-2022, Men's singles final to claim his **maiden Grand Slam (GS)** title. Alcaraz also became **World number 1** in The Pepperstone Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world rankings.

- ✓ The finals took place in the Arthur Ashe Stadium (**Hard Court**), New York City, New York, United States, from 29th August 2022 to 11th September 2022.
- ✓ **Iga Świątek** of Poland has defeated Tunisia's **Ons Jabeur** to win the women's singles category.

Winners of US Open 2022:

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's Singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (United States) Joe Salisbury (Britain)	Wesley Koolhof (Dutch) Neal Skupski (Britain)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejcikova (Czechia) Katerina Siniakova (Czechia)	Caty McNally (United States) Taylor Townsend (United States)
Mixed Doubles	Storm Sanders (Australia) John Peers (Australia)	Kirsten Flipkens (Belgium) Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)

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Winner of 20 Grand Slams, Swiss Player Roger Federer announces Retirement from Professional Tennis

A Professional Tennis Player from Switzerland, Roger Federer has announced his retirement from the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Tour and Grand Slams at the age of 41.

- ✓ The 5th Laver Cup 2022 from September 23-25 that will be held at The O2 in London, United Kingdom (UK) will be his final appearance on the ATP circuit.

- ✓ He has won 20 Grand Slam victories, and finished 5 seasons ranked No.1. His victories include- the Australian Open six times, the French Open once, the US Open five times, and Wimbledon, a record eight times (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2017).

His 20 Grand Slam titles are 3rd highest behind Spain's Rafael Nadal (22), and Serbia's Novak Djokovic (21).

Anil Khanna resigns as Indian Olympic Association Acting President

The former head of All India Tennis Association (AITA), **Anil Khanna** resigned as the acting/interim President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

- ✓ In June 2022, He took charge as the acting President of IOA after the Delhi High Court ruling ended Narinder Dhruv Batra's reign as President of IOA.

IOA is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.

ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

India beat Nepal 4-0 to win 2022 SAFF U-17 Championship Title in Sri Lanka

India clinched the 2022 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) under-17 (U-17) Championship title after defeating Nepal by 4-0 score in the final match in Race Course International Stadium, Colombo in Sri Lanka. India emerged as the champion for the **fourth** time (2013, 2017, 2019).

- ✓ The 2022 SAFF U-17 Championship was the 7th edition of the SAFF U-15/U-16 Championship. The Tournament organised by SAFF took place from September 5 to 14, 2022 in Sri Lanka.

India's captain Vanlalpeka Guite was named as the 'Most Valuable Player of the Tournament'. India's goalkeeper Sahil won the 'Best Goalkeeper' award.

Durand Cup 2022: Bengaluru FC Beats Mumbai City FC and won the 1st ever Durand Cup

Bengaluru Football Club(BFC) and its captain **Sunil Chhetri** won their 1st ever Durand Cup by defeating Mumbai City FC (MCFC) in the **Durand Cup 2022** held in Salt Lake Stadium or Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- ✓ Durand Cup 2022 is the **131st edition** of the **Durand Cup**, which is the first edition played after recognition from the Asian Football Confederation. It was sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation (**IOC**).

Durand Cup is Asia's oldest and World's third oldest football tournament.

Bangladesh won their maiden SAFF title at SAFF Women's Championship 2022

Bangladesh won their **first** South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) title at **SAFF Women's Championship 2022** defeating Nepal (3-1). The tournament held from 6th to 19th September 2022 at Dashrath Rangshala Stadium, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The 2022 SAFF Women's Championship was the **6th edition** of this championship.

Indian FSDL & German DFL signed MoU to Bring World's Best Practices to Indian Football

The Deutsche Fußball Liga- (**DFL**- German Football League), the organising body of Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2 has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Football Sports Development Limited (**FSDL**), the commercial partner of Indian football and organiser of the Indian Super League. Both DFL & FSDL (two entities) will focus on club initiatives, and fan engagement using technology and also have workshops. The 1st knowledge-sharing workshop took place in Frankfurt, Germany.

BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING

World Wrestling Championships 2022: India's Bajrang Punia & Vinesh Phogat Won Bronze Medals

17th edition of the **World Wrestling Championships** or **World Wrestling Championships 2022**

was held in Belgrade, Serbia from September 10 to 18, 2022. The United States of America(USA) lead the table with 15 medals followed by Japan (2nd place) and Turkey (3rd place). India is ranked 24th with 2 medals.

- ✓ India's **Bajrang Punia (Haryana)** has won the men's **65 kg Freestyle bronze medal** by defeating Sebastian Rivera of Puerto Rico in the World Wrestling Championships 2022.

Vinesh Phogat (Haryana), a gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games 2022, defeated Swedish champion Emma Malmgren to win the women's 53 kg Freestyle bronze medal.

OTHER SPORTS NEWS

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches mascot & anthem for 36th National Games in Ahmedabad

The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah launched the mascot & anthem for 36th National Games at Trans Stadia in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

- ✓ The mascot is named as **Saavaj** which means lion's cub in Gujarati. The Mascot represents India's cultural heritage while also giving a glimpse of a rapidly growing India.

The anthem is based on the theme-**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**. It encapsulated the philosophy of Judega India, Jitega India, was rendered by Bollywood star singer Sukhwinder Singh.

Indian Chess Players Win Titles at World Youth Chess Championship in Romania

India's **Pranav Anand (Karnataka)** won the **Under-16 (Open) title** and **A R Ilamparthi (Tamil Nadu)** won the **Under 14 (Open)** title at the World Youth Chess Championship 2022 held in Mamaia, **România**.

- ✓ The tournament was organised by Romanian Chess Federation & Fédération Internationale des Échecs (**FIDE**).

Positions of the Indian Players:

Category	Winners	Points out of 11	Position
Under – 14 (Open)	A. R. Ilamparthi	9.5 points	1
	Mrittika Mallick	8 points	4
	Anupam M. Sreekumar	8 points	7
	H. G. Pragnya	7.5 points	8
Under-16 (Open)	Pranav Anand	9 points	1
	M. Pranesh	8 points	5
Under-18 (Open)	S. Kanishka	7.5 points	6
	Rakshitta Ravi	7.5 points	8

GM Aravindh Chithambaram wins 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament 2022; 7 Indian in Top 10

Indian Grandmaster (GM) Aravindh Chithambaram (22 years old) won the **22nd Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2022** with 7.5 points from 9 rounds. Alexandr Predke (Russia), the top seed, finished runner-up on 7 points after a five-way tie for the **second spot**.

- ✓ 7 Indians finished in the top 10 position with R Praggnanandhaa sharing **second spot** with five others.

The tournament, organised by Dubai Chess & Culture Club, was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 26 August 2022 to 5 September 2022.

Arjun Erigaisi wins 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess tournament 2022

Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi (India) won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament 2022.

The tournament was organised by Abu Dhabi Chess Club & Mind Games Federation in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

- ✓ Arjun Erigaisi defeated David Anton Guijarro (Spain) in the ninth and final round with 7.5 points. He is currently India's no. 3 and World's no. 24th in live ranking.

Diamond League Final: Neeraj Chopra Becomes First Indian to Win Diamond Trophy

Neeraj Chopra became the **1st Indian** to win the **Diamond League Finals Title**, after winning the Men's Javelin event at the Zurich Diamond League Final 2022, Switzerland, with a best throw of 88.44m.

- ✓ Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch won the second position with 86.94 m throw and Germany's Julian Webber is in the third position with 83.73m throw.

Neeraj Chopra has won the Olympic Gold in 2021, the Asian Games Gold in 2018, the Commonwealth Games Gold in 2018, the World Athletics Championships silver in 2022.

F1 Champion Max Verstappen extended his lead by winning Dutch Grand Prix 2022

Red Bull Driver **Max Verstappen** (Belgian, Dutch), won the **Formula 1(F1) Heineken Dutch Grand Prix (GP) 2022** and made 4 straight wins for the 1st time in his F1 career.

- ✓ The Dutch Grand Prix 2022 took place at **Circuit Zandvoort**, North Holland, Netherlands.
- ✓ 2022 Dutch GP marks his 10th win in 15 races this season and extended his championship lead to 109 points with seven races remaining.

The **2nd** place was grabbed by **George Russell** and **Charles Leclerc** finished at **3rd** place.

Anishka Biyani wins gold medal in Malaysian Chess Meet

Anishka Biyani, a 6-year-old Mumbai girl, won a gold medal in the Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship in **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia. She achieved the feat in the **Under-6 Open category** (girl's category) with a score of 4 points out of a possible six to clinch the title.

- ✓ She was also qualified as one of the best **Under-7 players** in the **All India FIDE** (The International Chess Federation) **Rating Chess Tournament** held in Yousufguda, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Max Verstappen Claims Fifth-Straight Victory by Winning Italian Grand Prix

Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** has won the 2022 **Italian Grand Prix** (officially known as the Formula 1 Pirelli Gran Premio d'Italia 2022) held at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza (**Monza Circuit**) in Monza, Italy.

- ✓ This marks the first Italian Grand Prix title of his career at the Monza circuit. This also marks his fifth GP title in a row and his **11th win** in 2022 season.

Charles Leclerc of Ferrari finished second followed by George Russell of Mercedes occupied third position.

The 1st ever Mountain Bicycle, UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup 2022 held in India

Ladakh Police in collaboration with the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh and Cycling Association of India organized the **first ever Mountain Bicycle (MTB) World Cup- UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup 2022** in Leh, Ladakh.

- ✓ The event took place at the height of over 12 thousand feet to sea level.
- Winner of Women Elite Category- Cross- Country eliminator- Marion Fromberger (Germany) and
- Winner of Men Elite Category- Cross- Country eliminator- Felix Klausmann(Germany).

Bengaluru's Pranav Anand becomes India's 76th Chess Grandmaster

Pranav Anand (age 15 years) from Bengaluru, Karnataka became **India's 76th Chess GrandMaster** (GM) after winning against International Master (IM) Emin Ohanyan of Armenia in Round 10 of the World Youth Under-16 Open. He received the title after he crossed the **2,500 Elo points** in the **World Youth Chess Championship** in Mamaia, Romania.

India will host the maiden Moto GP race in 2023

India will be hosting a maiden MotoGP (Grand Prix motorcycle racing) World Championships race, named the 'Grand Prix of Bharat' at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh in the following year (2023).

MotoGP commercial rights owner **Dorna** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports to host the premier 2-wheel racing event in India for the next 7 years.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOK NAME	AUTHOR	KEY NOTES
Science Behind Surya Namaskar	Released by: Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, Minister of State for AYUSH	Compiled by: All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) department of Swasthavritta and Yoga , at AIIA. The book is a collection of evidence-based research on one of the most well-known Yoga asanas at the AIIA
When The Heart Speaks: Memoirs of A Cardiologist	Dr. Upendra Kaul, one of India's most distinguished cardiologists	Publisher: Konark Publishers Private Limited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The book is an honest account of the heart touching events of Kashmiri Pandit Dr. Upendra Kaul, who, while travelling to various locations, longed for a home in his hometown of Kashmir. ✓ He was among the first in India to utilize ballooning to open up arteries and other non-surgical procedures. Awards: Dr. B.C. Roy Award for the year 1999 & Padma Shri Award in 2006.
Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story	Pavan C Lall, Senior Journalist	Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers India. (will be released in September 2022) Forging Mettle is a story of Nrupender Rao, Chairman of the Board at Pennar Industries Limited and his entrepreneurial journey.
'Safety in Electrical Installations' and 'Guide for Using National	Released by: Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry,	Occasion: During the 4th Governing Council Meeting of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), New Delhi, Delhi.

Building Code of India 2016'	Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The handbook on "Safety in electrical Installations" is jointly developed by BIS and International Cooper Association (ICA) India. The "Guide for Using National Building Code of India 2016" is a simplified version of National Building Code of India 2016 (NBC 2016).
Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey	Sjoerd Marijne, former Dutch field hockey player and former Indian Women's Hockey Coach	<p>Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The book highlights the experiences of Sjoerd Marijne, when he was appointed the Chief Coach of the Indian Women's Hockey Team in 2017. He was given charge of the Men's Hockey Team in September 2017 <p>In May 2018, he was again appointed as the Coach of Women's Hockey and he guided the team to a fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.</p>
20th Century Indian Art: Modern, Post-Independence, Contemporary	Edited by: Prof. Partha Mitter, Parul Dave Mukherji, and Rakhee Balaram	<p>Publisher: Thames & Hudson in association with Art Alive Gallery</p> <p>The book showcases the history of Indian art across India and South Asia from the late 19th century to the present day.</p>
Rajini's Mantras: Life lessons from India's most-loved Superstar	P.C. Balasubramanian (PC Bala), an entrepreneur-cum-author	<p>Publisher: Jaico Publishing House (India).</p> <p>PC Bala's 1st book was <i>Rajini's Punchtantra</i> and <i>Raja Krishnamoorthy</i>, which became a national bestseller. <i>Grand Brand Rajini</i> and <i>Ram N Ramakrishnan</i> were published on December 2022.</p>
Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation	Compiled by: Bluekraft Digital Foundation Released by: Former President Ram Nath Kovind	<p>Foreword by: Music Composer & Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) Ilaiyaraaja</p> <p>Publisher: Prabhat Prakashan Pvt. Ltd</p> <p>The book illustrates the life, works and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar and also highlights the policies and reforms made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure India's progress in line with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's vision.</p>
Muskurate Chand Lamhe Aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan	Jiwesh Nandan	<p>Released by: Manoj Bajapaye (Renowned Actor)</p> <p>Publisher: Wisdom Tree (Founder & Publisher – Shobit Arya)</p> <p>The book is a bouquet of poems. Jiwesh Nandan has also written a book titled 'Maha Kumbh: A Spiritual Journey'.</p>
Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas	Released by: M. Venkaiah Naidu, Former Vice President (VP) of India	<p>The book is a compilation of 86 speeches in 10 chapters of the Prime Minister(PM), Narendra Modi from May 2019 to May 2020 on various subjects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The book is divided into ten thematic areas; these speeches reflect the PM's vision for 'New India'.
She Is-Women in STEAM	ElsaMarie D'Silva and Supreet K Singh	<p>Released by: Prof. Ajay Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India (GoI)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The book honors 75 women in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) celebrating 75 years of independence of India and gender, leadership, and sustainable development in the fields of STEAM.
Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay – Jeevan Darshan Aur Samsamyikta	Chief Editor: Dr Bajrang Lal Gupta	<p>Released by: Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President (VP) of India</p> <p>Publisher: 'Kitabwale' publication</p> <p>Deendayal Upadhyay was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and his vision on education was the basis of the new National Education Policy 2020.</p>
Wildlife India@50	Editor: Manoj Kumar Misra	<p>Publisher: Rupa Publication India</p> <p>The book was published in the 50th anniversary of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 (9th September).</p>
Encyclopaedia of Tribes	Released by: Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha Naveen Patnaik	<p>Published by: Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) & Odisha State Tribal Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Odisha becomes the first state in India to start an encyclopedia on tribal communities. ✓ Odisha is the 3rd largest tribal populated state in India, which has 62 tribal communities living in the state, including 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups.

OBITUARY

NATIONAL

PERSON NAME	FIELD	BORN PLACE	KEY NOTES
Ramchandra Manjhi	Padma Shri awardee, Renowned Bhojpuri folk dancer (well known for Launda Naach) and theatre artist	Bihar	<p>Passed away in Patna, Bihar. He was born in Saran District, Bihar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'Launda Naach'- folk dance (men crossdress as women) of the Bhojpuri speaking Community of India, Nepal, Mauritius and the Caribbean Islands. <p>He won the Sangeet Natak Akademi award 2017 & the Padma Shri award in the Arts field in 2021.</p>
Tiruvalangadu Vembu Iyer Sankaranarayanan (T. V. Sankaranarayanan)	Renowned Carnatic singer and the recipient of the Padma Bhushan award	Mayiladuthurai, Madras Presidency, British India	<p>Passed away at the age of 77 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He was born on 7 March 1945 in Mayiladuthurai, Madras Presidency, British India (present day Chennai, Tamil Nadu).

			<p>Awards: Sangita Kalanidhi by the Madras Music Academy in 2003; Padma Bhushan in 2003 in the field of arts for his contributions to Carnatic music.</p>
B Sheik Ali Saheb	Historian and former Vice-chancellor of Goa	-	<p>Passed away on 1 September 2022 after a brief illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He was a renowned Historian and former Vice-chancellor of Goa and Mangaluru universities. <p>He was a well-known authority on Mysuru rulers (Hyder Ali & Tipu Sultan) and authored more than 30 books and edited others on various aspects of history.</p>
Cyrus Pallonji Mistry	Former chairman of Tata Sons	Maharashtra	<p>Died in a road accident in Palghar district, Maharashtra. The Indian-born Irish businessman, was born on 4 July 1968, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cyrus became the 6th and youngest chairman of Tata Sons in 2012, succeeding Ratan Tata. He served as the chairperson from 2012 to 2016. <p>He was only the second chairman after Nowroji Saklatwala (led Tata Sons from 1932 to 1938) who did not bear the Tata surname</p>
Kamal Narain Singh	Former Chief Justice of India (CJI)	Uttar Pradesh	<p>Passed away at the age of 95 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (UP). He was born on 13th December 1926.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He is the 22nd CJI, with a term from 25th November 1991 to 12th December 1991, making him the chief justice with the shortest tenure. <p>He was part of several important judgments, including the Ganga Pollution case, the case challenging the validity of a death sentence and such others.</p>
Prof. Braj Basu Lal (B. B. Lal)	Padma awardee, Former Director General (DG) of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) (1968 to 1972)	Uttar Pradesh	<p>Passed away in Delhi. He was born in 1921 in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. The government of India honoured him with Padma Bhushan in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan in 2021 for his contribution to archaeology.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ BB Lal has worked on archaeological sites associated with the Harappan civilisation and the Mahabharata. He is well known for his theory of temple-like structure underneath the (now demolished) Babri Mosque in Uttar Pradesh. <p>His noted works includes "The Saraswati Flows On: The Continuity of Indian Culture" (2002) and 'Rama, His Historicity, Mandir and Setu: Evidence of Literature, Archaeology and Other Sciences' (2008).</p>
Uppalapati Venkata Krishnam Raju	Indian actor and politician	-	<p>Passed away at the age of 82 in Hyderabad, Telangana. His debut film 'Chilaka Gorinka'.</p> <p>He was elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the 12th Lok Sabha from the Kakinada constituency in 1998 and re-elected in the 13th Lok Sabha from the Narasapuram constituency in 1999.</p> <p>He served as a Minister of State for the Ministry of External Affairs from 1999 to 2004.</p>
Birju Sah	Former World no. 7 boxer, first Indian boxer to win medals at both Commonwealth and Asian Games	Jharkhand	<p>Passed away at age of 48 years in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. He was born in 1974.</p> <p>He won a bronze medal at 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada and later he also won the bronze medal at the 1994 Asian Games held in Hiroshima, Japan.</p>
Naresh Kumar	Former Indian Tennis Player and Davis Cup Captain	Punjab, British India (presently in Pakistan)	<p>Passed away at the age of 93 in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was born in Lahore, Punjab, British India (presently in Pakistan).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Naresh Kumar, the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team in 1990, was a mentor of Olympic Medallist Leander Paes. He became the 1st Tennis Coach to receive <i>Dronacharya Lifetime Achievement Award</i> in 2020
Manikrao Hodlya Gavit	Former Union Minister and Congress leader	Nandurbar District, Bombay	Passed away at the age of 87 years in Nashik, Maharashtra. He was born on 29 October 1934 in Nandurbar District,

		Presidency, British India (present-day Maharashtra)	Bombay Presidency, British India (present-day Maharashtra). ✓ He has served as the Union Minister of State(MoS) for Home Affairs (2004) and MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment (2013). He was appointed a pro-tem speaker of the 15th Lok Sabha by President (former) Pratibha Patil in 2009.
Prof Acharya Ram Yatna Shukla	Padma shri awardee & A Sanskrit scholar and former President of Kashi Vidvat Parishad	Uttar Pradesh	Passed away at the age of 90 years. He was born on January 15, 1932 in Bhadohi district, Uttar Pradesh (UP). ✓ He is popularly called as "Abhinav Panini" due to his contribution towards inventing new methods of Sanskrit Grammar and Vedanta teaching and modernisation. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2021.
Sedapatti R. Muthaiah	Former Tamil Nadu (TN) Legislative Assembly Speaker and ex-Union Minister	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	Passed away in his hometown Madurai, Tamil Nadu. ✓ He was the Speaker during 1st regime of former Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa (1991-96). Later he became Union Minister for Surface Transport during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government in the Centre in 1998 (served for a brief period)

INTERNATIONAL

PERSON NAME	FIELD	BORN PLACE	KEY NOTES
Queen Elizabeth II	United Kingdom's (UKs) or Britain's longest-serving monarch	United Kingdom	Passed away at Balmoral Castle in Scotland at 96 years after reigning for 70 years. She became Queen on the death of her father King George VI on 6th February 1952 . ✓ Her reign of 70 years was 7 years longer than that of Queen Victoria and thus she became the longest reigning queen of the UK. ✓ She has appointed 15 prime ministers, from Winston Churchill to Liz Truss over her reign. ✓ The plan to deal with the death of the head of state in Britain was termed Operation London Bridge .

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The plan to deal with the Queen's death in Scotland was codenamed "Operation Unicorn", named after the national animal of Scotland. <p>With the death of Queen Elizabeth, her son Prince Charles has become king of the UK and 14 other colonies.</p> <p>The new King, Prince Charles (73 years) will officially be known as King Charles III and is the oldest monarch to take the throne in the history of Britain's reign. Click here to read more.</p>
Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev	Last leader of the Soviet Union (President)	Stavropol territory (Now in Russia)	<p>Died at the age of 91 in Moscow, Russia. He was born on March 2, 1931, in Krasnogvardeysky District, Stavropol territory (Now in Russia).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ He served as the President of the Soviet Union from 1990 to 1991. Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1990 for putting an end to the cold war without any bloodshed in the Soviet Union.
Jean-Luc Godard	Influential critic and Filmmaker	France	<p>Passed away at the age of 91, in the Swiss town of Rolle, on Lake Geneva, Switzerland. He was born in Paris, France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jean-Luc Godard is recognised as one of the most influential directors in the history of cinema. He revolutionized popular cinema in 1960 with his 1st feature film "<i>Breathless</i>". <p>Awards and Honours of Jean-Luc Godard: Academy Award (2011), Praemium Imperiale (2002), an Honorary Academy Award (2010), an Honorary César (1987 and 1998), Golden Lion (1983), Golden Bear (1965).</p>
Tun Dr S. Samy Vellu	Former Cabinet Minister of Malaysia	-	<p>Passed away at the age of 86 in Malaysia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dr S. Samy Vellu was the 1st Malaysian to receive Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (2003) for Public Affairs, the highest Indian award for Non-resident Indian and Overseas Citizens of India. <p>He was an Indian Descend, who served as Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC) president from 1981 to 2010.</p>

Estelle Louise Fletcher	Oscar Award winning American actress	United States	Passed away at the age of 88 years in France. She was born on July 22, 1934 in Birmingham, Alabama, United States (US). She won an 48th Academy Award or Oscar Award in 1976 for Best Actress, for playing the villainous Nurse Ratched in “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest (1975)”.
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IMPORTANT DAYS

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
August 23, 2022	Internaut Day	<p>Annually observed across the world on August 23.</p> <p>Purpose: to commemorate the invention of the World Wide Web (WWW).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ August 23 marks the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee(British Scientist at CERN) as he allowed its access. <p>An “internaut” is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history.</p>
August 30, 2022	National Small Industry Day	<p>Annually observed across India on August 30.</p> <p>Purpose: to recognise the importance and contribution of the small-scale businesses in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The small-scale sector plays a key role and is a major growth indicator in the Indian economy. It contributes around around 40 % to the gross industrial value of the country’s economy. Initiatives for the sector include: ✓ CHAMPIONS portal – CHAMPIONS (Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength) – a single window system and a unified, empowered, robust, bundled and technology driven platform for promoting the MSMEs. <p>UDYAM – Udyam is a free registration portal for MSMEs launched in 2020 for availing the benefits of schemes or programmes of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.</p>

August 31, 2022	International Day for People of African Descent	<p>Annually observed across the globe on August 31.</p> <p>Purpose: to promote the extraordinary contributions of the African diaspora around the world and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 31st August marks the end date of the first International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World. The convention resulted in the Declaration of Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World. <p>The theme for the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) is "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development."</p>
September 2, 2022	World Coconut Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on September 02.</p> <p>Purpose: September to promote coconuts and bring awareness regarding its value and health benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme of World Coconut Day 2022: "Cultivate Coconut For A Happy Life And Future". ✓ In India, the day is celebrated with the support of the Coconut Development Board (CDB) across the states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, etc. ✓ On the occasion of the World Coconut Day, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar will inaugurate the Gujarat State Center of Coconut Development Board in Junagadh, Gujarat. <p>CDB: Chairman- Rajbir Singh Panwar; Established- 1981; HQ- Kochi, Kerala. Click here to read more.</p>
September 3, 2022	International Vulture Awareness Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on first Saturday of September.</p> <p>Purpose: to create awareness about the importance of Vultures and to recognise the vital work carried out by conservationists to preserve the Vultures.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International Vulture Awareness Day 2022 (IVAD 2022) falls on 3rd September 2022. ✓ The IVAD initiative is jointly run by the Birds of Prey Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust in South Africa and the Hawk Conservancy Trust in England. <p>Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER), India has organized a one-day seminar on 'Status of vulture conservation efforts in India' on 4th September 2022. Click here to read more.</p>
September 5, 2022	International Day of Charity	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 05.</p> <p>Purpose: to sensitise and mobilise the people across the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The date of 5 September was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of 1979 Nobel peace prize laureate Mother Teresa, also known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. ✓ Mother Teresa was born as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on 26th August 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia. <p>She was canonized as Saint Teresa of Kolkata by Pope Francis on 4th September 2016. Click here to read more.</p>
September 5, 2022	National Teachers' Day	<p>Annually observed across India on September 05.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purpose: to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as the First Vice President and the 2nd President of Independent India. ✓ He was born on 5th September 1888 in Tiruttani, Madras Presidency (Now Tamil Nadu), British India. ✓ 5th September 2022 marks the observance of the 50th National Teachers' Day. ✓ Teachers' Day was first observed on 5th September 1962, the 77th birthday of Dr S Radhakrishnan, to celebrate his work and his drive for education.

		The government of India honoured him with Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, in 1954. Click here to read more.
September 7, 2022	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 07. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations (UN).</p> <p>Purpose: to highlight the importance to raise public awareness to promote and facilitate actions to improve the quality of air.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 7th September 2022 marks the observance of the 3rd International Day of Clean Air for blue skies. ✓ The theme of International Day of Clean Air for blue skies 2022 is "The Air We Share". <p>Ahead of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies, WMO released the Air Quality and Climate Bulletin 2022, the 2nd in an annual series, which focuses in particular on the impact of wildfire smoke in 2021. Click here to read more.</p>
September 8, 2022	International Literacy Day	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 08. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).</p> <p>Purpose: to highlight the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies and also to highlight the positive effects of a higher literacy rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8th September marks the date of the inauguration of the World Conference of Ministers on the Eradication of Illiteracy held in 1965 in Teheran, Iran. ✓ Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha was awarded the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022 for its outstanding literacy programme based on the recommendations of an international jury. <p>UNESCO: Director-General- Audrey Azoulay; Founded-1945; HQ-Paris, France. Click here to read more.</p>
September 8, 2022	World Physical Therapy Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe September 08.</p> <p>Purpose: to honour the contributions of physiotherapists in the healthcare sector and</p>

		<p>motivate people to lead a healthy life and be physically active.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme: Osteoarthritis and The Role of Physiotherapists <p>Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, a condition that affects the joints, tissues around the joints and other connective tissues.</p>
September 9, 2022	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 09. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The annual observance of this day is facilitated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in collaboration with the partners within or outside the UN system. <p>According to the report titled "Education Under Attack 2022" by Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), the highest incidences of attacks on education schools were recorded in countries such as in Mali, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Myanmar, and Palestine. Click here to read more.</p>
September 9, 2022	World EV Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 09.</p> <p>Purpose: to spread awareness about the benefits of using electric vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The first World EV Day was observed on 9th September 2020. ✓ It is an initiative created by the sustainability media company GreenTV. China is the largest EV market in the world. It emerged as the top producer and seller of electric vehicles in the world.
September 10, 2022	World Suicide Prevention Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 10.</p> <p>Purpose: to focus attention on the issue of suicide and reduce the stigma around it.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme of World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) 2022: "Creating hope through action". ✓ "Creating hope through action" is the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 - 2023. <p>International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) established World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) in 2003. Click here to read more.</p>
September 10, 2022	World First Aid Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on the second Saturday of September. In 2022, 2022, World First Aid Day 2022 falls on 10 September 2022.</p> <p>Purpose: to promote the significance and create awareness about first aid, which is an important fundamental skill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme for World First Aid Day 2022 is "Lifelong First Aid Learning". ✓ World First Aid Day 2021 was observed on 11th September 2021 and World First Aid Day 2023 will be observed on 9th September 2023. <p>In 2000, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) officially declared the second Saturday of September as World First Aid Day.</p>
September 11, 2022	National Forest Martyrs Day	<p>Annually observed across India on September 11.</p> <p>Purpose: to honour people who gave their lives to preserve India's forests and wildlife.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the Khejarli Massacre (Rajasthan) in 1730. ✓ In 2013, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) officially declared 11th September to be celebrated as National Forest Martyrs Day. <p>The Khejarli massacre plays a key role in inspiring many other activists and movements such as the Chipko movement, in which people hugged trees to save them from falling. Click here to read more.</p>
September 12, 2022	International Day for South-South Cooperation	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 12. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p>

		<p>Purpose: to highlight the importance of cooperation among people and countries of the developing world, known as the global South.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ December 19 marks the day on which United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC). ✓ South-South cooperation is a broad framework of collaboration among countries of the South in the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and technical domains. <p>United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation 2022 will be co-hosted by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). Click here to read more.</p>
September 14, 2022	Hindi Diwas	<p>Annually observed across India on September 14.</p> <p>Purpose: to mark the importance of the Hindi language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's first Prime Minister (PM), Jawaharlal Nehru decided to celebrate September 14 as 'Hindi Diwas'. Hindi was adopted as the official language of the Union of India on the 14th of September 1949. ✓ Subsequently, Hindi in the Devanagari script was declared as one of the official languages of India along with the English language. On 14 September 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi as the official language of India. ✓ 14th September also marks the birth anniversary of Beohar Rajendra Simha, who worked tirelessly towards making Hindi the official language of India. <p>World Hindi Day is annually observed on 10th January across the globe. Click here to read more.</p>
September 15, 2022	National Engineers Day	<p>Annually celebrated across India on September 15.</p>

		<p>Purpose: to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Awardee Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, who is considered one of the greatest engineers of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National Engineers Day 2022 marks the 161st birth anniversary of Sir M Visvesvaraya. He was born on 15th September 1861 in Muddenahalli village, Karnataka. ✓ He was also called the “precursor of economic planning in India”, according to the Institution of Engineers India (IEI). <p>Sri Lanka and Tanzania also celebrate Engineers Day on 15th September to honour Sir M Visvesvaraya’s contributions. Click here to read more.</p>
September 15, 2022	International Day of Democracy	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 15. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to mark the importance of democracy and create awareness among people about democratic rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International Day of Democracy 2022 will focus on the importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals. ✓ September 15 marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Democracy by the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) on 15th September 1997. ✓ In 2022, the UN Office for Partnerships collaborated with the UN Democracy Fund to host a discussion in the SDG studio as part of the SDG Roundtable series. <p>IPU: President-Duarte Pacheco; Founded- 1889; HQ-Geneva, Switzerland. Click here to read more.</p>
September 1-7, 2022	National Nutrition Week	<p>Annually observed across India from September 01-07.</p> <p>Purpose: To create awareness about good nutrition and health, and its importance in human lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme for National Nutrition Week (NNW) 2022 – “World of Flavours”

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Every year the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) organises 7 days long events to spread awareness about proper nutrition. <p>According to Global Hunger Health Index Report 2021, India ranked 101st among 116 countries and most of the deaths in children were caused due to malnutrition. Click here to read more.</p>
September 1-30, 2022	5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022	<p>The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) organized the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th September 2022.</p> <p>Purpose: to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As part of the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the MoWCD plans to rope in the Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats. ✓ The key focus will be on “Mahila aur Swasthya” (Woman and Health) and “Bacha aur Shiksha” (Child and Education). <p>POSHAN (Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Abhiyaan is the Government of India (GOI)’s flagship programme, aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Click here to read more.</p>
September 16, 2022	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 16. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to bring attention to the ozone layer and the dangers of ozone depletion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The day is also known as “World Ozone Day” or “Global Ozone Day”. ✓ Theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022 - “Montreal Protocol@35: global cooperation protecting life on earth”. <p>The governments of 46 countries across the globe signed the “Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer” or “Montreal Protocol” on 16 September 1987. Click here to read more.</p>
September 17, 2022	World Patient Safety Day	Annually observed across the world on September 17 .

		<p>Purpose: to create awareness about various preventative measures which should be taken to make sure safety of patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is an International Day recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO). ✓ Theme of World Patient Safety Day 2022 is 'Medication Safety' along with the slogan '<i>Medication Without Harm</i>'. ✓ World Patient Safety Day was established by the 72nd World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA 72.6 – 'Global Action on Patient Safety'. <p>WHO: Director-General- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia;</p> <p>Establishment- 1948; HQ- Geneva, Switzerland. Click here to read more.</p>
September 17, 2022	International Red Panda Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 3rd Saturday of September.</p> <p>Purpose: to create awareness about the importance of the conservation of Red Pandas and to promote and encourage people to save them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International Red Panda Day (IRPD) 2022 was observed on 17th September 2022. ✓ Red Pandas (<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>) are widely found in the forest mountains of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar. Red Pandas are listed as "Endangered" in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of Threatened Species and under Schedule, I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the red panda has the highest legal protection. Click here to read more.
September 17, 2022	International Coastal Cleanup Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 3rd Saturday of September.</p> <p>Purpose: to encourage people to clean up the coastal line and create awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting the oceans and waterways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 17th September 2022 marks the 37th observance of the ICC Day. ✓ Every year the Association for Community Awareness (ASCOA) joins Ocean Conservancy to commemorate ICC Day.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The ASCOA's theme for ICC Day 2022 is "Connecting People For A Trash Free Coastline". <p>International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day was established by the Ocean Conservancy, an organization that works to help protect the ocean from the challenges it faces every year.</p> <p>Click here to read more.</p>
September 18, 2022	World Bamboo Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 18.</p> <p>Purpose: to create awareness about Bamboo, which is considered to be Green Gold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 18th September is also celebrated as the Royal Thai Forestry Day. ✓ In 2009, during the 8th World Bamboo Congress in Bangkok, Thailand the World Bamboo organisation (WBO), with the support of the Royal Forest Department of Thailand, formally recognised 18th September as World Bamboo Day. ✓ This was initiated by Kamalesh Salam from Assam during his tenure as president of WBO from 2007 to 2009. <p>WBO: Executive Director & CEO – Susanne Lucas; Establishment – 2005; HQ – Antwerp, Belgium. Click here to read more.</p>
September 18, 2022	International Equal Pay Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on September 18. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to represent the efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value and to eliminate the sexual discrimination against women and girls in employment, as per the UN's commitment to human rights and against all forms of discrimination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) is led by the International Labour Organization (ILO), UN Women, and partners, to achieve equal pay for women and men everywhere. ✓ UN Women is the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. <p>UN Women: Executive Director- Sima Sami Bahous; Established – 2010; HQ – New York, USA. Click here to read more.</p>

September 18, 2022	World Water Monitoring Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 18.</p> <p>Purpose: to increase public awareness of water monitoring and recognizes the importance of protecting the world's water resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) was proclaimed by America's Clean Water Foundation (ACWF) as a global educational outreach program in 2003. <p>The Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the International Water Association (IWA) coordinate the events of WWMD. Click here to read more.</p>
September 18, 2022	Hyderabad Liberation Day	<p>Union Home Minister Amit Shah started off Hyderabad Liberation Day (or National Integration Day) celebrations from the Parade ground in Secunderabad, Telangana.</p> <p>Purpose: to commemorate 75 years of liberation of Hyderabad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At the time of the Partition of India, in 1947, India was divided into British India and Princely states. The states were acceded to either Pakistan or India. Hyderabad was one of the large princely state. ✓ The then Indian Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, decided to annex Hyderabad, and that led to "Operation Polo" (police action against Hyderabad). <p>Nizam of Hyderabad Mir Osman Ali Khan surrendered Hyderabad during the Operation and the state was integrated into the territory of India on 17th September 1948.</p>
September 20, 2022	Railway Protection Force celebrates 38th Raising Day	<p>Annually observed on September 20 in India. The RPF was constituted under the Railway Protection Force Act 1957 for providing security to Railway property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ September 20, 2022, marked the 38th Raising Day and a parade was organized as a part of the celebration for the 1st time at the Central Level at <i>Jag Jeewan Ram RPF Academy</i> in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. <p>The Chief Guest of the Raising Day Parade was Darshana Vikram Jardosh, the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Railways and Textiles.</p>

September 20, 2022	International NFT Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on September 20.</p> <p>Purpose: to commemorate the anniversary of publication of 'NFT' (Non-Fungible Token)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ NFT is a record on a blockchain which is associated with a particular digital or physical asset. ✓ On 20th September 2017, The term NFT was officially coined by Dapper Labs Chief Technology Officer Dete Shirley in the form of the ERC-721 standard. <p>ERC-721 became the template for non-fungible tokens.</p>
September 20, 2022	SECI celebrates 11th Foundation Day	<p>On September 20, 2022, the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) celebrated its 11th Foundation Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The SECI is a CPSU (Central Public Sector Undertakings) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) established 20th September 2011 to facilitate the implementation of the National Solar Mission. <p>It is the only CPSU dedicated to the solar energy sector.</p>
September 21, 2022	International Day of Peace	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 21. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to strengthen the ideals of peace by following 24 hours of non-violence and ceasefire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme of International Day of Peace 2022 - "End racism. Build peace". ✓ The day is also called as World Peace Day. ✓ In 1954, The 'Peace Bell' in the headquarters of the United Nations was donated by Chiyoji Nakagawa, the former counsellor of the United Nations Association of Japan. It is known as the 'Japanese Peace Bell'. <p>The bell rings twice a year: (i) On the 1st day of spring at the Vernal Equinox and (ii) On 21 September to celebrate the International Day of Peace. Click here to read more.</p>
September 21, 2022	World Alzheimer's Day	Annually celebrated across the globe on September 21 .

		<p>Purpose: to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease, dementia and the importance of a timely diagnosis, warning signs of dementia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Alzheimer's is a progressive neurologic disorder that causes the brain to shrink (atrophy) and brain cells to die. ✓ World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign from Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) that takes place every September. ✓ Theme for World Alzheimer's Month - September 2022: 'Know dementia, Know Alzheimer's'. <p>On the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day, the annual World Alzheimer Report released by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI). Click here to read more.</p>
September 22, 2022	World Rhino Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 22.</p> <p>Purpose: to spread awareness about the different types of Rhinos and the existential risks they face.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme of World Rhino Day 2022 is Five Rhino Species Forever. ✓ The 5 species of Rhino are: i. 2 African rhino species – black and white rhinos & ii. 3 Asian rhino species – Greater One-Horned, Sumatran and Javan rhinos. <p>The World Wildlife Fund (WWF)- South Africa announced World Rhino Day in 2010 and was internationally recognized in 2011. It was popularized by Rhishja Cota and Lisa Jane Campbell.</p>
September 22, 2022	World Car-Free Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 22.</p> <p>Purpose: to encourage people to give up their cars for a day and adopt using non-motorized transport like riding a bicycle or walking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In 2000, the European Commission constituted the Car-Free Day as a European Initiative. ✓ Carbuster, currently known as World Car-free Network (WCN) and Adbusters media foundation launched and promoted the observance of World Car Free Day as a global observance starting from 2000.

		The World Health Organization reported that environmental air pollution alone caused roughly 4.2 million deaths in 2016.
September 22, 2022	World Rose Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on September 22</p> <p>Purpose: to encourage and acknowledge cancer survivors all over the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ World Rose Day is also known as “Day for Welfare of Cancer Patients”. <p>World Rose Day is observed in the remembrance of Melinda Rose, a 12-year-old girl who was diagnosed with Askin tumour is a rare neoplasm of thoracic pulmonary region in the year 1994. She passed away in 1996.</p>
September 23, 2022	International Day of Sign Languages	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 23. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to support and protect the linguistic and cultural identity of deaf people and others who use sign language.</p> <p>International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated as part of the International Week of the Deaf People 2022 (19-25 September).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme of IDSL 2022: “Sign Language Unite Us” ✓ The date 23rd September was chosen to remember the day on which the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) was established in Rome, Italy, in 1951(23 September). <p>WFD: President- Joseph Murray; Establishment- 23 September 1951; HQ- Helsinki, Finland. Click here to read</p>
September 25, 2022	World Pharmacist Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 25.</p> <p>Purpose: to encourage pharmacists and value their contributions and to promote and raise awareness about their profession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The World Pharmacists Day(WPD) Campaign, annually led by International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP – Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique), provides an opportunity to promote the pharmacy profession. ✓ Theme of World Pharmacists Day 2022 is “Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world”.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 25th September was chosen to mark the date of the establishment of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). FIP was established on 25th September 1912. <p>FIP: President- Dominique Jordan (Switzerland); HQ- The Hague, Netherlands.</p>
September 25, 2022	Antyodaya Diwas	<p>Annually celebrated across India on September 25.</p> <p>Purpose: to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian politician Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, leader of the political party Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS), the forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ September 25, 2022 marks 106th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. ✓ 'Antyodaya' is one of the concepts promoted by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya which literally means, 'the rise of the last person'. <p>On 25th September 2014, the 98th birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, the government of India (GOI) led by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi declared the 25th September of every year as "Antyodaya Diwas" to honour Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.</p>
September 25, 2022	World Rivers Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on the 4th Sunday of September.</p> <p>Purpose: to promote awareness about the importance of rivers and the increasing threat posed to rivers by climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ World Rivers Day 2022 was observed on 25th September 2022. ✓ Theme for World Rivers Day 2022 is 'The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity'. <p>The day (World Rivers Day) was initiated by Mark Angelo, a Canadian river conservationist.</p>
September 26, 2022	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 26. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise public awareness regarding the risk created by nuclear weapons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 1st ever International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was observed on 26th September 2014.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZ), a regional approach, was established to strengthen global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament norms and consolidate international efforts toward peace and security. <p>UN: Secretary-General- António Guterres; HQ- New York, US. Click here to read more.</p>
September 26, 2022	World Contraception Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 26.</p> <p>Purpose: to improve awareness of contraception and to enable young people to make informed choices on their sexual and reproductive health.</p> <p>The first-ever World Contraception Day was observed on 26 September 2007.</p> <p>According to World Health Organization (WHO), the significance of World Contraception Day is captured in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>
September 26, 2022	World Environment Health Day	<p>Annually observed across the world on September 26.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness about the important role of environmental health and to highlight the environmental concerns on human health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Theme for the 2022 World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) is “Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”. <p>On 26th September 2011, the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) signed and proclaimed the 26th September of every year as “World Environment Health Day”.</p> <p>The first WEHD was officially held on 26th September 2011. Click here to read more.</p>
September 27, 2022	World Tourism Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 27. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The World Tourism Day (WTD) was initiated by the United Nations World Trade Organisation (UNWTO)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 27th September 2022 marks the observance of the 42nd World Tourism Day. ✓ Host Country of WTD 2022: Indonesia ✓ Theme of World Tourism Day for 2022 is ‘Rethinking Tourism’. <p>UNWTO: Secretary-General- Zurab Pololikashvili; Establishment- 1946; HQ- Madrid, Spain. Click here to read more.</p>
September 28, 2022	World Rabies Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 28.</p> <p>Purpose: to celebrate rabies prevention efforts and unite against rabies.</p> <p>Theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is “Rabies: One Health, Zero Death”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The day also marks the death anniversary of the famous French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur, who developed the first anti-rabies vaccine. Louis Pasteur died on 28th September 1895. ✓ Rabies is a zoonotic viral disease. It is caused by the Rabies virus, of the Lyssavirus genus, within the family Rhabdoviridae. Rabies is 100% fatal but 100% vaccine-preventable. <p>GARC: Executive Director- Prof. Louis Nel; HQ- Manhattan, Kansas, United States of America (USA). Click here to read more.</p>
September 28, 2022	International Day for Universal Access to Information	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 28. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness regarding the need to expand laws related to information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Global Conference on Universal Access to Information 2022 organised in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 28th & 29th September 2022 launched the 2022 edition of the International Day for Universal Access to Information. ✓ Theme of the Global Conference on Universal Access to Information 2022: “Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information”. <p>Access to Information is an integral part of the fundamental right of freedom of expression, as recognized by Article 19 of the Universal</p>

		Declaration of Human Rights (1948). Click here to read more.
September 28, 2022	Regiment of Artillery celebrated 196th Gunners Day	<p>Annually celebrated on September 28 by the Regiment of Artillery, an operational arm of the Indian Army,</p> <p>Purpose: To commemorate the raising of the 5th (Bombay) Mountain Battery, the first Indian Artillery unit on September 28, 1827.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 28th September 2022 marks the observance of 196th Gunners Day. <p>5th Mountain Battery is the oldest Indian Mountain Battery and the only one that served in the Second Sikh War at the Seige of Mooltan in 1849.</p>
September 29, 2022	World Heart Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 29.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness about the rising concerns of heart health and, cardiovascular diseases (CVD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The theme for World Heart Day 2022 is "Use Heart For Every Heart". It is based on the three key beneficiaries i.e Use heart for humanity, Use Heart for Nature, and Use heart for you. ✓ Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are a group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels, including coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral arterial disease, rheumatic heart disease, congenital heart disease, deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. <p>WHF: President- Prof Fausto Pinto; HQ- Geneva, Switzerland. Click here to read more.</p>
September 29, 2022	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	<p>Annually observed across the globe on September 29. It is an International Day recognized by the United Nations.</p> <p>Purpose: to raise awareness about reducing food loss and waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Food and Nutrition Organization of the UN (FAO) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) collaborate to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste and jointly organize a global event.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The global event of International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste 2022 focuses on “Stop Food Loss and Waste! For People and Planet”. ✓ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 12.3 has two components, Losses and Waste that should be measured by two separate indicators: A Food Waste Index (FWI) and a Food Loss Index (FLI). <p>UNEP: Executive Director- Inger Andersen; HQ- Nairobi, Kenya; Establishment- 1972. Click here to read more.</p>
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APPS & WEB PORTAL

APP & WEB NAME	LAUNCHED BY	PURPOSE
CAPF e-Awas	Amit Shah	<p>Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), has launched the “CAPF e-Awas” portal for the purpose of allocating residential quarters to the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel, in New Delhi, Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The “CAPF e-Awas” portal, which promotes transparency and accountability, would abolish the “caste system” in the allocation of residential quarters to jawans. <p>The scheme is funded out of the National Defence Fund (NDF) administered by the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO). Click here to read more.</p>
Samarth	Uttarakhand's education department	<p>Uttarakhand's education department launched an e-governance portal, ‘Samarth’, which will provide all administrative and educational updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The updates include information on entrance examinations, salary structures, appointments from 5 state universities and 140 public schools. <p>Uttarakhand: Governor – Gurmit Singh; Festivals – Uttarayani Mela or Uttarayani Fai, Nandadevi Mela.</p>
Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA)	Conrad K Sangma	<p>Conrad K Sangma, Chief Minister (CM) of Meghalaya has launched a multi-purpose web portal for the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA), 2016. The web portal can be accessed at http://megrssa.nic.in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Objective: To improve the provision of a range of government services, gather intelligence, and guarantee the safety and security of the residents. <p>The web-based security system is initially being implemented in seven localities of Shillong (Meghalaya): Nongrim Hills, Lapalang, Nongmynsong, Nongrah, Pohkseh, Riat Laban, and Wahdienglieng.</p>

JK Ecop	J&K Police	J&K Police has launched the online mobile application ' JK Ecop ' in Jammu and Kashmir. It was provided to make an easy way to use networks to facilitate the common people. The application enables people to use a host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of an FIR (First Information Report).
"Swachhata" Portal	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the exclusive " "Swachhata" Portal " for the Special Campaign 2.0, which is scheduled to begin on October 2, 2022, to 31st October 2022. It is dedicated to Swachhata and reducing the pendency of work in Government offices. The portal was developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions(MoPP&P).
SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app	Dharmendra Pradhan	Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan launched the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app during his visit to the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Central Leather Research Institute(CSIR-CLRI), Chennai, Tamil Nadu. SCALE, an Android app developed by the Leather Skill Sector Council (LSSC), provides a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry.
CM Da Haisi' (Let's inform the CM)	N Biren Singh	The Chief Minister (CM) of Manipur, N Biren Singh launched the ' 'CM Da Haisi' ' (Let's inform the CM) web portal in Imphal, Manipur, where the public can raise their grievances on the web portal. The portal enables people to quickly rectify their grievances and provides a platform to raise corruption-related issues.
Sign Learn	India	The Government of India launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile app named ' Sign Learn ' which contains 1,000 words. This is based on the dictionary of Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC). Under the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' campaign, the Government launched ISL versions of selected books of the National Book Trust's ' Veergatha ' series.
JALDOOT App	Faggan Singh Kulaste	The Union Minister of State (MoS) Faggan Singh Kulaste, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) launched the 'JALDOOT App and JALDOOT App e-brochure' during a function in New Delhi, Delhi. ✓ This app will be used across India for the monitoring of ground water tables by capturing the water level of selected 2-3 wells in a village.

		It is jointly developed by MoRD and Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR).
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ENVIRONMENT

New Species - 'Ghatiana Dvivarna', A New Freshwater Crab Species

Discovered in: central Western Ghats region around Bare in Yellapur taluk of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka.

Published in: Nauplius, the journal of the Brazilian Crustacean Society

- ✓ The new species is named '**Ghatiana dvivarna**', based on the **Sanskrit** word for two (dvi) colours (varna) of the crab- white and red-violet. It is the 14th freshwater crab under the Ghatiana genus. The Western Ghats, a biodiversity hotspot in the world, houses 75 species of crabs.

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